

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT TO RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS DUE TO TENANT NON-PAYMENT RESULTING FROM COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, the San Mateo County Health Officer declared a local health emergency throughout the County related to COVID-19, which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency related to COVID-19 effective throughout California, which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the number of identified COVID-19 cases continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, large numbers of County residents have lost their sources of income and are struggling to make ends meet due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted Emergency Regulation 2020-001, which placed a temporary Countywide moratorium on residential evictions for tenants impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the Pacifica City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 856-C.S., which placed a temporary moratorium on commercial tenant evictions for tenants impacted by COVID-19, which was extended on August 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2020, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 3088, which protects tenants statewide from eviction for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19 financial hardship and includes some foreclosure protections for small rental property owners; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021 Governor Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 91, which extends AB 3088 until June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, many local rental property owners have experienced loss of income due to tenant non-payment resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, many local property owners rely on cash flow from their rental properties to pay mortgages and/or provide a primary source of income; and

WHEREAS, the public health and socioeconomic stability of Pacifica is facing an unprecedented test, and city and county governments need every available tool to respond locally to the specific issues their communities face; and

WHEREAS, it is within the purview of the City Council to advocate for legislation to assist local rental property owners who have suffered loss of income because of deferred rental income related to the financial impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is made for the purpose of publicly expressing the views of the Pacifica City Council that legislation providing rental property owners protections due to COVID-related hardship is urgently needed, but is not intended to and does not authorize any expenditure

of public funds for the purpose of campaigning or advocating for (or against) any specific legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pacifica City Council hereby urges lawmakers to create legislation providing rental property owners protections due to COVID-19 related hardship, and urges Governor Newsom and the California State Legislature to pass such legislation with urgency, without preemption of critical local protections, allowing city and county governments to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and stabilize the communities they represent.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on the 22nd day of February 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES**, Councilmembers: Beckmeyer, Bier, Bigstyck, O'Neill, Vaterlaus.
- NOES**, Councilmembers: n/a
- ABSENT**, Councilmembers: n/a
- ABSTAIN**, Councilmembers: n/a



Sue Beckmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Coffey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney