

ITEM NO. 1

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Carol Wolff [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:25 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: file 20-346 #1

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

My comments concern covid19 policy. I urge you to make policy based on data and science, rather than speculation and a desire to create systems for the future. Your responsibility is to serve the people of San Mateo county. That responsibility does not change, even though the health board makes recommendations and 6 other counties are wanting to hold tight in some sort of safety net. The data in San Mateo county remains constant. The majority of the people who have died from covid19 are the elderly in care facilities. The policy in place keeps loved ones from visiting care facilities - which will certainly increase the number of deaths. Direct your efforts to where the data points. The data also shows a grim a picture of how the general population responds to being kept from family and friends, hindered from work and having their pleasures in life removed. Depression? Substance abuse? Domestic violence? Suicide? What are the comparable data from last year to this? Zoom is not a replacement for someone nearby with a reassuring or comforting touch. Touting results such as: spread slowed, lives saved, infections reduced is phony science and made up data. You can't prove what is unknown. It is all speculation. Those who are supposed to be serving the people seem to want to congratulate themselves, while simultaneously making sure someone else (the board of health, the governor . . .) is responsible. Be bold! Have courage! Serve the whole community of San Mateo county. Let people get back to work. Open up everything. Let people sit on the beach. How can you justify keeping people from family and friends? Inform the public and let them decide. If people are afraid, let them choose to stay home - it has always been a choice.

Carol Wolff (resident unincorporated Menlo Park)

ITEM NO. 3

May 22, 2020

Honorable Supervisor David Canepa
Honorable Supervisor Walter Slocum
Honorable Supervisor Don Horsley
Honorable Supervisor Carole Groom
Honorable Supervisor David Pine

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

We, the undersigned philanthropies write to urge the County Board of Supervisors to extend the county-wide eviction moratorium on behalf of all tenants, including those who live in student dorms and in units that are not under rental control, as well as small businesses, for the duration of the public health emergency. According to the County Counsel's office, such an extension of the moratorium is within the Board's legal authority. We therefore request that you act swiftly and act as broadly as possible to relieve the housing insecurity of low-income residents and small business owners and ameliorate unnecessary hardship for the poorest of our community during the current economic and public health crisis.

As philanthropies who support the safety net available for low-income communities in our county, we are all too aware of the hardships they experience. Too many people in our county continue to struggle to make ends meet. They work multiple jobs, live paycheck to paycheck, and have no health insurance often living in overcrowded situations. Many in this population perform part-time work or are part of the gig economy and will not receive compensation during the public health crisis. The closure of their workplaces will mean a loss of income that may result in their inability to pay their rents.

We and affiliates have created a fund that fills the gaps in the needs arising from COVID-19. However, the need is still great, and even more resources are needed. We therefore ask that the county act immediately to forestall unnecessary hardships. The state of California will be considering extending the moratorium until August 31, 2020.

We have witnessed COVID-19's trajectory, it continues to spread rapidly and even though the residents of San Mateo County have made great strides into preventing the spread of the virus, the financial effects will be long term. Thus, we request that you extend the broadest possible moratorium for the benefit of the entire county.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Grove, President and Board Member, Grove Action Fund
Fred Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, The San Francisco Foundation
Erica Wood, Vice President of Community Impact, Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Annick Fariss [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 5:28 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Extend the Eviction Moratorium, your May 26 meeting

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

I respectfully ask you to consider extending the Moratorium on evictions to 90 days after the Shelter in Place order is lifted.

Please also consider a repayment period of 12 months as Alameda County and Los Angeles County have done.

I sincerely hope that you vote yes on these 2 options. Our community and economy cannot function without the very people who live one lost paycheck away from disaster--people who work in schools, hospitals, day cares, nursing homes, etc., and are not paid a living wage. Let us show our gratitude for their contributions by voting yes to make their lives safer.

Thank you,

Anne Fariss
Lori Lisowski
[REDACTED]

Sukhmani Purewal

From: FRANK KUSHIN [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:32 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Eviction moratorium

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Please extend the eviction moratorium. The people need help!!
Ellen Kushin zip 90461. I always vote!
Sent from my iPhone

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Mary Graves [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 2:09 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: expanding the eviction moratorium

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Dear Board Members,

I am grateful for the decisions you have made to provide emergency relief to the many who are not receiving an income right now and are unable to pay their rent. Unfortunately, it will take far longer to get through this crisis without a surge of homelessness than a few months, so I'm writing to urge you to approve an expansion of the Emergency Regulation 2020-001.

As a citizen of this county, a pastor in San Carlos, and a member of the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort, I am sending my urgent plea on behalf of those who are most at risk. I am mindful of landlords who need income too, but they most likely are not on the brink of homelessness and hunger; these folks are.

We are a healthier and safer community every time you act with an eye on those struggling to keep up and to keep their families housed and fed.

Please approve this recommended extension,

Mary Graves, Co-Pastor
Trinity Presbyterian Church
San Carlos

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Cathy Baird [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 3:21 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Comments on agenda item 3 (extending COVID eviction moratorium)

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Supervisors:

I am writing to thank you for enacting an emergency resolution for a countywide moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants. I urge you to extend the moratorium while pandemic restrictions are in force.

In addition, I ask you to extend the repayment period so affected tenants can recover from their loss of income due to COVID and protect families from eviction by converting back rent to consumer debt.

Landlords are entitled to pursue unpaid rent debts, but they should not be able to evict tenants in order to collect. Please require landlords to collect through small claims, civil actions, or collections instead of through an eviction case so that the most vulnerable residents of San Mateo County are not displaced from their homes. Tenants are already being proactive about repaying rent, taking risks to travel great distances to do field work in order to make some income.

Other counties in the Bay Area have already adopted this solution to address rent debt while keeping families housed. Please help protect our most vulnerable residents.

Thank you.

Cathy Baird
San Carlos

Sukhmani Purewal

From: JOANNE M ROKOSKY [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 9:38 AM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Need to Extend Emergency Regulation 2020-001

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

RE: Need to Extend and Expand Emergency Regulation 2020-001

My name is Joanne Rokosky, and I am a resident of El Granada. As a member of the Coastsideside community, I am aware of the many families who struggled to secure housing and to pay rent even before the COVID-19 crisis. Many Coastsideside residents are immigrants who have been employed as low-paid farmworkers or service workers in restaurants and stores. The low pay coupled with high rent resulted in many Coastsideside residents working two or more jobs in order to sustain their families. Now many of our Coastsideside residents are without work. They continue to have the costs for food, housing, and other basic needs while no longer having an income. Their acute needs are apparent with the increased numbers of calls for help to our core service agencies and the increasingly long lines for emergency food. One way of assisting our Coastsideside community is to extend and strengthen Emergency Regulation 2020-001, which is set to expire May 31. I urge you to take this action.

Thank you,

Joanne Rokosky

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Clara Jaeckel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 1:52 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: comment on agenda item #3

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

This comment is for agenda item #3 of the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors on May 26, 2020, regarding the eviction moratorium.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to expand Emergency Regulation 2020-001 so that the period for which tenants who are unable to pay rent are protected lasts for as long as the State of Emergency is in effect plus 90 days. I also urge you to set a 12-month repayment period for accrued rent debt, like that instituted by Alameda County and Los Angeles County. A simple extension of the moratorium without these expanded provisions could cause families in San Mateo County to face the exact risks to their health and safety that the moratorium was intended to prevent.

It is more clear than ever that the health of individuals and families affects public health directly. Evicting people from their homes increases not only their own risk of exposure and infection, but that of the whole community. Please help ensure stability for all our families by expanding the eviction moratorium.

Clara Jaeckel
Redwood City

Sukhmani Purewal

From: Peninsula Solidarity [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 4:21 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: BOS Special Meeting May 26th_Public Comment on Agenda Item #3



CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

May 26, 2020

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SMC BOS, AGENDA ITEM # 3 - Extension of Moratorium on Evictions

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your dedication and service to our community in these very difficult and uncertain times.

As clergy and spiritual leaders from diverse traditions on the Peninsula, we in the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort unite around the goal of building communities of hope and belonging, communities where every person is valued and cared for. In the wake of lost jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our low-income neighbors are struggling to survive.

The Emergency Regulation 2020-001 has provided essential protection for those unable to pay rent due to coronavirus-related circumstances. But if the moratorium on evictions expires this month, *or even next month*, countless families who are still out of work will not be able to pay rent. Without *extended protection*, these families could face eviction, even homelessness, in the midst of an ongoing pandemic and at no fault of their own.

In light of this grave state of affairs, we urge you to vote to **extend Emergency Regulation 2020-001 for as long as the State of Emergency is in effect, plus 90 days**. It is both unreasonable and inhumane to expect that families who have lost jobs due to the pandemic can suddenly pay rent in full any time soon, let alone begin to pay back rent-debt that has accrued over the past few months. People will need time to find jobs, get back on their feet, and repay their debt. To allow for this necessary recovery process, **we encourage you to consider implementing in San Mateo County a twelve-month repayment period similar to those adopted by both Alameda and Los Angeles Counties**.

During this time of pandemic, the truth of our interdependence is clearer than ever. Let us work together to ensure that every single person in our county is safe not only from the virus itself, but also from the devastating, and unequally distributed, economic consequences as well.

Together in service to our community,

Rev. Dr Penny Nixon, PSC Co-Director
Rev. Marlyn Bussey, PSC Co-Director
Dr. Tovis Page, PSC Program Coordinator
Rev. David Usher
Rev. Terri Echelbarger
Rabbi Marvin Goodman
Monsignor John Talesfore
Rev. Dawn Neal, Buddhist Minister
Rev. Carole Moore
Sister Deborah Watson, RSM
Sister Eileen Pazmino, RSM
Sister Mary L. Power, RSM
Rev. Connie Winter-Eulberg
Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern
Sister Judy Carle, RSM
Sister Mary Krista Ramirez, RSM
Sister Judith Cannon, RSM
Sister Joan Marie O'Donnell, RSM
Rev. Katie Goetz
Rev. Lauren McCombs
Rev. Kristi Denham
Rabbi Laura Rumpf


- - -

Submitted on behalf all signatories by

Dr. Tovis Page,

Program Coordinator for the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort

Congregational Church of San Mateo



Sukhmani Purewal

From: Nadia Conrad Bick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 5:01 PM
To: CMO_BoardFeedback
Subject: Public comment for Tuesday, May 26

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of San Mateo County. Unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe, do not click links, open attachments or reply.

Hello San Mateo County Supervisors,

I am writing to urge the Board of Supervisors to EXPAND Emergency Regulation [2020-001](#) so that the period for which tenants who are unable to pay rent are protected is for as long as the State of Emergency is in effect plus 90 days. If nothing is done in the next 5 days, the moratorium will expire. June rent will be due for thousands of families who are still out of work and cannot pay it. Our community deserves to be protected for as long as the crisis and its consequences persist.

Homes have always been central to our families' health, but especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic, our ability to remain in our homes has become essential to public health.

Affected community members should be granted more time to get back on their feet and repay rent-debt accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic. Being forced to pay regular rent on time as early as June 2020 or face eviction, while simultaneously making payments towards rent-debt accrued in recent months will place extreme financial hardship on vulnerable families. A 12-month repayment period, like Alameda County and Los Angeles County have instituted, is more reasonable given the economic impact of this pandemic in San Mateo County. It will allow tenants the flexibility necessary to repay their debts and sustain their households.

As a resident of San Mateo County, I live in South San Francisco and I am asking that the Board act to protect our community [this Tuesday, May 26, 2020](#).

With respect,

Nadia Conrad Bick
[REDACTED]

