



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### AGENDA ITEM

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
2020 MAR 19 PM 4:29  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** March 24, 2020

**19**

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

#### SUBJECT

**PROTECTING TENANTS, HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### OVERVIEW

The World Health Organization has declared a worldwide pandemic of the COVID-19 disease, also known as “novel coronavirus.” As of March 19, 2020, there are eighty positive cases in San Diego County. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that people who are mildly ill, with COVID-19 or other illnesses, self-isolate at home and avoid interacting in public.

As we implement social distancing requirements and the restrictions on public dining and entertainment establishments, service workers, especially those who rely on tips as their main source of income, will see their incomes completely diminished. Small businesses are starting to struggle due to lost income. As schools remain closed and more individuals get sick, more members of our workforce will require time off to care for family members and protect their own health. Many San Diego County residents work paycheck to paycheck and may be unable to pay rent or their commercial lease due to reduced income.

This action will place a moratorium in the unincorporated area on evictions for renters and small businesses unable to pay rent or a commercial lease due to COVID-19. Additional policies proposed include a moratorium on foreclosures and foreclosure-related evictions and a request for the Housing Authority to extend deadlines for program eligibility.

#### RECOMMENDATION(S)

**SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER AND SUPERVISOR KRISTIN GASPAR**

1. Adopt the Resolution:  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EXERCISING THE COUNTY’S POLICY POWER TO IMPOSE SUBSTANTIVE LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL AND**

**SUBJECT: PROTECTING TENANTS, HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with financial institutions holding home or commercial mortgages, including banks, credit unions, government sponsored enterprises, and institutional investors to implement an immediate moratorium on foreclosures and related evictions when the foreclosure or foreclosure-related eviction arises out of a substantial decrease in household or business income, or substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses, where caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, or by any local, state or federal government response to COVID-19.
3. Request that the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (“Housing Authority”) extend deadlines for housing assistance recipients or applicants to deliver records or documents related to their eligibility for programs, to the extent that those deadlines are within the discretion of the Housing Authority.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

This action will help support individuals, families and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

**ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT**

N/A

**BACKGROUND**

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We urge your support.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN**

**SUBJECT: PROTECTING TENANTS, HOMEOWNERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES  
AFFECTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IN THE  
UNINCORPORATED AREA (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

Today's proposed action to place a moratorium on evictions for renters and commercial tenants supports the Thriving Strategic Initiative in the County of San Diego's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan by keeping San Diegans housed and small businesses in operation.

Respectfully submitted,



NATHAN FLETCHER  
Supervisor, 4<sup>th</sup> District



KRISTIN GASPAR  
Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Attachment A. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EXERCISING THE COUNTY'S POLICY POWER TO IMPOSE SUBSTANTIVE LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS IN THE UNINCOPORATED AREA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**REQUIRES FOUR VOTES:**       Yes     No

**WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED**  
 Yes     No

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**  
N/A

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**  
N/A

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**  
N/A

**MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:**  
N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION  
NUMBER(S):**  
N/A

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Districts 4 and 3, Board of Supervisors

**OTHER CONCURRENCE(S):**    N/A

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