



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NORA VARGAS

VICE-CHAIR

SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: May 4, 2021

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EXERCISING THE COUNTY’S POLICE POWER TO PROHIBIT RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS WITHOUT JUST CAUSE AND TO ENACT A MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENT INCREASES (4/6/2021 – FIRST READING; 5/4/2021 – SECOND READING) (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 22, 2021, there are 268,160 confirmed cases and 3,498 deaths in San Diego County.

The need to limit the spread of the virus has limited business operations and the region’s unemployment rate has reached unprecedented heights. According to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the unemployment rate in San Diego County reached an estimated 30.1% in May 2020, with disproportionately high unemployment rates in Black and Latinx communities. The economic reality posed by COVID-19 impacts the ability of residents and businesses to pay rent. While our region moves cautiously to reopen in a safe manner, the economic impacts will continue to be felt by San Diego residents. Many businesses have been permanently closed or partially reopened at reduced capacity. As such, full recovery is a long time away and relief is needed.

San Diego County issued a Local Health Emergency on February 14, 2020, which was followed by a State of Emergency from the California Governor on March 4, 2020. The Governor issued Executive Order N-28-20 on March 16, 2020 which provided local jurisdictions with the authority to enact moratoriums to prevent residential and commercial evictions based on impacts related to the COVID-19 virus. On August 21, 2020 Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 3088 which provided California renters unable to pay rent due to COVID-19-related

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financial distress certain temporary eviction protections until January 31, 2020. On January 29, 2021 Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 91, which extended statewide eviction protections for California renters until June 30, 2021.

The current statewide renter protections offer only a limited range of protections and, due to the Local Health Emergency, San Diego County can extend stronger protections that will protect renters in all jurisdictions within the County.

On April 6, 2021 the Board approved the first reading to this ordinance. After the second reading, this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after final passage.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
VICE-CHAIR NORA VARGAS

1. Adopt the Ordinance:

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FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

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

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

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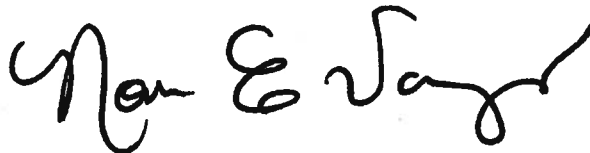
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I urge your support.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed actions supports the County's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan objectives of Building Better Health, Operational Excellence, Living Safely and Sustainable Environments/Thriving Communities, by ensuring that equity is at the forefront for all our services and programs so residents.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nora E. Vargas". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

NORA VARGAS
Supervisor, First District

ATTACHMENT(S)

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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:

March 24, 2020 (19), Protecting tenants, homeowners and small businesses affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic. June 2, 2020 (22), Extending protections for tenants and small businesses affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic.

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:

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