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1	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Maria Esther Sanchez	Richmond	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Maria Esther Sanchez and I am a resident of Richmond California and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. because I not have money to pay my rent, am not working am laid off during this epidemic not have money to buy groceries, I have three kids and two adults, I am a single mother</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
2	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Alvaro Gomez	Concord	<p>My name is Alvaro Gómez and I am a resident of Concord and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. (At this point you should include their story, how they have been hard hit by the pandemic and how they are now concerned about the fact that they could lose their housing. Then we want to include the following...)</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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3	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Pam Stello	Richmond	<p>Dear Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Pam Stello and I am a resident of Richmond, CA. I am a member of the community group, ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. Families and individuals in Richmond and across the county were struggling before the pandemic. We cannot in good conscious put yet more people on the street, cause more suffering, and increase the chances of transmission of the virus in our communities.</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>—Pam Stello</p>
4	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Marian Shostrom	Pleasant Hill	<p>Dear Supervisors,</p> <p>I urge you to use your authority to pass a countywide eviction moratorium that applies to residents in all jurisdictions as well as unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County.</p> <p>Vulnerable populations (seniors, families with young children, retail and restaurant workers) are more likely to be renters. Low-income residents, people of color, and immigrants are also more likely to be renters. It is important to protect these populations in a fair and equitable way. Keeping people in their homes during this public health crisis will ensure both family health and community health. Thank you!</p>

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5	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Lucia Roan	Bay Point	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>I am Lucia Roan and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions and rents, my situation with the coronavirus pandemic is my husband is only working 1 or 2 days a week since 3 weeks ago, to this point we do not know how we are going to pay rent and buy groceries, we have 3 kids 2 boys 7 and 13 years old and a girl 9 years old)</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
6	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Rosa Flores	Bay Point	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>I am Rosa Flores and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. In my home I live with my son and his wife and 2 grandchildren, my son was lay off 2 week ago and now we are going to have a very difficult time to pay the mortgage and to be able to buy groceries.</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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7	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Blanca Retano	Richmond	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Blanca Retano and I am a resident of Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. My husband is the only one that is working right now 2-3 days a week and only for 3-4 hours at most. He works as a Chef at Tapatio Restaurant on 23rd St. in Richmond. We have 3 children that we have to provide for food and housing as well as services like internet for schooling at home which is like \$60 that we don't have. This pandemic is stressing us into a downward spiral, we barely are covering the basic needs. The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
8	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases			<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Cristina Lorenzana and I am a resident of Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions and rent increases. It's been four weeks without work, I live with my daughter. It's been very difficult to pay the rent, and rent is not the only cost to worry about. There are other services that are needed, electricity, water, food! Among other things, insurance, car notes, healthcare.</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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9	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Erika Pantoja	North-Concord	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Erika Pantoja and I am a resident of North Concord and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. I am one of 5 in my family. All of us but my father lost work. Unfortunately our legal status is huge stigma not only economically but also socially because there aren't many resources available to us. Everyone in this time runs the risk of losing their housing by failure to pay rent. In addition, many of us don't have healthcare and can't seek medical attention. We are doing our best, but we are stressing every day and many are afraid to rise up and self advocate for help. We don't ask for these resources in order to not be labeled a social burden. It's sad because the greater impact is within the immigrant community some are still working, and some were laid off without explanation or pay security. We just ask for support not just in our city for our people but in our whole county as well as the state as a whole.</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
10	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Ina Mason	North Richmond	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Ina Mason and I am a resident of North Richmond and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions.</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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11	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases			<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Jacqueline Chavez and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on Rent and evictions. Our family has been affected for this crisis with the corona virus I not working since this pandemic started. I was working cleaning homes and now no one call me any more , my husband does not know when he can be lay off, we have 2 teenagers 14 and 17 .</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
12	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Maria Ines Davalos	Bay Point	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Maria Ines Davalos and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on rent and evictions. Because my husband was not working for 3 weeks and now he is only working one or two days a week , and i am taking care of our 3 kids ages 10, 6 and 1 year old for this reason we do not now how are we going to pay our rent and buy groceries and other bills.</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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13	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Edith Pastrano	Richmond	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Edith Pastrano and I am a resident of Richmond, and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. Since the "Shelter in Place" order went into effect me and my family are stressing out about finances during COVID-19 like many other families. I'm the only one in my family able to work from home, but everyone's work hours were cut, little to nearly non-existent. Our stability is not certain when we have to debate if food is more important than shelter. Any well rounded camper knows you need BOTH to survive. Like many families whose housing and livelihood depend on combined incomes, this pandemic is literally killing our community and bleeding us dry with no real security to fall back on. The federal government, like always, has decided to prioritize economy over humanity. While trillions of dollars are being injected into corporations and banks for bailout, people are left to scavenge and fend for ourselves. But this is no excuse for this board not to take action. The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should also include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
14	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Eulalia Galvan	Richmond	<p>Good morning supervisors, my name is Eulalia Galvan and I am a resident of Richmond California. I am a member of the community group ACCE and I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. I have been laid off and my husband is currently the only one working in our household and although he is working he is only working a few hours a day. Due to these circumstances it has made it increasingly difficult for my husband and I to pay our monthly mortgage. Passing this bill would not only help my husband and I out but thousands of other residents in the community.</p>

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15	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Jane Courant	Richmond 94804	<p>Good morning. My name is Jane Courant and I am a Richmond resident. I write in support of a temporary moratorium on evictions during this terribly difficult time. I am grateful to own my own home, but many of my friends and neighbors are renters who have lost jobs or income and are afraid of losing their rental homes or apartments.</p> <p>Such a moratorium should cover all evictions except those essential to health and safety. Further, any rent accrued during this time should not be the basis of an eviction in future months. Commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses) must also be protected and the moratorium should include a freeze on rent increases as we all shelter in place. Thank you for all your work and that of the County employees during this emergency</p>
16	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Dajenya Shoshanna Kafele	Richmond	<p>I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non-profits and small local businesses) and mortgage relief or assistance for small landlords. The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
17	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Sharon Greenblum	Richmond	<p>I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non-profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
18	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Dave Severy	Richmond	<p>I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. Simply delaying payments will cause more harm to low income families once the crisis is declared "over". The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non-profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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19	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Sky Ferraris	Bay point	<p>My name is sky and I am a resident of bay point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. (At this point you should include their story, how they have been hard hit by the pandemic and how they are now concerned about the fact that they could lose their housing. Then we want to include the following...)</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
20	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Bernardino Juarez	Concord	<p>My name is Bernardino Juarez and I am a resident of Concord and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. I work in construction and have not had a job since February 15th. I do not have the resources to pay rent in May. I had to use my savings to pay April's Rent. I still have to pay for food, car insurance, life insurance, PG&E, phone anf other bills. Food is important to me and my wife and I will decide my other prioties. I do not qualify for unemployment or help from the federal government. I can not afford to pay my three to six months rent right after the crisis. I am not asking for a hand out, I will pay my debt!. Please give us time to find a job and work for two weeks to repay our back rent a month at a time. Also include protections for small businesses and non profits, and freeze rent increases during shelter in place order and during this crisis.</p>

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21	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Juana Rangel	Pittsburg	My name is Juana Rangel and am a resident of Pittsburg and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a moritorium on evictions. I live on my SSI which barely allows me for my portion of the rent, bills and food. However my roommate has lost his job due the coronavirus and the ordinance to shelter in place. He has been denied unemployment and no means for other resources. It is difficult to cover the rent, spend on food, PG&E, bills, gas and other needs. One needs food and medicine over rent to live. and if we cant pay rent? Homelessness! When the crisis is over we can not pay all the rent at once, We need to to work and get our paychecks and pay back one months rent per month. It should include small local businesses and nonprofits. And please include a rent Freeze during this coronvirus crisis!
22	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Maria Tapia	Puttsburg	My name is Maria Tapia and I am a resident of Pittsburg and a member of the community group ACCE, I am writing to urge you to pass a tempoary moratorium on evictions. I am the only person who had be working in my home, but since the coronavirus I can no longer make deliveries of food from my business. I had enough to pay April's rent, but not May or any month until the end of the shelter in place order has lifted; I can't work and bring in income for me and my son. I don't qualify for unemployment nor for help from the federal government. What little money we have, we rather pay for Food, PG&E, and basic bills and NOT rent. And any debt that has accrued should not be a reason for evictions, so give us reasonable time to go back to work and pay off our debt. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (small local businesses and non profits) and a freeze on rent increases during shelter in place order and this crisis.
23	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Rosa Vargas	Bay Point	My name is Rosa Vargas and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. We need to to protect people who lost their jobs, live from paycheck to paycheck, and those who do not have access to unemployment. The rent that is not being paid becuse of this crisis should not be a reason for eviction. We will have too many families living close together and homeless, this is not social distancing for the coronavirus. We should also protect commercial tenants, non profits and small local businesses. and place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order.

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24	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	James Brandt	Alamo	Please vote to impose a moratorium on all countywide evictions during this crisis. Thank you.
25	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Shawn Garcia	Pacheco	Thank you for taking leadership in protecting the community health's by activating the shelter-in-place order and allocating staff and resources to protect the health of all residents as we come together to fight the COVID-19 virus. Now it is time to show similar leadership in protecting the economic well-being of an increasing number of residents, including the disabled and families with young children, who are facing eviction due to widespread and severe loss of jobs and income due to the shelter-in-place order. The State's eviction moratorium only apply to evictions processed through courts; most evictions are handled between the tenant and landlord. The best solution is a countywide eviction moratorium, which the Board of Supervisors has the authority to have apply to residents in all jurisdictions as well as unincorporated areas. Vulnerable populations are more likely to be renters, including seniors, families with young children, retail and restaurant workers who can't work from home. Low-income residents and people of color are also more likely to be renters. We must take collective action to protect these populations in a fair and equitable way. Keeping people in their homes during this public health crisis is the right thing to do and the smart thing to do. I urge you to develop and adopt, as soon as possible, a countywide moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency.
26	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Sarah Morse	San Francisco	Thank you for your leadership in protecting our community's health by activating the shelter-in-place order and allocating staff and resources to protecting the people as we all battle COVID-19. I am advocating to show similar leadership in protecting the economic well-being of residents who are facing eviction due to loss of employment and income due to COVID-19. In the interest of servicing vulnerable populations and advocating for equity, I strongly encourage you to consider this option as we navigate these unprecedented times.

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27	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Dick Offerman	Pleasant Hill	<p>A friend of mine, who is a fair housing advocate, just told me about a Pleasant Hill resident who lost her job and housing due to COVID-19. Adrianna had provided her landlord with a job loss confirmation letter from her employer but she was sadly rewarded with a 3 day eviction notice, effective April 1st. Adrianna did not understand her rights or the need for a court ordered eviction, so she just vacated her apartment. The apartment complex is on Ellinwood Drive.</p> <p>Governor Newsom issued an executive order banning the enforcement of eviction orders for renters affected by COVID-19, through May 1st. The Contra Costa Sheriff's Civil Unit says that they are adhering to the Governor's order and are not conducting any court mandated evictions.</p> <p>Sadly news reports say that 31% of renters could not pay April 1st rent. Yet these desperate COVID-19 impacted renters are still simply being given a 60, 30 or 3 day notice, depending on the situation, as some landlords wrongfully act to evict them. All done without following any of the required court eviction procedures.</p> <p>We know that this is a tremendous burden for the landlords but to throw a newly unemployed person out on the street during this crisis cannot be the right answer.</p> <p>Please implement a county wide eviction moratorium. Please be sure that the moratorium will have legally enforceable penalties that will be applied to any landlord who fails to follow the law. Thank you.</p> <p>Stay in and stay healthy,</p> <p>Dick Offerman</p>

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28	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Lehidy Frias	Oakland	<p>I work in Contra Costa County with at-risk youth and I am urging you to develop and adopt, as soon as possible, a countywide moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency. I am grateful for the work you have already done in activating a shelter in place, but now it is time to show similar leadership in protecting the economic well-being of an increasing number of residents, including seniors and families with young children, who are facing eviction due to widespread and severe loss of jobs and income due to the shelter-in-place order. Keeping people in their homes during this public health crisis is the right thing to do and the smart thing to do. It prevents homelessness, supports shelter-in-place compliance, and ensures family health and community health. The Federal relief package provides mortgage relief support for homeowners, but tenant relief is being left to local government. Thus, it is your moral responsibility to aid your constituents in this horrid time. Thank you.</p>
29	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Joni Podschun	Richmond	<p>We urgently need a countywide moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency. Please create and adopt a policy to protect the health and safety of county families and individuals, that would apply to residents in all jurisdictions as well as unincorporated areas. We need your leadership! Keeping people in their homes during this public health crisis is the right thing to do and the smart thing to do. It would help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> oPrevent homelessness oSupport shelter-in-place compliance oEnsure family health and community health. <p>The State's eviction moratorium, including actions by the Governor and Judicial Council, only apply to evictions that are being processed through the courts. These only apply to a small fraction of evictions, as most evictions are handled between the tenant and landlord. The state protections are not enough, as they don't protect the vast majority of tenants who are still at risk of receiving eviction notices even though they have been ordered to stay at home and have no way to earn income to pay rent. The time to act is now. Thank you for facing this important public health and equity issue, and taking the action that's best for all county residents.</p>

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30	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Missty Martinez	Antioch	The Eviction and Rent Moratorium needs to be passed for the sake of our people, we need to be a stronger Contra Costa when adversity and crisis hit us not a broken one. Please do everything in your power and more to pass this. Families depend on it.
31	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Dan Safran	Pleasant Hill	Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, I appreciate the Covid 19 related updates and resource information being provided to Contra Costa County residents by members of our Board of Supervisors. However, there is still a lot of confusion in the County's communities regarding the rights and needs of tenants who have suddenly lost their jobs. We cannot allow evictions to continue when they will contribute to homelessness and exacerbate the public health crisis! Your commitment to public health and fairness should prompt you to take immediate action. Please enact a countywide moratorium on evictions before more people find themselves homeless! We need a legally enforceable moratorium that would make sure that landlords who fail to follow the law are penalized. Thank you. Dan Safran
32	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Kathy Greene	Concord	Good morning, folks, In keeping with the National and State 'Stay-At-Home' orders, which put citizens at risk not only of arrest, but of catching a fatal disease just by being in public; but especially to inspire humanity, and to demonstrate that we are a caring community, I urge you to declare a temporary moratorium on evictions, as has been done by cities across the nation. There is every reason to expect that landlords will be made whole by government grants. Thank you.

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33	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Deborah Polk	Antioch	<p>Good morning Supervisors. My name is Deborah Polk, Antioch resident, landlord, and a proud member of the East County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa. We are a group of parent volunteer advocates to create healthier, safer and more equitable communities for children and families.</p> <p>We believe that all families deserve a safe and secure place to live. We ask you to help families stay in their homes during this health crisis by passing a countywide moratorium on evictions and rent increases.</p> <p>The current shelter in place order has shut down jobs in the service industry and left many families with little to no income. Families were already living paycheck to paycheck. Now with COVID-19, financial stress is felt even more strongly by vulnerable families.</p> <p>As a landlord, I understand the need to collect rents, but I also have an obligation to support folks in my community unable to work at the moment. A moratorium would allow families to stay in their homes. It is the right thing to do!</p> <p>We also ask you to support us with cash assistance and needed gear for frontline workers. Finally, please prevent the spread of COVID-19 by decreasing the jail population and providing needed tests, supplies and physical distancing to those in county jail.</p> <p>During this unparalleled time, I ask you to protect our most vulnerable populations by scheduling a special session to address these items. We must all step up to do what we can to help others.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
34	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Maggie Tysor	Oakland	<p>Develop and adopt, as soon as possible, a countywide moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency.</p>

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35	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Joan Liston Medhurst	Walnut Creek	I am writing in support of a moratorium on evictions of tenants during this crisis. As a member of a church community, it is morally wrong and unjust to evict anyone at this time due to financial or health reasons.
36	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Eric Sanchez	Bay Point	<p>Good Morning Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Eric Sanchez and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. (At this point you should include their story, how they have been hard hit by the pandemic and how they are now concerned about the fact that they could lose their housing. Then we want to include the following...)</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you, Eric Sanchez</p>
37	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Glenda	Richmond	Lost job since the "shelter in place" my work is house cleaning, no one is hiring me. has to pay lawyer in middle of a process court case that I have to pay still, I have a 12 year daughter and still have to buy food for us. The undocumented community is the worse affected in this time there are no benefits yet still have to pay taxes, still have to contribute and yet still we aren't taken into consideration.

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38	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Melody Howe Weintraub	Lafayette	Many religions have observances at this time of the year that focus on renewal and hope for the future. As a person of faith I am hopeful that our county, state and the whole world will succeed in flattening the curve of the virus outbreak and in navigating the economic rebound from this shelter in place. I appreciate the many steps you have taken as a Board to protect us and provide leadership through uncharted territory. Now, please listen to our faith voices and enact a moratorium on evictions and rent increases as outlined in the community letter. Most evictions don't make it to the courts so the state actions will not help. Many families are told to leave by their landlord and they are terrified and don't know where to turn. These are the people we are asking you to help. Those most vulnerable to economic hardship and possible homelessness. The number of families coming out for food across our county indicates how swiftly they have been hit by this situation. Help them by keeping them in their housing while the devastating effects of this virus are worked out. Thank you for your consideration.
39	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Jacquelyne M Vera	Richmond	We can't allow our most vulnerable community members to suffer during this crisis. We need to prevent homelessness and eviction in our community. People need a safe space to be quarantined in.
40	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Bakari Kafele	Richmond	I am a small landlord who lives in the same rental complex with my tenants in the city of Richmond. I support the temporary suspension of evictions for tenants who are unable to pay for reasons directly caused by the corona virus crises, such as illness or being unable to work due to business closures, or needing to stay home to take care of children. However, please also realize that many landlords are independent individuals with moderate incomes, and having to continue to pay our mortgage and property taxes with no rent coming in could lead to foreclosure. Nobody wins in that scenario, as it is unlikely the foreclosing bank would keep the tenants on at the below market rents we charge our tenants. Please consider enacting protections for everyone. Thank you

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41	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Victor Rameriz	Bay Point	<p>Good Morning Supervisors, My name is Victor Rameriz and I am a resident of Bay Point and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to a pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. I do not have a job. My community is impacted, there are no jobs for all those that lost jobs. Through our church, I volunteer to give food to those in need and it has skyrocketed. (drive-tru of course). People can not afford to pay their rent due to state of emergency, and people should not face eviction because the lost their jobs due to this emergency order. This ordinance should protect commercial tenants (small businesses and non profits, and should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order.</p>
42	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Nancy Ybarra	San Pablo	<p>My name is Nancy, I am a resident of San Pablo. I am writing to voice my concerns and speak up for those who are afraid to do so. Because of the Corona virus outbreak in our city many families are out of work and are struggling to make rent and are barely getting by. Families and people who are facing evictions and rent increases should not have to suffer as this outbreak was not in their or our control. As tax payers and folks who continue to work hard everyday for their families and who contribute greatly to this city's overall economy should be able to catch a break for once. It's time for our so called leaders to step up and do their jobs and pass a strong Moratorium to keep families and communities protected. #Doyourjob #Itmakesmewannahollathewaytheydomylife</p>

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43	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Darlene Gee, Mayor	Orinda	<p>Dear Chair Andersen, Vice Chair Burgis and Members of the Board of Supervisors:</p> <p>The City of Orinda thanks the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and County Staff for considering adoption of a moratorium to protect commercial tenants through temporary moratoria on commercial evictions, and including an overview of Bay Area jurisdictions that have passed such ordinances, on the April 14 Agenda (Item D.3, "Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases"). The report notes that Governor Newsom authorizes local governments to prohibit commercial evictions through May 31 and that the counties of Santa Clara, San Francisco and Marin, as well as the cities of Concord and Pittsburg, have adopted this type of moratorium to protect commercial tenants.</p> <p>Like many of Contra Costa County's commercial areas, Orinda's downtown is largely characterized by independently-owned merchants and other small businesses. These types of businesses have limited resources to continue to pay rent when their revenues have plummeted, in some cases to nothing, as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. In order to protect these small businesses and maintain local retail, we urge Contra Costa County to pass an urgency ordinance establishing a moratorium on commercial evictions as soon as possible.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Darlene Gee Mayor, City of Orinda</p>

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44	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Megan Zapanta	Richmond	<p>As the Richmond Organizing Director for the Asian Pacific Environmental Network, I work with poor and working class Asians immigrants and refugees in Contra Costa County. Many of our community members live paycheck to paycheck already. In this moment where so many of our residents are out of work, it is imperative that you develop and adopt a countywide moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency. This will enable the families we work with, many of whom are seniors or youth, to safely shelter-in-place without fear of losing their homes. The State's eviction moratorium, only apply to evictions that are being processed through the courts. These only apply to a small fraction of evictions, as most evictions are handled between the tenant and landlord. The state protections are not enough. While some of our members live in Richmond or other cities that are already passing eviction moratoriums, we also serve tenants in other parts of the county who aren't yet protected. A countywide eviction moratorium is a necessary step to keep families in their homes right now and protect our families in this time of crisis.</p>

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45	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Brendon O'Laskey	Antioch	<p>Group.</p> <p>We are a group of parent advocates striving for a healthy, safe and equitable East County for young children and families.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to pass a countywide eviction and rent increase moratorium.</p> <p>Many Contra Costa residents have lost much or all of their income. It is unacceptable that everyone who is following the Shelter in Place order could be threatened with eviction for failure to pay rent or a rent increase during this time.</p> <p>Passing a countywide eviction moratorium is a critical step to protect families in this unprecedented time. We ask you to please include the following elements in the eviction moratorium to strengthen the protections for families:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ban on all evictions. No family should move or relocate in this time. 2. Include a clause for a rent increase freeze. People need stability in this very uncertain time if we are to abide by the stay at home order. We shouldn't also worry about a rent increase when we are unable to make an income. 3. Include a debt forgiveness policy for families living paycheck to paycheck who are unable to produce the money needed to catch up. Or at a minimum, we ask for a grace period of 120-days in arrears for each month we remain unemployed. 4. Limit the amount of Documentation needed for families to prove this is a hardship. This is a pandemic; everyone is affected by COVID-19. <p>Thank you</p>
46	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Mary Olowin	Walnut Creek	<p>This is a time when we need to decrease the number of homeless people, so evictions should not be allowed. Each case should be evaluated and support provided so this is fair to the landlord and the tenant.</p>

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47	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Judy Stillman	Walnut Creek	Please support the rental moratorium for Contra Costa County. I am the Executive Director Of Winter Nights Family Shelter. We have helped many low-income family find housing and for them to lose that housing because of an illness or losing their job would be devastating. They would probably go back to being homeless.
48	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Jan Warren	Walnut Creek	<p>Thanks for putting item D3 on the agenda for discussion. 6 CCC Cities have passed Eviction Moratoriums. Executive Order N-37-20 was inadequate.</p> <p>A landlord can still serve a three-day notice</p> <p>A landlord can still file an eviction for nonpayment of rent</p> <p>There is no protection for gig workers</p> <p>There is no protection for workers paid by cash. Not everyone can work from home or has benefits</p> <p>There is a housing and health crisis. Pass an Eviction Moratorium that:</p> <p>Prohibits rent increases. Prohibits late fees</p> <p>Prohibits residential and small commercial evictions if due to nonpayment of rent caused by COVID-19 during this local emergency</p> <p>Prohibits no-fault evictions unless necessary for health & safety</p> <p>Allows for a grace period to repay the back rent</p>

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49	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Rocheall Pierre	Antioch	<p>My name is Rocheall Pierre; A resident of Antioch and member of the East County Regional Group.</p> <p>I urge you to pass a moratorium on evictions and rent increases to keep families sheltered during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are aware of the Governor's protections and that the sheriff will not process evictions, but local policy is needed to go further because it is not enough. We are counting on you, as our local leaders to take action and pass this ordinance. Too many lives have been lost and many more will continue if you do not secure shelter for thousands of families.</p> <p>My family has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic along with thousands of others. My income has come to a sudden halt due to the Shelter in Place Order. I work two jobs to pay my monthly bills. I work as a Therapist in schools' sites but due to the crisis I was sadly placed on leave indefinitely and without pay. To make ends meet, I also work for Lyft and this has also seen a decline in ridership, which has resulted in less income. My family and I are in a very unstable and vulnerable situation. We are looking to you to protect us with this moratorium.</p> <p>I also urge you to create a financial assistance fund. There are thousands of families in need and this number will only increase as time goes by. We count on you as our representatives to help us find solutions to this economic crisis. Enact an eviction and rent increase moratorium and create a financial assistance fund.</p>

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50	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Denise Woods	Pittsburg	<p>My name is Denise Woods, I'm a Pittsburg resident, mother, grandmother, and member of the East County Regional Group. Our mission is to create a healthier, safer and more equitable community for families and children. During this crisis for families, we urge you as our elected officials to take action enact a moratorium on evictions and rent increases immediately!</p> <p>Every day COVID-19 fatalities rise in our county and sadly, these numbers will not subside unless you protect families by keeping them sheltered. It is imperative that you take action today. Stop placing the burden on residents to advocate for these protections. The moratorium should be a policy any public servant supports and champions. No family needs the threat of being on the streets or added stress during this time of uncertainty.</p> <p>Families also are in dire need of financial support. We ask that you establish an emergency relief fund for families for items such as food, utilities or rent.</p> <p>I urge you to pass a comprehensive countywide eviction and rent increase moratorium. Please make sure to include the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.)A moratorium on ALL evictions and rent increases. 2.)A substantial grace period to pay back rent for every month of lost rent in arrears during this Shelter in Place OR establish a debt forgiveness program 3.)Loose documentation requirements. Many families do not have "proof" of their hardship. 4.)Establish an emergency relief fund for families during this crisis <p>Thank you</p>

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51	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Jeffrey Levin (East Bay Housing Organizations)	El Cerrito	<p>On behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations I urge you to enact an urgency ordinance establishing a moratorium on terminations of tenancy and evictions throughout the entire county, as well as a temporary prohibition on rent increases.</p> <p>EBHO is a non-profit organization with over 500 organizational and individual members. For 35 years, we have worked to preserve, protect, and create affordable housing opportunities for low-income communities in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties by educating, advocating, organizing, and building coalitions.</p> <p>The coronavirus has taken a situation that was already dangerous and made it much worse. The staggering rise in unemployment claims over the past two weeks makes clear that many county residents - and not only the most low-income - are on the verge of missing rent. To evict them during this crisis would create grave consequences for individual and public health. After all, you can't shelter-in-place or self-isolate without a place to shelter.</p> <p>EBHO calls on you to pass the strongest possible eviction protections, not only for this state of emergency, but also for a period of time after it ends. Specifically, we urge you to take the following actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enact a moratorium on all evictions except in cases of a threat to the health and safety of other tenants. 2. Include restrictions on rent increases during the state of emergency. 3. Establish an extended period for repayment of back rent, without late fees or penalties.

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52	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Alexina Rojas	San Pablo	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Alexina Rojas, and I am writing with an urgent request for you to consider a countywide eviction moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency.</p> <p>I work at a family resource center in West Contra Costa County that serves families with young children. When we first checked in with them at the beginning of the shelter-in-place, they were feeling positive and many of them were still working (at least one parent). However, the times are changing, a month into this situation. Many of the parents have lost their jobs in this time, and they are now starting to feel the financial effects, in combination with all of the other emotional effects.</p> <p>The State's eviction moratorium and the patchwork policies by local cities are not enough, a countywide one is needed.</p> <p>Vulnerable populations are more likely to be renters, including seniors, families with young children, retail and restaurant workers who can't work from home. Low-income residents and people of color are also more likely to be renters. We must take collective action to protect these populations in a fair and equitable way.</p> <p>I sincerely ask that you stand by our most vulnerable families right now, because when this is all over, we have to start a different journey of picking up the pieces. If you act now, it will be just that much easier.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Alexina Rojas</p>

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53	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Erika	Concord	<p>My name is Erika Pantoja and I am a resident of Concord and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. I'm the elder of three sibling, and along with my parents we all have been impacted by this pandemic. We fear day to day that we can get sick and we don't have health insurance. Plus, we wouldn't have how to pay because we all have either lost our jobs or they have cut our job hours due to pandemic. My mom is diabetic, and my dad suffers respiratory problems. Not been eligible to the state bonus and unemployment worry us every day to what we would do with not just the bills, rent, food but health. WE CAN NOT HAVE THE LUXURY TO GET SICK!</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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54	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Chipo Washington		<p>Good morning Supervisors, my name is Chipo Washington, resident of Walnut Creek and Chair of the East County Regional Group.</p> <p>We are committed to creating healthier, safer and more equitable communities for young children and families.</p> <p>I am a mother and currently work on the front lines of this COVID-19 fight at a local health clinic as a Registration Clerk. I am grateful to have a job that is essential to our community and is still providing my household an income.</p> <p>I am in contact with families that are struggling in this difficult time to pay their bills due to the Shelter in Place order. Families with young children and seniors with no income cannot pay rent and mortgages. We need help from our elected officials to overcome this crisis.</p> <p>I am asking you as leaders to pass a countywide eviction and rent increase moratorium to help those most impacted by this crisis. We ask you to include debt forgiveness during this time. Most families are living paycheck to paycheck. It will be difficult for us to pay off our debt during the short grace period most cities have provided. We also ask you to include a reasonable grace period to pay overdue rent of at least 120-days PER each month of the Shelter in Place.</p> <p>We ask you to be leaders and address these items today.</p>
55	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Veronica	San pablo	<p>(Translated from Spanish) I urge the authorities to make or pass a moratorium or blockage of rent payments and evictions. Due to the Coronavirus crisis.</p>

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56	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Leydi Maldonado	San Pablo	<p>My name is Leydi Maldonado, a San Pablo resident and the chair of the West County Regional Group sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa. We are a group of parent leaders working to create healthier, safer, and more equitable communities for children and families.</p> <p>I'm a single mother of 2 and similar to other families, I have not worked in a month due to the shelter in place. I also do not receive any financial benefits. There are thousands of families like mine, living paycheck to paycheck and now really struggling and scrambling to make ends meet.</p> <p>I've seen friends and coworkers impacted by recent rent increases but we are currently unemployed. How are we supposed to pay for this? Our families are feeling very stressed and desperate and need a moratorium on rent increases and evictions so ALL families countywide can be protected. Many cities are enacting moratoriums but even those can be strengthened, and San Pablo has not passed one yet.</p> <p>We're also worried about going out to stores and clinics and seeing our essential workers with lack of proper protective gear. I ask you to provide our frontline workers with supplies to stop the spread of COVID-19. They put their life at risk for us every day and deserve to have the protection necessary to be safe doing their job. We need them healthy to prevent the spread of this public health crisis.</p> <p>Protect our community by freezing evictions, rent increases and providing protection for our frontline workers.</p>

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57	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Christine Clark	Antioch	<p>Good Morning Supervisors. My name is Christine Clark, an Antioch resident and the Co-Chair of the East County Regional Group.</p> <p>Our group is committed to creating a healthy, safe and more equitable East county for young children and families.</p> <p>During this extraordinarily difficult time for families, our Group requests that you pass a countywide eviction and rent increase moratorium for all residents of Contra Costa County.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 crisis, there are thousands of residents and families who are unsure of where their paycheck will be coming from. Many of our own ECRG members have been laid off indefinitely and not everyone in our County qualifies for public assistance. What are families supposed to do to pay their rent and guarantee shelter for their children? No family should have to worry about losing their home during this public health crisis.</p> <p>As for myself, I have been furloughed as of just last week. I am very nervous and concerned that if the economy does not improve, I will be out of a job. I was living paycheck to paycheck so if this happens, I will not be able to afford living in my Antioch home.</p> <p>Please help the most vulnerable families of Contra Costa County. We ask that you provide a grace period for repayment of owed back rent of 120-days in arrears for every month the order is in effect.</p> <p>I urge you to pass a countywide eviction and rent increase moratorium NOW for residents of Contra Costa County during this COVID-19 crisis. Thank you.</p>

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58	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Azucena Torres	Bay Point	<p>My name is Azucena Torres, a member of the Central County Regional Group sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa. I am a mother of 2 children living in Bay Point.</p> <p>I want to express how important it is to see a county-wide moratorium on evictions and rent increases immediately. There are many hardworking people like me and my husband who are being affected drastically economically by the COVID-19 crisis.</p> <p>Many people including my family will not be able to afford, rent, bills, and food due to lack of work because of the Shelter in Place order. And because I live in an unincorporated area I look to you to protect my family from being evicted if we're unable to make rent in the months to come. We all need time to recover, and if banks are accepting late mortgage payments with no penalties, why can't landlords do the same?</p> <p>We are looking to you to take action and help our county come out of this stronger together.</p> <p>Passing a moratorium on evictions and rent increases is essential for everyone's health and to prevent displacing families and children into the streets.</p> <p>Also, we keep hearing about the \$1200 stimulus that will supposedly relieve families from debt. But we all know that our debt will be more than this amount and not everyone is eligible to receive it. Families are counting on you to aid in this crisis with a cash assistance plan through debt forgiveness.</p> <p>It is time to unite and support as a community. Please pass a strong ordinance now!</p>

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59	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Mark MacMahon	Walnut Creek	<p>I strongly recommend that Contra Costa County develop and adopt a countywide moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency. The statewide moratorium only applies to evictions that are being processed through the courts, which is only a small fraction of evictions. These don't protect the vast majority of tenants who are still at risk of receiving eviction notices even though they have been ordered to stay at home and have no way to earn income to pay rent.</p> <p>The Board of Supervisors has taken proactive leadership steps to protect the community's health by activating the shelter-in-place order and allocating staff and resources to protect the health of all residents to fight the COVID-19 virus. Now it is time to show similar leadership in protecting the economic well-being of an increasing number of residents who are facing eviction due to widespread loss of jobs and income due to the shelter-in-place order.</p> <p>The best solution is a countywide eviction moratorium that would apply to residents in all jurisdictions. A countywide policy would be fairly applied no matter where people live in the county, reduce confusion for tenants and landlords, and show the county's commitment to assisting all residents during this time of public health threat.</p> <p>Keeping people in their homes during this public health crisis is the best thing to do to prevent homelessness, support shelter-in-place compliance, and ensure family health and community health.</p>

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60	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Enicia Montalvo	San Pablo	<p>My name is Enicia Montalvo, a San Pablo resident, a pastor, and the treasurer of the West County Regional Group sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa. As our county leaders, we look to you to protect the most vulnerable during this crisis by passing an eviction and rent increase moratorium. As a San Pablo resident I'm worried because although some cities in the county have passed mild moratoriums on evictions and rent increases, my city has no protections. I don't feel protected enough by the governor's moratorium and I hope you, as our leaders close the gaps needed to offer real protections. Speaking personally and on behalf of my community, I'm asking you to please exercise your administrative and political power to support residents. We're all in urgent need of a moratorium on evictions and rent increases that prohibits tenants from being evicted from our homes. We need a grace period of safety for at least one year. Many of us have lost our jobs and it will take a long time to recover economically from this. We need these protections to be practical and not put a burden on tenants by requiring so much paperwork to prove they're being affected, WE ARE ALL being affected by it. I ask you to start a relief fund for those hard working tax payers that don't qualify for public assistance but deserve it as everyone else. We're counting on you to do the right thing, the moral thing, be the leaders we need you to be. Please pass a strong ordinance now!</p>

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61	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Jima Monson	Concord	<p>My name is Jima Monson, Concord resident and single mother. I am the Chair of the Central County Regional Group sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa. We are a group of parent volunteers working to create healthier, safer, and more equitable communities for children and families.</p> <p>I'm writing to express support for an immediate county-wide moratorium on evictions and rent increases to protect families during this pandemic. Concord recently passed a moratorium on evictions but the documentation places disproportionate burden on tenants. This is concerning as there are families who will not be able to provide prove. Another concern is the grace period given to pay back owed rent. As a parent with a single income, once this shelter in place is lifted, it will take sometime to pay back the debt that I have acquired. I ask you to close the loophole and grant a grace period of 120 days in arrears for every month to give us time to pay our debt since it is not our choice to be unemployed.</p> <p>If families aren't protected from losing their homes we will be force to defy the shelter in place to pay rent, bills and food. Your inaction today will cause suffering and death. You have the power to prevent this.</p> <p>Protect our families, friends and neighbors who are in jail with non-violent convictions and are unable to practice social distancing due to overcrowding. Please release them to their families and stop the spread of COVID-19 in the jail system.</p>

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62	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Amelia Hernandez	San Pablo	<p>My name is Amelia Hernandez, a resident of San Pablo, mother and an advocate with the West County Regional Group.</p> <p>I urge you to pass an immediate countywide moratorium on evictions and rent increases and cash assistance for undocumented immigrants. You have the power and should use it.</p> <p>I'm a single mother to a 7-year-old and rent a room at a house where recently they increased my rent by \$200. I only work 3 days a week and due to the shelter in place order my work has decreased. Also, due to the school closures, I have no one to watch my son.</p> <p>Recently Richmond passed a moratorium on evictions, but San Pablo didn't and that's why I'm writing to you. At this moment, you're my only hope. I urge you to use your power to protect ALL tenants, including those like me who only rent a room in a house. It is during this time that we ask you to take action, to save lives, to prevent children from living on the streets.</p> <p>I can't afford to stop working. I'm a single mother. I don't qualify for unemployment benefits or for the Stimulus Package. I don't want to miss my rent payment, but I have no other choice. As the leaders of our county, take a humane stance and protect us from living on the streets during this pandemic. Pass an eviction and rent increase moratorium to protect ALL of us and gives us enough time to re-pay rent, and plan for cash assistance to undocumented workers. We look to you to lead us through this crisis.</p>

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63	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	rhea elina laughlin		<p>My name is Rhea Elina Laughlin. I'm with First 5 Contra Costa, the proud sponsor of 3 Regional Groups, made up of tireless parent advocates for the health and safety of children and families.</p> <p>Similar to thousands of hard-working residents across the county, Regional Group families are facing devastating financial hardship during the Shelter in Place Order.</p> <p>Among the most impacted families in our program, 96% are unemployed or have suffered significant work shortages. 70% are ineligible for public benefits. They report cases of increased rents and threats of eviction.</p> <p>Under this extreme duress, families wonder how to pay rent, fear becoming homeless, and choose between paying for rent, medicine or food for their children. Children are experiencing extraordinary trauma as they absorb this palpable stress and fear.</p> <p>I urge you to join other counties and pass a moratorium on all evictions and rent increases. The Orders by the Governor and Judicial Council are NOT comprehensive or stop evictions. We need a countywide policy that is strong, streamlined and provides leadership.</p> <p>Such an ordinance needs flexible documentation requirements, debt forgiveness or a sufficient grace period to allow families to pay overdue rent.</p> <p>Lives are at stake during this financial crisis. Contra Costa families look to you for leadership and concrete relief. Please pass a moratorium to keep our children safe, prevent the spread of COVID-19, avoid homelessness, and protect our County.</p>

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64	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Ali Uscilka	Concord	<p>Good morning. My name is Ali Uscilka, and I am the director of Healthy & Active Before 5. While we appreciate the county's incredible work to stop the spread of COVID-19, we are highly concerned by the lack of clear and comprehensive direction from this Board to protect Contra Costa families from the worst economic and social impacts of this crisis.</p> <p>We have seen the housing crisis growing every year, and now it is a true emergency. As shown in the EHSD report, the current eviction protections from the state and other entities are not sufficient. Residents are struggling to access relief and are concerned about their long-term stability.</p> <p>The most vulnerable families in our community need loose documentation requirements in order to take advantage of state and local protections. In order to prevent evictions and homelessness on a mass scale when the shelter in place order is lifted, we urge you to consider a generous grace period or a plan for debt forgiveness. It will take years, not months, for families to get back on their feet.</p> <p>It is not an exaggeration to say that lives are at stake, and a generation of children is at risk for experiencing the trauma of eviction and homelessness in our community. You have the authority to act swiftly to grant them the protections that will provide true relief and support during this time. If we are all in this together, we must act boldly and not leave anyone behind. Thank you.</p>

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65	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Debra Ballinger	Concord	<p>My name is Debra Ballinger and I am the Executive Director of Monument Impact. I am writing to ask that you pass an emergency eviction moratorium and rent freeze today.</p> <p>The COVID-19 crisis has exposed the fragility of our housing system and underlying income and racial inequalities. People have lost their jobs and can no longer afford rent or mortgages. Small businesses are shuttered by the shelter in place order. The whole fabric of our county's future economic recovery depends on stabilizing all of us now.</p> <p>Contra Costa County must pass a far-reaching eviction and rent freeze moratorium to get residents through this public health crisis and stabilize housing and small businesses with these elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.A freeze on all evictions except for health and safety reasons. 2.A freeze on all rent increases. 3.No late fees, interest or credit reporting for residents and small businesses unable to pay their rents due to COVID-19. 4.Simple documentation for informing landlords of inability to pay through self-certifying loss of income or health reasons due to COVID-19. 5.A grace period of 120 days per month of unpaid rent to allow tenants to recover financially to repay this debt. 6.Back rent incurred during the Emergency Order cannot be used as a basis for eviction. 7.An enforcement mechanism to ensure tenants are protected and landlords follow the ordinance. <p>Thank you.</p>

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66	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Karen Yapp	Pleasant Hill	<p>Many residents live paycheck to paycheck. They pay rent and other expenses, but do not have much left over. During the COVID-19 emergency, many of these residents are left with no income and no way to pay for rent.</p> <p>When the shelter in place is lifted, many of these workers will not return immediately to full time work. People will be slow to make discretionary trips to restaurants and shopping centers. Workers in these businesses will return to part time work only, at least for a few months.</p> <p>Contra Costa County needs to follow the lead of other counties in our area. We need to prohibit residential and commercial evictions when the non-payment is due to the virus. And we need to provide some leeway after the shelter in place ends, to accommodate those people who are still unable to return to the same work schedule they had prior to the virus.</p> <p>Contra Costa could lead the way in providing a system for the renter to submit pay stubs and other evidence from before and after the virus to document their reduced hours. People in this situation should have an extended grace period for paying partial rent.</p> <p>We must also provide reasonable time for repayment of back rent. When a person with no savings returns to work, they will continue to struggle to meet their living expenses. Adding immediate repayment of rent would be an insurmountable burden. I recommend a grace period of 120 days for each month of unpaid rent. That is 25% more that a person has to scrape together each month.</p>

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67	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Josh Anijar	Martinez	<p>The Labor Council will continue to thank the Board of Supervisors for issuing the “shelter in place” order. The measure continues to save lives and flattens the curve. This measure’s intended purpose, however, will be put in jeopardy if people are evicted from their homes and are left out seeking a new place to shelter mid-crisis. Far too many workers are one pay check away from being on the streets and that was before COVID-19. Contra Costans need your continued leadership in this historic moment to adopt an eviction moratorium. In this unprecedented time of crisis, workers need their government’s support, not more hurdles that can jeopardize their families lives.</p> <p>Additionally, the Labor Council stands in solidarity with Lift Up Contra Costa’s efforts to stop our County jails from becoming a breeding ground for COVID-19 cases. This situation is literally a matter of life and death for us all. Now is the time to do the right thing by immediately releasing the elderly, juveniles, and those within 6 months of the end of their sentence. Thank you for your leadership in this difficult time.</p>

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68	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Kirsten Rigsby	Oakley	<p>Thank you for taking leadership in protecting the community health's by activating the shelter-in-place order & allocating resources to protect the health of all residents as we fight the COVID-19 virus. Now is the time to show similar leadership in protecting the economic well-being of an increasing number of seniors and families with young children, who are facing eviction due to widespread loss of income due to the shelter-in-place order.</p> <p>The State's eviction moratoriums, including actions by the Governor & Judicial Council, only apply to evictions that are being processed through the courts (only a small fraction of evictions). They don't protect the vast majority of tenants who are still at risk of receiving eviction notices even though they have been ordered to stay at home & have no way to earn income to pay rent. The solution is a countywide eviction moratorium, which the Board of Supervisors has the authority to have apply to residents in all jurisdictions. A countywide policy will reduce confusion for tenants & landlords & show the county's commitment to assisting all residents during this time of unprecedented public health threat.</p> <p>Vulnerable populations are more likely to be renters, including seniors & families with young children, low-income residents & people of color. We must take collective action to protect these populations in a fair & equitable way. Keeping people in their homes during this public health crisis is the smart thing to do. Please act now.</p>
69	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Carlos de leon	Pittsburg	<p>My name is Carlos deLeon. Im a resident of Pittsburg and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to support a temporary moratorium on evictions. I am an example, I work in remodeling houses; the company where I worked stopped work on March 25. I am the only wage earner in my home since my wife stays home to care for our auautistic daughter all day. Our family consists of three legal residents and one who is not, so we do not qualify for the help of the federal government. I am specifically afraid of my family's future of ending up with a debt that CAN NOT BE PAID.</p>

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70	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Esperanza Rojas Bolanos	Brentwood	<p>I am sending this on behalf of a broad coalition of service providers, labor, faith, advocates and residents who are pushing for a countywide emergency eviction moratorium that will protect every resident and family in Contra Costa during this public health crisis. Besides being the right thing to do, this would also mean that efforts to pass local moratoria would not have to be done city by city. You are welcome to share this with your trusted allies and networks. Thank you very much for taking action in support of Contra Costa tenants who are struggling to pay their rent in midst of this public health crisis.</p>
71	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Shagufta khan	Oakley	<p>Dear board of supervisor,</p> <p>its time to show similar leadership in protecting the economic-well being of an increasing number of residents., including seniors and families with young children, who are facing difficult evocation due to widespread and service, loss of jobs and income due to the shelter in place order. Vulnerable population are more likely to be renters, including seniors, family with young children, retail and restaurants workers who can't work form home. Low income-residents and people of colors are more likely to be renters. we must take collective action to protect these populations in fair way.</p> <p>thank you so much</p> <p>shagufta khan</p>

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73	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Danny Espinoza	Antioch	<p>Good Morning Board. My name is Danny Espinoza and I am Campaign Coordinator at Lift Up Contra Costa. I'm writing today to say It is time for Contra Costa County to Act.</p> <p>Five other counties in the Bay Area have taken action, and 5 cities in Contra Costa---</p> <p>Bold leadership saves lives. Contra Costa should not be afraid to lead. In the same way, the 7 Bay Area Counties were ahead of the state and the country in declaring Shelter in Place, CoCo needs to follow this through with this ordinance, that keeps residents and families in their homes during this crisis. It is a health risk for all people to be evicted.</p> <p>Contra Costa should set a higher bar at this moment in time. We need stronger provisions than reflected in some other county ordinances. In fact, advocates are already going back to ask for revisions and updates.</p> <p>We need a meaningful ordinance that stabilizes our community and helps them recover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No evictions at all (except for health and safety reasons) No rent increases No late fees Real Grace period - of 120 days per month in arrears <p>A strong ordinance is about preventing dramatic escalation in Homelessness An estimated 1/3 of people have lost work and income; If evicted now, where will they go? Evictions thrust people into a downward spiral of poverty and joblessness that will cost the county more at the end of the day.</p> <p>I expect great leadership at a time of such uncertainty and hope that we can put the working families of Contra Costa first.</p>

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74	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Douglas A Leich	Danville	<p>Develop and adopt, as soon as possible, a countywide moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency. The State's eviction moratorium, including actions by the Governor and Judicial Council, only apply to evictions that are being processed through the courts. These only apply to a small fraction of evictions, as most evictions are handled between the tenant and landlord. The state protections are not enough, as they don't protect the vast majority of tenants who are still at risk of receiving eviction notices even though they have been ordered to stay at home and have no way to earn income to pay rent. The Federal relief package provides mortgage relief support for homeowners, but tenant relief is being left to local government. The time to act is now.</p>
75	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	LAUREN BABB	Concord	<p>Vulnerable populations are more likely to be renters, families with young children, essential health workers who can't work from home. We must take collective action to protect these populations in a fair and equitable way. The State's eviction moratorium, including actions by the Governor and Judicial Council, only apply to evictions that are being processed through the courts. These only apply to a small fraction of evictions, as most evictions are handled between the tenant and landlord. The state protections are not enough, as they don't protect the vast majority of tenants who are still at risk of receiving eviction notices. The eviction moratoriums enacted by several local cities policies are appreciated and helpful, but each policy is different, and the result is a patchwork of policies that create inequities among different communities and are confusing to tenants, landlords, city and county staff, and law enforcement. I support a countywide eviction moratorium policy that will be fairly applied no matter where people live in the county, reduce confusion for tenants and landlords, and show the county's commitment to assisting all residents during this unprecedented public health threat.</p>

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76	D.3 Report on emergency moratoriums on evictions and rent increases	Rhovy Lyn Antonio	Pleasant Hill	<p>Renters facing financial turmoil because of the coronavirus outbreak should not have to worry about keeping a roof over their heads and the government has a role to play in helping to protect all citizens, and so the California Apartment Association is engaged with policymakers to ensure that any forthcoming legislation is fair to both renters and rental housing providers.</p> <p>To ensure housing stability, CAA has called upon every California rental housing provider to support CAA's Safe at Home Guidelines by committing to the following through May 31, 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halt evictions on renters affected by COVID-19, absent extraordinary circumstances. - Waive late fees for residents who pay rent after the rent due date because they have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and related government actions. - Offer flexible payment plans for residents who cannot pay rent by the due date <p>A statewide approach is prudent given the State's access to resources and financial aid that would help make such moratorium legislation equitable to avoid a negative chain reaction. Any jurisdiction that pursues an eviction moratorium during the coronavirus outbreak has an obligation to assist housing providers so they are not extending indefinite lines of credit to affected tenants as this causes a chain reaction which may limit the housing provider's ability to pay their financial obligations .</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Rhovy Lyn Antonio California Apartment Association, Contra Costa Division</p>

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77	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Jeannette Kortz	Richmond	<p>Dear County Supervisors, I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on evictions. During this crisis, many people have lost their jobs. Many Americans have less than \$400 in the bank. They cannot pay their rent, or their mortgage, if they have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 crisis. The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions and mortgages due, except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non-profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>
78	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Ana Gonzalez	Richmond CA	<p>My name is Ana Gonzalez and I am a resident of Richmond CA and a member of the community group ACCE. I am writing to urge you to pass a temporary moratorium on Rent and evictions. I am very concern because this pandemic with the coronavirus affected my family , my daughter single mom was layoff more than 2 week a go , my grand daughter is 12 , I have 3 kids one boy 10, a girl 12 and a son 17, my husband is 76 years and he is retired. We are a big family and we do not how we are going to pay rent and buy groceries and pay others bill .</p> <p>The ordinance should put a moratorium on all evictions except those that are necessary for health and safety. The rent accrued during the state of emergency should not be the basis of an eviction down the road. The ordinance should include protections for commercial tenants (non profits and small local businesses). The ordinance should place a freeze on rent increases during the shelter in place order. Thank you!</p>

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79	General Public Comment (items under the purview of the Board of Supervisors that are not on the agenda)	Marta Flores	Concord	As a community member, and social service provider for families, I strongly believe our county as a whole needs to develop and adopt, as soon as possible, a moratorium on all evictions and rent increases during the public health state of emergency. A countywide policy will be fairly applied no matter where people live in the county, reduce confusion for tenants and landlords, and show the county's commitment to assisting all residents during this time of unprecedented public health threat. I strongly appreciate the leadership our board of supervisors has demonstrated thus far by adopting the shelter in place and believe supporting this countywide policy would be the next step towards protecting our community members during such a difficult time. I trust that you will agree and support this. Please take action and protect all community members!