

Good evening Mayor, councilmembers and staff. My name is Leydi Maldonado. I'm a San Pablo resident, single mother of two boys, and the Chair of the West County Regional Group, sponsored by First 5 Contra Costa.

Thank you for providing my family and hundreds of other San Pablo families with the Moratorium on Evictions and Rent Increases that expired on May 31st. As our community continues to Shelter in Place, my children's schools remain closed and I remain unemployed, I ask you to please extend the moratorium to 30 days after the shelter in place is lifted.

I am concerned that I will be evicted with my children, as I will not be able to pay owed rent, bills, or purchase food after the shelter in place is lifted and we're no longer protected by an eviction moratorium.

I pay \$900 a month in rent. At the end of the shelter in place, I will owe almost \$3,000. It will take me some time to look for another job and this is why we request for the extension of this moratorium. Some families living paycheck to paycheck don't have the luxury of savings or extra money for emergencies like this.

We, your community, need you. As our representatives we ask for your leadership. Help us in these difficult moments when we are ALL going through such difficult and stressful times. Please place this item on your agenda to extend the moratorium!

Thank you.

LaTanya Fisher

From: Edith Pastrano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:16 PM
To: City Clerk; Arturo Cruz; Rita Xavier; Elizabeth Pabon; Abel Pineda; Richard Kinney
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ISELA Z. PLEASE READ ALOUD

Good evening members of the council,

My name is Isela Iveth Zepeda and I am a resident of San Pablo. My husband Roque Bolaines and I have gone long without work because of COVID-19 and the shelter in place order that has put many out of jobs. With no income for over 2 months it has been extremely hard to provide the basics for my 2 daughters. As many in our community, I am one of the people that won't be seeing any stimulus money from the government. We aren't getting EDD benefits either. I am a very active member of ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment) in San Pablo, and we are calling on the city to extend the moratorium until 90 days after the state of emergency by the Governor is lifted. Please give working people who have been hard hit by the pandemic the chance to get back on their feet. It will be a long time before everything goes back to normal but we need you to make sure that our basic means of survival are secured. Thank you for you time.

Sincerely,

Isela Iveth Zepeda

LaTanya Fisher

From: Edith Pastrano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:16 PM
To: City Clerk; Arturo Cruz; Rita Xavier; Elizabeth Pabon; Abel Pineda; Richard Kinney
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FROM VERONICA M. PLEASE READ ALOUD

Hello members of the council my name is Veronica Martinez,

I live in San Pablo and I am a member of ACCE. I live with my husband and my 3 kids. We are one of the many families that were hard hit from the economic aftermath since the shelter in place order went into effect. Neither my husband nor I qualify for governmental assistance. Thankfully my husband is now able to work 3 days a week. But this is going to be a slow recovery because it is not nearly enough to cover our costs. We didn't pay our rent this month not because we chose this, but because we decided to put food on the table and wait it out to see how things go. I am very nervous about this situation because I want to do the best for my family, please help us in this time and extend the moratorium to 90 days after the state of emergency expires in California. Thank you for listening to our plea.

Blessings,

Veronica Martinez

LaTanya Fisher

From: Edith Pastrano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:30 PM
To: City Clerk; Arturo Cruz; Rita Xavier; Elizabeth Pabon; Abel Pineda; Richard Kinney
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT FROM YOLANDA GUZMAN PLEASE READ ALOUD

Hello everyone. My name is Yolanda Guzman and an ACCE member and resident of San Pablo. I have 2 sons, and for the past few months my husband has been out of work. I am currently on disability but it's not enough for everything that has to be paid off. I am asking the council to extend the moratorium to 90 days post the Governor's state of emergency because this pandemic not only is affecting the health of everyone, but in this time, I'm asking that you think about us and the problems this created in the community of working peoples who lost work for over 2 months. We are behind and we are not going to be able to pay everything off. The debt is too much and thankfully we have a moratorium but we ask that it get extended til the 90 days after the state of emergency Gavin Newsom called in the State of California. We thank you for all that you are doing for us.

Yolanda Guzman

LaTanya Fisher

From: Edith Pastrano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk; Arturo Cruz; Rita Xavier; Elizabeth Pabon; Abel Pineda; Richard Kinney
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD FOR ANITA

Hello members of the council and staff,

You may all remember me or at least our cause. My name is Anita, I'm an ACCE member and I am one of the residents at the Porto apartments in San Pablo. I am here today worried of many things that are weighing heavy in our community. I fear that because these are really hard times people will lose their way. This is a time for all of us to be in solidarity with each other and to be there for one another. Today I come to you to ask that in light of the coronavirus, and loss of jobs to please extend the moratorium to 90 days after the Governor's state of emergency. Thank you,

Anita

LaTanya Fisher

From: Edith Pastrano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:21 PM
To: City Clerk; Arturo Cruz; Rita Xavier; Elizabeth Pabon; Abel Pineda; Richard Kinney
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD FOR MARIA DIAZ

My name is Maria Diaz,

I live in San Pablo and I am in solidarity with all my fellow neighbors and comrades from ACCE in San Pablo. I have not asked for any assistance from other funds because it's really difficult. Just because I'm receiving disability many people think it is enough but that's not true and I think that many people who don't work like many day laborers or non essential work are not understanding the difficulty behind losing work during the quarantine period. I am asking that the council definitely extend the moratorium to 90 days past the order of emergency that Newsom placed at the state level.

My neighbor told me that management in our building is waiting for the quarantine to end so they can move us out to make repairs to the building. Which is weird, they never care about this and all of a sudden this is what they are worried about. I'm sure they have incentive to move us out so they can increase the rent on us when they put us back in. Let's be vigilant because the powers that be are not looking out for the people, they are looking after their own and lining their pockets while we bare the short end of the stick. Extend the moratorium as soon as possible, keep us safe from evictions and rent increases. Thank you for hearing me.

Maria Diaz

LaTanya Fisher

From: Edith Pastrano [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:33 PM
To: City Clerk; Arturo Cruz; Rita Xavier; Elizabeth Pabon; Abel Pineda; Richard Kinney
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE READ ALOUD FOR PATRICIA RICO

Hi my name is Patricia Rico,

Resident of San Pablo and member of the local chapter of ACCE (Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment) and I am in alliance with calling on the City to extend its moratorium to 90 plus days after the emergency is taken care of. That is all, thank you so much for the work that you are all doing.

Take care,

Patricia R.

LaTanya Fisher

From: Alex Werth [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 5:45 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Public Comment - Not on the Agenda - Extend the Eviction Moratorium

Dear Mayor Cruz and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO), I want to thank you for leadership in providing strong protections for renters and businesses impacted by the pandemic. In particular, the 12-month grace period for tenants to repay missed rent will be absolutely essential in avoiding a wave of COVID-related evictions, displacement, and homelessness. In this spirit, **I urge you to revisit the city's eviction moratorium and extend it for at least as long as the duration of the local state of emergency.** This is consistent with the moratoria in Antioch, Pittsburg, and Richmond. I also encourage you to make any extension retroactive to June 1st to ensure that there's seamless coverage for impacted residents and businesses.

The eviction moratorium is critical to the success of shelter-in-place as a means to protect individual and public health. Without it, low-income tenants will be forced to return to work before it's safe. This will jeopardize our effort to slow the spread of the virus and put them and their families at disproportionate risk of infection. As long as the local government continues—wisely—to place restrictions on the economic activity of residents, it needs to protect them from the impacts of those regulations, as well.

The County's recent move to extend its moratorium until July 15th is important, but it doesn't go far enough. This is an unprecedented crisis. Decisions about when and how to "return to normal" need to be made with the utmost caution, compassion, and consideration of the data. All signs point to the fact that infections and hospitalizations are still rising in the East Bay. No one who has a home should be forced into the terrifying situation of looking for a new one right now.

Thank you for leadership in protecting the needs of San Pablo residents and businesses during this extraordinary time.

Sincerely,
Alex Werth

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Alex Werth | Policy Associate
[East Bay Housing Organizations](#)

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Good Evening Mayor, Councilmembers and city staff. My name is Amelia Hernandez, I'm a San Pablo resident and a single mother.

Thank you for enacting a moratorium on evictions and rent increases for our city of San Pablo. I am speaking tonight to ask council to extend the city's ordinance that expired on May 31st. Please extend this ordinance until the end of the shelter in place plus an additional 30 days.

I'm a single mother of a 7-year-old and rent a room at a house where I pay \$700 a month. Although \$700 might not seem like much to some of you, for a single mother like me who's not working and doesn't qualify for public assistance, it's a heavy lift. I'll need some time after the shelter in place is lifted to get at least 1-2 paychecks to start paying off rent and other debts.

It would not be fair for my landlord to evict me and my son for my inability to pay rent. What will happen to thousands of renters across the county if they can't pay rent when this shelter in place is lifted? Do you honestly think the emergency is over? Why would the moratorium end before the emergency?

We are waiting on you to make it simple and extend your current moratorium to the end of the emergency plus an additional 30 days. Please prevent landlords from serving us rent increases and continue to provide us with protection. Please place this item on your agenda.