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Dear San Diego Residents,

Today, the City Council unanimously approved [two measures](#) to provide protection and relief to residents and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

I want to thank my Council colleagues and the Mayor for standing with me and making sure no one loses their home in the middle of a public health emergency and growing economic crisis. Most of our small businesses have been forced to close, and countless San Diegans are losing work and income as we try to slow the spread of the virus. Today, we let struggling residents and small businesses owners know that we have their back.

Effective immediately:

- **Moratorium on Residential and Commercial Evictions**

The eviction moratorium ordinance, which is effective today through May 31, includes documentation requirements of tenants seeking relief, who have up to six months after the effective date of the ordinance to pay any unpaid rent. Landlords may seek payment of rent but may not evict tenants who qualify for relief.

As part of the action, the Council asked City staff to work with banks and lenders to halt foreclosures of properties whose owners are unable to make mortgage payments, and aggressively seek local, state, and federal economic aid packages to provide relief to landlords, which benefits tenants.

Under the ordinance, the San Diego Housing Commission and its nonprofit affiliate Housing Development Partners are prohibited from evicting tenants who reside in any of the 3,732 Commission-controlled affordable apartments.

A Frequently-Asked-Questions is coming soon, or read the [staff report](#) or [PowerPoint](#) presented today.

- **Creating a San Diego Small Business Relief Fund**

Also on a unanimous vote, the Council established a Small Business Relief Fund to support San Diego businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The relief fund will be created by repurposing approximately \$6 million in existing grant funding. The application will be available on the City's Economic Development Department [webpage](#) this Friday at 5:00 p.m.

I also want to thank the City Clerk, City Attorney, Independent Budget Analyst, and their staffs and the staff of City TV for working so hard. This is a completely new way to hold Council meetings and its taken everyone's knowledge and dedication to keep us moving forward.

Finally, I want to thank all the City workers who are so committed to keeping the City running and serving the residents. It takes all of us to take care of each other and I really appreciate the work that is being done.

Other Updates:

- **Mortgage Relief For Californians Affected By COVID-19**

Today, Governor Newsom announced that Wells Fargo, US Bank, Citi and JP Morgan Chase have all agreed to waive mortgage payments for 90 days. Bank of America was the only one that did not commit to the 90-day forbearance. The bank has only committed to a 30-day forbearance.

State-charter banks and credit unions have also agreed to the 90-day forbearance. There is no income requirement for mortgage relief, but there needs to be evidence that the homeowners have been affected by COVID-19.

- **Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, CalFresh and General Relief** benefit payments for current customers [will continue uninterrupted through April, May and June](#) and certain paperwork is deferred until further notice. New applicants for these programs can visit the [County's Self Sufficiency](#) or [MyBenefits CalWIN](#) web pages for more information.

In Solidarity,

WHERE TO GO FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

State of California: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

County of San Diego: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/>

City of San Diego: www.sandiego.gov

San Diego Unified School District: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/>

Other Schools: <https://www.sdcoe.net>

California Labor & Workforce Development Agency:
<http://www.labor.ca.gov/>

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