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The Honorable Chris Cate  
Councilmember, 6th District  
City of San Diego  
202 C Street, 10th Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Councilmember Cate:

On behalf of the Neighborhood House Association (NHA), I am pleased to write in support of your policy proposal to enact a temporary moratorium on rent increases for City lessees who can demonstrate financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Neighborhood House Association is one of the largest multi-purpose nonprofit organizations in San Diego County. We operate a network of 24 programs that range from early childhood education and youth development, mental health services, senior services, and more. We operate programs out of two City owned facilities, our Senior Center and 41st Street campus.

The proposal seeks to halt scheduled rent increases between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021 for city lessees who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Neighborhood House Association provides important services to the community and contributes to our local economy, and it is our belief that the City should not be raising rents on organizations who are struggling during this difficult time.

It is for these reasons the Neighborhood House Association supports your policy proposal to establish a temporary moratorium on rent increases for City lessees amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rudolph A. Johnson, III".

Rudolph A. Johnson, III  
President and CEO  
Neighborhood House Association