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## **City Council Extends Eviction Ban, Approves \$15.1 million in Rent Relief**

*Moratorium Protects Residents, Small Businesses Struggling Due to Pandemic*

SAN DIEGO – On a 5-4 vote, the City Council today extended a citywide moratorium on evictions of residents and small businesses that are unable to pay their rent due to financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. If approved by the Mayor, the ban, which had been scheduled to expire today, will be in effect until Sept. 30.

The Council also voted today to create a program to help struggling residents pay rent, which will be funded with \$15.1 million from the federal CARES Act program.

**“I am pleased that we created a rent-relief program for families and individuals who have lost significant income as a result of the pandemic that may be facing eviction,” Council President Georgette Gómez said. “Today we took action to extend the ban on evictions to give our residents and businesses peace of mind. In July, I plan to bring forward additional proposals focused on eviction relief. As the eighth largest U.S. city, we need to do more to protect our residents and small businesses.”**

Under the moratorium, renters and small businesses affected by COVID-19 cannot be evicted if they notify their landlord in writing, on or before the day the rent is due, that they are unable to pay. They have one week after notification to provide proof that their financial hardship is related to the pandemic. Landlords and tenants are encouraged to work out a payment plan on their own. Tenants and landlords can learn more about San Diego’s eviction moratorium [here](#).

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Council President Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee and sits on the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors and on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Board.