



March 17, 2020

The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
Congressional District 19
635 N. First Street, Suite B
San Jose, CA 95112

Re: Coronavirus' Impact on California Housing Crisis

Dear Representative Zoe Lofgren,

In light of the recent outbreak of the highly contagious Coronavirus disease within California, the potential economic toll of the pandemic, and requests by public officials, employers, and universities for employees to work from home we ask that you immediately docket an emergency ordinance that would provide a moratorium on all rental increases, evictions and foreclosures within **District 19**.

Given our state's high costs of housing and the extensive rent and mortgage burden for many California families, we worry that any loss of wages related to the outbreak of COVID 19 will only further imperil with homelessness our most at-risk families.

We know that the need to protect residents that live paycheck to paycheck from the economic fallout of this virus includes protecting them against facing eviction and homelessness which would only further spread this disease and make its containment harder if people don't have a home to care for the health, safety and welfare of their families.

As you may know, on Friday March 6, 2020 San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo issued a proposed moratorium on “evictions of residents facing significant burdens due to the global pandemic.” As a representative of a California municipality, the state with the highest homeless population in the country, the need to protect residents facing eviction and homelessness and the potential spread of this disease is of paramount importance to the health, safety and welfare of your constituents.

Public health departments information on how to stop the spread of this disease lists the importance of “wash(ing) your hands often with soap and water” and if sick to “stay home.” Tragically, for those families and individuals evicted or foreclosed on, into homelessness these suggestions become all but impossible to adhere to.

Therefore, we urge you to immediately docket emergency ordinance that would provide a moratorium on all rental increases, evictions and foreclosures in **District 19** until public health professionals have determined that the Coronavirus outbreak has been contained.



We look forward to hearing your response on containing this serious disease.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meredith Curry".

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