



East Bay Housing Organizations

Dear Mayor McGallian and Councilmembers:

On behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations and our members, I write to you addressing Agenda item #2 , **urging you to enact a temporary moratorium on evictions for renters and small businesses during the Coronavirus crisis.** We are one of 35 organizations that signed on to the letter urging you to take action and wanted to add our individual comments. As you know, EBHO represents mission-driven housing providers, community advocates and affordable housing residents – all of whom are concerned about the impact that COVID-19 will have on housing instability in an already stretched area. **Especially given that the construction of new affordable and market-rate housing at the Concord Naval Weapon Station, Galindo parcel, and elsewhere may be indefinitely stalled, now is the time to take action for immediate relief before our affordable housing shortage worsens.**

Leaders at the national and state levels are calling for local governments to pass these protections to support the most vulnerable members of their communities, and ensure that the health and financial consequences of this crisis aren't any worse than they need to be. We look to you and City Council to provide leadership in this moment. We appreciate all that the city is doing to keep us safe during this time. We hope you will support this proposal to further protect the health and well-being of all of Concord, especially its most vulnerable residents.

This is not the time to play the “waiting game,” hoping that the County, the State or the Federal government will take action first. **You have the power to give Concord families some reassurance and stability now.** This is a time for Concord to lead, in the same way the 9-Bay area counties made a proactive decision to “Shelter in Place” even before the state took action. It is this kind of leadership that saves lives and helps mitigate this crisis.

Thank you for your consideration,

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