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SUPERVISORS FLETCHER & GASPAR RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY HALTS EVICTIONS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY AMID CORONAVIRUS CRISIS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTES TUESDAY

SAN DIEGO (March 23, 2020) -- Supervisors Nathan Fletcher and Kristin Gaspar will introduce [policy](#) and a [resolution](#) during the Tuesday Board of Supervisors' meeting to put a moratorium on evictions for both residents and small businesses in the wake of the novel coronavirus outbreak.

"Our economy and our residents are hurting. We need to preserve as much as we can. It is our duty to help San Diegans weather these challenges during the coronavirus crisis," said Supervisor Fletcher, Co-chair, County of San Diego COVID-19 Subcommittee. "This resolution will provide temporary relief to individuals and businesses and provide a more stable road to financial recovery."

If passed by the Board, the resolution will: ensure protections are provided retroactively to March 4, 2020 when Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency; give authority to the County's Chief Administrative Officer to work with financial institutions to halt foreclosures and foreclosure-related evictions; and make the request of the Housing Authority to extend deadline for housing assistance recipients, including those who receive Section 8 support.

"Paying the high cost of rent in San Diego is already a challenge for a lot of people so we cannot allow them to be evicted because of a world-wide pandemic they have no control over. Increasing the number of people already living on our streets is not acceptable so we must take decisive action now to protect our renters as well as our property owners," said Supervisor Gaspar.

Excerpts from the Resolution

...WHEREAS, displacing renters who are unable to pay rent due to these types of financial impacts will worsen the present crisis by making it difficult for them to follow the health guidance of social distancing and isolation, which will put tenants and many others at great risk; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to take steps to ensure that people remain housed during this public health emergency; and