July 28, 2020

Board of Supervisors  
County of Marin  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, California 94903

SUBJECT: Resolution barring evictions due to the Public Health Emergency arising from the COVID-19 virus.

Dear Board Members:


SUMMARY: The proposed Resolution (Attachment 1) would amend Resolution 2020-60, which extended the County’s moratorium on evictions that are related to loss of income from COVID-19 for residential tenants. This updated Resolution would extend the moratorium on evictions for residential tenants to September 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION: This Amended Resolution revises the eviction moratorium previously adopted by your Board by extending the Resolution to remain in effect through September 30, 2020. This date aligns with the Governor’s June 30th Executive Order N-71-20 which extends the renter protection previously set forth in Executive Orders N-66-20, N-37-20 and N-28-20 to September 30th.

The Amended Resolution would continue to operate in conjunction with the Governor’s COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and the Judicial Council of California’s actions to provide statewide protections to renters affected by COVID-19 who are already in eviction proceedings. On April 6, 2020, the Judicial Council of California adopted temporary emergency rules that provide additional protections for tenants in eviction court proceedings by suspending action on all eviction court cases and judicial foreclosures, except where an eviction action is necessary to protect public health and safety. These rules will remain in effect until 90 days after the Governor declares that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted or the order is otherwise amended. The County Resolutions provide additional protections for tenants as the Judicial Council Emergency Rules do not prevent a landlord from initiating an eviction by issuing or posting a notice to evict.

The proposed Resolution would continue to provide stability to the residential renter community in Marin County who are impacted by COVID-19. The Resolution would continue to apply to all cities, towns and unincorporated areas of the County.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Supervisors Housing Subcommittee has been briefed on the recommendation provided in the attached Resolution and supports its consideration for adoption by the full Board. Because the public health emergency
arising from COVID-19 is a fluid and on-going situation, staff and the Board Subcommittee will continue to monitor the situation and may come back to your Board with recommended amendments based on COVID-19 related circumstances affecting the stability of renters in Marin.

REVIEWED BY:

☐ Department of Finance ☒ N/A
☒ County Administrator’s Office ☒ N/A
☒ County Counsel ☒ N/A
☐ Human Resources ☒ N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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