



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, ROOM 335, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101-2470

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: June 2, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

**EXTENDING PROTECTIONS FOR TENANTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES
AFFECTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

The World Health Organization has declared a worldwide pandemic of the COVID-19 disease, also known as “novel coronavirus.” As of this writing, there are 7,100 positive cases and 260 deaths in San Diego County.

Because of the need to limit the spread of the virus, businesses have shuttered and the region’s unemployment rate continues to climb to unprecedented heights. According to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the unemployment rate in San Diego County is now estimated to be 30.1 percent. The economic reality posed by COVID-19 impacts the ability of residents and businesses to pay rent. While our region moves cautiously to reopen in a safe manner, the economic impacts will continue to be felt by San Diego residents. Many businesses have permanently shuttered or partially reopened at reduced capacity. As such, a full recovery is a long time away. At a time when we are asking people to continue to stay at home, relief is needed.

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This action will approve the amended resolution extending the County’s current moratorium by 30-days on evictions for renters and small businesses unable to pay rent or a commercial lease due to COVID-19 (through June 30, 2020).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRMAN GREG COX and SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER

Adopt the Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO EXERCISING THE COUNTY'S POLICE POWER TO IMPOSE SUBSTANTIVE LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY BY EXTENDING RESOLUTION 20-027

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

This action will help support individuals, families and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

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We urge your support.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed action to place a moratorium on evictions for renters and commercial tenants supports the Thriving Strategic Initiative in the County of San Diego's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan by keeping San Diegans housed and small businesses in operation.

Respectfully submitted,



NATHAN FLETCHER
Supervisor, 4th District



GREG COX
Supervisor, 1st District

ATTACHMENT:
RESOLUTION 20-027

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

March 24, 2020 (19), Protecting Tenants, Homeowners and small businesses affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION
NUMBER(S):**

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Districts 4 and 1 Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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