

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) stems from the same virus as the common cold and is a respiratory infection that may result in a fever, sore throat, cough and aches, and has shown a U.S mortality rate, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of approximately 1.5 percent, and as of March 25, 2020 the State of California had identified 3,006 positive cases of COVID-19 in California, 799 of which have been diagnosed in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency, allowing the State of California to deploy all available state and local resources to stem the spread of the virus while being able to access Federal resources, and on March 19, 2020 Governor Newsom issued a Stay-At-Home Order, limiting Californians to only essential activities away from their homes in order to the minimize the congregation of groups of people; and

WHEREAS, while this Order is necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public health, the combined effects of the virus and necessary public health measures have resulted in significant financial impacts, particularly to low and moderate-income Californians; and

WHEREAS, working people across California are facing layoffs, a reduction of wages or income, the accumulation of late payment fees and other expenses, and are struggling to pay rent and buy basic necessities, and with more than 40 percent of households in Los Angeles County spending over 30 percent of their income on rent and struggling to meet basic needs, and more than 60 percent of households with children struggling to meet basic needs, it is critical that we provide immediate relief and make every effort to safeguard our local, regional and state economies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has moved swiftly to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 by instituting a Safer-At-Home Order to limit public gatherings and ramping up COVID-19 testing availability, and developing policies to protect Angelenos from the potential economic fall-out of the virus, such as implementing moratoriums on residential and commercial evictions, an economic relief package for small businesses impacted by the virus, the development of a potential citywide personal loan and rental assistance program, and the provision of financial assistance to non-profits that are providing personal loans and rental assistance to Angelenos impacted by COVID-19, and a relaxation of parking enforcement, among others; and

WHEREAS, while municipal and county efforts to protect the health and safety of Californians are commendable and much needed, creating policy at the local level during an emergency has the potential to create a patchwork of responses and approaches and confusion for Californians;

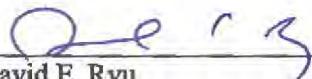


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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislative or Gubernatorial administrative action that would:

- 1) Place an immediate moratorium on rent increases, evictions and foreclosures, and cease executing writs of possession.
- 2) Implement an immediate moratorium on homeless encampment sweeps, which pose additional health risks and the disruption of consistent access to services and the ability for outreach and health workers to provide continuous care.
- 3) Implement a relaxation of parking enforcement statewide in order to ensure Californians are not unnecessarily penalized, thereby incurring additional debt, during the statewide Stay-At-Home Order.
- 4) Implement a suspension of rents and mortgages, including the accrual of interest, to provide financial relief for both landlords and homeowners.
- 5) Provide emergency rental or mortgage assistance to assist Californians who have lost a substantial share of their income during the public health emergency.
- 6) Call on financial lending institutions to suspend mortgage payments, providing financial relief to homeowners and landlords, and discontinue the accrual of interest on mortgages.
- 7) Prohibit utility shut offs and rate increases, halt the application of utility related late fees, and reinstitute service to customers that have lost service during the 60 days prior to the effectuation of the Governor's Stay-At-Home Order.

PRESENTED BY: _____


David E. Ryu
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: _____


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