MOTION

The COVID-19 outbreak has resulted in an acute shock to the local economy, resulting in thousands of businesses closing their doors and laying off employees. The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation estimates that for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Metropolitan Statistical Area, over 1.7 million jobs could be lost due to the COVID-19 stay at home order. On March 27, 2020, the City Council adopted an emergency ordinance to protect commercial tenants from eviction in the event the pandemic has resulted in the inability of the tenant to pay rent. Once the state of emergency has been lifted, tenants have up to three months to pay the forebared rent. The City's small businesses have been extremely hard hit by this pandemic, and more should be done to ensure that once businesses do reopen, business owners have the opportunity to pay past due rent over a six month or 12 month period.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to amend ordinance #186585, regarding the temporary protection of tenants during the COVID-19 pandemic, to extend the amount of time commercial tenants have to pay past due rent from three months to six months.

I FURTHER MOVE that the time period commercial tenants have to pay past due rent be 12 months should the business have 50 or fewer employees.

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Councilmember, 5th District





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