

[POLICY] [PLUM] [Renters’] – Discussion and possible action about Request for Action asking Councilmembers Bonin and Koretz to introduce and champion the passage of an ordinance extending the eviction moratorium in the City of Los Angeles until June 30th, 2020.

The Motion:

Whereas the Mayor of Los Angeles on March 15 and 17, 2020, signed emergency orders placing a moratorium on evictions due to the COVID-19 crisis until February 1st, 2021, and for rental units covered under rent stabilization ordinances (RSO) until 60 days after the expiration of the moratorium, April 1st, 2021,

And

Whereas the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health issued a targeted and temporary Safer-at-Home order lasting from November 30th until December 20th due to new COVID-19 cases in the county begin to exceed a five-day average of 4,500 newly diagnosed cases as of November 27th,

And

Whereas unemployment in the City of Los Angeles was at 12 percent as of October 2020, compared to 7.7 percent in October 2019,

And

Whereas the industries that continue to struggle to recover jobs in the City are largely those that pay the lowest wages,

And

Whereas 57.2 percent of City of Los Angeles residents were considered rent burdened (paying 30 percent or more of their income in rent) as of 2019,¹

And

¹ “Selected Housing Characteristics.” Bureau of Labor Statistics American Communities Survey 2019 1-Year Estimates.

Whereas the California Policy Lab predicts that 750,000 Californians will likely lose unemployment insurance as of December 26th, 2020, if certain provisions of the CARES Act are not extended,²

And

Whereas thousands of Los Angeles families are facing food insecurity, which indicates that these families are likely extremely challenged to cover even basic expenses (i.e. rent or mortgage costs),

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors requests Councilmembers Bonin and Koretz immediately introduce an ordinance to extend the eviction moratorium in the City of Los Angeles until June 30th, 2021.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors urges that this ordinance be passed before the Winter Holiday Recess.

² “750,000 Californians Projected to Lose Unemployment Benefits on December 26th Because of Federal Inaction.” California Policy Lab. 19 November 2020.