



## Mar Vista Community Council



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### REMOTE MEETING AGENDA

Renters' Subcommittee with the Board of Directors

Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

ALL ATTENDEES ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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1. **Call to order** (2:00 pm)

2. **Announcements**

**2.1 Co-Chair Introductions**

**2.2 Board of Directors introductions, as necessary**

3. **Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda**

4. **Reading and Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - July 18th, 2020**

5. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

**5.1 Discussion of possible action to request an MVCC Request for Action to stop LAPD involvement in illegal evictions**

The Renters' Subcommittee will discuss actions taken by the LA City Council so far to prohibit LAPD involvement in illegal evictions while the moratorium on evictions for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency and limit LAPD responsibility to ensuring tenants' right to housing and safety during the COVID-19 emergency. This item can involve drafting a request for action to be considered by the MVCC PLUM committee and the MVCC Board with regard to this issue.

**5.2 Discussion of resources for renters facing potential eviction due to COVID-19 economic impacts**

The Renters' Subcommittee has synthesized the resources for tenants discussed at our July 18th, 2020 meeting. As discussed with the PLUM chair at our July 18th meeting, these resources will be posted to the RES webpage. Resources will also include those shared in the City Councilmember's CD11 newsletter as well as published by city agencies.

6. **New Business –**

**6.1 Discussion and possible action about a Request for Action from the MVCC asking LA City councilmembers and local California Assembly-members and Senators to lobby Governor Newsom to invoke the California State Rainy Day Fund for rent and mortgage relief**

The Renter's Subcommittee will discuss a draft Request for Action motion (including in the supplemental materials for this meeting) asking LA City Council and local state assembly-members and senators to ask Governor Newsom to declare a state of housing emergency in order to use the \$16.5 billion in Rainy Day Fund reserves for rent and mortgage relief. UCLA Luskin estimated in May that over 365,000 LA County residents in rental units are at risk of eviction due to the economic crisis precipitated by the COVID-19

pandemic. This does not include the thousands of additional residents at risk of mortgage default. The Renters' Subcommittee believes the current crisis is a sufficient emergency to merit these use of these funds for relief purposes.

The full language of this motion can be found in the Supporting Documents for this meeting.

**6.2 Discussion and possible action about a Request for Action for CA Senator Mitchell and CA Assemblymember Klamlager to support immediate passage of AB 1436 (Chiu)**

As of July 28, 2020, the California State Senate is considering AB 1436, first introduced by Assemblymember David Chiu of San Francisco, would provide up to 15 months after the termination of the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency or April 1st, 2021, of protection to tenants who failed to pay rent due to COVID-19-related economic reasons during the emergency. This protection would also apply to mortgage holders, who could avail themselves of forbearance from their lenders. AB1436 offers tenants a more reasonable timeline to make back payments on rent and allows landlords to recover rental payments. In addition, it ensures that a default resulting from COVID-19, does not permanently affect tenants' credit or ability to relocate.

Tenants who are unable to pay back rent obligations due to COVID-19 will face a high risk of eviction. Over 365,000 households in Los Angeles could be facing housing instability and may be at risk of homelessness once temporary eviction protections are lifted. Even after the state of emergency is lifted, the economic impacts will continue to affect employment and financial security. Unemployment in June 2020 remained high at 19.5 percent. The response to the pending evictions crisis will have profound implications for Black and Hispanic communities who are more vulnerable economically and experience greater housing insecurity than white community members. California's low income renters will continue to bear the brunt of COVID-19 and our state's housing crisis. In this crisis, the Renters Engagement Subcommittee supports action to prevent this upcoming wave of evictions in order to keep tenants stably housed and prevent further increases in homelessness.

The full language of this motion can be found in the Supporting Documents for this meeting.

**7. Adjourn** (no later than 3:30 pm)

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