

[POLICY] [PLUM] [Renters'] [SB 91] – Discussion and possible action concerning a Community Impact Statement regarding SB 91 and urging the extension of eviction protections in California past June 30th, 2021.

The Motion

Whereas the State of California passed and enacted SB 91, which extended the protections of the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020 until June 30th, 2021,

And

Whereas most of the state of California remains under the most restrictive designations under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy,

And

Whereas the most optimistic estimates indicate that full vaccination of the population will take until at least Summer 2021 to achieve suitably high levels of inoculation for more normal economic activities to resume,

And

Whereas novel strains of COVID-19 already exist in California and may pose sufficient public health risks to warrant future limitations on movement and economic activity,

And

Whereas unemployment in the state of California as of December 2020 was at 9 percent and in Los Angeles County at 10.7 percent, which in the case of the state is an increase over November 2020,

And,

Whereas many California households being protected from eviction due COVID-19-related economic hardship will likely still be unemployed or underemployed even by June 2021,

And

Whereas many California households will still be unable to make the 25 percent rental payment for rent missed between September 2020 and June 2021 even by June 2021 due to ongoing economic hardship,

And

Whereas termination of these protections continue to be scheduled for arbitrary conclusion dates and not based on public health and economic indicators,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors issue a community impact statement urging that the protections under SB 91 be extended indefinitely and subject to expiration based upon metrics used for the State of California Blueprint for a Safer Economy and economic metrics such as state and county unemployment.

Therefore, be it further resolved that similar economic protections be enshrined in state law as so-called automatic stabilizers, that is, that these or similar protections be enacted at any point in time in which economic conditions deteriorate based upon metrics such as unemployment.

Therefore, be it further resolved that the threshold of landlord forgiveness of missed tenant rental payments in order to qualify for the 80 percent rent reimbursement under SB 91 be extended from 20 to 25 percent in order to match the minimum amount of rent tenants must pay for missed payment between September 2020 and June 2021.