

From: John
Sent: Saturday, March 07, 2020 1:36 PM
To: District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Ordinance prohibiting eviction

Dear Councilmember Foley,

I am contacting you regarding 3.5, "Ratification and Extension of Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to Confirmation From the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health...

I have a single residential rental in San Jose consisting of one-half of my duplex which I live in. I was shocked and disturbed upon hearing the news last night that the San Jose City Council is considering mandating the landlord shouldering the entire financial burden of a tenant that can not or will not pay the rent because of some loose connection to Covid-19. This incredible responsibility incumbent on a single individual without notice or consent, having to shoulder the burden for one-third of the year before starting the lengthy and costly process for the possibility of future returns is too much to demand.

Housing providers do not want to evict, but at some point for different reasons it may become a necessity. Paying the bills, among other reasons, comes to mind. There are many programs that the various levels of government provide for people for various reasons, but the money for these programs comes from all of us, from the general fund, not from a single segment of society such as housing providers. Please reconsider this ordinance or at least spread around the burden to all members of our city.

Thank you,
John Fiebich

From: L A Kurth

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 3:38 PM

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Subject: Some ideas for corona preparedness

Dear Councilors,

First of all, I want to thank the mayor for the eviction moratorium during this troubling time. A friend of mine who works at Target had his hours reduced from 30 to 8 per week. This crisis hits poorer people hardest, and I am frustrated by advice to "stock up" which assumes people have the money to stock up!

Here are a few ideas I'm offering in case they are helpful.

Perhaps each district could identify buildings in its borders that could serve as overflow hospitals if necessary. Community college buildings and arenas and high school buildings seems likely choices.

Perhaps we could begin organizing neighborhoods for communication and service provision starting with existing groups: schools, community centers, libraries, neighborhood associations, clubs, churches, perhaps even 12-step groups?

Could we request some of the Congressional money set aside for the virus to get hand sanitizers, cleaning products, and masks, for example, to poorer neighborhoods, I think it would be a psychological victory that our government is looking out for us. It must be a terrible feeling to go to a store belatedly and find nothing, or to go online and find nothing at a price you can afford.

Can we request and order more respirator machines? What other supplies are needed for pneumonia care?

Could we start training currently underemployed people to do things like take temperatures and other simple healthcare activities so that they could be an available force if the virus hits hard?

Can we supply cab drivers and gig drivers with masks and sanitizers? We'll need to ensure transportation and safety of the drivers if things get bad. Are buses and trains offering wipes and such to passengers?

I'm hoping it will not get to a worst-case scenario, but crowded places: dorms, old folks homes, will be vulnerable. Also, if there are two families to a two bedroom apartment or even four young workers to a two bedroom apartment, how will quarantines work? What could we learn from other countries?

I want you to know that I have infinitely more confidence in my local government than I have in the executive government. Crises handled well can bring communities together.

Cordially,

Lita Kurth