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Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas

Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

I hope everyone of San Jose, can review, the friendly ways, the city of Berkeley, is going about, their own, 12 month rent forgiveness, & rent payback plan.

I think, S.F. Bay Area tenants, apartment owners, and local governments, are all understanding, how this pandemic, can be, an extra-ordinary burden, being placed, on both renters & owners, at this time.

I think in the SF Bay Area, we are all working, to help develop, state & federal govt aid packages, to offer full debt repayment.

And what may be, up to 10-12 months, or even a full year, of possible backrent debt, of both, tenants and owner apartment owners.

So I feel, there should be, a certain amount, of continual, open, constructive dialogue, on this subject, in San Jose, this summer.

I hope we can all be open, to more flexible, negotiable, sj rent freeze ideas, if needed.

As San Jose city govt. ideas & decisions, may unintendedly 'lock in', and hurt tenants and owners alike, and may need slight adjusting.

In the very least, as with Berkeley, a 12-month debt payback time, for tenants, seems decent minded, realistic, and can allow everyone, less tension, and more choices.

From however this pandemic has started, I feel everyday people & apartment owners, should not be forced, to repay it's debt.

For everyone to be allowed, full debt forgiveness, in the next year, can offer much relief. And fulfill, many human needs.

From such a place, we can then, better decide, how we want to proceed, with future concepts of debt, and other economic structures.

Extra-ordinary ideas & solutions, at this time, to address human needs, can always be short-term, and not long-term.

Overall, local, state & federal governments, may need some help, from everyday people, at the local level, in the next year, with this issue.

It would be better, to work as a whole community, how to be united, on this subject. I think it would bring, a more interesting, enjoyable, and hopeful summer, for everyone.

sincerely,

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