



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: The Public Record
May 22, 2020 – May 28, 2020

DATE: June 3, 2020

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

Letters from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Letters from the Public

1. Letter from Michael Chin, dated May 22, 2020, regarding: Changes to the Temporary Eviction Moratorium.
2. Letter from Seigi Tadokoro, dated May 25, 2020, regarding: Rent Registry.
3. Letter from Blair Beekman, dated May 28, 2020, regarding: Blair Beekman. May 28, 2020.
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From: M Chin

Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 2:10 PM

To: Malloy, Maria <maria.malloy@sanjoseca.gov>; RSP <RSP@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Sykes, Dave <Dave.Sykes@sanjoseca.gov>; Morales-Ferrand, Jacky <Jacky.Morales-Ferrand@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Re: Changes to the Temporary Eviction Moratorium

Dear All,

Please take a look at what your neighbor cities are doing with the rent situation on "Temporary Rent Subsidies through the Stay Housed Program."

https://www.unioncity.org/DocumentCenter/View/3765/New-Expanded-COVID-19-Resource-Guide?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

We need a Temporary Rent Subsidies Program to help all!!! Let's get it done!

Thanks,
/Michael

From: Seigi Tadokoro

Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 3:06 PM

To: Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Rent Registry

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Council members,

Rent Registry (RR) is an ineffective, costly, and privacy invading ordinance that should be abolished.

It is ineffective because it is nothing more than a redundant ordinance to the existing ones which already protects the tenants from excessive rent increases, eviction, and tenant abuse. Tenants have the recourse to file complaints through the non-registry ordinances. Since being enacted 4 years ago the complaint through this ordinance is less than a fraction of 1%. Who is to say that the same fractional percent would be any different without RR since complaints could be filed via the ordinances enacted prior to RR.

RR is a data collection ordinance and therefore should be applicable to all rental units.

Current RR is analogous to taking survey amongst the elderly and poor for projecting the well being of the general population. Such restrictive data collection does not tell the entire picture of the rental market.

The data supplied to RR can be inaccurate which skew the entire picture. These data are ignored by the administrators adding further to its ineffectiveness. Most importantly RR does nothing to relieve Housing shortage nor anything else over and above the preexisting ordinances to control rent.

It is costly to small business owners who already have higher maintenance cost due to owning older buildings. RR requires large Housing staff to just collect data which has no intrinsic value to owners, tenants, and Housing. ARO fees have increased 7 fold because of RR with projections to escalate even more. Why would the City of San Jose want to bloat the Housing department to perpetuate costly programs for negligible payback
I can understand why Housing would like to preserve the RR .

RR is invading the privacy of the tenants and private business owners. I do not know of any other business where the City has so much intrusion to privately owned business. The data is presumably secure but what system provides such guarantee. The City is behaving like IRS with immigration and other law enforcement agencies combined to track tenants and business.

We all make mistakes but the mark of leadership is to have the courage to correct them and not follow the failing of others.

Please exhibit your leadership on ridding this boondoggle RR ordinance.

Respectfully,

Seigi Tadokoro, Resident and small property owner in San Jose.

Blair Beekman. May 28, 2020.

b. beekman

Thu 5/28/2020 10:31 AM

PUBLIC RECORD: 3

Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

My public comments have continually offered, I do not like, our better human ideals, being held hostage, by this pandemic.

Yet I find it important, to address, urgent, emergency human needs, at this time, in short-term, open, creative ways, that can alleviate human pain.

In the efforts, to try to uphold, traditional, economic and business practices, our thinking & communication, can often become confined.

There are very respected, Ca state assembly bills, at this time, that should bring, a familiarity and depth, of how we can all, more easily think & talk about,

the issues of full rent forgiveness, for both owners and tenants, over a 10 year period.

I hope we can learn, how to keep open channels, of good thought & communication, in San Jose, at this time.

People should not have to be hurt, having to jump through hoops, they don't have to, at this time.

And, in order to uphold, a few business & economic traditions of propriety.

Sincerely,
Blair Beekman

Ca.Assembly Bill, Rent Forgiveness, in 2nd half of news article.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Rent-breaks-for-a-decade-California-legislators-15265373.php>

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Dear community of San Jose, and city govt,

A friendly reminder, that In the early stages of Covid-19, mid-March 2020,

The city govt. of San Jose, seemed to have, a beginning, good focus - that ideas of equity & good deficit reduction practices, could help better navigate, a tiered city budget system, for the next few years.

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PUBLIC RECORD: 5

Dear community of San Jose, and city govt.,

To offer a form, of a public notice -

On June 2nd, there will be, a public meeting, as the SJDA and city govt, want to replace, all of the current Asian pear trees, in the downtown Post Street alleyway,

With Maple & Forest Pansy Redbud deciduous trees, that will have many fall colors.

The current pear trees, are aged, and slightly diseased.

But there can be sentimental feelings, to want to keep the current trees. And to soften, a Covid-19, PTSD process, most people are going through, at this time.

I feel an important question, at this time - can there be, a way to plan, a phased-in, replacement approach, over several months, or years.

As opposed to, an all-at-once, replacement approach, currently favored, by the SJDA and sj city govt.

Again, a virtual, public review meeting, on this subject, will be on June 2nd.

Look it up, on the city public website, or email the San Jose City Arborist, for details.

Ask about this issue, after its June 2, public meeting, as well.

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blair beekman