

Fw: Oppose San Jose City Eviction - Delay Program

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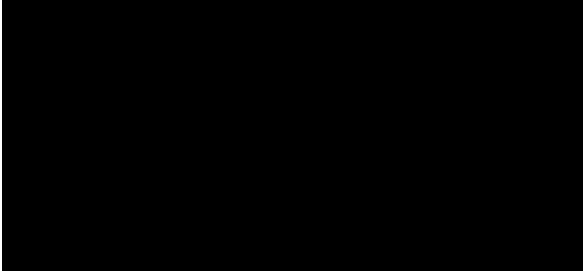
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Mayor Sam Liccardo and City Council
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Mayor Liccardo and City Council,

On behalf of the California Apartment Association (CAA) I am writing to oppose the proposal introduced by Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas & Raul Peralez will provide funding for eviction defense programs that can be used to unethically delay or drag out evictions for months and to extract favorable settlements.

Millions of Dollars Already Available for Tenants Defense – Under the state’s existing program known as the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act (Shriver Act), money is already provided for the eviction defense of low-income tenants. Existing law also requires an attorney to maintain short-term deposits of client funds in an Interest on Lawyers’ Trust Account (IOLTA) and requires the interest and dividends earned on the account to be paid to the State Bar for the funding of certain programs that provide civil legal services without charge to indigent persons. Since 2011, \$9.5 million has been available annually for the program in seven regions across the state, bumped up to \$31 million from the National Mortgage Settlement beginning in 2020.

Unethical Eviction Delay Tactics Intended to Delay Evictions for Months – While the concept is laudable, it’s rife with abuse when it comes to fighting evictions. With the existing funding, unethical tenant attorneys are funded to make false claims about property owners who are simply trying to regain possession of their properties from tenants who’ve failed to pay rent or who have created problems for other tenants at the property. According to the City’s own data, 90%+ of unlawful detainer filings were for nonpayment of rent.

These firms that receive funding automatically and consistently utilize the same discovery and jury demands. The firm of BASTA, Inc., in Los Angeles brags about pioneering the strategy of bringing all eviction defense cases to jury trial to delay evictions. While CAA understands that everyone has a right to a jury trial, these demands are a tactic used to delay evictions. As BASTA, Inc. correctly sites, “Today, every nonprofit organization in California that represents tenants in eviction defense cases requests a jury trial.”

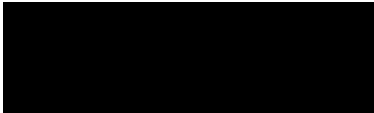
Eviction Delay Tactics Hurt Affordable Housing Owners the Most – These automatic jury and discovery demands intended to delay cases and drive up legal fees exponentially for landlords to force settlement (even in cases involving nuisance or illegal activity) have especially impacted affordable housing landlords throughout the State of California as it is their tenants who qualify for legal assistance under the Shriver Act.

Cost - Where will the money to fund this program come from? According to a February 24, 2020, report on the San Francisco right to counsel program prepared by the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Developmentⁱ, the budget for the program for FY 20-21 was nearly \$10 million – and that’s without the

program being fully operationalⁱⁱ. The report estimates that each attorney position (including support staff) carries an annual price tag of \$220,000 – with each attorney handling approximately 50 cases per year. That’s a cost of nearly \$5,000 per tenant assisted. The Council memo cited a National Equity Atlas estimate that the average tenant who is behind on their rent owes \$4,600 in back rent. Redirecting any funding for legal services back to tenants in the form of rental assistance would do a better job of ensuring the tenants remain in their homes and avoid clogging the legal system.

CAA opposes this unnecessary and ill-advised use of funds and urges the Council to reject this proposal. Instead, any additional money the city receives in the interest of preventing evictions should be used for rental assistance.

Sincerely,



Anil Babbar
Senior Vice President of Public Affairs
California Apartment Association

ⁱ <https://sfgov.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8159426&GUID=8A4C2AFF-8E15-4E38-9F6A-AC58CAA46D71>

ⁱⁱ According to the report, the program is still “ramping up,” with only 67% of program beneficiaries receiving full scope representation.

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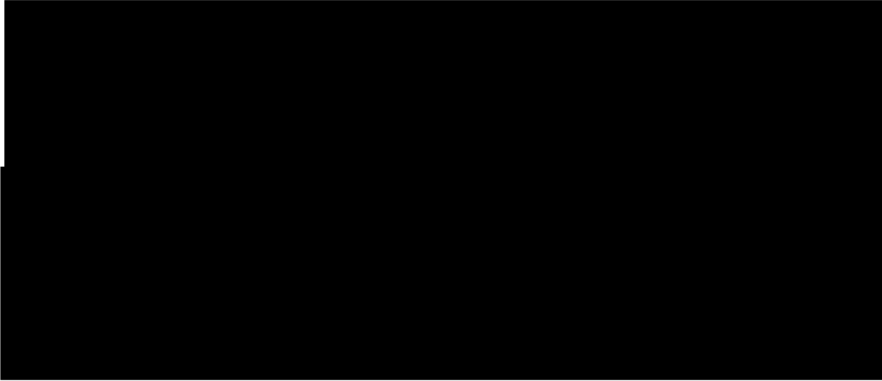
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Carlos Padilla



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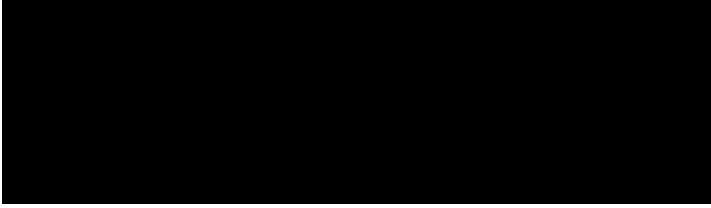
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Sincerely,
Best Regards,
Alexis Leighton



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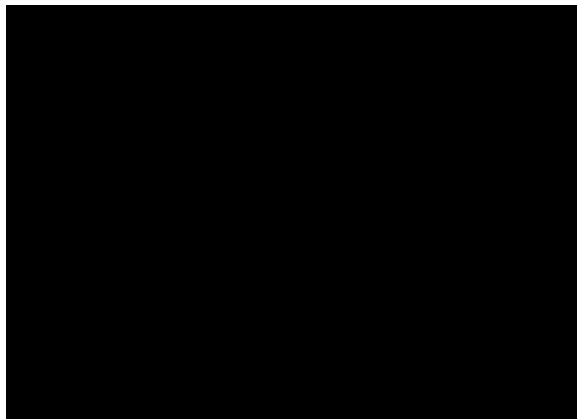
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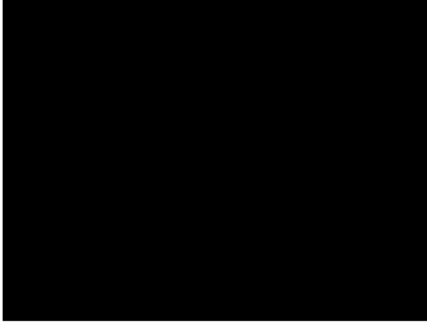
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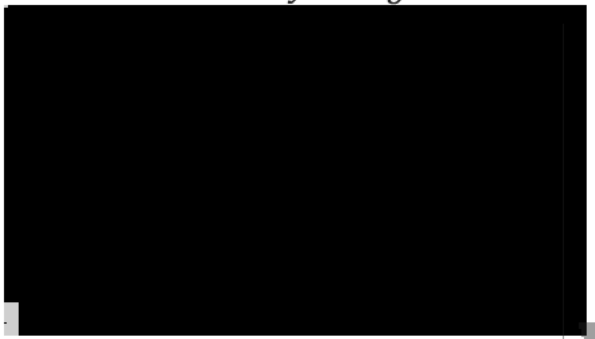
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Ja`Nell Rolland

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Dan

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Allison Behunin |Regional Property Manager



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Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:54 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: RE: City Council Meeting 9/28/21 Item 8.2

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and Council Members,

Please use the funds allocated for rent relief for the intended purpose. To divert these funds to pay for legal fees seems counter productive in keeping people housed. The funds can be used to pay back rent owed and even pay a tenant's future rent up to three months in advance. More future rent payments is a way to keep people from being evicted. Those future rent payments could ensure a "tsunami of evictions" doesn't occur in the next several months.

The job market continues to improve. We have more companies returning to the workplace. The vaccine booster will allow even more people to return to the work force safely.

What efforts are being made to get jobs for the unemployed? These rent relief funds will eventually run out, as have the unemployment benefits, for many people who owe back rent.

The City Council should advocate for more resources to help tenants restore their income which gives them the ability to pay rent. More jobs are needed. Use the funds for paid job training and apprentice programs not legal fees.

Your efforts would be more productive if you instruct the Housing Director and her staff to concentrate and focus their outreach to tenants that need financial resources to pay their back rent. They should be in contact with owners who can give them feedback in real time.

Allocating funds to pay for lawyers is not what the money was intended to be used for and it will lead to less people being helped out of debt. You are paying lawyers instead of paying rent.

The owners are not anxious to evict anyone. They would rather be paid than have the burden of the expense of lawyer fees, dealing with the time it will take to get a court date, filing of paperwork, having a potential vacancy etc.

What type of outreach has been done to the many owners who are still waiting to be paid from the state or local assistance programs?

Owners have been extremely patient while waiting to receive back rent. The cumbersome application process is still very slow even with the recent attempt to streamline the process.

Many owners took it upon themselves and spent hours of personal time assisting tenants with the submission of paperwork. Owners were doing this voluntarily for months before the City established an Eviction Help Center. Please give owners the credit due for stepping up before the City decided to establish a physical place for tenants to go for help.

Put your efforts in getting those pending payments to owners so you can eliminate the stress caused to all the parties involved.

Thank you for your attention.

Please vote NO on this proposal. The funds should be used to pay rent not lawyers.

Bridget McKay
Multifamily Housing Provider
District 3

Fw: Oppose Taxpayer-Funded Lawsuits to Delay Evictions

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Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 4:35 PM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Council members

COVID has created opportunities for tenant advocates to propose various tenant protection, some of which are good.

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Funds are already available to tenants in need of rental assistance. Why should additional govt (taxpayer) fund be allocated in addition? This simply does not make economic nor legal sense.

I think councilman Perez should put more thought into what he is proposing in haste. Perhaps he has but in a lot of thought into this to accomplish his hidden agenda.

Please vote NO on his psproposal,

Seigi Tadokoro, Resident of San Jose and
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