

From: Sagrario Diaz <sagrariodiaz1973@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:19 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: BOS Eviction Ordinance

Dear Chairman Mendes and Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

As a Fresno county resident, I am urging you to take leadership and protect families from eviction. As a community, we need to stand together, especially during this time, and protect our most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times.

The Governor and Judicial Council did not go far enough. Many residents are still facing possible evictions. Please, direct staff to bring ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from evictions as soon as possible. This is a matter of life and death for many residents, and they cannot wait any longer.

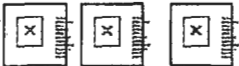
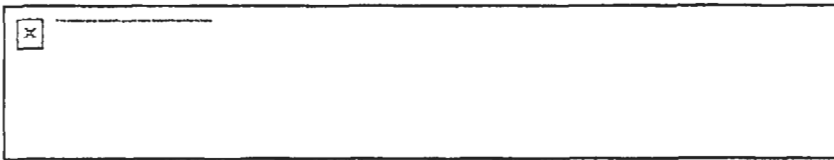
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Registered Voter,
Ms. Sagrario Diaz
Resident of Cantua Creek

From: Kevin Hamilton <Kevin.Hamilton@centralcalasthma.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:43 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Stop evictions NOW please!

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Dear Chairman Mendes and Supervisors,
Fresno county has one of the highest childhood asthma rates in the state but I bet you didn't know it also has one of the highest adult rates of asthma as well. Asthma disease control is possible but it relies on a stable home environment that's as stress free as possible. This keeps children healthy and adults working. Covid 19 is a huge threat to asthmatics young and old alike. Adding the stress of housing insecurity will most certainly result in more asthma related hospitalizations and ER visits for these families in an already overburdened health care system. Asthmatic patients who get Covid 19 are 10 times more likely to die from the disease and this applies to children as well. Please do the right thing and stop evictions in Fresno County until the present crisis abates. The county should also consider putting up a fund for distressed landlords, as we understand many elderly homeowners depend on their property rents for income. You have the authority to do both of these things at once. Please do them today!
Sincerely,



From: Jim Grant <jim@dioceseoffresno.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:34 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Protect disadvantaged communities from eviction

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Dear Chairman Buddy Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors.

We are urging you to take leadership and protect families from eviction.

As a community, we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times.

The Governor and Judicial Council did NOT go far enough. Residents could still face eviction.

Please, direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction as soon as possible.

This is a matter of life and death, residents can not wait any longer.

As a fellow person of faith, I urge you and the BOS to be in solidarity with the most vulnerable, both now and especially after this pandemic runs its course. COVID-19 has exposed how fragile our social safety net is, and how much help so many persons in our community are going to need help, starting right now.

Stand with Rural Residents today.

Thank you for your leadership on this urgent matter.

Jim Grant, Director
Social Justice Ministry
Diocese of Fresno

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From: Santillan, Maria de Socorro <MariadeSocorro_Santillan@ppmarmonte.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:44 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Stand with Rural Residents today

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Dear Chairmen Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors,
Planned Parenthood Mar Monte is urging you to take leadership and protect families from eviction. COVID-19 has impacted our economy and especially already struggling families. As a community, we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times. The Governor and Judicial Council did NOT go far enough. Residents could still face eviction. Please, direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction as soon as possible. This is a matter of life and death, residents cannot wait any longer.

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Socorro Santillan

Director of Public Affairs - Fresno



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From: Jovana Morales <jlismorales@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:46 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment

Dear Chairmen Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jovana Morales and I am a resident of Fresno. I urge you to take leadership and protect families from eviction. As a community, we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times. The Governor and Judicial Council did NOT go far enough. Residents could still face eviction. Please, direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction as soon as possible. This is a matter of life and death, residents cannot wait any longer!

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From: Lucila Ortiz <lucila@caljustice.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:28 PM
To: BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov>
Subject: Protect residents from eviction!

Dear Chairman Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to take steps to protect renters during this time. We need to protect our most vulnerable residents by ensuring they can stay housed during this time. Please take the steps necessary to protect residents from eviction. We need your leadership during these times.

In solidarity,

Lucila

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From: Madeline Harris <madelinesharris@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:03 PM

To: BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov>

Subject: General Public Comment for 4/14 Meeting: Eviction Moratorium NOW

Dear Fresno County Supervisors,

I am a concerned resident of Fresno living in Supervisor Quintero's district. Many of my neighbors, friends, and members of my community here in Fresno County are experiencing devastating loss of income because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result, will be unable to pay their rent during the shelter in place. We need you to call a special meeting as soon as possible to consider and pass a full moratorium of evictions in Fresno County. The Governor's Executive Orders and the Judicial Council rule only delay evictions in the state of California for folks unable to pay rent now during this crisis. In order to avoid mass evictions in Fresno County when all of this is over, you must take action now to protect your most vulnerable constituents. Please take this crisis seriously by calling a special meeting as soon as possible to pass an eviction moratorium and help keep as many people housed as possible during this crisis and beyond.

Thanks,

Madeline Harris

>>> From: Brandie Campbell <bcampbell.strategicwriting@gmail.com>

>>> Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:26 PM

>>> To: BOSComments <BOSComments@fresnocountyca.gov>

>>> Subject: Public comment

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>>> Dear Chairman Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors:

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>>> Thank you for your time.

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>>> Brandie Campbell

>>> Resident, Fresno County

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From: Patricia Chavez <pchavez@piqe.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 7:06 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment: Eviction concerns

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Dear Chairman Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for accommodating public comments via email. We hope you, your families, and county staff are healthy as we make our way through this challenging period. Parent Institute for Quality Education is a national organization. In California we serve more than 18,000 families in 128 CA school districts (nearly 400 schools) by providing a variety of hands-on workshops, seminars and ongoing school supports that offer parents the tools to advocate for their children, know their rights as well as the know-how, responsibility and opportunity to partner with schools, community and civic leaders.

Since 1999, our Fresno office has served more than 240 schools in 55 school districts within the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare. Many of our parents live in a cycle of poverty and already feel disconnected due to cultural and language barriers, limited time or rigid work schedules, as well as fear and distrust.

We continue to innovate and stay connected to families across the state and in Fresno County. In the last three weeks, we have transitioned to online virtual engagement classes for all PIQE families. We are helping parents connect through mobile technology, teaching them how to navigate internet and website for resources, and connecting (translating) them to their children's academic needs at school. However, as you can imagine, the fear of basic needs is ever present. This is a stress that is impacting the whole family and children's learning.

Most pressing is their fear of becoming homeless. These are families who live pay check to pay check. They don't have a closet full of toilet paper. They don't have two months' rent or mortgage saved up. They work hard and are responsible community members but were just "making it" before COVID-19. Easing at least one worry to keep the most essential of all, shelter, for themselves and their children would help them to continue to keep hope – like we all are – to move past this and survive whatever comes after COVID-19. The lifting of this stress, can then help CBOs such as PIQE to continue to bridge networks of support for families and continue to help schools and parents with distance learning measures.

We urge you to protect families from eviction. As a community, we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents during these difficult times. The Governor and Judicial Council did NOT go far enough. Residents could still face eviction. Please, direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction so we can work with them to prepare for the future.

Sincerely,

Patricia E Chavez
Director of Policy
Parent Institute for Quality Education
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Patricia E. Chavez
Director of Policy

4-14-2020
Item #7

From: Olivia Faz <ofaz@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:39 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment

To Chairman Mendes and the Fresno Board of Suoervisors:

I urge you to take leadership and protect the many families facing eviction at this time. It in within your power to do more than what the Governor and Judicial Council has done to protect disadvantaged communities from evictions due to the Covif-19 pandemic.

I urge you take immediate action and direct your staff to issue an ordinance to protect our disadvantaged communities from evictions. Our rural residents can no longer seat back and see their lives destroyed.

We stand with the rural residents!

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Fresno DSA <fresnodsa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 8:53 PM
To: Clerk/BOS
Cc: Bob McCloskey
Subject: Public Comment 4/14

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Hi,

Please submit our public comment for the public presentation portion (#7) of the meeting tomorrow. The public comment is below and also attached here as a [Google document](#). Thank you.

April 13, 2020

Mr. Buddy Mendes

Dear Fresno County Board of Supervisors Chairman Buddy Mendes,

We are calling on you to act immediately to protect the lives of the people impacted by jails in Fresno County. The spread of COVID-19 is a national emergency that threatens thousands of lives across our country. According to the latest estimates, the death toll from this virus could range anywhere from 200,000 to more than one million people in the United States alone. While everyone is at risk, we have a moral obligation to ensure that our most vulnerable—the elderly, the sick, those without medical care, and those unable to protect themselves from the virus—get the help they need. We have a further obligation to our community to keep the people whose job it is to work in jails and prisons, and their communities, safe.

The below decarceral guidelines are designed to prevent three things: social spreading, jail “churn,” and the deaths of vulnerable people.

Social Spreading

In order to prevent the rapid growth of COVID-19 from overburdening our health-care system and claiming lives, both those in secure facilities and the people who work in them, it is the responsibility of decision makers at every level to prevent and contain the spread of the virus by taking action to promote the most effective strategy in abating the pandemic: social distancing in order to slow “community spread.”

The Particular Issue of Jail and Prison “Churn”

Jails and Prisons combine the worst aspects of a cruise ship and a large public gathering and, thus, can be the perfect breeding ground for the spread of COVID-19. People are constantly booked into and out of jail and prison facilities and each night guards, vendors, and other jail staff are going home while others are coming in- which results in a massive turnover. For example, more than half of the people in jail are only in there for two to three days.

Further, enclosed structures like jails can cause COVID-19 to spread like wildfire and introducing just one person with it can lead to it impacting not just everyone inside the jail or prison but anyone leaving the facility—whether a person who is released or staff returning back to their homes— who then interacts with their communities.

Preventive Measures Cannot Be Taken in Jails and Prisons

Experts recommend that to protect the people most vulnerable from death or serious illness from COVID-19 that they be appropriately separated through social distancing. Yet separating sick people from well people to prevent the disease from spreading can be nearly impossible in prison due to logistical considerations.

WE ARE WRITING TO URGE YOU TO ENACT THE FOLLOWING DECARCERAL GUIDELINES:

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- Reduce the local jail population
- by urging the release of anyone who is held pretrial and who does not pose an unreasonable safety risk to a specific person or persons.
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- Reduce the prison population
- by urging a hold to all new state prison sentences if delaying the sentence would not pose an unreasonable risk of safety to a specific person or persons.
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- Reduce the local jail population
- by urging the release of all people serving a misdemeanor sentence who are within six months of their release date.
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- Reduce the prison and jail
- populations by urging the release of all people held on probation and parole technical violation detainers or sentences.
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- Reduce the jail population
- by urging local law enforcement not to make new custodial arrests for any crimes that do not pose an unreasonable safety risk to a specific person or persons.
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- Make transparent a policy,
- vetted by public health officials, for handling COVID-19 within each correctional facility.

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We know how seriously you take your duty to protect the lives of people living and working in our jails and the surrounding communities. The health, well- being and indeed the lives of these people are in your hands. We urge you to take immediate and decisive action now to save lives. We will support you in taking the bold, but necessary, action now to protect the health of people in our community, including the most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Democratic Socialists of America, Fresno
Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
Tehipite Chapter, Sierra Club
Party for Socialism and Liberation, Fresno

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Democratic Socialists of America - Fresno
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From: Leslie Martinez <lmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 9:54 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: BOS Meeting 4/14 - Public Comment - to be read out loud

Dear Chairmen Mendes and Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to again urge you to adopt an ordinance to protect residents from evictions during COVID-19. Tenants are struggling not only to pay rent, but are opting to pay rent over groceries and supplies so that they do not receive eviction notices, incur late fees, or otherwise put their housing security at risk. We are looking towards you all to lead on giving Fresno County tenants certainty, stability, and economic resilience for the community and county as a whole. The Fresno County CAO has already developed language and recommend that the board approve it, but pulled the item the morning of the meeting. Unfortunately, after numerous emails, phone calls, and messages, I have not been able to get in contact to discuss the next steps for the ordinance.

In fact, landlords can still give an eviction notice and file evictions with the court that would proceed once the temporary pause on unlawful detainer proceedings sunsets. Moreover, the Judicial Council Rule does not relieve a tenant of late fees or penalties. For these reasons, the Board of Supervisors must pass a comprehensive local eviction moratorium that will protect tenants who are unable to pay all or some of their rent during the COVID 19 health crisis from eviction. Additionally and as a complement, the Board of Supervisors should act to develop funds for rent and mortgage relief to help relieve both tenants and homeowners of economic distress they are facing as a result of this crisis. There is still time to help residents, rent will be due May 1st, let this be a moment your constituents will remember - a time where local leaders acted with compassion and transparency.

Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability and the residents in Fresno County are eager to work with your staff to get an ordinance passed. We ask that your board give direction to staff to bring forth an ordinance to protect residents during this time.

Respectfully,

Leslie Martinez

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From: Leslie Martinez <lmartinez@leadershipcounsel.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:05 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: BOS Meeting 4.14 - Public Comment - To be read aloud

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of Isabel Solorio a community resident from Lanare:

I ask that you have the compassion to ensure families can stay in their homes during this pandemic. We do not need more people in Fresno County without housing. The county needs to have a balanced approach where landlords are given resources to keep their properties from going into foreclosure and ensure that landlords work with tenants, and the county to ensure we are all safe during these uncertain times. We need a moratorium on evictions now.

Additionally, we ask that the county take a better approach to notify residents with important information during disasters. We need direct communication from our representative on what is happening and what my representative is doing to protect us. Fresno County needs to have a disaster plan to protect the most vulnerable communities and share that with communities in the county.

Finally, I lead the food distribution and we have doubled the number of families we serve and desperately need PPE. We have reached out to various agencies and have been turned down. I really need help to keep families in our county fed, we need to work together as a team during times like these.

Thank you,
Isabel Solorio

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From: Felicia Espinosa <felicia.espinosa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 7:55 AM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment - April 14th - Please read Public Comment into the Record

Dear Chairman Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors,

I am urging you to take leadership and protect families from eviction. As a community, we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times. The Governor and Judicial Council did NOT go far enough. Residents could still face eviction. Please direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction as soon as possible. This is a matter of life and death, residents cannot wait any longer.

Stand with Rural residents Today,

Felicia Espinosa

From: Shayda Azamian <shayda.azamian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:30 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment from Fresno Resident

Dear Chairman Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors,

I'm a Fresno resident and I'm deeply concerned for my fellow Fresno residents who are facing the uncertainty of eviction and financial stress. We are urging you to take leadership and protect families from eviction. As a community, **we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times.** The Governor and Judicial Council did NOT go far enough. Residents could still face eviction. Please, direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction as soon as possible. This is a matter of life and death, residents can not wait in uncertainty any longer.

We need to stand with rural residents today. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

Shayda Azamian
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From: Grecia Elenes <greeecia91@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:27 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment

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Sincerely,

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Grecia Elenes

From: Hannah Esqueda <Hannah@caljustice.org>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:11 PM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment In Support of Ordinance to Protect Residents from Eviction
Attachments: CFJ Fresno Co Eviction Statement.pdf

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Dear Chairman Mendes and Fresno County Board of Supervisors,

At Californians for Justice, we believe young people are the leaders we need to create the healthy, just, and thriving schools all of our communities deserve. We work to ensure that students have the opportunity to grow as leaders, and work with them to win campaigns so that every school and community can thrive. This is why we urge you to take leadership and protect our local families from eviction. As a community, we need to stand together in times of need and protect the most vulnerable residents who are struggling to stay afloat during these difficult times.

We've seen firsthand how many of the students and families we work with are deeply impacted by the school and business closures around the county. We support the need for social distancing and isolation, but this means our communities are faced with near impossible decisions. Too many folks are having to choose between paying rent or putting food on the table. Many families are also dealing with a sudden loss of income from layoffs or reduced work hours related to the pandemic. Although the state recently passed some protections, residents could still face eviction during this difficult time.

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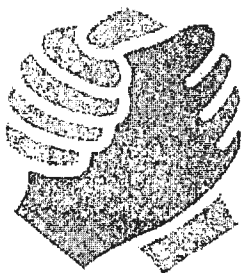
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Staff of Californians for Justice Fresno

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Sincerely,

Staff of Californians for Justice Fresno

From: Tania L. Werner <taniaLucero@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:08 AM
To: BOSComments
Subject: Public Comment

Dear Chairmen Mendes and Fresno Board of Supervisors,

Please, direct staff to bring an ordinance to protect disadvantaged communities from eviction as soon as possible. We know that housing instability and homelessness make people more vulnerable to costly health issues like preterm birth and mental health crises, along with an increased risk for domestic violence and poor diabetes management. All of these will end up costing more money to treat down the line in the emergency room, hospitalizations, and long term care.

Please invest in our rural residents now and provide protection from evictions as soon as possible. Not only for cost-savings, but in order to keep neighborhoods stable and better able to financially recover when the COVID-19 crisis is over. Thank you for your consideration.

Tania Werner, PhD, Sanger Resident