

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA IN SUPPORT OF EXTENSION OF THE CALIFORNIA TENANT RELIEF ACT, WHICH AFFORDS STATEWIDE EVICTION PROTECTIONS TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, BEYOND THE CURRENT JUNE 30, 2021 EXPIRATION DATE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO GOVERNOR AND CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND STATEWIDE RESIDENTIAL EVICTION PROTECTIONS

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 91 (“California Tenant Relief Act”), the legislation passed in the California State Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom on January 29, 2021, extends the law initially established by Assembly Bill 3088 on August 31, 2020, to prevent the eviction of renters who cannot pay their rent in full due to COVID-related hardship; and

WHEREAS, to implement Senate Bill 91, the State of California established the California Emergency Rental Assistance Program (“ERAP program”) for the distribution of state and federal funds to address the debt facing millions of tenants, property owners and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, if property owners choose to apply to the ERAP program, they can receive financial assistance in the form of 80% of an eligible tenants’ rent debt so long as they agree to forgive the other 20%, thereby receiving substantial relief and eliminating the eligible tenants’ rental debt; and

WHEREAS, many residents of San Mateo County have accrued debt with their landlords, friends and family members, and loan companies due to the inability to pay rent due to a COVID-19 financial impact and many residents continue to be unemployed due to the impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pacifica, the County, and community partners continue to work to inform tenants and property owners about the availability of rental debt relief through the ERAP Program and to encourage and assist tenants and property owners to apply for ERAP Program assistance; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts to maximize applications for ERAP Program relief from eligible applicants, many eligible applicants have yet to receive relief from the ERAP Program because of the complexity of the applications and the significant time needed to complete applications and for the applications to be processed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA that the City supports an extension of the California Tenant Relief Act, which affords statewide eviction protections to residential tenants, beyond the current June 30, 2021 expiration date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City supports any efforts that can be pursued to streamline and simplify the ERAP Program applications and processing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby directs the City Manager to prepare and send a letter of support to the Governor and the California State Legislature

expressing the City's support of extending statewide residential eviction protections and streamlining of the applications and processing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on 9th day of June, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES, Councilmembers: Beckmeyer, Bier, O'Neill, Bigstycck

NOES, Councilmembers: Vaterlaus

ABSENT, Councilmembers:

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:




Sue Beckmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

(For) 

Sarah Coffey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney