

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA IN SUPPORT OF AB 15, COVID-19 RELIEF: TENANCY: TENANT STABILIZATION ACT OF 2021 OR OTHER SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT PROVIDES RENTER PROTECTIONS DUE TO COVID-RELATED HARDSHIP

WHEREAS COVID-19 infections and deaths are reaching record highs across California, including in San Mateo County;

WHEREAS 25.5% of California renter households and 17.4% of California property owners are behind on their rent and mortgage payments according to the Turner Center at UC Berkeley;

WHEREAS Pacifica, California, and the United States face an escalation in evictions/foreclosures, a debt crisis, and with a UCLA study attributing 10,000 COVID-19 deaths and 400,000 infections directly to eviction;

WHEREAS at least 151,000 people are homeless in California with multiple cities declaring homelessness a local emergency, and rising unemployment combined with a lack of eviction protections and small homeowner assistance will only further exacerbate the homelessness crisis:

WHEREAS the public health and socioeconomic stability of Pacifica is facing an unprecedented test, and city and county governments need every available tool to respond locally to the specific issues their communities face;

WHEREAS Assembly Bill 3088, the legislation passed in the California State Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom on August 31, 2020, to protect renters who cannot pay their rent in full due to COVID-related hardship, expires on January 31, 2021;

WHEREAS Assembly Bill 15, sponsored by Assembly member David Chiu (D-San Francisco), dozens of state legislators and hundreds of tenant, affordable housing, labor and social justice groups across the state, will extend and improve AB 3088 for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as currently drafted does not limit the ability of cities and counties to further protect our residents;

WHEREAS, this resolution is made for the purpose of publicly expressing the views of the Pacifica City Council on AB 15 or other similar legislation that provides renter protections due to COVID-related hardship, but is not intended to and does not authorize any expenditure of public funds for the purpose of campaigning or advocating for (or against) any specific legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pacifica City Council hereby endorses AB 15 or other similar legislation that provides renter protections due to COVID-related hardship, and urges Governor Newsom and the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 15 or

other similar legislation that provides renter protections due to COVID-related hardship, with urgency, without preemption of critical local protections, allowing city and county governments to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and stabilize the communities they represent.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on the 25th day of January 2021, by the following vote:

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

NOES, Councilmembers: Vaterlaus.


ABSENT, Councilmembers: n/a

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: n/a



Sue Beckmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Coffey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney