

Subject: Re: Council Meeting August 25, Item #7.2 – Extension of Emergency Ordinance re Evictions

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Dear Mayor Abe-Koga and Members of the City Council,

The LWV would like to comment on item 7.2, please see attached PDF or plain text below.

Sincerely,

Donna Yobs

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The California League of Women Voters supports policies to prevent homelessness. This includes cost-effective prevention services to assist those on the edge of becoming homeless, including supportive services such as CSA provides.

Clearly, the emergency ordinances that place a moratorium on evictions due to COVID 19 are **key to preventing homelessness**. We urge the Council to adopt Staff's recommendation to extend the City's moratorium to make it consistent with the County moratorium, but if the County does not extend its moratorium, to keep the City moratorium until the City terminates the local emergency. We agree that the repayment of rent should be consistent with the County's policy of half the rent being due 180 days after the moratorium is terminated and the remainder 360 days after the moratorium is terminated.

We also urge the City to repurpose the funds not used by the small landlords so that they can be used to help the tenants who have still not received rental assistance and/or need additional rental assistance for a second month's rent. Keeping people housed costs less than having to help these people if they become homeless, and, of course, it is far better to keep people in their homes.

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