From: christopher bolei Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 10:36 AM To: Mayor Kate <<u>Kate.Colin@cityofsanrafael.org</u>> Subject: Re: RENTERS ARE PANICKING.

Thank you for letting me see the staff report. Why isn't this being publicized? The article on the front page of the IJ only talked about the county. The city should reach out to the IJ and let the people know that this is being worked on! We are all at our wit's end, and as I have stated, the amount of people needing protection is FAR GREATER than what the County believes! The numbers are way off.

Please feel free to use my comments. We will be attending the zoom meeting, as well. Thank you for your reply. Everyone wants to forget the pandemic, but the effects are still in full force.

Thanks,

Chris

Sent from Outlook

From: Mayor Kate <<u>Kate.Colin@cityofsanrafael.org</u>> Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 8:37 PM To: christopher bolei Subject: Re: RENTERS ARE PANICKING.

Hi Mr. Bolei - Thanks for reaching out and this is a very serious issue on which (as you point out), the federal, state and local governments are addressing. I am sorry to hear about your frustration at the lack of information as Marin County has been working hard to reach folks (more on that below).

There are two parts to your email questions - the moratorium and rental assistance. Regarding the eviction moratorium, at our Monday Council meeting, San Rafael will be considering extending the current moratorium that we have in place for all of San Rafael through the end of September. This aligns with what Marin County is doing. You can read the staff report here: <u>https://storage.googleapis.com/proudcity/sanrafaelca/uploads/2021/06/6.a-Eviction-Moratorium-Through-September-2021.pdf</u>

The State of California has a moratorium in place through June and most likely it will be extended. San Rafael is taking action to ensure this safety net for our residents. I can include your email as part of the public record if you would like so that my Council colleagues can know about your concerns. Lmk if that would be okay.

The second part of your question is about rental assistance. That program is **not** being managed by the City and is being managed by the County of Marin. They are the ones who've received over \$15million to support renters; the City didn't receive any of that money to distribute. Here

is a link to the Marin County website to get your questions answered about rental assistance: <u>https://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/housing/renter-and-landlord-resources/covid-19-renter-protections</u>

There are lots of links and resources on the County website. I also found this on the webpage: If you have any outstanding questions about the emergency ban on evictions, contact the <u>Housing and Federal Grants Division</u> staff by email or telephone at (415) 473-7309.

Hopefully this is the information you were seeking; if not, let me know.

Warmly, Kate

Kate Colin Mayor, City of San Rafael



From: christopher bolei Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2021 1:09 PM To: Mayor Kate <<u>Kate.Colin@cityofsanrafael.org</u>> Subject: Fw: RENTERS ARE PANICKING.

The other 3 families that I know are all so stressed out right now that there is no way you could comprehend it. Never in a million years did I think we would be in this situation. It is your obligation to prevent people who, through no fault of their own, from going homeless. This is a disaster waiting to happen. We worry all day long. We have made DOZENS AND DOZENS of calls and emails to government officials, only to be ignored. What happened to the millions of dollars that the Fed gave out? We could at least pay April, May, and June to our landlord if the MCF could FIGURE IT OUT. wHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO? wE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THE 3 MONTHS TO BE PAID, AND no one will tell us anything!

I am very frustrated and upset and for good reason. Our representatives have failed in this crucial time of need. STEP IT UP, people.

Chris Bolei

Sent from Outlook

From: christopher bolei Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 1:59 PM To: <u>alicia.giudice@cityofsanrafael.org</u> <<u>alicia.giudice@cityofsanrafael.org</u>> Cc: <u>kate.colin@cityofsanrafael.org</u> <<u>kate.colin@cityofsanrafael.org</u>> Subject: RENTERS ARE PANICKING.

Hi folks,

You know our new tent city in San Rafael? Guess what? It will be getting A LOT BIGGER on July 1st if the eviction moratorium is not extended. Despite Governor Newsome's decision to reopen the state, the effects of the pandemic have not "magically disappeared". Also, the numbers regarding those in need of rental assistance (not one person in Fairfax needs assistance?) that the county is using are not based on reality. There are still hundreds, if not thousands of us who do.

There are a variety of reasons why the county has under-counted the true number of those in need. I would be happy to have that discussion with you if you desire. It is based on logic. I personally know 3 people that did not apply for county assistance, but are an inch from eviction should the protections go away. One of them wasn't aware of it. One of them borrowed money (which the federal government will not pay back to them), and one of them was ashamed and prideful, so they sold their possessions to pay rent. There are probably many more people who need protection. Undocumented folks aren't going to apply for rental assistance, that's for sure.

The point is if the eviction protection ending will be a disaster for MANY, MANY people, including myself. I have been put in this situation through NO FAULT OF MY OWN! My partner is disabled, and we have begged and borrowed all we can! WE NEED HELP!

What happened to the millions and millions of dollars that the Fed gave the county? Why is it taking so long to distribute it? This pandemic has caused PTSD in myself and my partner, and that is NOT an exaggeration.

I grew up in San Rafael. In fact, I run a page on FB with that very name. Never in a million years did I think I would need to rely on the government for help, but here we are. I have paid taxes all my life, and it is time for the City to STEP UP and help those in need!

Please extend the moratorium until September, at least! The unemployment (PUA) has been extended. Newsome may extend eviction protection as well, but we can't rely on him. Do the right thing for your constituents during this unprecedented disaster.

The manager of my apartment complex told me 25 families applied for aid through the county. 25! Just in this one complex. Please don't put us out on the street. We are SCARED!

Thank you,

Chris Bolei San Rafael Resident

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