

Eviction Moratorium Evaluation

City of Merced
City Council
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Background

- February - March: Unprecedented closure of businesses across all sectors to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- March - April: Series of Federal, State and Judicial actions take place to protect families from experiencing evictions related to COVID-19
- April: Community Members request additional action by the City Council
- May: Council establishes Sub-Committee to explore options related to evictions

Research by Sub-Committee

- Held meetings with the following interested stakeholders:
 - Board of Realtors
 - Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability
 - Local Property Management firms

Recommendations

- Continue to follow Federal, State, and Judicial policy
- Fully support use of CDBG/COVID funds for Rental Subsidies
- Encourage renters to work directly with landlords on repayment options
- Promote a “First-time Home Buyer” program in partnership with the Board of Realtors to educate residents about the benefits of buying a home