

**Hayes, Kathy**

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**From:** Caroline Griffith <griffithcarolinec@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** COB  
**Subject:** Revised Eviction Moratorium

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am pleased that you are discussing revising the eviction moratorium that was passed last week. The new proposal, which is on the 5/5 agenda, will do so much more to help tenants and landlords navigate the rough economic patch that is ahead of us. By expanding the moratorium to 180 days and establishing guidelines for a payback period, this proposal will not only help tenants to stay in their homes, but will give landlords a clear path to continuing to collect rent. Though the state is on track to easing restrictions, those of us who work in service industries won't necessarily be heading back to work soon. And once we do, paying back 2 months rent in 90 days (on top of paying our regular rent) will be a hardship that many of us cannot weather. Having 180 days to pay back rent makes it much more feasible to be able to stay in our homes.

I urge you to adopt the revised ordinance and thank you for taking this matter up again.

Thank you,

Caroline Griffith

resident of Eureka, District 1

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Mark Walker <m.khodok@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Hayes, Kathy  
**Subject:** Fwd: Evictions and COVID-19 Ordinance

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**From:** Madrone, Steve <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Date:** Mon, May 4, 2020 at 9:24 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Evictions and COVID-19 Ordinance  
**To:** Mark Walker <[m.khodok@gmail.com](mailto:m.khodok@gmail.com)>

Thanks Mark. Please send this to the Clerk of the Board to distribute.

[khayes@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:khayes@co.humboldt.ca.us)

Steve Madrone  
County of Humboldt  
Supervisor, District 5  
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**From:** Mark Walker <[m.khodok@gmail.com](mailto:m.khodok@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 9:20 AM  
**To:** Madrone, Steve <[smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Evictions and COVID-19 Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Madrone

My name is Mark Walker, and I am a resident of Eureka. I am writing in support of the replacement of Ordinance 2641 regarding COVID-19 and evictions. The new changes take steps to address the severity of the economic impacts that working families in Humboldt County face from the pandemic.

Data from the HUD American Community Survey shows that in 2016, 30% of Humboldt renter households (7,190 households) paid more than 50% of their income on housing. It is unrealistic to think that families that spend more than half their income on housing can repay back rent in a space of 90 days. In all probability at least 7,190 households (not individuals, households) will face eviction and probably homelessness at the end of that period. An extension to 180 days, as well as the other measures, provide a more realistic option to allow families to save the resources to pay off their landlords.

The County itself will also face a grave impact from a wave of evictions and should do everything it can to lessen, if not halt, that wave. The homeless situation here has been a crisis for a long time. As of 2019, Humboldt had a enumerated homeless population of 1702, of which 1402 were unsheltered. The County lacks the ability to deal adequately with a homeless population of only 1700 individuals. With at least 7,190 households looking at eviction and homelessness, now is the time to ask how many more homeless can the County afford, and to take the measures to lessen that impact.

For these reasons I urge you to support the revised ordinance.

Sincerely

Mark Walker  
Eureka, California.

## Hayes, Kathy

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**From:** Stephanie Boers <slboers@suddenlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:36 AM  
**To:** COB  
**Cc:** Madrone, Steve; Wilson, Mike; Fennell, Estelle; Bohn, Rex; Bass, Virginia  
**Subject:** Public comment regarding Eviction Prohibition Ordinance for Discussion on May 4, 2020

**Importance:** High

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I did not understand the correct protocol for reaching out to you regarding this issue and it appears I should have sent one email to all of you—along with the formal “cob” address so the clerk is also aware of the conversation. I am resending this one letter to all of you for the record.

Many thanks for your consideration of our public comments.

To the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

I understand you will be meeting as a group on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the newly proposed Eviction Prohibition Ordinance as drafted by County Counsel. I appreciate your commitment to our entire community and the conviction you continuously display as you represent us. So many of our community members are suffering economic hardship during this pandemic and the adoption of this new ordinance would provide tremendous relief. Thank you for your YES vote on this ordinance that:

- Provides for a 180-day period following May 31 to repay unpaid rent (thru November 2020)
- Includes mobile homes and mobile home parks.
- Includes a prohibition on “No-Fault eviction”
- Includes a requirement that **Landlords must serve written notice** upon all tenants about the provisions of the Ordinance.
- Prohibits late fees or interest for Delayed Payment.
- Requires Tenants to notify the Landlord in writing of inability to pay, & describes what is acceptable.
- Asks that the Tenant & Landlord reach an agreement on a schedule of payments for back rent, or if no agreement is reached, the total amount will be divided by the number of months remaining of the 180 days (6 mos.).

I appreciate your consideration of this ordinance that will benefit so many. Stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Boers