

PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 15

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 Terner 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;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pacifica City Council hereby endorses AB 15 and urges Governor Newsom and the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 15 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

### TALKING POINTS IN SUPPORT OF AB 15

- a. COVID infections and death are at record highs.
- b. Approximately 25.5% of renters and 17.4% of California property owners are behind in payments. A recent study reported 1 in 5 Californians had little to no confidence they could pay next months rent.
- c. It is generally conceded that the rent moratorium slowed evictions and the COVID spread.
- d. Pacifica faces unprecedented public health and socioeconomic challenges due to COVID and the economic downturn.
- e. AB 15 will slow COVID and spur economic recovery.
- f. There are many who support AB 15:
  - Governor Gavin Newsom wants to extend protections and funding to keep people in their homes.
  - All Home, a Bay Area regional team “to challenge long-standing systems that perpetuate homelessness” suggests taking urgent action to extend the eviction moratorium.
  - he San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has demonstrated leadership in this COVID crisis and supported AB 3088.
  - Redwood City, Daly City and South San Francisco are all creating city resolutions to encourage state legislators to pass AB 15.