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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:23 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** 5-1. Urgency Ordinance of the City of Albany City Council Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Foreclosures, Evictions, and Rent Increases

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Hello,

I am writing to urge Albany city council to place a moratorium on foreclosures, evictions, and rent increases **as well as** a suspension on mortgages and rent. This should include houses purchases through a line of credit.

My husband and I are Albany residences. Our income has been severely impacted by the threat of COVID-19 and due to businesses shutting down. We are extremely concerned because our landlord is offering little leniency during these circumstances. If we pay the amount she is requesting for rent, we wouldn't be able to sustain ourselves and purchase food or take care of any medical expenses. We understand that it is not in total power of council members, but with your support we could get the governor to place a statewide rent/mortgage suspension. Half of the residences in Albany are renters & I am positive there are many in the same boat as us.

Thank you for your time,  
Brianna

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Item5.1 emergency ordinance Council meeting March 26

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Once again the mom-and-pop landlords of Albany will receive an ultimatum that they must protect those who've lost their jobs. That is the governments work. We can't carry the burden. I for one have lost an important rent that was paying for my brothers nursing home. He has severe dementia. I will have to take him out And keep him at my home. I don't know how I can do this but without the rent I have to. Why doesn't rent mediation go into effect and go case by case. Just a blanket ordinance is not facing reality. Some landlords are as bad off as the tenants. Why should tenants get a special ordinance without consideration of where the landlord is financially. I'm asking you to be fair.

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:43 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item 5-1

Hello,

I am a resident of Albany and like so many of us, have been adjusting to the stress and uncertainty brought by this outbreak. I rent a house and half of my housemates have lost their ability to work due to the outbreak, leaving us collectively in a position of not being able to pay rent for April. I see that Governor Newsom has announced mortgage relief for 90 days from big banks, which will take some pressure off for people, but I have some questions still.

- 1) What about people, like my landlord, who are paying off their house through a line of credit? How can people in this position get an extension on these payments?
- 2) What about property taxes? This is also a big burden for people right now, so what can be done to relieve people of paying these for the time being?
- 3) I think the reasonable thing to do to protect renters given the economic crisis we are in is to also put a freeze on rent. How soon could this be put in place?

Sincerely,

Corey Rowland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:28 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Agenda item 5-1, Urgency Ordinance of the City of Albany City Council Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Foreclosures, Evictions, and Rent Increases

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Dear Council Members,

I am glad to see urgent action to address the coronavirus crisis being discussed, but am disappointed to hear that a half-measure is what is being proposed in our town. Now that Governor Newsom has announced that banks will allow a 3-month moratorium on mortgage payments (no penalties), I urge you to **enact a 3-month moratorium on all rent payments, as well. If workers are being told to stay home, businesses are ordered to close, in order to protect the health of others, how can we expect them to pay their rent while not receiving income of their own?**

I'm sure you're aware that half of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, and around half of the residents of our town are renters who do not own the homes in which they live. For the most part, renters fall into the category of those living check to check, because they do not have access to the financial capital required to purchase a house of their own. With businesses closed and the economic impact of the coronavirus crisis increasing daily, working people who were already struggling to get by before this crisis are left with little to no income and few prospects of future income.

Renters cannot afford to pay rent while being out of work. This measure needs to go further than a ban on rent increases - we need a moratorium on rent for at least 3 months. Meaning renters do not have to pay their rent for 3 months, and will not owe 3 months' worth of rent in the future. Housing is a right, and during a public health crisis like the one we face, we should be exhausting all means to keep people safe, fed, and in their homes.

I urge you to examine the letter to Governor Newsom that has been signed by dozens of California cities and NGOs urging for a moratorium on rent, as well as other relief measures, add your signatures in support, and enact any measures that are within your jurisdiction immediately. I sent the letter to Mayor Pilch earlier this week.

Thank you for your service and consideration in this matter. Let's use this crisis moment to come together and support the most vulnerable in our communities - not start a class war that leaves working people to fend for themselves.

Best regards,  
Johanna

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:39 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Item 5-1

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

I would like to register support for the City's quick action to pass this emergency ordinance. It is absolutely vital to pass such an ordinance in order to protect our renters, homeowners with mortgages and small businesses. I urge the City Council to adopt this ordinance and be ready and willing to extend it as needed in order to give the affected tenants the maximum time possible in order to catch up on their payments.

In addition, I urge the City Council to consider creation or expansion of a rental relief fund. Without some assistance, moratoriums like this one will only forestall eventual evictions, as many tenants have no avenue to make up their lost income.

Thank you,

-Aaron Tiedemann

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:55 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Emergency meeting for Thursday, March 26

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Hello,

I have public comment for today's meeting, if you would kindly enter it into that portion of the agenda:

I am a part of a household in Albany, a 2-wage earning family of four. We are significantly affected by this COVID pandemic as are many others in our fair city.

We partly own 2 small investment properties in town: they are part of our long-range family investment plan. We actively engage with our tenants to ensure the best relationship we can as a housing provider.

While we understand the need to be lenient with regards to tenant rent payments in these times, please respect that the lending institutions we work with do not show such empathy for us homeowners. Also note that our tax bill is due in a little over 2 weeks - a major factor in annual cash flow for these investments.

We will continue to foster a positive relationship with our tenants and work with them under the recommended city guidelines for rent payment, but please keep the rent control conversation separate from that presented by the extenuating circumstances due to the COVID pandemic.

Thank you,  
Sam Hoffman

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:19 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 5-1 ORDINANCE NO. 2020-03

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Hello Councilors,  
I'm writing in support of the ordinance to suspend evictions and foreclosures for people affected by COVID-19. First, thank you for putting it on the agenda at this crucial time.

Many Albany residents like myself are renters. For some of us, our landlords are also our neighbors. I'm sure these members of our community would like to offer relief to their tenants, but also feel pressured to make their mortgage payments. In addition to mortgage relief being offered by the state of California and some major banks, an additional moratorium locally would allow local landlords to offer support to their tenants with temporary relief from rent.

In truth, we are all affected by the coronavirus pandemic. A strict means test would make it unnecessarily difficult to support our community at this time. Please make sure this moratorium helps and supports as many of us as possible. We can settle the details later on, as we are a relatively affluent community with many resources at our disposal.

Thank you,

Daniel Cardozo

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** City Council comments

[EXTERNAL EMAIL.]

Item 5.1 Eviction, foreclosure, rent increase moratorium

Members of the city council:

Thank you for considering a moratorium on evictions, foreclosures, and rent increases. I strongly support efforts to keep people in their homes. In a time of a contagious pandemic, all of society benefits when individuals and families do not have to worry about losing their homes and can shelter in place.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:08 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Agenda item 5.1 March 25, 2020

I wholly support the adoption of this measure.

Judy Kerr

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:37 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** 5-1. Urgency Ordinance of the City of Albany City Council Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Foreclosures, Evictions, and Rent Increases

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Hello,

My wife and I just moved to Albany and spent most of our savings paying our first month rent plus the deposit, which was paid in February. We were traveling abroad for 3 months to help my mom recovering after she had a stroke last Mother's Day. We saved enough money to be able to help her in person as she was suffering with her caregivers treating her bad, stealing from her, in addition her husband leaving her half paralyzed in bed. We traveled to help that nightmare and we were able to come back with some savings, which majority was spend on first months rent + deposit. As I'm an independent contractor and have worked for Uber since March 2019, I was sure we could restart our lives and rebuild our savings. The second day we got back, my car shut down, making me unable to use the car and to work as planned. As the battery costs 3000 to 5000 dollars to replace, I decided just to leave my car on the street and rent a car with Uber. Unfortunately, with the Covid crisis happening, the money I spent to rent a car plus gasoline during the days 11 to 18 of March made me only able to make 149 dollars in profit (I used to make more than a 1000 a week). Not only was it awful financially, but riders were coming into my car coughing/sneezing. I realized I was jeopardizing my safety, the safety of my housemates and my customers. I wasn't in a safe place so I decided not to rent a car again, as the money spent wasn't worth it for the amount of time I spent online trying to get rides. For three days straight, I wasn't even able to get rides because of the shelter in place order.

Our landlord is not able to help us properly as my wife and I share 1750 dollars out of the 3495 rent price that we divide with 2 other housemates. We even tried to reach out to other people to move in at the recommendation of the realtor, but with quarantine and everybody losing their jobs it made us unable to find other housemates to help with rent. It's horrible knowing that during your entire life you never owed money to anybody, always helped others and then all of the sudden you don't have a car, but still have to pay, you don't have money to pay rent, the jobs you applied and got approved for decided to not hire you as they had to shut down. We really don't know what we can do! I'm trying to apply for unemployment and I don't know if the money that we might receive will be even enough to pay our bills, food, rent, as our financial costs monthly are in between 3200-3500. I can't even pay the taxes that I owe for the last year right now. So it's really a desperate situation that I never felt before. I urge you to use all of your power to make this situation easier for everyone, renters and property owners. I struggled most of my life living in Brazil and learned how to save money due all the financial crises, crimes and problems that the country faces. It would be a huge help to freeze rent and mortgages. It's a calamity that we are facing and it's not fair that someone with an excellent credit score, a hard worker and that never failed to pay a single bill in his life, is in this situation. Money is not everything, but this amount that we might start owing and not knowing if we will even have a shelter to be is something that I would never expect as a good citizen of this planet. We just want compassion and empathy to help the hardest times of our lives. In name of all of the people struggling in this time.

Sincerely,  
Giancarlo Martelozzo

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