



Resolution #20-04-05

CALL FOR INTERMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS & FORECLOSURES

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020 California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California due to COVID-19, on March 16, he issued Executive Order N-28-20 authorizing eviction moratoriums, and the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic threatens many thousands of Orange County residents' housing security, business lessees, and mortgagor-owners of residential and small business property; and

WHEREAS, Orange County, the third most populous in California, and its cities are unable adequately to address the current needs of a large and increasing homeless population, and a dramatic rise in evictions will cause even more suffering, including long-lasting economic, physical and mental impacts; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Newsom's Executive Order N-28-20 authorizes local jurisdictions, including Orange County and its cities, to strengthen housing security by issuing moratoriums on evictions and foreclosures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls upon county and local officials immediately to: (1) Protect residential and small business renters and mortgagors suffering economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, including by extending rent and mortgage obligations and a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures, and late fees and utility shut-offs, to the fullest extent authorized by and subject to the conditions of Executive Order N-28-20; and (2) Begin to study and implement long-term rent stabilization policies including assessing gentrification and displacement.

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