

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021**

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED
AFTER PUBLISHED AGENDA**

eCOMMENTS RECEIVED

Items 10 & 12

eComments received for January 26, 2021 Hayward City Council Meeting:

Item	Name	Comment	Position
10. CONS 21-035 Adopt Resolutions Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$354,083 for the FY 2020 Median Landscape Improvement Project 05255 and Awarding a Contract to Marina Landscape, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$399,083	Steven Dunbar	I would point out that immediately to Hayward's north, the county is installing Class II buffered bike lanes on Hesperian, and San Leandro is considering bike lanes as well. I hope staff continues to coordinate street repair/redesign and median work to reduce cost to the extent feasible. Thanks for your consideration.	Neutral
12. CONS 21-044 Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a \$75,000 Grant for Patrick Avenue Improvements Phase 2 and Execute a Funding Agreement with the Alameda County Transportation Commission from the COVID-19 Rapid Response Bicycle/Pedestrian Grant Program	Steven Dunbar	Great job getting this grant through and getting the finishing touches on this project done.	Support

ITEM 15: CONS 21-065

**Adopt a Resolution in Support of
California Assembly Bill 15: Tenant
Stabilization Act of 2021, and Assembly
Bill 16: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord,
and Affordable Housing Provider
Stabilization Act of 2021**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

From: Bobbi López
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:18 PM
To: List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>
Subject: Letter and Polling on Item #15

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

Please kindly find the attached letter with polling numbers regarding Hayward and proposed extension of the eviction moratorium.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Lopez



January 26, 2021

Re: Support for Item #15, Consent Calendar, Adopt a Resolution in Support of California Assembly Bill 15: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021, and Assembly Bill 16: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021

Dear Mayor and Members of the Hayward City Council,

We write in support of the Resolution before you on AB 15 and AB 16. Build Affordable Faster California (BAFCA) is a local, regional, and state Civic Advocacy & Action Project of the Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO), a nonprofit community-based community development corporation that owns and operates 950 units of affordable housing. As a provider of affordable housing, we are deeply concerned that without the level of intervention provided by AB 15 and AB 16, the homelessness crisis will be deeply exacerbated by the growth of evictions due to the pandemic. We are here to share two polls of interest that make the case for supporting this Resolution and in turn, these state legislations.

CA State Poll

We just commissioned a poll, from January 16-19, 2021, from Binder Associates of 600 California voters (margin of error +/-4). The vast majority of voters -- 71% -- support the extension of the eviction moratorium, 69% of whom agree that the moratorium should remain firmly until the end of the year -- or until the pandemic ends. Only 8% support a short-term extension. We believe AB 15 and AB 16 are in line with vision of Californians for caring for the most vulnerable tenants and landlords in our state. Please see below.

SECTION 3. RENTAL HOUSING POLICY

Currently renters in California who have lost jobs or income due to the pandemic cannot be evicted for falling behind on their rent.

That emergency law will expire at the end of this month, at which time, landlords can again evict renters behind on payments. Do you support or oppose extending this law?

Support strongly	56	→71%
Support somewhat	15	
Oppose somewhat	8	→22%
Oppose strongly	14	
Don't know	7	

IF SUPPORT: Which of the following would be your preference for how long to extend the law? (n=428)

For 3 months	8
For 6 months	17
Until the end of this year	10
Until February of next year	3
Until the pandemic is over, regardless of how the economy is doing	18
Until both the pandemic is over, and the economy recovers	38
Don't know	7

Binder Assoc. January 16-19, 2020, CA State Voter Survey, Sample Size: 600 total, Margin of Error: ± 4.0%

Alameda County Poll and Hayward Specific Poll

We also commissioned a poll on September 19-21, 2020, from Binder Associates, of the cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland and Hayward with a sample size of 750 total, including 150 in Hayward (Margin of Error: $\pm 4.0\%$ overall, $\pm 8.0\%$ for Hayward specific data). In that poll, back in September we had asked specifically about a County extension of a moratorium on evictions and the support in these four cities was overwhelming.

Next, as the COVID 19 crisis continues, do you support or oppose Alameda County extending the existing moratorium on evictions?

Support strongly	59	→81%
Support somewhat	21	
Oppose somewhat	8	→15%
Oppose strongly	7	
Don't know	4	

Binder Assoc. September 19-21, 2020, Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, Hayward Voter Survey, Sample Size: 750 total, Margin of Error: $\pm 4.0\%$

In the case of the City of Hayward, support was still exceedingly strong at 71% for the continuation of a County Eviction Moratorium. When pushed further with pros and cons of the moratorium, support rose in Hayward to 76% for an eviction moratorium.

Next, as the COVID 19 crisis continues, do you support or oppose Alameda County extending the existing moratorium on evictions?

Support strongly	49	→71%
Support somewhat	22	
Oppose somewhat	12	→24%
Oppose strongly	12	
Don't know	5	

Binder Associates September 19-21, 2020, Hayward Voter Survey, Sample Size: 150 total, Margin of Error: $\pm 8.0\%$

Some/others say that without protections from eviction, many people will lose their homes and many will end up on the street simply because they've lost their incomes during the pandemic.

Some/others say small landlords will go bankrupt or lose their homes with tenants who don't pay rent for months on end, and we need a better solution than an eviction moratorium.

Hearing this, do you support or oppose Alameda County extending the existing moratorium on evictions?

Support strongly	44	→76%
Support somewhat	32	
Oppose somewhat	10	→21%
Oppose strongly	11	
Don't know	3	

ASK SUMMARY

	YES	NO	UNDECIDED
Q42. ASK 1: Initial Ask	71	24	5
Q43. ASK 2: After Tradeoff	76	21	3

Binder Associates September 19-21, 2020, Hayward Voter Survey, Sample Size: 150 total, Margin of Error: $\pm 8.0\%$

It is also important to flag for the policymakers of the City of Hayward the resident responses to the following statement: “I am concerned for myself and my family about the ability to make rent and mortgage payments.” While 35% of all renters and homeowners expressed strong concern, when the data was collated just for Hayward renters, there were a shocking 67% of Hayward renters that strongly agreed with this statement compared to 33% of renters in Oakland or 32% of renters in Berkeley. This likely will necessitate a greater attention to the distribution of rental assistance funds by the state as Hayward’s working-class residents and renters are saying that they are struggling at a greater rent to pay rent, compared to other cities in the same county.

	AGREE		DISAGREE		Don't know	SUMMARY	
	Strongly	Some-what	Some-what	Strongly		Agree	Disagree
I am concerned for myself and my family about the ability to make rent and mortgage payments	35	20	14	27	3	56	41

Crosstabs of Hayward data based on housing and income.

HOUSING STATEMENT: I am concerned for myself and my family about the ability to make rent and mortgage payments.							Summary	
		Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Agree	Disagree
Total		35	20	14	27	3	56	41
Housing	Own	20	22	16	37	4	43	53
Housing	Rent	67	14	4	15	0	81	19
Housing	Family	30	25	20	18	7	55	38
Income	Under \$25K	56	18	0	19	7	74	19
Income	\$25K-\$49K	65	17	4	4	10	82	8
Income	\$50K-\$74K	38	27	10	21	4	65	31
Income	\$75K-\$99K	28	26	23	24	0	53	47
Income	\$100K-\$149K	29	26	27	18	0	55	45
Income	\$200K+	4	18	24	53	0	22	78

If you have any questions on this information, feel free to reach out to Bobbi Lopez

Sincerely,

Bobbi Lopez
Build Affordable Faster CA, Regional Policy Director

From: Lizzy U.
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 9:10 AM
To: List-Mayor-Council
Subject: Support for AB 15 and AB 16

CAUTION: This is an external email. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you know the content is safe.

Dear Mayor Halliday and Councilmembers,

I want to see you support the staff recommendations to endorse AB 15 and AB 16, and continue the local evictions moratorium should the state fail to act.

Everyone deserves safe and secure housing. In this moment, in this conversation, Hayward tenants - who are disproportionately low-income, Black and brown - are the people most deeply impacted by this ongoing pandemic. Mass displacement of tenants would greatly contribute to the rising homeless population. We need you to use all of your resources to keep people housed; including passing tenant-friendly legislation. Thank you.



January 24, 2021

RE: ITEM 15: Adopt a Resolution in Support of California Assembly Bill 15: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021, and Assembly Bill 16: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021

Dear Mayor Halliday and City Council Members,

We would like to thank staff for being proactive in recommending support for AB 15 and AB 16. The staff report on this issue is clear regarding the importance of supporting these state level pieces of legislation.

We want to highlight these two quotes from the staff report.

"According to a UCLA study that compared cities across the US and the length of their eviction moratoriums, evictions during the pandemic in the United States contributed to 10,000 COVID-19 deaths and 400,000 infections."

"Hayward's housing stock is about 48% rental and 52% owner occupied units, but 60% of Latinx residents and 75% of Black/African-American residents live in rental housing and only 35% of Non-Latinx White Hayward residents are renters. Potential evictions would disproportionately impact communities of color in Hayward, and Black residents in particular."

It is necessary that all levels of government strengthen protections for tenants to prevent displacement and homelessness, and it is clear Black and brown community members in Hayward are most at-risk of those two possibilities.

We encourage you to support the staff recommendation and adopt the resolution.

Sincerely,
Alicia G. Lawrence
Housing Justice Advocate

ITEM 19: LB 21-002

**Temporary Evictions Moratoria:
Adoption of Emergency Ordinance
Amending the Temporary Moratorium
on Commercial Evictions to Extend the
Moratorium and Enacting a Moratorium
on Residential Evictions
(Report from Assistant City Manager Ott)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS



January 24, 2021

RE: ITEM 19: Temporary Evictions Moratoria: Adoption of Emergency Ordinance Amending the Temporary Moratorium on Commercial Evictions to Extend the Moratorium and Enacting a Moratorium on Residential Evictions

Dear Mayor Halliday and City Council Members,

We would like to thank staff for being on top of this and bringing this forward, and for keeping us up-to-date on the local moratorium.

We want to highlight these two quotes from the staff report on AB 15 and AB16.

According to a UCLA study that compared cities across the US and the length of their eviction moratoriums, evictions during the pandemic in the United States contributed to 10,000 COVID-19 deaths and 400,000 infections.

Hayward's housing stock is about 48% rental and 52% owner occupied units, but 60% of Latinx residents and 75% of Black/African-American residents live in rental housing and only 35% of Non-Latinx White Hayward residents are renters. Potential evictions would disproportionately impact communities of color in Hayward, and Black residents in particular.

As stated in our other letter, it is necessary that all levels of government strengthen protections for tenants to prevent displacement and homelessness, and it is clear Black and brown community members in Hayward are most at-risk of those two possibilities.

We encourage you to support the staff recommendation regarding the current moratorium should there be no action on the state level.

Should the state level legislation not offer sufficient relief for tenants, we will request you consider additional local legislation. Since Council failed to enact a long-term decrease on the rent threshold for rent stabilized units - units disproportionately housing low-income families; Black and brown families - tenants need alternative forms of relief. Relief you can provide if you choose to do so.

Sincerely,
Alicia G. Lawrence
Housing Justice Advocate