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Subject: New eComment for City Council Special Meeting (City Council Declaration of an Emergency with Attendant Orders)

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Larry Peha submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 1. REPORT 20-0167 CITY COUNCIL DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY WITH ATTENDANT ORDERS

eComment: Mayor and Council members, These are extraordinary times, for sure, and extraordinary measures need to be taken. That being said, I would like for you to think about the impacts of your proposal, to allow certain tenants complete rent relief during this crisis. From what I find, Hermosa seems to be the only city mandating this. I thoroughly understand the mandate of having to close restaurants, bars and the like, in the interest of common health. However, what I don't think you understand is that property owners are businesses too. This mandate would just be alleviating the burden of one business yet passing the burden to another business. Why is one more important than the other? As a property owner, I still need to make my mortgage payment, pay my bills, pay my taxes, city fees, etc. This is also my way of making a living. I am retired and the rental income I receive is what I live on, as it is to the businesses you are relieving. Note that the federal government will be providing income relief to these business's employees which is a big part of their expenses. There has been no such talk of property owner relief. Of course, I do not think all of the burden should be on the tenant. I would like for you to consider sharing this responsibility between landlord and tenant by strongly suggesting landlords reduce or defer rent during the mandated time in which the establishments are closed. I understand you are trying to help the "mom and pop" businesses so they do not get wiped out; however, there are several landlords that are mom and pops too. I would have come before you tonight, but as you have recommended, I am home watching. Thank you for your consideration and leadership.