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Mayor Ashcraft and Vice Mayor Knox White,

I am in support of both ordinances as described in the staff reports.

The moratorium on evictions urgency ordinance attached to the agenda item reflects the fifth option for Council actions.

- ☐ Direct staff to prepare an urgency ordinance that establishes a moratorium on evictions regardless of the reason for non-payment of rent (i.e., the tenant would not have to establish that the inability to pay rent was directly linked to COVID-19). While there may be an argument for such a broad moratorium (it could be hard to find housing in this rental market if evicted thus increasing the likelihood of homelessness, etc.), staff has not been able to identify an urgency ordinance with such a broad scope.

Please make an explicit decision regarding the moratorium for evictions relating to non-payment of rent:

- 1) where a tenant can demonstrate that the tenant has suffered a substantial loss of income (defined as a reduction of 20% or more of monthly gross pay) due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2) regardless of the reason for non-payment of rent (i.e., the tenant would not have to establish that the inability to pay rent was directly linked to COVID-19). While there may be an argument for such a broad moratorium (it could be hard to find housing in this rental market if evicted thus increasing the likelihood of homelessness, etc.), staff has not been able to identify an urgency ordinance with such a broad scope.

Thank you and take care,
Alan Teague