

From: [Linda Witt](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Cc: [Lambert, Kathy](#)
Subject: Motion 2020-0165
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:46:45 AM

My comment is regarding "A MOTION calling on Governor Inslee to impose an immediate moratorium on rent payments and urging federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments."

I am a small business landlord and a homeowner. This motion while appearing having "good" intentions, is an example of the government picking winners and losers, who cares what the unintended consequences are, one size fits all solution. The majority of people in this country have a job and can pay their rent or mortgage. Making a blanket declaration that they don't have to pay their rent is truly irresponsible and an example of government putting everybody into the same box. Making the landlord or mortgage company pick up the slack for the missed payments is assuming they can pick up the slack. There are real tenants and homeowners that have lost their job and probably would appreciate some assistance, but to apply a moratorium to everyone is beyond stupid. I think there are better ways to help those who lost a job make their rent or mortgage payments. In fact, one guy named Vic on fb did a rant on this very subject. His suggestion was for mortgage companies to just apply the missed mortgage payment to the balance on the mortgage. It will eventually get paid. Unintended consequences are real. If the government instituted this type of moratorium, why would a landlord keep being a landlord? I would certainly be selling my rental house. I only clear \$200 a month after paying the mortgage, the insurance, the HOA dues, and the yard guy. That is a \$200/month I save so I can pay for repairs that will happen and have happened. In 2019, we actually were in the negative because of maintenance expenses and repairs. The margins aren't that great. Is having less rental options really the consequence that serves the people? Please vote 100% no on this motion. If you want to help the unemployed, please work to start responsibly opening up the economy so people can get back to work.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: [Takele G](#)
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Subject: Support For Rent and Mortgage Moratorium
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:44:40 PM

Dear King County Councilmembers;

My name is Takele Gobena. I am writing in this email in support for moratorium on rent and mortgage .

As a current elected councilmember here in the City of SeaTac, I see firsthand the impact of the loss of income and jobs, family worrying about evictions and longtime financial burden of this pandemic. This is the right moment for a resolution like this to support renters and homeowners. These are important steps to prevent massive displacement of families and the possible result of the loss of homes. I am supportive of this resolution calling on the Governor and the federal government to use their emergency powers to enact moratoriums on rent and mortgage payments.

In a time of crisis like this, the king county council should stand boldly progressive, and vote your values and put the interest of citizens of King County first. Stand up and take proactive steps to improve the lives of people here in King County. While we are separated by walls, we are still connected in our collective pain and need for bold collective solutions. Today, I urge you to vote YES on this resolution.

Thank you,

Takele Gobena