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## **LAGUNA NIGUEL SUPPORTS GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ACTION TO ESTABLISH STATEWIDE MORATORIUM ON RENTAL EVICTIONS**

**Laguna Niguel, CA** – On Friday, March 27, 2020, Governor Newsom issued an executive order establishing a statewide moratorium on evictions for renters negatively affected by COVID-19 (Coronavirus) through May 31, 2020. This executive order prohibits landlords from evicting tenants unable to pay rent and prohibits the enforcement of evictions by law enforcement agencies or the court system. Renters are required to declare in writing, no more than seven days after the due date of their rent payment, that the renter cannot pay all or part of their rent due to reasons related to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) public health crisis. The tenant would also be required to retain documentation and is obligated to repay the rent in full in a timely manner or face eviction after the moratorium is lifted. The Governor's order does not prohibit tenants who are able to pay all or some of their rent from doing so or relieve a tenant of liability for unpaid rent. This executive order is in effect immediately to provide relief to tenants whose rent is due on April 1, 2020.

Mayor Laurie Davies stated, "On behalf of the entire Laguna Niguel City Council, I would like to thank Governor Newsom for taking action on this important issue that affects the lives of many Laguna Niguel residents. My City Council colleagues and I, and City staff, have worked tirelessly to engage with and encourage the Governor's Office to move this action forward. We are thankful that the Governor has issued this executive order as so many Californians are currently, or will be, faced with financial uncertainty amidst the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) public health crisis. The City of Laguna Niguel continues to work each day to provide our residents with essential public services, community resources, and resources related to employment and business. We are grateful to be part of the proactive collaboration between local governments and the State of California which has successfully led to this moratorium."

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