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### Government Affairs Action for the week of April 4, 2020

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#### Essential Real Estate Activities Update

On Thursday, April 9, the Alameda County and City of Berkeley health departments added photographers to the real estate activities classified as "essential services."

As noted last week, health officials can eliminate some or all real estate activities as quickly as they were added if they believe they are a threat to public health.

Bay East encourages all real estate professionals to follow safe business practice guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the Alameda County Public Health Department.

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#### CVSan Sewer Inspection Program Update

While it was initially suspended, the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) sewer program is now operating on a limited basis. Inspections are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They're offering two CCTV inspections and two repair inspections each day. Permits will still be issued online only unless there is a special circumstance.

More information [here](#).

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#### Eviction Moratorium Update

On Tuesday, April 9, the California Judicial Council established a statewide moratorium on eviction lawsuits.

According to the California Association of REALTORS (C.A.R.), this action bans any summons for unlawful detainer, stops any default judgment, even where the tenant remains in the property and postpones all trials for 60 days from the initial date of trial.

The moratorium will be in effect for at least 90 days **after** the current state of emergency is lifted. That date has not yet been set.

More information and links to financial resources for rental property owners are [here](#).

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### **Bay East Virtual Town Hall April 16**

The next Bay East "virtual" town hall is April 16 from 10 to 11:15 am. The event will include a presentation from Gov Hutchinson, C.A.R. assistant general counsel and updates from Tricia Thomas, Bay East Chief Executive Officer and Roya Chaudhry, Bay East MLS Director. Register, and submit questions to the speakers in advance, [here](#).

Meanwhile, check in with the Bay East COVID-19 [clearinghouse](#): an updated guide with information about a variety of services.

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If you have any questions or any government-related real estate issues you want Bay East to research, please contact Bay East [staff](#).

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