



Government Affairs Action for the week of May 24, 2020

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County Eviction Moratorium Could Mean Rent Strikes

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors is trying again to enact a new eviction moratorium ordinance that could lead to rent strikes.

The Supervisors were set to approve this ordinance on May 12 but received so much opposition from rental property owners and managers that they delayed the vote until June 2.

They now have the option of removing some requirements that will make it difficult, if not impossible, to own and manage rental properties. However, they also have the choice to adopt an ordinance that includes:

1. Giving tenants 12 months to repay overdue rent. This could lead to rent strikes throughout the County.
2. Reclassifying overdue rent as a consumer debt that rental property owners or managers would have to pursue via small claims court, a payment plan or garnishing of wages.
3. A moratorium on ALL evictions during the local health emergency regardless of cause. One of the few exceptions is an eviction is allowed if the property will be sold.
4. The revised ordinance would apply to ALL cities in Alameda County unless they opt-out and have their own eviction moratorium.

Please respond to the [call-for-action](#) asking the Board of Supervisors to remove or modify these requirements.

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