

Good morning,

I am writing to advocate for an immediate moratorium on evictions, and foreclosures during this crisis, in accordance with Gavin Newsom's Declaration of Emergency. Many people are without work, or income right now, including myself, and 5 team members at my shop. Furthermore, they, as independent contractors won't even be able to seek unemployment. In the interest of public and personal safety, we closed our tattoo shop on Monday the 16th, and are now safely sheltering in place. It may be as long as 8 weeks until we get anything like an "All Clear" from the CDC, or even longer. Some people are living hand to mouth, or worse, and citizen's should not have to choose between feeding their families, and paying rent. Furthermore, if people are faced with evictions, they will have no choice but to work, further endangering the community. This will cost lives, and cause this crisis to last even longer.

The sooner we can self-isolate for a minimum of two weeks, the sooner we can isolate and treat affected people, and flatten the curve of this pandemic.

Thank you,
Joseph Love