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Fwd: Commercial Rent for Small Business -- COVID

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From: **'Sandra Gonzalez' via Clerk - CityClerk** <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Thu, Apr 16, 2020 at 5:58 PM

Subject: Commercial Rent for Small Business -- COVID

To: <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Hello,

I don't know if you can help, or if you could forward this to someone that can help.

Im extremely worried about my mom and how we are going to be able to pay back "backed" rent for a business that was closed during the COVID pandemic. We have a beauty salon at **2839 James M wood blvd, Los Angeles 90006**. We have had the salon since 1991. We already pay high rent due to gentrification. We keep getting emails from the landlord about rent that hasn't been paid for April — even though I sent him the form about how we wouldn't be able to pay it.

Now, how are we supposed to pay back rent? Isn't there any kind of ordinance that the city can pass that would "forgive" back rent instead of having to pay for something we couldn't even use? It doesn't seem fair at all. I know large chain businesses aren't paying rent even if they sit on millions of dollars, we are a SMALL beauty salon.

I BEG that the city do something about this looming cloud over all us small businesses that are going to be extremely worried about having to pay backed up rent.

I understand for our home if we had to pay backed up rent because we had to stay at home so we USED the home. But to have to pay for a retail empty business we couldn't even use? At no fault of our own? It's just not fair at all. Our landlord company can surely survive without our rent, but we will not.

PLEASE HELP.

Thank you,
Sandra