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Dear Honorable Council Members,

Please see attached letter for Bill Tucker regarding the “Discussion on Amendment to Emergency Eviction Moratorium”.

Thank you,
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Dear Honorable Council Members,

I am writing to you regarding Item No. 10 on tonight's Council agenda, "Discussion on Amendment to Emergency Eviction Moratorium".

First and foremost my property, Whizin Market Square, is a business just as the tenants in the center are businesses. We each have financial obligations to others. While my tenants are obligated by lease agreement to pay me monthly rent, I too am obligated to my lender to pay them monthly towards the property's mortgage. My thought is that the council is considering extending Executive Order 2020-1 for some additional period of time providing lease payment relief for my tenants but providing no assistance or relief for my business. As much as my tenants risk losing their businesses, I too, based on such action by the council, risk losing my business. This is neither reasonable nor logical, particularly given the absolute uncertainty as to the duration of this crisis.

Second, as a business owner I have great compassion for my tenants and I have worked with many of them to craft revised and reduced lease payment schedules. This is in the best interest of all parties and as a business person, I choose to be as reasonable as possible knowing that more often than not, what benefits my tenants will benefit me. In the case of commercial uses, this is truly the most mutually beneficial means to move forward under these most trying times.

Third, the world is facing a public health crisis, so what is local government's most important role in such circumstances? It has always been my understanding that local government's primary responsibility relates to public health and safety. While I can understand that eviction controls related to residential properties has a direct correlation to public health and safety, I do not see that same correlation with commercial properties.

Finally, please let me and the other landlords in the city work with our tenants to accommodate their needs whenever and however we can. For those who are not able to provide accommodations, please understand that there is probably a very good reason for that being the case. I would be happy to discuss this with you further as you look to help preserve and enhance business opportunities in the City of Agoura Hills.

Thank you very much,

Bill Tucker