

CalRHA Legislative Update



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EVICITION MORATORIUM UPDATE



California Governor
Gavin Newsom

On May 5th, a federal judge struck down the national eviction moratorium, but the Biden Administration will be appealing.

Additional details at:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/05/us/politics/eviction-moratorium-biden.html>

California's eviction moratorium is set to expire on June 30th and CalRHA is advocating on behalf of the industry to ensure that our interests are heard. CalRHA Leadership will be meeting with the Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency and the Housing and Community Development Department on May 12th. We are also engaged with the Governor's Office and key legislators on the issue.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislative deadlines to hear bills in policy committees in their house of origin has passed and CalRHA, along with others in the industry, were able to hold several of the key bills that we were opposing. Several of those bills that will NOT be moving forward this year include:

- **AB 854 (Lee)** – Ellis Act/Withdrawal of Accommodations
- **AB 1000 (Ward)** – Fair employment and housing protections: background check service providers: housing status.
- **AB 1199 (Gipson)** – Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax
- **AB 1241 (Jones Sawyer)** – Rental housing unlawful housing practices: applications:



Assemblymember
Buffy Wicks

The rent registry bill, **AB 1188 (Wicks)**, was recently amended to now require HCD to retain all data associated with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and all information associated with local government rental registries for no less than 10 years.

CalRHA remains opposed because recent amendments that try to maintain private information about renters and housing providers are insufficient. Therefore, we are opposing the bill which will be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 12th.

Finally, CalRHA is pursuing a balcony repair fix to ensure that inspectors can also perform the repairs for balconies. Our language is included in **SB 607** which is set to be heard on May 17th in the Senate Appropriations committee.

RENT ASSISTANCE UPDATE

CalRHA continues to work with the Housing Agency and Department to ensure that they are hearing updates from the industry on the statewide and local rent relief programs. For additional information on the state's rent assistance and to apply, please visit <https://www.bcsd.ca.gov/covidrelief/>

The SBRPA website has the latest information on Emergency Rental Assistance for Landlords. The County of Santa Barbara ERAP is no longer accepting applications, but the State Emergency Assistance application portal is now accepting applications for Santa Barbara County residents at the State "Housing is Key" website. <https://housing.ca.gov/>