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October 13, 2020

Ms. Katie Roberts, President  
St. Louis County Apartment Association  
12777 Olive Boulevard  
Suite C  
St. Louis, MO 63141

RE: St. Louis County Council Resolution #6606, 2020, Adopted October 6, 2020

Dear President Roberts,

The St. Louis County Council adopted Resolution #6606 at its meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. The Resolution adopted by the Council pleads that the St. Louis County Board of Police Commissioners and the St. Louis County Police Department review their policies and training to ensure that all officers are equipped to appropriately intervene in attempts to illegally remove St. Louis Countians from their residence.

A certified copy of Resolution #6606, is included for your review.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diann L. Valenti".

Diann L. Valenti, Acting  
Administrative Director

DLV:cp  
Enclosure




STATE OF MISSOURI    )  
  ) SS.  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY    )

**OTHER:            RESOLUTION NO. 6,606 (2020)**

*I, DIANN L. VALENTI, Acting County Clerk in and for said County, hereby certify the attached document(s) identified above to be a true copy of records on file in the Office of the County Clerk.*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at Office in Clayton, this 8th day of October, 2020.*

  
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DIANN L. VALENTI  
ACTING COUNTY CLERK

By:   
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JANIE ALEXANDER  
Deputy County Clerk

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10/6/20

RESOLUTION NO. 6606, 2020

Introduced by Councilmember Clancy

WHEREAS, for more than seven months, the pandemic resulting from COVID-19 has exacerbated many existing disparities in our region pertaining to public health, the economy, housing stability, and the general welfare of residents; and

WHEREAS, the National Low Income Housing Association's research shows that 30 to 40 million Americans could face eviction by the end of the year. Additionally, Missouri is the state with the fourth-highest percentage of adults who rated their foreclosure or eviction possibility as either very likely or somewhat likely; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has allocated \$6,967,699 in CARES Act funding to rental and housing assistance for tenants and landlords; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("the CDC") declared that an eviction moratorium would help ensure people are able to practice social distancing, comply with stay-at-home orders, and isolate themselves to avoid transmitting the virus or becoming infected; and

WHEREAS, the CDC states housing stability helps protect public health because homelessness increases the likelihood of individuals moving into congregate settings, such as homeless shelters, which then puts individuals at higher risk of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC took unprecedented action on September 1, 2020 by issuing a temporary national moratorium on most evictions for nonpayment of rent through December 31, 2020 as a vital tool to control the coronavirus, which has killed more than 200,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of landlords are breaking the law through "self-help" evictions, forcing families to suddenly face dire circumstances such as homelessness, driving them into unhealthy and dangerous overcrowded situations, or depriving them of essentials such as food, clothing, medicines, children's books and school uniforms; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County tenants can only legally be evicted with a court judgment and order of eviction served by the St. Louis County Sheriff's office, but some landlords attempt to cut corners by taking actions such as changing locks, boarding up or removing doors, shutting off essential utility services, or otherwise making a tenant's home uninhabitable; and

WHEREAS, police officers should intervene and inform landlords that tenants can only be evicted with a court judgment and order of eviction served by the St. Louis County Sheriff's office; and

WHEREAS, if landlords interfere with or do not immediately restore a tenant's access to a habitable residence, they will be in violation of forcible entry and detainer under RSMo 441.233; and

WHEREAS, as the effects of COVID-19 continue, causing both renters and housing providers to struggle to meet their financial obligations, Congress should expeditiously pass emergency rental and mortgage assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County Council recognizes and affirms the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's analysis that enacting measures to increase housing stability is a crucial step in limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Section 2. The County Council urges landlords in the region to act in accordance with state law by refraining from conducting self-help evictions, thus promoting housing stability in St. Louis County and slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

SECTION 3. The County Council implores the St. Louis County Executive to exercise any authority within his purview to ban self-help evictions in St. Louis County.

Section 4. The County Council pleads that the St. Louis County Board of Police Commissioners and the St. Louis County Police Department review their policies and training to ensure that all officers are equipped to appropriately intervene in attempts to illegally remove St. Louis Countians from their