



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL | DISTRICT 3

COUNCILMEMBER KSHAMA SAWANT

Ending the COVID emergency moratorium now would dramatically worsen the lives of our city's renters. As yesterday's letter from the Stay Housed Stay Healthy Coalition explained, "Renters have scrambled to become current — whether by seeking support from friends and loved ones, or using credit cards to pay, or turning to several organizations each month to cobble together their total payment due. King County implemented an emergency prevention rental assistance program (EPRAP), but recently it was closed without warning, making it hard for tenants to keep track of the EPRAP program and their ability to achieve housing stability. It's essential we keep renters housed so they can access this assistance as it becomes available."

I urge you to do the right thing and extend the eviction moratorium through to the end of the COVID public health emergency. As long as there is an emergency, renters must be part of the emergency protections.

Thank you,

Councilmember Kshama Sawant, District 3