

Legal Issues Relevant to COVID-19

The California Lawyers Association has prepared a variety of videos for the public addressing various legal issues that are arising due to COVID-19. Issues covered include employment, family, small business, and real estate.

Click the link to visit the page: <https://calawyers.org/covid-19-public-resources/#videos>

Legal Assistance and Services, Landlord/Tenant and Housing Rights			
California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA)	(805) 486-1068	www.crla.org	<p>Through a network of regional offices and cross-cutting programs, CRLA provides legal services to over 50,000 low-income people annually. Our work impacts farmworkers, individuals with disabilities, immigrant population, LGBT communities, women, children and families in rural areas.</p> <p>CRLA requests that persons seeking COVID-19 legal assistance call for an appointment instead of visiting the office.</p>
Jewish Family Services	(805) 641-6565	www.jewishventuracounty.org	<p>The mission of Ventura County Jewish Family Service is to encourage and support the quality and continuity of individual, family and community life guided by the ethical and spiritual values of Judaism Ventura County. Jewish Family Service provides non-denominational services for the people of Ventura County as well as services for the Jewish Community.</p> <p>Please call or e-mail Carrie.McGurn@Jewishventuracounty.org for legal resources.</p>
Housing Rights Center	(800) 477-5977	www.hrc-la.org	<p>The HRC actively supports and promotes fair housing through education, advocacy and litigation, to the end that all persons have the opportunity to secure the housing they desire and can afford, without discrimination.</p>
Ventura County Law Library's Ventura County Legal Aid	(805) 642-8982	www.vencolawlib.org/legal-clinic-information	<p>The Ventura County Law Library provides legal assistance at a clinic twice per month.</p> <p>The clinic is currently closed; please call or e-mail ask@vencolawlib.org for assistance.</p>

Price Gouging			
County of Ventura District Attorney	(805) 662-1737	www.vcdistrictattorney.com/ keeping-safe	The mission of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office is to promote justice and protect the people of the County of Ventura and the State of California by aggressively and fairly prosecuting those who violate the law.
Counseling			
Jewish Family Services	(805) 641-6565	www.jewishventuracounty. org	Jewish Family Service is primarily a low-cost cash-based counseling service. Jewish Family service offers counseling on a sliding scale based on client's monthly income and is employed by MFT interns and licensed MFTS. Counseling services are non-denominational and are currently offered remotely.

Eviction Protections in Effect in Ventura County

- State of California

On March 16, 2020, California Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-28-20 suspending, until May 31, 2020, any provision of state law that would preempt or otherwise restrict a local government's exercise of its police power to impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions, including but not limited to Civil Code sections 1940 et seq. or 1954.25 et seq., resulting from substantial financial hardship arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Executive Order N-28-20

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.16.20-Executive-Order.pdf>

On March 27, California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a partial statewide suspension of residential evictions. Newsom's executive order halts residential evictions until May 31 if a tenant cannot pay rent either due to health care costs or a loss of income related to the coronavirus outbreak.

Executive Order N-37-20

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.27.20-EO-N-37-20.pdf>

At its meeting on April 6, 2020, the California Judicial Council adopted an emergency court rule that effectively stops all evictions, other than those necessary to protect public health and safety, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. The rule is applicable to all courts and to all eviction cases, whether they are based on a tenant's missed rent payment or another reason. This new court rule will apply until 90 day after the Governor lifts the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic, or until it is amended or repealed by the Judicial Council. A summary prepared by the Western Center on Law and Poverty may be found here:

<https://wclp.org/summary-california-courts-emergency-rule-on-evictions-and-foreclosures/>

- City of Camarillo

<https://www.cityofcamarillo.org/City%20Manager/Trending/3-18-20%20EOC%20Director%20Order%20No.%2020-2%20Staying%20Evictions.pdf>

- City of Fillmore

https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/558778/Staff_Report_Emergency_Declaration_Evictions_Uilities_Final.pdf

- City of Moorpark

<https://moorparkca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10442/Temporary-Moratorium-on-Evictions?bidId=>

- City of Ojai

<https://ojaicity.org/city-orders-a-residential-eviction-moratorium/>

- City of Oxnard

<https://www.oxnard.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/2020.03.19-Director-Oder-20-01.pdf>

City of Oxnard FAQs: https://www.oxnard.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/4.1.20_Eviction-FAQs.pdf

- Port Hueneme – no local action taken but the state protections apply

- City of Santa Paula

<http://santapaulaca.igq2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1460&Inline=True>

Staff report on page 187, ordinance on page 192

- City of Simi Valley

<https://www.simivalley.org/home/showdocument?id=22063>

- City of Thousand Oaks

<https://www.toaks.org/home/showdocument?id=25986>

<https://www.toaks.org/home/showdocument?id=25922>

- City of Ventura (San Buenaventura)

<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20945/O-2020-014-Amendment-Temp-Eviction-Moratorium>

<https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20857/Ordinance-2020-010-Emergency---Temporary-Eviction-Moratorium?bidId=>

- County of Ventura (unincorporated areas only)

<http://bosagenda.countyofventura.org/sirepub/cache/2/rqapqbkiupt5xvwq4wmceomh/146348104202020102939106.PDF>