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To the Forest Park Community:

I am writing with an urgent request to all businesses, landlords, creditors and any other persons that derive revenue from Forest Park residents.

As you know, the emergency measures the nation is undertaking in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are negatively impacting the employment and income of some of our residents. This is especially concerning when it comes to their ability to maintain their housing. Housing is an essential resource, and like our public utilities, it should not be shut off during this time of need, especially when these circumstances are no fault of our residents.

In order to ensure that our residents are not unduly placed at risk, I am urging all of you to be compassionate and patient during this crisis. Please consider the following:

- During this crisis and for at least two months of recovery, please delay all foreclosure or evictions (or even any threats of such action) so that our residents can restore themselves financially.
- Please consider waiving penalties, additional interest, or late fees for any amounts that come past due during this crisis.
- Please provide a user-friendly method to allow homeowners and tenants the streamlined ability communicate with you if they are unable to make scheduled payments and to explore payment arrangements or deferrals with them.

The City of Forest Park will do its part to provide information for homeowners and tenants regarding the public resources that they may qualify for to assist them in maintaining housing and meeting their obligations to you. As you know, the United States Congress is in the final stages of approving an aid package, but that will take some time before the aid is forthcoming. We simply ask your patience until it comes.

We are in this together, and I thank you for doing your part during this crisis.

Sincerely,

Mayor Angelyne Butler, MPA

  
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Councilman Hector Gutierrez, Ward 3

  
Councilwoman Latresa Akins-Wells, Ward 4

Councilman Allan Mears, Ward 5