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Hello alders,

I am writing in full support of agenda item 17. As you are all aware, we have a housing crisis in our city. With this eviction moratorium expiring, it is critical that we do all we can to help keep people housed. City staff have been working diligently and tirelessly with community organizations over the past several months to figure out a system that works. Item 17 is essentially a stop gap measure to ensure we can continue to help residents address their arrears even though the original rental assistance source is running dry and the next wave is a couple of months away. City staff and community organizations have also fought hard to get collaboration between the city and county. While we don't always agree on the way things should be done, the community organizations who have been deeply involved in this rental assistance program see the necessity of keeping funds flowing. **This item is coming through in an urgent manner because if there is a delay, we will certainly see an immediate rise in evictions. Please vote yes on this item.**

If you have any questions before the meeting, I would be happy to talk more. Please email or call me at 608-213-0571.

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