



April 20, 2020

Dear Mr. Barnett,

Rental housing providers in the City of Seattle have taken on the huge burden of working with residents as they struggle with the impacts of COVID-19 response. This is the right thing to do. This has included payment plans, deferments of rent, and even outright forgiveness of rent for April and May. This has not been helped by bans on evictions that signal that there are no consequences for not paying rent.

But worse, City Councilmember Kshama Sawant is using City resources to urge people to commit what amount to theft by not paying their rent. Furthermore, Councilmember Sawant is urging a violation of the stay at home order with a “car rally” urging people to gather in public to support her rent strike.

Could you please respond as soon as possible indicating whether your office thinks there is grounds for an investigation of an ethics violation with these two actions, urging people not keep their legally binding financial obligations and violating the Governor’s stay at home order using City of Seattle resources and the logo of the City?

We believe this warrants an immediate response as May 1st is approaching. If we are to reverse the damage underway, we need to hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Valdez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roger Valdez
Director

Attachments

May 1st RENT STRIKE

Car Caravan!

To Demand Governor Inslee
Suspend All Rent & Mortgage
Payments, and Enact a Rent Freeze!

Details to be announced

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Hundreds of thousands in WA, tens of thousands in Seattle, will not be able to pay May rent.

Our movement demands Governor & WA Democratic establishment suspend rent & mortgage payments.

But to win this, we'll need a Rent Strike May 1st. Join us 6PM Thu 4/16 to get organized!

RENT STRIKE
Make Billionaires and Corporate Landlords Pay for the Crisis!
**ORGANIZE TO WIN
RENT SUSPENSION & RENT FREEZE**
Online Town Hall
Thurs
April 16
6pm
Councilmember
Kshama Sawant
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