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**Subject:** Review: Rental Assistance and Moratorium Letter

Good afternoon,

In follow-up to our discussion at Leadership regarding the rental assistance program and the eviction moratorium, please see the attached draft letter staff has put together we would like for Council to consider signing on to with the Executive. Is it possible to add for discussion at Admin on Monday?

Additionally, below is some background information Human Services provide.

Thank you!  
Lacey

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Good Morning, Lacey!

Please see the link below for more national news which provides an excellent synopsis of all the issues associated with the intersection between emergency rental assistance program(s) and eviction moratoria.

There are several strategies highlighted. Our state has already enacted a diversion program which may be much like Philadelphia's and will alter the eviction process once the moratorium ends. Further, the State could look at doing what Nevada is doing if the Governor doesn't want to extend the moratorium for all. The article outlines financial benefits for jurisdictions themselves that support enacting an extension (and pitfalls if they don't!). Additional information is provided in the article about how evictions "follow" people and how additional legislation can be enacted to prevent that. Here in Snohomish County, we recognized that issue at the start of the Investing in Families/Futures Initiative

which was launched 12 years ago and have been contracting with the Dispute Resolution Center and Snohomish County Legal Services since then to address that particular issue with great success.

The last paragraph in the article sums up the entire issue.

Just one more note, New York opened their program this week. Thanks to our partnership with VOA and the strength of Galina and her team in that organization coupled with the amazing work of Jackie and her team here in the County, we opened mid-April.

Thanks so much!

MJ

<https://www.route-fifty.com/management/2021/06/when-right-time-eviction-bans-expire/174493/>

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