

Opposed to SB 799

I never used to believe people who said that temporary / emergency policies become permanent until I witness the proposal of SB 799. I must have had my head in the sand for all of these years doing bridge marches and trying to put in sidewalks. There is a level of honor and decency that I have seen collapse with the continuous mad dash to have landlords pay for every challenge facing renters. Here is what is wrong with SB 799:

- Increasing the amount of notice a landlord has to give a tenant when evicting them because of non payment from 72 hours to 10 days. – **Everyone know that the 72 hours is only the starting point, a tenant can stay far longer by refusing to move.**
- It would also require a 60-day stay on eviction proceedings in cases where the tenant has applied for rental assistance. **Tenants already need to be given 90 days notice just to raise their rent or end a tenancy. Use that time to apply for assistance.**
- It would require courts to review eviction judgments on a yearly basis and seal the records of judgments under certain circumstances allowing the tenants in question to have the eviction removed from their record. **The reality is that tenants are not held accountable for eviction judgements and their next landlord is already restricted in their ability to select tenants. This is not needed.**
- It also bars a landlord from evicting a tenant for violating a guest or occupancy policy when that policy is stricter than state and federal dwelling occupancy laws. **Landlords are responsible for the safety of their other tenants and that involves screening all tenants. This policy makes the entire building less safe.**

It's gotten to the point where landlords aren't given the ability to be compassionate or considerate for fear of not getting paid, getting sued or stuck with a bill they can't afford.