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Resent on Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Garden Grove City Council
11222 Acacia Pkwy
Garden Grove, CA 92840

RE: After 10 Businesses Were Evicted, Local Community Organizations Call on Garden Grove City Council to Ban Evictions during COVID-19

Dear Mayor Steve Jones and Garden Grove Councilmembers Phat Bui, Kim Nguyen, Thu-Ha Nguyen, John O'Neill, George Brietigam, and Stephanie Klopfenstein,

We, the organizations below, urge you to protect Vietnamese small businesses, refugees and immigrants who were evicted last month during COVID-19 by V8 Investments, LLC in Garden Grove. We urge to do so by taking action and passing an ordinance that bans all evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During a pandemic, immigrant small businesses, workers, and residents should not have to face unjust evictions of any kind. While the City Council has a resolution in place that supports an eviction moratorium until May 31st, this current resolution does not include businesses or renters of self-storage facilities. Because it is not an ordinance, it does not have legal weight to actually protect tenants or businesses from evictions.

Other cities like Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, Buena Park, Anaheim, and Westminster have passed ordinances to protect residents from evictions. The [City of Los Angeles](#) is considering an ordinance to protect renters of self-storage facilities from evictions, which is what Garden Grove needs right now to protect the small businesses and Vietnamese immigrant workers who were evicted in April.

We call on you to take immediate action to protect all businesses, workers, and residents from facing evictions in Garden Grove during and immediately following COVID-19 by:

- (1) Immediately halting the eviction by V8 Investments, LLC and ensure that the businesses can return safely to the lot to protect their businesses.
- (2) Enacting an ordinance to protect Garden Grove residents and businesses from evictions for 6 months and expanding those protections to renters of self-storage facilities.

(3) Monitoring and ensuring that V8 Investments, LLC abides by the moratorium on evictions

Now is the time to act boldly and swiftly to protect our small businesses, refugee and immigrant communities. Please listen to your constituents, small businesses, community organizations, and residents by taking action now.

Signed, all 19 organizations below:

VietRISE

OC CV-19 Community Response Team

National Day Laborer Organizing Network
(NDLON)

CA Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative

Chispa OC

Viet-CARE

Tenants United Santa Ana

The Kennedy Commission

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
(CLUE)

Asian Americans Advancing Justice -
Orange County (AAAJ-OC)

The Orange County Civic Engagement Table
(OCCET)

AHRI for Justice

Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander
Community Alliance (OCAPICA)

Orange County Environmental Justice
(OCEJ)

Orange County Congregation Community
Organization (OCCCO)

Resilience Orange County

Marina High School Amnesty International

Garden Grove High School Vietnamese
Student Association (VSA)

UC Irvine Southeast Asian Student
Association (UCI SASA)