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## **Denton City Council Passes Resolution Petitioning State to Consider Additional Housing Protections for Unemployed Residents**

Petition Includes Renter Protections Resulting from COVID-19 Response

**DENTON, TX, April 8, 2020** – On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the Denton City Council unanimously passed a resolution requesting a special session of the Texas Legislature to consider suspending eviction proceedings and additional protections for individuals and families in need due to the state-wide COVID-19 (Coronavirus) response.

The resolution, includes the following requests:

- For Governor Greg Abbott to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to consider additional measures to address the public health emergency, including to cure default of required rent payment if caused by a delay of unemployment benefits,
- The State to disallow eviction or foreclosure of any persons that qualify for unemployment benefits but have yet to receive them,
- The State to increase efficiency of processing in accepting and remitting benefits to those experiencing unemployment; and
- That landlords and renters continue to work together with special consideration for financial hardships resulting from unexpected employment loss.

The resolution also expressed the Council's appreciation to Governor Abbott and the Texas Supreme Court for their efforts thus far to protect the health, safety, and security of the citizens of the State of Texas during this public health emergency.

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