COPA Call to Action

Because of the pandemic, more than a million CA households owe almost $4B in back rent. While the Governor recently announced additional rent relief funds, the state must make two critical changes in order for families to access this money in time to keep them housed. Please join us in calling upon the Governor and state legislators to:

- Extend the eviction moratorium until the end of 2021. The moratorium expires on June 30, but by then families will have only received a small fraction of the rental assistance funds due to eligibility and ease of access. Unless we act now, a tsunami of evictions will make the homelessness crisis even worse.

- Expand eligibility and allow more flexibility in distribution. Right now, relief is only available to tenants who owe back rent directly to their landlords. Many renters (particularly those who are undocumented) borrowed from payday lenders, family, friends and others to keep their rent current. Others are also subtenants without a formal lease with which to apply for relief. To give these tenants the opportunity to get back to work and repay their massive debts, we are asking the legislature to give tenants the flexibility to use funds to prepay rent for at least 6 months, and to increase eligibility to tenants with a sublease.