On June 30, 2021, Relativity Space announced that Long Beach will be the home to their new 1 million square-foot headquarters that will host 2,000 good-paying jobs. They will be taking over the 93-acres that were formerly Boeing’s C-17 manufacturing plant and will operate a new headquarters with the capacity to bring more than 2,000 jobs to our local economy.

The new facility, located adjacent to Long Beach Airport, will serve as both the new headquarters for Relativity as well as a factory for producing the new Terran R rocket. Relativity announced the Terran R, a two-stage fully reusable large launch vehicle, June 8 in conjunction with a $650 million funding round.

Relativity moved to Long Beach in early 2020, opening a 120,000-square-foot facility “factory of the future” not far from the airport. The company will keep that facility and use it for production of its Terran 1 small launch vehicle, whose first launch is scheduled for no earlier than late this year from Florida.
The new, larger facility will accommodate dozens of the company’s Stargate 3D printers, which Relativity uses to produce nearly all the components of its vehicles. It will also house other equipment and a mission control center, and eventually host up to 2,000 employees, about five times the size of its current workforce.

This new HQ joins more than two dozen amazing and creative aerospace companies in Long Beach. They have been bringing thousands of good jobs and billions of dollars of investment into our city. They include Virgin Orbit, Spin Launch, Boeing, Rocket Lab, SpaceX — and now Relativity’s headquarters.

For more information, please click HERE.

California’s Eviction Moratorium Extension

On June 25, Governor Gavin Newsom California renters announced that Californians who are still struggling to pay the rent will be shielded from eviction through September 30, 2021. The agreement, which more fully opens up $5.2 billion to pay full back rent and rent going forward, was approved by the Assembly and state Senate. Newsom signed the bill Monday night, June 28, just before the existing protections expire after Wednesday, June 30.

Who is eligible for relief?

The tenant’s household income must be at or below 80% of the area median income during 2020 or 2021. Those income brackets vary by region. Tenants with an income below 50% will be prioritized. Assistance is available to tenants regardless of their immigration status. Local jurisdictions distributing rental relief might have different rules, however; during the last round of funds in Los Angeles, for example, a two-person household couldn’t make more than $45,050. The bill expands eligibility to tenants who may have moved out of their home during the pandemic, who were not covered previously. They can now apply for back rent owed to a previous landlord.

What would this mean for tenants?

Tenants would have a defense in court should their landlord evict them over non-payment of rent through Sept. 30. They still have to submit a declaration saying they are unable to make full rent and pay at least 25% of their monthly rent between Sept. 1, 2020 and June 2021, or in bulk, by Sept. 30, to avoid eviction.
Tenants will still need to abide by their lease in order to avoid eviction for reasons other than non-payment of rent. At this time, evictions over non-payment of rent would resume on October 1, but aforementioned tenants would have an additional 15 days from receiving an eviction notice to apply for rental assistance funds. This provision is effective through March 2022. If the rent relief application goes through, the eviction process will be blocked, and landlords will be able to receive compensation for missed back rent. If the tenant is ineligible, however, the proceeding will continue.

The bill says tenants, as well as their landlords, will be able to apply for 100% of back rent and up to three months of forward rent. Previously, without landlord approval, a tenant was eligible for only 25% of missed rental payments. If the landlord still tries to evict the tenant over non-payment of rent, the court will be able to check whether the tenant received state dollars. If they paid the full amount to the landlord, the eviction will be blocked.

The bill also shields evictions over non-payment of rent from appearing on a tenant’s record, which hampers the ability to rent in the future.

**What does this deal mean for landlords?**

Landlords will be unable to evict tenants over non-payment of rent through Sept. 30. To file an eviction lawsuit after that, the landlord must provide evidence to the court they applied for rental assistance. The case can only proceed if the tenant does not complete their application or qualify for aid.

Landlords will still be able to evict tenants for a substantial remodel only if that is necessary to comply with health and safety standards, and if the owner of the property is selling it to a buyer who intends to occupy the property. They cannot, for example, sell to someone who intends to rent out the place. Landlords would be able to apply for 100% of back and forward rent. The previous law said a landlord could apply for 80% of missed rent payments and would have to forgive the remaining 20%; the new bill means that even those who applied for only partial refund will be receiving the missing funds.

If both a landlord and a tenant applied for funds, the money will go directly to the landlord. It will only go to the tenant if the landlord declines to participate in the program.

Several cities, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, have reported demand for rental assistance far outweighed availability. The bill says that unspent funds will be redirected to those places with the highest need. The bill also grants larger cities and counties the ability to administer their own rental funds, instead of having to rely on the state to administer a portion of those. That was a major request from local governments.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).
BizCare Outreach Team

Long Beach, CA - The City of Long Beach Department of Economic Development has expanded its BizCare Program to include a new BizCare Outreach Team. The team, comprised of City staff, will be focused on helping small businesses located in low-to-moderate income areas of the city learn about and benefit from small business grants, loans, technical assistance and other resources.

The Long Beach BizCare Program was launched in November 2020 to support small businesses citywide that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program began with the creation of the BizCare Hotline 562.570.4BIZ (4249), which provides information to small businesses about various programs and resources, health order guidelines and relevant City policies. The program later added BizCare pop-ups that are available to all Long Beach small businesses and are focused on supporting businesses in communities that have been most impacted by the pandemic.

To learn more about Long Beach BizCare and for more information about businesses assistance and resources, go to Business Support webpage, contact the City’s business Hotline at 562.570.4BIZ, or email 4biz@longbeach.gov.

Industry Links

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