



## **B 2020 006**

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

#### **Creating the Special Eviction Prevention Task Force**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating a temporary task force within the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to examine housing instability due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado. The task force shall present its findings and recommendations to the Executive Director of DOLA and to me within thirty (30) days of its first meeting.

#### **I. Background and Purpose**

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, and D 2020 152. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and threaten to undermine the economic stability of many Coloradans. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 necessitated closure of multiple businesses and limited access to others. Employers and employees in virtually all sectors of the economy have been hard hit. We must take action to shore up economic security, employment, community cohesion, and community recovery.

Transmission of the virus continues to threaten Coloradans' way of life and livelihoods. On April 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 044 Safer at Home, as amended and extended by Executive Order D 2020 079, and on June 1, 2020 I issued Executive Order D 2020 091 Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 123, D 2020 142, and D 2020 144. To be Safer at Home, Coloradans impacted by COVID-19

must continue to have a home. We are doing everything we can to get Coloradans back to work, but this process is gradual and must take into account the evolving public health conditions. Many Coloradans continue to experience substantial loss of income as a result of business closures and layoffs, hindering their ability to keep up with their rent payments through no fault of their own.

This Executive Order creates a temporary task force that will examine the current housing instability in Colorado due the economic impact of COVID-19.

## **II. Mission and Scope**

Through this Executive Order, I create a temporary task force to consider causes of and propose solutions to housing instability arising from the economic impact of COVID-19. The task force shall work within DOLA. The task force shall develop recommendations on how to address housing instability due to COVID-19 in Colorado and report these recommendations to the Governor within thirty (30) days of the date of its first meeting.

The task force may engage expert assistance and work with stakeholders and State employees to advise the task force on issues related to its mission. The Board shall conduct its work within existing State resources.

## **III. Membership**

The Board shall consist of up to eleven (11) members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor and shall include members representing local governments, real estate development, banking, landlords, and housing advocates.

## **IV. Duration**

This Executive Order shall expire forty five (45) days from August 26, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and  
the Executive Seal of the  
State of Colorado this  
twenty-sixth day of  
August, 2020.

  
Jared Polis  
Governor