

The MOHCD Renter Bulletin

Summer 2019

Tenant Right to Counsel (TRC) Program

Voters passed Proposition F in June 2018, which established a policy that all residential tenants facing eviction in San Francisco have a right to legal representation. Local nonprofit legal service organizations received funding to provide legal assistance to San Francisco tenants facing eviction over the next two years. The Tenant Right to Counsel (TRC) Program is the first of its kind in California and second nationally.



The Eviction Defense Collaborative (EDC) will serve as lead partner for the program and will work in collaboration with ten partner nonprofit legal service organizations. If you or anybody you know needs help preventing unlawful eviction or displacement, contact the Eviction Defense Collaborative (EDC) at (415) 947-0797.

Tenants' Rights 101

Know your tenant legal rights!

- Landlords are required to keep units in a habitable condition at all times. This includes heat!
- Tenants can only be evicted for one of 16 just causes allowed under the law, including non-payment of rent, habitual late payment of rent, and creating a nuisance.
- Landlords have 21 days to return security deposits after receiving your keys. If any part of the deposit is being withheld, the landlord must send a written, itemized statement, within 21 days, listing the reasons why the amount is being withheld from the deposit and showing what it was spent it on.



For more information about Tenant Rights or answers to your questions check out:

- **SF Tenants Union:** www.sftu.org | 415-282-6622
- **Housing Rights Committee:** www.hrcsf.org | 415-703-8644

Rental Assistance Programs

Falling behind on your rent or utilities? There's help! The following agencies offer assistance. Contact each agency to see if you qualify.

- **Eviction Defense Collaborative:** evictiondefense.org | 415-947-0797
- **Catholic Charities:** catholiccharitiessf.org | 415-972-1301
- **Homeless Prenatal Program:** homelessprenatal.org | 415-546-6756, specifically for families in pregnancy, or those with children 17 years old or younger.
- **SFHDC:** sfhdc.org | 415-582-1022 Ext. 103, specifically for district 10 residents and COP holders.
- **Swords to Plowshares:** swords-to-plowshares.org | 415-252-4788, specifically for veterans.



For detailed list of organizations with rental assistance programs, email info@homeownershipsf.org.

Reminder for BMR Renters

BMR and City-sponsored rental housing cannot be subleased. If you would like to anonymously report possible program violations to MOHCD, please call 415-701-5613 and provide the full address including the unit number of the property.

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Education for MOHCD's Homebuyer Programs

Ever wonder about buying a home in San Francisco or think that you are purchase-ready?

Attend a free two-hour orientation to learn if you are eligible for MOHCD Homeownership programs!



The orientation is the first step in the First Time Homebuyer Education and homebuyer process. Attend a free orientation and then decide if you want to move forward with the remaining homebuyer education. The orientation provides an overview of affordable city programs, including eligibility requirements and the application process. The homebuyer education offers detailed information about how to prepare for purchasing a home and includes individual counseling to help you meet your homeownership goals. Visit homeownershipsf.org/homebuyers for more info and schedule.

Assistance in Your Language

Finding an affordable rental in one of the most expensive housing markets in the country is difficult. Homeownership SF supports renters through free workshops on the A-Zs of renting, personalized coaching with a certified housing counselor, and connection to other resources to support your successful tenancy.

Call us to arrange services in your language!

- **Ayuda en español:** 415-670-9896 or catalina@homeownershipsf.org.
- **中文語言幫助:** 415-928-5910 ext. 3.
- **Any other language:** 415-202-5464 or info@homeownershipsf.org.

