# **CONCORD TENANT RESOURCE GUIDE**



6PM-8PM Monument Impact 2699 Monument Blvd. Concord, CA, 94520

Every first and third Tuesdays of the month!

Come learn your rights as a tenant! FREE legal consults will be provided. Early arrival recommended, first come first serve.

Please bring all necessary documents.

More information: nicole@workingeastbay.org or jennifer@monumentimpact.org







#### **Tenant Together Hotline** (888) 495-8020

One-on-one phone counseling, not legal advice or representation: what are your rights and what are your options?

May take up to 3 business days to get back to tenant.



**Assistance With:** Notice, Answers Default Judgment, Stays of Execution, Complaints

751 Pine Street, Martinez, CA Mon & Weds: 8am-2pm; Friday: 8am -12 noon

Free civil legal services to Contra Costa County residents who are 60 or older.



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### **Monday Drop In Clinic**

217 Harbour Way Richmond, CA 94801 9:30am-12:30pm

Assistance for low-income litigants to prepare for pleadings and the eviction process

#### **Legal Advice Line** (1-800-551-5554)

Monday: 9:30am-3pm Tuesday: 9:30-1pm Wednesday: 9:30-1pm Thursday: 9:30am-3pm Friday: Closed



# City of Concord Rent Review Program

(855) 275-3246

Allows tenants who experience rent increases over 10% in a year to seek non-binding mediation services.

#### **Multi-Family Rental Inspection Program**

(925) 671-3408

To report habitability issues (i.e. bed bugs, rodents, leaky roof, mold, etc.).

Before reporting issues to the city, make sure you K have communicated with your landlord beforehand.



John F. Kennedy University Housing Advocacy

### Housing Advocacy Clinic (925) 969-3493

One-on-one phone counseling with JFK Law Students: what are your rights and what are your options?

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## **Contra Costa County** Self-Help **Resource Center**

Assistance with: Notice, Answers, Default Judgment, Stays of Execution, and Complaints.

#### Locations:

Martinez, CA -

751 Pine Street, Martinez, CA (check in at front desk)

- Monday & Wednesday 8am-2pm;
- Friday 8am —12 noon

Pittsburg, CA -

Rm 1045, 1000 Center Drive, Pittsburg, CA;

- Tuesday 8am -2pm

Richmond, CA -

Room 202, 100 37th Street, Richmond, CA;

- Thursday 8am -2pm

#### Please bring:

Copy of the lease-Notice (with proof of service if you are the landlord); any additional documentation that supports your position; All court filed documents you have filed or been sent by the other party.



# ■ Tips and Facts for Tenants!



- Always pay your rent on time no matter what! The easiest way to be evicted is by not paying rent.
- Document everything! If it's not in writing it NEVER happened.
- Don't sign anything you don't understand. Always ask for copies and receipts!
- Landlords must post a 24 hour written notice on your door to enter your apartment. Texts don't count!
- There is no "just cause for eviction" policy in Concord, so landlords are legally able to evict you without reason.
- Rent increases no matter the amount are legal. There is no rent control in Concord.
- It is illegal to be threatened by your landlord because of immigration status.
- If you are being harassed by your landlord, make sure to document. Videos are especially powerful. Under CA state law, it is assumed retaliation if the landlord evicts you within 180 days after reporting a habitability issue. You must verbally let the people you're recording know for it to be legal!
- Start asking your neighbors if they are dealing with similar issues. There is power in numbers!

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