

Fair Housing and Landlord-Tenant Legal Resources for Renters

Housing Rights Center

Housing Counseling

Housing Rights Center (HRC) housing counselors provide legal information on fair housing issues and a variety of landlord-tenant issues, including but not limited to questions about rent increases, security deposits, notices, lease terms, and requesting repairs.

How to reach a housing counselor (note HRC's offices are closed during the pandemic):

- Phone line is staffed from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday
 - Toll-free: 1 (800) 477-5977
 - TTY: 1 (213) 201-0867
 - If leaving a voicemail, include your city and callback number.
- Email: info@housingrightscenter.org
 - Include your city and contact information in the email.
- Contact form: <https://www.housingrightscenter.org/get-help>
- Make an appointment over the phone or Zoom at the above link (scroll to bottom of above webpage).

Workshops

HRC offers virtual and in-person workshops to educate tenants and landlords about fair housing laws and their landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities.

For more information, visit: <https://www.housingrightscenter.org/copy-of-workshops-events>

Stay Housed L.A.

Legal Assistance

Stay Housed L.A. is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and local community and legal service providers that provides tenants facing eviction with legal information and support. Tenants who have received eviction notices should go directly to Stay Housed LA for free in-legal services (if income-eligible and depending on staffing capacity) or for referrals to private attorneys who charge for their services.

****If you have received an eviction lawsuit (an Unlawful Detainer), you have only 5 business days to file an answer.****

How to request legal assistance or obtain referrals:

- Complete this form: <https://www.stayhousedla.org/referral>
- For immediate assistance: call 1-888-694-0040

Workshops

Stay Housed L.A. partners regularly hold virtual workshops on the eviction process, tenants' rights, and COVID-19 tenant protections. To view the schedule and sign up, visit <https://www.stayhousedla.org/workshops> or call 1-888-694-0040.

For more information on the court process for evictions, visit <https://www.stayhousedla.org/eviction>

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County

Legal Assistance

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) provides free legal services to low-income individuals across Los Angeles County, including tenants. NLSLA can help with housing issues related to tenant protections, disability accommodations, eviction defense, illegal rent increases, housing discrimination, unsafe living conditions, section 8 and public housing, and tenants experiencing domestic violence.

For free legal information, help filling out court forms, and information about court processes (not legal advice), visit one of NLSLA's Self-Help Legal Access Centers (see Pasadena location below).

How to request legal assistance:

- Call 800-433-6251 or 818-834-7500
- Apply online by completing an application at this link:
https://nlslash.legalserver.org/modules/matter/extern_intake.php?pid=157&h=bcaf65&

Office locations:

1104 East Chevy Chase Dr
Glendale, CA 91205

13327 Van Nuys Blvd
Pacoima, CA 91331

3629 Santa Anita Ave #109
El Monte, CA 91731

1200 N State St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Pasadena Self-Help Center:

- 300 E Walnut St., Room 300, Pasadena
- Monday through Thursday: 8:00AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:00PM
- Friday: 8:00AM to 12:30PM

For more information, visit <https://nlsla.org/services/housing/tenant-services/>

Tenant Power Toolkit

The Tenant Power Toolkit is a collaborative effort between The Debt Collective, The LA Tenants Union, The Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality & Democracy, ACCE Action, anti-eviction lawyers, and legal service providers.

This toolkit was designed to help tenants without legal representation fight evictions and rent debt in the court system. If you have been served an Unlawful Detainer, the toolkit's team will provide virtual assistance with filing your legal paperwork and support through the court process.

Visit the website here: <https://tenantpowertoolkit.org/>

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA) provides free legal services, including direct representation, counsel and advice, and referrals, to people across Greater Los Angeles. LAFLA follows federal poverty guidelines and assists only people with income less than 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. However, sometimes people with income over 125% of the federal poverty guidelines can qualify as well. Call 800-399-4529 to see if you qualify. LAFLA's self-help centers at courthouses (see locations below) can help anyone of any income level.

How to request legal assistance:

- Apply online: <https://lafla.org/get-help/>
- Call 800-399-4529 Monday through Friday 9:00AM to 12:00PM
- Attend a clinic: <https://lafla.org/self-help/calendar/>
- Visit an LAFLA office (see locations below).

Self-Help Centers:

Inglewood Courthouse 1 E Regent St., Room 107 Inglewood, CA 90301	Torrance Courthouse 825 Maple Ave., Room 160 Torrance, CA 90503
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Long Beach Courthouse Superior Court, South District 275 Magnolia Ave., Rm. 3101 Long Beach, CA 90802	Santa Monica Courthouse Superior Court, West District 1725 Main St., Room 210 Santa Monica, CA 90401
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Office locations:

Ron Olson Justice Center 1550 W. 8th Street Los Angeles, CA 90017	Long Beach Office 601 Pacific Ave. Long Beach, CA 90802
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East Los Angeles Office 5301 Whittier Blvd., 4th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90022	Santa Monica Office 1640 5th St., Suite 124 Santa Monica, CA 90401
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South Los Angeles Office
7000 S. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90003

For more information, visit <https://lafla.org/get-help/#services>