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NOTICE OF TENANT RIGHT TO COUNSEL

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS BELOW BEFORE POSTING

The Los Angeles County (County) Tenant Right to Counsel Ordinance (TRTCO), Chapter 8.60 of the County Code, outlines the following requirements for landlords of rental units located in unincorporated areas of the County:

- Provide a **Notice of Tenant Right to Counsel** (Notice) to tenants.
- Issue the Notice when a tenant receives a notice of an eviction filing (Unlawful Detainer).
- Ensure the Notice is provided in English **and** in the language in which the rental agreement was written.
- The attached Notice must be posted **at all times** in a conspicuous location, such as:
 - the property lobby
 - common areas including near mailboxes, in laundry rooms, or at property entrance, and
 - on-site management office.

Failure to comply with notice requirements outlined in Section 8.60.050 of the Los Angeles County Code may result in:

- Civil penalties of up to \$800 per violation,
- Criminal penalties of up to \$800, and/or
- Imprisonment in the County jail for up to six (6) months.

Each day that the violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

For questions, please contact the **Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs Rent Stabilization Program**:

- **Phone:** 800-593-8222 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- **Email:** Rent@dcba.lacounty.gov
- **Online:** rent.lacounty.gov



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ATTENTION TENANTS: NOTICE OF TENANT RIGHT TO COUNSEL

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE LEGAL SERVICES UNDER LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 8.60.

The Tenant Right to Counsel Ordinance (TRTCO), Los Angeles County (County) Code Chapter 8.60 LACC, establishes a **Tenant Right to Counsel Program** to provide free legal services to eligible tenants living in the unincorporated areas of the County during eviction (Unlawful Detainer) proceedings. This notice provides general information about the Tenant Right to Counsel Program. Tenants should review and understand all relevant laws about their rights and responsibilities, and should consult with an attorney about their legal rights

GENERAL INFORMATION

As of January 1, 2025, if you receive an eviction notice (Unlawful Detainer) you may be eligible for free legal services through the County's Tenant Right to Counsel Program in partnership with Stay Housed LA (SHLA) if you meet the following criteria:

- **LOCATION:** You live in UNINCORPORATED Los Angeles County; **and**
- **INCOME ELIGIBILITY:** Your household income is at or below 80% of the area median income, as defined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

AFTER RECEIVING AN EVICTION NOTICE

- You must file an answer within **10 business days**.
- Apply for legal assistance as soon as possible by contacting SHLA:
 - Website: stayhousedla.org/get-legal-help
 - Hotline: (888) 694-0040



ABOUT THE TENANT RIGHT TO COUNSEL PROGRAM

Qualified tenants residing in the unincorporated areas of the County may have access to legal representation in eviction proceedings, subject to the availability of funding and annual budget appropriations.

Under the County's Tenant Right to Counsel Program, landlords are required to:

- **Post this notice** in an accessible area of the rental property, such as any available common areas or on-site management offices.
- **Provide this notice** to tenants when issuing a notice to vacate or a notice to terminate tenancy.
- **Provide this notice** in English and the language of the rental agreement, if other than English.

Failure to comply with these notice requirements may subject landlords to civil and criminal penalties as outlined in the TRTCO.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REPORT A VIOLATION OF THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT



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