



Rent Stabilization Board

Landlord & Tenant Local Resources

Local Organizations Providing Assistance to Tenants

[East Bay Community Law Center](#)

2921 Adeline St (between Ashby Ave and Russell St)

Berkeley, CA 94703

Telephone: 510-548-4040

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Website: <http://www.ebclc.org>

Email: info@ebclc.org

Counseling and assistance in filing legal papers (for low-income tenants only). FREE community workshops for (low-income) tenants who have disputes with their landlords.

[Eviction Defense Center](#)

350 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 703 (**New location as of January 2018**)

Oakland, CA 94612

Telephone: 510-452-4541

Hotline: 510-693-2775 (accepts TEXT messages & After Hours)

Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs 9:00 – 5:00pm & Wed/Fri 9:00am – 4:00pm; Closed: 12p – 2p Daily

Website: <https://www.evictiondefensecenteroakland.org/>

Nonprofit provides low-cost legal services to tenants facing eviction in Alameda County and the City of Richmond. All services are offered on a sliding scale basis.

[Affordable Housing Resources in Berkeley](#) (the link will take you to the [City of Berkeley Housing and Community Services Department](#) website)

[Alameda County Social Services Agency](#)

- **Housing and Homeless Services** - For Office Locations [Click Here](#)
Website: http://www.alamedasocialservices.org/public/services/housing_and_homeless/housing_and_homeless.cfm
The Alameda County Social Services Agency provides cash aid or housing voucher assistance to families and single adults who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless in the county.
- **Season of Sharing (SOS)** - Telephone: (510) 272-3700.
Website: http://www.alamedasocialservices.org/public/services/community/season_of_sharing.cfm

2125 Milvia Street, Berkeley, California 94704

TEL: (510) 981-7368 (981-RENT) • TDD: (510) 981-6903 • FAX: (510) 981-4910

E-MAIL: rent@cityofberkeley.info • WEBSITE: www.cityofberkeley.info/rent

The county's SOS program is a private fund providing one-time crisis based assistance for housing and critical family needs to Alameda County residents. Grants are based not only on criteria being met but also on merit and the greatest need. Assistance is not guaranteed. For more information, call the automated pre-screening phone number provided above or visit the program website.

[Bay Area Legal Aid – Alameda County Office](#)

1735 Telegraph Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Telephone: 510-663-4755 | Legal Advice Line: 800-551-5554

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm; Closed 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Website: <http://baylegal.org/>

Provides legal information and help to low-income people in the following areas: Evictions, Housing Discrimination, Terminations, Disputes, Unsafe or unhealthy housing conditions, Lock-outs and Utility shut-offs, and Tenants of foreclosed properties.

[Tenants Together](#)

474 Valencia St #156

San Francisco, CA 94103 (No Drop-in Services)

Telephone: 415-495-8100 | Hotline: 888-495-8020

Website: www.tenantstogether.org

Email: info@tenantstogether.org

A nonprofit organization dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of California tenants for safe, decent, and affordable housing.

Student Resources

[ASUC Renters Legal Assistance](#)

UC Berkeley Campus

Hearst Gym, Rm. 112 (at Bancroft Way & Bowditch St)

Berkeley, CA 94720

Telephone: 510-642-1755

Website: <http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~asucrla/>

Email: asucrlastaff@gmail.com

Counseling, referrals, sample letters (Closed during the summer)

102 Sproul Hall

Berkeley, CA 94720

General Info/Appointments: 510-642-3916

Website: <http://sls.berkeley.edu>

Counseling and referrals, more information at: <http://sls.berkeley.edu>

Resources for Seniors

Berkeley/East Bay Gray Panthers
P.O. Box 1126
Berkeley, CA 94701
Telephone: 510-205-7957
Facebook: @berkeleygraypanthers

Legal Assistance for Seniors

333 Hegenberger Rd, Suite 850 (**New location as of January 2017**)
Oakland, CA 94621
Telephone: 510-832-3040
Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm (Call for an Appointment)
Website: <http://www.lashicap.org/>
Email: las@lashicap.org

Local Organizations Providing Assistance to Landlords

[Alameda County Bar Association Low-Income Landlord Eviction Assistance Clinic](#) (PDF page, requires Adobe Acrobat)

Alameda County Bar Association (**New location as of March 2018**)

Volunteer Legal Services Corporation (VLSC)

1000 Broadway, Suite 290

Oakland, CA 94607

Telephone: 510-302-2222, Option 4

Website: <https://www.acbanet.org/pro-bono-legal-services/>

The Low-Income Landlord Eviction Assistance Clinic is the only free legal clinic in Alameda County that is dedicated only to landlords.

Berkeley Property Owners Association

2041 Bancroft Way, Suite 203

Berkeley, CA 94704

Telephone: 510-525-3666

Fax: 510-525-8046

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm by appointment (Members ONLY)

Website: <http://www.bpoa.org>

Email: bpoa@bpoa.org

Nonprofit association of rental housing providers. Monthly meetings. Tenant screening, reference books, workshops, forms and education. Statutory and Rent Board updates. Referrals.

[East Bay Rental Housing Association](#)

3664 Grand Ave, Suite B

Oakland, CA 94610

Telephone: 510-893-9873

Fax: 510-893-2906

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm, Closed: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Website: <https://www.ebrha.com>

Email: news@ebrha.com

A nonprofit compliant with local ordinances and state/federal laws dedicated to promoting fair, safe and well-maintained residential rental housing in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. They offer rental property owner and manager members city-specific and timely education, one-on-one property management advice, free rental forms, networking opportunities, and advocacy at the state and local level.

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Tenants and Landlords***

Mediation Services

[SEEDS Community Resolution Center](#)

2530 San Pablo Ave, Suite A

Berkeley, CA 94702

Telephone: 510-548-2377

Fax: 510-548-4051

Website: www.seedscrc.org

Email: casedeveloper@seedscrc.org

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Mediation, facilitation and training. Can schedule a mediation session within 10 to 14 business days after all parties involved go through an intake process by phone. \$75 per party involved, per mediation session. (Sliding scale available, no one is turned away for lack of funds.)

[Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board](#)

2125 Milvia Street

Berkeley, CA 94704

Telephone: 510-981-7368 (981-RENT)

Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00am – 4:45pm, Wednesday 12:00pm – 6:30pm

Website: <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/rent>

Email: rent@cityofberkeley.info

Mediation available to landlords and tenants.

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General Resources

[Alameda County Bar Association - Lawyer Referral Service \(LRS\)](#)

Telephone: 510-302-2222, Option 4

Website: <https://www.acbanet.org/>

Contact the Alameda County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) to request a referral to a pre-screened lawyer with experience in the area(s) of law that you need help with. You will speak with an intake coordinator at (510) 302-2222, Monday–Friday, 8:30am–3:30pm (closed for lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm), or submit a request online using the secure form at <https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/>. At intake, a non-refundable \$35 fee will be collected for a ½ hour consultation with an Alameda County attorney you will be matched with.

[Alameda County Bar Association - Volunteer Legal Services Corporation \(VLSC\)](#)

Telephone: 510-302-2222, Option 4

Website: <https://www.acbanet.org/volunteer-legal-services/>

Free legal advice to low-income people in Alameda County. Volunteer attorneys run clinics to help you represent yourself in court if you have a case in Alameda County and fall within their income guidelines. Areas of law covered include: bankruptcy, family law, criminal law, eviction mediation, employment, immigration, and much more! Call (510) 302-2222, Monday–Friday, 8:30am–3:30pm (closed for lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm) for further details, to establish eligibility and to set an appointment. **Note: Telephone service only.** No walk-ins.

[Alameda County Small Claims Court](#)

(Part of the Alameda County Superior Court system)

<http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/pages.aspx/small-claims>

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice -- Asian Law Caucus](#)

55 Columbus Ave

San Francisco, CA 94511

Telephone: (415) 896-1701

Fax: (415) 896-1702

Website: <http://www.advancingjustice-alc.org>

Email: alc@asianlawcaucus.org

Free clinics held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays/Thursdays at various times. Check website for details.

[Berkeley Public Library - Lawyers in the Library](#)

[Central Library](#); 2090 Kittredge St, 981-6134

2nd Tuesdays of the month, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

[Claremont Branch](#); 2940 Benvenue Ave, 981-6280

2nd Thursdays of the month, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

[North Branch](#); 1170 The Alameda, 981-6250

3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

[South Branch](#); 1901 Russell St, 981-6260

4th Thursdays of the month, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

[West Branch](#); 1125 University Ave, 981-6270

2nd Fridays of the month, 10:00am -11:30am (Sign-ups begin Thursday night prior at 6pm)

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Free legal advice and referrals in areas such as employment, landlord/tenant rights, and domestic relations. In-person sign-ups only; sign-ups begin at 5:00pm same-day at all locations except the West Berkeley Branch; names pulled by lottery at 6:00pm.

[California Department of Fair Employment and Housing](#)

Bay Area Regional Office

39141 Civic Center Dr., #250

Fremont, CA 94538

Telephone: 510-789-1085/ 800-233-3212

Fax: 1-888-519-5917

Website: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov/>

Protecting the people of California from unlawful discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations, and from the perpetration of acts of hate violence.

[Centro Legal de La Raza – Fruitvale Village](#)

3400 E. 12th St

Oakland, CA 94601

Telephone: 510-437-1554

Drop-in Hours: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Website: <https://centrolegal.org/get-help>

Email: info@centrolegal.org

Free legal clinics to protect and advance the rights of immigrants, low-income and Latino communities in areas of Immigration, Tenants' Rights (Oakland and Hayward Tenants), and Workers' Rights. Call for more details of upcoming clinics.

[Family Violence Law Center](#)

470 27th St

Oakland, CA 94612

Telephone: 510-208-0220

24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 800-735-2929

Website: <https://fvlc.org>

Email: info@fvlc.org

Legal and crisis intervention services for residents of Alameda County. Survivor-centered assistance to help heal from domestic violence and sexual assault.

[Homeless Action Center](#)

3126 Shattuck Ave

Berkeley, CA 94705

Telephone: 510-540-0878

Hours: M/W/Th 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 5:00pm, Tuesdays 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Website: <http://homelessactioncenter.org>

Free legal assistance with a range of public benefits programs, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Medi-Cal, CalWorks, Cal-Fresh (food stamps) General Assistance (GA) and Cash Assistance Programs for Immigrants (CAPI). They also provide informal advice and referrals for non-benefits related legal issues.

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[Legal Aid at Work – East Bay](#)

2921 Adeline St

Berkeley, CA 94703

Telephone: 866-864-8208

Website: <https://legalaidatwork.org>

Free and confidential information about legal rights related to work for qualifying low-income and unemployed clients. Call first to establish eligibility and make an appointment.

[Northern California Land Trust \(NCLT\)](#)

3120 Shattuck Avenue

Berkeley, CA, 94705

Telephone: 510-548-7878

Website: <http://www.nclt.org/>

Email: nclt@nclt.org

A nonprofit corporation creating opportunities for permanently affordable home ownership using the community land trust (CLT) model for households without access to the traditional home ownership market.