

Letter to Elected Official

Instructions:

1. [Click here to open a Microsoft Word version of this sample letter](#)
2. The Microsoft Word-version will have the same blank spaces as this version, but will not have the comments in the margin
3. Using your computer, fill out the blanks in the Microsoft Word-version using the comments on the margins of this version
4. Send letter to your city council members and mayor
5. Include a copy of Tenants Together's Just Cause for Eviction Factsheet- [click here for copy](#)

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Comment [GT1]: Today's Date

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Comment [GT2]: Your name

Comment [GT3]: Your address

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Comment [GT4]: Name of elected official and title

Comment [GT5]: Address of elected official

Dear ()

Comment [GT6]: Title and last name of elected official

I am a tenant at (), I have lived in my home since () and in () since ().

Comment [GT7]: Your address

Comment [GT8]: Date you moved in

(Scenario 1) Through no fault of my own, on (), my landlord was foreclosed upon and my home was acquired by (). Despite my willingness to stay on as a rent-paying tenant, my new landlord, () has initiated the eviction process.

Comment [GT9]: Name of your city or community

Comment [GT10]: Date you moved into your city of community

(Scenario 2) Through no fault of my own, my landlord is in the process of being foreclosed upon. I would like to remain in my home as a tenant of my future landlord. Unfortunately, foreclosed properties are typically acquired by banks and private investors determined to evict the tenant-occupants.

Comment [GT11]: Use this paragraph if your home has already been foreclosed

Comment [GT12]: Date your home was foreclosed at Trustee Sale

Comment [GT13]: Name of bank or private investor

Comment [GT14]: Name of bank or private investor

Being displaced from my home would have a devastating impact on me and my family.

Comment [GT15]: Use this paragraph if your home is about to be foreclosed

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Comment [GT16]: Add a couple of lines explaining the impact your displacement will have. Will you have to change jobs, move your kids from their school, live far from your support network, struggle to find a new job and/or home, etc.?

The unjust eviction of tenants after foreclosure is a threat to our entire community. Areas with high foreclosure rates suffer from prolonged vacancies and blight when homes are emptied of tenants, and property values decline accordingly. Homelessness rises due to widespread evictions,

requiring more government services and related costs. Further, when tenants are forced to move away from the community, stores lose customers, businesses lose employees, and schools lose students.

Fortunately there is a free and effective way to protect tenants from these unfair evictions and stabilize our entire community. I urge you and the rest of the () city council to adopt a 'just cause for eviction' ordinance, a cost-free and effective way to stabilize our community by stopping unfair evictions of tenants after foreclosure. Please see the attached factsheet about such laws from Tenants Together, California's only statewide organization for renters' rights.

Sincerely,

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Comment [GT17]: Name of your city

Comment [GT18]: Your signature

Comment [GT19]: Print your name