

Public Letter to Bank

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 on the margin
3. Using your computer, fill out the blanks in the Microsoft Version using the comments in the margins of this version
4. Send letter to the bank
5. Send copies of the letter to your city council members, the mayor, or other elected officials
6. Include a copy of Tenant Together's ['Win-Win: A Proposal for Banks to Continue Renting to California Tenants after Foreclosure'](#)

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Comment [GT1]: Today's Date

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Comment [GT2]: Your name

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Comment [GT3]: Your address

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Comment [GT4]: Bank representative's name

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Comment [GT5]: Bank's address

Dear ():

Comment [GT6]: Bank representative's last name

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

Comment [GT7]: Your address

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Comment [GT8]: Date you moved in

Comment [GT9]: Add a line or two about your link to the community, for example: how long you've been in your city, info about your family, job, social network, etc

On (), the home I live in as a tenant was foreclosed and acquired by your bank, ().

Comment [GT10]: Date of Trustee Sale

I am interested in continuing to live in my home as a tenant. However, I have

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Comment [GT11]: Name of bank that acquired your home at foreclosure

Evicting me from my home will ().

Comment [GT12]: Explain what has happened: Did you receive a visit from a real estate agent, a notice to terminate your tenancy, etc?

I realize that banks traditionally do not view themselves as landlords, even after acquiring renter-occupied properties. However, the passage of the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act (PTFA) removes any doubt that banks are landlords after foreclosure. In addition, with the practical

Comment [GT13]: Write a couple of lines about the impact that being driven from your home will have on you and your family

realities of the current real estate market most properties will sit vacant for an extended period of time if tenants like me are forced to leave.

I urge you to adopt the attached proposal from Tenants Together and to allow me to continue to stay in my home as rent-paying tenant. I look forward to your written response to this letter.

Sincerely,

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Comment [GT14]: Your signature

Comment [GT15]: Your printed name

Cc: (_____)

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Comment [GT16]: Names of the local elected officials you are sending a copy of the letter to