

# Resources to Fight Evictions

- Causa Justa  
(415) 487-9203
- Tenants Union  
(415) 282-6622
- Housing Rights Committee  
(415) 703-8634
- Eviction Defense Collaborative (Legal assistance)  
(415) 947-079

# Housing Resources

- Hamilton Family Center  
(415) 409-2100
- Homeless Prenatal Program  
(415) 546-6756
- Catholic Charities CYO  
(415) 972-1200

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## Tenants: Know Your Rights!

### Did you know...

- Many tenants in San Francisco are evicted illegally, especially when the building is for sale.
- Landlords use intimidation to evict families who do not speak English well.
- Landlords try to buyout long-term tenants and may threaten tenants with the start of an Ellis Act eviction or by saying that they will call ICE on immigrants.
- Every time a family leaves, the unit goes for higher rent, averaging from \$1,900 for a studio to \$4,000 for a two-bedroom apartment (2015).

# Know Your Rights as Tenants

## Most tenants in San Francisco have eviction protections

1. If you live in a multi-unit building, in-law unit, apartment or house (with rooms rented out separately) built before 1979, you are protected against evictions.
2. Verbal evictions are NOT LEGAL. All eviction notices must be in writing from the court and all tenants have the right to defend themselves in front of a judge.
3. Only the sheriff can physically evict you after you lose your case in court.
4. Just because your building is sold, it does not mean you have to leave. The new landlord must respect your original rental agreement.
5. It is illegal for a landlord to threaten to call ICE.



# NEW San Francisco buyout legislation

- Real estate speculators and investors first use buyouts in an attempt to vacate rent control units from the building's long-term tenants.
- Starting in March 2015, landlords now need to report to the Rent Board when they offer a buyout to tenants.
- Once the buyout is reported, the city will send all tenants a letter explaining their rights and offering resources to help them stay in the building.
- A buyout agreement will not always put you in a better financial position.
- The new law allows a tenant to rescind (cancel) the buyout agreement within 45 days of the agreement being signed.

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