Is Your Building for Sale and Are You at Risk of Displacement?

Know your rights:

• 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.
• 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.
• Only the sheriff can physically evict you if you lose your court case.
• Just because your building is sold, it does not mean you have to leave. The new landlord must respect your original rental agreement.

What do tenants need to do?

• Invite us to visit your building to talk to you and your neighbors.
• Tenants must provide information about income.
• Tenants let us know the condition of the building and the landlord history.
• Tenants advocate with owner for the nonprofit offer to be considered instead of a speculator’s offer.

What we would love to make this truly work?

• Tenants who know their housing rights.
• Tenants who are fighting to stay in the building.
• To make the offer competitive, tenants might be part of the future collective ownership.
• Tenants advocate with MEDA and SFCLT for more funds from City to purchase other buildings where tenants are at risk of eviction.

Call MEDA to save your home: (415) 282-3334 ext. 103.

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Small Sites Program in San Francisco

What is it?

Small Sites is a new program funded by the City of San Francisco. The aim is to acquire buildings where long-term tenants are at risk of being evicted.

- MEDA and SFCLT buy the properties and keep the current tenants, as long as the tenants are in good standing with the existing leases.
- The tenants must be mostly low- to moderate-income.
- Tenants are part of the purchase, so the tenants must want to stay.
- City will provide a deep subsidy to help the purchase so that tenants can keep their homes at affordable rates.

What we are looking for:

- Buildings about to go on the market or on the market right now.
- Buildings with existing tenants, of which a number are low- to moderate-income households.
- Buildings in the Mission or Mission adjacent.

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