

COVID RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER ROUNDTABLE PUBLIC MEETING Thursday, June 2, 2022 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome (CEO)
- II. Policy/Program Updates
 - COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution (DCBA)
 - DCBA Resources for Property Owners (DCBA)
 - LACDA Programs (LACDA)
 - County of Los Angeles Penalty Cancellation Requests (TTC)
- III. Public Comment (Tenants and Tenant Organizations)

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COVID Rental Property Owner Roundtable PUBLIC MEETING - JUNE 2, 2022

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LA County COVID-19 Tenant

Protections Resolution: Overview & Updates





LA County COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution

> What is it?

Countywide ban on evictions for residential and commercial tenants impacted by COVID-19

> Who's covered?

Residential tenants Commercial tenants Mobilehome space renters

The County's protections apply to unincorporated areas and all incorporated cities within the County

> How long does it last?

Effective March 4, 2020 to **December 31, 2022**, unless extended by the Board of Supervisors.

What Protections Are Currently in Place?

	Phase II (June 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022)
What's Staying the Same?	 Eviction protections for residential and mobilehome space renters: Rent Increase Freeze (for rent stabilized units and mobilehome spaces in unincorporated areas)-including new pass-throughs or charges Protection from evictions for: No-Fault evictions reasons, except for qualified Owner Move-in Evictions ¹ Nuisance Unauthorized occupants or pets Anti-harassment and retaliation protections for all residential, mobilehome space renters and commercial tenants. For commercial tenants with 9 or fewer employees: Prohibiting enforcement of personal guarantees for rent incurred on or before 1/31/22.
What's Being Added?	Effective July 1, 2022**- Eviction protections for nonpayment of rent, including self-certification to establish affirmative defense, for households with income at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) ONLY ² due to COVID-19 financial hardship for rent incurred on or after July 1, 2022.
What's Going Away?	<u>Effective June 1, 2022</u> : Purchase property date (6/30/2021) requirement for owner move-ins. Requirement that tenants not be financially impacted by COVID-19 prior to landlord move-in. Denying entry to landlord, except when entry constitutes harassment.

Legislative Updates

AB3088: Effective September 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021

- Protects most residential tenants from being evicted for nonpayment of rent if related to COVID-19
 financial hardship
- Preempts certain local protections for this category of residential tenants
- Requires landlords to provide written notice of unpaid rent, copy of tenant rights under state bill, and a sample declaration of hardship
- Requires tenants to pay 25% of unpaid rental balance and submit a signed declaration to their landlord for each month tenant is unable to pay rent due to COVID-19 related financial hardship

SB91: Effective February 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

- Extends protections, noticing requirements, and certification requirements for landlords and residential tenants, as well as local preemptions under AB3088
- Includes state rental assistance component

AB81: Effective February 23, 2021 – June 30, 2021

• Provides additional time for repayment under local COVID eviction protections

AB2179: Effective 3/31/2022

- Extends current State protections through June 30, 2022
 - Requirement that property owners sign a declaration stating they have applied for rent relief prior to proceeding with an unlawful detainer

How Does Recently Passed AB2179 Impact the County's Resolution?

Residential Tenancies

- Preempts the County from implementing nonpayment of rent protections through June 30, 2022
- All other local protections offered remain in place

Commercial Tenancies

No impact

NOTE: Currently, tenants in the cities of Los Angeles, Maywood, and Pasadena still have nonpayment of rent protections in place.

Questions? Contact Us:

& (833) 223-RENT (7368)

rent@dcba.lacounty.gov

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LACDA Programs

Medina Johnson-Jennings Acting Director, Housing Assistance Division June 2, 2022

Program Overview

- The LACDA's Housing Assistance Division administers the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program, which is the federal government's major program for helping very low-income families, the elderly, and disabled afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market.
- Eligibility is based on the family's annual gross income and size.
- At admission, the family must pay between 30% to 40% of their monthly adjusted income for rent and utilities.

Benefits of Partnering with the LACDA

Timely and dependable payments

 Payment received via direct deposit on the first business day of the month

Ability to choose your tenant

• Screen and select your own tenant

Help every step of the way

- Dedicated staff to assist along the way
- Access to Owner portal (Rent Café)

Serve your community

 Make a difference by providing safe and stable housing to low-income, elderly, and/or disabled families



LACDA Landore Incentives

Homeless Incentive Program (HIP)

- Tenant Eligibility: First-Time Voucher Holders
- Signing Bonus
- Security Deposit
- Vacancy Loss
- Application Fee
- Damage Claim
- Utility Assistance
- Furniture

Email: hip@lacda.org

Phone: (626) 586-1585





Open Doors

- Tenant Eligibility: Current Voucher Holders
- Signing Bonus
- Security Deposit
- Vacancy Loss
- Damage Claim

Email: opendoors@lacda.org

Phone: (626) 586-1984

Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)

- Tenant Eligibility: EHV holder
- Security Deposit
- Application Fee
- Utility Assistance
- \$5,000 reimbursement for unit repairs

Email: lacdaincentives@lacda.org

Phone: 626-586-1585





Resources for Property Owners



Foreclosure Prevention

- Dedicated team that:
 - Assists distressed homeowners in communicating with lenders and exploring all available foreclosure avoidance options.

Mortgage Relief

- In partnership with NHSLA, DCBA launched a Countywide Mortgage Relief program to help preserve homeownership for low-moderate income homeowners who experienced a financial setback due to COVID.
- Up to \$30,000 in assistance for income-eligible owners of up 4-unit properties



Questions? Contact Us:

& (800) 593-8222

DHomeHelp@dcba.lacounty.gov

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County of Los Angeles – Penalty Cancellation Requests

- Benjamin M. Effinger, MPA
- Operations Chief, Public Service Division
- Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector
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- The orange tile from our website below.
- https://ttc.lacounty.gov/penalty-cancellationrequest-2/



Public Comment

Questions & Comments

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CA COVID-19 Rent Relief: Go to: https://housing.ca.gov/ or Call: 833-430-2122

Mortgage Relief Fund: Go to: <u>www.NHSLACOUNTY.org</u> or Call: 888-895-2647

County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Office Immigrant Affairs: 1-800-593-8222; Housing/Tenant Protections (833) 223-RENT (7368)