RENTERS: YOU HAVE RIGHTS!

WHEN YOUR BUILDING IS SOLD OR CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED

Your Council office can provide support and guidance. Please get in touch with us so that we can help. In the meantime, here are a few things to keep in mind.

1. Don't Panic!
Multiple groups and agencies exist to help tenants. Our office will work with you to connect you as quickly as we can to resources. Start reading some of the information on Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department (HCIDLA)’s website about your rights.

2. Don't Sign Anything Yet
Don't sign anything until you have all necessary information. Check the truth of all information coming from the building representatives independently with our office, or with a representative from one of the agencies or groups that provide assistance to tenants.

3. Get Organized
Work with the other tenants. Collect your neighbor’s contact info so you can share information. Tenants rights groups recommend you pick a 'floor captain' for each floor who will share information. If you organize a meeting, our office can attend and provide information.

Beware Buyout Agreements
A Buyout Agreement (aka "cash for keys" offer) is a written agreement where the landlord pays a tenant to voluntarily move out of a Rent Controlled (RSO) unit. If you received an offer, you do not have to accept it. Know how much you are legally owed so that you don’t unknowingly accept less. You may also rescind agreements within 30 days or at any time if requirements are not met.

Construction ≠ Eviction
Landlords do not have the right to kick you out to do upgrades. Construction can happen with you in place in some cases, and in other cases you have the right to be temporarily relocated and return to your same unit when renovations are done.

More Information
https://hcidla.lacity.org/home-for-renters
https://hcidla.lacity.org/Removal-From-Rental-Market—Renters
http://davidryu.lacity.org/know_your_renter_rights

You are not alone!

Don’t let anyone rush you into signing anything.
You have time to know your rights and our staff will use that time to support you.

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