

Attention! The City is Starting to Steal Your Property Rights!

They are doing it with a proposed ordinance that requires you to state one of eight good causes in your eviction notice. It then gives the tenant the right to assert an affirmative defense that you are not in compliance with this new ordinance. Do you know what that means? It means that, in the future, you will have to justify in court why a tenant should be evicted. They are crazy!

Tenant's rights advocates scored a major victory when the San Diego City Council approved this new ordinance that requires landlords to tell renters why they are being evicted. They don't even realize how this will damage the good tenants!

Please call all of your City Council members and let them know how you think, (not feel) about their idea of requiring you to give a "just cause" to evict a tenant living in your building. Let them know that other tenants are scared to death to testify against a bad tenant, a drug dealer or a gang member who lives next door who has threatened to slash their tires if they come to court to testify against them. And... if the other tenants don't testify, the one causing all of the problems will win in court. This allows him to stay and tear down your building and/or make all of the good tenants miserable or run them off your property. If the Federal and/or local police can't get a conviction against a drug dealer, how can the City Council expect you to prove that he's dealing drugs on your property? This is ludicrous.

Tell your Councilperson this and other good reasons why this new ordinance will damage you AND your good tenants. They have no experience renting to tenants. They have no idea how nasty a tenant can get, what they do to other tenants and how they can damage and destroy a building. Not just a building, but somebody's business. Those Council members have no concept of what a few bad tenants will do. They think everybody respects property like they do. They are living in an ivory tower, totally numb and lacking any knowledge of how to provide housing.

Remind them that the same people who commit crimes and put graffiti all over the place also rent apartments. This law will make it almost impossible to evict a criminal who threatens others! It will drive the rents and cost of housing higher and higher and higher.

WRITE! CALL! E-MAIL! Complain to those who voted for this unjust and totally contrary to common sense ordinance. Remember, they know nothing about the business of providing housing in our currently tight market. Be sure to contact those who opposed this insane ordinance and who voted for the housing industry. Thank them for voting for what is right and just and for having plain old common sense in how to properly run a business. Encourage them! Work for them in upcoming elections!

Also...call Mayor Dick Murphy's office and encourage him to vote for what he knows in his heart is right! He has decided to stay out of this fight because he has rental property and thinks it is a conflict of interest. Two of the Council members are tenants and they are voting so ... our Mayor should also vote. I agree that both owners AND tenants have a conflict of interest but, if the tenants are going to vote, our Mayor should play politics and vote too! Contact the Mayor at 202 "C" Street, 11th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101, phone-619-236-6330; fax-619-236-7228; E-Mail-DickMurphy@sandiego.gov.

Realize that some Council members do not recognize the difference between right and wrong. Some intelligent people really believe that it's OK to take something from you and redistribute it to others. In this case, we are "only" talking about property rights. Be forewarned, however, that these are the same people who will be trying to transfer title from your property to others – we've seen it happen before in other places!

Again, WRITE, CALL, E-MAIL, fight, and complain NOW or ...just sell your property and go live on an island because one of their next steps will be to take away all of your property rights. Don't just sit and wait for that to happen. PLEASE HELP!

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