



Landlord harassment documentation letter (California)

[Your name]

[Rental address, unit]

[Email] · [Phone]

[Date]

[Landlord / property manager name]

[Landlord address]

Re: Formal notice — pattern of harassment at [rental address, unit], Los Angeles, CA [ZIP]

Dear [Landlord name],

I am writing to formally document a pattern of conduct by you or your agents that I believe constitutes tenant harassment under California and Los Angeles law, and to put you on written notice that it must stop.

Since approximately [start date], the following has occurred:

1. [Date] — [Describe what happened: who was involved, what was said or done, and any witnesses]
2. [Date] — [Add each additional incident, in order, with as much specific detail as possible]
3. [Date] — [Continue as needed]

Taken together, I believe this conduct violates Cal. Civil Code § 1940.2, which prohibits a landlord from using force, willful threats, or menacing conduct that interferes with a tenant's quiet enjoyment of the premises (Civil Code § 1927), from committing significant and intentional violations of the entry rules in Civil Code § 1954, and from threatening to report a tenant's immigration or citizenship status to influence them to vacate. Because this unit is located in the City of Los Angeles, this conduct may also violate the LA Tenant Anti-Harassment Ordinance (LAMC § 45.33 et seq.), which separately prohibits acts including interrupting or reducing housing services or utilities, refusing to make legally required repairs, entering the unit without proper notice or for improper purposes, and using threats or intimidation to get a tenant to vacate.

This letter is my formal notice that I expect this conduct to stop immediately. I am not requesting that you contact me about this matter by phone — please respond to me in writing at the address or email above.

I am keeping a dated log, photographs, and copies of all correspondence related to these incidents. If this conduct continues, I intend to pursue the remedies available to me, which may include a civil action for actual damages, injunctive relief, and statutory penalties under Civil Code § 1940.2(b) and, if applicable, LAMC § 45.33 et seq., as well as a complaint to the LA Housing Department (LAHD).

Sincerely,

[Your name]