



Landlord reference request letter (California)

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Subject: Quick reference request — [Your name], former tenant at [address]

Hi [Landlord name],

I hope you're well. I rented [unit/address] from [start date] to [end date], and I'm applying for a new apartment in [city/neighborhood, e.g. Los Angeles]. Would you be willing to serve as a reference?

If it's easy for you, a short note confirming that I paid rent on time and took good care of the unit would mean a lot. Under California's reusable tenant screening report law (Cal. Civil Code § 1950.1, added by AB 2559), I can attach your reference to a single verified report and reuse it across multiple applications for up to 30 days — so you likely won't hear from every landlord I apply to separately. A prospective landlord may reach out to you at [their contact], or you can reply to me directly and I'll pass it along.

Thank you so much — I really appreciated renting from you.

Best,

[Your name]

[Phone] · [Email]

Want a reference a landlord can trust is genuine? Build a CertRent profile — we verify your reference owns the building.