



Request for landlord consent to sublet (LA)

[Your name]

[Rental address, unit]

[Email] · [Phone]

[Date]

[Landlord / property manager name]

[Landlord address]

Re: Request for consent to sublet [rental address, unit], Los Angeles, CA [ZIP]

Dear [Landlord name],

I am writing to formally request your written consent to sublet my apartment at the above address for the period of [start date] through [end date]. I am not able to occupy the unit during this time because of [reason, e.g., a temporary work relocation, school program — optional to include], and I would like to arrange a subtenant rather than leave the unit vacant.

The proposed subtenant is [subtenant name], and I am glad to provide [their contact information / a completed application / references] so you can review this request. I will remain the tenant of record and fully responsible for the rent and all other obligations under my lease for the full sublease period; this request is for your consent to a subtenancy, not a substitute for or amendment to my existing lease.

I understand that under my lease, subletting requires your prior written approval, and that subletting or assigning without that approval can be treated as an at-fault "just cause" ground for eviction under Cal. Civil Code § 1946.2(b)(1) (tied to Code of Civil Procedure § 1161(4)) and, if this unit falls under the Los Angeles Rent Stabilization Ordinance, under L.A. Municipal Code § 151.09. That is exactly why I am asking first, in writing, rather than proceeding without your consent.

If this unit is subject to rent stabilization, I also understand that under the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act (Cal. Civil Code § 1954.53(d)), you may be entitled to reset the unit to market rate once every original tenant who signed the lease has permanently vacated. To be clear, I intend to remain a permanent occupant of record and do not intend to permanently vacate the unit during the sublease term.

Please let me know your decision, or any conditions you'd like to attach to your consent (such as a copy of the subtenant's application or a written sublease), by [date, e.g., 10-14 days from today]. If you require a specific form or process to grant consent, please let me know and I will complete it promptly.

Thank you for considering this request. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

[Your name]