

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a disabled person who is currently being harassed by my landlord. They bought the building in 2022, and I have lived in it since 2010. They have resorted to some extreme and illegal means to try and get me out of my below market RSO apartment. These include but are not limited to: refusal to make needed repairs, denial of disability accommodations, and ridiculous rules just for me, the one and only tenant of color. I have repeatedly pleaded for help to HCIDLA, CA Civil Rights, Paul Krekorian's office, LA City Civil and Human Rights, and Mayor Bass' office just to name a few. WHEN I actually get a response, I have been supplied with lots of lists of referrals, but I have not gotten any actual help from anyone on those lists...just more referrals. I didn't think it was possible to have so many organizations who can't actually do anything. I have been told repeatedly that I must sue the landlord if I want a remedy, which I would gladly do if I had the means. I am disabled and on a fixed income. I do not have \$500 an hour for a private attorney, and legal aid is not taking housing cases. So, I am left to battle alone. The landlord continues with this abuse and harassment because they know that there are no real repercussions for the bad behavior. They are well aware of the anxiety and health flare ups this is causing me, but it continues...relentlessly. The latest harassment is that they have begun refusing my rent. I had to do repair and deduct because they ignored me for eight months concerning a faucet that was leaking profusely. They provided some phony documents to CA Civil Rights claiming that they reimbursed me for the repair already, but they never provided those documents to me when I asked. They have never paid me a cent, but refuse to provide this "proof". I believe the goal is to keep refusing the rent until they meet the threshold to file the unlawful detainer, which will be in another month. I have secured the rental funds that they returned, and will continue to do so. I just have to hope I get a judge in eviction court who will actually listen and see through this obvious ploy on their part. I have never been late on rent or refused to pay during my entire tenancy, not even during Covid-19. Now, for the grand total of \$353 for a faucet repair that the landlord neglected, I must risk losing the place I have called home for 14 years. I guess the stress of potential homelessness is the penalty I must face in order to be HEARD and get the abuse

to STOP! I am willing to do it if I have to, because this behavior MUST CEASE! THE MOST DISGUSTING PART ABOUT THIS SITUATION IS THAT MY LANDLORD WORKS FOR MAYOR KAREN BASS!!! It is unconscionable that an employee in the Mayor's office could behave this badly and it goes unchecked. The new TAHO proposal MUST pass so that REAL PUNISHMENTS AND PENALTIES are given to these rogue landlords. I would never want anyone else to endure what I am currently going through and not have a remedy.