Behind on Rent Due to COVID-19?

AB 3088 is a new state law that provides some protections. Two steps to prevent eviction for rent debt:



By January 31, 2021 you must pay at least 25% of the rent for the period of September 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

When you make a payment, write on the check or money order that the payment is for the current month of rent, and include a letter instructing the landlord to apply the rent to the current month. A letter template is available at www.legalaidsmc.org/covid19

Provide a signed Declaration of COVID-19-Related Financial Distress to your landlord.

If your landlord serves a written demand for payment with a Declaration form, sign and return the form within 15 days. You do not have to wait for the landlord to demand the rent and serve the form to you. You may use the AB 3088 "Declaration of COVID Financial Distress" form found at www.legalaidsmc.org/covid19

AB 3088 has many other provisions about debt collection and other types of evictions.

If you need legal advice, call (650) 517-8911 to schedule a free consultation.

