



Rent Board Petition Opt-Out Form

Tenant Association: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

The attached Rent Board Petition was filed by the Tenant Association for this property. The Rent Board petition starts a legal hearing process to possibly reduce rents due to the conditions listed in the petition. The landlord may dispute the claims, and the Berkeley Rent Board will schedule a hearing for the parties (landlord and Tenant Association) to present their case with evidence. A hearing examiner will then issue a written decision on whether the claim(s) will be granted or not.

The Tenant Association believes that the claims in the attached Rent Board petition involve common area issues affecting multiple tenants. The Berkeley Rent Board will consider the attached Rent Board petition as if it had been filed by all the tenants. Should the hearing examiner issue a rent ceiling decrease, it may be applied to reduce your rent. Please do not sign this form if you wish to remain a party to this action.

If, however, you do not want to have your rent ceiling reduced as a result of this case, you must complete the bottom section of this form and return it to the Tenant Association, which confirms your wish to opt out of this case. You may also submit this completed form to the Berkeley Rent Board before the hearing, or tell the Hearing Examiner at the hearing.

Please contact the Tenant Association for more information about the Rent Board petition. You may also speak with a Berkeley Rent Board housing counselor, who can provide general information about the Berkeley Rent Ordinance, Board Regulations, and the hearing process. To contact a housing counselor: Use our online appointment form by going to rentboard.berkeleyca.gov and clicking on the "Housing Counselor Appointments" button; call (510) 981-7368 (RENT); or email rent@berkeleyca.gov.

I DO NOT WISH TO BE A PARTY TO THIS CASE, NOR DO I WISH TO HAVE ANY POTENTIAL RENT REDUCTION APPLIED TO MY UNIT.

Name: _____

Address & Unit Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____