



HUMBOLDT TENANTS UNION

Taking Control Of Our Own Housing

WHY FORM A TENANTS UNION?

We want democracy at home. The truth is, that tenants, who are 46-49% of the population, are a majority of the population as compared to landlords (3-5%).

The very word "Tenant" comes from the definition of "someone who does not control their own housing." Tenants' unions are building, neighborhood, or in our case, county-based organizations made up of and led by renters themselves to fight for our collective interests and rights. Together, we can build a movement of thousands that is powerful enough to win rent control for all and tenant and community control of our housing and land.

LANDLORD PROBLEM?

WE CAN HELP



Direct Link: <https://forms.gle/Dw3dGFw2Upk9Ap56>



Solidarity Meeting & Tenants Rights Workshop

6-7pm

7-8pm



Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month



Eureka Labor Temple
840 E St, Eureka, CA 95501

Downstairs, Parking in the back



Childcare available
Snacks Provided

Next Workshop: _____

Come and workshop your concerns with dedicated advocates who can help navigate laws and connect you to resources including legal services if appropriate.

Solidarity shows that you are not alone in this.

WHAT DOES THE TENANTS UNION ACTUALLY DO?

Humboldt Tenant Union seeks to unite all tenants housed and unhoused, and all friendly parties. We see ways for folks to get together, work together, and WIN.

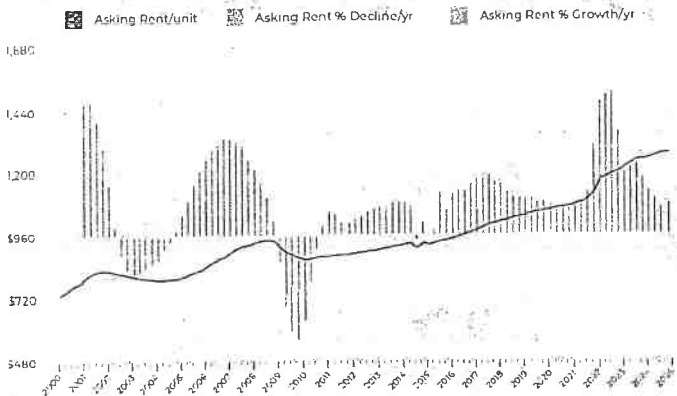
1. **Solidarity Meetings & Tenants Rights Workshops**— Every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, we hold space for the community to contribute to our union initiatives and work through issues with landlords.
2. **EUREKA CITY HALL WILL BE DISCUSSING TENANT PROTECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.** Please find time to make a public comment in support of a tenant-led **Rent Board** and for City Council to enact an **Emergency Rent Freeze.**
3. Organize our neighbors into **Tenant Associations**, a group of tenants living under the same landlord who choose to join forces in order to advocate for themselves, particularly when dealing with landlord or management.

Or email us at: humboldttenantsunion@gmail.com



SKING RENT TRENDS

Asking rents in Humboldt County have increased by 21.1% (\$222) between Q4 2019 and Q4 2024.



HOUSING REPORT SAYS RENT IS TOO HIGH

We think that the current protections are not enough. If you are paying the median rent (~\$1300/mo) then your rent can raise \$122.20 per month each year. That is \$1372.80 more spent on rent each year! Eureka City Council is currently deliberating renter protections. We believe those protections need to be dictated by renters themselves. We believe city council must investigate the most aggressive of these measures to protect us.

Immediate demands are a rent freeze and the establishment of a citizen Rent Board made up of renters with oversight of rent raises and evictions. We want to establish democracy in our living situations! We want democracy at home.

RENTERS ALONE ARE HALF THE POPULATION OF HUMBOLDT.

THE MAJORITY OF HOMEOWNERS WERE ONCE RENTERS THEMSELVES AND ARE FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC TO OUR STRUGGLES AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AS RENTERS. MOST BUSINESS OWNERS WOULD AGREE THAT ALLEVIATION FROM RENT, THE SINGLE LARGEST CHUNK TAKEN FROM WORKING CLASS WAGES EACH MONTH, WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE MONEY CIRCULATING THE ECONOMY AND THUS SPENT AT THEIR BUSINESSES WHO THEMSELVES STRUGGLE TO STAY AFLOAT WHEN COMPETING WITH BIG GLOBAL CORPORATE CHAINS.

IT'S SIMPLE. 3-5% OF THE POPULATION WHO ARE LANDLORDS HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF POWER. MOST PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THEIR INCOME REFLECTS THE MAGNITUDE AND INTENSITY OF THEIR WORK. THESE PEOPLE WILL BE SAD TO KNOW THAT LANDLORDS ON AVERAGE WORK 4 HOURS PER MONTH PERSONALLY MAINTAINING THEIR PROPERTIES, BALANCING THEIR BUDGETS AND SO ON. IN REALITY MANY LANDLORDS ARE NOT SPOKEN TO FOR MONTHS OR YEARS. LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT IS: STOLEN WAGES.

SPEAK UP!

Eureka City Council

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month
6pm
(In person or Zoom)

Arcata City Council

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
6pm
(In person or Zoom)

Fortuna City Council

1st and 3rd Monday of the month
6pm
In person only

County Board of Supervisors

Tuesdays
9 AM
(In person or Zoom)



WHERE TO FIND US?

GET INVOLVED

Every 2nd and 4th
Thursday of the month
Labor Temple
840 E street, Eureka

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