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**HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER JOINS EVICTION DEFENSE COALITION
IN LAUNCHING STAY HOUSED L.A. COUNTY**

[CALIFORNIA, OCTOBER 2020] — The Housing Rights Center (HRC) joins Los Angeles County Supervisors and leading legal aid organizations in launching Stay Housed L.A., an online resource for the thousands of Los Angeles-area tenants facing eviction during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis.

Supported by the County of Los Angeles, Stay Housed L.A. County is a network of local community organizations and legal services providers, including the Housing Rights Center, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Bet Tzedek, Public Counsel, Inner City Law Center, and more. Member organizations collaborate to provide the residents of Los Angeles County with information and resources on tenant rights during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Los Angeles County Supervisors have responded to the pandemic with important relief measures, but the rapidly changing situation has made it challenging for tenants to understand their rights and find support,” said HRC Executive Director Chancela Al-Mansour. “Stay Housed L.A. is a crucial resource hub that will provide easy access to information and streamlined referrals to legal services for tenants facing eviction.”

Tenants can visit www.stayhousedla.org to attend an online educational workshop, connect with a legal services provider, or join a community organization. Resources on the website are available in English and Spanish. Tenants who receive a notice or unlawful detainer are urged to seek legal aid immediately.

For the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency, HRC will continue to offer virtual services to tenants and landlords, including virtual counseling and fair housing workshops. To inquire about HRC services, please email outreach@housingrightscenter.org.

Visit HRC online at www.housingrightscenter.org or call us at 1-800-477-5977 (TTY: 213-201-0867). Follow HRC on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay updated on housing news.

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