

Organize With Neighbors

Casa Lago residents have already raised the need to work together. Residents have not yet voted to create an association. This page shows how interested neighbors can decide whether to form one - safely, voluntarily, and together.

THE FIRST STEP IS A RESIDENT MEETING - NOT A MANAGEMENT COMPLAINT. Listen to neighbors, decide together whether to form an association, and choose who may speak for the group.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Residents may organize

California protects tenants who lawfully organize or participate in a tenants' association. A landlord may not raise rent, reduce services, threaten eviction, force a move, or seek possession for a retaliatory purpose. An invited tenants' rights organizer may enter during reasonable hours. Lawful landlord grounds can still exist; keep evidence.

RETALIATION



Civil Code 1942.5

INVITED ORGANIZER



Civil Code 1942.6

START HERE • HOLD AN INTEREST MEETING

Decide together whether to form

Invite interested residents to a private, accessible meeting. Listen first: What problems are shared? What has already been reported? Then vote on whether to form a resident association. Interest from an earlier conversation is a reason to meet - not consent to membership.

FIRST MEETING: listen • decide • vote • set the next date



Tenants Together start guide

IF RESIDENTS VOTE YES TO FORM A UNION

Build a real resident-led group

Keep the structure simple and accountable:

- Write a one-sentence shared purpose
- Make joining, leaving, signing, and speaking voluntary
- Choose 2-3 coordinators and define who may speak for the group
- Keep each household's records private unless that resident consents
- Start with one verifiable issue and one measurable request

You can begin organizing without dues, legal incorporation, or collecting private household documents

IF PRESSURE OR RETALIATION FOLLOWS

Document what changed and seek legal screening

Save what happened before and after organizing: notices, rent or service changes, messages, dates, witnesses, and the stated reason. A group does not replace individual legal help, and contacting a service does not create representation.

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LOCAL PROTECTION



Legal Aid



Chula Vista law

Organizing does not stop rent, notice, or court deadlines. Do not withhold rent or ignore legal papers based on this page. No one speaks for another household without clear authorization.

General information; not legal advice. A report, ticket, referral, or intake does not prove a violation or correction.