



California Tenants – Use this letter if you are a tenant whose rent was increased after January 1, 2020 to an amount more than 8-9% of the current rent.

Instructions:

1. [Click here to open a Microsoft Word version of this sample letter](#)
2. The Microsoft Word-version will have the same blank spaces as this version, but will not have the comments in the margin. Fill out the blanks in the Microsoft Word-version using the comments on the margins of this version as a guide.
3. Use this sample letter if you are a tenant whose rent was increased after January 1, 2020 to an amount more than 8-9% of the current rent. (The exact amount of maximum increase in rent is available here: <https://www.relisto.com/2019/10/09/table-of-allowable-increases-for-january-2020-due-to-california-ab-1482-tenant-protection-act-of-2019/>)
4. Please note that you should **tailor this letter to the facts in your case**. This template is **not a substitute for legal advice**. If you need help finding a tenant attorney, please see the [Tenants Together Directory](#).
5. Once filled out with your information and sent to your landlord, keep a copy for your records.

Sent via Certified Mail- Return Receipt Requested

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Commented [MC1]: Date

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Commented [MC2]: Full name of landlord and/or property manager

Commented [MC3]: Address of landlord and/or property manager

Dear (),

Commented [MC4]: Full name of landlord and/or property manager

I () am a tenant at (). I am writing because on () you or your staff increased my rent to () per month from () per month, an increase of () percent.

Commented [MC5]: Your/tenant's name(s)

Commented [MC6]: Address, City, State, Zip

Commented [MC7]: Insert date that the rent was increased. **Note: for this letter to apply, your rent must have been increased between March 15, 2019 and January 1, 2020.**

Commented [MC8]: Insert new rent amount

Commented [MC9]: Insert old rent amount

As you may know, the California recently enacted AB1482, "Tenant Protection Act of 2019." Beginning January 1, 2020, the bill limits the amount that landlords can increase tenants' rent annually to five percent of the current rent plus CPI (the regional consumer price index).

Commented [MC10]: Increase percent change in rent (note: percent change is calculated by taking the new rent subtracting the old rent and then dividing the amount by the old rent and multiplying by 100. For example if your old rent was 100 and your new rent was 125, the percent change would be $(125-100/100) \times 100 = 25\%$

The notice of the rent increase you provided me on () does not comply with AB1482, and therefore it is not valid. you increased my rent () percent, which is greater than the legally allowed amount pursuant to AB1482.

Commented [MC11]: You can find a table of maximum allowable rent increases here: <https://www.relisto.com/2019/10/09/table-of-allowable-increases-for-january-2020-due-to-california-ab-1482-tenant-protection-act-of-2019/>

At your earliest convenience, please respond in writing to confirm that you have received this information and that you plan to withdraw this notice of rent increase pursuant to AB1482 that I should continue to pay my existing rent amount of \$().

Commented [MC12]: Insert date of notice of rent increase

Commented [MC13]: Increase percent change in rent (note: percent change is calculated by taking the new rent subtracting the old rent and then dividing the amount by the old rent and multiplying by 100. For example if your old rent was 100 and your new rent was 125, the percent change would be $(125-100/100) \times 100 = 25\%$

Sincerely,

Commented [MC14]: Current rent

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Commented [MC15]: Your signature

Commented [MC16]: Your full name