

California's Statewide Organization for Renters' Rights

We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of California tenants to safe, decent and affordable housing. We work to improve the lives of California's tenants through education, organizing and advocacy, sparking a statewide movement for renters' rights.

## Volunteer Position Description: Research & Advocacy

Contact: Nina Rosenblatt, Know Your Rights Coordinator, <a href="mailto:nina@tenantstogether.org">nina@tenantstogether.org</a> Interested volunteers must complete an application: <a href="https://bit.ly/tt-new-volunteer">https://bit.ly/tt-new-volunteer</a>

Component	Definition
Position Title	Research & Advocacy Volunteer/Intern
Purpose	Research activities to generate new knowledge and skills, to bring a shift in the paradigm from academia-fueled learning to people-initiated research and learning to tenants. Further our understanding of tenants' rights policies as well as issues affecting tenants in California, either in conjunction with an issue campaign or independent research to fill in knowledge gaps on tenant rights issues.
Key Responsibilities	Tenant Together's seek to empowering tenants to lead through local organizations that connect across the state. Our Local Resource Directory lifts up the leadership of local organizations, and we are reaching out to resources that are currently listed on our directory to gather the most accurate information, so that tenants can find the best local resources based on their situation and needs. As a Research & Advocacy volunteer your responsibilities will include but are not limited to:  • Collectively research, develop and improve existing and new resource materials for tenants, volunteers and coalition members  • Disseminate research information to Tenants Together coalition and partners  • Engage tenant advocates and organizations in research projects  • Encourage promote and coordinate research into areas of local concern to Tenants Together coalition and member orgs, thereby generating confidence and interest to establish productive linkages with tenant organizations
Supervision	Reports to Nina Rosenblatt, Know Your Rights Coordinator, available by email <a href="mailto:nina@tenantstogether.org">nina@tenantstogether.org</a> or send an individual Slack message.
Length of Appointment	6 months minimum
Time Commitment	10 hours per month minimum; Participation in ¾ of all team meetings.
Qualifications	Basic computer skills (I.e. zoom, email, calendar). Commitment to housing/racial/economic justice for all tenants in California. Bilingual English/Spanish preferred. Ability to solve problems creatively, self-reflective, able to jump in and take initiative as needed. Completion of Tenant Right Counselor Training is required.
Benefits	Opportunity to help build a statewide movement for tenants' rights.  Collaborate and network with movement leaders during meetings. Receive



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	continued education on tenant rights. Improve facilitation skills in helping lead meetings and trainings.
Support Provided	Meet twice a month on 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of the month from 5:30 - 6:30pm PST.
	One-on-one support and training from Know Your Rights Coordinator, administrative support from Community Leadership Director.