



"What's Housing Policy Got To Do With It"

Maddie's Community Conversations

July 31, 2023



Land Acknowledgement

Text (907) 312-5085

<https://native-land.ca>





34,398



Evictions filed in LA County

= 4 families evicted every hour

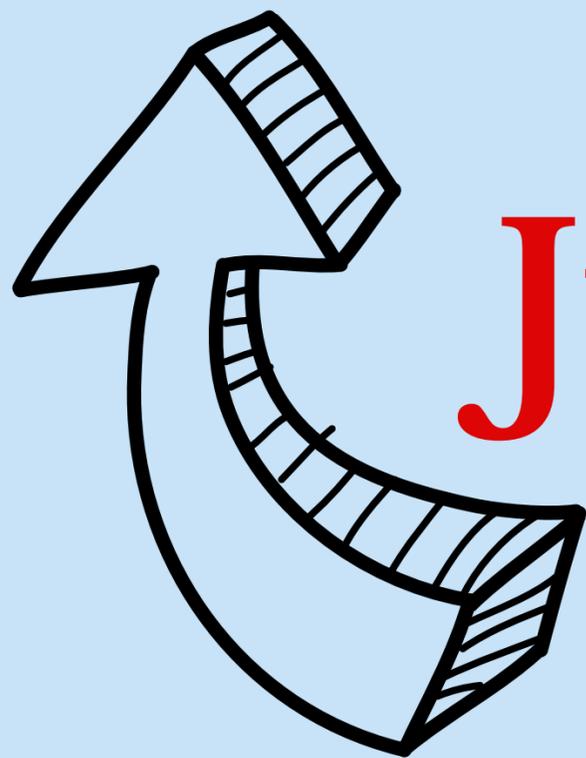
To find data for other cities: <https://evictionlab.org/eviction-tracking/>



2023

Evictions filed in LA County

June 2019 = 3193



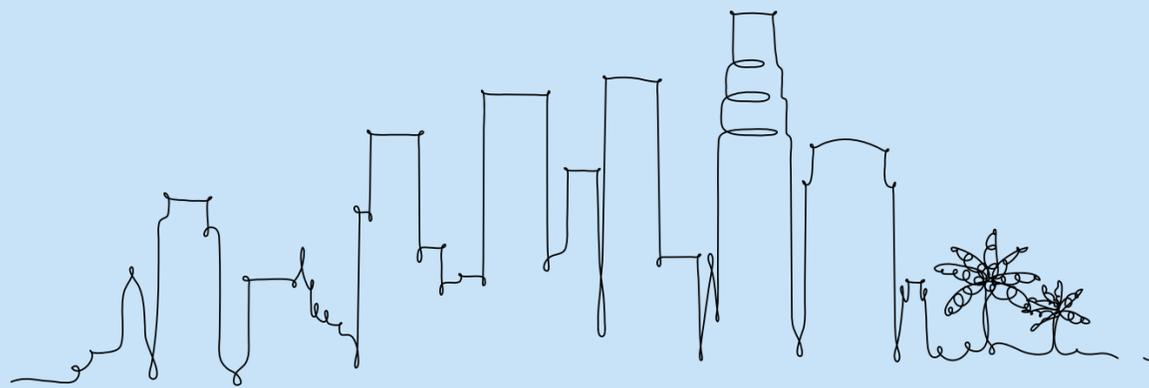
June 2023 = 4480

Data collected by Kyle Nelson:

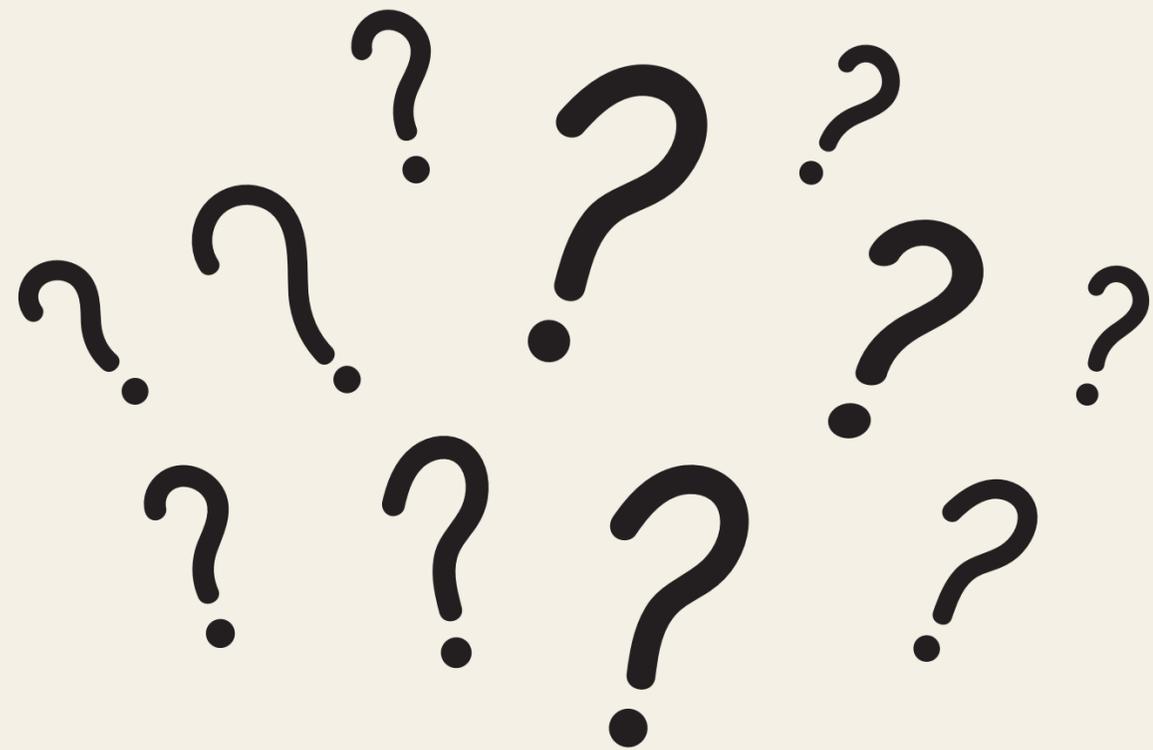
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In A Typical Year, landlords file 3.6 million eviction cases

<https://evictionlab.org/new-eviction-data-2022/>



So What Does Housing Policy Have to Do with Pets?



**As of 2023, 66% of households
(86.9 million homes) own pets**



78% of pet owners acquired pets during the pandemic



Top reasons cited for pet surrender:

**12%- Inflation; 10% rising rent; 7% vet bills;
5% pet deposits**

Here's Looking at You Cali..

California Pet Friendly Housing Act (Health & Safety Code § 50466)

- Government funded housing built on or after 2018 must allow at least one pet. Does not need to be a support animal.

Los Angeles City Emergency Tenant Protections & Rent Control

- Up through January 31, 2023, renters who obtained a pet during Covid can't be evicted for their pet
- No unilateral change of terms of tenancy

Tenant Protection Act of 2019 (TPA)

- Statewide Just Cause & Rent Control protections

Local Rent Control- city by city.



“Pet Inclusive” Housing in LA

**4 properties w/in a 25 miles radius of
HEART LA office allowed pets**

Only 1 had NO pet fees



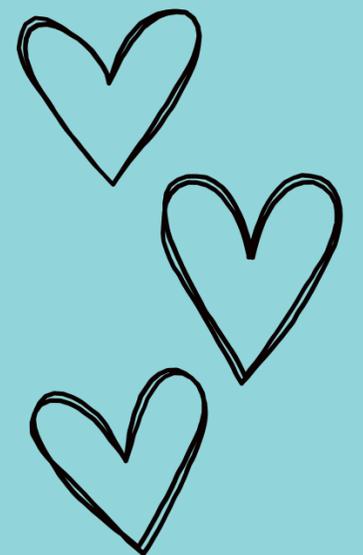
<https://www.mypitbullisfamily.org/housing/>

Intentional Housing Policies- Housing is a Right

- Advocate for a **Right to Counsel**
 - <http://civilrighttocounsel.org/map>
- Advocate for **rent control** in your local city, county, state
- Advocate for written notices to be required before an eviction is filed
- Advocate for pet inclusive housing with **no pet fees**
- Advocate to end discriminatory insurance policies

"The political lives within our very tissues and movements."

-Mary Watkins,
quoted in Embodied Activism
by Rae Johnson, PhD





Programs HEART Provides:

- ✦ **Education & Outreach**
 - ✦ **Virtual Trainings**
- ✦ **Free Legal Representation to Prevent Evictions**
- ✦ **Technical Assistance- providing advice & resources**
- ✦ **Policy Advocacy**

Thank you!



Maddie's Fund

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ASPCA



California COMMUNITY Foundation



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Housing Equality & Advocacy Resource Team

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Since 2018 we have helped over 900 people...



and 600 pets...



receive help for their pet-related housing situations

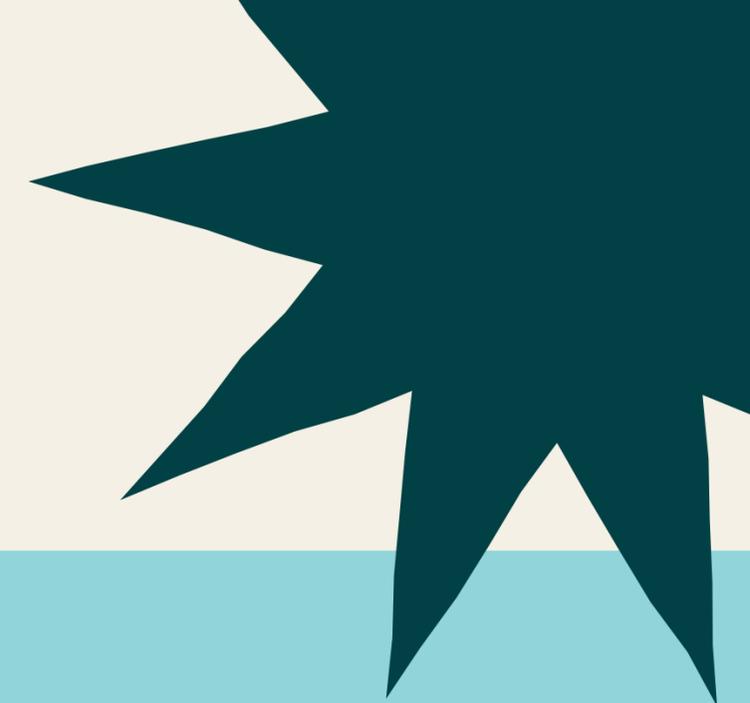


QUESTIONS?

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