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### DRE ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF REVISED LANDLORD/TENANT GUIDEBOOK

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Real Estate (DRE) announced today that it has completed a major revision to the widely used resource guidebook titled, [California Tenants – A Guide To Residential Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities](#).

The Department of Consumer Affairs last published the guidebook in 2012. Since then, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, many new laws addressing landlords and tenants. Recognizing the need to update this guidebook, DRE revised it to reflect the addition of new laws, including the Tenant Protection Act of 2019 (AB 1482) and the Tenant, Homeowner and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act (AB 3088), which includes the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020. These updates are critically important to landlords and tenants, especially during this time of economic uncertainty.

“Equipping tenants and landlords with detailed and timely information to help them make informed decisions was DRE’s main focus with this project,” Real Estate Commissioner Doug McCauley said. “Keeping Californians housed is crucial in the public health climate and this resource will provide much-needed clarity on key rental issues.”

Relevant and detailed revised chapters in the guidebook include but are not limited to: [Before You Agree to Rent](#), [Dealing with Problems](#), [Terminations and Evictions](#), Tenant Protection Act of 2019, [Resolving Problems](#), Getting Help from a Third Party, and a [Glossary](#).

This guidebook and other useful information for landlords and tenants can be found at the DRE-created website [HousingisKey.com](http://HousingisKey.com). The online version of the guidebook can be easily translated into other languages using the google translate function on the website. Printed copies will be available later this year.

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