

Fresno Right to Counsel Coalition

Proposal

For the City of Fresno to provide a holistic program to include the following:

- A city-wide, multi-language public awareness and targeted outreach campaign
- Public education workshops and mobile clinics, in multiple languages, on tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities
- Self-help for tenants served with a notice from their landlord (e.g. 3-day notice, notice of rent increase)
- Legal representation for tenants facing eviction
- Real-time/same-day legal advice and representation on eviction court days
- Rent and utility assistance to mitigate eviction prior to a court hearing or as part of a stipulation agreement entered into between a tenant and landlord
- Collaboration with and leveraging of existing City prevention programs, such as Code Enforcement, Rental Housing Improvement Program, and the Housing Retention Grants
- Partner with community-based organizations to outreach to tenants who are most at risk of housing instability
- Comprehensive annual evaluation of the RTC program by Stout, Inc.
- Cost for complete program estimated at \$5.7 million per year to assist 6,900 tenants

City of Fresno Right to Counsel Program City Attorney's Office

Internal Program

- \$125,000 one lawyer all in cost
 - \$ 35,000 one half legal secretary
 - \$ 10,000 misc. expenses
 - \$170,000 all in cost per year (within existing CAO budget)
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- Serve approximately 30 tenants per month or 360 per year
 - Provide representation only for wrongful eviction cases