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## EXTERNAL

"Sonoma County tenants are not afforded the same protections as other renters in other California counties" these were the words of a top Legal Aid attorney to me and my son, when son's slumlord used the court as her weapon of retaliation. Worse yet, the commissioner presiding over the unlawful detainer (based on absolute lies) was found to have "lied" on the proof of service of summons and had no choice but to quash the matter. His words to Legal Aid attorney resonate loud and clear: "you do realize that you may have won the battle today, but you will not win the war, right counselor?"

Despite my son paying his rent in full every month for 3 years, he and his roommate have battled rats, mold, sewage coming up shower drain, electrical hazards and with no place to go have to pay and do repairs on the property. So here is the vital concerns.

1. Why are there no data collection on evictions?

2. Why won't top dog law firms from SF, LA, etc. represent Sonoma county cases? Is it really true that our courts are "wishy washy" "backwards" or "landlords NEVER held accountable" their words not mine!

3. Why is the only option for a righteous tenant via the court Judge is for that tenant to "go quietly and you won't have a judgment on your record" Seems to me this only benefits the courts and landlords as there is no record of evictions, yet those who "go quietly" go WITHOUT references required to get another place to live!! Are these tenants expected to lie on applications or is the Judge willing to lie for the tenant?

Never in my 43 years living here have I witnessed so much repression against tenants. WE MUST GET TO THE BOTTOM OF WHY OUR COUNTY REFUSES TO PROTECT OUR TENANTS, EVEN THE PAYING ONES WHO SUFFER WITH SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS FOUND ONLY IN SOME 3RD WORLD NATIONS!

Mother of disabled tenant

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