



# ECHO HOUSING

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*About Us...*

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The Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO Housing) was founded in 1964 and incorporated in 1965 by community volunteers dedicated to equal housing opportunities and the prevention and elimination of homelessness.

ECHO is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency (LHCA) and a Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (QFHO) providing services to very low- and moderate-income residents in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, and Monterey.

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# FAIR HOUSING

- Conduct site investigations in response to reports of housing discrimination complaints.
- Conduct rental housing audits to determine the degree of housing discrimination.
- Provide educational seminars for members of the housing industry (managers, owners, realtors, etc.).

## SERVING

- Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, and Monterey
- Cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Concord, Davis, Hayward, Livermore, Monterey, Newark, Oakland, Pleasanton, Salinas, San Leandro, Seaside, Union City, and Walnut Creek.
- Offices in Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, and Salinas.



## TENANT/PROPERTY OWNER

- Provide information to tenants and property owners on their housing rights and responsibilities.
- Facilitate conciliation or mediation in a variety of tenant/property owner disputes.
- Primary objective of the program is to build awareness of housing laws and to preserve housing.

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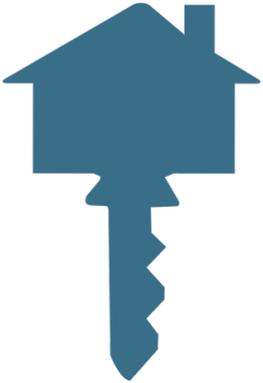


## RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Assist with delinquent rent or security deposit due to a temporary financial setback.
- Helps by arranging a guaranteed repayment contract between the tenant and the property owner.
- Assistance is provided as funding becomes available and tenants are eligible

## SERVING

- Residents of Alameda County, Salinas and Monterey



# HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

- Provide 8 -hour First Time Homebuyer workshops on credit, budgeting, government -assisted programs, conventional financing, purchase and lending procedures, inspections, closing costs, fair housing, and fair lending.
- Conduct 2 -hour workshops outlining the Affordable Homeownership Programs and Mortgage Assistance Programs offered by the Cities of Livermore and Pleasanton.

# SERVING

- Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey Counties, and the City of Davis residents



## PRE - PURCHASE

- Assist potential homebuyers by providing one -on -one counseling on credit repair, budget, and predatory lending.
- Identify homebuying opportunities, including mortgage financing, and determine eligibility for local, state, and federal affordable homeownership programs.

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## PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

### FOR:

- Alameda County Rent Review Program
- City of Albany Rent Review Program
- City of Concord Just Cause/Rent Stabilization Ordinance
- City of Emeryville Eviction Harassment Program
- City of Union City Rent Review Program & Eviction Harassment
- City of Larkspur Just Cause/Rent Stabilization Ordinance



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