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Saving Pets, Enriching Lives.

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What is Inner City Law Center?

- ICLC provides legal representation and social service advocacy to over thousands of homeless and working poor clients each year.
- Inner City Law Center (ICLC) has been serving the poorest and most vulnerable individuals and families in Los Angeles County since 1980.
- In 2016, ICLC helped recover over \$12 million in damages, disability benefits and relocation.
- 465 attorneys and volunteers provided more than 26,120 hours valued at \$12,826,892 in pro bono services.



What Services Do We Provide?

The following are some of the services we provide for free of charge:

- Advocating for public benefits for low income individuals and families that can make the difference between a stable home and homelessness.
- Increasing veterans' access to health care and other benefits that they are entitled to due to their military service.
- Preventing homelessness by representing low-income tenants facing evictions and early intervention in landlord-tenant disputes.
- Compelling slumlords to make repairs to their buildings and recovering compensation for tenants who have suffered from physical, mental and emotional damages from dangerous housing conditions.

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- Protecting vulnerable pet-owning tenants from harassment and threats of displacement due to their animal(s).





Common Tactics Used Against Low-Income Pet Owners:

- Restrictive provisions in lease agreements
 - Requiring all animal documentation
 - Prohibiting animals in common areas
 - Requiring all waste to be cleaned immediately
- Pet deposits & increased monthly rent
- Accusations that animals are dangerous or a nuisance
- Claims that tenants' animals are unauthorized

Benefits of a Legal Presence in Housing-Related Issues:

New York Goes to the Mattresses Against the Eviction Machine

By Henry Grabar



New York City's Right to Counsel bill, proposed by Councilmember Mark Levine (pictured), passed on Thursday.

Courtesy New York City Council Press Office



Bridging the Gaps: Legal Resources, Policy Solutions and Thoughtful Partnerships

The Problem

The Solution

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