

## **OBTAINING RECEIPTS FOR RENT PAYMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

If you pay your rent in cash or with a money order, you should ask your landlord for a signed and dated receipt. Legally, you are entitled to a written receipt whenever you pay your rent. Cal. Civ. Code § 1499. If you pay with a check, you can use the cancelled check as a receipt. Keep the receipts or canceled checks so that you will have records of your payments in case of a dispute.

### **California Civil Code Section 1499**

§ 1499. A debtor has a right to require from his creditor a written receipt for any property delivered in performance of his obligation.

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<sup>1</sup> *California Tenants – A Guide to Residential Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities*, page 20 (Department of Consumer Affairs 2003).