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### Landlord-Tenant Terminology

#### Request for Public Comment

The California Law Revision Commission has released a tentative report on terminology used in California codes to refer to parties to a residential real property rental agreement, and related topics. As directed by the Legislature, the primary focus of the report is the possible implementation of consistent terminology to refer to these parties across all California codes, while preserving legal distinctions between the terms currently used to refer to the parties.

In the tentative report, the Commission expresses the following tentative conclusions:

1. Implementation of consistent terminology referring to parties to a residential real property agreement that would preserve legal distinctions between currently used terms is not prudent and practicable. This conclusion is based on the Commission's finding that California codes often use various terms to refer to these parties without definitions, making legal distinctions between the terms unclear.
2. On balance, the use of the specific terms "landlord" and "tenant" to describe parties to a residential real property rental agreement continues to be useful and appropriate.

**The Commission seeks public comment on this tentative report**, which is available at <http://clrc.ca.gov/H109.html>. The Commission often substantially revises its reports as a result of public comment.

Comments can be in any format. To receive timely consideration, **comments should be submitted to [scohen@clrc.ca.gov](mailto:scohen@clrc.ca.gov) by August 30, 2024.**