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For Rent Adjustment Program date stamp.

## PROPERTY OWNER PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF RENT INCREASE

**Please fill out this form as completely as you can.** Rent increases based on anything other than the annual allowable CPI rate or banking must first be approved by the Rent Adjustment Program ("RAP") after a hearing. Failure to provide the required information may result in your petition being rejected or delayed. See the last pages of this petition packet ("Important Information Regarding Filing Your Petition") or the RAP website for more information. **CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR TO REVIEW YOUR PETITION BEFORE SUBMITTING.** To make an appointment email [RAP@oaklandca.gov](mailto:RAP@oaklandca.gov).

Rental Unit Information			
_____ Street Number	_____ Street Name	_____ Unit Number	Oakland, CA _____ Zip Code
Is there more than one street address on the parcel? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, list all addresses: _____	
Type of unit(s) (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Single family home <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment, room, or live-work		Number of units on property: _____ Date acquired property: _____	
Case number(s) of any relevant prior Rent Adjustment case(s): _____			
Property Owner Information			
_____ First Name		_____ Last Name	
Company/LLC/LP (if applicable): _____			
Mailing address: _____			
Primary Telephone: _____ Other Telephone: _____ Email: _____			
Property Owner Representative (Check one):			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Representative <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Non-attorney			
_____ First Name	_____ Last Name	_____ Firm/Organization (if any)	
Mailing Address: _____			
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____			

## GENERAL FILING REQUIREMENTS

To file a petition, the property owner must be current on the following requirements and submit supporting documentation of compliance. Owner petitions that are submitted without proof of compliance with the below requirements will be considered incomplete.

Requirement	Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Oakland business license	Attach proof of payment of your most recent Oakland business license.
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment of Rent Adjustment Program service fee ("RAP Fee")	Attach proof of payment of the current year's RAP Fee for the subject property.
<input type="checkbox"/> Service of the required City form entitled "NOTICE TO TENANTS OF THE RESIDENTIAL RENT ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM" ("RAP Notice") on all tenants	<p>Attach a signed and dated copy of the <u>first</u> RAP Notice provided to the tenant(s) subject to this petition or check the appropriate box below*.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I first provided tenant(s) with the RAP Notice on (date): _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have never provided a RAP Notice.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not know if a RAP Notice was ever provided.</p> <p><i>*If petition applies to multiple tenants, please provide this information on a separate sheet for each tenant.</i></p>

## GROUNDS FOR PETITION

**Select the grounds for this petition from the list below.** Check all that apply. See column on the right for filing requirements and documentation to be submitted together with the petition. Petitions that lack adequate supporting documentation may be dismissed without a hearing. For a full description of each justification, see Appendix A of the Rent Adjustment Program Regulations at: <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/oak062857.pdf>.

Grounds	Description	Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital Improvements</b>	<i>Allows pass-through to tenant(s) of a portion of costs spent on qualifying capital improvements. Improvements must primarily benefit the tenant(s), and do not include repairs made as a result of deferred maintenance or serious code violations. Pass-through costs are limited to 70% of actual costs (plus interest), divided equally among all affected units, and amortized over a defined period of time based on the expected useful life of the improvement (see amortization schedule found in Appendix A of the Regulations).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improvements meet the description of capital improvements set forth in Appendix A of the Regulations.</li> <li>✓ Improvements completed and paid for within 24 months prior to petition filing date.</li> <li>✓ <b>Complete</b> Worksheet A on page 4 of this petition.</li> <li>✓ <b>Attach</b> documentation demonstrating the specific work done, date(s) of completion, full costs and proof of payment (such as invoices, receipts, estimates, cancelled checks, etc.), copies of any permits (indicating date(s) issued and finalized), and evidence of any reimbursement (such as insurance or subsidies). Documentation should be organized by type of improvement. Work limited to specific unit(s) should be distinguished from building-wide improvements.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Uninsured Repair Costs</b>	<i>Allows pass-through of costs for work done to secure compliance with state or local law as to repair damage resulting from fire, earthquake, or other casualty or natural disaster, to the extent not reimbursed by insurance proceeds. Calculated and applied like capital improvements.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Repairs completed and paid for within 24 months prior to petition.</li> <li>✓ Insurance proceeds insufficient to cover full amount of required repair costs.</li> <li>✓ <b>Complete</b> Worksheet A on page 4 of this petition.</li> <li>✓ <b>Attach</b> documentation required for petitions based on capital improvements (see above), plus evidence of all insurance claims, estimates, and proceeds.</li> </ul>

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Increased Housing Service Costs</b>	<p><i>Allows a rent increase above the CPI where there has been an increase in the total of net operating costs related to the use or occupancy of the property. Calculated by comparing 2 most recent years of all net costs, averaged monthly and divided by the number of units and average gross monthly income. Replaces CPI increase for current year; applies to all units.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Complete</b> Worksheet B on page 5 of this petition.</li> <li>✓ <b>Attach</b> documentation of ALL income and expenses* related to the subject property for the two most recent consecutive years (including all information requested by Worksheet B). Documentation of all expenses is required, not solely for expenses that have increased. Documentation should be organized by category and year. *Note: Expenses do not include mortgage payments or property taxes.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fair Return</b>	<p><i>Allows a rent increase where owner is being denied a fair return on investment in the property, as measured by the net operating income (NOI). Cannot be combined with any other grounds for increase. Replaces CPI increase for all years; applies to all units.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Complete</b> Worksheet C on page 6 of this petition.</li> <li>✓ <b>Attach</b> organized documentation of gross income (including total of gross rents lawfully collectable from property at 100% occupancy, plus any other consideration received or receivable) and gross costs* (e.g., property taxes, housing service costs, and amortized cost of capital improvements) for the subject property for the current and base year (2014). If information about 2014 is not available the Hearing Officer may authorize use of a different year if good cause is shown. *Note: Costs do not include mortgage expenses.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Banking</b>	<p><i>Refers to deferred allowable annual rent increases. Annual CPI increases that were not fully applied may be carried over ("banked") for up to 10 years. Increases based solely on banking do not require prior approval, but such increases may be sought in conjunction with petitions based on other grounds/justifications.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increase would not exceed 3x the current CPI or the amount permitted by Oakland law (whichever is lower), or constitute an overall increase of &gt;30% over the past 5 years.</li> <li>✓ <b>Complete</b> Worksheet D on page 7 of this petition.</li> <li>✓ <b>Attach</b> documentation of tenant's rental history, including proof of current rent amount and all other information requested by Worksheet D.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Additional Occupant(s)</b>	<p><i>Allows a rent increase in an amount up to 5% for additional occupants above the base occupancy level. Does not apply to certain additional occupants who are covered family members, legal guardians, and/or caretakers/attendants of existing tenants/occupants. See O.M.C. § 8.22.020 for more details.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Total number of occupants has increased above the base occupancy level as defined by O.M.C. § 8.22.020.</li> <li>✓ Additional occupant(s) not exempted from increase due to relationship with existing tenant/occupant.</li> <li>✓ <b>Attach</b> documentation demonstrating base occupancy level and the addition of non-exempt occupant(s).</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tenant Not Residing in Unit as Principal Residence</b>	<p><i>If the original occupant or occupants who took possession of the dwelling or unit pursuant to the rental agreement with the owner no longer permanently reside there, an owner may increase the rent to the prevailing market rate to a lawful sublessee or assignee who did not reside at the dwelling or unit prior to January 1, 1996. See Civil Code § 1954.53(d)(2) and the implementing regulations of the Rent Adjustment Ordinance, Appendix A, Section 10.7.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Attach</b> evidence showing that the Tenant does not reside in the unit as their principal residence as of the date the petition is filed.</li> </ul>

**WORKSHEET A:  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND UNINSURED REPAIR COSTS**

**Owners who file petitions based on Capital Improvements or Uninsured Repair Costs must complete the chart below, in addition to attaching all required supporting documentation. Petitions that do not include organized documentation and detailed calculations clearly demonstrating the claimed justification will be considered incomplete and may be dismissed without a hearing. Attach separate sheets if needed.**

Total number of residential units in building*: _____ <i>*Including any vacant and owner/manager-occupied units</i>	For <i>mixed-use</i> buildings, provide:	Residential sq. ft: _____ Other use sq. ft: _____ % residential use: _____
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**BUILDING-WIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

CATEGORY OF IMPROVEMENT	Date permit obtained or work began	Date completed	Date paid for	Full costs

**SUBTOTAL:**

**UNIT-SPECIFIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

CATEGORY OF IMPROVEMENT	Unit #	Date permit obtained or work began	Date completed	Date paid for	Full costs

**SUBTOTAL:**

**WORKSHEET B:  
INCREASED HOUSING SERVICE COSTS**

**Owners who submit petitions based on Increased Housing Service Costs must complete the chart below**, in addition to attaching all required supporting documentation. Petitions that do not include organized documentation and detailed calculations clearly demonstrating the claimed justification will be considered incomplete and may be dismissed without a hearing. Calculations should be based on the entire subject premises.

	<b>YEAR 1 (two years ago)</b> From: _____ to _____ (mm/dd/yy) (mm/dd/yy)	<b>YEAR 2 (last year)</b> From: _____ to _____ (mm/dd/yy) (mm/dd/yy)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Rents	\$	\$
Parking	\$	\$
Laundry Income	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Garbage	\$	\$
Water/Sewer	\$	\$
Electricity/Gas	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	\$
Pest Control	\$	\$
Laundry Expenses	\$	\$
Parking	\$	\$
Elevator Service	\$	\$
Security	\$	\$
Furnishings	\$	\$
Business License	\$	
Management Expenses	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$

**WORKSHEET C:  
FAIR RETURN**

**Owners who submit petitions based on Fair Return must complete the chart below**, in addition to attaching all required supporting documentation. Petitions that do not include organized documentation and detailed calculations clearly demonstrating the claimed justification will be considered incomplete and may be dismissed without a hearing. Calculations should be based on the entire subject premises. Note that the first column (base year) should be completed based on the year 2014.

	<b>BASE YEAR (2014)</b>	<b>LAST YEAR</b>
	From: _____ to _____ (mm/dd/yy) (mm/dd/yy)	From: _____ to _____ (mm/dd/yy) (mm/dd/yy)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Rents	\$	\$
Parking	\$	\$
Laundry	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Imputed rent if any unit owner/manager-occupied	\$	\$
Imputed rent if any unit not rented to capacity	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Electricity/Gas	\$	\$
Garbage	\$	\$
Water/Sewer	\$	\$
Insurance	\$	\$
Maintenance/Repairs	\$	\$
Pest Control	\$	\$
Laundry Expenses	\$	\$
Parking	\$	\$
Elevator Service	\$	\$
Security	\$	\$
Property Taxes	\$	\$
Business License	\$	\$
Management Expenses	\$	\$
Furnishings	\$	\$
Capital Improvements (Amortized cost)	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Other: _____	\$	\$
Total:	\$	\$

**WORKSHEET D:**  
**BANKING**

**Petitions based on Banking must include the below information.** List each tenant for whom you are seeking an increase. Attach all documents which support the dates and amounts shown in the chart. "Current Pass-Through Amount" refers to any capital improvement pass-through currently being paid by the tenant.

TENANT NAME	UNIT #	MOVE-IN DATE (mm/dd/yy)	RENT AT MOVE-IN	RENT 11 YEARS AGO (If tenant has lived in unit >11 years)	CURRENT RENT	CURRENT PASS-THROUGH AMOUNT (If any)

## TENANT INFORMATION

(Required for all petitions)

**List each tenant and the requested information for each unit affected by this petition.** Attach additional copies of this sheet if necessary. Under "Type of Increase Sought," specify the ground(s) on which the rent increase is sought (e.g., capital improvements, banking, etc.).

TENANT NAME	ADDRESS <i>(include unit #)</i>	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	CURRENT RENT	TYPE OF INCREASE(S) SOUGHT



## OWNER VERIFICATION

(Required)

I/We declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of California that everything I/we said in this Property Owner Petition is true and that all of the documents attached to the Petition are true copies of the originals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## DOCUMENTATION IN EXCESS OF 25 PAGES

- The documentation submitted in support of the Property Owner Petition exceeds 25 pages and the owner is opting, as allowed by O.M.C. § 8.22.090 (B)(1)(f), to not serve the attachments on the affected tenant(s) unless requested. The owner understands and agrees that tenant(s) may request paper copies of all documents in the Tenant Response, and the owner must provide tenant(s) with the attachments within 10 days of any such request. The documents will also be available for review at the Rent Adjustment Program.

## CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE

(Highly Recommended)

Check the box below if you agree to have RAP staff send you documents related to your case electronically. If you agree to electronic service, the RAP may send certain documents only electronically and not by first class mail.

- I/We consent to receiving notices and documents in this matter from the RAP electronically at the email address(es) provided in this response.

## MEDIATION PROGRAM

Mediation is an optional process offered by RAP to assist parties in settling the issues related to their Rent Adjustment case as an alternative to the formal hearing process. A trained third party will work with the parties prior to the hearing to see if a mutual agreement can be reached. If a settlement is reached, the parties will sign a binding agreement and there will not be a formal hearing. If no settlement is reached, the case will go to a formal hearing with a Rent Adjustment Hearing Officer, who will then issue a hearing decision.

Mediation will only be scheduled if both parties agree to mediate. Sign below if you agree to mediation in your case.

**I agree to have the case mediated by a Rent Adjustment Program staff mediator.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## INTERPRETATION SERVICES

If English is not your primary language, you have the right to an interpreter in your primary language/dialect at the Rent Adjustment hearing and mediation session. You can request an interpreter by completing this section.

- I request an interpreter fluent in the following language at my Rent Adjustment proceeding:

- Spanish (Español)  
 Cantonese (廣東話)  
 Mandarin (普通话)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**-END OF PETITION-**



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## **NOTICE TO TENANTS OF PROPERTY OWNER PETITION**

### **ATTENTION: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

If you are receiving this NOTICE together with a completed PROPERTY OWNER PETITION form, it means that the owner of your unit has filed a case against you with the Oakland Rent Adjustment Program (“RAP”) (commonly referred to as the “Rent Board”).

- **YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE WITHIN 35 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE PETITION WAS MAILED TO YOU (30 DAYS IF DELIVERED IN-PERSON).**

- TO RESPOND:

- 1) Complete a **TENANT RESPONSE** form found on the RAP website.  
(<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/respond-to-an-owner-petition-for-the-rent-adjustment-program>)
- 2) Serve a copy of your **TENANT RESPONSE** form on the owner (or the owner’s representative) by mail or personal delivery.
- 3) Complete a **PROOF OF SERVICE** form (which is attached to the Response form and also available as a stand-alone document) and provide a copy to the owner (or owner’s representative) together with your **TENANT RESPONSE** form.
- 4) Submit your **TENANT RESPONSE** form and completed **PROOF OF SERVICE\*** form to RAP through RAP’s online portal, via email, or by mail.

*\*Note: The Response will not be considered complete until a PROOF OF SERVICE is filed indicating that the owner has been served with a copy.*

**DOCUMENT REVIEW:** There may be additional documents that were submitted in support of the owner petition that were not provided to you (see “DOCUMENTATION IN EXCESS OF 25 PAGES” on page 9 of the petition). All documents are available for review at RAP. You may also request paper copies from the owner in your TENANT RESPONSE. The owner must then provide them to you within 10 days.

**FOR ASSISTANCE:** Contact a RAP Housing Counselor at (510) 238-3721 or by email at [RAP@oaklandca.gov](mailto:RAP@oaklandca.gov). Additional information is also available on the RAP website and on the TENANT RESPONSE form.



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## PROOF OF SERVICE

**NOTE: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR PETITION (PLUS ANY ATTACHMENTS\*) ON THE AFFECTED TENANT(S) PRIOR TO FILING YOUR PETITION WITH RAP. You must include a copy of the RAP form "NOTICE TO TENANTS OF OWNER PETITION" (the preceding page of this petition packet) and a completed PROOF OF SERVICE form together with your Petition.**

*\*Exception for attachments exceeding 25 pages. See "Important Information Regarding Filing Your Petition."*

- 1) Use this PROOF OF SERVICE form to indicate the date and manner of service and the person(s) served.
- 2) Note: Email is not a form of allowable service on a party of a petition or response pursuant to the Ordinance.
- 3) Provide a completed copy of this PROOF OF SERVICE form to the person(s) being served together with the documents being served.
- 4) File a completed copy of this PROOF OF SERVICE form with RAP together with your petition. Your petition will not be considered complete until this form has been filed indicating that service has occurred.

On the following date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ I served a copy of (check all that apply):

- PROPERTY OWNER PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF RENT INCREASE** plus \_\_\_\_ attached pages (number of pages attached to Petition not counting the Petition form, NOTICE TO TENANTS OF PROPERTY OWNER PETITION, or PROOF OF SERVICE)
- NOTICE TO TENANTS OF PROPERTY OWNER PETITION**
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

by the following means (check one):

- United States Mail.** I enclosed the document(s) in a sealed envelope or package addressed to the person(s) listed below and at the address(es) below and deposited the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service, with the postage fully prepaid.
- Personal Service.** I personally delivered the document(s) to the person(s) at the address(es) listed below or I left the document(s) at the address(es) with some person not younger than 18 years of age.

**PERSON(S) SERVED:**

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

*NOTE: If you need more space to list tenants you may attach additional copies of this page.*

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_

DATE SIGNED

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FILING YOUR PETITION

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## TIME TO FILE YOUR PETITION

Your Property Owner Petition form must be received by the Rent Adjustment Program within the required time limit for filing in the Rent Adjustment Ordinance. RAP staff cannot grant an extension of time to file your petition.

## CONTACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR TO REVIEW YOUR PETITION BEFORE SUBMITTING

To make an appointment, email [RAP@oaklandca.gov](mailto:RAP@oaklandca.gov) or call (510) 238-3721. Although the Housing Resource Center is temporarily closed for drop-in services, assistance is available by email or telephone.

## DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF PETITION

All attachments submitted together with your Petition (including proof of current business license, proof of payment of most recent RAP fee, and documentation in support of the requested rent increase) must be numbered sequentially. You may submit additional evidence in support of your Petition up to seven days before your hearing.<sup>1</sup> You must serve a copy of any documents filed with RAP on the other party and file a PROOF OF SERVICE form.

*REMINDER:* Once a petition and its attachments are submitted to the RAP they become public records. Please redact any private information (such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, credit card numbers and similar financial data) from the documents you submit as part of this petition. If you have any questions, you may contact RAP staff by phone at (510) 238-3721 or by email at [RAP@oaklandca.gov](mailto:RAP@oaklandca.gov).

Additionally, all documents submitted to the RAP, including but not limited to emails, petitions, attachments, potential evidence, text messages, screenshots, etc., are a part of the file in your case and all parties to a case are entitled to have access to this information.

## SERVICE ON TENANT(S)

You are required to serve ALL the following documents on the tenant(s) affected by your Petition:

1. Copy of RAP form entitled "NOTICE TO TENANTS OF PROPERTY OWNER PETITION" (*included in Petition packet and available on RAP website*).
2. Copy of completed Petition form and attachments (*exception for attachments in excess of 25 pages if owner selects this option*).
3. Completed PROOF OF SERVICE form (*included in Petition packet and available on RAP website*).

You may serve tenant(s) by mail or personal delivery. A copy of the completed PROOF OF SERVICE form must be submitted to RAP together with your Petition. Your Petition will not be considered complete until a PROOF OF SERVICE form is filed indicating that all tenants have been served.

## DOCUMENTATION IN EXCESS OF 25 PAGES

If the documents submitted with your Petition exceed 25 pages, you may opt to not serve tenant(s) with all the attachments. To do so, check the box under "DOCUMENTATION IN EXCESS OF 25 PAGES" on page 9 of the Petition. If a tenant requests copies of the documentation in their Tenant Response, you must provide the copies to the tenant within 10 days of receiving such request.

## FILING YOUR PETITION

Although RAP normally does not accept filings by email or fax, RAP is temporarily accepting Petitions via email during the COVID-19 local state of emergency. You may also fill out and submit your Petition online through the

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<sup>1</sup> Note that certain documents are required to be submitted with the Petition. See Petition form for details.

RAP website or deliver the Petition to the RAP office by mail. If the RAP office is closed on the last day to file, the time to file is extended to the next day the office is open. If you send your Petition by mail, a postmark date does not count as the date it was received. Remember to file a PROOF OF SERVICE form together with your Petition.

**Via email:** [hearingsunit@oaklandca.gov](mailto:hearingsunit@oaklandca.gov)

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**File online:** <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/file-a-property-owner-petition>

**In person:** TEMPORARILY CLOSED  
City of Oakland  
Dalziel Building, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza Suite 5313  
Reception area  
*Use Rent Adjustment date-stamp to stamp your documents to verify timely delivery and place them in RAP self-service drop box.*

## **AGREEMENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE**

If you have agreed to electronic service from the RAP by signing the Consent to Electronic Service on page 9 of the Petition, you have agreed to receive electronic service from the Rent Adjustment Program only, and not from the other parties to the case.

## **AFTER PETITION IS FILED**

Tenant(s) have 30 days after service of the Petition to file a Response (35 days if served by mail). The tenant(s) must serve you with a copy of their Response form and any attachments filed with the Response. In most cases, RAP will schedule a hearing. You will be mailed a Notice of Hearing indicating the hearing date. If you are unable to attend the hearing, contact RAP as soon as possible. The hearing may only be postponed for good cause.

## **FILE/DOCUMENT REVIEW**

Either party may contact RAP to review the case file and/or to request copies of any documents pertaining to the case at any time prior to the scheduled hearing.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Additional information on the petition and hearing process is located on the RAP website and in the Residential Rent Adjustment Program Ordinance and Regulations (see Oakland Municipal Code 8.22.010 *et seq.*). For more information on rent increases, including the list of the annual allowable CPI rates and calculators for certain justifications, see: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/learn-more-about-allowable-rent-increases> or you can refer to the Guide on Oakland Rental Housing Law at <https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Guide-to-Oakland-Rental-Housing-Law-1.pdf>. You may also contact a RAP Housing Counselor with questions at any time by emailing [RAP@oaklandca.gov](mailto:RAP@oaklandca.gov) or calling (510) 238-3721.