

# WESTDALE COURTYARD NEWS

For the tenants of the Westdale Courtyard Apartments  
(National Blvd. between Butler and Federal Avenues)



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## THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AS A TENANT...

### IN REVIEW

The owner of the three apartment buildings next to the new condos at the corner of Butler sent out eviction notices in mid-March.

He intends to demolish the buildings and build a 16-unit condo to sell for over \$800,000 each. He does not yet have approval from the City for the condo project, but, as the property owner, he can evict tenants and demolish as he wishes.

There will be a public hearing by a Department of Planning Zoning Administrator about the project soon.

The next three buildings were bought by developers, but are still in escrow. The tenants probably will face eviction in the months to come.

The property at the corner of Federal is also reportedly in escrow.

### RESOURCES

We have an information sheet that will be helpful to tenants who face eviction right now, as well as for others of us who will face evictions soon. For a copy, call 966-9054 or drop by 11456 1/2 National Blvd.

### ACTION

Can we possibly save our homes?

Any tenant can request an extension of up to one year. It is up to the landlord to grant or deny it. Asking for an extension will not jeopardize getting a relocation allowance. For those who have received eviction notices, May 16 is when requests have to be received. If you wish help, contact information is below.

Affordable rental housing won't exist in L.A. if development continues as is. Courtyard and garden complexes that once were part of the character of neighborhoods in Los Angeles are being replaced with high-density condos. Do-able rents are replaced by four-figure condo mortgages. All this threatens our way of life.

We are not alone. In Venice, a 15+ year battle is underway to save the Lincoln Place Garden City complex. In Westchester, a 6+ year struggle to save the Kentwood Garden Apartments is going on. These efforts are the work of the tenants and they have prevented losing their homes for all this time.

Fighting for one's home is now a given.

Friends of Westdale Courtyard Apartments (FWCA) is made up of tenants and homeowners of Westdale.

- Over 500 signatures on a petition to preserve our homes.
- Over 120 surrounding single-family households support preserving our homes.
- Both CD 11 candidates put in writing that they support preserving our homes.

### LET'S START THE WORK TO SAVE OUR HOMES OURSELVES

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