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Elevate Community Center Expands Tenant Rights Legal Services

October 23, 2024 [Santa Clara, California] – Elevate Community Center (Elevate), a Santa Clara County based nonprofit and legal services provider, has joined Santa Clara County's Homelessness Prevention System (HPS) network and will expand its free tenants' rights legal services for low-income individuals and families.

"Elevate is proud to join the HPS network. 95% of tenants appear in court unrepresented, while 90% of landlords are represented. This creates an imbalance of power. These disparities are rooted in income and wealth inequality, limiting access to the legal system for historically marginalized communities," says Sharine Xuan, Executive Director at Elevate.

"Elevate's expanded legal services include court representation for low-income individuals and families, as well as comprehensive 360-degree evaluations to assess how best to support clients in achieving long-term self sufficiency." HPS is a network of Santa Clara County agencies, led by the County of Santa Clara's Office of Supportive Housing and coordinated by Sacred Heart Community Service. They provide assistance to low-income families and individuals who are at risk of losing their housing by providing financial assistance, legal support, case management and more.

About Elevate Community Center

Elevate Community Center is a California non-profit organization with a mission to promote self sufficiency and long-term financial stability in historically marginalized communities by providing financial literacy education and legal services in areas of domestic violence/family law, criminal, record clearance, tenant rights, legal services for businesses, and other civil litigation.

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