

**Tuesday October 31st 9.30am**

**My Housing  
is making  
My family Sick**

**Oakland Picket**

**Alameda County Supervisors Meeting  
1221 Oak Street  
5th Floor Rm 512**

**Millie's Story**

Alameda Housing has received five letters from Millie's doctor confirming the health hazard of her current housing. The most recent doctor's note recommended that Millie should be moved to newer housing with no mold, due to her daughters severe health condition.

Millie's current landlord has faced legal action before by former tenants in relation to his mold-infested apartments.

Millie, an immigrant from Africa, struggled to overcome the effects of a domestic violence marriage where she was literally imprisoned in her home. Millie is attempting to get her life together and is enrolled at Community College. However the County's lack of action is working against all her progress.

We believe that Millie deserves decent housing for herself and her daughter. It is Alameda County's responsibility to provide Millie with safe, local and healthy housing and not continue to subsidize slumlords.

**Alameda County Housing Authority:  
Treating the Poor Like Dirt**

A dozen members of the Campaign for Renters Rights, mostly women and children, arrived at Alameda Housing Authority in Hayward to complain about unhealthy housing conditions. The assistant Director refused to meet and talk, instead, he announced he'd called the police on us. All witnessed by a local journalist sent to cover the case.

For an immigrant from a country where less democratic rights prevail this was a shock. We came, we complained and the police were called. You could expect this treatment in many countries, but is this typical in the US?

While waiting for the police to arrive many Alameda Housing employees gathered to hear our story. Most were sympathetic. One woman rudely told Millie to "get a job." Millie is going to school and has a young child. Another employee told Millie that he wouldn't live in her Alameda Housing Authority sanctioned slum because he was "too picky" to live there.



**Millie and local journalist**



The attitude of the Assistant Director and a number of employees shows a complete lack of respect for the poor and those in need of housing help.

Is this the approved policy of the elected officials of the Alameda County Supervisors? Who is responsible for this outrageous behaviour? Poor people need resources provided by an empathetic agency, not this kind of disgusting hostility.

**Call your Supervisor or  
Millie's Supervisor, Gail Steele at  
510.272.6692**

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