



Local Area Information for Students Attending Contra Costa College

Contra Costa College is located in San Pablo, California.

San Pablo is surrounded by the following cities: El Sobrante, Richmond, Pinole, and Hercules. You can learn more about living in the CCC area by viewing each of the cities websites below. Each website can provide you with information regarding climate, demographics, and services.

San Pablo: www.ci.san-pablo.ca.us Richmond: www.ci.richmond.ca.us

Pinole: www.ci.pinole.ca.us Hercules: www.ci.hercules.ca.us

Local Hotel Information

Following a couple of hotels located in the area around CCC. We recommend viewing their websites to check on rates and availability.

<p>Courtyard Richmond 3150 Garrity Way Richmond, CA 94806 Phone: (510) 262-0700 Website: www.marriott.com</p>	<p>Extended StayAmerica 3170 Garrity Way Richmond, CA 94806 Phone: (510) 222-7383 http://www.exstay.com</p>
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Local Apartment Information

Following are a few of the apartments located in the CCC area. We recommend that you contact the apartments directly for current rates and availability information.

<p>Hilltop Bayview 3400 Richmond Parkway Richmond, CA 98406 Phone: (1-866) 326-4961</p>	<p>San Marcos 2601 Hilltop Dr. Richmond, CA 94806 Phone: (1-866) 780-4011</p>
<p>Westridge at Hilltop 2490 Lancaster Dr. Richmond, CA 94806 Phone: (1-866) 780-4011</p>	

You can view other apartment information on the Internet at www.rent.com.

When renting an apartment, be prepared to fill out a background check, which usually requires bank account information, previous addresses and personal and professional references. Please note that California law now prohibits presenting evidence of a Social Security number when renting an apartment. It is normal for a landlord to require first and last months rent, and a security damage deposit. Utilities (water, gas, electricity) may or may not be included in the rental amount. This information will be contained in your lease; this is a legally binding agreement, so make sure to read it carefully before signing.

About leases: Landlords are looking for responsible, financially secure tenants. They usually prefer to have local references. If you have difficulty with this process, please see the DSO at your school. When you find the apartment of your choice, make sure you receive a lease agreement. All rental agreements or leases should be in writing. Read it thoroughly and make sure you understand it completely. If there is any language you do not understand, ask a reliable person to explain it to you. If your landlord does not give you a copy, it is important to request one; your lease and/or rental agreement are the only evidence of your legal tenancy and are designed to protect both parties rights.

At a minimum, a lease or rental agreement should include the following:

- Rental rate and required security damage deposit
- Length of occupancy
- Apartment rules
- Termination requirements

Some questions you may want to ask include:

- What is the amount of rent?
- What is included in the rent (i.e., gas, electric, water, parking, laundry, etc.)?
- How many people may occupy the apartment?
- When and how must rent be paid each month?
- If roommates share the apartment, who is responsible if one should leave?
- Under what conditions is the damage deposit refundable?
- What is the length of occupancy?
- What is the landlord’s right of entry?
- What is the sublet policy?
- What is the guest policy?
- What are the rules concerning pets, conduct and use of recreational facilities?
- Whom do you call for emergency repairs?

Finding Housemates and Shared Rentals

If you are interested in sharing a house with other roommates, we recommend you search www.craigslist.org. This is one of the most popular websites in the San Francisco Bay Area, and you will be able to customize your search criteria very specifically.

There is also a housing bulletin board at each campus. Various types of housing are posted. This is open to all students. The student must get the information from the board and make the calls on their own. The Associated Student Body Office at each campus updates this board and should be contacted if the student has questions.

Note: If you are considering renting an apartment or sharing a home, it is important to plan on arriving at least one to two weeks before the beginning of classes. This will give you the opportunity to check out all of the different apartment and shared housing options available before signing any contract or lease.

Emergency Services

For any emergency situation, such as a violent crime, accident, heart attack or fire, dial 911. For non-emergency situations, the following police and/or fire departments can help you:

Police, Fire, and Hospitals in the CCC Area

<p>Richmond Police Department 401 27th St. Richmond, CA 94804 Phone: (510) 620-6642</p>	<p>San Pablo Fire Department Phone: (510) 223-4422</p>	<p>Brookside Hospital 2000 Vale Rd. San Pablo, CA 94806 Phone: (510) 234-8111</p>
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