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The Arellano family lived peacefully in their downtown Los Angeles apartment for 13 years. The family's problems began with a new owner who, in order to convert the building to condominiums, repeatedly tried to evict all the tenants illegally. The owner even threatened to have the tenants deported. A number of tenants moved out after receiving threatening letters on counterfeit Department of Homeland Security stationery.

The Arellano's sought assistance from Inner City Law Center when the new owner tried to evict the family on the groundless claim that they were causing a nuisance and not paying rent. After determining the complaints about the Arellano family were false, ICLC agreed to take the case. Once the owner realized that ICLC was involved, they dropped the eviction case and have stopped harassing the family.