

Studio in Housing Co-op



Fairmount House, a cooperative affiliated with the Bay Area Community Land Trust, is seeking a new member to join our home. The available unit is a studio with a private bath and will be available July 15th.

Founded with a vision to support permanent, affordable, resident-run housing, Fairmount House is unique in that we take on the responsibilities of managing our home and property rather than allowing a landlord to make decisions for us. While we are definitely a community, we also appreciate our privacy and maintain independent social lives. We strive for inclusion and diversity, with tenants from varying backgrounds ranging in age from their late 20s to mid 70s, and one baby on the way! Co-op responsibilities include attending monthly community meetings, volunteering at least eight hours a month, doing chores around the house, and joining at least two of the co-op's committees – maintenance, finance, policy, or garden.

About the House:

Built in 1908, Fairmount House is a three-story brown shingle mansion with 10 separate studios, set off from the street with a brick staircase and wrought-iron gate. Laundry and kitchen facilities are shared. Each room has its own entrance, bathroom, and refrigerator. Our front yard is a work in progress, with space for interested gardeners. The house is convenient to several grocery stores, Lake Merritt, Piedmont Avenue, Lakeshore Avenue, Pill Hill, and Mosswood Park.

Accessibility Info: There is a staircase leading up to the house, and another staircase leading up to the second floor, where the available unit is located. Altogether, there are 49 stairs between the sidewalk level and the unit. The property is not wheelchair accessible, but we welcome differently abled people.

About the Studio:

Located on the second floor of the building, the available non-smoking unit is a 340-square-foot corner studio with wood floors, tall ceilings, two large windows (facing east and south), and a recently renovated bathroom. It comes with a small refrigerator but does not have its own kitchen. A shared kitchen is available on the first floor of the building. A nearby shared deck offers outdoor hang-out space.

The rent is **\$888/month**, utilities included. For a second adult occupant, an additional utilities charge of \$50 would apply. All rents are adjusted on January 1 of each year to follow the financial calendar year.

If this sounds exciting to you, please come by one of our open houses and see if it's a good fit!





Income Qualification Note:

We provide affordable housing for low-income residents. The income limit—based on 80% of the area median income (AMI)—for new residents is \$78,550 per year for a household of one, \$89,750 for a household of two. Minimum income is at least twice the rent, or \$21,500 per year.

Application Process:

1. RSVP for one of our open houses on **April 6th** (3 PM - 6:30 PM) or **April 13th** (10 AM - 1:30 PM) to take a tour and meet current residents. To RSVP for one of the open houses, go to: <https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18282224>. Our address will be sent to you via email.
2. Applications will be provided to open house attendees. Applications must be submitted by midnight on **April 21st** to fairmounthousecoop@gmail.com.
3. Candidate interviews will take place between **May 12th** and **May 18th**.
4. Selections will be made by **June 9th**.
5. Unit available for move-in by **July 15th**.

More About the Current Members:

Member Bio:

Proactive African-American senior who enjoys gardening, dancing, singing, and musical theater. Involved in several nonprofit projects with my church. Also a fun-loving traveler of different countries and exciting new adventures. Kind of a foodie and loves to create new dishes.

Member Bio:

I'm a retired public employee who currently sits on one separate non-profit governance board in my spare time. In addition I am an active member of two other community nonprofits. I am also an active member of my faith community, where I maintain the grounds landscaped by the introduction of California native plants.

Member Bio:

34-year-old living with lovely partner and senior cat, Boris. We're expecting our first child in July. Originally from Oregon, I have called Oakland home for 14 years. I enjoy nature, farmers markets and our garden. Lately I've been fascinated by native plants and wildlife, bay area ecology, and connecting our creative community to nature.

Member Bio: I came from American Samoa to Santa Cruz and have been living in Oakland for 11 years. I am 28 years old and I enjoy cooking, music, and quality time with family friends and



my lovely partner. I work in the hospitality industry and am excited to welcome our little boy in July.

Member Bio:

30-year-old hapa Hawaiian. Born and raised in Hawaii, and have been living in Oakland for ten years. Flight Attendant. My interests include cooking/eating, music, aina, sweet friend time, Hawaiian culture and taking walks with our 16-year-old sweet pup Kingston.

Member Bio:

Hola! 36 year old queer xicana, originally from the san gabriel valley, ca (tongva land). I've been residing here on Ohlone land for 13 years. I'm a full-spectrum doula, actively engaged in collective organizing through a transformative justice framework. I love cooking, herbalism + medicine making, forever learning, and Kingston.

Member Bio:

I'm a fifty-something white woman who grew up in Oregon but fell in love with Oakland ca. 2000 and stayed. I'm self-employed and keep a foot in each of two careers. I like to get outdoors for camping, hiking, cycling, and swimming. I share my place with a sweet, scruffy cat named Marlow. I love our funky old building and appreciate my kind and interesting neighbors at Fairmount House!

Member Bio:

I'm a 55-year-old white gay guy who grew up here in the Bay Area and is currently studying to become a nurse practitioner. I love yoga, swimming, going to the Sierra in all seasons, shopping for vintage clothes, and hanging out with family and friends.

Member Bio:

60-something African-American grandmother who gardens and landscapes a few properties in the neighborhood. Prefers to keep mostly to herself.

Resident Bio:

60-year-old British feller with a cat and a bicycle. Wanders around the neighborhood in his pajamas. Completely harmless. Currently involved in a research project to determine the exact amount of time to dunk a digestive biscuit in a cup of tea. May publish a paper when all the results are in. Has a funny accent.

Resident Bio:

Our eldest and longest-term resident, originally from Puerto Rico. Not a part of home organizing or committees.

