Sample Letter to Landlord Notifying of Repair and Deduct Remedy

[Month XX, 202X]
[Landlord's Name]
[Landlord's address]
[City, State ZIP]
Re: Repair of [what needs to be repaired] in [your address]
Dear [Landlord]:
On [insert date of prior notification to landlord of needed repairs] I notified you that the
following repair(s) to my unit were needed:
[list the specific repairs requested, must be serious defects or conditions that
affect health and/or safety].
As you have failed to make the requested repair(s) within a reasonable amount of time
(X days), I had the repair(s) made myself and will seek reimbursement for the cost by
deducting it from my rent, as allowed by California Civil Code § 1942.
Attached is a copy of the invoice for the repairs, in the amount of [\$Repair Amount]. I
will be deducting [\$Repair Amount] from my next rent payment. Thank you.
Respectfully,
[Your Name]