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RE: Fair Housing Claims of Claude and Monique Eicher

Dear Mr. Delgadillo:

Claude and Monique Eicher have retained me for legal representation in their claims against the City of Los Angeles, Richard Freidman, Charles Smith, and Councilman Greig Smith. Mr. Freidman, Mr. Smith, Councilman Smith and the city were all involved with a series of threats and a scheme against Mr. Eicher to force him out of his home and neighborhood in Northridge. Specifically, in June of this year they forced the Eichers to sell their home because of Mr. Eicher's association with persons with disabilities and his own disability.

Mr. Eicher operates two sober living homes in north Los Angeles county. All of his residents are either recovering alcoholics or addicts (as is Mr. Eicher) and are therefore persons with disabilities who qualify for protection from discrimination under the state and federal fair housing laws. These disabled residents were the subject of most of the hostile remarks made to the Eichers as they were being told that they were unacceptable neighbors. The threats included but are not limited to the following: 1) a disturbing incident where a large crowd of approximately 100 persons (organized by the respondents) grouped around the Eichers and demanded that they leave, one of them yelling, "We don't want your kind here"; 2) someone firing a gun at the Eicher's front window; and 3) Councilman Smith warning Mr. Eicher that he would bring "the full powers of his office" and make Mr. Eicher's life a "living hell" if he did not give up his house. Therefore, the actions of Richard Freidman, Charles Smith, Greig Smith and the City of Los Angeles (and the larger group of persons these parties led) all violated the fair housing laws, which prohibit intimidation with respect to housing when it's based on a person's disabilities or his association with persons with disabilities. The Eichers lost their home because of this unlawful conduct and have suffered no end of emotional distress. Most prominent among the signs of their distress and stress during this period is the miscarriage of pregnancy suffered by Mrs. Eicher.

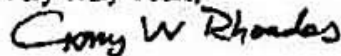
The threats and intimidation did not end with the loss of a home. Following up on a threat by Councilman Smith's office to keep sober living homes "from appearing in

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our neighborhoods' Mr. Eichar and his sober living homes have since been the subject of unwarranted and harassing inspections by the city.

The Eichars are fully prepared to assert their fair housing rights in court and pursue injunctive relief, city-wide reform with respect to sober living homes and monetary compensation. However, in the interest of minimizing litigation, I would like to try to help the Eichars and Mr. Eichar's sober living groups to resolve their claims before filing the lawsuits. They have so agreed and instructed me to offer to present our respective sides to a mediator, but immediately—the mediation must occur before February 15, 2005. Please have your attorney call me if you wish to try mediation. If I do not hear from you or your attorney by January 4, 2004 agreeing to select a mediator and schedule a mediation, then I will proceed with filing the lawsuit.

Very Truly Yours,



Gary W. Rhoades

Attorney for Claude Eichar and Monique Eichar

CC: Claude and Monique Eichar, Richard Friedman, Charles Smith; Greig Smith