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FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF CENTRAL INDIANA FILES DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT AGAINST INDIANAPOLIS MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) announced that it has filed a lawsuit against Shiloh Estates, a mobile home community located on the East Side of Indianapolis, alleging discrimination against African-Americans, Latinos, families with children, and people with disabilities. The suit follows a years-long investigation by the FHCCI and alleges that Shiloh Estates; its owner and management company, Colorado-based FR Community; and its former manager, Pamela Ziemer, engaged in unlawful discrimination against current and former tenants on the basis of race, color, national origin, familial status, and disability.

“It’s appalling that nearly a half-century after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, we are still finding blatant discrimination in our communities,” said Amy Nelson, Executive Director of the FHCCI. “The only way we are able to successfully hold these companies and individuals accountable for their unlawful actions is by community members reporting it to the FHCCI.”











The lawsuit alleges that since FR Community assumed management of the community in 2011, and under the management of Ms. Ziemer, current and prospective tenants of color were discouraged from renting, targeted for eviction, charged excessive fees, and denied use of community facilities including the clubhouse and pools. Witnesses stated Ms. Ziemer referred to African-American and Latino residents using racial slurs. The FHCCI alleges that residents with disabilities had their requests for ramps and other accommodations and modifications unlawfully denied, and families with children were targeted with unfair policy violations.

“Indianapolis is a diverse and vibrant city, and we will not tolerate housing providers holding onto hateful, outdated ideas of who their tenants should be,” continued Nelson. “Treating current or prospective residents in this way is not only wrong, it’s unlawful, and the FHCCI will assist Hoosiers in enforcing their rights to fair housing.”

The Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana (FHCCI) is a private, nonprofit fair housing organization founded in 2011 and based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its mission is to ensure equal housing opportunities by eliminating housing discrimination through advocacy, enforcement,

education and outreach. More information can be found at www.fhcci.org. A copy of the filed complaint can be found on the FHCCI's News Page at: www.fhcci.org/news/ Plaintiffs are represented by Goodin Abernathy LLP.

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CENTRO DE VIVIENDA JUSTA DE INDIANA CENTRAL PRESENTA UNA DEMANDA DE DISCRIMINACION CONTRA UNA COMUNIDAD DE VIVIENDAS MÓVILES EN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS - El Centro de Vivienda Justa de Indiana Central (FHCCI) anunció hoy que ha presentado una demanda contra Shiloh Estates, una comunidad de casas móviles situadas en la parte Este de Indianápolis, alegando discriminación contra los afro-americanos, latinos, familias con niños, y las personas con discapacidad. La demanda sigue la investigación realizada durante un año por el FHCCI y alega que Shiloh Estates; su propietario y dirección de la empresa, la Comunidad FR con sede en Colorado; y su ex gerente, Pamela Ziemer, se dedicaban a discriminar ilegalmente contra los inquilinos actuales y anteriores sobre la base de raza, color, origen nacional, estado familiar, y discapacidad.











"Es terrible que casi medio siglo después de la aprobación de la Ley de Vivienda Justa, todavía estamos encontrando flagrante la discriminación en nuestras comunidades", dijo Amy Nelson, Directora Ejecutiva del FHCCI. "La única manera en que podemos hacer que estas empresas y personas sean responsables de sus acciones ilegales es que los miembros de la comunidad le informen al FHCCI."



La demanda alega que desde que la comunidad FR asumió la administración en el 2011, y bajo la dirección de la Sra Ziemer, los inquilinos actuales de color y los potenciales se desanimaban a rentar por temor a ser desalojados o a que se les cobrara tarifas excesivas, y/o a negárseles el uso de las instalaciones comunitarias incluyendo la casa club y piscinas. Testigos declararon que la Sra Ziemer se refería a los residentes afro-americanos y latinos utilizando insultos raciales. El FHCCI alega que a los residentes con discapacidad se les negaba ilegalmente sus solicitudes de rampas y otras adaptaciones y modificaciones, y que las familias con niños eran atacadas injustamente y con violaciones a las políticas de la compañía.

"Indianápolis es una ciudad diversa y vibrante, y no vamos a tolerar que los proveedores de vivienda sostengan ideas odiosas y anticuadas de cómo sus inquilinos deben ser", continuó Nelson. "Este tipo de comportamiento hacia los residentes actuales o potenciales no sólo es erróneo, sino ilegal, y el FHCCI ayudará a que los Hoosiers hagan valer sus derechos para obtener una vivienda justa."



El Centro de Vivienda Justa de Indiana Central (FHCCI) es una organización privada, no lucrativa, fundada en el 2011 y con sede en Indianápolis, Indiana. Su misión es garantizar la igualdad de oportunidades mediante la eliminación de la discriminación de vivienda a través de la promoción, la ejecución, la educación y la divulgación. Puede encontrar mas información en www.fhcci.org., al igual que la copia de la queja presentada bajo la página de noticias: www.fhcci.org/news/ este caso esta representado por Goodin Abernathy LLP.

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