

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Item 20-0844- Los Angeles SPECIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE- Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00 am This regards the amending of the municipal code to clarify powers of the code violation inspectors. I think this is important but also from the perspective that code violation inspectors know that they have authority over all portions of a building and that I have experienced numerous city employees who have told me that they do not have jurisdiction over all portions of a building. The state health and safety code or municipal code also states that code inspectors have the authority to inspect a property in absence of a complaint; I interpret this to mean that code violation inspectors can inspect a property without the tenant being present, hence the code violation inspectors can require the owner to be present, but they cannot inconvenience the tenant by requiring them to be present. This has happened to me where I was required to be present by city employees and I have been damaged by this. The city employees of the housing department need to be trained on these duties. Speaking of planning and land use management, related to this is that our government officials from the state level on down must be honest with the public. The voter ballot and absentee and sample ballot in March 2020 election and in this current election mislead and disenfranchise millions of voters by implying that voters could not vote for qualified write-in candidates at the beginning of early voting; this was an untrue statement meant to allow government employees to unjustly favor non-write-in candidates. All election officials involved in this should be investigated for ethics violations at the least. Neighborhood councils who are city employees need to be investigated and suffer punishment for denying equal opportunity to qualified write-in candidates in candidate forums in the March 2020 election. Finally, speaking of planning and land use management, and the related push to De-Fund the Police and assign duties to other departments like perhaps the LADBS code violation inspectors, some who make over \$200,000 per year: I suggest that mayor and council engage in a thorough reading of the state penal code as it relates to the duties of peace officers. In order for any of those duties to be transferred, state laws would have to be changed to take away the authority under the penal code and give authority to those (i.e. the

Boy Scouts) who do not currently have law enforcement authority. The LADBS and Housing code inspectors have law enforcement authority and also enforce the REAP ordinance that allows the city government to provide or restore housing services and bill the owner. Many other government employees who are not police officers but also have law enforcement authority. Finally, please see my attached email to the city council October 28, 2020 sent at 7:49 pm entitled "Report to City Controller Ron Galperin - continuing performance and continuing damages ". My name is G. Juan Johnson.

Report to City Controller Ron Galperin - continuing performance and continuing damages

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Update to Interested Parties Report to City Controller Ron Galperin

Dear Interested Parties:

I am currently being cross-sued in Los Angeles Superior Court small claims court case 19STSC14394 filed 12/23/19. I wanted to bring you up to date on some aspects of the case since it involves this rent controlled building and city employees/officials, although no city employees are yet named as parties, but are named in exhibits.

1. The core case is JOHNSON v. Power Property Management Group, Inc. a corporation dba Power Property Group, Hi Point Apts LLC, Walter Barratt, Brent Parsons, Cynthia Reynosa, and ~~Kassandra Kamala~~ Harris aka Kassy Harris. The core case states that damages are based on (lack of) intercom repair, negligence, denial tandem parking, bad faith, nominal damages, general damages, specific performance. Filed December 23, 2019.

2. The case was continued once due to COVID-19 court closures, once it was continued due to request of defendants. Twice it has been continued because defendants did not want the case heard by a temporary Judge.

3. In the meantime, **nearly nine months after the core case was filed**, Walter Barratt owner/Hi Point Apts LLC (owner subject property 1522 Hi Point St Apartments 90035) filed a

cross complaint against myself for \$10,000. (His cross complaint is viewed by me as unlawful retaliation.) The cross complaint claims "retaliation, harassment, prior small claims case litigated 2014, defamation, frivolous lawsuit claims with the city; other frivolous lawsuits; vexatious litigant." Barratt claims in the court filed document that he has suffered "loss of rental income because of defendants' (Johnson) actions" for the time period June 2104 - September 2020. Barratt says in court papers that prior to the lawsuit he made no demand on myself for the damages nor presumably from his words has he made any demand related to the allegation of "harassment".

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4. By claiming damages from 2014, Barratt has made his cross complaint time barred.

5. It is interesting that Barratt claims "harrassment" from 2014 ----six years ago---but there is no indication he ever brought the harassment charges to my attention in 2014-2015. In 2016 his management company attorney claimed "vexatious litigant/harrassment" against me but that motion was denied by two federal judges. From 2017-2020, there has been no mention to me that Walter or his employees felt harassed because I as a Black American asked for my intercom to be repaired. Why would they feel harassed by a Black tenant asking for housing services? Barratt's complaint proves that by his employees' conduct, no harassment from me to them has occurred. Barratt and Power Property run a scheme to defraud myself and the court. If someone is harassing you, so you wait six years to complain about it? That is not believable.

6. No word yet if Barratt or his workers have attempted to file a police report, such false statements that might subject the defendants to jail time.

7. Barratt nor any of the defendants have filed any exhibits with the court to prove they felt harassed or brought it to my attention 2014-2015 or 2017 to 2020.

8. The court docket claims that all defendants filed the cross complaint, but the docket also shows that the cross complaint scanned is only signed by Walter Barratt for Hi Point Apts LLC. I have brought the lack of signed complaints to the court's attention, but the court clerk refuses to respond. There are no signed complaints from Brent Parsons, Cynthia Reynosa, Power Property Management Group, or Kassandra Harris. I guess post COVID-19, justice is meted out in the court's absent a signed complaint, a denial of due process.

9. Barratt's cross complaint fails to calculate how he arrived at the alleged damages.

10. The city of Los Angeles government authorized the intercom system at 1522 Hi Point St in 1973 and again in 2015 when a new intercom system was installed, yet the city government refuses to participate in the maintenance of the intercom system. Hundreds of buildings across the city have intercom systems.

11. City online documents says there have been ending July 2019 -June 2020, 13,463 "investigation and enforcement inspections" and 12,200 calls processed monthly; yet none of that has resulted in my unit intercom being repaired or the assignment of a tandem parking stall.

12. Power Property Management group and its employees are the faces of ugly segregation, the Racists Among Us. Those government officials who act powerless against racism, are just as dangerous as those who practice racism, because they perpetuate the racism.

13. See the attached pictures of Power Property Management Group.

"Racists Among Us"

14. The court received from me on October 15, 2020, an amended list of exhibits. No one seems to know where those exhibits are at. Sherry R. Carter is the executive officer clerk of the courts.

15. IMO the defendants want this matter in a higher jurisdiction court. I imagine they want to subpoena city employees to testify they feel "harassed" by a Black man asking for fair housing. I imagine that in order to prove lost rental income, Barratt and PPMG will have to open their accounting books to public scrutiny.

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16. I simply asked for my intercom to be repaired and I asked for an available extra parking stall in 2014 and beyond. For this I get sued for \$10,000. That to me represents the retaliatory, racist, and horrid housing conditions for those who come to Los Angeles to reside. This is not an isolated incident.

17. If defendants Reynosa and Harris claim they were harassed in 2014-2018, the record shows I did not meet them esp Harris until February 2019, which means a false statement on Harris and Reynosa's part. Maybe they will have to face jail time.

18. Next communication I will reveal which city employees are named in court exhibits.

19. This building is advertised as applicants must pay \$100 deposit for utilities. But not all tenants pay \$100 for utilities and this is still a master metered building. Why has city government not taken action on this fraud scheme by the owner?

20. For three units IMO the intercom does not work. But all tenants pay for the common area intercom control unit at the front door; all tenants are entitled to a rent reduction because the common area intercom is not functioning as intended.

21. The mayor and council are requested that if you know anyone experiencing housing problems at this building, they should contact myself (or the last resort rent control department), and they may wish to testify in this current lawsuit which was today continued to February 2021.

22. Why would anyone want to rent from defendants such as these who exercise such a chilling effect on those who complain?

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