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Fwd: CF 11-0262 CCFO/ PLUM Hearing and Paul Dumont

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Can you please include this letetr in the Council file CF 11-0262

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Thank you

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Sent: 3/31/2012 11:55:08 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time

Subj: Fwd: re: CF 11-0262 CCFO/ PLUM Hearing and Paul Dumont

FYI another complaint filed against NHWNC and Paul Dumont re Dumont's actions at PLUM hearing on the Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO) March 20, 2012.

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Sent: 3/29/2012 9:15:42 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time

Subj: PLUM Hearing and Paul Dumont

To: BongHwan Kim; DONE; Adam Halaby, President of the NHWNC; and all concerned:

I am a former member of the Land Use Committee of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council, and a lifelong San Fernando Valley resident, as are my parents. I, too, am a recovering alcoholic and drug user, a disabled Veteran, and one who would've qualified to reside in one of these "group homes" as I was also homeless, suffering from medical problems like PTSD and migraines, in addition to my addictions; I was unable to work, and I thank God I was not given the option to move into one of these homes because I would not be writing to you today. I got my help from the VA, which obviously, not all of the people in the group homes have available. I am also neither a racist, nor white, nor wealthy, nor from Granada Hills or Pacific Palisades (all groups whom Paul Dumont verbally attacked during his diatribe).

However, I am disgusted and dismayed by the actions of Mr. Paul Dumont at the recent PLUM hearing (see transcript below). He should recuse himself from these doings, as he is an owner of many of these "recovery houses."

His outrageous behavior on more than this occasion is notorious. He has threatened me previously, and phoned the City to complain of misdoings at my parents' home (thinking it was mine), which were totally concocted by him. My father is an 89-year-old Veteran of WWII, and my mother is 87; he claimed they were running an illicit business out of their garage!! There is not one factor that could make anyone jump to such a conclusion, and their neighbors could all corroborate this. Mr. Dumont should be removed immediately from the North Hills West Neighborhood Council for his numerous violations of the Code of Conduct, Ethics, and Civility; also, for his conduct which is unbecoming of a gentleman and board member (especially when he identifies himself as such). I am sure you will not dispute this after you read the transcript, if you weren't at the meeting.

There are other victims of Mr. Dumont's subversive attacks for having a difference in viewpoint. He published information from CCFO speaker cards on-line, causing opponents of these group sardine-homes to be allowed not to give personal information when speaking at a former PLUM hearing last year--- the City Attorney ruled that addresses and other information of a personal nature need not be listed on the speaker cards or broadcast at the podium. He has abused his neighborhood council position to acquire access to and try to influence public officials and agencies; all this to further his interests, as he is financially dependent on as owner and operator of "sober living" and probationer/parolee homes. He has been one-step ahead of the law on more than several occasions when the City was going to shut down one of his homes due to

neighbors' continual complaints, police visits, and other violations of City codes and laws. In each case, he was able to move his money-making bodies to new digs before the proverbial knock at the door.

Some of these houses have up to 30-40 bodies living in three-bedroom homes, with even closets converted with bunks. I will no go on as to the filth, unregulation, no oversight, drug trafficking, etc. I have witnessed in the sober-living home that was down the street from my domicile.

Mr. Dumont has threatened, harassed, and intimidated supporters of the ordinance; some of these charges are documented. He has sent e-mails to opponents of CCFO that were not public and had never had any previous contact with him. One single mother testified that she became scared (as well she should be) after she received one telling her he was aware of where she lived, how many children she had, and other personal information.

He is already challenging the City of Los Angeles with a lawsuit if the CCFO is passed.

Finally, his rude comments, threats, and behavior at this last PLUM hearing (20 Mar 12) exceed common decency and even a modicum of civil behavior. (Refer to the transcript below.) All this was done after he represented himself as Vice President of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council, which meant he was speaking in behalf of the full neighborhood council. Calling Councilman Mitch Englander a racist and an elitist are beyond the pale. What about his violation of the Code of Conduct of Ethics and Civility?

Is Mr. Dumont going to be allowed to threaten, intimidate, use hate speech, break City codes, violate his position and duties on the neighborhood council, and run rampant at will? I urge you to take appropriate action by removing him from the North Hills West Neighborhood Council board and from serving on any other neighborhood council, send a publicly distributed letter of apology to Councilman Englander for his slandering of him, another public letter to all the councilmen present at the meeting for his unseemly behavior and violating the privilege of speaking by continuing to shout and rant after he was asked several times to cease. I am sure there are other punishments that he deserves, but those would be a good start.

Sincerely,

Miss Tereza Becica
Stakeholder, North Hills West Neighborhood Council

Following is the transcript of Mr. Dumont's March 20, 2012

testimony at the L. A. City Council's Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUM) hearing on proposed Community Care facilities Ordinance (CCFO)

Obviously, the transcript cannot convey Mr. Dumont's wild behavior, including great agitation, gesturing, and his misuse of the microphone by his shouting into it, gesturing and shouting into the microphone mouthpiece throughout his testimony.

The unidentified voice referred to is that of Councilman Ed Reyes, Chair of the PLUM Committee, trying to get Mr. Dumont to quiet down and leave the microphone at the end of the one minute allotted to all speakers.

The Mitch Dumont refers to, and to whom his remarks were addressed is CD 12 City Councilman Mitch Englander who is also a member of the PLUM Committee.

The "unintelligible-cross talk" referred to at the end was Dumont shouting as he left the microphone words to the effect that we were all racists, that they were going to sue the city and repeating that (Deputy City Attorney) Brothers was wrong.

Testimony of Paul Dumont:

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Dumont: My name is Paul Dumont. I'm a recovering drug addict and the Vice President of the North Hills West Neighborhood Council. I hear a lot of talk about discrimination against the disabled population in our city. The characteristics of the people who are supporting this ordinance are wealthy white people from Granada Hills and Pacific Palisades. They're right here.

Unidentified: Please, sir.

Dumont: Wealthy white people from Pacific Palisades and Granada Hills. They want to send the people with - with the - of color and the people that are poor that often find themselves in need of drug and alcoholism treatment and addiction services and sober living, they want to get them out of their white neighborhood and send them back to the "hood" where they belong. They want us to live in the ghetto instead of in Mitch's pretty, white neighborhood. We belong in every neighborhood in this city. We will be living in every neighborhood in this city

regardless of what law you pass. You are discriminating against a protected class and you're discriminating against minorities and poor people.

Unidentified: Thank you, sir.

Dumont: It's not going to be tolerated. Amy Brothers is wrong!

Unidentified: Thank you.

Dumont: She's wrong!

Unidentified: Thank you sir –

Dumont: This – [unintelligible, crosstalk with Unidentified] – she is wrong!

Unidentified: Sir, you're disrupting the meeting. Thank you.

[YELLING FROM AUDIENCE]

End of transcript.