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HOUSING RIGHTS CENTER FILES LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES TENANT SUFFERING YEARS-LONG RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

LOS ANGELES, CA – JUNE 30, 2023—revised July 5, 2023 – The Housing Rights Center (HRC) has filed a lawsuit on behalf of Los Angeles tenant Trajion Traylor who experienced a decade of racial discrimination and harassment while renting a studio apartment in Canoga Park, California. The property manager employed by property owners Yoramco Properties, LTD and Medovoi-Owensmouth LLC, committed widespread violations of Mr. Traylor’s civil rights, including: delaying repairs to his unit, warning Mr. Traylor that they were “watching him,” using racially charged language and slurs, installing a metal bar to prevent Mr. Taylor from parking in his assigned space, as well as other discriminatory practices.

Over the years, Mr. Traylor documented the civil rights violations he experienced while leasing the rental unit. The property manager was recorded using racial epithets against Mr. Traylor in a video that went viral on social media. Mr. Traylor subsequently complained of racial discrimination by his property manager to HRC. In January 2023, HRC’s Litigation Team filed a federal lawsuit on Mr. Traylor’s behalf against the property manager and building owner.

HRC joins Mr. Traylor in his fight to live in housing that is free from harassment and discrimination. Part of the demands in this case include requiring the owners and apartment manager to cease their unlawful, anti-Black discriminatory policies and practices that have caused irreparable harm to Mr. Traylor. Additionally, Mr. Traylor seeks the establishment of an order requiring the defendants to take to take affirmative steps to provide equal housing opportunities to all future tenants regardless of their race.

Racial discrimination continues to be one of the top three categories of discrimination in complaints reported to Fair Housing organizations annually. As the nation's largest non-profit civil rights organization dedicated to securing and promoting Fair Housing, HRC supports Mr. Traylor’s effort to secure court-ordered protections prohibiting continued violations of his rights under the Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

If you believe you have experienced racial or other forms of discrimination in housing contact the Housing Rights Center for free counseling at 1(800)-477-5977. To request a Housing Rights Workshop for your organization, please email outreach@housingrightscenter.org. For more resources, visit HRC’s website at www.housingrightscenter.org and follow HRC on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

[Link to Complaint](#)



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