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Rash B. Ghosh P. O. Box 11553 Berkeley, CA 94712 (510) 575-5112

October 20, 2017

Hon. Barbara J.R. Jones Presiding Justice California Court of Appeal First Appellate District, Division 5 350 McAllister Street San Francisco, CA 94102-3600

Re: Mediation

Ghosh v. City of Berkeley No. A150413 Ghosh v. Steiner No. A149365 Ghosh v. Dean No. A149098

Dear Honorable Justice Jones:

I am a party to the three above cases.

When I recently requested oral argument, I informed the court of my recent meeting with the new Berkeley City Attorney. As I told this court, I had understood her to say that we should use mediation to resolve all our differences, and I had agreed.

I was surprised to receive a copy of the City Attorney's letter of September 29th, stating that while the City had at our meeting "noted the availability of mediation," the City had not agreed to mediatate any of these matters.

After reading the City Attorney's letter to the court, I conclude that I must have completely misapprehended what happened at the meeting. At the meeting the City Attorney had inquired if I could bring half the money for a one-day mediation session, which I understood would be approximately \$1600, and I responded that it would be difficult, but I believed I could do it. I came away from the meeting with the understanding that the City was willing to mediate, and that the City Attorney would get back to me with more specific information.



However, the City's letter states that they will not mediate this action, and says the litigation "must come to an end" (which seems to me inconsistent with not using a process that might resolve the litigation).

I have read that "the policy favoring settlement continues after judgment," Neary v. Regents of University of California (1992) 3 Cal.4th 273, 278, and I understand that court rules encourage settlement, too. See 1st App.Dist. Rule 3.

I apologize to the court if I mis-conveyed what happened at the meeting. My recollection is much at odds with what is in the City Attorney's letter to the court. If our respective letters created any confusion, I would like to make clear my position that I am willing to participate in mediation or any other process that might result in the settlement of my differences with the City.

I hope there is some way to bring us together.

Very truly yours,

Rash B. Ghosh

cc City Attorney

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Le Grant, Matthew

From:

Cowan, Zach

Sent:

To: Cc: Friday, April 07, 2000 2:43 PM Moses, Kevin; Le Grant, Matthew; Rhoades, Mark

McKinney, Laura N. Rash B. Ghosh

Subject:

Rena Rickles will be calling you next week to set up a meeting to go over some plans.

She says that Mr. Ghosh has retained someone who can actually draw plans, and she wants to explore informally whether what he has in mind represents a solution from the City's point of view.

I said she was free to meet with you all, but that if you wanted me to attend I would. We agreed Mr. Ghosh would not

attend.

FYI. she also says that he seems to have permits (in some or all cases signed off by zoning) for all floors and roofs, but not for areas in between.

She will call Mark and Kevin next week.

I told her to be prepared to answer questions as to why we should spend our time on this since Mr. Ghosh always pleads poverty anyway and we expect that whatever the solution is he will simply not do it. I suggested (1) a completion bond or (2) selling the property to someone who could do the work. She agreed both of these would work. We'll see.

Zach Cowan Assistant City Attorney 1947 Center Street, First Floor Berkeley, CA 94704 T- 510.644.6380 F- 510.644.8641 Zcowan@ci.berkelev.ca.us

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CITI OF BEKKELEY Inspection Inquiry - Results Commets

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3/19/09

Inspection Results Comments DISAPPROVED BY JOAN. 2507/09 MCGEE AND 1700 DWIGHT HAVE BEEN POSTED WITH A NOTICE & ORDER TO BOARD UP BUILDINGS & CUT POWER BY 3/21/09. NO REVISIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN AND NO INSPECTIONS GIVEN.

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Sent Wednesday, March 25, 2009 5:10:53 PM
Subject: 1700 Dwight Way and 2507-09 McGee Berkeley Ca Boarding must look like occupied property (not blighted)

Jim Hynes Deputy City Attorney, 2180 Milyta Street, 5th floor, Berkeley Ca 94704

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March 26, 2009

RE: 2507 2509 McGee and 1700 Dwight Way

Bishawahanti <usak2@yahoo.com>

Dear Mr. Hynes:

Yesterday, about 11 a.m., I found that several city employees and the police had been inside my property without my perintsion since 9 a.m. They told me that I could not continue the work of closing up my property and that I must leave. I was given 20 minutes to gather my papers and go.

Sometime later, you graciously told me that I could have more time, perhaps even an "indefinite" amount of time and you would call me later to confirm this. I was told by building inspector Greg H when I was rescheduling my appointment with him yesterday late afternoon, that I only had two days. However, he asked the contact you.

I have also been told that the City staff contractors that building doors must be "bearded up." during yesterday's inspection of McGee and Dwight Way buildings. But city officials have told me the building must not look blighted and that putting thick opaque paper or similar materials on the inside of the windows was adequate. Also, yesterday as a new matter, City workers (contracting staff) wanted to put boards across the doors as well which block entry for worker/s at my property

This conflicting communication is confusing. Could you please let me know specifically what must be done, and by when.

Kind regards

Rash B Ghosh

2507 McGee Avenue

Berkeley Ca 94703

Phone 510-5755112

PS. Sorry for wrong spelling of your name in my yesterday's email to you

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Lee, Amy Y.

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 11:01 AM From: Gent:

Martin, Jaime

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Dizitser, Val; Prince, Malcolm FW: Relocation Forms - 1700 Dwight Cc: Subject:

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Jaime please send these forms to Mr. Rash B Ghosh for him to have for the property at 2507 Mcgee. Thanks Jaime this needs to be down by end of day. Same factor the make Thanks needs to be down by end of day. Sorry for the rush. Thanks

From:

From: Slivinski, Julie
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2007 11:49 AM
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Prince, Malcolm; Emmons, Patrick; Daniel, Gregory; Dizitser, Val Sent: To:

Carlos has asked me to forward to you the forms for relocation. If you have any questions, please contact him at x5440







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STAND AGAINST INJUSTICE

BERKELEY SEIZES INSTITUTE

A Nobel Laureate's Appeal



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Respectfully, Chm. A. James Dr. Charles Hard Townes

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We desperately need your help to fight the many injustices done to this highly-respected scholar. If you can offer pro bono legal assistance or other support, please contact us. For further information, please visit our website, IIBHB.ORG, or contact Dr. Ghosh by email, director@iibhb.org, or by phone, 510-575-5112.

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Heidenreich, Greg Thursday, February 28, 2008 5:24 PM

Prince, Malcolm; MacQuarrie, Joan; Emmons, Patrick; Rushing, Roger

1700 Dwight Way and 2507-2509 McGee Ave.



Planning & Development Department Building & Safety Division

PG&E

Re: 1700 Dwight Way and 2507-2509 McGee Ave. Rash B. Ghosh Property

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Berkeley Building and Safety Division has determined that the electrical meters at 1700 Dwight Way and 2507-2509 McGee Ave. need to be disconnected. The vast amount of electrical violations have rendered these structures to be uninhabitable and unsafe. The work without benefit of permits or inspections ar many electrical violation issues are a danger to life safety. Owner of said property has been informed and has not addressed electrical violations. The owner has not complied with the city mandate and therefore PG&E needs to disconnect two electrical meters.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Supervising Building Inspector, Malcolm Prince, at (510) 981-7440 between the hours of 8:00 am to 9:00 am and 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

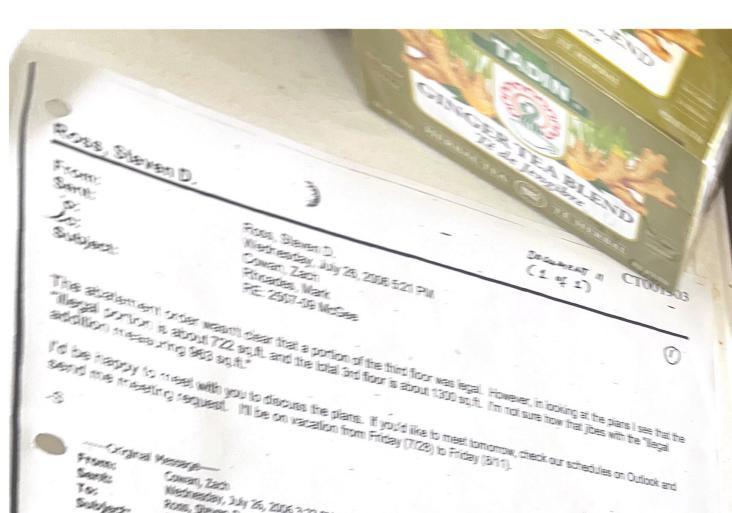
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Greg Heidenenreich Bullding Inspector

On behalf of:

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Niednesday, July 26, 2006 3:23 PM Subjects

Ross, Steven D. PE 2507-59 MCSES

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Assistant City Attorney 2180 Milvia Street, Fourth-Ploor Berkeley, CA 94704 TEL 510.981.6950 FAX 510.981.6960

Ross, Steven D.

From:

Ross, Steven D.

Sent:

Wednesday, July 26, 2006 5:21 PM

jo:

Cowan, Zach Rhoades, Mark

Subject:

RE: 2507-09 McGee

The abatement order wasn't clear that a portion of the third floor was legal. However, in looking at the plans I see that the "illegal portion is about 722 sq.ft. and the total 3rd floor is about 1300 sq.ft. I'm not sure how that jibes with the "illegal addition measuring 963 sq.ft."

I'd be happy to meet with you to discuss the plans. If you'd like to meet tomorrow, check our schedules on Outlook and send me meeting request. I'll be on vacation from Friday (7/28) to Friday (8/11).

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Wednesday, July 26, 2006 3:23 PM

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Planning and Development Department Land Use Planning Division

July 18, 2006

Marie Bowman 1532 Blake Street Berkeley, CA 94703

Dear Ms. Bowman,

RE: Conversion to condominiums: Notice of Selection – 2507 McGee and 1700 Dwight Way, Berkeley

In November 2005, staff selected the above-referenced condominium conversion project to begin the condo conversion process during the period between March 13, 2006 and April 12, 2006. We have yet to receive a Request for Local Law Compliance. We can offer you an additional 60 days (September 18, 2006) to submit your application if (1) you notify us in writing within 30 days (August 18, 2006) of your intent and the status of your application. We do not hear from you within 30 days, you forfeit your opportunity to initiate the condowersion process this year and must resubmit your request for selection. If you have led not to apply, please let me know in order to allow other applications to be reassigned to the time allotted to your project.

The Local Law Compliance application should be submitted to the Land Use Planning Division's customer service counter, which is located at 2120 Milvia Street. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Please contact me at (510) 981-7520 if you have questions about the information required by this office to continue the condominium application process.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Brooks Assistant Planner

Planning & Development Department

City of Berkeley



June 28. 2007

reik Md Belal, Charge d' Affaires Bangladesh, Washington, D.C.

g this letter regarding the City of Berkeley's unreasonable actions against the Headquarters of International Bengal Basin (IIIBB) based at 2507-09 McGee St in Berkeley, California, founded by Dr. Rash B. Ghosh has dedicated his life for improving the Bengal Basin's water resources and environment, also providing a basel for other energing economies and using expertise of Bangladesh and abroad Dr. Ghosh has donated a personal funds, including property in USA, UK and Kishoreganj in Bangladesh, to further the cause of safe rather in the Bengal basin.

a is dedicated to reducing the impact of toxics, improving drinking water quality, and advocating for the nest and women's rights for about two decades, focusing on Bargladesh and India's West Bengal state many activities. IIBB organize annual international conference where experts from USA, Europe and the basin gather to address the water, environmental and global warming crises IIBBh as been working in ship with the Bangladesh Government, CIRDAP, and BUET and other universities as well as the University of his and the City of Berkeley, with Ms. Dona Spring of the Berkeley City Council taking the initiative to sha relationship with IIBB

very happy to have worked with Dr. Ghosh in IIBB for many years. Please help IIBB at the best of your ability to its property, which the city plans to give to outside developers. This will make people who work for nonprofit, dring Banglatekins, horneless. I entered you to convey your concern about this injustice to City of Berkeley ials and request that they resolve this problem expeditiously and fairly and support IIBB's activities.

zel laurante Charles Townes, IIBB's scientific adviser, has written two letters on its behalf, and has asked us to east this injunice to Bangladeish

ease feel free to contact me if you need any additional information

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Vacional Professor Kabir Chowdhury

Adviser and co-founder of IIBB, Dhaka, Bangladesh
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CHARLES H. TOWNES PROFESSOR IN THE

GRADUATE SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS 366 LECONTE HALL BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

March 16, 2006

Mayor Tom Bates and Members of the Berkeley City Council City Hall 2180 Milvia Avenue Berkeley, CA 94704

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to invite your attention to Dr. R. B. Ghosh's house at 2507 McGee Avenue, Berkeley. He originally completed it with cooperation from the city in early 1998. Dr. Ghosh retired from his job in 2000. Therefore he does not have income, cannot borrow money, and finds financial difficulty in meeting recommended changes by the city. The second mortgage holder is the International Institute of Bengal Basin (IIBB), which is a potential future owner of the property and uses the address of 2507 McGee Avenue and its attic. The attic is a temple and Dr. Ghosh has been using it as his Hindu shrine. I attended a few meetings of IIBB at 2507 McGee Ave., which appears good inside. He is working hard to modify the attic of the building to address the city's primary concern. Ghosh has conducted about ten international conferences on human rights, water, and environmental crisis, in Berkeley, Kokata, Dhaka, and Manchester. I am impressed with his contributions to the environment, water, and human rights as well as to Cal EPA (his former employer).

I request that you consider Ghosh's financial situation and help the non profit IIBB, and give what help you can in minimizing the need for expensive changes of the front and attic of 2507 McGee

Sincerely,

Charles H. Townes

Nobel Laureate in Physics

University of California, Berkeley

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Rash Ghosh

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