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The Housing Advisory Commission  
City of Berkeley  
2180 Milvia Street  
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**Appeal Hearing Regarding Notice and Order 1248 Ashby, Case # 10-1282 & 10-1307/13**

Dear Honorable Members of the Housing Advisory Commission:

I have written several letters regarding Dr. Rash B Ghosh's residence repair dispute with the City of Berkeley, which has lasted for many years. He did work at his properties with required approval of the city of Berkeley.

It is unfortunate that the City Building Department is again declaring that his current remaining residence, at 1248 Ashby Avenue, is substandard and unsafe.

The city filed a Termination of Notice of Violation with the Alameda County soon after he bought the property, in 1991; after he addressed the code violations as required by the city (see Attachments). The engineer and electrical contractor's reports are also attached for your own assessment of how the City has been treating Dr. Ghosh.

The city closed his office, at 1700 Dwight Way, on August 29, 2007 suddenly, which was also used for Nonprofit and temple activities, The city also closed his residence at 2507 and 2509 McGee Avenue, Berkeley a week later (September 6, 2007) and as of today these buildings were not opened and Dr. Ghosh has been paying mortgages, tax and insurances in addition to other cost and expenses. These resources should have been used for his water projects instead.

Now the city is after his residence at 1248 Ashby Avenue. This continuous harrasment of Dr Ghosh must be stopped.

He should be allowed to continue his good work to address global water crisis. I have been helping him to address the global water crisis and replenish ground water depletion both at home and abroad. He is the founder of International Institute of Bengal and Himalayan basins (IIBHB).

Dear Rash  
I've sent a copy of  
the letter to the  
city of Berkeley  
I hope it helps  
Charles

I personally know Dr. Ghosh. He is an honest man and dedicated his life and also using his personal resources for reducing the toxics in the drinking water resources of the USA, Bengal and Himalayan Basins and beyond.

I hope you can help Dr. Ghosh to save his residence and guide him to resolve any dispute with the city of Berkeley and intervene in this matter to save his house and the integrity and reputation of our great city.

Sincerely,

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Nobel Laureate Charles Townes,  
Adviser and co-founder of IIBHB

Attachments:

Engineer and electrical contractor's reports