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Declaration of Nobel Laureate, Charles H. Townes
Case Number: 2002043750

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Dear Judge Roesch:

I, Charles H Townes Professor Emeritus of Physics in the U. C Berkeley, recipient of the 1964 Nobel Prize in Physics for my invention of Laser, and 2005 Templeton laureate, am appealing to you to consider carefully the case of my friend and colleague, Dr. Rashbihari Ghosh. I am writing you because I am 97 years old, and my advanced age makes it very difficult for me to make a personal appearance. I have known Dr. Ghosh, owner of 1700 Dwight way and 2507-09 McGee Ave. in Berkeley for many years, and I am thoroughly impressed by his selfless dedication to the remediation of toxic substances in ground and surface waters throughout the world. If necessary I can appear in person to testify that he is man of the greatest integrity and has dedicated his life to his cause.

Last week, I wrote an appeal letter to Berkeley City attorney, Zach Cowan, to prevent the sale of these properties and to allow Dr. Ghosh's fund s ($160,000) that he deposited at the order of the court to address code violations to be used for their intended purpose. Currently the City of Berkeley is selling the property at one sixth of its value with little public notice to a zoning board member, which may be a conflict of interest. It should be noted that Dr. Ghosh was not allowed the opportunity to repair the property which was given him by the City of Berkeley in 2008. This permit is still valid (copy enclosed). The International Institute of the Bengal Basin (IIBB) had a lien on the property which would have been removed at Dr. Ghosh's request to borrow additional funds to guarantee that the repairs were properly executed and completed. I have enclosed a copy of my appeal letter to the city attorney for your review and consideration.

I am appealing you to prevent the sale of this property so our nonprofit, the IIBB, can resume its good work. Over the past 12 years, I have attended many meetings at the property regarding the impact of toxics on the environment and human health, the global water crisis, and its dedication to democracy and religious freedom in cultures where these values are imperiled.

I hope and believe that you are able to help us save this property, and allow us to continue the good work of the IIBB. Dr. Ghosh has been paying the mortgage, taxes, and insurance, in addition to other expenses for the last 54 months while the property was closed. Much work has been done on this property, and Dr. Ghosh has already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars taking care of many of the issues cited. He had hoped that he would be able to return to his home on McGee St. years ago, and I hope he is given this opportunity, if he complies.

I declare under the law of the state of California that both the details of this case mentioned above and the attached information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Chas. H. Townes

Respectfully requested.
Nobel laureate Charles H Townes
Professor of Physics and co funder of international Institute of Bengal Basin