

The New Colossus

By Emma Lazarus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame, with
conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
a mighty woman with a torch, whose flame is
the imprisoned lightning, and her name

Mother of Exiles.

From her beacon-hand glows world-wide welcome;
her mild eyes command the air-bridged harbor
that twin cities frame.

"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!"

cries she with silent lips.

*"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses
yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your
teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-
tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

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2:00 p.m.

HUD Cafeteria

A Victory for Fair Housing



Ms. Shirley Carper

On November 14, 2005, HUD commended California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) for winning a \$1 million disability discrimination settlement against a San Francisco landlord who refused a tenant's request for an accessible parking space.

DFEH is one of 103 state and local agencies nationwide whom HUD funds under the Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP). In the lawsuit, in San Francisco County Superior Court, DFEH contended that in May 2000 the owners of a San Francisco apartment building violated the state fair housing law by not affording Shirley Carper, a tenant of 24 years, an accessible parking space and extra keys for her live-in caregiver.

Despite repeated requests, instead of receiving a better parking space, Carper received disturbing letters from the building's owners questioning her ailment. "I just became almost like a prisoner in my apartment because coming and going without one of my adult children here to help me was impossible," said Carper. After the landlord initially denied Ms. Carper's requests, Ms. Carper sought help from Project Sentinel, a private fair housing group that HUD funds under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP). Project Sentinel intervened with the landlord on Carper's behalf.

After no success, Project Sentinel assisted Ms. Carper in filing a complaint with HUD in July 2002. HUD immediately referred the matter to DFEH for investigation under the State of California's fair housing law, which HUD has certified as providing rights, remedies, and judicial review provisions that are substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act.

The DFEH's Superior Court settlement, in addition to providing \$1 million in compensatory damages and an upper level parking space for Ms. Carper, provided \$2,650.00 to Project Sentinel to compensate the organization for resources the organization expended assisting Ms. Carper.

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Welcome

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Remarks and Introduction of Secretary Jackson

Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary
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Remarks

Honorable Alphonso Jackson
Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development

Introduction of a Successful Complainant

Bryan Greene, Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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"The Million Dollar Parking Space"

Ms. Shirley Carper

Introduction of Fair Housing Video

Deborah Seabron Dickens, Executive Assistant
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Fair Housing Video

Closing Comments

Invitation to Tour the Fair Housing Month Exhibit:

"America's Journey to the Fair Housing Act"

Roy A. Bernardi
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