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June 16, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

TDHCA Governing Board
Attention: Ysella Kaseman
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Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Additional Information to the Notice Regarding Debarment Appeal Determination
for James R. "Bill" Fisher

This firm represents James R. "Bill" Fisher and Sonoma Housing. Mr. Fisher is a principal of Sonoma Housing, and a long-time consultant to developers and finance companies in the affordable housing space here in Texas for over 25 years. Mr. Fisher is responsible for assisting in the development, construction and operations of over 60 affordable, housing communities, the vast majority here in Texas. Those communities are located in the cities of Dallas, Denton, Houston, Plano, Austin, San Antonio and nearly 1,000 units in Region 11 along the border with Mexico. This includes Carmeron and Hidalgo County some of the poorest areas of the State.

The total amount of units is +/- 10,000 serving approximately 30,000 residents and seniors here in Texas. These communities are the backbone of affordable housing in many of these areas throughout the state of Texas. Not one prior material issue(s) with these projects was ever an issue with Bill Fisher's own compliance with TDHCA regulations. No consideration was given for this strong track record going back 25 years due to this Dallas City Hall scandal involving the FBI putting various politicians and developers in jail due to Bill Fisher's assistance. This created an environment at the staff of the TDHCA where there were persistent rumors bandied around about Bill being a bad actor, or was a bad actor, is pure nonsense.

This first-time issue does not apply to the TAC provisions as intended for repeat offenders and those who have caused harm to the States affordable housing or financing. Any suggestion otherwise, by Senior staff members at TDHCA is factually inaccurate, and those claiming it internally at TDHCA have made no effort to verify their claims. Our executive director can verify this for the board. We are not claiming bias on his part but on the part of his senior staff. The Senior Staff members who were allowed to participate in this enforcement action, may have misinformed bias. Or, they may have believed the untrue rumors with no verifiable evidence.

We assert the following:

- a) This is the first time Mr. Fisher has ever uploaded\emailed a construction status report we are aware of. Failing to give him an opportunity to agree to a corrective action plan for this first issue without such dramatic and severe punishment is additional proof of Senior Staff bias.
- b) We would also assert that as a 70-year-old man (69 in October of 2024), Mr. Fisher should be given maximum consideration of his lack of sophisticated computer skills leading to the e-mail of the wrong report. No one could argue the red highlighted report was represented as original work product of CA Partners. It was the wrong report, one used and intended for internal purposes by the General contractor. We assert the actions of the TDHCA may be in violations of federal and state age discrimination laws.
- c) We further assert that this e-mail of the wrong report is common with TDHCA and has not resulted in any such sanctions. The idea that the wrong report could not have been interpreted as an attempt to deceive TDHCA; by filing a redline marked up report and error is not sustainable on any objective review. The reason it is selective enforcement is because it is extremely rare in the history of the TDHCA to request the debarment for somebody for a simple mistake. There was no evidence of financial negative consequences to the filing of that wrong report. There was no evidence of any intent to deceive. There was no evidence of anyone relying on that report to be the correct report. The report on its face, whether redlined or not, DOES not allow anyone but the lender and investor to rely upon it. So it fails the test under the TAC and is simply, No harm, no foul.

Age Discrimination

We believe that recommending debarment for a simple error, which was clearly not intended to deceive, or could even have deceived anyone should not be the punishment inflicted onto a 25+ year member of the Texas affordable housing development community. Mr. Fisher is 70 years of age, we would assert that there is age discrimination against him. The fact that a 70 year old man, for the very first time ever in trying to upload a construction status report, in a system he was not familiar with using, was a simple error.

This was not an error of judgment, but a mere an error of choosing the wrong report, in a complicated system that he was totally unfamiliar with using. How many people over the age of 55 make computer errors without the intention to deceive? It is my understanding that he was not given a chance to remedy that error with an agreed corrective action plan as called for in the TAC as many other people who have done routinely. They jumped on Mr. Fisher's mistake to try and tar him with a brush that supported their slanderous contention he was, and or is, a bad actor in State housing programs. He has never been afforded the opportunity to confront these staff members with their claims nor the opportunity to rebut the factually inaccurate claims.

Bias Based on False Information and Rumor

Mr. Fisher's "bad actor" label, in the eyes of some Senior staff members of the TDHCA, involves his cooperation with law enforcement in the largest Dallas City Hall corruption case in decades. The facts are clear, if they choose to look, regarding his working in FBI in building airtight cases against 17 people who were convicted or plead guilty. Not a single person charged in the City Hall corruption case avoided justice.

Mr. Fisher reported the criminal activity to the FBI and was a victim of the criminal conspiracy involving support and funding for tax credit developments in Dallas. As a victim he did what he believes all the board members would do and report the crime to law enforcement. When asked by USA and FBI to voluntarily assist the FBI in their investigation. He agreed as most victim would to right the wrong and stop it from continuing. The Dallas City Hall case involved the Mayor Pro Temp and planning commissioner to name just two. The conspirators were operating an extortion and bribery scheme out of City Hall. All this is clear on the record of multiple trials. He never had nor needed an immunity agreement. He was never charged nor threatened with charges by the authorities. Apparently, these bias staff members believe something different. Something that is simply false and slanderous.

Mr. Fisher's voluntarily helped the FBI with its investigation, including wire taps, recording calls and meetings with suspected participants in the schemes. He wore recording equipment to meetings which inherently put him at potential risk of harm. He delivered payments required by the conspirators using funds provided by the FBI and US Attorney's office. He has been asked to provide help with understanding issues with housing tax credit cases in the Northern District as recently as 2021 to the FBI and US Attorney's office.

Ultimately, approximately seventeen people (everyone indicted were either tried and convicted or plead guilty including Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill and his planning commissioner DeAngelo Lee, local developers Brian and Cheryl plus State Representative Terry Hodge. They had labeled Mr. Fisher a bad actor for almost 20 years for doing the right thing. It is the root of Staff bias and completely inappropriate.

Unfortunately, the incorrect, but widely held claim by some senior TDHCA staff was that Mr. Fisher helped the FBI in exchange for immunity. For years after those events, Mr. Fisher's attorneys wrote letters explaining to government agencies in affordable housing (including out-of-state) that Mr. Fisher was not one of the bad actors performing illegal activities. Many of those including those provided to TDHCA are attached hereto. John Shackelford was directly involved and can confirm these facts with the board, if necessary. Attached are some of Bill's letters from that era.

TDHCA staff accuses and attempts debarment of Mr. Fisher of intentionally trying to deceive TDHCA by uploading the wrong report. That argument is specious. However, TDHCA's view on this single matter, is tainted by the false rumors that still seem to surround Bill Fisher's volunteering helping the FBI and US Attorney to end corruption in Dallas in the early 2000's.

He saw some things that were clearly illegal, refused to participate and suffered the consequences as a victim of their corruption scheme. He talked to his lawyers about it, and they confirmed the need to report the criminal activity and went to the FBI. He responded to their requests to voluntarily and without coercion to help them get rid of these people from City Hall. These were the actual bad actors who conspired against him, his employer and the community, in a clear plan to deceive the TDHCA, lenders, the citizens of Dallas and their decisions.

All of this went to final trial, in multiple trials on a multiple of individuals, and they were found guilty by jury of their peers. Mr. Fisher and his employer were victims in the Dallas City Hall case

who cooperated with the FBI and DOJ voluntarily. I have attached multiple letters including notices from the VNS, Victims notification system, operated by the DOJ along with restitution checks sent to Mr. Fisher from the convicted participants in the Dallas City Hall corruption case. Note one or more suggest there was a procedure in place the US Attorney to assure people processing funding applications to confirm Mr. Fisher cooperation was voluntary without immunity of any kind. Bad actors and co conspirators are not ever considered victim nor eligible for restitution from criminals convicted in the Federal System. Attached are documents where Bill Fisher was a Victim of Crime related to the FBI actions of the early 2000's. Please note restitution checks directed to Mr. Fisher and the company he worked for at that time.

Selective Enforcement

If this bias was not true, then why is the TDHCA having Bill Fisher being singled out for a debarment when there was clearly no "intent to deceive" as required. No one who looked at the report, sent in error by Bill, could possibly assume it was the correct report, or was intended to be viewed as the correct report. It had relines showing edits, no deception is possible. It was his 1st attempt ever at uploading a construction report in at least 15+ years.

If there were no bias against Bill Fisher, then why would he be selectively chosen to be recommended for debarment on such a minor matter that clearly was only a mistake. It is my understanding that on Thursday, June 12, 2025, there was an incident involving 15 people uploading the wrong reports that was discussed in the boards hearing on June 12. It is also my understanding that in both December 12, 2024, and the March 6, 2025 TDHCA board meetings that individuals and organizations, who committed much more grievous errors, we're not subjected by the board to debarment. None of those people were sanctioned, none of those people were debarred, none of those people were punished with penalties. They were all given an opportunity to correct their errors.

Failure to Provide of Due Process

TDHCA staff who recommended debarment of Ms. Fisher to this board, includes one or more employees who worked for TDHCA at the time of the FBI investigation above discussed. It is likely that their incorrect understanding of the facts led them to discuss, with other TDHCA staff, their views that Mr. Fisher is the kind of person who would attempt to deceive TDHCA.

TDHCA staff decided that the clerical error, which was obvious and promptly corrected, is the same as providing fraudulent information, knowingly falsified documentation, or other intentional or negligent material misrepresentation or omission with regard to any documentation, certification or other representation made to the Department under 10 TAG §2.401(a)(5). However, consideration for debarment pursuant to 10 TAG §2.401(a)(5) requires intent, knowledge, or negligence. None of that is evident here, as regards Bill Fisher.

The TDHCA Board is likely unaware of the ill-informed and biased views held by some of the TDHCA staff. The TDHCA Board meeting process is not designed to fully explore fact patterns and the Board process does not allow the Board members to interview the TDHCA staff making debarment recommendations. If the Board does not fully explore TDHCA staff knowledge and

views in an adjudicative environment, then it does not know its neutrality is compromised and cannot balance that against all of the evidence, especially when evidence and testimony is limited in the Board meeting processes. This results in the TDHCA Board denying Mr. Fisher his constitutional right to due process and potentially his livelihood if the Board upholds the TDHCA staff debarment recommendation.

Because "debarment" is such a loaded word, that affects the individuals and the companies, not just for the time they are, "sitting on the bench", as the TDHCA has suggested in their letter. It affects them forever. Federal programs, state programs, even industry related job applications ask, are you now or have you ever been debarred from a state, federal, or local program? It clearly affects people forever. The ability to confront those persons at the TDHCA directly, via a deposition, or other forms of normal discovery, being denied to Mr. Fisher, when confronted with a financial and career ending death penalty, is unconstitutional, under both state and federal law.

Other Forms of Corrective Measures Available

Debarment is for when you have significant, material and repeated compliance issues. Including refusal TDHCA recommended or approved remediation plans. Most of the provisions deal with not responding to the Department when you are out of compliance or from the loss of financial resources provided by TDHCA, foreclosure which lead to the loss of the LURA where affordable units were lost to the State of Texas. In the most recent cases life safety issues where the sponsors did not make code required repairs after being given repeated opportunities to effect repair. This life safety debarment was 24 months with the ability to seek reinstatement in one year. The original staff recommendation for uploading the wrong report was 12 months. Loss of affordable housing and NOT providing decent, safe, and affordable housing, that's one thing, but none of those misdeeds are evident here.

I would respectfully request that this department look at their debarment considerations and maybe even create a different category. Maybe it's called "suspension," or an "abatement", maybe it's called something else, so that you do not significantly impact the, the business life of all of these owners, managers, consultants and developers. Especially when they have some of these situations occur for the very 1st time out of nearly 30 years of service to the communities and individuals who need this help.

No Corrective Action Recommended nor Allowed to avoid a recommendation of debarment.

It seems like because of all the facts recited above, that some form of corrective action, falling far short of a debarment, should have been recommended by the staff. I say this because that's what they do with almost everyone else, who were making small mistakes for the first time, without any intention to deceive or having any negative consequences resulting immediately from that act.

We believe that this would be the proper solution here. Mr. Fisher voluntarily agrees to not submit a status report again for RISE. He has only done it once in the last 15+ years. The only reason he did it, this one time, was because he was refused a 24-hour extension by the TDHCA and if he failed to get the report uploaded on that day they would incur a \$2,500 fine. There was no consideration, given to the fact that the people responsible for doing those things were not at the

office, because they were in Austin in meetings with the TDHCA. Mr. Fisher suggests a simple corrective action that he will not submit construction monitoring reports in the future for RISE without prior approval from TDHCA Staff including Asset Management.

Mr. Fisher is clearly not a bad actor and never was as suggested, claimed or gossiped by several senior staff members that required a meeting with his attorney and the Executive Director early in the ED's role at TDHCA. The ED can verify this bad actor contention of staff members which is impossible for them to substantiate. Substantiate against a person who has been active without penalty in housing programs at the Department since 1997. Mr. Fisher has had 27+ years of solid compliance without penalty screams that debarment is not an appropriate penalty for what is a clerical mistake. It is really an attempt by these same staff members to prove their false claims are somehow correct 20 years after Mr. Fisher work for the US Attorney and the FBI in the Dallas City Hall case.

Can the board imagine themselves in this kind of a position? Here they are doing the right thing and bringing an end to corruption in the processing of Affordable Housing program requirements with the City of Dallas. Could any board member imagine that this could lead to punishment instead of honor. Federal District Judge Lynn stated on the record at the conclusion of the sentencing in the cases the courage shown by Mr. Fisher to do the right thing. This sentiment was echoed on the record by the US Attorney's office.

Finally, as a matter of law TDHCA has no basis to rely on the CA Partners reports since on their face only the lender and investor may do so. So whatever is or is not in their report falls outside the TAC and rules as it is not usable by the Department. Bill Fisher received an email on December 5, 2024 from Rosalio Banuelos, at the Department asking about the construction inspection report submitted October 10, 2024 by Mr. Fisher. Mr. Fisher confirmed that he emailed the incorrect document used for internal comments to the status report and promptly emailed the correct report.

Respectfully,

/s/Robert Wood
Robert Wood

July 25, 2005

VIA E-MAIL & FACSIMILE

Remberto Arteaga, Executive Director
Brownsville Housing Authority

Re: Odyssey Residential Housing/Bill Fisher/Saleem Jafar; Our File No.: 50331.4

Dear Mr. Arteaga:

This law firm represents Odyssey Residential Housing, Bill Fisher and Saleem Jafar, and pursuant to a request made during a recent teleconference, I agreed to advise you and members of the Brownsville Housing Authority ("BHA") of the limited involvement of Mr. Fisher in the FBI's investigation of certain members of the Dallas City Council and others. Mr. Jafar is not involved in any way with the investigation.

I must remind you, however, that this is an on-going investigation, and Mr. Fisher has been specifically instructed not to provide any details of his cooperation with anyone because it could jeopardize the investigation and/or potential convictions at trial. Mr. Fisher does possess some information that he cannot disclose to you or anyone else at this time. To do so could potentially subject him to charges by the U.S. Attorney's office of obstruction of justice and/or interfering with a federal investigation.

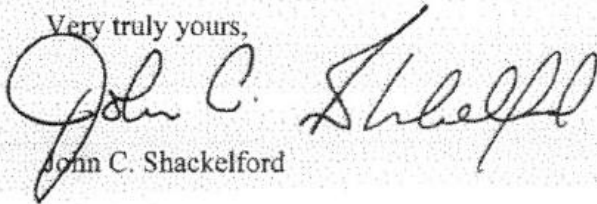
With that caveat said, I am able to state that to my knowledge Mr. Fisher is not "target" or a "subject" of the investigation. Mr. Fisher, as a concerned citizen, has cooperated with the FBI in its investigation. If and when indictments are issued, unsealed and become public information, Mr. Fisher and I will be able to say more to you, and at that time my clients will be seen as victims of alleged criminal conduct by others and as the "good guys." It is important to remember that the FBI conducted searches of certain persons' offices, residences and automobiles. None of those searches involved any of my clients. There is a reason for that and it should be obvious to you.

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Brownsville Housing Authority
July 25, 2005
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Other than advising you that it is my opinion or judgment that my clients are not negatively involved in the investigation, I am unfortunately limited in what I can say. It is true Mr. Fisher is involved in the investigation from the stand point of cooperating with the FBI, but not from the stand point of either being a "target" or "subject" of the investigation. It is also extremely important for you to know that Mr. Fisher's cooperation with the FBI was not due to duress, coercion, or threat of criminal charges being brought against him or anyone else employed by Odyssey Residential Housing. Mr. Fisher did not "make a deal" with the FBI in order to avoid federal prosecution. I point this out to you because I have had some people express to me that it is their opinion that if Mr. Fisher has cooperated with the FBI that he must have done so to save himself. I can categorically and unequivocally say that is not the case. I am fully aware of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Fisher's cooperation with the FBI and he did so of his own volition.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and I am confident that Mr. Fisher's constructive involvement in the investigation will not impact the proposed housing projects, Mr. Fisher's ability to perform his obligations, or cause BHA to come under the scrutiny of the FBI or any other governmental authorities by entering into agreements with Odyssey Residential Housing, its affiliates and Mr. Fisher.

Very truly yours,



John C. Shackelford

JCS/sd

cc: Bill Fisher (via e-mail)
Saleem A. Jafar (via e-mail)
Annabell Alegria (via e-mail)

August 4, 2005

VIA E-MAIL

Sam Ganeshan, Managing Director
Orlando Alfaro, Vice President
Hudson Housing Capital
630 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2300, New York, NY 10111

Re: Odyssey Residential Housing/Bill Fisher/Saleem A. Jafar; Our File No.: 50331.4

Gentlemen:

This law firm represents Odyssey Residential Housing, Bill Fisher and Saleem Jafar, and pursuant to your request last week, I agreed to advise you of the limited involvement of Mr. Fisher in the FBI's investigation of certain members of the Dallas City Council and others. Mr. Jafar is not involved in any way with the investigation.

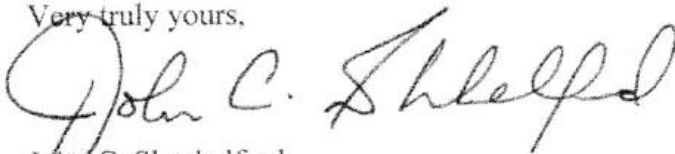
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With that caveat said, I am able to state that to my knowledge Mr. Fisher is not "target" or a "subject" of the investigation. Mr. Fisher, as a concerned citizen, has cooperated with the FBI in its investigation. If and when indictments are issued, unsealed and become public information, Mr. Fisher and I will be able to say more to you, and at that time my clients will be seen as victims of alleged criminal conduct by others and as the "good guys." It is important to remember that the FBI conducted searches of certain persons' offices, residences and automobiles. None of those searches involved any of my clients. There is a reason for that and it should be obvious to you.

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Very truly yours,



John C. Shackelford

JCS/sd

cc: Bill Fisher (*via e-mail*)
Saleem A. Jafar (*via e-mail*)

January 31, 2006

VIA E-MAIL & FACSIMILE

M.R. Conic Foundation
c/o Helen Bennett
4305 O'Bannon Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

Re: Odyssey Residential Housing/Bill Fisher/Saleem Jafar; Our File No.: 50331.4

Dear Ms. Bennett:

This law firm represents Odyssey Residential Housing, Bill Fisher and Saleem Jafar, and I have been requested by Mr. Fisher to advise you and members of the M.R. Conic Foundation (the "Foundation") of the limited involvement of Mr. Fisher in the FBI's investigation of certain members of the Dallas City Council and others. Mr. Jafar is not involved in any way with the investigation.

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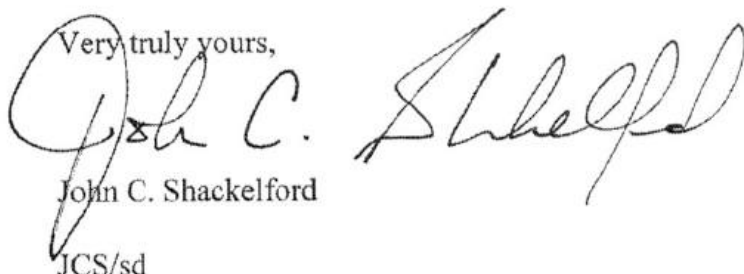
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Shackelford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John C. Shackelford

JCS/sd

cc: Bill Fisher (*via e-mail*)
Saleem A. Jafar (*via e-mail*)

March 20, 2006

VIA E-MAIL

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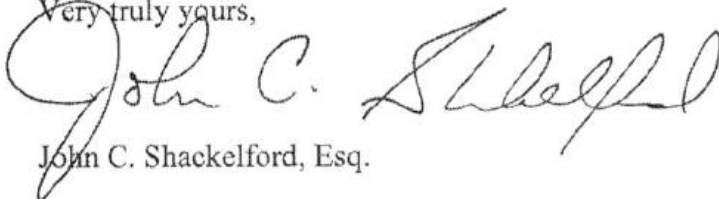
Re: Odyssey Residential Housing/Bill Fisher/Saleem Jafar; Our File No.: 50331.4

Dear Mr. Ford:

After sending you my letter dated March 15, 2006, I realized there are some other points that I failed to state that I think are important and need to be brought to your attention. If you have any questions regarding the U.S. Attorney's and FBI's investigation and the limited cooperation provided by Mr. Fisher, there is a procedure in place with the U.S. Attorney's office in Dallas for you to speak to someone about this matter. The U.S. Attorney's office is aware that some persons may come to the wrong conclusion about Mr. Fisher based upon media accounts of the investigation and willing to assist Mr. Fisher by explaining his involvement. The U.S. Attorney's office is also concerned about Mr. Fisher's involvement in its investigation being used against him and any projects he may be contemplating. In this regard, it is scrutinizing how Mr. Fisher is treated by others.

If you would like the name and phone number of someone in the U.S. Attorney's office that you can contact about this matter, please advise and I will get it for you.

Very truly yours,



John C. Shackelford, Esq.

JCS/sd

cc: Bill Fisher (via e-mail)
Saleem A. Jafar (via e-mail)

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March 17, 2010

Mr. Bill Fisher
Odyssey Residential Holdings
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Re: United States v. Allen J. McGill, Gladys E. Hodge
Case Number 2004R01986 and Court Docket Number: 07-CR-00289

Dear Mr. Fisher:

The United States Department of Justice believes it is important to keep victims of federal crime informed of court proceedings. This notice provides information about the above-referenced criminal case.

The sentencing hearing for defendant(s), Allen J. McGill, has been set for April 2, 2010, 01:30 PM at US Courthouse, Courtroom 1570, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX, 75242-1310 before Judge Barbara M. Lynn. You are welcome to attend this proceeding; however, unless you have received a subpoena, your attendance is not required by the Court. If you plan on attending, please check with the VNS Call Center to verify the sentencing date and time. Should you wish to speak at the sentencing or want to check for the most current information on the date/time of this event please call our office a day or two before the scheduled hearing.

The sentencing hearing for defendant(s), Gladys E. Hodge, has been set for April 27, 2010, 01:30 PM at US Courthouse, Courtroom 1570, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX, 75242-1310 before Judge Barbara M. Lynn. You are welcome to attend this proceeding; however, unless you have received a subpoena, your attendance is not required by the Court. If you plan on attending, please check with the VNS Call Center to verify the sentencing date and time. Should you wish to speak at the sentencing or want to check for the most current information on the date/time of this event please call our office a day or two before the scheduled hearing.

A United States Probation Officer prepares a report for the Court and may contact you to discuss the impact the crime had on you financially, physically, and/or emotionally. If you are contacted, please make every effort to provide accurate and detailed information.

The Victim Notification System (VNS) is designed to provide you with information regarding the case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS web site at WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program. If you update your contact information to include a current email address, VNS will send information to that email address. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) '2747516' and Personal Identification Number (PIN) '4994' anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log on to the VNS web site. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is Odyssey Residential Holdings.

Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions. If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

JAMES T. JACKS
United States Attorney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa A. Shedden".

Lisa Shedden
Victim Witness Coordinator



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July 15, 2010

Mr. Bill Fisher
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Re: United States v. Ronald W. Slovacek
Case Number 2004R01986 and Court Docket Number: 07-CR-00289

Dear Mr. Fisher:

The United States Department of Justice believes it is important to keep victims of federal crime informed of court proceedings. This notice provides information about the above-referenced criminal case.

A trial is scheduled before Judge Barbara Lynn on November 1, 2010, 08:30 AM at US Courthouse, Courtroom 1570, 1100 Commerce St., Dallas, TX, 75242-1310 for the case which involves defendant(s) Ronald W. Slovacek.

Please be aware that many criminal cases are resolved by a plea agreement between the United States Attorney's Office and the defendant. You should also know that it is not unusual for a defendant to seek to negotiate a plea agreement shortly before a trial is scheduled to begin. Plea agreements can be made at any time and as late as the morning of trial, leaving little or no opportunity to provide notice to you of the date and time of the plea hearing. If the court schedules a plea hearing in this case, we will use our best efforts to notify you of available information as soon as practicable. If you want to inform the prosecutor of your views regarding potential plea agreements, or any other aspect of the case, please contact the prosecutor assigned to this case or me.

Because of the Court's schedule, hearing dates could change on very short notice. If you plan on attending, you may want to call the VNS Call Center or check the web site to confirm the date and time. Please note, there is a 24-hour delay in information transfer to the web site.

The Victim Notification System (VNS) is designed to provide you with information regarding the case as it proceeds through the criminal justice system. You may obtain current information about this case on the VNS web site at WWW.Notify.USDOJ.GOV or from the VNS Call Center at 1-866-DOJ-4YOU (1-866-365-4968) (TDD/TTY: 1-866-228-4619) (International: 1-502-213-2767). In addition, you may use the Call Center or Internet to update your contact information and/or change your decision about participation in the notification program. If you update your contact information to include a current email address, VNS will send information to that email address. In order to continue to receive notifications, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current.

You will use your Victim Identification Number (VIN) '2747516' and Personal Identification Number (PIN) '4994' anytime you contact the Call Center and the first time you log on to the VNS web site. In addition, the first time you access the VNS Internet site, you will be prompted to enter your last name (or business name) as currently contained in VNS. The name you should enter is Odyssey Residential Holdings.

Remember, VNS is an automated system and cannot answer questions. If you have other questions which involve this matter, please contact this office at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

JAMES T. JACKS
United States Attorney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa A. Shedden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lisa Shedden
Victim Witness Coordinator

August 20, 2010

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RE: Bill Fisher/Saleem Jafar/Odyssey Residential Housing ("ORH");
Our File No. 50331.4

Dear Mr. Haynes:

As you know, this law firm represents Mr. Fisher, Mr. Jafar and ORH. I have been requested by Mr. Fisher to write you regarding certain statements or communications made by one or more individuals about Mr. Fisher's participation with the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") and Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") investigation into corruption by members of the Dallas City Council, City Plan Commission of the City of Dallas and others.

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In the late summer and fall of 2004, I represented these parties in connection with obtaining approval from the City of Dallas to obtain affordable housing tax credits for several projects. Mr. Fisher made me aware of certain emails that he had received from a member of the Dallas Plan Commission appointed by Don Hill, who was a member of the Dallas City Council, which clearly asked Mr. Fisher for financial benefits for Mr. Hill or persons known or affiliated by Mr. Hill.

Following action by the Dallas City Council, on the several requests by developers for resolutions approving their developments for affordable housing tax credits, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Jafar and Roy True of my office, two attorneys from another law firm in Dallas that I had engaged to assist me in this matter and myself, met at our offices to discuss the obvious bribery solicitation by Mr. Hill. Mr. Fisher at the meeting determined it was in the best interests of ORH, Mr. Jafar and himself to report Mr. Hill's conduct to the FBI. Following such meeting, Mr. Fisher met with the FBI and advised them of emails and conversations he had had with Mr. Hill and others on behalf of Mr. Hill.

Prior to the time that Mr. Fisher met with the FBI, no one from DOJ or the FBI ever contacted Mr. Fisher, Mr. Jafar, or any employee of ORH about wrongdoing or potential wrongdoing by any of the foregoing. At no time prior to Mr. Fisher meeting with the FBI did the FBI advise Mr. Fisher that he was the target of an investigation by the FBI or DOJ. As an officer of the Court, I swear to you that Mr. Fisher voluntarily and, at risk to himself and his family, initiated the meeting with the FBI and advised them of the bribery solicitation by Mr. Hill and others on behalf of Mr. Hill and that Mr. Fisher's decision to cooperate with the FBI in its investigation was completely done so voluntarily without a scintilla of coercion or threat of investigation or prosecution against him by the FBI or DOJ.

It is my understanding that one individual is making contrary assertions about Mr. Fisher, and I am aware that the person is a licensed attorney. It disturbs me that a member of the legal profession who is also an officer of the Court is making slanderous statements about Mr. Fisher and his participation with the FBI and DOJ. Any statements made by anyone contrary to what I am advising to you in this letter are patently false, or recklessly made and I question the motives of the person making those statements. To me, it clearly exposes the person to be, at a minimum, without knowledge of the facts, who is foolishly spreading gossip and innuendo or, at worst, it exposes the person as having ill-will and bad intent against Mr. Fisher. Regardless, the statements are false and slanderous.

Throughout the entire investigation by the FBI and DOJ into the criminal activities of Mr. Hill and others, I worked closely with Mr. Fisher in closing several affordable housing tax credit transactions and was present when he was recording telephone conversations with the perpetrators. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this letter and it is for this reason I can make the statements I am with utmost confidence of their veracity.

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I am hopeful this letter is helpful to you for your purposes. Again, I can categorically and unequivocally say to you that Mr. Fisher did not cooperate with the FBI and DOJ because he "made a deal" with the FBI in order to avoid federal prosecution and at no time was Mr. Fisher ever a "target" or "subject of an investigation."

If you have any further questions, or if I can be of further assistance to you in this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John C. Shackelford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

John C. Shackelford, Esq.

JCS/sd

cc: Bill Fisher (*via e-mail*)
Saleem Jafar (*via e-mail*)

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