

From: "John E. Colby" <colby@docktorcat.com>
Subject: **Why won't the River Street Shelter respond to immediate disability accommodation requests?**



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June 29, 2012

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re: Why won't the River Street Shelter respond to immediate disability accommodation requests?

Dear Ms. Heggum:

Please consider that Steve Lazow, Ron Skinner, Megan Andrea Morgan, Steve Willis and Mia Dellarosa have all made efforts, many through immediate disability accommodation requests submitted under federal disability rights laws, for me to represent/advocate for them.

Some of these individuals are extremely fragile — like colon cancer ridden Mr. Willis, wheel chair bound Mr. Lazow, walker bound Mr. Skinner and Ms. Morgan (who also suffers from severe fatigue and exhaustion) — making them targets for crime and at risk of exposure to the elements if they lose their housing. **It is imperative that they remain housed.**

Why won't you respond to their written requests? You are violating federal disability laws.

You have been ignoring me to the extreme detriment of those who I am representing/advocating for. They have been advocating on their own with the system for many years — they cannot adequately act on their own — still bouncing from crisis to crisis between periods of homelessness. They still have no permanent housing.

This is unacceptable.

Attached are Mr. Willis's, Mr. Lazow's, Mr. Skinner's and Ms. Morgan's immediate disability accommodation requests to have you acknowledge me as their representative/advocate, to translate for them. Their requests, not "demands" as Santa Cruz Mayor Don Lane calls them, are entirely reasonable. If you disagree with that point then why don't you make a case in writing that they are not reasonable disability accommodation requests?

Also attached are Mr. Lazow's , Mr. Skinner's, Mr. Willis's, Ms. Morgan's and Ms. Dellarosa's signed certificates authorizing me to represent/advocate for them.

This email will also be faxed to you. **Confirmation by my virtual fax service is legal**

proof of your receipt. Thank you for a prompt written response to their immediate disability accommodation requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the federal Fair Housing Act.

Sincerely yours,
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Certification of John E. Colby, Ph.D., to represent me

I hereby authorize, John E. Colby, Ph.D., to represent and advocate for me in matters concerning my health, medical, housing, transportation and any related matters which he determines to be necessary for my health and well-being.

I authorize him to act as he finds necessary, and to communicate with whomever he finds necessary, on my behalf.

Signed: 

Printed: Steven I. Lazow

Dated: 06-09-2012

Telephone: 

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Signed: Ron Skinner

Printed: RON SKINNER

Dated: 6/5/2012

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Signed: Stan Willis

Printed: Stan Willis

Dated: 6.24.12

Telephone: Pat Paul Lee Loft

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Signed: Megan A. Morgan

Printed: MEGAN ANDREA MORGAN

Dated: 6-5-12

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Signed: Maria Dellapozzi

Printed: MARIA ANGELO DELLAPONZA

Printed: MICHAEL ROBERT DEWAKRUSA

Dated: 06 | 17 | 12

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June 14, 2012

Tracey Heggum
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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL AND FACSIMILE TO: 831.459.0813

re: ADA/FHA disability accommodation request for John. E. Colby to be representative

Dear Ms. Heggum:

I am writing to make an immediate disability accommodation request under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA). In order to allow me to benefit equally as a disabled person from the River Street Shelter's programs and services, I request this ADA/FHA disability accommodation.

Specifically, I ask you to allow John E. Colby, Ph.D., to serve as my representative and advocate with regard to the River Street Shelter. I ask you to accept the certificate which I will sign, that will be emailed and faxed to your organization authorizing him to become my representative and advocate with regard to the River Street Shelter's programs, activities and its staff and agents.

Because of my disabilities — my medical conditions cause me a great deal of pain and physical/emotional distress — I have difficulty articulating and expressing myself: I need someone to translate my needs, conditions, and desires to the River Street Shelter's staff. I need someone to serve as a translator for me.

The River Street Shelter should already have documentation of my disabilities. If you require any more information or documentation from me please contact me in writing at the postal address or fax number listed above.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this immediate request. Please respond in writing to the postal address listed or fax number listed above. Thank you for considering my legal rights under the ADA and the FHA in a timely fashion.

Sincerely yours,



Stan Willis

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June 15, 2012

Tracey Heggum
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re: ADA/FHA disability accommodation request for John. E. Colby to be representative

Dear Ms. Heggum:

I am writing to make an immediate disability accommodation request under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA). In order to allow me to benefit equally as a disabled person from the River Street Shelter's programs and services, I request this ADA/FHA disability accommodation.

Specifically, I ask you to allow John E. Colby, Ph.D., to serve as my representative and advocate with regard to the River Street Shelter. I ask you to accept the certificate I signed, which he faxed and emailed to your organization — which can be resent — authorizing him to become my representative and advocate with regard to the River Street Shelter's programs, activities, services and its staff and agents.

Because of my emotional and physical disabilities — I suffer with constant fatigue and pain, as well as having difficulty articulating and expressing myself — I need someone to translate my needs, conditions, and desires to River Street Shelter's staff. I need someone to serve as a translator for me.

The River Street Shelter should have documentation of my disabilities. If you require more information or documentation from me please contact me in writing at the postal address or fax number listed above.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this immediate request. Please respond in writing to the postal address or fax number listed above. Thank you for considering my legal rights under the ADA/FHA in a timely fashion.

Sincerely yours, 

Megan Andrea Morgan

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June 18, 2012

Tracey Heggum, Program Manager

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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL AND FACSIMILE TO: 831.459.0813

re: ADA/FHA/Section 504 disability accommodation request for representation

Dear Ms. Heggum:

I am writing to make an immediate disability accommodation request under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 (of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) and the federal Fair Housing Act (FHA). In order to allow me to benefit equally and enjoy equal access to the programs, services and activities — as a disabled person — of the River Street Emergency Shelter (RSES), I am requesting this ADA, FHA and Section 504 disability accommodation.

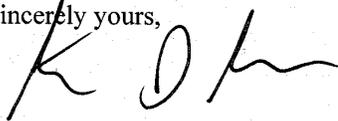
Specifically, I ask you to allow John E. Colby, Ph.D., to serve as my representative and advocate with regard to the RSES. I ask you to accept the certificate I signed— which he will resend — authorizing Mr. Colby to become my representative and advocate with regard to the RSES's programs, activities, services and its staff and agents.

Because of my disability — I suffer from Multiple Sclerosis for which I take dulling pain medications; I am bound to a wheelchair — I need someone to translate my needs, conditions, and desires to RSES staff. I need someone to serve as a translator for me.

The RSES should have documentation of my disability. If you require more information or documentation from me please contact me in writing at the postal address or fax number listed above.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this immediate request. Please respond in writing to the postal address or fax number listed above. Thank you for considering my legal rights under the ADA, the FHA and Section 504 in a timely fashion.

Sincerely yours,



Steve Lazow

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June 12, 2012

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re: ADA disability accommodation request for John. E. Colby to be my representative

Dear Ms. Heggum:

I am writing to make a ^{immediate} disability accommodation request under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In order to allow me to benefit equally as a disabled person from the River Street Shelter's programs and services, I request this ADA disability accommodation.

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Because of my emotional and physical disabilities I have difficulty articulating and expressing myself: I need someone to translate my needs, conditions, and desires to the River Street Shelter's staff. I need someone to serve as a translator for me.

The River Street Shelter should already have documentation of my disabilities. If you require any more information or documentation from me please contact me in writing at the postal address or fax number listed above.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this request. Please respond in writing to the postal address listed or fax number listed above. Thank you for considering my legal rights under the ADA in a timely fashion.

Sincerely yours,


Ron Skinner