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“Those who would hold us accountable must recognize their responsibility to participate in our work” – Author Unknown

WHAT TO TELL US

Answer all questions and be as specific as possible. These directions are numbered to match the questions on the form.

Question 1: Be sure to give your full name and address. If you do not have a phone, give a phone number where you can be reached.

Question 2: Please check the box that indicates what you believe to be the cause of discrimination. If other, please state what other.

Question 3: If you believe that other parties (for example, a labor union or any employment agency, in addition to an employer) were involved in the act of discrimination, list them on the last line of section 3.

Question 4, 5, & 6: If you have consulted an attorney or filed this complaint with a state or local human relations commission, Federal government, union, or agency, check “yes” and give the name.

Question 7: Give the day, month, and year of most recent date the discrimination took place. In some instances, the discrimination may be continuing; for example, seniority lines are segregated.

Question 8: Tell us as much as you can. For example: Were you fired? Did you fail to get to a promotion? Did the company refuse to hire you? Did the union or employment agency refuse to refer you to a job? Who discriminated against you? Why do you believe it was because of your race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or other?

Question 9: Sign your name, and mail or take to the Vancouver NAACP Branch #1139.

WHAT WE’LL DO WITH YOUR COMPLAINT

Vancouver Branch’s Legal Redress Committee will conduct an informal investigation of your complaint and to the extent resources allow, may provide other supportive assistance to ensure appropriate handling of the complaint.

Note: Do Not Lose Your Legal Rights to File a Complaint.

In the State of Washington, a discrimination charge in employment, public accommodation, credit and insurance must be filed with Washington State Human Rights Commission (WSHRC) **within six months** from the date of the alleged violation to protect your rights. A discrimination charge in housing must be filed with the WSHRC **within one year** from the date of the alleged violation. **Before filing a complaint**, see all WSHRC requirements at <http://www.hum.wa.gov/discrimination-complaint>. If you have not filed a complaint with the Washington State Human Rights Commission (WSHRC), we will request that you do so. The Branch may forward the information on this form to any agency deemed appropriate and may monitor the agency’s work on all cases referred by the NAACP. We may also monitor the agency’s work on your complaint.



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COMPLAINT OF DISCRIMINATION

based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, handicapped

Completing this form does not constitute filing an official complaint with a legal authority. Currently, the NAACP is only seeking information to assist you concerning this complaint.

Question 1: Complainant's Contact Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Address: _____ Apt. #/Suite #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Question 2: Was the discrimination because of: (Please check those that apply)

Race or Color Religion National Origin Sex Age Handicapped Status
 Other: _____

Question 3: Who discriminated against you? Give name and address of the employer, labor organization, employment agency, apprenticeship committee, licensing agency, etc. (List all)

Name: _____
Address: _____ Apt. #/Suite #: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
And (Other parties if any): _____

Question 4: Have you filed a complaint with any governmental agency(ies)? Yes No
If yes, which one(s)? _____

Is the complaint employment related? Yes No
If yes, have you contacted your HR/Personnel office to file a complaint? Yes No

Have you followed company policy pertaining to filing a grievance? Yes No



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Question 5: Have you filed a grievance with your union? Yes No

Name of Local and Representative: _____

Question 6: Have you retained an attorney regarding this case? Yes No

Name of Attorney: _____

Address: _____ Apt. #/Suite #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Question 7: The actual date or the most recent date on which this discrimination occurred.

Date: _____ Time of Day: _____

Question 8: Explain what unfair thing was done to you. (Attach another piece of paper if you need more space. Please sign and date all pages accompanying this form.)

Question 9: I affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signature _____ Date _____

DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OF ANY TYPE. WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT COPIES.

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RELEASE AND DISCLAIMER

I, _____, reside at _____. By placing my initials to the left of each numbered item below, I affirm that I understand it and agree with it.

_____ 1. I have submitted to the Vancouver NAACP unit (“NAACP”) a Complaint of Discrimination directed against (“Respondent”).

_____ 2. I understand that the NAACP is a private, nonprofit, volunteer organization. It is not a government agency. Filing a complaint with the NAACP does not substitute for filing a complaint with an administrative agency or filing a suit against an administrative agency or filing a lawsuit in a court of law. My rights to file a complaint with an administrative agency or to file a civil lawsuit are completely unaffected by whether or not I have filed this complaint with the NAACP.

_____ 3. The deadline by which I must file my complaint or lawsuit is the ____ day of _____, 2017. If I do not file my complaint or lawsuit by that time, I may have no right to a recovery from any harm from the Respondent.

_____ 4. I have authorized the NAACP to investigate my complaint; (2) to attempt to ~~informally~~ mediate my complaint with Respondent to explore the possibility of settlement; and (3) if there is no settlement, I can ask for referral to lawyers who may consider representing me in litigation against Respondent.

_____ 5. I understand that the NAACP in no way guarantees the competency, professionalism, or fitness of the lawyers whose names they may provide.

_____ 6. I will provide the NAACP copies (NOT ORIGINALS) of documents that I have to support the complaint. If requested in writing that some of the material be held in confidence, the NAACP will hold it in confidence; otherwise the NAACP may share it with the Respondent or with state or federal anti-discrimination agencies.

_____ 7. If the NAACP mediates my complaint with Respondent, I will refrain from filing my complaint with a state or federal anti-discrimination agency, or filing a lawsuit while the mediation is in progress. However, I am free at any time, after notifying the NAACP of my intentions, to terminate the mediation and file my complaint with a state or federal anti-discrimination agency or file a lawsuit. If the mediation is nonbinding, I am not required to accept a settlement with Respondent.

_____ 8. NAACP will receive no funds from any mediation or settlement. Persons conducting settlement and negotiation are not lawyers and are not providing legal services.

_____ 9. I agree that if I accept a settlement with Respondent, I will be required to sign a Release of Claims against Respondent, and I will honor the terms of such a Release and Claim.

_____ 10. I understand that if the NAACP refers me to a private attorney, I am not required to retain that attorney and the attorney is not required to offer legal representation to me. I understand that any such representation I accept will be on whatever terms I am able to agree upon with the private attorney.

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_____ 11. I understand that the NAACP is not a law firm and cannot provide me with legal advice or legal representation. Although some of its members and volunteers might be lawyers, they represent the NAACP and not me personally.

_____ 12. I release and hold harmless the NAACP, its members, officers, directors, employees and agents from and against liability arising out of any personal actions and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreement, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whosoever, in law, in equity, which I ever had, may have in the future, or which any of my personal representatives, successors, heirs or assigns hereafter can, shall, or may have against the NAACP, upon or by reason of the NAACP's involvement in or handling of my Complaint of Discrimination.

Dated _____

Agreed _____

To Be Completed by the Vancouver Chapter Legal Redress Committee:

Complaint Case #: _____

Intake Representative's Initials: _____ Date: _____