



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

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Washington, DC 20530*

Mr. Rafael DeLeon  
Acting Director, Office of Civil Rights  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Mail Code 1201A  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. DeLeon:

Enclosed for your review is a complaint and related correspondence from the West End Revitalization Association (WERA) of the Town of Mebane, North Carolina received by the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, formerly known as the Coordination and Review Section, of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The matters do not appear within the jurisdiction of our office.

In February 1999, WERA filed a complaint with our office alleging, among other things, discrimination on the basis of race by the Town of Mebane. WERA alleged that environmental hazards, such as drainage ditches and landfills were near the West End, a predominantly African American community. In April 1999, we referred this matter to your agency for review and appropriate action. WERA is now alleging that there are still environmental hazards near the West End. Therefore, we are forwarding the organization's recent complaint and related correspondence to your office for any action deemed appropriate. We also referred other allegations raised by WERA against the Town of Mebane and other North Carolina entities to the civil rights offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Enclosed are copies of our referral letters to the agencies and our response to the complainant.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Deeana Jang

Chief

Federal Coordination and Compliance Section  
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Enclosures

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Ms. Camille M. Hazeur  
Director, Departmental Office of Civil Rights  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Room W78-30, Mail Stop S-30  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Hazeur:

Enclosed for your review is a complaint and related correspondence from the West End Revitalization Association (WERA) of the Town of Mebane, North Carolina received by the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, formerly known as the Coordination and Review Section, of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The matters do not appear within the jurisdiction of our office.

In February 1999, WERA filed a complaint with our office alleging, among other things, discrimination on the basis of race by the Town of Mebane. WERA alleged that the proposed construction of the Route 119 bypass is near the West End, a predominantly African American community. In April 1999, we referred this matter to your agency for review and appropriate action. WERA states that the bypass has not been built, but believes, as well as other projects, it is still proposed for construction. Therefore, we are forwarding the organization's recent complaint and related correspondence to your office for any action deemed appropriate. We also referred other allegations raised by WERA against the Town of Mebane and other North Carolina entities to the civil rights offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Enclosed are copies of our referral letters to the agencies and our response to the complainant.

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Mr. Carl-Martin Ruiz  
Director, Office of Adjudication  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 212A  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Ruiz:

Enclosed for your review is a complaint and related correspondence from the West End Revitalization Association (WERA) of the Town of Mebane, North Carolina received by the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, formerly known as the Coordination and Review Section, of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The matters do not appear within the jurisdiction of our office.

In February 1999, WERA filed a complaint with our office alleging, among other things, that the Town of Mebane received federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to build a sewer treatment plant, but did not provide sewer lines to the African American homes in the West End. In April 1999, we referred WERA's complaint allegations to USDA as well as to other federal government agencies for review and appropriate action. WERA has resubmitted its allegations of discrimination involving the Town of Mebane and other North Carolina entities. Therefore, we are forwarding the organization's recent complaint and related correspondence to your office and to the civil rights offices of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Enclosed are copies of our referral letters to the agencies and our response to the complainant.

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Ms. Lynn Grosso  
Director of Enforcement  
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Ms. Grosso:

Enclosed for your review is a complaint and related correspondence from the West End Revitalization Association (WERA) of the Town of Mebane, North Carolina received by the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section, formerly known as the Coordination and Review Section, of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. The matters do not appear within the jurisdiction of our office.

In February 1999, WERA filed a complaint with our office alleging, among other things, that the Town of Mebane did not provide water and sewer services to the West End, a predominantly African American community. In April 1999, we referred WERA's complaint allegations to your agency as well as other federal government agencies for review and appropriate action. It is our understanding that the Town of Mebane applied for Community Development Block Grant funds and that certain African American communities in the West End received the services. However, WERA is alleging that most of the houses in the West End still lack the services. Therefore, we are forwarding this matter to your office for any action deemed appropriate. We also have referred the other allegations to the civil rights offices of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Enclosed are copies of our referral letters to the agencies and our response to the complainant.

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West End Revitalization Association

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Mebane, NC 27302

Dear (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) End Privacy

Your correspondence was received by the Federal Coordination and Compliance Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. We have considered carefully the information you have provided, but the matters does not appear to be within the jurisdiction of our office.

The Federal Coordination and Compliance Section (FCS) is responsible for coordinating the enforcement of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and other civil rights statutes that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, and religion in programs that receive federal financial assistance from the Department of Justice. FCS also investigates complaints alleging discrimination by DOJ recipients and serves as a government-wide clearinghouse for complaints that allege discrimination on these bases.

We have determined that we have no jurisdiction to investigate your allegations that minority and low income residents of the West End community in Mebane, North Carolina, are the subject of discrimination by certain North Carolina entities. However, by the enclosed letters, we have referred the specific allegations in your correspondence to the federal agencies that provide financial assistance in the particular programs which you allege are discriminating on the basis of race (African American). We have referred your allegations of discrimination against the proposed construction of the bypass for Route 119 and other highway projects to the Departmental Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Transportation. We also have referred your allegations of not providing water and sewer services to West End's African American communities to the Office of Adjudication, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In addition, we have referred your allegations of continued environmental hazards in the African American community to the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

If you have any questions about our referrals, please contact Ms. Linda King of my staff at (202) 307-2231.

Sincerely,

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