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In 1970's my aunt has lived on Spring Street as a young man I remembered walking down the street and seeing people crying. I later found out it was an Attorney name George Payton who ran for a South Carolina Senate Seat and lost to a person that is still alive today and has close ties to the City of North Charleston. Mr. Payton was involved in a very controversial land deal that rumors still run wild and is folklore within the community today all the speculation will not bring him back to his family and friends.

My name is [redacted] the person that represent a combination of 17 landowners and homeowners located within the City of North Charleston, South Carolina as a result of my involvement the community leaders have decided to request that those government entities within the Trident area that use the Charleston County incinerator should mitigate the impact on the residence of Howard Heights and compensate them and make them whole for enduring 70 percent of the household waste being burned a stone throw away from there homes. Whereas in 2002 State Ports Authority and the City of North Charleston should have made Howard Heights whole before negotiating the new Port Terminal prior to the Federal Government issuing the State Ports Authority final permit.

The State Ports Authority and the City of North Charleston executed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 25, 2002 clearly both parties executed this agreement with full knowledge of the residence of Howard Heights was living near the Charleston County incinerator and both parties executed that agreement in violation of Executive order on Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in populations and low income populations.

In complete non compliance with Title VI of the Civil Right Act of 1964 each federal agency shall ensure all programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance that affect human health or the environment do not directly through contractual or other arrangements, use criteria, methods, or practices that discriminate on the basis of race color or creed..

Therefore, the City of North Charleston and State Ports Authority defined HOWARD HEIGHTS AS A BUFFER within there agreement via a so called overlay district that is ambiguous land use language to skirt around the Title VI requirement by the State Port Authority to get approval for its permit for the terminal with City of North Charleston assistance. How can a buffer be defined when you have families living near and incinerator for over 20 years and both parties have gotten selective amnesia regarding there commitment? Since the State Port Authority has there, permit now and feels no obligation to the residence and the City of North Charleston proposal meets the minimal mitigation standard. So with a clear mind with no regard for the intent of Title VI the City of North Charleston can take in 12 million dollars in mitigation to issue out at their discretion through a group call Low country Alliance For Model Communities were the President or Chairman is also serves on the City of North Charleston Council a gentleman named Michael Brown who has a conflict of interest and should be investigated.

On October 25, 2008, I wrote a letter to the Mayor to request that Howard Heights residence be considered to be purchased with half-cent sale tax money from Charleston County Greenbelt Urban Greenbelt Money Program, which taxpayers voted as a public referendum. The City of North Charleston had seven million eight hundred ninety thousand six hundred sixty one dollars ($7,890,661.oo). Mayor Summey stated within the Post and Courier that he would not support any half cents sales tax for Howard Heights on November 14, 2008 article by reporter Diane Knich.

On October 29, 2008 I sent an email to W Kurt Taylor Deputy Charleston County Administrator Transportation Sales Tax Programs as wells as Mr. W Kurt Taylor serves on North Charleston City Council. I questioned how could he objectively look at any application pertaining to the City of North Charleston without the public feeling uncomfortable with his duel fiduciary responsibilities and did he feel that it could become a conflict of interest. Answer to question NO SIR!

On December 23, 2008 I had to put a lis pen dens on my marital home as a result of my legal Separation from my wife of 15 years [redacted] my wife illegally signed my name documents and transferred her license illegally to another company with Agent Owned Realty and executed a listing agreement without my consent. I guess when you read this document you would a typical divorce preceding well the course of the event is the reason for me feeling that my involvement with the Howard Heights issue will have consequential affects for the safety and economic reprisal against my family and friends.

On November 17, 2008, I received two letters and an email three days after the article was in the Post and Courier on November 14, 2008.

On November 17, 2008 I received a letter from John Emerson General Counsel with Charleston County Schools responding to a letter regarding and my brother Mr. [redacted] a employee with Charleston County Schools and a employee that has harassed him at his job. During an event at Stall High School, the North Charleston police Department was speaking with this individual exclusively and the Police officers approached and followed him home from work until he left the City of North Charleston City limits. My brother has worked with at risk youth his whole life and has done great work within the Community especially when he worked with kids at Brentwood Middle School. My brother is a hard working person and he needs his job he is a husband and father with two beautiful children. I believe he will be retaliated by Charleston County Schools on behalf this employee and the City of North Charleston Police Department via Mayor Keith Summey.

On November 17, 2008 at 6:39 pm, I was summons to Charlie Whirls Attorney [redacted] to discuss a faxed sent by Vernida Gaillard Hill Attorney for my wife [redacted] within the letter my wife requested that I sign over escrow bank check within her personal account which is in complete violation of LLR Real Estate commission which my wife has a permanent sales license and knows the rules of engagement within line 6 the other option was to pay her commission from Howard Heights. My wife does not have an interest in Port City Services LLC, her attorney wrote down baseless accusation regarding my character, and worst of my entire attorney Charlie Whirl requested that I sign the check over. I refused and contact the closing attorney to stop payment on the check or have the check returned to the Broker in Charge of Port City Services LLC with [redacted] the check would have never been turned over the intent was to help discredit me or put me in jail.

On November 17, 2008 at 6:57 I received an email from W. Kurt Taylor and within the email he mentioned the meeting he had with my wife in June and how disappointed he was and referred to my behavior within the email and made very personal comments about my character and he was not going to speak with me any further about HOWARD HEIGHTS and guess who was CC on the EMAIL COUNCILMAN MICHAEL BROWN WHO IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF LOWCOUNTRY ALLIANCE FOR MODEL COMMUNITIES

On December 15, 2008 I looked at Charleston Multiple Listing and saw my home [redacted] illegally listed on the market with my office, fax and cell phone numbers all owned by Port City Services LLC and [redacted] with Agent Owned Realty for $170,000.00 and a commission set at six percent. I never received a call from my attorney and when I called Agent Owned I never received a call back apologizing for the record I left Agent Owned Realty after an article was done by Tony Bartelme with Post and Courier about my clients the [redacted] and [redacted] being offered peanuts for their land by guess who the State Ports Authority.

On December 22, 2008 I had submit to submit my complaint to the LLR Real Estate Commission and on January 22, 2008 my agents license with made inactive and Agent Owned Realty remove the illegal agent from there roster on January 2, 2008 blatantly injuring my company and humiliating me and my business before the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors. I have been a member for ten years and when I complain about the lack of diversity on the top committees and bringing experts to discuss racial issues they blew my request off now I had my property illegally listed on Charleston Multiple Listing Services with no letter of apology.

I hope that your office looks into these concerns not for me but for the residence of Howard Heights they are the real victims of an environmental crime and for 20 years these innocent and loving people have beard the burden for every house built after the commissions, legal fees, surveys, appraisals fees, impact fees, architectural fees, consulting fees, insurance premiums, campaign contributions, donations, print collateral, print, television, radio as a result of the HOUSING BOOM. While Howard Heights residence endured, the smell of the Garbage of 70 percent of the Households in Charleston and being told lies by local, state, and not for profit organization that agreed to place this community under and ambiguous zoning designation and the federal government to get the Port Terminal permit approved.

I have personally lost a lot and have been privately and publicly humiliated for sport by my business, political former supporters and enemies and most of all my wife of 15 years. Enough is enough and Howard Height residence should not suffer any longer. After I am completed with this file, I will never engage in public life again the lost have been too great. I will focus on rebuilding my life and helping my parents especially my father who has suffered from Leukemia for six years his example has been enough to sustain me through this temporary set back in my life.

Respectfully Submitted,

[redacted]