

June 18, 2012

Tracey Heggum, Program Manager
River Street Emergency Shelter (RSES)
115C Coral Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
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 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