



## HUMAN RIGHTS / FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION

### OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Resident Owned Park, Inc. and Maurice A. Priest

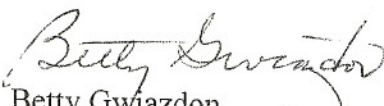
I have known Maurice Priest, President of resident Owned Parks, Inc. (ROP), for over 20 years. As a practicing attorney, Mr. Priest has been an advocate supporting affordable housing throughout his legal career. He is well-respected for his expertise and knowledge of all aspects of mobilehome law.

Mr. Priest has been the Legislative Advocate of Golden State Manufactured-Home Owners League, Inc. (GSMOL) at the State Capitol for 24 years, and was appointed by the State Bar of California as the first Chairman of the State Bar Committee on Mobilehome law, a division of the Landlord-Tenant Section, in 1982. Within the past 3 months, I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Priest in addressing numerous problems encountered by mobilehome owners who have contacted this agency for assistance.

Preserving affordable housing is becoming more and more difficult. As President of ROP, a nonprofit housing corporation which purchases and manages mobilehome parks for the benefit of low and moderate income persons, Maurice Priest brings significant experience and expertise to cities and counties who are trying to keep affordable housing in their communities.

For all of the above reasons I believe that Resident Owned Parks, Inc., under the leadership of Maurice Priest, offers a reasonable solution to local governments and mobilehome owners in the conversion of mobilehome parks to nonprofit or resident ownership parks.

Sincerely,

  
Betty Gwiazdon  
Director of Program Services

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