

January 23, 2018

Human Rights Commission  
City of La Crosse  
c/o City Clerk  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601



Re: Response of Housing Authority of the City of La Crosse

Dear Commissioners:

The following is my brief response to the response of the Housing Authority (hereinafter referred to as "LHA") to my complaint.

1. If the LHA had a complaint filed against me then I not only would have been notified of that complaint, but evidence of that complaint would have been placed in my file with the LHA. An anonymous note from another tenant does not even constitute an informal complaint. Also, there is reference to "credible evidence" that I was living with another tenant in violation of the LHA's rules. Once again, I was never presented with that "evidence," including at mediation.
2. That the LHA has no knowledge of "what steps Ms. Thomas took to find alternative housing" and "lacks information to form a belief as to why Ms. Thomas was denied housing by Thomas Miller" is irrelevant to this complaint. The LHA is not in the position to judge what is credible or true. That will be the job of the independent investigator who will be able to interview Mr. Miller and Ms. Schultz.
3. As to the Rules of Evidence concerning "hearsay," that rule pertains to statements made during a trial or hearing. [See Wisc. Stat. 908.01(3): "Hearsay" is a statement, other than one made by the declarant while testifying at the **trial or hearing**. . ." (emphasis added)] This complaint and the subsequent investigation of this complaint are not trials or hearings and are therefore not subject to the Hearsay Rule.

Sincerely,

  
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Patricia Thomas

Date: January 23, 2018