

City of La Crosse Human Rights Commission Complaint Form

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COMPLAINANT INFORMATION (YOURSELF)

Name * Taryn Baardseth
Address * 3191 East Ave South #6
Phone [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

RESPONDENT INFORMATION (PERSON/PERSON(S) YOU FEEL HAVE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST YOU)

Name * Clerk of Courts/Police
Address * 333 Vine Street/ State Street
Phone
Email

TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION ALLEGED

Check the appropriate Category, indicate the Address or Location of facility you were denied the equal opportunity to use or enjoy, and the Basis of the alleged discrimination.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they were denied the equal use/enjoyment of a facility **located in the City of La Crosse**.

Category: *

- Housing
- Place of Public Accommodation or Amusement [i.e. restaurant, hotel, retail shop]
- City Facility

Address/Location: * Clerk of Courts on State Street and Vine

Basis (Check all those you feel may apply):

- Sex
- Race
- Religion
- Age
- Disability
- Marital Status
- Color
- National Origin or Ancestry
- Lawful Source of Income
- Physical Appearance
- Sexual Orientation
- Gender Identity or Expression
- Political Activity
- Familial Status
- Domestic Partnership
- Student

FACTS

To the best of your ability, give a detailed statement regarding the facts giving rise to this Complaint. The statement must include the date or dates of the alleged discrimination. City Ordinance provides that a written Complaint **must be filed within 180 days** after the complainant knew or should reasonably have known

that the alleged act or acts occurred. Additional pages may be attached to this form if necessary.

Statement *

The Clerk of Courts granted a civil Injunction that should never have been granted for First Free in Onalaska. There were only four witnesses who testified and only two people at the church complained. I had been a regular attendee of this church for 9 years and regular volunteer. I was also an official Member for several years. Over the last year I was barred from almost every volunteer role all of a sudden and a class open to the church and anyone from other churches. Other churches and Christians are always welcome at First Free however I was told to leave. I did nothing violent or criminal and didn't harass anyone. I was recently arrested by police when a false violation was called in and I could have been evicted from my apartment and fired from my job if I had not been bailed out of jail. This church has 3000 people attending weekly and 700 volunteers. They always have guests. I would like to be a guest and to have this civil Injunction removed. Mark gave false testimony and the temporary indication had listed things I did not do. I have tried every attorney office in La Crosse and Onalaska and the church uses many attorneys and I haven't found one in the area. I would like this Injunction removed and the those four people to apply for their own individual Injunctions which may or may not get approved by the Court. I am terrified I will be arrested for another false violation while the church is closed. I need this bail money back to pay bills and to pay a lawyer. The civil Injunction says they must be physically present at the church in their capacity and they called in the violation when no one was there and the church was closed. The officers didn't look at the injunction that day and I was taken from work. It was humiliating. I have never been arrested. The male elder team started to discriminate against me at First Free and they got a criminal defense attorney with the church donations to file this when it should have been a civil litigation attorney. First Free has no board of directors and is a 501c3 charitable organization. The elders are not appointed by the Members and they didn't follow membership guidelines in removing me from volunteering and membership and filing this injunction. Most of the volunteers don't understand the injunction isn't for outside the church and people have tried to use it at other businesses in La Crosse and are under the impression I did something criminal when I did not. I am a domestic violence survivor and a woman. First Free has never had a female elder or a person of color. This would be discrimination with the male elder team being allowed to file this. First Free told the court they are a private company when they are not. They are a 501c3.