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Ms. Jerralyn Ness
Washington County Community Action Organization
451 S. First Ave.
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Subject: My bio

Dear Jerralyn:

Leon has told me that WCCAO is nominating me for an award at the CADO dinner, and that you would like a brief biographical sketch. First of all, thank you for nominating me. It is a true honor. (I think the last award I got was in Little League.)

Anyway, a brief biographical sketch: I worked for many years with the illustrious Bernie Thurber, both in a law office and on his deck. Before that I worked for several years for the illustrious Chris Prescott (putting round boxes in round holes, not in square holes). For the past ten years I have used the experience and knowledge gained from both these masters for the good of society, developing housing while antagonizing half of Washington County. With these successes behind me, I have gone to work for CASA of Oregon, where I can now antagonize not merely Washington County but all of Oregon. Twice the fun at half the price.

If you would like further information, you can contact Cheryl: I think she has a full biography, in picture format. I am also enclosing a resume, just in case you want the deep dark secrets of my past. Give me a call if none of this is good enough. I could try making some sweeping changes in the next day and a half. Otherwise, I'll see you in Eugene.

Sincerely,

Charlie

Charlie Harris
Executive Director



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

RESUME OF CHARLIE HARRIS
CASA OF OREGON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BA and JD, Univ. of Michigan

Admitted to Oregon State Bar, 1972; Member of the U.S. District Court and 9th Circuit Bars; Member, Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Section

15 years of legal experience specializing in real estate, land use, low-income housing, rural and farmworker housing and discrimination law, including 2 yrs private practice (Ashland), 2yrs w/OSPIRG and 11 yrs w/legal services(in Portland, Medford, and Hillsboro)

1988-1990: Executive Director, CASA of Oregon

1981-1988: Worked with Housing Development Corp of Washington County (HDC) on Elm Park, a 50 unit complex in Forest Grove providing seasonal and year-round housing for farmworkers and development of project. Successfully appealed to Land Use Board of Appeals to invalidate charter amendment aimed at prohibiting farmworker housing in the city. Then represented HDC when contractor went bankrupt and we had to look to surety to finish project. Successfully negotiated for \$20,000 in penalty damages for delayed construction. Since 1984 have advised HDC on behalf of farmworkers: helped draft Management Plan, Grievance Procedure, reviewed lease documents, worked with Board and Property Manager so that project operates successfully

1985-1988: supervised housing litigation for Oregon Legal Services, a statewide rural legal aid program with 40 lawyers; dealt extensively with FmHA personnel and FmHA regulations; co-edited landlord tenant litigation manual

1985-1986: Member of BOLI Statewide Migrant and Seasonal Farm Labor Housing Advisory Council

1986: Testified before State Land Board in favor of targeting Oregon Rural Rehabilitation funds for farmworker housing

1987-1988: successfully packaged the final FmHA 514/516 application for 12 family units of permanent and seasonal farm labor housing for the HDC; construction to begin this August.

1987-1988: represented farmworkers in Kraemer Farms application for on-farm seasonal housing; County Commissioners rejected the application, on farmworkers' behalf we appealed was pending, after Kraemer Farms withdrew its application; effect of county's final action was to reinstate a favorable farmworker housing precedent it had at first overturned.

1988: successfully represented Benedictine Sisters before Planning Commission and City Council of Mt. Angel to get land use approval for 64 units of farmworker housing for single males; assisted in obtaining state and private funding for repair work.

Related experience: 1987-1982--Worked full-time for 2 yrs. and part-time for 3 yrs doing electrical, plumbing and carpentry work to rehabilitate residential housing, first for Prescott Construction Company and then on my own. Work included supervision of work crews, keeping books, and other small business experiences.