

IN THE COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS
COMMISSION,

Petitioner

vs.

NO.

C.D. 1972

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT,
WILLIAMSPORT PLANNING COMMISSION,
WILLIAMSPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY,
AND PENN STATE CONSTRUCTION, INC.,
Respondents

PETITION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF
ORDER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE SAID COURT:

The Petition of the Pennsylvania Human Relations
Commission respectfully represents:

1. Petitioner herein is the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, an administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania created by Act of Assembly of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, as amended by Act of Assembly of February 28, 1961, P.L. 47, and as further amended, known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act.

2. Petitioner is charged with the duty of administering the provisions of the said Acts of Assembly in an attempt to eliminate unlawful discriminatory practices in the areas of employment, housing, education, and public accommodations.

3. Respondents herein are the City of Williamsport, a city of the third class in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Williamsport Planning Commission; Williamsport Housing Authority, created by resolution of the Williamsport City Council; and Penn State Construction, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation.

4. Pursuant to the authority vested in it by Sections 7(f) and 9 of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, supra, 43 P.S. 957(f), 959, and following the receipt of various inquiries from citizens and community organizations of the City of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (hereinafter "PHRC") initiated a Complaint on or about May 27, 1971, against the City of Williamsport, Williamsport Planning Commission, the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Williamsport, and Williamsport Housing Authority, at Docket No. H-1550. Said Complaint alleged, inter alia, that the Respondents had committed and continued to commit certain unlawful discriminatory practices in the planning, designing, approval and construction of certain public housing projects in the City of Williamsport.

5. An investigation by the staff of PHRC resulted in the filing of an Amended Complaint by PHRC on or about September 14, 1971, at Docket No. H-1550, which deleted the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Williamsport as a Respondent and added Respondent Penn State Construction, Inc. The allegations contained in the Amended Complaint were substantially similar to those in the original Complaint of May 27, 1971.

6. Pursuant to said investigation, Petitioner found probable cause to credit the allegations of the Amended Complaint, and, thereafter, attempted unsuccessfully to adjust the Amended Complaint with the Respondents by conference, conciliation and persuasion.

7. On or about October 7, 1971, Petitioner gave notice, in writing, to the Respondents, in accordance with Section 105.02 of the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, 16 Pa. Code § 41.42, that a Public Hearing would be held on

October 26 and 27, 1971, at 9:30 A.M., in the YWCA, Club Room, Second Floor, 815 West 4th Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in the said matter.

8. A hearing was subsequently held in accordance with the foregoing Notice by three members of PHRC: Commissioners E. E. Smith, presiding; Robert W. Goode; and Andrew G. Freeman. Completion of said hearing required a third session, which was conducted at the above location on December 13, 1971, following proper notice to all parties.

9. On or about July 31, 1972, upon the recommendation of the Hearing Commissioners and upon all the evidence at the Public Hearing, and in consideration of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and recommendations rendered by the Hearing Commissioners, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission found and determined that the Respondents, the City of Williamsport, Williamsport Planning Commission, Williamsport Housing Authority, and Penn State Construction, Inc., engaged in unlawful discriminatory practices in violation of Section 5(h)(3) of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act in that by their actions and procedures Respondents had planned, approved, and either were constructing or would construct in the future, public housing projects in the City of Williamsport, and that there existed a substantial certainty that:

(a) The Roundhouse Housing Project would house predominantly Black residents who would be subject to discrimination in the furnishing of inferior facilities, services and/or privileges in connection with the occupancy or use of said Project; and

(b) The racial composition of the Newberry Housing Project would not reasonably reflect the racial composition of

persons who are eligible and have applied to Respondent Williamsport Housing Authority for housing accommodations.

10. On or about July 31, 1972, the Petitioner entered a Final Order against the Respondents requiring, inter alia, that the Respondents cease and desist from the planning and construction of the Roundhouse Housing Project in its present location, and that Respondent Williamsport Housing Authority take whatever measures may be necessary to ensure that the racial composition of the tenants of the Newberry Housing Project reasonably reflects the racial composition of persons who are eligible and have applied to said Respondent for housing. Said Order contained four (4) sections. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Commission's Decision, upon which the Final Order was based, in addition to the complete Final Order, are attached hereto and made a part hereof, entitled Petitioner's Exhibit "A".

11. The period within which the Respondents may file an Appeal from said Adjudication and Final Order has expired, and Respondents have failed to file such an Appeal.

12. From on or about the date of service of the Petitioner's Final Order, to wit, August 15, 1972, up to and including the present time, the Respondents have refused and still refuse to comply with all provisions of that Final Order. Despite the fact that Mayor John R. Coder of the City of Williamsport has assured PHRC of the City's willingness to comply with the Final Order, his correspondence to Respondents Penn State Construction, Inc. and the Williamsport Housing Authority is an insufficient effort to accomplish compliance on the part of the City. Said correspondence is attached hereto and made a part hereof, entitled Petitioner's Exhibit "B".

13. The actions of the Respondents constitute a failure on their part to comply with Petitioner's Final Order entered against the Respondents on July 31, 1972.

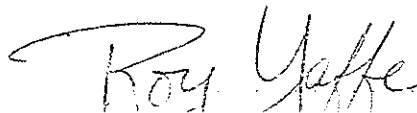
14. By Act No. 558, dated January 25, 1966, the said Pennsylvania Human Relations Act was amended to permit Petitioner to secure enforcement of an Order of the Commission by the Court of Common Pleas of the county within which the hearing was held or in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, since amended to refer to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, the pertinent provisions of which are detailed verbatim as follows:

"The complainant, the Attorney General or the Commission may secure enforcement of the order of the Commission or other appropriate relief by the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, or by the Court of Common Pleas of the county within which the hearing was held. When the Commission has heard and decided any complaint brought before it, enforcement of its order shall be initiated by the filing of a petition in such court, together with a transcript of the record of the hearing before the Commission, and issuance and service of a copy of said petition as in proceedings in equity. When enforcement of a Commission order is sought, the court may make and enter, upon the pleadings, testimony and proceedings set forth in such transcript, an order or decree enforcing, modifying and enforcing as so modified, or setting aside, in whole or in part, the order of the Commission, and the jurisdiction of the court shall not be limited by acts pertaining to equity jurisdiction of the courts. An appeal may be taken as in other civil actions.

Any failure to obey an order of the court may be punished by said court as a contempt thereof."

WHEREFORE, in accordance with and pursuant to Section 10 of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, as thus amended, the Petitioner respectfully prays Your Honorable Court to issue an Order fixing a date for argument upon this Petition and requiring the Respondents to show cause why an Order should not now be

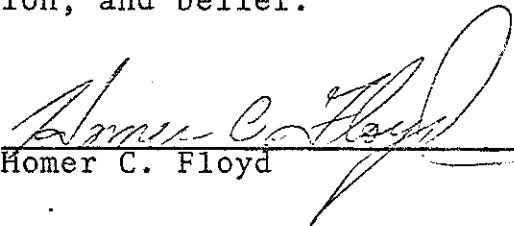
entered by Your Honorable Court enforcing the Final Order of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission of July 31, 1972, issued in this matter.



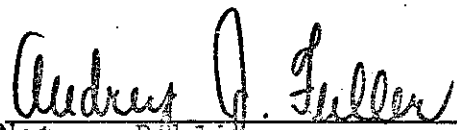
Roy Yaffe, Acting General Counsel
Pennsylvania Human Relations
Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF DAUPHIN)

HOMER C. FLOYD, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, the Petitioner named in the foregoing Petition for Enforcement of Commission Order, and that the facts set forth in said Petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.


Homer C. Floyd

Sworn to and subscribed :
Before me this 27th day :
of October, 1972 :

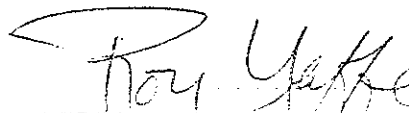

Notary Public
My Commission Expires

Audrey J. Fuller, Notary Public
My Commission Expires Sept. 6, 1976
Harrisburg, Pa. Dauphin County

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

ROY YAFFE, ESQUIRE, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has sent by certified mail a true and correct copy of the Petition for Enforcement of Order of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to: Honorable John R. Coder, Mayor, City of Williamsport, City Hall, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Mr. Carl Hecknauer, Secretary, Williamsport Planning Commission, City Hall, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Mr. William Miller, Executive Director, Williamsport Housing Authority, City Hall, Room 203, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and Mr. John Albarano, President, Penn State Construction, Inc., 836 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.



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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW, COMMISSION'S DECISION
AND FINAL ORDER

1. Complainant herein is the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, an administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. Respondents herein are the City of Williamsport, a city of the third class in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Williamsport Planning Commission; Williamsport Housing Authority, created by resolution of the Williamsport City Council; and Penn State Construction, Inc.; a Pennsylvania corporation.

3. Respondents are responsible for the planning, approval, and/or construction of the following proposed public housing projects in Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania:

- a) Roundhouse Housing Project, to contain 125 units on 6.97 acres of land (A 75-unit high-rise building for the elderly is also planned and approved for the same site on an additional .5 acre).
- b) Newberry Housing Project, to contain 100 units on 9 acres of land.

4. On April 15, 1969, the City of Williamsport established the Williamsport Housing Authority.

5. The Williamsport Housing Authority approved and adopted the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Tenant Selection Plan "B," which allows an applicant three (3) choices of housing assignment.

6. Following newspaper advertisements for proposals to be submitted by developers for construction of 200 units of public housing, the Williamsport Housing Authority selected the Penn State Construction, Inc. from six developers who were acceptable to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as the developer of the Roundhouse Housing Project.

7. Respondent Penn State Construction, Inc. selected the site of the Roundhouse Project, which is located at Erie Avenue, Walnut Street, Little League Boulevard, and Center Street in Williamsport. Said respondent designed the Roundhouse Project and is to construct it on the aforementioned site.

8. The Williamsport Planning Commission approved zoning changes to permit the construction of the Roundhouse Housing Project.

9. The Newberry Housing Project is being constructed west of Foresman Street extended to the Penn Central Railroad tracks in the Newberry section of Williamsport. The selection of said site was made pursuant to a requirement by the Department of Housing and Urban Development that the Williamsport Housing Authority submit "an acceptable proposal for a site(s) outside the area of racial concentration," before H.U.D. would tentatively approve the Roundhouse Housing Project site.

10. Following newspaper advertisements for proposals to be submitted by developers for construction of 100 units of public housing, the Williamsport Housing Authority selected Penn State Construction, Inc. from two developers who submitted proposals, as the developer of the Newberry Housing Project.

11. The Roundhouse Housing Project will have 408 bedrooms as follows:

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| Two bedrooms | - 24 |
| Three bedrooms | - 60 |
| Four bedrooms | - 25 |
| Five bedrooms | - 16 |

12. The Newberry Housing Project will have 307 bedrooms as follows:

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|----------------|------|
| One bedroom | - 10 |
| Two bedrooms | - 16 |
| Three bedrooms | - 40 |
| Four bedrooms | - 25 |
| Five bedrooms | - 9 |

13. Based upon a uniform but approximate projection of two (2) persons per bedroom, the Roundhouse Housing Project will house approximately 816 persons.

14. Based upon a uniform but approximate projection of two (2) persons per bedroom, the Newberry Housing Project will house approximately 614 people.

15. Roundhouse Housing Project which is to be built on 6.97 acres of land, will have an approximate density of 117.1 persons per acre of land.

16. Newberry Housing Project, which will be built on 9 acres of land, will have an approximate density of 68.2 persons per acre of land.

17. Residents of the area in which the Newberry Housing Project will be located have access to a substantially greater amount of park and playground area than the residents of the Roundhouse Housing Project area.

18. Based upon the U. S. Census of 1970, the average size of Black families in Williamsport is 3.3 persons, while the average size of white families is 2.8 persons.

19. Roundhouse Project is to be built in U. S. Census Enumeration District #72, which has a 40% Black population.

20. Roundhouse Project is to be built in area containing four Census Enumeration Districts (#72, #75, #69 and #65) which contain 85% of the total Black population of Williamsport.

21. The Census Enumeration District in which the Newberry District is being constructed contains no non-white residents.

22. The Lycoming County Housing Authority controls and administers the following public housing projects:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RACIAL COMPOSITION</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| a) Michael Ross | 95-99% white |
| b) Penn Vale | 95-99% white |
| c) Peter Herdic | 95-99% Black |

23. The Lycoming Housing Authority was unable to secure white tenants to move to Peter Herdic and correct the racial imbalance existing there because of the alleged "reluctance" of white persons to move to that area of Williamsport because of the high concentration of Black residents residing there.

24. The Roundhouse Project will be located immediately adjacent to the Peter Herdic Housing Project.

25. Based upon analogous housing situations and experiences within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a substantial probability exists that if the Roundhouse Project is constructed in the location now planned, it will acquire the racial characteristics of the Peter Herdic Housing Project and will house a predominantly Black tenant population.

26. The Newberry Housing Project is being built in an area of Williamsport containing no other public housing projects.

27. Respondents failed to adequately consult with the Black community of Williamsport in the planning of the Roundhouse and Newberry Housing Projects prior to their approval.

28. Members of the Black community of Williamsport have expressed objections to the following aspects of the Roundhouse Project:

- a) Increased population density of the area;
- b) Inadequacy of recreational facilities;
- c) Possibility that substantially all residents of the project will be Black.

29. The Williamsport Housing Authority was not aware of the concerns of the Black community at the time the Roundhouse and Newberry Projects were approved.

30. Members of Williamsport's Black community were permitted access to the plans for the Roundhouse Project by Respondent Housing Authority for a period of only twenty-four (24) hours, and were denied access to the plans for the Newberry Project.

31. Mayor Carey of Williamsport advised members of City Council and William Miller, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, not to attend a public hearing requested by representatives of the Black community to discuss the proposed Roundhouse and Newberry Housing Projects.

32. At a meeting of the City Council of Williamsport which was open to the public, members of the Black community who attempted to raise objections to the Roundhouse Project were advised that the police would be called if they did not "shut up."

33. Respondent Williamsport Housing Authority has taken no official action to insure racial integration of both the Roundhouse and Newberry Housing Projects.

34. Paul L. Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the Williamsport Housing Authority, and its sole Black member, indicated that it is projected that nine(9) whites will apply for public housing for every Black that applies, despite the fact that the ratio of white to Black residents in Williamsport is 32 to 1.

35. According to Paul Anderson, the demand for public housing by Black residents of Williamsport will increase because of the general unavailability of private housing for Blacks in the Williamsport metropolitan area.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. At all times herein mentioned, Respondents participated in the planning, approval, and/or construction of the proposed 300 units of public housing in Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

2. At all times herein mentioned, Complainant had and still has jurisdiction over the subject matter of these proceedings and over Respondents.

3. Respondents have proposed, planned, approved, and/or are presently or will in the future construct the Roundhouse Housing Project and the Newberry Housing Project in the City of Williamsport.

4. The Roundhouse Housing Project, if constructed, will have the following negative factors:

- a) Location in an area of Williamsport of high racial density, to wit, an area in which 85% of the Black citizens of Williamsport reside.
- b) Site location adjacent to a housing project of the Lycoming County Housing Authority whose residents are 95%-99% Black.
- c) A substantially greater number of large housing units suitable for occupancy by large families.
- d) A population density rate substantially higher than the Newberry Housing Project.
- e) Access to substantially less playground and park area than the Newberry Project.

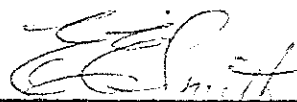
5. Said negative factors of the proposed Roundhouse Project are due, in part, to the failure of the Respondents to adequately consult with the Black community of Williamsport in the planning of said housing projects prior to their approval.

6. In light of the foregoing, there exists a substantial certainty that as a consequence of constructing the Roundhouse Housing Project in its proposed form and location, its residents will be predominantly Black and said residents will be subject to discrimination in the furnishing of facilities, services and/or privileges in connection with the occupancy or use of said Project, all of which constitutes a violation of Section 5(h) (3) of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, Act of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, as amended.

7. Because Respondent Williamsport Housing Authority has failed to take any measures to ensure that the racial composition of the Newberry Housing Project will reasonably reflect the racial composition of persons who are eligible and having applied to said Respondent for housing, there exists a substantial certainty that the Newberry Housing Project, when constructed, will not reasonably reflect said racial composition, all of which constitutes a violation of Section 5(h) (3) of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, Act of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, as amended.

IT IS, therefore, recommended that the Commission enter an Order against Respondents requiring that they cease and desist from the construction of the Roundhouse Housing Project or any other housing project of this nature on the site location of the proposed Roundhouse Project. It is also recommended that the Respondent Williamsport Housing Authority be ordered to take whatever measures may be necessary to ensure that the racial composition of the tenants of the Newberry Housing Project reasonably reflects the racial composition of persons who are eligible and have applied to said Respondent for housing. It is

further recommended that the Motion to Dismiss Complaint filed by Respondent Penn State Construction Company, Inc. be denied.



E. E. Smith
Presiding Commissioner



Robert W. Goode
Hearing Commissioner



Andrew G. Freeman
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COMMISSION'S DECISION

AND NOW, the 31st day of July, 1972, upon the recommendation of the Hearing Commissioners and upon all the evidence at the public hearing of this case and in consideration of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, by unanimous decision, finds and determines that Respondents City of Williamsport, Williamsport Planning Commission, Williamsport Housing Authority and Penn State Construction, Inc., have engaged in unlawful discriminatory practices in violation of Section 5(h)(3) of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, as amended, in that by its actions and procedures it has planned, approved, and is constructing or will construct in the future, public housing projects in the City of Williamsport, and that there exists a substantial certainty that:

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FINAL ORDER

AND NOW, this *31st* day of *July*, 1972, upon consider-
ation of the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law,
Commission's Decision and pursuant to Section 9 of the Pennsyl-
vania Human Relations Act, it is hereby

O R D E R E D :

1. That Respondents City of Williamsport, Williamsport
Planning Commission, Williamsport Housing Authority and Penn
State Construction, Inc., their and each of their respective
officers, agents, representatives and employees, jointly and
severally, cease and desist from the planning and construction of
the Roundhouse Housing Project in its present location.

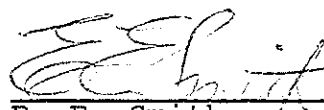
2. If any or all of the Respondents desire to plan and
construct public housing facilities on a site other than that
of the proposed Roundhouse Housing Project, the proposal of same
shall be submitted to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
prior to an advertisement for developers' proposals. Said plan
shall include specific proposals for consultation with the black

community of Williamsport and other residents of the City with regard to the feasibility and acceptability of said plan.

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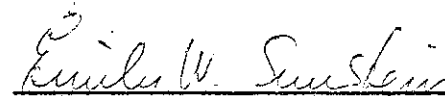
4. The Motion of Respondent Penn State Construction, Inc. to Dismiss the Complaint is denied.

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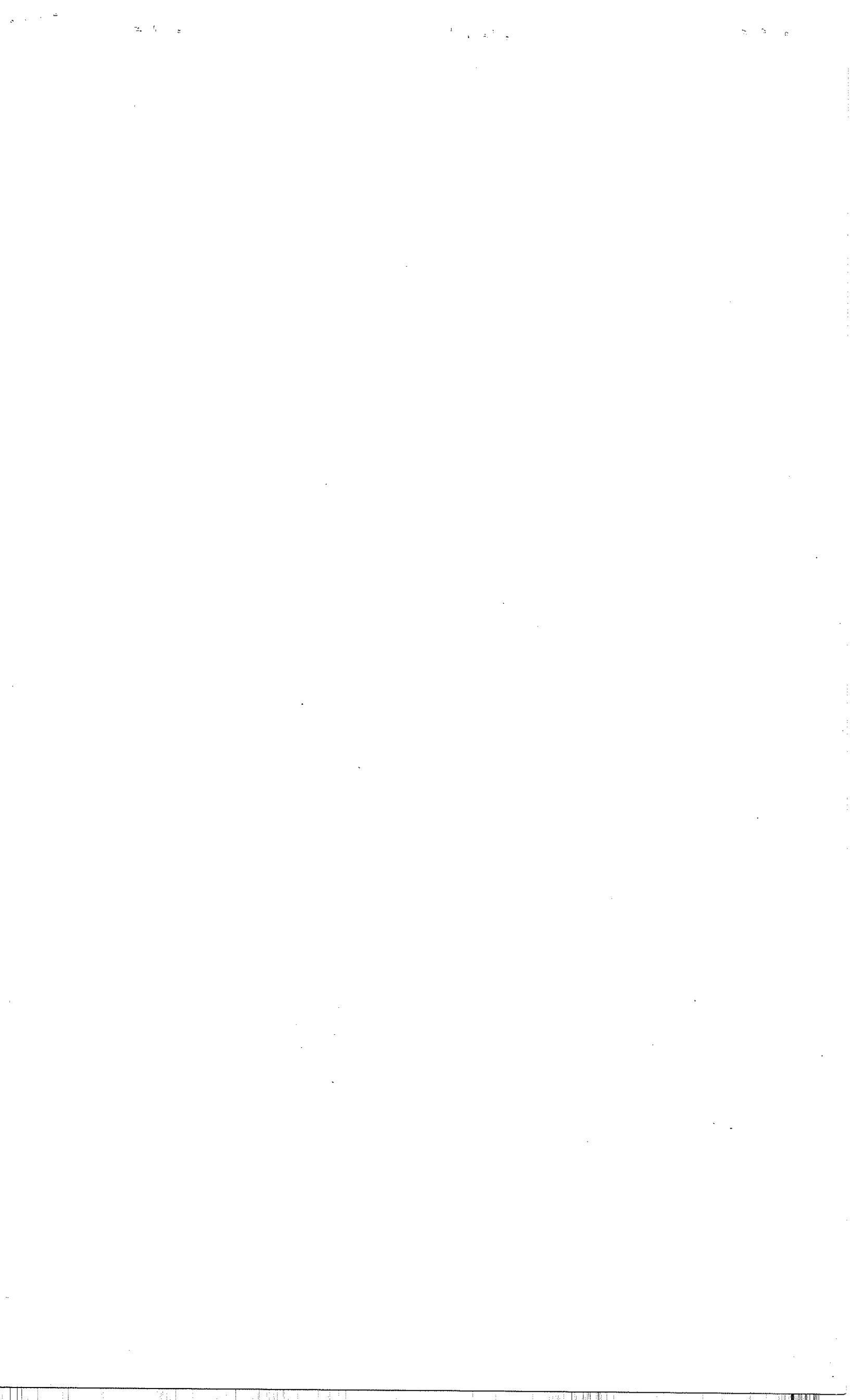


E. E. Smith
Chairman

ATTEST:



Emily W. Sunstein
Assistant Secretary



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City of Williamsport

Williamsport
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EXTENSION 31

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PUBLIC SAFETY
JOHN M. SAMONY
EXTENSION 28

September 1, 1972

Mr. Homer C. Floyd
100 N. Cameron Street
Fourth Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Floyd:

Reference is made to your letter of August 31, 1972, directing my attention to the Human Relations Commission's decision and final order in the above captioned case. Specifically, that order requires affirmative action be taken by the respondents under direct violation of the Human Relations Commission.

Kindly be advised that attached you will find copies of correspondence I directed to both the Williamsport Housing Authority and the Penn State Construction Company, Inc. In this regard, I am eager to assure the City's compliance with the Commission's final order, and to the full extent of my power I have done so.

On this date, September 1, 1972, I contacted Mrs. Henderson of your office and explained to her that the City of Williamsport wishes to cooperate in every way possible and any noncompliance by other respondents to this action I am unable within my jurisdiction to control.

Very truly yours,

John R. Coder
Mayor

JRC/jf

cc: Mr. Scott Williams

Attachment

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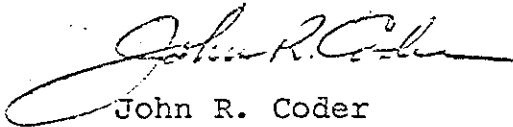
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August 18, 1972

Penn State Construction Co., Inc.
836 Washington Boulevard
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

Attention: Mr. John J. Albarano

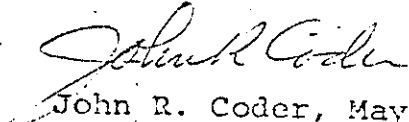
Gentlemen:

It is my understanding that the Human Relations Committee of the State of Pennsylvania has issued an order directing that construction be halted at the Roundhouse Project.

I urge the Penn State Construction Company to use whatever influence it can to stop, or attempt to stop, construction until the outcome of any appeal that Penn State Construction Company or the Williamsport Housing Authority is going to make.

I want it to be absolutely clear that I, as the Mayor, or this Administration, will not and cannot be accused of violating this order in any contempt proceedings, or in any court proceedings that may follow.

Very truly yours,


John R. Coder, Mayor

JRC:hb

August 18, 1972

Mr. William Miller, Executive Director
Williamsport Housing Authority
City Hall
Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701

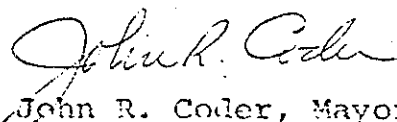
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