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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF OREGON

PORTLAND DIVISION

PHILLIP E. OWEN, an individual; OWEN  
PROPERTIES LLC, an Oregon limited  
liability company; and MICHAEL L. FEVES,  
an individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

**Case No.: 3:17-cv-00221-SI**

**DECLARATION OF  
DEBRA LIRA  
IN SUPPORT OF  
MOTION TO INTERVENE  
UNDER F.R.C.P. 24**

CITY OF PORTLAND, an Oregon municipal corporation,

Defendant.

I, Debra Lira, declare as follows:

1. My name is Debra Lira. I am 53 years old. I have lived at 6730 North Fessenden in North Portland for seven years. I have received a no-cause notice and I am so scared about moving.
2. I desperately need relocation assistance. I have a low income. I do not have savings to afford higher rent, plus move in costs. Security deposits alone can run more than one thousand dollars.
3. I am disabled and do not know how I will be able to move my household items out of my home.
4. After years of being on several waitlists, there is still no affordable housing available. On one list, after five years, last year I was number 67, this year I am number 72. Most waitlists are closed or have a much longer wait.
5. I want to stay in St. John's and in my neighborhood. I have lived in St. John's since 2004. My grandchildren live one mile from here. But housing is becoming more expensive in my neighborhood.
6. I am Native American, and important community Elders live close by to my neighborhood. I have easy transportation to the Native American Youth and Family Center, too.
7. I have friends and a sense of community here. We have pitched in to clean up the neighborhood together, we have meet-your-neighbor picnics, and we enjoy street painting events, to name a few.
8. In addition, my neighborhood has beautiful parks and other greenspaces, conveniently located bus service, and stores are within walking distance.
9. No-cause eviction and the possibility of becoming homeless is terrifying, especially without relocation assistance! The intense stress of losing my home, through no fault of my own, has caused my hair to fall out, mood and digestive issues, feeling anxious and overwhelmed.
10. Without means to change my situation, I will be homeless.
11. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 14th day of February 2017.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Lira