

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION

TO: RESIDENTS AND FORMER RESIDENTS OF LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL (LHH), AND PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO LHH OR ON A WAIT LIST FOR ADMISSION.

The federal court has authorized a class action lawsuit against the City and County of San Francisco on behalf of LHH residents. If you are an adult Medi-Cal beneficiary, and you are now a LHH resident, or were a LHH resident within the last two years, or eligible for admission to LHH or on a wait list for admission, then you are a member of the class and this Lawsuit will affect your rights. This Lawsuit, called *Chambers v. City and County of San Francisco*, Case No. C06-06346, is pending in federal district court, at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

The Plaintiffs are asking the Court to find that the City has violated the Americans with Disabilities Act and related laws that prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities. They are also asking the Court to order the City to take steps to ensure that people with disabilities do not have to go to or stay in LHH if they want to and can receive care in a home or community setting. This Lawsuit does *not* include any claims for monetary damages. The City contends that it already complies with all disability rights laws requiring community-based care.

The Court desires broad community involvement and invites class members to intervene, consistent with Court rules. The Court wishes to have the benefit of as much input as practical and to give class members a say in any relief that is ordered.

If you have questions about this Lawsuit or if you wish to provide input on the appropriate relief or remedy, you may contact the attorneys for the parties:

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Please do not telephone the Court or the Court clerk's office for information.

If you are a member of the class, you do not need to take any action at this time. You will be informed in future notices of any final orders from the Court and any settlement of the case. If you believe that your interests will not be adequately represented by Plaintiffs' counsel, you have a right to ask the Court to let you intervene to present any claims you may have. If you wish to intervene, you should consult your own lawyer if you have one. Please review the contents of this Notice carefully. If you are a member of the class, you will be legally bound by future orders and rulings from the Court.

EXHIBIT A

Dated: _____, 2007

RICHARD W. WIEKING, CLERK OF THE COURT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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