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From: [REDACTED]
To: Affordable Sales Program@DOT
Subject: Purchasing a Cal-Trans Home in Pasadena/South Pasadena, CA

Hello,

My name is Patricia Cunliffe. I am a documentary filmmaker. I was in attendance at the Affordable Sales Program Public Hearing on July 17, 2014, at the Pasadena Convention Center. As the meeting consisted mostly of current tenants of Cal-Trans who had legitimate concerns about their current well-being, I hesitated to speak publicly about my own concern.

I have lived in a Cal-Trans home several years ago at [REDACTED] - but, if I'm not mistaken it was my ex-husband's name on the lease: Graham Cunliffe, who is no longer even living in California, last I heard. After that, I attempted to rent another Cal-Trans home on [REDACTED], but Cal-Trans chose not to rent that house because of the retaining wall. I offered to pay for the repair of the retaining wall myself, but that offer was not accepted - that would have been about 23 years ago & for the life of me, I cannot remember the name of the agent I dealt with. I have requested the list of properties a few times, since then, but your rents went up quite a bit, with rather steep qualifications, so I stayed put.

The reason for my letter is this: I have rented the same property for the past 23 years in Altadena, have never been late on any payment for anything in my entire life, have a good FICO score & I have approximately \$50,000.00+ saved for down payment. I have still not been able to purchase a home, for the simple fact that I work as a freelancer rather than in a corporate environment, and once you mention that fact to one of the "young" home loan officers in a bank - you can see the interest fade from their eyes & you know that they just want you to leave them alone - I can't even get a second phone call back from them.

I always pass by the Cal-Trans homes and point out to my 89 year old mother that the only way I'm going to be able to buy a home is when Cal-Trans sells them off - if they ever do, someday.

Well, today you are beginning to sell and I am not even in the running because you are offering first to the tenants - which is understandable and only fair. This selling of Cal-Trans properties is MY DREAM & yet I don't know how to go about achieving it. Please don't think of me as one of those greedy people who walk around with the price of a home in cash in their pockets who go around buying up every piece of available real estate - that is trying to take advantage of this situation. I have worked so hard all my life, raised 3 kids and am now caring for my 89 year old mother and 18 month old grandson. All I dream of is owning my own home, but cannot see it happening without a miracle taking place. In fact, earlier this year I even entertained the thought of letting Gov Brown know about the excess properties in the Pasadena/South Pasadena area that he could sell for state revenue and all I would ask in return is to be allowed to buy one of them - of course, that was just an unrealistic thought...

I am in dire need of an affordable housing sales program and am a very good contender for it. I ask today: Is there any way at all to get my name on the list to purchase one of your homes? I am happy to provide you with any additional information that you may have need of.

Thank you,

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