IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

DOROTHY GAUTREAUX, et al.,	JUN 2 4 2004
Plaintiffs,	MARVIN E. ASPEN
V.) 66 C 1459
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY,) Hon. Marvin E. Aspen
Defendant.)

STATEMENT OF GAUTREAUX PLAINTIFFS RESPECTING CHA'S MOTION TO REASSIGN AND DISMISS THE COMPLAINT IN BEN LEVI V. DALEY, ET AL., 04 C 1169

On May 24, 2004 CHA filed a motion to reassign to this Court *Ben Levi v. Daley,* et al., 04C1169, currently assigned to Judge Gettleman, and to dismiss the case without prejudice to Ben Levi's right to seek intervention in the *Gautreaux* case.

While the issues in the Ben Levi complaint are difficult to discern, the Gautreaux plaintiffs disagree with CHA's view that the Ben Levi Complaint "substantially overlaps" Gautreaux. The Ben Levi Complaint includes a variety of issues, many of which are unrelated to any of the issues in the *Gautreaux* case. For example, Ben Levi complains that he has been denied employment under Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, that he has been wrongfully deprived of his right to rent property, that he will be denied a right to return to new housing that is built on land currently part of CHA's Taylor development, and that his rights under the Uniform Relocation Act have been violated. The complaint seeks not only declaratory and injunctive relief but also money damages, and Ben Levi seeks a jury trial.

No revitalizing order has as yet been issued by this Court regarding the Robert Taylor development (only a waiver for a small number of units to be built off-site), nor has this Court approved a plan for Taylor redevelopment on-site. Therefore, we do not believe that Ben Levi's claims regarding Taylor redevelopment, if any, are ripe for review in the *Gautreaux* context. (Yet there may be ripe claims, unrelated to *Gautreaux*, embedded in the *Ben Levi* complaint.) We would therefore be opposed at this time to Ben Levi's intervention in the *Gautreaux* case should that request be made.

As to the question of reassignment from Judge Gettleman, it is questionable, given the variety of non-*Gautreaux* issues involved, that the case meets the conditions for reassignment under the Local Rules. Specifically, it is doubtful that the two "cases are susceptible of disposition in a single proceeding." LR 40.4. Regardless of whether the case remains with Judge Gettleman or is moved to this Court, we believe that it will be necessary for the complaint to be revised before it is apparent whether any of the issues Ben Levi seeks to raise should be litigated within the *Gautreaux* case.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF FILING AND CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

To: Attached Service List

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 24, 2004, we filed with the Honorable Marvin E. Aspen, of the U. S. District Court, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, the attached **Statement of Gautreaux Plaintiffs Respecting CHA'S Motion to Reassign and Dismiss the Complaint in Ben Levi v. Daley, et al.**, 04 C 1169, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Julie Elena Brown, an attorney, hereby certifies that on Thursday, June 24, 2004, she caused a copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing, together with the **Statement of Gautreaux Plaintiffs Respecting CHA'S Motion Reassign and Dismiss the Complaint in** *Ben Levi v. Daley, et al.*, 04 C 1169, to be served in the manner indicated on the attached Service List.

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