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Plaintiffs,	)
v.	) No. 66 C 1459
	) Hon. Marvin E. Aspen
CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY	)
Defendant.	)

## **NOTICE OF FILING**

TO: See attached Certificate of Service

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Friday, August 11, 2005, we filed with the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois the Statement of the Receiver Regarding Motion for an Amendment to the June 19, 1998 ABLA Area Revitalizing Order, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

DANIEL E. LEVIN AND

THE HABITAT COMPANY LLC, RECEIVER,

One of their attorneys

Dated: August 12, 2005

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# STATEMENT OF THE RECEIVER REGARDING MOTION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE JUNE 19, 1998 ABLA AREA REVITALIZING ORDER

The Receiver is not objecting to the Joint Motion For An Amendment To The ABLA Revitalizing Area Order of June 19, 1998 ("Motion to Amend"). The purpose of this Statement is to briefly explain why that is so.

The 126 Loomis units were originally intended as "affordable" non-public housing units, and were to contribute to the <u>Gautreaux</u> objective of economic integration with the longer-term prospect of racial integration. Although the Loomis units will continue to be non-public housing units under the proposed order attached to the Motion to Amend, most or all of them will be occupied by very low income tenants, with at least 40% (and probably substantially more) by extremely low income tenants earning less than 30% of area median income. From the Receiver's perspective, this result is undesirable compared to the income mix required under the current order. The undesirability is compounded by the fact that the Loomis units are adjacent to the rehabilitated Brooks Homes, which are entirely public housing units.

In other contexts, when various parties have sought to modify or enter orders that would result in increasing the concentration of very low income units beyond what the Receiver believed

to be reasonable, the Receiver has objected. Under ordinary circumstances, the Receiver would likely object to the requested modification regarding Loomis for reasons similar to those it raised in the other contexts listed above. Indeed, in an ideal world, the Receiver would have advocated for the demolition of Loomis and Brooks and their replacement with a larger mixed-income community similar to and seamless with the redevelopment underway through the rest of ABLA.

But we do not live in an ideal world. Certain practical realities have persuaded the Receiver not to object to the Motion to Amend. As the Receiver understands it, the CHA will lose substantial HUD funding (\$20 million over a multi-year period) needed to rehabilitate the homes if it were to retain the income mix in the current order. Alternative sources of funds are lacking. The Receiver believes that the new proposed income mix, while a negative revitalization factor, will not substantially impede the revitalization of the surrounding community or of the remainder of the ABLA revitalizing area. Accordingly, the Receiver does not oppose the Motion to Amend.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Michael L. Shakman, an attorney, hereby certifies that he caused a copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing and Statement of the Receiver Regarding Motion for an Amendment to the June 19, 1998 ABLA Area Revitalizing Order to be served by facsimile and First Class mail, proper postage prepaid, to:

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