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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION NO.

V.

RAY KILZ and MARIA KILZ,
d/b/a AAA RENTALS,

Defendants.

Defendants.

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COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION
DAGT OF 1968, 42 U.S.C.
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3601 et seq.
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The United States of America, by John N. Mitchell, Attorney General, alleges:

- 1. This is an action brought by the Attorney General on behalf of the United States pursuant to the Fair Housing Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3601, et seq.
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction of this action under 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 42 U.S.C. 3613.
- 3. The defendants, Ray Kilz and Maria Kilz are husband and wife. They reside in the Central District of California.
 - 4. The defendants own and operate an apartment

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rental service in the Los Angeles area, which does business under the name of AAA Rentals (hereinafter referred to as

AAA). AAA has offices at the following locations:

1414 West Valley Alhambra

606 South Brand Glendale

5625 Sunset Hollywood

8879 West Pico West Los Angeles

5020 South Crenshaw Los Angeles

8414 South Crenshaw Inglewood

3449 Long Beach Boulevard Long Beach

10705 Whittier Boulevard Whittier

AAA is a service relating to the business of renting dwellings within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. 3606.

- 5. The defendants secure the permission of landlords to list with AAA furnished and unfurnished rooms,
 apartments and houses which the landlords wish to rent.
 The listing is without fee to the landlord. Subject to
 the racial restrictions described in this complaint, the
 defendants, upon payment of a \$15.00 fee, make available
 information as to vacancies in dwellings listed with AAA to
 persons who seek to rent a furnished or unfurnished
 room, house or apartment.
- 6. The rooms, houses and apartments described in the preceding paragraph of this complaint are dwellings

within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. 3602(b). 1 2 The defendants, in operating AAA Rentals, have 3 discriminated against persons with respect to the rental 4 of dwellings on the basis of race, color, religion and national origin. Specifically, the defendants and their 6 agents have taken the following discriminatory action: 7 (a) They have used a code to 8 designate their records to reflect 10 racial or similar restrictions or 11 preferences imposed by particular 12 landlords with respect to the kinds 13 of persons whom those landlords are 14 prepared to accept as tenants; 15 (b) In accordance with the in-16 17 structions of particular landlords, 18 and in conformity with the coding 19 system described above, they have 20 refused to inform paying clients, on 21 account of race, color, religion and 22 national origin, of the availability 23 of certain dwellings for rental, and 24 25 have thereby made such dwellings un-26 available to these clients; 27 (c) They have failed to take adequate 28 steps to correct the effects of past 29 discrimination. 30 8. The defendants' conduct, described in paragraph 7 31 of this complaint is in violation of 42 U.S.C. 3604(a) 32 -78514-1 GPO - 3 -

1 and (d), and 42 U.S.C. 3606 and constitutes: (a) A pattern or practice of resistance 3 by the defendants to the full enjoyment 4 of rights secured by the Fair Housing Act 5 of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.; and (b) A denial to groups of persons of the rights granted by the Fair Housing 9 Act, which denial raises an issue of 10 general public importance. 11 WHEREFORE the plaintiff prays that the Court enter 12 an Order enjoining the defendants, their employees, agents, 13 and successors, and all those in active concert and par-14 ticipation with any of them, from: 15 16 (a) Discriminating against any person on the basis of race, color, religion or 18 national origin, with respect to the rights 19 secured by Title VIII of the Civil Rights 20 Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.; and 21 (b) Failing or refusing to take such 22 affirmative steps as may be necessary to 23 24 correct the effects of their past racially 25 discriminatory policies and practices and 26 as may be necessary to insure the full 27 enjoyment by all persons of the rights 28 secured to them by Title VIII. 29 1111111 30 1111111 31 1111111 32 - 4 --78514-1 GPO

Plaintiff further prays for such additional relief as the interests of justice may require, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

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