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**JUDGE PARTIALLY GRANTS ANOTHER MOTION FOR CONTEMPT AGAINST
ST. BERNARD PARISH**

On June 30, 2011, the Honorable Judge Helen Berrigan issued an order, partially granting the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center's (GNOFHAC) latest emergency motion for contempt against St. Bernard Parish. The order also requires the Parish to issue permits for Provident Realty Advisors' sites Woodlands, Parc Place, and Magnolia by 3pm on July 1st, among other provisions.

The motion granted today was the ninth motion for contempt that GNOFHAC has filed in the course of the multi-year litigation. Judge Helen Berrigan has granted four of GNOFHAC's previous motions for contempt against the Parish. One motion was ruled moot when the Parish voluntarily cancelled a referendum on a multi-family moratorium. Four of the motions have yet to be decided. Racial discrimination has been a clear and consistent theme throughout the course of the multi-year litigation.

GNOFHAC Executive Director James Perry comments, "Judge Berrigan's order today is a clear victory in the long struggle we've engaged in to protect equal housing opportunity for everyone that wants to live in St. Bernard Parish. We hope that Parish leaders will choose to take the high road and comply with both the Fair Housing Act and federal court orders in order to preserve equal opportunity."

Relman, Dane and Colfax PLLC represented GNOFHAC in this matter.

To read the order go to www.gnofairhousing.org.

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The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) is a private nonprofit organization. GNOFHAC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the metro New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. The activities described in this release were privately funded.