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**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:**  
**(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

KENNETH SESSION, an individual, and SESSION REAL ESTATE, a business organization, form unknown; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**  
**(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, and  
THE CITY OF OAKLAND, a municipal corporation,

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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

*Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.*

*Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.*

The name and address of the court is:  
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, California 94612

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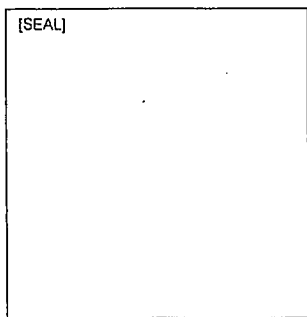
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CASE NUMBER: - 436897  
(Número del Caso):

DATE: FEB 19 2009 PAT S. SWEETEN Clerk, by \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy  
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**NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served**

- as an individual defendant.
- as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
- on behalf of (specify):
 

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**  
**(UNLIMITED JURISDICTION)**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA,  
  
Plaintiff, and  
  
THE CITY OF OAKLAND, a municipal  
corporation,  
  
Plaintiff and Real  
Party in Interest,  
  
v.  
  
KENNETH SESSION, an individual, and  
SESSION REAL ESTATE, a business  
organization, form unknown; and DOES 1  
through 20, inclusive,  
  
Defendants.

Case No. *RC* 09 - 436897  
**COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF  
OAKLAND'S JUST CAUSE  
ORDINANCE, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF,  
AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF**

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1 Ordinance (Oakland Municipal Code Sections 8.22.300 through 8.22.390). Plaintiff is  
2 informed and believes and on that basis alleges that tenants are ousted from their homes  
3 by Defendants because a vacant home is more marketable and easier to sell.  
4 Defendants' violations of the ordinance, include but are not limited to: 1) initiating the  
5 eviction process without a specific just cause ground; 2) providing written eviction notices  
6 that do not state a just cause ground, 3) failing to advise tenants of the Just Cause  
7 Ordinance or the tenant's right to seek advice from the Oakland Rent Board; and 4) failing  
8 to file copies of eviction notices served on the tenant with the Oakland Rent Board.

9 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on such information and  
10 belief alleges that Defendants KENNETH SESSION and SESSION REAL ESTATE have  
11 violated tenants' rights and the Just Cause Ordinance in eviction proceedings initiated at  
12 2784 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, California, and 3816 Ruby Street, Oakland, California.

13 9. Defendants KENNETH SESSION and SESSION REAL ESTATE  
14 additionally employ scare tactics through misleading language contained in the  
15 standardized and illegal eviction notice that they serve on tenants. The notice advises  
16 tenants that if the tenant does not call within 24 hours, action will be taken to secure  
17 possession of the property; acts which are plainly prohibited by state law governing  
18 eviction procedure or predicated upon a lawful eviction proceeding being initiated. Such  
19 actions also violate Oakland's Just Cause Ordinance.

20 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

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22 **(Against Defendants KENNETH SESSION, SESSION REAL ESTATE,  
23 and DOES 1 THROUGH 20 – Violation of Oakland's Just Cause  
Ordinance [Oakland Municipal Code Sections 8.22.300-390])**

24 10. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 9 as though  
25 fully set forth herein.

1           11. The City of Oakland brings this action pursuant to Section 401(6) of  
2 the Oakland City Charter, which authorizes the City Attorney to commence an action to  
3 abate or remove a violation and restrain and enjoin any person from violating any  
4 provisions of the Municipal Code, or other applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The  
5 City Attorney is additionally empowered to enforce Oakland's Just Cause Ordinance  
6 pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code Section 8.22.370.

7           12. Oakland's Just Cause Ordinance (Municipal Code Sections 8.22.300  
8 through 8.22.390), provides multiple safeguards to tenant renters in the City of Oakland.  
9 Protective elements of the ordinance include, *inter alia*, requirements that:

- 10           • a property owner must have just cause in order to evict (8.22.360(A));
- 11           • a written eviction notice must advise a tenant of the applicable just cause  
12           ground, the Just Cause Ordinance and the tenant's right to seek advice  
13           from the Oakland Rent Board (8.22.360(B)); and
- 14           • copies of eviction notices must be filed with the Oakland Rent Board  
15           within 10 days of service on a tenant (8.22.360(B)).

16           13. Defendants KENNETH SESSION and SESSION REAL ESTATE  
17 have violated the Just Cause Ordinance at least as to initiation of the eviction process at  
18 2784 Foothill Boulevard, and 3816 Ruby Street, Oakland, California. Plaintiff is informed  
19 and believes that Defendants violated the Just Cause Ordinance at other, as yet  
20 unascertained, locations in Oakland as well. These violations include, but are not limited  
21 to: 1) initiating the eviction process without just cause; 2) providing written eviction notices  
22 that do not i) state a just cause ground, ii) advise tenants of the Just Cause Ordinance or  
23 iii) advise tenants of their right to seek advice from the Oakland Rent Board; and 3) failing  
24 to file copies of eviction notices with the Oakland Rent Board within 10 days of service on  
the tenant.

25           14. Wherefore, Plaintiff seeks relief as hereinafter set forth.

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**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Against Defendants KENNETH SESSION, SESSION REAL ESTATE,  
and DOES 1 THROUGH 20 – Injunctive Relief  
[Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary and Permanent Injunctions])**

15. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 14 as though fully set forth herein.

16. Defendants KENNETH SESSION, SESSION REAL ESTATE and DOES 1 through 20 and each of them, wrongfully and unlawfully force tenants out of their apartments/homes by use of misrepresentation and intimidating tactics.

17. Defendants' wrongful conduct, unless and until enjoined and restrained by order of this court, will cause great and irreparable injury to plaintiff. During the pendency of the instant lawsuit, Defendants' on-going violations of Oakland's Just Cause Ordinance will cause harm to the City of Oakland through repeated and unchecked violations of its municipal code. Tenants within the City of Oakland will also continue to be subjected to defendants' illegal "disposition procedures" during the pendency of litigation.

18. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for the injuries currently being suffered, and that are threatened. Pecuniary compensation will not afford adequate relief from the unceasing violations of Oakland's municipal code and the resulting displacement of tenants and their families from their lawful dwellings (Civ. Code § 3422(1)).

19. Wherefore, Plaintiff seeks relief as hereinafter set forth.

**PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

1. That pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code §§ 8.22.370(C), and Civil Code § 1942.4, Defendants be ordered to pay Plaintiff's actual damages, costs and attorney's fees.

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2. That pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code § 8.22.370(C), and the court's inherent equity powers, Defendants, and each of them, and their employees, agents, salesmen, representatives, successors, assigns and all other persons, corporations or other entities acting under, by, through or on behalf of said Defendants, or acting in concert or participation with or for them with actual or constructive notice of this injunction, be permanently enjoined from violating the provisions of Oakland's Just Cause Ordinance (Oakland Municipal Code §§ 8.22.300 – 8.22.390) including, but not limited to, the violations alleged in this complaint.

3. That pursuant to the court's inherent equity powers, Defendants, and each of them, be ordered to allow tenants evicted by Defendants' unlawful actions to be restored to their prior residence. Alternatively, if tenants have already found a new residence, or Defendants are unable to restore tenants to their prior residence, that Defendants, and each of them, be ordered to pay the moving expenses and costs of tenants.

4. That pursuant to the court's inherent equity powers, Defendants, and each of them, be ordered to reimburse tenants for any other expenses incurred as a result of Defendants' unlawful attempts to evict or evictions.

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5. That Plaintiff has such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require and the court deems appropriate and just.

DATED: February 19, 2009

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