

COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

69 West Washington, Suite 3040
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Linda ANDERSON, Complainant

v.

James GOLDEN, Respondent

Case No. 2007H004

Entered: February 21, 2014

ORDER

On June 25, 2007, Complainant Linda Anderson (“Anderson”) filed a complaint against Respondent James Golden (“Golden”), alleging discrimination on the basis of parental status in a rental transaction in violation of the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance (“Human Rights Ordinance”). On July 30, 2007, the Cook County Commission on Human Rights (“Commission”) entered an order finding substantial evidence of a violation of Section 42-38 of the Human Rights Ordinance and set the matter for conciliation. At the conciliation conference, the parties entered into an agreement (“Conciliation Agreement”) and, on September 20, 2007, the Commission entered an order approving the Conciliation Agreement and dismissing Anderson’s complaint pursuant to it.

Thereafter, Golden informed the Commission that he could not meet his obligations under the Conciliation Agreement, and, on October 15, 2007, counsel for Anderson filed a motion seeking enforcement of the original terms of the agreement by the Commission. On July 14, 2008, the Commission initiated litigation against Golden to enforce the terms of the Conciliation Agreement in the Circuit Court of Cook County. *See Cook County Commission on Human Rights v. Golden*, 2008CH25057.

On July 15, 2010, Anderson and Golden advised the Commission that they had entered into a new settlement agreement (“Settlement Agreement”). By this new agreement, Anderson agreed, *inter alia*, to waive any claims against Golden under the Conciliation Agreement. *See Settlement Agr.*, § 3. Anderson also agreed to:

take such steps as are necessary before the Cook County Commission on Human Rights for the termination of all proceedings before the Commission as they relate to the claim of discrimination formerly made against GOLDEN[.]

Id. at § 4.

The Circuit Court of Cook County entered an order terminating the litigation between the Commission and Golden to enforce the Conciliation Agreement on July 22, 2010. It is not clear

that any further action from the Commission is necessary, but the proceedings before the Commission related to the dispute were never formally terminated.

For the avoidance of all doubt, the Commission orders that all proceedings related to complaint 2007H004, including any proceedings related to enforcement of the Conciliation Agreement or the Settlement Agreement, be DISMISSED pursuant to a VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL.

February 21, 2014

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Kenneth A. Gunn,
Chairperson