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Dear Herman,

Following the last public hearing of the Skokie Human Relations Commission on August 28, our Council reviewed the proposed ordinance and the testimony presented.

We respectfully bring to your attention the following recommendations:

*please refer to the draft of the ordinance

1. page 3. Section 4.(a)

We feel that the Commission should initiate complaints. It is clearly indicated where there are acts of discrimination under this ordinance where there can be no aggrieved party such as advertising situations, blockbusting, and a disgruntled employee of a real estate firm. The Commission's effectiveness would be hampered in these cases without the right of initiation. Failure to give this authority to the Commission relegates the Commission to a passive role.

2. Under Section 3. Prohibited Acts., we suggest the addition of the following paragraph: to enter into a listing agreement which prohibits the sale or rental of real estate to any person because of race, color, religion or national origin or ancestry.

As you may recall at the hearing, repeated questions concerned the realtor's right to enter into a contract which involves a discriminatory listing. The inclusion of this clause will eliminate any questions.

3. Section 5. Complaints by Persons other than the Commission.

We urge you to extend the 30 day clause to a 90 day. From a practical point of view, many valid complaints cannot be established and presented within thirty days.

The Council would like to offer the legal counsel of our board member Mary Ellen Trottner at your next meeting.

We appreciate your leadership and diligence in working towards Skokie's image as a Village of progress. We enthusiastically support your effort to give Skokie an effective ordinance.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Murray Jans

The Board of Directors
Niles Township Human Relations Council
Mrs. Murray Jans, Chairman

c.c. sent to each member
of the Commission

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