



HAINES & ASSOCIATES

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Avni Patel
ABC News Investigative Unit
7 West 66th Street
New York, NY 10023

Dear Ms. Patel:

The Philadelphia Housing Authority ("PHA") has acknowledged its duty under the law to maintain private employee information and protect such information from disclosure. We believe that PHA has breached that duty, and that some if not all of the information you intend to air may constitute republication of private employee information. We strongly urge you to discuss this issue with your counsel. In the event that you choose to ignore our admonition, we have provided the below statement on behalf of our client, Carl R. Greene.

The role of the Philadelphia Housing Authority is not just to provide low income housing, but rather to carry out the mandate of those federal and state laws that call for enriching the lives of people in urban settings. The "event" you refer to in your email was part of a training program for PHA managers of widely diverse communities throughout Philadelphia. Each manager was invited to recommend forms of entertainment that would promote diversity and encourage an appreciation of different ethnic groups and cultures. The dancers to whom you refer were only one group of performers who demonstrated different art forms at that event, which also included African dancers. None of the performers were selected by Mr. Greene, nor was the event controlled by Mr. Greene.

The Philadelphia Housing Authority is a public/private partnership that has, over the years, been extremely successful, highly regarded, and innovative in the field of housing and real estate development. Contrary to popular belief, all of PHA's funds are not federal or state tax dollars. PHA's successful business operations have allowed it to generate large profits, which are held in accounts for agency use. That Mr. Greene "rewarded" the people who performed exceptionally well with the briefcases to which you refer in your email makes PHA no different from hundreds of other agencies, businesses, and corporations throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the country that occasionally reward their employees.

Many of the other "allegations" you allude to are now the subject of litigation either by Mr. Greene or others. It would be inappropriate to comment on those allegations in light of the pending litigation. But suffice it to say, the formal discovery process will reveal facts that strongly contradict what has been said and published by members of the press.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cliff Haines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

CLIFFORD E. HAINES

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