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Discrimination Lawsuit Alleging Race Discrimination in Home Appraisal Process Settled with AMC

San Rafael, CA – Yesterday, Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California (FHANC), Tenisha Tate-Austin, and Paul Austin announce that their lawsuit against appraisal management company AMC Links LLC has been resolved to the mutual satisfaction of each, pursuant to a confidential agreement. The plaintiffs filed the fair housing lawsuit in federal district court alleging housing discrimination due to race in the appraisal process in December 2019. AMC Links denied any wrongdoing.

“We’re pleased to have reached a settlement with AMC Links,” said Caroline Peattie, Executive Director of FHANC. “The resolution was satisfactory for all parties. The case against the appraiser is ongoing, however.”

The other named defendants are Janette Miller, a licensed real estate appraiser; Miller and Perotti Real Estate Appraisals, Inc. The complaint can be found [here](#) and the previous press release can be found [here](#).

The Austins and FHANC are represented by counsel Julia Howard-Gibbon of FHANC and Liza Cristol-Deman of Brancart & Brancart.

If you feel you may have been discriminated against in a recent home appraisal, contact FHANC’s office to complete an interview. Contact FHANC at fhanc@fairhousingnorcal.org or 415-457-5025 x101.

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