

## Jamie Kasvikis - FW: East County Transitional Living Center

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**Date:** 4/14/2015 4:32 PM  
**Subject:** FW: East County Transitional Living Center

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I am sorry I don't have time to send a letter, before I get out of here on my vacation but here is our correspondence to the complainant. I will write the letter to you upon my return.

*N. Dean Huseby*

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 4:31 PM  
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**Cc:** Choi, Chin Woo; Vasquez, William G  
**Subject:** RE: East County Transitional Living Center

The City has completed their investigation of the East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC) and has provided our office with a thorough report of their evaluation. As the result of their investigation, they found that the ECTLC is in compliance with the federal requirements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered by our office.

A number of years ago, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development found that it was important to involve the faith-based community in addressing the needs of the homeless. Certain restrictions are imposed as a result of their participation to assure that there was a separation of church and state.

The ECTLC has some programs that are religious in nature, but those programs are clearly separate from the two of the ECTLC programs funded with federal funds. For the federally-funded programs, they have clearly stated that this program "is secular and does not require participation in Bible studies or other classes." The City conducted interviews of a sample of participants in the HUD-funded program to determine if participation was required. As a result of those interviews, it appears that the ECTLC has complied with that requirement.

Based on the City investigation and determination, this case is **closed**.

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**From:** Huseby, Nelson D  
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**Subject:** East County Transitional Living Center

This is to acknowledge your concerns regarding the transitional living center and the City of El Cajon's use of HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for their services and facilities. We have asked the City to investigate your allegations and report back to us in thirty days. At that point, we will evaluate their findings and take necessary actions, as may be appropriate. We will then let you know what our decision is.

We want to thank you for bringing these concerns to our attention.

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