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*Hillsborough, CA* – The Town of Hillsborough has received a copy of a cross-complaint filed by Florence Fang and the limited liability company that now owns the “Flintstone House.” This pleading falsely alleges that Mrs. Fang is the victim of discrimination and harassment by Town employees.

Mrs. Fang’s allegations are untrue and unfair to dedicated Town staff. She has been treated with the same respect and dignity afforded every resident. Staff has repeatedly offered to help her meet zoning and building requirements and achieve a balance between her vision and community standards. The Town will vigorously defend its employees and its permitting process.

“Our employees treat all residents in a fair manner. Town Hall is open to all cultures and ethnicities. In every case, staff tries to help our residents meet Code requirements, as we have done with Mrs. Fang. The suggestion that our employees discriminate on the basis of ethnic origin, age, or any other status, is plainly wrong and it is offensive,” said City Manager Ann Ritzma.

The cross-complaint also alleges that the Town has an unspecified practice against Asians in violation of the Fair Housing Act. There is no basis for this claim. County records show that Mrs. Fang herself owns at least four homes in Hillsborough. Residents of diverse backgrounds serve on the City Council, the School Board, and other leadership positions in the Town.

“This cross-complaint has no merit and is meant to divert attention from the core facts – Mrs. Fang installed a large project without going through design review and without getting required building permits. Accusing the staff that enforces permit requirements of racism does not change these facts,” said Assistant City Attorney Mark Hudak.

