



**The
Lambda
Letters
Project**

April 1, 1998

The Hon. Louise Renne, City Attorney
The City of and County of San Francisco
1390 Market Street, Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear City Attorney Renne:

RE: Ms. Schneider, Case No. C-97-2203-MMC

I am greatly disturbed by the fact that Victoria Schneider was abused, first by the San Francisco Police Department and then by the City Attorney's office which has refused to negotiate, in good faith, on a settlement of this very disturbing situation.

The police are the enforcers of the law. When they, themselves, break the law they bring disrespect upon it as well as on their Department and the City of San Francisco. If we expect citizens to respect and obey the law, they must see that government officials and the police respect it also.

Under the circumstances I believe you have no choice but to quickly settle the law suit which Ms. Schneider has brought against the City and County of San Francisco, and to assure that the officers who violated her rights be suitably reprimanded. That much is necessary to assure that, in future, all police officers will obey the letter of the law.

I look forward to hearing that you have taken the necessary action.

Sincerely,

Boyce Hinman
Administrator

cc Victoria Schneider
Karen Snell Attorney at Law

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April 16, 1998

Victoria Schneider
102 S. Park St., #205
San Francisco, CA 94107

Dear Victoria,

Thanks for your appreciation of the letter that I sent to the City Attorney's office. I am also sending a special mailing to the 72 members of the Lambda Letters Project that live in San Francisco. I am asking our members to write to Mayor Brown urging him to persuade the City Attorney's office to negotiate with your attorneys in good faith.

As always, our members are free to write or not as they see fit. I cannot guarantee that any specific number of them will but, hopefully, enough will do so to make a difference.

You ask about other organizations that might provide you with support. You probably know more of them in the Bay Area than I do. However, I have forwarded copies of what you sent to me to LIFE Lobby. The Lobby is a statewide organization which focuses on L/G/B/T civil rights and AIDS issues.

You or your attorney might want to follow up with a letter to them. You can address it to:

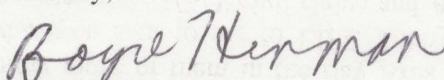
Laurie McBride, E.D.
LIFE Lobby
1301 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

As you requested, I enclose a brochure describing the Lambda Letters Project.

The question of funding is a difficult one. Lambda Letters operates on a very small budget itself. However, the Sacramento Public Library has a very good non-profit center with much useful information to benefit non-profit organizations and to help them find sources of funding. I suspect the San Francisco Public Library has a similar center. I encourage you to check them out. They might have lists of funding sources for organizations like E.D. A.

I wish you well.

Sincerely,


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