

8. In addition, I believe that being forced to be a member of the class against my will violates my freedom of association rights under the Federal and State Constitutions.

9. My personal belief is that this lawsuit is a sham and for the benefit primarily for the Plaintiff's attorneys.

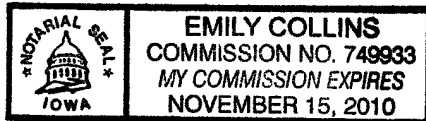
10. My belief as an elected official for the City and as a homeowner in Des Moines is that the financial consequences of this litigation will be unfavorable to me and to other homeowners.

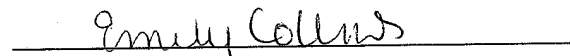
11. The Court should grant and opt out provision to the class because of the inherent conflicts among class members in this case.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


T. M. Franklin Cowrie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2008.




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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing instrument was served upon all parties to the above-entitled cause by transmittal to each of the attorneys of record at their respective addresses disclosed on the pleadings of record on the 19th day of August 2008.

By: U.S. Mail Fax
 Hand-Delivered

Signature: 

EXHIBIT A



OATH OF OFFICE
DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



All-America City
1949 1976 1981 2003

I T. M. FRANKLIN COWNIE do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, discharge all the duties of the office of

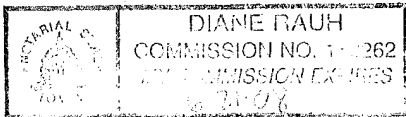
MAYOR

in the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as now or hereafter required by law.

T. M. Franklin Cownie

SIGNATURE

Subscribed and sworn to me by the said above, signed on this 31st day of December, 2007



Diane Rauh

Notary Public in and for
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