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Westchester Residential Opportunities and Century 21 Haviland Realty Corp. Resolve Housing Case

White Plains, NY – Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (**WRO**) and **Century 21 Haviland Realty Corp.** have come to an agreement resolving a claim of unequal treatment of minority apartment seekers. The claim arose out of a fair housing testing program conducted by **WRO** in 2004-2005 to determine whether 25 local real estate agencies treated minorities seeking rental apartments differently than whites. **Century 21 Haviland Realty** agreed to work closely with **WRO** to continue to promote fair housing practices. **WRO** and **Century 21 Haviland** will work together to continue to train **Century 21 Haviland's** agents in federal, state and local fair housing laws.

While engaged in preliminary proceedings at the New York State Division of Human Rights, the parties were able to effectively work together to resolve the matter without need for assistance from Administrative Judge Thomas S. Protano who had been assigned to this case. The parties are confident that this spirit of cooperation will serve them well in their future endeavors together.

Founded in 1968, **WRO** promotes the expansion of housing opportunities for low and moderate-income families, minorities, senior citizens and the disabled in Westchester County. **WRO** also operates programs to assist minorities, first time homebuyers, senior citizens and persons facing eviction or mortgage default. **WRO** is a HUD-certified Housing Counseling agency, a licensed real estate broker, and a United Way agency. All **WRO** consumer-housing services are free, and supported by government grants, private contributions, and corporate support. **WRO** works with real estate brokers and agents, banks, managing agents, and landlords to ensure compliance with the fair housing laws and procedures. For more information, call Westchester Residential Opportunities at (914) 428-4507 or log on to www.wroinc.org.

Century 21 Haviland Realty is a family owned business that has been serving the community for over twenty-five years and has consistently been among the top-producing, Westchester County, Century 21 companies. Its main office, located in Pleasantville, NY, serves the Village of Pleasantville and the surrounding communities of Thornwood, Hawthorne, Valhalla, Chappaqua, Armonk and Briarcliff Manor. Its Ossining office serves Ossining, Briarcliff Manor, Scarborough, Millwood, Croton-On-Hudson, Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow.

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