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Members of the Council:

In December, 1987, I, Nathaniel Scott, appeared before the Council in regards to a life-saving device and other health related matters pretaining to the Sequoia Hotel, 911 "K" Street.

At the time I was a resident of the hotel and had written Daniel Logue, owner of the hotel, a letter outlining four reasons why I was withholding payment of rent.

Those reasons were: rodents (mice) in my room, roaches, lack of hot water and a non-functioning innercom system.

On March 12, 1988, I received a copy of William H. Edgar, Executive Director of Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, report to the Council , which was filed January 12, 1988, and transmitted to the Council by Walter J. Slipe, City Manger.

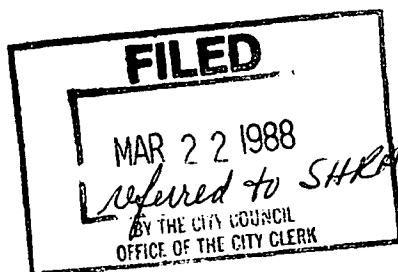
I do not have a date when the transmittal was enacted.

Aside from the flagrantly delay in apprising me of that action, I would like to point out that there are inaccuricies in the report which cloud the issue, and in so doing, does not address the problem I brought to the Council.

The problem which still exist; and is compounded by another death at the Sequoia Hotel since I addressed the Council, is, was, and remains, that tenants at the Sequoia Hotel do not have instruments in their rooms, through, and with which, they can ask for emergency assistance in the event of a life-threatening situation.

I informed the Council that in place at the Sequoia Hotel is an innercom system that easily, and inexpensively, can be converted into an emergency device that could, and over the course of time will, save lives.

The Sequoia Hotel has an innercom system with an inoperable door-release mechanism. It can easily be converted to a system that will notify the on-duty clerk that an emergency is transpiring in whichever room signals for help.



It is my opinion (and that of the founding fathers) that every American citizen has the right to life...; that City Government and those who profit from tenants, ought, and should, accept the responsibility of affording citizens the opportunity to preserve what, only God can give.

I respectfully appeal to the humane and just conscience of this Council to address this very serious matter without being smoke-screened by rhetoric.

And in closing I wish to state that Pacific Bell Telephones in individual rooms are not the issue. The issue is the life, or death, of the 69 tenants who reside in the Sequoia Hotel.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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