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Tax Collector; Borough Clerk
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Plaintiff

URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER NEW BRUNSWICK,
a non-profit corporation of the State
of New Jersey, et als

vs.

Defendant

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
CARTERET, et als

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW
JERSEY: CHANCERY DIVISION
MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Docket No. C-4122-73

CIVIL ACTION

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
) SS:
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX)

ELEANOR M. BRENNAN, residing at 3 Mayfield Place,
Metuchen, New Jersey, being duly sworn upon my oath, depose and
say:

1. I am the Tax Collector and Borough Clerk of the
Borough of Metuchen, and am in charge of all Borough records in
connection with those two offices.

2. I have familiarized myself with the Statement of Facts as contained in the Brief supporting the motion for summary judgment in the above matter.

3. I hereby certify that the copies of zoning maps, zoning ordinances, Borough Council resolutions, and referendum results, are true copies of official Borough documents acted upon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen or the voters of the Borough of Metuchen.

4. The list of vacant land contained in a schedule attached to the affidavit of W. Franklin Buchanan, was supplied by information contained in the tax assessment records which were completely reviewed page by page under my personal inspection, and the facts contained therein are true.

5. The most recent revaluation of real property in the Borough occurred in 1972. Based on the inspection of the tax assessment records, the values for homes in various classifications as set forth in the letter of Martin A. Spritzer, attorney, amending Interrogatory #3, is correct.

6. The number of owner occupied housing units in the Borough is derived from the 1970 census figures which are part of Borough records, and have been reproduced in the attached Table II of Zoning for Multi-Family Housing in Metuchen, N.J. 1973, as

well as the Application for Community Development Revenue Sharing Funds by Middlesex County, several tables of which are admitted by plaintiff in the 6/26/75 Request for Admissions.

7. I have reviewed all the facts contained under the heading "Housing As It Affects Low and Moderate Income Families and Minority Groups in Metuchen", as set forth on Pages 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Statement of Facts in the attached brief. All the facts mentioned concerning the 1970 census are from the official 1970 census figures transmitted to the Borough either by way of the 1970 Census Selected Population and Housing Statistics for Middlesex County, or the Application for Community Development Revenue Sharing Funds by Middlesex County, and where as applicable, restated in Table II attached to my affidavit.

8. The updating of the rental information as set forth on Page 12 of the Statement of Facts, is based on the official records of the Borough's Rent Stabilization Board.

9. The information concerning sub-standard housing and overcrowded housing units, is contained in Exhibits 14 and 15. Exhibits 16 and 17 are merely the continuation pages of Tables admitted in Admissions dated 6/26/75, #3 and #2 respectively, in order to give all the Middlesex County census statistics. The

numbered pages on the bottom of any of the census exhibits refer to the pages contained in the Application for Community Development Revenue Sharing Funds by Middlesex County.

Sworn to and subscribed
to before me this
day of August, 1975.

Eleanor M. Brennan
ELEANOR M. BRENNAN

Martin A. [Signature]
MARTIN A. [Signature]
ATTORNEY AT LAW (OF N. J.)

TABLE II

STRUCTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF HOUSING,
BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, 1970

All Housing Units 4,912

Units in Structure:

1-Family Detached 3,461
 1-Family Attached 188
 2-Family 369
 3 and 4-Family 459
 5 or more 435

Total Net 1-Family Detached 1,451
 Percent of All Units 29.5%

Age of Structure:

	Owner Occupied		Renter Occupied	
	Units	Percent	Units	Percent
1960 - March, 1970	556	16.0	292	21.3
1950 - 1959	1,096	31.5	292	21.3
1940 - 1949	503	14.5	408	28.9
1939 or earlier	1,320	38.0	376	27.5
Total	3,475	100.0	1,368	100.0

Source: 1970 Census, Detailed Housing Characteristics, New Jersey.

Note: The units in 3-family and over structures are largely comprised of Metuchen's four larger garden apartment developments:

	Units
Jefferson Park	280
Redfield Village	152*
Metuchen Manor	100
Metuchen Apartments, Green Street	34
Total	566

*An additional 160 units are in Edison Township.