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TURLOCK GOSPEL MISSION FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST CITY OF TURLOCK, CONTRACTOR

Civil Action Seeks Resolution of Unfinished Day Center Project and Utility Billing Disputes

Turlock, California — July 14, 2026 — After years of attempting to resolve two longstanding matters through collaboration and direct engagement, Turlock Gospel Mission has filed a civil action in Stanislaus County Superior Court seeking judicial resolution regarding the unfinished renovation of its South Broadway Day Center and significant utility overcharges related to the Mission's water and sewer service. The suit names City of Turlock and ANV Contractors, Inc., including its owner, Nichola Vargas.

Day Center Renovation

In 2016, the City of Turlock approached Turlock Gospel Mission with the opportunity to relocate its Day Center to property located at 432 South Broadway, directly across from the Mission's main campus. The shared vision was to renovate an aging building into a safer, modern facility that would better serve individuals experiencing homelessness by providing updated public restrooms, improved day services, and emergency overnight shelter during severe weather and other community emergencies.

The Mission purchased the property and secured financing in reliance on the City's commitment to administer grant-funded improvements through the State's Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). Renovation work began in 2021 with the expectation that the building would soon reopen to serve the community.

Five years later, the building remains unfinished and unusable for its intended purpose. As a result, the community has been unable to benefit from the improved facilities and services the project was designed to provide.

The lawsuit seeks to recover damages from the City of Turlock and ANV Contractors, Inc., and Vargas, sufficient to complete the project and finally place the Day Center into service. The amount of damages will be determined through the legal process but currently exceeds \$500,000.

Utility Billing Dispute

The lawsuit also addresses utility overcharges that the Mission has questioned for approximately eight years.

During that time, Mission staff repeatedly raised concerns regarding unusually high water consumption reflected on utility bills and worked with the city in an effort to understand the discrepancies. After replacement of the Mission's water meter, recorded water usage decreased dramatically under substantially similar operating conditions.

The city has since acknowledged broader issues involving water meters and has issued a partial reimbursement to the Mission. However, the Mission believes substantial overcharges remain unresolved despite years of continued discussions. The lawsuit asks the Court to determine the appropriate reimbursement based on the evidence.

The Mission believes this action is necessary to fulfill its responsibility to the people it serves, the donors who have entrusted the organization with charitable resources, and the public funding invested in these community projects. Litigation was pursued only after years of efforts to resolve these matters outside of court.

Turlock Gospel Mission has worked alongside the City of Turlock and many community partners for years in pursuit of its shared goal of serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Filing this lawsuit was not a decision reached lightly. Turlock Gospel Mission exists to stand alongside people facing some of life's most difficult circumstances and to advocate for opportunities that restore dignity, safety, and hope. TGM's Board believes the unfinished Day Center represents more than an incomplete construction project—it represents services that vulnerable members of the community have been waiting years to receive. After exhausting efforts to resolve these matters outside of court, the Board concluded that seeking judicial resolution is necessary to help ensure those services are finally made available.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Turlock Gospel Mission by Snell & Wilmer LLP and Schmitt Schneck Even & Williams, P.C.

About Turlock Gospel Mission

Founded in 2007, Turlock Gospel Mission exists to work toward ending homelessness through the restoration of relationships with God, family, and community. The Mission provides emergency shelter for men, women, and families with children; daily meals; showers; case management; transportation assistance; clothing and hygiene services; pastoral care; workforce

development; and long-term restoration programs designed to help individuals achieve lasting stability and self-sufficiency.

Turlock Gospel Mission is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and a federally recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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