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MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS IS THE TARGET TO VANDALISM

Pittsburgh (PA) - The City of Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations is alarmed about two recent incidents of vandalism against a minority-owned business in the Brookline neighborhood. Las Palmas grocery store has been the target of two incidents of vandalism in recent months. “ It is essential for the owners of Las Palmas, and the residents of Brookline to know that this type of incident will not be tolerated in any part of our city”, said Torres the new Executive Director for the Commission as of April 1, 2016.

Torres stated that the Commission is also concerned about the potential that these types of incidents have in helping create an unwelcoming environment for visitors as well as create tension amongst neighborhood residents. The Commission is available to facilitate discussions on issues related to community tensions, and charged with working to enhance intergroup and community relations through outreach and educational activities. One of the Commission’s goals is to promote greater awareness and appreciation for the cultural diversity of the city. If unchecked, and properly investigated by the authorities’ incidents of this nature can serve as a catalyst for unrest.

The Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations (CHR) investigates complaints of alleged discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations within the City of Pittsburgh.

Anyone with information regarding this case should contact law enforcement immediately.

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