

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

THE DOWNTOWN SOUP KITCHEN
d/b/a DOWNTOWN HOPE CENTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE,
ANCHORAGE EQUAL RIGHTS
COMMISSION, and PAMELA BASLER,
Individually and in her Official Capacity as
the Executive Director of the Anchorage
Equal Rights Commission,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:18-cv-00190-SLG

DECLARATION OF SHERRIE LAURIE

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Alaska. I am competent to make this declaration and, in addition to my sworn testimony in the Verified Complaint and previously filed declaration, make this declaration based on my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Executive Director of The Downtown Soup Kitchen, also known as the Downtown Hope Center (“Hope Center”).

3. Before a biological male sought access to Hope Center women’s shelter and complaints were filed at the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (“Commission”), there was no need for Hope Center to post statements regarding its policies and beliefs. But after media reports, Hope Center received other similar requests. And it also received inquiries

from shelter guests asking whether it would accept men. With each request and media report, it becomes increasingly difficult for Hope Center to decide what to do.

4. Hope Center does not want to violate the Anchorage Municipal Code, but it is important for Hope Center to express its religious beliefs and announce its policy of admitting only biological women into its shelter so the abused women it serves know that it is a safe place to stay.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 13th day of December, 2018, in Anchorage, Alaska



SHERRIE LAURIE