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Statement of Gloria Allred

Today we are happy to formally announce a victory in our lawsuit brought by Rose Trevis against Hawleywood's barbershop.

In her declaration filed with the court in support of our motion for a preliminary injunction against Hawleywood's barbershop, Rose stated "At the time of the events described within this declaration, I was a transgender male with a masculine gender expression. Accordingly, I wore my hair cut short, less than two inches long. On the afternoon of March 4, 2016, I was walking around a business neighborhood in the city of Long Beach, California with my domestic partner, Laura Lozano. On or around 1:30 p.m., Laura and I came upon Hawleywood's Barber Shop and Shaving Parlor ("Hawleywood's"). I had never heard of Hawleywood's but I decided that I wanted to get a haircut so Laura and I entered the shop.

Upon entering, I could see that there was a man in one of the barber chairs having his hair cut. The barber cutting the man's hair approached me and asked how he could help us. I stated that I wanted to get a haircut. The barber told me that customers must have an appointment to receive a haircut at the shop. I then asked if there were any appointments available that day. Instead of answering my question, the barber stared at me for a few seconds before stating that the shop does not cut women's hair. I replied to the barber: "Who says I'm a woman?" The barber repeated that the shop does not cut women's hair. I stated "Again, who says I'm a woman?" The barber then asked for my name and phone number. I provided this information and the barber wrote it down in a book.

The barber then told Laura and me to wait and headed to the back of the shop. He momentarily reappeared with another man who also appeared to be a barber at the shop. As the second barber approached me, he tilted his head and

looked at me up and down. He seemed to focus on my legs and frowned. He then asked how he could help me. I told him that I wanted to get a haircut. He replied that the shop does not cut women's hair. I said, as I had told the first barber: "Who says I'm a woman?" The second barber stood quiet for a few moments. I became upset and asked the second barber for a business card.

The second barber started to walk away from me towards the front door of the shop. I followed him and told him that refusing service to me was discrimination. The second barber told me that the business "has the right to refuse services to anyone." He also added that the business "is an old school barber shop" and therefore they do not service women. Laura then asked if the reason the barbershop would not cut my hair was because Laura, as a woman, was in the shop with me. The second barber responded: "We do not cut women's hair and women are not even allowed in the shop!"

We are now able to officially confirm that we have achieved all of the goals which we announced that we were seeking to achieve when we announced the filing of this lawsuit. Hawleywood's (the defendant) has agreed to settle this case and has agreed to a permanent injunction and entry of judgment prohibiting Hawleywood's from directly or indirectly violating Civil Code Section 51 (the Unruh Civil Rights Act) by maintaining discriminatory business policies or practices including, but not limited to, refusing to offer services to individuals due to their gender or perceived gender, and violating Civil Code Section 51 (the Unruh Civil Rights Act) by maintaining discriminatory business policies or practices including, but not limited to, refusing admission to its business based on an individual's gender or perceived gender. Further, they are prohibited from violating Civil Code Section 51 (the Unruh Civil Rights Act) by posting, advertising or marketing, in any form including, but not limited to, print, online, or verbal that indicates a policy of refusing to provide services or accommodations based on an individual's gender or perceived gender.

The injunction is a court order and if Hawleywood's violates it then we have the right to ask the court to hold them in contempt.

Although Hawleywood's has denied that it discriminated, in addition to agreeing to the court's entering an injunction against it, it has also agreed to pay our client damages and attorney's fees.

It is interesting to note that it took a transgender male, Rose Trevis, to stop Hawleywood's policy and practice of discriminating against women.

We commend Rose for his courage in stepping forward to end this blatant discrimination against women and those perceived to be women.

Arbitrary discrimination by businesses is always wrong and we are elated that we have won this important civil rights victory against Hawleywood's which as a result of our lawsuit will no longer be able to exclude women or those perceived to be women from being able to enjoy the services of their business.

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