

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT OVERVIEW

Who Does This Apply To:

All persons with a mobility issue who have used, tried to use, or believe will use in the future any of the City of Los Angeles's sidewalks, intersections, crosswalks, streets, curbs, curb ramps, or walkways, pedestrian rights of way, pedestrian undercrossings, pedestrian overcrossings, or other pedestrian pathways or walks may be a proposed member of the proposed settlement class affected by the lawsuit.

Background of Lawsuit:

Filed in 2010, this lawsuit alleges that the City of Los Angeles violated federal and state disability access laws by denying individuals with mobility disabilities access to Pedestrian Facilities, as listed above. The City of Los Angeles denies these allegations and disputes that it has any liability or committed any wrongdoing. The court did not decide in favor of either Plaintiffs or the City of Los Angeles in this case. Instead, both sides agreed to a settlement. That way, they avoid the cost, delay and uncertainty of a trial and settlement benefits to the class members.

Summary of the Proposed Settlement Agreement:

The Settlement Agreement will be in effect for thirty (30) years. Throughout that time period, the City will implement a program to improve access to Pedestrian Facilities for people with mobility disabilities. The program will include the following main components:

1. Access Barrier Removal in Existing Pedestrian Facilities
2. Priority Guidelines for Removal of Access Barriers
3. Access Request Program
4. Access to Newly Constructed and Altered Facilities
5. Access and Construction Database
6. ADA Coordinator
7. Monitoring

Release of Claims:

The settlement agreement resolves and releases for the thirty-year term of the settlement all claims for injunctive, declaratory, or other non-monetary relief that were sought or may be sought in the future. The Settlement Agreement does not provide for any monetary relief to the Settlement Class, and it does not release any damages claims that Settlement Class members may have.

The Court's Final Approval/Fairness Hearing:

The court has preliminarily approved the Settlement and has scheduled a hearing for July 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall, United States District Court for the Central District of California, 312 North Spring Street Los Angeles. Although not required, as a Settlement Class Action member you may attend and ask to be heard.

Objections to the Settlement:

Any Settlement Class member may object to the terms of the proposed settlement by: (1) appearing at the Court's Final Approval Hearing and stating your concerns, or (2) filing a written objection with the District Court filed or postmarked on or before June 13th, 2016.

Further Information: The terms of the settlement are more fully explained in the attached document. For the precise and full terms and conditions of the settlement, please see the Settlement Agreement available at www.LosAngelesADA.