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Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk

By Deputy A. Barton

## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** 

VERNON CRESWELL,

Plaintiff,

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.

BC522038

SPECIAL VERDICT FORM

Judge:

Hon. Elizabeth Allen White

Dept.:

Complaint Filed: September 23, 2013 Trial Date: June 16, 2015

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SPECIAL VERDICT FORM

## SPECIAL VERDICT FORM - RACIAL HARASSMENT

We, the Jury, answer the questions submitted to us as follows:

1. Was Vernon Creswell subjected to unwanted harassing conduct because of his race?

Yes \_\_\_ No

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If your answer to question 1 is yes, then answer question 2. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and date this form, and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form – Racial Discrimination".

2. Did any of the unwanted harassing conduct occur before July 2, 2012?

\_\_\_\_ Yes 🔀 No

If your answer to question 2 is yes, then answer question 3. If your answer to question 2 is no, than proceed to question 4.

3. Was the unwanted harassing conduct that occurred before July 2, 2012 a continuing violation with the unwanted harassing conduct that occurred after July 2, 2012?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If your answer to question 3 is no, then you may only consider unwanted harassing conduct that occurred after July 2, 2012. If your answer to question 3 is yes, then you may consider all unwanted harassing conduct. Please proceed to question 4.

4. Was the harassment that was based on his race severe or pervasive?

X Yes \_\_\_ No

If your answer to question 4 is yes, then answer question 5. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and date this form, and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form – Racial Discrimination".

5. Would a reasonable person African-American person in Vernon Creswell's circumstances have considered the work environment to be hostile or abusive?

Yes \_\_\_ No

If your answer to question 5 is yes, then answer question 6. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and date this form, and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form – Racial Discrimination".

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	1	6. Did Vernon Creswell consider the work environment to be hostile or abusive?		
	2	Yes No		
	3	If your answer to question 6 is yes, then answer question 7. If you answered no, answer no		
further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and of				
	and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form – Racial Discrimination".			
	6	7. Did a supervisor engage in harassing conduct?		
7 Yes No				
If your answer to question 7 is yes, then answer question 8 and proceed to ques				
you answered no, than answer question 8.				
10		8. If an employee of the City of Montebello other than a supervisor engaged in the harassing		
conduct, did the City of Montebello or any of its supervisors know or should any				
known of the harassing conduct?				
13 Yes <u>×</u> No				
	14	If your answer to question 8 is yes, then answer question 9. If you answered no to both		
	15	questions 7 and 8, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding		
	16	juror sign and date this form, and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form - Racial		
	17	Discrimination".		
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	19	corrective action?		
	20	Yes No		
	21	10. Was the harassing conduct a substantial factor in causing harm to Vernon Creswell?		
	22	X Yes No		
⊙	23	If your answer to question 10 is yes, than answer question 11. If you answered no, answer		
**************************************	24	no further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and date this form,		
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	1 11. What are Vernon Creswell's damages for racial harassment, only?			harassment, only?
	2	a. Past noneconomic damages:	\$	375,000
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	4	b. Future noneconomic damages:	\$	375,000
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#### SPECIAL VERDICT FORM - RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

We, the Jury, answer the questions submitted to us as follows:

1.	Did City of Mon	itebello sub	ject Vernon C	creswell to an a	adverse employi	nent action?
	$\times$ Yes	No	•			

If your answer to question 1 is yes, then answer question 2. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and date this form, and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form – Retaliation".

2. Did any of the adverse employment actions occur before July 2, 2012?

If your answer to question 2 is yes, then answer question 3. If your answer to question 2 is no, than proceed to question 4.

3. Were the adverse employment actions that occurred before July 2, 2012 a continuing violation with the adverse employment actions that occurred after July 2, 2012?

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____ Yes ____ No
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If your answer to question 3 is no, then you may only consider adverse employment actions that occurred after July 2, 2012. If your answer to question 3 is yes, then you may consider all adverse employment actions. Please proceed to question 4.

Was Vernon Creswell's race a substantial motivating reason for City of Montebello's adverse employment action?

If your answer to question 4 is yes, then answer question 5. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and date this form, and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form – Retaliation".

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	1	5. Was City of Montebello's adverse employment action a substantial factor in causing harm		
	2	to Vernon Creswell?		
	3	Yes No		
	4	If your answer to question 5 is yes, then answer question 6. If you answered no, answer no		
	5	further questions on this Special Verdict Form, have the presiding juror sign and date this form,		
	6	and proceed to the form entitled "Special Verdict Form – Retaliation".		
	7	6. What are Vernon Creswell's damages for racial discrimination, only?		
	8	a. Past economic damages:	\$	
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	10	b. Future economic damages:	\$	
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### SPECIAL VERDICT FORM – RETALIATION

We, the Jury, answer the questions submitted to us as follows:

1. Did Vernon Creswell complain about harassment and/or discrimination to City of Montebello and/or to a state or government agency?

X Yes No

If your answer to question 1 is yes, then answer question 2. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form and have the presiding juror sign and date this form.

2. Did City of Montebello subject Vernon Creswell to an adverse employment action?

X Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If your answer to question 2 is yes, then answer question 3. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form and have the presiding juror sign and date this form.

3. Was Vernon Creswell's' complaint of harassment and/or discrimination a substantial motivating reason for City of Montebello's adverse employment action?

X Yes \_\_\_ No

If your answer to question 3 is yes, then answer question 4. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form and have the presiding juror sign and date this form.

4. Was City of Montebello's adverse employment action a substantial factor in causing harm to Vernon Creswell?

Yes \_\_\_ No

If you answered yes to question 4, then answer question 5. If you answered no, answer no further questions on this Special Verdict Form and have the presiding juror sign and date this form.

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	1	5. What are Vernon Creswell's damages for retaliation, only?			
	2	a. Past economic damages:	\$ <u> </u>		
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	4	b. Future economic damages:	<u>\$ 185,151</u>		
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