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## **Judge Orders Receiver for College Area Hoarder**

*City Attorney's Office brings relief to neighbors and help for a hoarder*

The City Attorney's Office today obtained court approval to begin the process of cleaning up and rehabilitating a nuisance property occupied by a hoarder.

Neighbors have complained of foul odors, rodents, and piles of trash and junk collected by the owner of a three-bedroom home in the College Area. One neighbor reported collecting 22 dead rats. Junk piles have overflowed into neighbors' yards. Doors and windows were blocked, and city inspectors were unable to walk more than a few feet into the house.

Superior Court Judge Robert L. Styn issued an injunction prohibiting Alexander Iatridis from continuing to maintain a public nuisance, and appointed a receiver to clean up the property and offer counseling to the occupant.

The Code Enforcement Division of the City Development Services Department had initially sought voluntary compliance from Iatridis, but new junk quickly accumulated and neighborhood complaints continued. Backyard piles of clutter created fears that a fire could easily start and spread to nearby homes. Some piles were more than eight feet high.

The City conducted more than 20 inspections of the property and issued multiple notices to Iatridis demanding that he dispose of all of the garbage and junk, but he ignored the notices.

"The accumulation of trash and junk can threaten our quality of life and put surrounding neighborhoods at risk," City Attorney Mara W. Elliott said. "We took steps to get Mr. Iatridis the help he needs, and to provide relief and peace of mind to his neighbors."

The case was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney David Miller.

The City will recover the costs of rehabilitation, clean up, attorneys' fees, and receiver fees from the homeowner.

The Code Enforcement Unit was established in 1984 to address nuisance properties and blight throughout the San Diego. This unit works in partnership with the Code Enforcement Division

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of the City Development Services Department, the San Diego Police Department, and the community to identify and aggressively address problem properties.

Community members can report property violations to the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit at 619-533-5655.

*Attached are photos of the property taken earlier this year by City inspectors.*

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