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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**TRIPPLE AAA ASSOCIATION FOR
CHILDREN WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
SUING ON BEHALF OF JOHN
CARPENTER AND ITS MEMBERS;
and JOHN CARPENTER, An
Individual,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**AANK INC. d.b.a. AUDIO ZONE;
AANK, INC.; And DOES 1 THROUGH
10, Inclusive**

Defendants.

Case No.:

06 CV 2201

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CIVIL COMPLAINT:

**DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN
PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

[42 U.S.C. 12182(a) ET. SEQ; CIVIL
CODE 51, 52, 54, 54.1]

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

[F.R.Civ.P. rule 38(b)]

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiffs herein complain, by filing this Civil Complaint in accordance with rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in the Judicial District of the United States District Court of the Southern District of California, that Defendants have in the past, and presently are, engaging in discriminatory practices against individuals with disabilities, specifically including minorities with disabilities. Plaintiffs allege this civil action and others substantial similar thereto are necessary to



1 compel access compliance because empirical research on the effectiveness of Title III of the
2 Americans with Disabilities Act indicates this Title has failed to achieve full and equal access
3 simply by the executive branch of the Federal Government funding and promoting voluntary
4 compliance efforts. Further, empirical research shows when individuals with disabilities give
5 actual notice of potential access problems to places of public accommodation without a federal
6 civil rights action, the public accommodations do not remove the access barriers. Therefore,
7 Plaintiffs make the following allegations in this federal civil rights action:

8 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

9 1. The federal jurisdiction of this action is based on the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42
10 United States Code 12101-12102, 12181-12183 and 12201, et seq. Venue in the Judicial District
11 of the United States District Court of the Southern District of California is in accordance with 28
12 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of Plaintiffs' claims arose within the Judicial District of
13 the United States District Court of the Southern District of California.

14 **SUPPLEMENTAL JURISDICTION**

15 2. The Judicial District of the United States District Court of the Southern District of
16 California has supplemental jurisdiction over the state claims as alleged in this Complaint pursuant
17 to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a). The reason supplemental jurisdiction is proper in this action is because all
18 the causes of action or claims derived from federal law and those arising under state law, as herein
19 alleged, arose from common nucleus of operative facts. The common nucleus of operative facts,
20 include, but are not limited to, the incidents where Plaintiffs were denied full and equal access to
21 Defendants' facilities, goods, and/or services in violation of both federal and state laws when they
22 attempted to enter, use, and/or exit Defendants' facilities as described below within this Complaint.
23 Further, due to this denial of full and equal access, TRIPPLE AAA ASSOCIATION FOR
24 CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUING ON BEHALF OF JOHN
25 CARPENTER AND ITS MEMBERS; and JOHN CARPENTER, An Individual, and other persons
26 with disabilities were injured. Based upon the said allegations, the state actions, as stated herein,
27 are so related to the federal actions that they form part of the same case or controversy and the
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1 actions would ordinarily be expected to be tried in one judicial proceeding.

2 **NAMED DEFENDANTS AND NAMED PLAINTIFF**

3 3. Defendants are, and, at all times mentioned herein, were, a business or corporation or
4 franchise organized and existing and/or doing business under the laws of the State of California.
5 Defendant AANK INC. d.b.a. AUDIO ZONE is located at 1710 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA
6 92054. Defendant AANK, INC. is located at c/o Registered Agent Ted Srouji, 32610 McRae Lane,
7 Wildoamr, CA 92585. The words "Plaintiffs" and "Plaintiff's Member" as used herein specifically
8 include the organization and TRIPPLE AAA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH
9 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUING ON BEHALF OF JOHN CARPENTER AND ITS
10 MEMBERS; and JOHN CARPENTER, An Individual and persons associated with its Members
11 who accompanied Members to Defendants' facilities.

12 4. Defendants Does 1 through 10, were at all times relevant herein subsidiaries, employers,
13 employees, agents, of AANK INC. d.b.a. AUDIO ZONE; and AANK, INC. Plaintiffs are ignorant
14 of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive, and
15 therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will pray leave of the court to
16 amend this complaint to allege the true names and capacities of the Does when ascertained.

17 5. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that Defendants and each of them
18 herein were, at all times relevant to the action, the owner, lessor, lessee, franchiser, franchisee,
19 general partner, limited partner, agent, employee, representing partner, or joint venturer of the
20 remaining Defendants and were acting within the course and scope of that relationship. Plaintiffs
21 are further informed and believe, and thereon allege, that each of the Defendants herein gave
22 consent to, ratified, and/or authorized the acts alleged herein to each of the remaining Defendants.
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24 **CONCISE SET OF FACTS**

25 6. Plaintiffs allege businesses often state that they have few customers with disabilities.
26 Plaintiffs allege such customers avoid patronizing inaccessible business and are deterred from
27 patronizing such businesses. The courts have recognized deterrence-based damage claims under
28 Civil Code 54.3 and 52. Since California courts have held that the California disability access laws

1 manifest an intent on the part of the legislature that they be interpreted in a manner that maximizes
2 incentives for compliance, (see Donald, 266 Cal. Rptr. at 808-11) the courts conclude that
3 application of this canon of construction requires that 54.1 and 51, and their respective damages
4 provisions, 54.3 and 52, be interpreted as extending to claims based on incidents of deterrence. The
5 courts therefore hold that where a plaintiff can prove that violations of applicable California
6 disability access standards deterred her on a particular occasion from attempting to attend a place of
7 public accommodation, that plaintiff states a claim for relief under California Civil Code 54.1 and
8 51 and, in particular, for damages, under 54.3 and 52. Plaintiffs allege people with disabilities still
9 face systemic discrimination each and every day. One of the most debilitating forms of
10 discrimination is segregation imposed by others. Discrimination also includes exclusion, or denial
11 or benefits, services, or other opportunities that are as effective and meaningful as those provided to
12 others. Discrimination results from actions or inactions that discriminate by effect as well as by
13 intent or design. Discrimination also includes harms resulting from the construction of
14 transportation, architectural, and communication barriers and the adoption or application of
15 standards and criteria and practices and procedures based on thoughtlessness or indifference-of
16 benign neglect. Discrimination also includes harms affecting individuals with a history of
17 disability, and those regarded by others as having a disability as well as persons associated with
18 such individuals that are based on false presumptions, generalizations, misperceptions, patronizing
19 attitudes, ignorance, irrational fears, and pernicious mythologies. Discrimination also includes the
20 effects a person's disability may have on others. The ADA aim is: (1) To provide a clear and
21 comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with
22 disabilities; [and] (2) to provide clear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing
23 discrimination against individuals with disabilities. (42 U.S.C. § 12101(b)(1), (2) (Supp. II 1990))
24 Plaintiffs allege the legislative history of the Act, which reflects congressional concerns over the
25 deleterious effects of discrimination against people with disabilities. As a result, Congress
26 incorporated within Title II of the ADA the remedial provision in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation
27 Act of 1973. (As amended 29 U.S.C. § 794a)(42 U.S.C. § 12133)(See *Smith v. Barton*, 914 F.2d
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1 1330, 1336 (9th Cir. 1990), cert. denied, 111 S.Ct. 2825 (1991)) Much has been written recently
2 about the ADA and its mechanisms of enforcement. (See e.g., *Doran v. Del Taco, Inc.*, ---
3 F.Supp.2d ---- (C.D. Cal. June 9, 2005); *Molski*, 347 F.Supp.2d at 862-63; *Parr v. L & L Drive-Inn*
4 *Restaurant*, 96 F.Supp.2d 1065, 1070-71 (D.Haw.2000)) For purposes of this suit, it is sufficient to
5 note that the statute creates a private right of action through which a litigant may seek injunctive
6 relief as well as attorneys' fees and costs. (42 U.S.C. § 2188(a)) Plaintiffs allege that it cannot be
7 said that because an attorney has chosen to specialize in an area, which provides statutory attorneys
8 fees his practice is necessarily suspect. Class actions, antitrust, and consumer protection statutes are
9 just some of the examples where the legislature has made a determination that society will benefit
10 from private attorneys general. The ADA is but another example.

11 7. Plaintiff TRIPPLE AAA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
12 DISABILITIES is an organization that advocates on the behalf of children and others with
13 disabilities when their civil rights and liberties have been violated.

14 8. Plaintiff JOHN CARPENTER has a physical impairment and due to this impairment he has
15 learned to successfully operate a wheelchair.

16 9. Plaintiff's Members expressly intend to patronize the establishment and the property that is
17 the subject of this Complaint in the immediate future.

18 11. When Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff JOHN CARPENTER researched Defendants'
19 facilities, he discovered he would be unable to use the public accommodations' at Defendants'
20 business establishments because they failed to comply with ADA Access Guidelines For Buildings
21 and Facilities (hereafter referred to as "ADAAG") and/or California's Title 24 Building Code
22 Requirements as specified in Attachment A. Defendants failed to remove access barriers within the
23 parking and entrance public accommodations of Defendants' establishment. Plaintiff's Member
24 was deterred from patronizing the facility because he experienced difficulty within the parking,
25 exterior path of travel and entrance access barriers at Defendants' facility as specified in
26 Attachment A.

27 12. Plaintiff(s) was deterred from patronizing the facility due to the alleged ADA violations
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1 and/or alleged architectural barriers outlined in Paragraphs 10 through 11 above, as well as
2 Attachment A.

3 13. While Plaintiff(s) expressly wants to patronize Defendant's establishment and the property
4 that is the subject of this Complaint in the immediate future, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Member is
5 expressly deterred from returning to the establishment and the property that is the subject of this
6 Complaint due to the existence of the architectural barriers outlined above in Paragraphs 10
7 through 11, as well as Attachment A.

8 14. Pursuant to federal and state law, Defendants are required to remove barriers to their
9 existing facilities. Further, Defendants had actual knowledge of their barrier removal duties under
10 the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Civil Code before January 26, 1992. Also, Defendants
11 should have known that individuals with disabilities are not required to give notice to a
12 governmental agency before filing suit alleging Defendants failed to remove architectural barriers.

13 15. Plaintiffs believe and herein allege Defendants' facilities have access violations not
14 directly known by Plaintiff which preclude or limit access by other members of Plaintiff
15 organization or other persons with disabilities, including but not limited to violations relating to
16 Space Allowance and Reach Ranges, Accessible Route, Protruding Objects, Ground and Floor
17 Surfaces, Parking and Passenger Loading Zones, Curb Ramps, Ramps, Stairs, Elevators, Platform
18 Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts), Windows, Doors, Entrances, Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers,
19 Water Closets, Toilet Stalls, Urinals, Lavatories and Mirrors, Sinks, Storage, Handrails, Grab Bars,
20 and Controls and Operating Mechanisms, Alarms, Detectable Warnings, Signage, and Telephones.
21 Accordingly, Plaintiffs allege Defendants are required to remove all architectural barriers, known or
22 unknown. Also, Plaintiffs allege Defendants are required to utilize the ADA checklist for Readily
23 Achievable Barrier Removal approved by the United States Department of Justice and created by
24 Adaptive Environments.
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26 16. Based on these facts, Plaintiffs allege Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was discriminated
27 against each time he patronized Defendants' establishment. Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was
28 extremely upset due to Defendants' conduct.

NOTICE

17. Plaintiffs are not required to provide notice to the defendants prior to filing a complaint.
(See *Botosan v. Paul McNally Realty*, 216 F.3d 827, 832 (9th Cir 2000))

**WHAT CLAIMS ARE PLAINTIFFS ALLEGING AGAINST EACH NAMED
DEFENDANT**

18. AANK INC. d.b.a. AUDIO ZONE; AANK, INC.; and Does 1 through 10 will be referred to collectively hereinafter as "Defendants."

19. Plaintiffs aver that the Defendants are liable for the following claims as alleged below:

DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS- Claims Under The Americans
With Disabilities Act Of 1990**

CLAIM I AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS: Denial Of Full And Equal Access

20. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was denied full and equal access to Defendants' goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations. Plaintiffs allege Defendants are a public accommodation owned, leased and/or operated by Defendants. Defendants' existing facilities and/or services failed to provide full and equal access to Defendants' facility as required by 42 U.S.C. § 12182(a). Thus, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was subjected to discrimination in violation of 42 United States Code 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188 because Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was denied equal access to Defendants' existing facilities.

21. Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) has physical impairments as alleged in ¶ 7 above because his conditions affect one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, special sense organs, and/or cardiovascular. Further, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) said physical impairments substantially limits one or more of the following major life activities: walking. In addition, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) cannot perform one or more of

1 the said major life activities in the manner, speed, and duration when compared to the average
2 person. Moreover, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) has a history of or has been classified as
3 having a physical impairment as required by 42 U.S.C. § 12102(2)(A).
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5 **CLAIM II AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS: Failure To Make Alterations In Such A Manner**
6 **That The Altered Portions Of The Facility Are Readily Accessible And Usable By Individuals**
7 **With Disabilities**

8 22. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiff's
9 Member and Plaintiff(s) was denied full and equal access to Defendants' goods, services, facilities,
10 privileges, advantages, or accommodations within a public accommodation owned, leased, and/or
11 operated by Defendants. Defendants altered their facility in a manner that affects or could affect the
12 usability of the facility or a part of the facility after January 26, 1992. In performing the alteration,
13 Defendants failed to make the alteration in such a manner that, to the maximum extent feasible, the
14 altered portions of the facility are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities,
15 including individuals who use wheelchairs, in violation of 42 U.S.C. §12183(a)(2).

16 23. Additionally, the Defendants undertook an alteration that affects or could affect the usability
17 of or access to an area of the facility containing a primary function after January 26, 1992.
18 Defendants further failed to make the alterations in such a manner that, to the maximum extent
19 feasible, the path of travel to the altered area and the bathrooms, telephones, and drinking fountains
20 serving the altered area, are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities in
21 violation 42 U.S.C. §12183(a)(2).

22 24. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §12183(a), this failure to make the alterations in a manner that, to the
23 maximum extent feasible, are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities
24 constitutes discrimination for purposes of 42 U.S.C. §12183(a). Therefore, Defendants
25 discriminated against Plaintiffs in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 12182(a).

26 25. Thus, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was subjected to discrimination in violation of 42
27 U.S.C. § 12183(a), 42 U.S.C. §12182(a) and 42 U.S.C. §12188 because Plaintiff's Member and
28 Plaintiff(s) was denied equal access to Defendants' existing facilities.

CLAIM III AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS: **Failure To Remove Architectural Barriers**

26. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was denied full and equal access to Defendants' goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations within a public accommodation owned, leased, and/or operated by Defendants. Defendants failed to remove barriers as required by 42 U.S.C. § 12182(a). Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thus allege that architectural barriers which are structural in nature exist within the following physical elements of Defendants' facilities: Space Allowance and Reach Ranges, Accessible Route, Protruding Objects, Ground and Floor Surfaces, Parking and Passenger Loading Zones, Curb Ramps, Ramps, Stairs, Elevators, Platform Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts), Windows, Doors, Entrances, Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers, Water Closets, Toilet Stalls, Urinals, Lavatories and Mirrors, Sinks, Storage, Handrails, Grab Bars, and Controls and Operating Mechanisms, Alarms, Detectable Warnings, Signage, and Telephones. Title III requires places of public accommodation to remove architectural barriers that are structural in nature to existing facilities. [See, 42 United States Code 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv)] Failure to remove such barriers and disparate treatment against a person who has a known association with a person with a disability are forms of discrimination. [See 42 United States Code 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv)] Thus, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was subjected to discrimination in violation of 42 United States Code 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188 because they were denied equal access to Defendants' existing facilities.

CLAIM IV AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS: **Failure To Modify Practices, Policies And Procedures**

27. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Defendants failed and refused to provide a reasonable alternative by modifying its practices, policies and procedures in that they failed to have a scheme, plan, or design to assist Plaintiffs and/or others similarly situated in entering and utilizing Defendants' services, as required by 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a). Thus, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was subjected to discrimination in violation of

1 42 United States Code 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and 42 U.S.C. § 12188 because Plaintiff's Member and
2 Plaintiff(s) was denied equal access to Defendants' existing facilities.

3 28. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above, Claims I, II, and III of Plaintiff's First Cause Of
4 Action above, and the facts elsewhere herein this complaint, Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm
5 unless Defendants are ordered to remove architectural, non-architectural, and communication
6 barriers at Defendants' public accommodation. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' discriminatory
7 conduct is capable of repetition, and this discriminatory repetition adversely impacts Plaintiffs and
8 a substantial segment of the disability community. Plaintiffs allege there is a national public
9 interest in requiring accessibility in places of public accommodation. Plaintiffs have no adequate
10 remedy at law to redress the discriminatory conduct of Defendants. Plaintiffs desire to return to
11 Defendants' places of business in the immediate future. Accordingly, the Plaintiffs allege that a
12 structural or mandatory injunction is necessary to enjoin compliance with federal civil rights laws
13 enacted for the benefit of individuals with disabilities.

14 29. WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment and relief as hereinafter set forth.

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16 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS - CLAIMS UNDER**
17 **CALIFORNIA ACCESSIBILITY LAWS**

18 **CLAIM I: Denial Of Full And Equal Access**

19 30. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above and elsewhere in this complaint, Plaintiff's
20 Member and Plaintiff(s) was denied full and equal access to Defendants' goods, services, facilities,
21 privileges, advantages, or accommodations within a public accommodation owned, leased, and/or
22 operated by Defendants as required by Civil Code Sections 54 and 54.1. Defendants' facility
23 violated California's Title 24 Accessible Building Code by failing to provide access to Defendants'
24 facilities due to violations pertaining to the Space Allowance and Reach Ranges, Accessible Route,
25 Protruding Objects, Ground and Floor Surfaces, Parking and Passenger Loading Zones, Curb
26 Ramps, Ramps, Stairs, Elevators, Platform Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts), Windows, Doors, Entrances,
27 Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers, Water Closets, Toilet Stalls, Urinals, Lavatories and
28 Mirrors, Sinks, Storage, Handrails, Grab Bars, and Controls and Operating Mechanisms, Alarms,

1 Detectable Warnings, Signage, and Telephones.

2 31. These violations denied Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) full and equal access to
3 Defendants' facility. Thus, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was subjected to discrimination
4 pursuant to Civil Code §§ 51, 52, and 54.1 because Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was denied
5 full, equal and safe access to Defendants' facility, causing severe emotional distress.
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7 **CLAIM II: Failure To Modify Practices, Policies And Procedures**

8 32. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above and elsewhere herein this complaint, Defendants
9 failed and refused to provide a reasonable alternative by modifying its practices, policies, and
10 procedures in that they failed to have a scheme, plan, or design to assist Plaintiffs and/or others
11 similarly situated in entering and utilizing Defendants' services as required by Civil Code § 54.1.
12 Thus, Plaintiff's Member and Plaintiff(s) was subjected to discrimination in violation of Civil Code
13 § 54.1.
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15 **CLAIM III: Violation Of The Unruh Act**

16 33. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above and elsewhere herein this complaint and because
17 Defendants violated the Civil Code § 51 by failing to comply with 42 United States Code §
18 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(2), Defendants did and continue to discriminate
19 against Plaintiffs and persons similarly situated in violation of Civil Code §§ 51, 52, and 54.1.
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21 34. Based on the facts plead at ¶¶ 6-16 above, Claims I, II, and III of Plaintiffs' Second Cause
22 Of Action above, and the facts elsewhere herein this complaint, Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable
23 harm unless Defendants are ordered to remove architectural, non-architectural, and communication
24 barriers at Defendants' public accommodation. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants' discriminatory
25 conduct is capable of repetition, and this discriminatory repetition adversely impacts Plaintiffs and
26 a substantial segment of the disability community. Plaintiffs allege there is a state and national
27 public interest in requiring accessibility in places of public accommodation. Plaintiffs have no
28 adequate remedy at law to redress the discriminatory conduct of Defendants. Plaintiffs desire to

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return to Defendants' places of business in the immediate future. Accordingly, the Plaintiffs allege that a structural or mandatory injunction is necessary to enjoin compliance with state civil rights laws enacted for the benefit of individuals with disabilities.

35. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for damages and relief as hereinafter stated.

DEMAND FOR JUDGMENT FOR RELIEF:

A. For injunctive relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a) and Cal. Civil Code § 55. Plaintiffs request this Court enjoin Defendants to remove all architectural barriers in, at, or on their facilities related to the following: Space Allowance and Reach Ranges, Accessible Route, Protruding Objects, Ground and Floor Surfaces, Parking and Passenger Loading Zones, Curb Ramps, Ramps, Stairs, Elevators, Platform Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts), Windows, Doors, Entrances, Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers, Water Closets, Toilet Stalls, Urinals, Lavatories and Mirrors, Sinks, Storage, Handrails, Grab Bars, and Controls and Operating Mechanisms, Alarms, Detectable Warnings, Signage, and Telephones.

B. For attorneys' fees and damages pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, 42 U.S.C. § 12205, and Cal. Civil Code § 51, 52, 54, 54.3. 55;

C. A Jury Trial and;

D. For such other further relief as the court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted:

PINNOCK & WAKEFIELD, A.P.C.

Dated: 10/03/04

By: 
THEODORE A. PINNOCK, ESQ.
Attorney for Plaintiffs

**Rule 11
ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY
ADA TITLE III**

Disability Compliance Documentation

Reported Tuesday, October 3, 2006

Business(es): AUDIO ZONE
1710 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92054

Property Owner(s): AANK, INC.

Assessor's Parcel #:

Report of Findings

A. VIOLATIONS

1. Parking

- a. There is a space designated as accessible parallel to this entrance. This space fails to be a compliant Van Accessible space, as it lacks an access aisle.

2. Exterior Path of Travel

- a. There fails to be a safe and accessible pathway in the exterior path of travel leading from the parking to the entrance, as there fails to be a curb cut from the parking to the raised walkway leading to the entrance door.
- b. There fails to be an safe and accessible path of travel from the public street to the entrance of this facility, as required.

3. Entrance

- a. There fails to be access to the only entrance to this facility.

B. REGULATIONS

1. Parking:

ADA Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG") require that Defendants' parking lot provide disabled parking and at least have 1 "Van Accessible" space. (ADAAG 4.6.1; 4.1.2(5)) If parking is provided for visitors to the property, then accessible spaces are to be provided in a number in conformance with the specified table located in ADAAG 4.1.2 (5). The disabled parking space is to be located on the shortest accessible route to the public accommodation's nearest accessible entrance. (ADAAG 4.6.2) The "Van Accessible" space is required to be 108 inches (9 feet) wide (ADAAG 4.6.3) and served by an access aisle 96 inches (8 feet) wide (ADAAG 4.1.2(5)(b)). The van accessible access aisle is required to be positioned on the passenger side of the vehicle. Regular disabled parking is also required to have the same proper access aisles. The disabled parking space is required to have an access aisle that is part of an accessible route to the building entrance. (ADAAG 4.6.3) Accessible parking spaces shall be designated as reserved by a sign showing the symbol of accessibility. (ADAAG 4.6.4) Spaces which are Van Accessible shall also have an additional sign stating the space is Van Accessible and these signs are to be mounted where they will not be obstructed by a parked vehicle (Id.) At each parking lot entrance, a tow away sign shall be posted to inform patrons they may be fined and/or have their vehicles towed if they are unlawfully parked in a disabled parking space. At parking structures, there shall be an 8' 2" minimum vertical clearance at the entrance to the parking structure and within the parking structure in areas leading to accessible parking spaces.

2. Exterior Path of Travel

Permanent rooms and spaces shall have signage depicting the international symbol of accessibility (ADAAG 4.1(7); 4.30.7). An accessible route is required to be provided between public transportation stops, accessible

parking, and accessible passenger loading zones, and public streets or sidewalks to the entrances of the facilities they serve. If the accessible route passes through a parking lot, Title 24 of the California Building Code requires that the route must be contained in a marked crosswalk so that the safety of the person in a wheelchair is not jeopardized when they pass behind banks of parked cars. Objects projecting from walls with their leading edges between 27" and 80" above the finished floor shall protrude no more than 4" into walks, halls, corridors, passageways or aisles. (ADAAG 4.4.1) Free standing objects mounted on posts or pylons may overhang at maximum 12" from 27" to 80" above the ground of finished floor. (Id.) Walks, halls, corridors, passageways, aisles, or other circulation spaces shall have 80" minimum clear head room. (ADAAG 4.4.2) If carpet is used on a ground or floor surface, then it shall be securely attached. (ADAAG 4.5.3)

3. Entrance

Permanent rooms and spaces shall have signage depicting the international symbol of accessibility (ADAAG 4.1(7); 4.30.). Thresholds at doorways shall not exceed ½". (ADAAG 4.13.8) Raised thresholds and floor level changes at accessible doorways shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2. (Id.) Additionally, inaccessible entrances must have directional signage indicating the route to the nearest accessible entrance. (ADAAG 4.1.2(7)(c). Entrance doorways along an accessible route shall have a minimum clear opening of 32" with a door open 90 degrees, measured between the face of the door and the opposite stop. (ADAAG 4.3.9; ADAAG 4.13.5) If doorways have two independently operated door leaves, at least one need to comply with this minimum clear opening requirement (ADAAG 4.13.4) The minimum space between two hinged doors or pivoted doors in a series shall be 48" plus the width of any door swinging into the space. (ADAAG 4.13.7) Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operating devices on accessible doors shall have a shape that is easy to grasp with one hand and does not require tight grasping, tight pinching, or twisting of the wrist to operate. (ADAAG 4.13.9) Hardware on doors along an accessible route shall be mounted no higher than 48" above the finish floor. (ADAAG 4.3.9; ADAAG 4.13.9) The floor or ground area within the required clear floor space in and around a door shall be level and clear. (ADAAG 4.13.6)

This Rule 11 survey and report has been provided by Mantic Ashanti's Cause, Inc. This report contains a number of serious violations to the accessibility Standards as outlined in the ADA Act of 1990 Title III, and the California Accessibility Standards Title 24. However, more violations could, and perhaps do exist. A more detailed study must be conducted to identify all violations. Such a study is beyond the scope of the violations noted in this survey.

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1978, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I (a) PLAINTIFFS TRIPPLE AAA ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUING ON BEHALF OF JOHN CARPENTER AND ITS MEMBERS; and JOHN CARPENTER, An Individual

DEFENDANTS AANK INC. d.b.a. AUDIO ZONE; AANK, INC.; and does 1 through 10, Inclusive.

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(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF San Diego, CA (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT San Diego, CA (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

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ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff 2 U.S. Government Defendant 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT) (For Diversity Cases Only)

- Citizen of This State Citizen of Another State Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country PT DEF 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State 3 Foreign Nation PT DEF 4 5 6

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE US CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY).

42 U.S.C. Sections 12101-12102, 12181-12183, and 12201, Et. Seq.

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

Table with columns: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, CIVIL RIGHTS, TORTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, BANKRUPTCY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES. Includes various legal categories and checkboxes.

VI. ORIGIN (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- 1 Original Proceeding 2 Removal from State Court 3 Remanded from Appellate Court 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from another district (specify) 6 Multidistrict Litigation 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER f.r.c.p. 23

DEMAND \$

TO BE DETERMINED AT TRIAL

Check YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: YES NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See Instructions): JUDGE

Docket Number

DATE October 3, 2006

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference relating pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.C.V.P.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate's decision.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed. (5) above.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred from another district.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded from appellate court.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state court, check this box.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the original proceedings.

VI. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

V. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical nature of suit, select the most definitive.

IV. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly under which the cause of action is brought.

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section for each principal party.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under diversity of citizenship. (See Section 1792 of the different parties must be checked.)

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under Federal question, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction is based on 28 U.S.C. 1331. (2) When the plaintiff is suing a United States defendant.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing a United States defendant.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction is based on 28 U.S.C. 1331. (2) When the plaintiff is suing a United States defendant.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing a United States defendant.

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1(a) Plaintiffs - Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the county of residence of the "plaintiff".)

(c) Attorneys. Enter firm name, address, telephone number and attorney name, address, telephone number and section ("see attachment").

11. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, check all that apply.

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on an attachment, noting in this section in pleadings. Place the "X" in States are included here. United States, an amendment to the defendant code takes precedence. In Box 4 is checked, the citizenship as indicated above. Mark this section, in Section IV above, is If the cause fits more than one Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1441. When the date of remand as the filing date. Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred from another district. Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed. (5) above. Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate's decision. VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.C.V.P. Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded. VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference relating pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases. Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet. (rev. 07/89)