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**Equal Rights Center Announces Multi-Year Agreement
with Trammell Crow Company Regarding
Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities**

Washington, DC, September 26, 2007—The Equal Rights Center, a Washington, DC-based civil rights organization, announced today that it has reached agreement with Trammell Crow Company (TCC), a wholly owned subsidiary of commercial real estate services company CB Richard Ellis, to implement a multi-year program that will ensure current and future TCC apartment and condominium developments, including its “High Street Residential” properties, are accessible to persons with disabilities.

In addition to calling for professional review of all TCC project designs and construction for the next four years, the parties’ agreement provides for the evaluation and supplementation of TCC’s internal procedures to comply with the accessibility requirements of both the Fair Housing Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the training of TCC personnel on fair housing issues, and TCC’s participation in the web-based National Accessible Apartment Clearinghouse.

In describing the agreement Rabbi Bruce Kahn, Executive Director of the Equal Rights Center said, “There exists in America an accessible housing crisis that daily confronts and demoralizes people with disabilities. Trammell Crow Company is demonstrating that it is seriously committed to complying with the law because doing so is both the legal, and the right thing to do. The Equal Rights Center is honored to be working with TCC as it continues its just efforts to comply with the Fair Housing Act’s accessibility provisions.”

The Equal Rights Center was represented in this matter by the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, and a team of attorneys led by Peter Work of the Washington law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP.

Isabelle M. Thabault, Director of the Washington Lawyers' Committee’s Fair Housing Project said of the agreement, “We are tremendously pleased that TCC chose to work cooperatively with the Equal Rights Center to proactively address the issues of accessibility in multifamily housing under the FHA and ADA. This approach will efficiently channel resources to meet the goals of the Fair Housing Act and will affect the everyday life of people with disabilities by significantly expanding their options in finding accessible housing.”

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