

## PRESS RELEASE

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### FIRE LEAVES LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS HERO HOMELESS

An Orange County civil rights hero who successfully fought housing discrimination laws in the 1960's is now homeless. Dorothy Mulkey, who was the plaintiff in the 1967 Reitman vs. Mulkey case that ended housing discrimination in California, recently lost her home to a fire. On Dec. 14, 2014, Mulkey's home, which at the time was filled with donations for charitable organizations, caught fire. The smoke and fire destroyed everything inside the house, making it uninhabitable. Luckily, there was no structural damage, but Mulkey's home insurance had lapsed and everything inside is a total loss. She does not have the resources to repair the fire damage and replace her belongings.

To assist her, Eli Reyna, a fan of Dorothy who lives in the same city has created a short video to create awareness about Mulkey's situation and is asking the community to help her get back into her home. Reyna has started a fundraising campaign on her behalf at [CrowdRise.com](http://CrowdRise.com) and helped establish The Dorothy Mulkey House Fund at Wells Fargo Bank enabling donations from anywhere in the country. Customers of Wells Fargo can make their donations online.

Reyna met Mulkey in 2005 when he produced a short video about her life when she was being honored by OC Human Relations. Through the years they've stayed in touch and Mulkey became one of Reyna's heroes. Reyna is very grateful to Dorothy and all the other civil rights leaders from prior generations who's work benefited him and other immigrants like him. The 5-minute video includes Spanish subtitles because Reyna wants Spanish-speaking Latino immigrants to learn about Mulkey's work and also be inspired by her life.

To see video, visit:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/dorothymulkeyhousefund/fundraiser/elireyna>

To learn more about Dorothy Mulkey, visit:

<http://www.ochumanrelationsawards.org/portfolio/details/mulkey-johnson/>

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