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Dear Friends,

We would like to bring to your attention that Mr. Josh Pitterman, a resident of Los Angeles, has refused to grant his wife, Shari, a Get even though it is now over 18 months since their civil divorce. His photograph appears below.

The RCC has issued a seruv (order of contempt) against Josh for refusing to appear in Beit Din to address this matter and for his recalcitrance that is "a violation of Jewish law." A copy of the seruv is on the attached page.

We want to state unequivocally this his behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in our community. We urge you to make sure that Josh is not welcome in your Shul until he complies with his halachic obligations as a Jewish husband and basic decency, and grants an unconditional Get to Shari with a respected Beit Din.

We will continue to work and speak out about this issue until Mr. Pitterman resolves the situation by granting his wife a Get, thereby enabling each of them to move forward with their lives.

Sincerely,

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