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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CENTRAL DISTRICT

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ANTHONY MARIO ASSENZA, et al.,

) CASE NO. BC 115813

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) Plaintiffs and Petitioners,

) **DECLARATION OF PAUL COHEN**

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) vs.

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) THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, et al.

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) Defendants and Respondents.

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1 injury [.]” Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and accurate copy of December 4, 2007 denial
2 letter.

3 8. In a letter to the LAPD dated December 10, 2007, I requested that my application
4 be reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Board Panel. I expressed that I had a credible need to be
5 issued a carry concealed weapons permit and explained that I maintained a carry concealed
6 weapons permit in Ventura County for at least six years without any incident. Attached hereto as
7 Exhibit B is a true and accurate copy of the December 10, 2007 letter to the LAPD.

8 9. In a letter dated March 20, 2008 from the Citizens Advisory Review Panel, I
9 received notice that my request to have the Panel review my application was received and I was
10 scheduled to appear before the Panel on April 3, 2008. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a true and
11 accurate copy of the March 20, 2008.

12 10. I attended the April 3, 2008 Citizens Advisory Board Panel meeting. All eleven
13 members of the Panel told me that I should be approved by the LAPD to receive a carry concealed
14 weapons license. In a document entitled “Citizens Advisory Review Board Recommendation to
15 the Los Angeles Police Department on Concealed Carry Weapons Permits for Residents of the
16 City of Los Angeles,” the Panel recommended that I be issued a carry concealed weapons license.
17 They said “[g]ood cause exist[ed] because of applicant’s type of work and his exposure to
18 criminals and other gang oriented persons.” The Panel’s recommendation was sent to the LAPD
19 shortly thereafter. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and accurate copy of the Panel’s
20 recommendation.

21 11. In a letter dated April 17, 2008, I wrote the LAPD and enclosed a copy of my
22 firearm training certificate as required by the LAPD. I also further explained significant reasons
23 as to why my carry concealed weapon license application should be reconsidered. I informed the
24 LAPD that the cases which I was working involved high profile cases relating to theft, armed
25 robbery, fraud, and murder. Threats against myself and well as some participants in one of these
26 lawsuits had been made. I explained that my employment placed my safety at risk and requested
27 that a carry concealed weapons license be issued to me to adequately defend myself. Attached
28 hereto as Exhibit E is a true and accurate copy of the April 17, 2008 letter.

1 12. In a letter dated June 26, 2008, the LAPD informed me for the second time that my
2 carry concealed weapons license application was denied. Although the LAPD acknowledged that
3 the Panel recommended that I be issued a carry concealed weapons license, and even after review
4 of my materials sent in April 2008, my request was still denied because the LAPD alleged that I
5 "did not provide convincing evidence of a clear and present danger to life or [] great bodily
6 injury[.]" Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and accurate copy of the June 26, 2008 denial
7 letter.

8 13. In an e-mail dated August 6, 2008, I requested a face to face meeting with Chief
9 Bratton to discuss the merits of my application. Aixa Garcia of the LAPD confirmed the receipt
10 of my e-mail request that same day and indicated that the LAPD would get back to me within the
11 next few days with a response. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and accurate copy of the
12 August 6, 2008 e-mail correspondence between me and Ms. Garcia.

13 14. On August 20, 2008, I sent another e-mail to Ms. Garcia requesting a meeting with
14 Chief Bratton as I was currently involved in investigating two civil cases in which my safety was a
15 concern. In one of those cases, the anticipated danger was so high that I was required by the client
16 to install a tracking device on my vehicle in order to keep track of my last known location in the
17 event I did not check in with the client at the appointed time. Attached hereto as Exhibit H is a
18 true and accurate copy of the August 20, 2008 e-mail.

19 15. On August 27, 2008 I called the LAPD and spoke to Detective Zunith. Detective
20 Zunith informed me that Chief Bratton had requested that my file be investigated and that I should
21 receive a response within 10 days. On September 9, 2008, I called the LAPD and spoke to
22 Detective Zunith again. The Detective told me that a response was due that Friday (September 12,
23 2008) and that she would call me as soon as she received it. On September 18, 2008 I spoke to
24 Detective Zunith for the third time inquiring into the status of my meeting request. She informed
25 my that the Chief was sending me a letter and if I did not receive it by September 25, 2008, I
26 should call back and she would fax it to me.

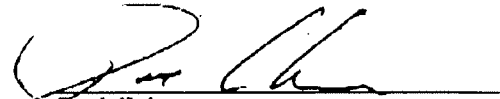
27 16. In a letter dated September 17, 2008, the LAPD indicated that it had reviewed my
28 application for a carry concealed weapons license and my related correspondence. However, the

1 LAPD claimed that my rationale still did not meet the LAPD's standards for the issuance of a
2 carry concealed weapons license. Therefore, my request for a meeting and for reconsideration of
3 my carry concealed weapons file was denied. Attached hereto as Exhibit "I" is a true and accurate
4 copy of the September 17, 2008 denial letter.

5 17. At no time was I ever provided by the LAPD or City of Los Angeles a copy of the
6 written policies of the LAPD regarding the handling of an application for a carry concealed
7 weapons license.

8 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
9 foregoing is true and correct. If called to testify, I would testify to the above facts.

10 Dated: April 22, 2011

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