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6 THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

7 IN AND FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

8 THERESE MARIE PIZZO, )

Case No. 09-cv-04493-CW

9 Plaintiff, )

10 vs. )

PLAINTIFF'S REPLY AND OPPOSITION  
RE: MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT  
AND/OR ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES,  
AND MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND  
AUTHORITIES (Federal Rule of Civil  
Procedure Rule 56)

11 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO )  
MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM, in both his )  
12 individual and official capacities; FORMER )  
SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT; )  
13 CHIEF OF POLICE HEATHER FONG, in both )  
her individual and official capacities; SAN )  
14 FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF )  
OF POLICE GEORGE GASCON, in his official )  
15 capacity; SAN FRANCISCO SHERIFF )  
MICHAEL HENNESSEY, in both his )  
16 individual and official capacities; CITY AND )  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; and STATE )  
17 OF CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL )  
EDMUND G. BROWN, in his official capacity, )

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1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612  
Judge: Hon. Claudia Wilken

18 Defendants. )  
19 \_\_\_\_\_ )

20 REPLY/OPPOSITION MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

21 This reply/opposition will address the facts and law, broken down as to the State and then the  
22 City.  
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24 A. INTRODUCTION

25 As Madison pointed out in The Federalist No. 46, at 299(c). Rossiter, ed. 1961 and, in  
26 particular, Blackstone in his 1803 Commentaries, and as quoted extensively by the Supreme Court in  
27 *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), "the fifth and last auxiliary right of the subject,  
28 that I shall at present mention, is that of having arms for their defence .... [for ] the natural right of  
resistance and self-preservation... the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and

1 defence. And all these rights and liberties it is our birth-right to enjoy entire ...."

2 Also noted *Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 628 at fn 27 (2008),

3 If all that was required to overcome the right to keep and bear arms was a rational  
4 basis, the Second Amendment would be redundant with the separate constitutional  
prohibitions on irrational laws, and would have no effect.

5 The concept of liberty forms the core of all democratic principles; the state of being free and  
6 enjoying various social, political, or economic rights and privileges. Liberty implies fundamental  
7 basic rights which date back to the writings of seventeenth and eighteenth century theorists such as  
8 Francis Hutcheson and John Locke. Hutcheson believed that all people are equal and that they  
9 possess certain basic rights that are conferred by natural law. Locke postulated that humans are born  
10 with an innate tendency to be reasonable and tolerant. He also believed that all individuals are  
11 entitled to liberty under the natural law that governed them before they formed societies. Locke's  
12 concept of natural law required that no one should interfere with another's life, health, liberty, or  
13 possessions. According to Locke, governments are necessary only to protect those who live within  
14 the laws of nature from those who do not. For this reason, he believed that the power of government  
15 and the rule of the majority must be kept in check, and that they are best controlled by protecting and  
16 preserving individual liberties. Locke's philosophies gave rise to the Separation of Powers and the  
17 system of checks and balances that are the basis of U.S. government.

18 It is conceded limitless freedom is untenable in a peaceful and orderly society. Yet, the  
19 founders of the United States were concerned that individual liberty would be shackled by the police  
20 state. Therefore, echoing Locke's natural-law theory, the Declaration of Independence states that all  
21 people have inalienable rights, including the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
22 Similarly, the Preamble to the Constitution outlines the Framers' intent to establish a government  
23 structure that ensures freedom from oppression. It reads, in part, "We the People ... in Order to ...  
24 secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...." The Bill of Rights sets forth a  
25 number of specific protections of individual liberties, one of which was the Second Amendment ---  
26 the right to be armed.

27 Through these documents, U.S. citizens are guaranteed freedom of speech, press, assembly,  
28 and religion; the right to keep and bear arms, rooted in the inherent and natural human right of

1 self-defense; freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and freedom from slavery or  
2 involuntary servitude. Criminal law and procedure require that a person may not be detained  
3 unlawfully and that a person who is accused of a crime is entitled to reasonable bail and a speedy  
4 trial. The right to be free from unlawful detention has been interpreted to mean not only that the  
5 government may not deprive a person of liberty without due process of law, but also that a citizen  
6 has a right "to be free in the enjoyment of all his faculties; to be free to use them in all lawful ways;  
7 to live and work where he will; to earn his living by any lawful calling; and to pursue any livelihood  
8 or vocation". *Allgeyer v. Louisiana*, 165 U.S. 578, 17 S. Ct. 427, 41 L. Ed. 832 (1897). State  
9 governments may not regulate individual rights except for compelling reasons narrowly tailored to  
10 achieve that purpose.

11 The Court has engendered bitter and sustained controversy with its defense of privacy rights  
12 in cases such as *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113, 93 S. Ct. 705, 35 L. Ed. 2d 147 (1973), which found the  
13 constitutional right to privacy to include the right to obtain an Abortion. Critics of such decisions  
14 contend that such liberties are not enumerated in the Constitution and that the Court should uphold  
15 only rights found in the Constitution. But the Court has consistently held that the liberties  
16 enumerated in the Constitution are a continuum that, in the words of Justice John Marshall Harlan,  
17 "includes a freedom from all substantial arbitrary impositions and purposeless restraints ... and  
18 which also recognizes ... that certain interests require particularly careful scrutiny of the state needs  
19 asserted to justify their abridgement". *Poe v. Ullman*, 367 U.S. 497, 81 S. Ct. 1752, 6 L. Ed. 2d 989  
20 (1961).

21 The Court justified its findings of liberty rights that are not enumerated in the Constitution by  
22 stating that some rights are basic and fundamental, and that the government has a duty to protect  
23 those rights. It has held that the Constitution outlines a "realm of personal liberty which the  
24 government may not enter." As an example, it noted that marriage is not mentioned in the Bill of  
25 Rights and that interracial marriage was illegal in many places during the nineteenth century, but that  
26 the Court has rightly found these activities to be within the liberty interests guaranteed by the  
27 Constitution.

28 The Court has repeatedly held that individual liberties must be protected no matter how

1 repugnant some find the activity or individual involved. For example, in *Planned Parenthood v.*  
2 *Casey*, 505 U.S. 833, 112 S. Ct. 2791, 120 L. Ed. 28 674 (1992), the Court stated, "Some of us as  
3 individuals find abortion offensive to our most basic principles of morality, but that cannot control  
4 our decision. Our obligation is to define the liberty of all, not to mandate our own moral code." In  
5 *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624, 63 S. Ct. 1178, 87 L. Ed. 1628  
6 (1943), the Court invalidated a law mandating that all students salute the flag, and in *Texas v.*  
7 *Johnson*, 491 U.S. 397, 109 S. Ct. 2533, 105 L. Ed. 2d 342 (1989), it invalidated a law prohibiting  
8 burning of the flag. In all of these cases, the Court emphasized that individuals may disagree about  
9 whether the activity is socially and morally acceptable, but the liberty inherent in the activity may not  
10 be proscribed even if a majority of the populace thinks that it should be, which is exactly what is  
11 happening in California in general, and San Francisco in particular. Gun control is no different. Just  
12 take a look at the amicus filings in this case by various "interest" groups. Rights are not based upon  
13 the political whims at the time — they run in perpetuity until the Constitution is amended or  
14 abolished.

15 Justice Louis D. Brandeis summarized the Court's general wariness of government intrusion  
16 into liberty interests, in *Whitney v. California*, 274 U.S. 357, 47 S. Ct. 641, 71 L. Ed. 1095 (1927):  
17 "Those who won our independence believed that the final end of the state was to make men free."

18 EXPERT WITNESS DAVID ORSAY

19 Each of the Defendants proffered some boilerplate objection as to why Mr. Orsay is not  
20 qualified to be an expert, and to render an opinion in this case. It is highly doubtful that anyone  
21 employed by any of the Defendants has equal or greater education, training and most importantly,  
22 experience in as varied disciplines pertaining to the safe and effective use of firearms and self  
23 defense as Mr. Orsay.

24 Mr. Orsay is a former Special Forces operative, CAPO (Cleared American Protective Officer)  
25 government contractor, former Deputy U.S. Marshal, all of which involved providing PSD  
26 (Protective Services Detail) duties, threat analysis and threat assessments, target analysis, all of  
27 which are the crux of the discretionary decisions regarding what constitutes good cause (or in other  
28 words, the need for a CCW). (See, for example, Orsay Decl. ¶ 3, o, q, r, s, u.)

1 He has gone through every detail, cited every reference to documents relied upon, and he has  
2 supported each and everyone of his opinions with thoughtful and deliberate analysis.

3 His testimony and opinions are admissible to assist the court in the factual analysis of this  
4 case.

5 I.

6 **OPPOSITION AND RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT KAMALA D.**  
7 **HARRIS, AS CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL, MOTION**  
8 **FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

9 Initial observations regarding the difficulty for citizens who want to arm themselves under  
10 current law, one just need read page 4, commencing at line 24, of the Attorney General’s brief.  
11 California says its ok to have a “loaded”, but not “concealed” gun at a “campsite.” So, when it  
12 becomes cold at a campsite, and an individual wears a jacket and “conceals” the gun, that individual  
13 is now in violation of the law. This is true even in an individuals own home. Or, how about when a  
14 person walks 100 yards to the river or lake from their campsite, the government will argue they were  
15 not at their campsite, and therefore in violation of the law.

16 The most common result is under the new federal law which allows possession of loaded  
17 firearms in national parks, but subject to the firearm laws of the states where the parks are located.  
18 Yellowstone spans portions of the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. All three states allow  
19 open carry of loaded handguns and rifles on one’s person or in a vehicle. They all also allow  
20 concealed carry of firearms with a permit, unless you’re a resident of Wyoming, which allows its  
21 citizens to carry a concealed weapon without a permit.

22 In California, those same campers at Yellowstone, who then travel to Yosemite, must keep  
23 the handgun in a locked container and unloaded unless they are at their campsite — they cannot drive  
24 into the park with a loaded handgun nor keep the loaded handgun locked in their car while at the  
25 campsite – Cal. Penal Code Section § 25850(a).

26 To further elaborate on the confusion, how does one transport a loaded handgun while  
27 backpacking into deep country of Yosemite until they arrive at their campsite? Carry a heavy metal  
28 container with the handgun locked up, and inaccessible for “immediate” use. Cal. Penal Code  
Section § 26045 supposedly allows “a person who reasonably believes that any person or the

1 property of any person is in immediate, grave danger and that the carrying of the weapon is necessary  
2 for the preservation of that person or property.” This is a dangerously ambiguous exception in the  
3 law. The problem is how does one get access to the firearm at the moment of “immediate” danger?  
4 The Cary Stayners who hover around national parks love California — for they are adequately  
5 protected.

6 In sum, the State has created a regulatory scheme that is complex, confusing, and  
7 administered arbitrarily – essentially legislating away plaintiff’s rights. Plaintiff’s only avenue for  
8 certainty in the legality of her possessing an immediately accessible loaded firearm while camping is  
9 to have a CCW permit. In fact, it is more appropriate to have a weapon concealed at a national park  
10 than to be flaunting it.

11 **A. Plaintiff Has Standing to Sue the Attorney General Because Plaintiff’s Injuries**  
12 **Are Traceable to State Law, and thus, ultimately, State Action and pre-**  
13 **enforcement decisions of law are always proper.**

14 In California, a sheriff is not designated by the constitution as a member of the executive  
15 branch, which is defined in Article V, titled "Executive." Instead, sheriffs in California are defined  
16 in Article XI of the Constitution, titled "Local Government". The California Constitution recognizes  
17 two forms of local government: counties and cities, with the sheriff designated as the chief law  
18 enforcement officer of the county. See Cal. Const. art. XI, §§ 1, 2; *Headwaters Forest Defense v.*  
19 *County of Humboldt*, 211 F.3d 1121, 1126 n. 2 (9th Cir.2000); *LaLonde v. County of Riverside*, 204  
20 F.3d 947, 961 (9th Cir.2000).

21 California Constitution Article V, section 13 grants the Attorney General a supervisory role  
22 over "every district attorney and sheriff and over such other law enforcement officers as may be  
23 designated by law." Thus, the Attorney General is a ultimately the proper party for the case and  
24 controversy requirement; because ultimately, the Attorney General can tell a local Sheriff how to  
25 conduct its affairs.

26 Individual standing is not a difficult question. The Court has repeatedly decided important  
27 standing cases where the existence of a new statute, and the reasonable possibility of prosecution,  
28 allows a pre-enforcement decision on the merits for persons adversely affected. *Gratz v. Bollinger*,  
539 U.S. 244 (2003), *Thompson v. Western States Medical Center*, 535 U.S.

1 357(2002)(pre-enforcement standing found), *Epperson v. Arkansas*, 393 U.S. 97 (1968)(ripeness  
2 without enforcement).

3 *Abbott Laboratories v. Gardner*, 387 U.S. 136 (1967), is a leading standing. Justice Harlan  
4 noted there: "the impact of the regulations upon the petitioners is sufficiently direct and immediate  
5 as to render the issue appropriate for judicial review at this stage." *Id.* at 152.

6 Since the action against the state only seeks a declaration as to the constitutionality of state  
7 law, only the State can defend the laws constitutionality ---- here, if the Attorney General was not  
8 named, the State would be arguing that the City and County is not the proper party. Therefore, the  
9 State is the proper party and there is standing since the injury is a direct and proximate result of state  
10 law.

11 Moreover, the State also caused harm to Plaintiff. As the State admits at 11:26 of its brief,  
12 "the Department of Justice must prepare a uniform CCW application form to be used throughout the  
13 state." The same application that does not provide for Plaintiff to disclose her address and which the  
14 City defendants proffer as a defense. However, since Plaintiff was never allowed to be "interviewed"  
15 by an "investigator", the City never did get plaintiff's address.

16 **B. Defendant Attorney General's Joinder to Motion for Summary Judgment Filed**  
17 **by the San Francisco Defendants is address under the Below Opposition to those**  
18 **Defendants.**

19 **II.**

20 **A. California Penal Code Sections 26150 and 26155, Which Govern The Issuance of**  
21 **CCW Licenses, Are the Root of the of the Constitutional Deprivation of Rights**  
22 **under the Second Amendment and the Due Process and Equal Protection Clause**  
23 **of the Fourteenth Amendment.**

24 California's licensing scheme is the root of the Constitutional deprivations. Without the  
25 subject State law, plaintiff would not be prohibited from traveling with a loaded, immediately  
26 accessible, handgun for personal self-defense or defense of family.

27 **1. The Supreme has not Ruled what Level of Scrutiny applies, but it has**  
28 **ruled out a Rational Basis Test.**

The Supreme Court has made clear that the rational basis test "could not be used to evaluate  
the extent to which a legislature may regulate a specific, enumerated right, be it the freedom of  
speech, the guarantee against double jeopardy, the right to counsel, or the right to keep and bear



1 arms.” *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 628 at fn 27 (2008) and *McDonald v. City of*  
2 *Chicago*, — U.S. —, 130 S.Ct. 3020, 177 L.Ed.2d 894 (2010). The Fifth Circuit utilizes a  
3 version of strict scrutiny to evaluate gun laws under the Second Amendment, permitting regulations  
4 that are “limited, narrowly tailored specific exceptions or restrictions for particular cases that are  
5 reasonable and not inconsistent with the right of Americans generally to individually keep and bear  
6 their private arms as historically understood in this country.” *United States v. Emerson*, 270 F.3d  
7 203, 261 (5th Cir. 2001).

## 8 **2. California’s CCW Laws Cannot Withstand Even Rational Basis Scrutiny**

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10 When reviewing the State’s brief, it becomes patently obvious that there is no set standard for  
11 what constitutes “good cause” or “good moral character.” Nowhere does the State set out to define  
12 these vague terms. The State’s only defense is that these terms have been used since 1923, at 7:3 of  
13 the State’s brief. What the state fails to mention, throughout most the history of California, is that  
14 the People were not prohibited from carrying a loaded firearm openly.

15 The California Legislature adopted a major new arms law in 1967, for the first time  
16 prohibiting the open carrying of firearms in cities. This law easily passed after the Black Panthers  
17 walked into the Assembly Chamber carrying "pistols, rifles, [and] at least one sawed-off shotgun"  
18 peacefully protesting. *Capitol Is Invaded*, Sacramento Bee, May 2, 1967, A1, A10. This  
19 demonstration of course pushed through The Mulford Act, and became California Penal Code  
20 12031.

21 What the evidence shows is that there is absolutely no standard or equality with regards to  
22 who is issued a CCW and who is denied. The reasoning behind the denial is never explained  
23 because it cannot be explained in most instances. It cannot be explained because there is no standard  
24 for determining who will be denied. Because there is no standard, there is no equality.

25 The State does not attempt to conjure up a *per se* definition as to what constitutes "good  
26 cause" or "good moral character" for the issuance of a CCW — because it can’t.

27 It is obvious from former Deputy City Attorney Hactor's easy issuance of a CCW and abrupt  
28 revocation several months later that issuance in many instances is linked directly to being a member



1 of the city or county government. Retiring policemen, demonstrating no imminent threat, or even a  
2 request for a CCW are issued one. Thus, government employees become a privileged group who are  
3 more "equal" than the common citizen. The government would have us ignore that there is a separate  
4 criteria, yet believe that the criteria is equal. Attempts at equality through "separate but equal"  
5 policies, procedures and systems met with failure during the civil rights era in America's history and  
6 required court intervention for correction.

7 The San Francisco Police Department's consistent reason for denying a CCW is exemplified  
8 by CCSF000497. Without further explanation by the department, the following verbiage is used in  
9 almost every denial of the police department. Lieutenant Groshong states in part, "There is no  
10 guarantee that your carrying a weapon would mitigate or prevent the incidents you describe in your  
11 letter that ultimately led to your request."

12 Is articulating a "guarantee" that a CCW will prevent the incident one describes the standard?  
13 This statement is so ridiculous that none of the defendants even attempted to explain it. As Mr.  
14 Orsay opined, "I feel very comfortable with opining that this 'guarantee' standard cannot be met by  
15 anyone, anywhere, at any time."

16 Further, Groshong writes that, "A generalized request based upon personal protection and  
17 self-defense does not establish good cause for the issuance...". However, it is patently obvious that  
18 many of the requests are extremely timely, specific, and well documented, unlike retired peace  
19 officers who don't have to meet a "standard." It must be assumed then that this statement means  
20 nothing, and the 'generalness' of the request has nothing to do with whether it is granted or not.

21 For the these reasons, and the reasons delved into herein below, there is no rationale basis for  
22 establishing a "good cause" standard simply because there is no standard, especially when compared  
23 to exempting retired law enforcement from the same standards and thresholds made applicable to the  
24 general public. Simply put, the "good cause" and "moral character" standard are arbitrary terms of  
25 art which are abused by governmental officials, some of whom are elected.

26 **3. Under Intermediate Scrutiny or Strict Scrutiny, the State of California's  
27 CCW Laws have no support in fact.**

28 For the reasons stated under a rational basis test, the defendants cannot support and of the  
current gun laws under an intermediate or strict scrutiny test.

1           **B.     Penal Code Sections 25450 and 25900 – Which Creates a Separate Privileged**  
 2           **Class for Retired Peace Officers – Offends the Equal Protection Clause Because**  
 3           **Retired Peace Officers Are No Longer Acting in an Official Governmental**  
 4           **Capacity and They Are Simply Members of the Public at Large.**

5           Georgetown Emeritus Professor Antieau points out that in the debates on the Fourteenth  
 6           Amendment, Senator Howard assured supporters "that Black freedmen would have equality of right  
 7           'to keep and bear arms.'" Congressional Globe, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., pp. 2765-66, *Antieau, the*  
 8           *Intended Significance of the Fourteenth Amendment* 286 (Wm. Hein, Buffalo, N.Y. 1997)

9           Surely the first relevant reference to the Second Amendment in the US Reports appears in the  
 10          denial of all rights to Dred Scott in *Scott v. Sandford*, 60 U.S. (19 Howard) 393, 416-17  
 11          (1856)(Taney, CJ). Taney attempts to justify his denial of rights to slaves:

12                 "For if they were so received, and entitled to the privileges and immunities of citizens  
 13                 ... . It would give to persons of the negro race ... the full liberty of speech ... ; to hold  
 14                 public meetings upon political affairs, and to keep and carry arms wherever they  
 15                 went." [emphasis added]

16          Today, it is really no different – though the class is much larger, the impact is the same.  
 17          California allows retired law enforcement to keep and carry arms wherever they go, to the exclusion  
 18          of all else.

19          That the CCW law violates the Equal Protection Clause is obvious from its plain text. The  
 20          Supreme Court has explained that the interest in self-defense informs the right to bear arms.  
 21          Presumably, everyone who seeks a permit to carry a handgun does so for the purpose of being able to  
 22          exercise the right of self-defense. Yet some people who have this plainly sufficient interest (e.g.,  
 23          Plaintiff) are denied a permit, while others, for no reason, are granted permits. The classification cuts  
 24          through the very purpose of the right and is therefore irrational. It follows that a higher level of  
 25          scrutiny would also defeat the classification. For example, there can be no important or compelling  
 26          government interest in denying the interest in self-defense, nor can such a broad denial of the right to  
 27          bear arms be substantially related to an important interest, to say nothing of being narrowly tailored  
 28          with respect to an individual right.

            The State argues that honorably retired California peace officers are not similarly situated to  
 plaintiff. Maybe not when they are active law enforcement; but when a peace officer retires, they  
 have no more duties or responsibilities to the public than any other citizen. That is why they retire

1 — to collect a government pension become nothing more than a “civilian” and as a “civilian” they  
2 have no further law enforcement duties. To apply a presumptive test for “good cause” is a *per se*  
3 equal protection violation. To conclude otherwise, then this Court would have to hold that  
4 honorably retired peace officers are more special than the People – that would include retired  
5 military.

6 With regard to the position that “California has put them in harm’s way...” at page 21 of the  
7 Attorney General’s brief; first, California had nothing to do with placing them in harms way, they  
8 volunteered for a job – no different than the owner of a liquor store in a high crime neighborhood or  
9 near a freeway. In fact, if anything, the data shows that being a peace officer is actually safer than  
10 other occupations, such as a cab driver – DOJ’s own data points to this conclusion. Regardless, there  
11 is not a single fact to support such a contention and to make such a contention now is too late — the  
12 State had its chance and failed miserably to produce a single shred of evidence that proves that  
13 honorably retired peace officers are at a greater risk of violence than “civilians”. What the State is  
14 really saying is that retired officers are more important and more entitled than “civilians.”

15 At page 20 of its brief, the State is comparing apples with grapes. Retired police get a CCW  
16 for life, and it can only be revoked for “good cause”, which would seem to imply revocation for  
17 something such as a felony conviction – it has nothing to do with the same standard of “good cause”  
18 for issuance to anyone other than retired.

19 Once a peace officer retires, they are similarly situated to all the other common folks – they  
20 may not like the fact that they retired and gave up the right to carry a handgun wherever and  
21 whenever they like, but retired they did, and with it, went their peace officer authority. The State  
22 carved out an exception to cater to this privileged class – an exception which is not supported by  
23 fact. Mr. Orsay explains this in detail at Orsay Decl. generally, 200-396, specifically, ¶¶ 230-232,  
24 263, 265-312, 326-329, 369, 389, 395, and 396.

25 Assuming an officer retires after 20 or 30 years of service, and lives an additional 20 years  
26 with a lifetime CCW. They are not required to undergo periodic psychological testing, unlike the  
27 rest of the population. Their firearms qualifications standards are the same as the general public. In  
28 fact, other than being a retired government employee, retired officers are now on par with the rest

1 their fellow citizens.

2 Anticipating defendants would raise the red-herring defense: “retired peace officers who were  
3 authorized and did carry firearms in the course of their duties. Retired peace officers **may be at risk**  
4 of retaliation from felons whom they have arrested and incarcerated.” Harris Brief 20:23-24. What  
5 this court has to pay particular attention to is the fact they the State (and the City and County  
6 defendants) cited no facts to support such a preposterous statement. To the contrary, the State’s DOJ  
7 data even shows that on-duty law enforcement officer are less likely to be the victim of homicide  
8 compared to the general public. RJN #28, also found at  
9 [ag.ca.gov/cjsc/publications/homicide/hm06/preface.pdf](http://ag.ca.gov/cjsc/publications/homicide/hm06/preface.pdf)

10 From 1997 to 2006, “the general population homicide rate decreased 15.4 percent (7.8 to  
11 6.6). The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty decreased 38.3 percent (10.7 to  
12 6.6).” There is not a single fact that off-duty or retired officers are more likely to be the victim of  
13 crime. To the contrary, from a pure statistical standpoint, active duty peace officers are killed at the  
14 same rate as the general population ---- all the more reason why plaintiff should have been issued a  
15 CCW. Therefore, this hypothetical victimization is not supported by DOJ’s own data.

16 Moreover, when given the opportunity in discovery, Defendant State of California Attorney  
17 General Edmund G. Brown (now Kamala D. Harris) has taken a cavalier approach in providing a  
18 factual basis supporting the law.

19 Throughout the course of this case, the Attorney General continually referred to this URL  
20 (<http://oag.ca.gov/crime>) in its boilerplate responses, as noted below. Here is a typical response  
21 example: RESPONSE: Defendant Attorney General, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the  
22 Justice Research and Statistics Association, and the Statistical Analysis Centers of individual states,  
23 all collect and publish extensive crime data, which is available on Defendant's website at  
24 <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>. That data may [emphasis added] be responsive to this request. Beyond that,  
25 Defendant Attorney General presently has no non-privileged, responsive documents in its  
26 possession, custody or control in regard to the laws that are the direct subject of this lawsuit.

27 There is no factual basis supporting the Attorney General's proposition stated at 20:23-24 of  
28 its brief. At RJN # 25, Defendant Attorney General's Response to Plaintiff's Request for Admissions,

1 Set One, anytime the State is requested to support any conclusion that retired peace officers are not  
 2 similarly situated to the general public, the State's boilerplate response is: "Defendant has made a  
 3 reasonable inquiry and determined that, prior to expert discovery, it lacks sufficient knowledge to  
 4 admit or deny the requested admission." The problem with the response is two fold: first, the time to  
 5 disclose experts has passed, and the State did not disclose an expert; hence, the State cannot deny the  
 6 admission. Second, if the State had any facts to support a denial, they would have so stated;  
 7 therefore, it is reasonable to infer that the State has no factual support for the current regulatory  
 8 CCW scheme in California, especially exempting retired peace officers of its burdens and disabilities  
 9 applicable to all other citizens.

10 For example, RJN # 25 with emphasis added in bold and underline:

11 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 4

12 There is no evidence that the prohibition of carrying concealed handguns by members of the  
 13 public, who are otherwise legally permitted to own a handgun, actually reduces firearm  
 14 related deaths and crime.

15 RESPONSE: The requested admission, and its bearing on CCW laws, is a matter of  
 16 controversy among researchers and advocates. Accordingly, defendant believes that the  
 17 requested admission is properly a matter of expert opinion. Defendant has made a reasonable  
 18 inquiry and determined that, prior to expert discovery, **it lacks sufficient knowledge** to admit  
 19 or deny the requested admission.

20 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 7

21 There are no documents or data supporting YOUR contention that your enactment or  
 22 enforcement of any firearm law, policy, regulation or ordinance has actually reduced crime  
 23 and saved lives.

24 RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as overbroad as to scope and time, unduly  
 25 burdensome, compound, and vague. Defendant further objects on the ground that this request  
 26 seeks an admission on a contention that she has not made in this litigation. Defendant has  
 27 made a reasonable inquiry and determined that, prior to expert discovery, **it lacks sufficient**  
 28 **knowledge** to admit or deny the requested admission.

21 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 8

22 In state jurisdictions with UNRESTRICTED and SHALL-ISSUE laws, which allows their  
 23 citizens to carry a concealed handgun, spend less on law enforcement services than states  
 24 with MAY-ISSUE and NO-ISSUE type of conceal carry laws.

25 RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as overbroad as to scope and time, unduly  
 26 burdensome, compound, and vague. Furthermore, the requested admission, and its bearing  
 27 on CCW laws, is a matter of controversy among researcher and advocates. Accordingly,  
 28 defendant believes that the requested admission is properly a matter of expert opinion.  
 Defendant has made a reasonable inquiry and determined that, prior to expert discovery, **it**  
**lacks sufficient knowledge** to admit or deny the requested admission.

26 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 11

27 There are no documented cases of any **honorably retired California peace officer being**  
 28 **murdered** by someone they either arrested or investigated while employed as a California  
 peace officer.

RESPONSE: After a reasonable inquiry, the information that defendant knows or can readily

1 obtain is insufficient to allow it to admit or deny this requested admission. **Defendant does**  
2 **not maintain such information.**

3 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 12

4 There are no documented cases of any honorably retired California peace officer being  
5 **threatened** by someone they either arrested or investigated while employed as a California  
6 peace officer.

7 RESPONSE: After a reasonable inquiry, the information that defendant knows or can readily  
8 obtain is insufficient to allow it to admit or deny this requested admission. **Defendant does**  
9 **not maintain such information.**

10 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 13

11 Once a California peace officer is honorably retired, he or she is not required to undergo  
12 periodic psychological testing in order to have CCW permit.

13 RESPONSE: **Admit.**

14 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 14

15 Once an individual passes a psychological test and is employed as a California peace officer,  
16 he or she is not required to undergo periodic psychological testing in order to maintain their  
17 status as a peace officer unless specifically ordered to do so in very limited circumstances.

18 RESPONSE: Admit that once an individual passes a psychological test and is employed as a  
19 California peace officer, he or she is **not required to undergo periodic psychological**  
20 **testing in order to maintain their status as a peace officer** unless specifically ordered to do  
21 so in specific circumstances.

22 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 16

23 A California peace officer is more likely to commit suicide than a person who is not a  
24 California peace officer.

25 RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as irrelevant to any party's claim or defense.  
26 Defendant objects that this request for admission calls for expert opinion. Without waiving  
27 its objections, defendant responds that, after a reasonable inquiry, the information that  
28 defendant knows or can readily obtain is **insufficient to allow it to admit or deny this**  
**requested admission.**

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 17

The average psychological profile of a California peace officer, as determined by the  
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory I and II, is very similar to the average criminals  
psychological profile.

RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as irrelevant to any party's claim or defense.  
Defendant objects that this request for admission calls for expert opinion. Without waiving  
its objections, defendant responds that, after a reasonable inquiry, the information that  
defendant knows or can readily obtain is **insufficient to allow it to admit or deny this**  
**requested admission.**

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 18

The FBI held a Conference on **Domestic Violence by Police Officers**, in Quantico, VA,  
September 16, 1998, the focus of which was the profiled personalities of male law  
enforcement personnel who battered their female domestic partners.

RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as irrelevant to any party's claim or defense.  
Without waiving its objection, defendant responds that she **lacks sufficient information** to  
allow her admit or deny this request.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 20

Two reports that followed the Rodney King beating--the 1991 report of the Independent  
Commission To Study the Los Angeles Police Department and the 1992 Los Angeles County  
Sheriff's Report by James G. Kolt and staff--questioned the effectiveness of existing



1 psychological screening to predict propensity for violence by California peace officers.  
2 RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as irrelevant to any party's claim or defense.  
3 Without waiving its objection, defendant responds that she **lacks sufficient information** to  
4 allow her admit or deny this request.

5 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 21

6 **Issuing concealed weapons permits to citizens who have never been peace officers has**  
7 **no measurable effect on the increase in crime or gun violence.**

8 RESPONSE: The requested admission, and its bearing on CCW laws, is a matter of  
9 controversy among researcher and advocates. Accordingly, defendant believes that the  
10 requested admission is properly a matter of expert opinion. Defendant has made a reasonable  
11 inquiry and determined that, prior to **expert** discovery, **it lacks sufficient knowledge to**  
12 **admit or deny the requested admission.**

13 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 22

14 Every single Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) report since 1987 shows that in the fifteen  
15 (15) years following the passage of Florida's "shall issue" concealed carry law in 1987,  
16 800,000 CCW permits have been issued and the homicide rate in Florida, which in 1987 was  
17 much higher than the national average, fell 52% bringing it below the national average.

18 RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as irrelevant to any party's claim or defense.  
19 Defendant further objects that the subject matter of this request is properly a subject of expert  
20 discovery. Without waiving its objection, defendant responds that prior to expert discovery,  
21 defendant **lacks sufficient information to admit or deny this request.**

22 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 23

23 There is no factual reason why Plaintiff should not have been issued a CCW permit.

24 RESPONSE: Defendant **lacks sufficient information** to admit or deny this request.

25 REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 24

26 There are no facts supporting any law that favors the issuance of CCWs to honorably retired  
27 California peace officers as compared to the same laws also being applied equally to  
28 honorably retired members of the United States Armed Forces.

RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as overbroad as to scope and time, unduly  
burdensome, and vague. Defendant further objects to this request as irrelevant to any party's  
claim or defense. Defendant further objects that the subject matter of this request is properly  
a subject of expert discovery. **Prior to expert** discovery, defendant **lacks sufficient**  
**information** to admit or deny this request.

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 25

There is no evidence that CCW permit holders in "shall issue" states commit more gun  
related crimes per capita as compared to the citizens of the State of California.

RESPONSE: Defendant objects to this request as overbroad as to scope and time, unduly  
burdensome, and vague. Defendant further objects to this request as irrelevant to any party's  
claim or defense. Defendant further objects that the subject matter of this request is properly  
a subject of expert discovery. Prior to **expert** discovery, defendant **lacks sufficient**  
**information** to admit or deny this request.

At RJN # 26, Defendant Attorney General's Response to Plaintiff's Request for Inspection  
and Production of Documents and Things, Set One, anytime the State is requested to support any  
conclusion that retired peace officers are not similarly situated to the general public, the State's  
boilerplate response is: "Defendant Attorney General, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the  
Justice Research and Statistics Association, and the Statistical Analysis Centers of individual states,



1 all collect and publish extensive crime data, which is available on defendant's website at  
 2 <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>. **That data may be responsive to this request.** Beyond that, Defendant  
 3 Attorney General presently has no non-privileged, responsive documents in its possession, custody  
 4 or control in regard to the laws that are the direct subject of this lawsuit.” [emphasis added] The  
 5 problem again with the response is if the State had any facts to support a the currently CCW statutory  
 6 scheme, they would have so stated; instead of saying “[t]hat data may be responsive to this request.”

7 For example, with emphasis added in the key response Plaintiff is relying upon:

8 REQUEST NO. 4

9 Please produce all documents relating to any study or research YOU conducted proving that  
 10 after enacting the firearm laws, policies, regulations and ordinances which are the subject  
 11 matter of this action, the firearm laws pass have **reduced firearm related deaths and crime.**  
 12 RESPONSE: Defendant Attorney General, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the  
 13 Justice Research and Statistics Association, and the Statistical Analysis Centers of individual  
 14 states, all collect and publish extensive crime data, which is available on defendant's website  
 15 at <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>. That data may be responsive to this request. Beyond that,  
 16 Defendant Attorney General presently has **no non-privileged, responsive documents in its  
 17 possession**, custody or control in regard to the laws that are the direct subject of this lawsuit.

18 REQUEST NO. 17

19 Please produce any and all documents supporting any contention that **honorably retired  
 20 California peace officers have a greater probability of being a victim of crime than  
 21 citizens of the CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO who were never associated  
 22 with law enforcement.**

23 RESPONSE: Defendant Attorney General objects to this request as overbroad, vague and  
 24 ambiguous, requiring speculation, and beyond the permissible scope of discovery. The  
 25 proposed contention is unrestricted in time and jurisdiction, and it fails to define what is  
 26 meant by "crime" much less identify any specific crimes for defendant to evaluate. The word  
 27 "crime," as used in this request, is also vague and ambiguous because it does not convey the  
 28 nature of the offenses for which information is sought. If it means every violation of law,  
 then it is grossly overbroad and beyond the scope of discovery. If it means only violations of  
 law with some bearing on carrying concealed weapons, then plaintiff should list the  
 violations that she asserts would belong in this category. To the extent that Defendant  
 Attorney General could conceivably respond, it would be in the form of an expert report or  
 testimony, which is not subject to discovery at this time.

Without waiving the foregoing objections, Defendant Attorney General responds as follows.  
 Defendant Attorney General, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Justice Research and  
 Statistics Association, and the Statistical Analysis Centers of individual states, all collect and  
 publish extensive crime data, which is available on defendant's website at  
<http://oag.ca.gov/crime>. That data may be responsive to this request. Beyond that, Defendant  
 Attorney General has **no non-privileged, responsive documents** in its possession, custody  
 or control in regard to the laws that are the direct subject of this lawsuit.

29 REQUEST NO. 18

30 Please produce any and all documents which evidences that **honorably retired** peace officers  
 are at a greater risk of harm than individuals who have never been peace officers.

31 RESPONSE: Defendant Attorney General objects to this request as overbroad, vague and  
 32 ambiguous, requiring speculation, and beyond the permissible scope of discovery. The  
 33 proposed contention is unrestricted in time, jurisdiction, and the populations to be measured,  
 34 and it fails to define what is meant by "risk of harm." To the extent that Defendant Attorney

1 General could conceivably respond, it would be in the form of an expert report or testimony,  
 2 which is not subject to discovery at this time.

3 Without waiving the foregoing objections, Defendant Attorney General responds as follows.  
 4 Defendant Attorney General, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Justice Research and  
 5 Statistics Association, and the Statistical Analysis Centers of individual states, all collect and  
 6 publish extensive crime data, which is available on defendant's website at  
 7 <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>. That data may be responsive to this request. Beyond that, Defendant  
 8 Attorney General has **no non-privileged, responsive documents** in its possession, custody  
 9 or control in regard to the laws that are the direct subject of this lawsuit.

10 REQUEST NO. 21

11 Please produce all documents identifying all active or **honorably** separated member of the  
 12 criminal justice system directly responsible for the investigation, arrest, incarceration,  
 13 prosecution or imposition of sentence on criminal offenders, and who has actually filed a  
 14 crime report regarding a crime committed against them while OFF-DUTY OR AFTER  
 15 THEY RETIRED and which said crime was directly associated with the fact that they were  
 16 responsible for the investigation, arrest, incarceration, prosecution or imposition of sentence  
 17 of the criminal offender.

18 RESPONSE: Defendant Attorney General objects to this request as vague, overbroad, and  
 19 unduly burdensome. The request is overbroad because it apparently applies to all present and  
 20 former members of "the criminal justice system" statewide and is not limited as to the period  
 21 of time for which plaintiff seeks information. The request is unduly burdensome because  
 22 **Defendant Attorney General does not collect such information and has no practical way  
 23 to gather it - crime reports are kept by local jurisdictions.** On the basis of the foregoing  
 24 objections, Defendant Attorney General will not respond to this request.

25 REQUEST NO. 26

26 Please produce all research that you have ever had in your possession which proves that  
 27 CCW permit holders in "shall issue" states commit more gun related crimes per capita as  
 28 compared to the citizens of the State of California.

RESPONSE: Defendant Attorney General objects to this request as overbroad in regard to  
 "ever had in your possession" because it is unlimited as to time and requests documents that  
 may no longer be in Defendant Attorney General's possession, custody or control. It is vague  
 and ambiguous in using the terms "proves" and "research." The request is also outside the  
 scope of discovery. Only policies and practices for CCW licensing in California are at issue  
 in this litigation.

Without waiving the foregoing objections, Defendant Attorney General responds as follows.  
 Defendant Attorney General, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Justice Research and  
 Statistics Association, and the Statistical Analysis Centers of individual states, all collect and  
 publish extensive crime data, which is available on defendant's website at  
<http://oag.ca.gov/crime>. That data may be responsive to this request. Beyond that, Defendant  
 Attorney General has no non-privileged, responsive documents in its possession, custody or  
 control in regard to the laws that are the direct subject of this lawsuit.

REQUEST NO. 57

Produce all documents supporting any contention you have that honorably retired California  
 Peace Officer's can be trusted more with a firearm than an **honorably discharged member  
 of the armed forces**, including, but not limited to, the peace officers identified in the San  
 Francisco Chronicle articles attached to the Initial Disclosures.

RESPONSE: Defendant Attorney General, the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the  
 Justice Research and Statistics Association, and the Statistical Analysis Centers of individual  
 states, all collect and publish extensive crime data, which is available on Defendant Attorney  
 General's website at <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>. Some of that data may be responsive to this  
 request. Beyond that, Defendant Attorney General has **no** non-privileged, responsive  
 documents in its possession, custody or control in regard to the laws that are the direct subject  
 of this lawsuit.

1 At RJN # 24, Defendant Attorney General's Response to Plaintiff's Special Interrogatories,  
2 Set One, again at anytime the State is requested to support any conclusion that retired peace officers  
3 are not similarly situated to the general public, the government cannot support even even its most  
4 basic contention.

5 For example, with emphasis added:

6 INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

Is it your contention that gun control laws decrease gun related deaths and injuries?

7 RESPONSE:

8 \*\*\* Defendant takes **no position** on the contention as drafted. To the extent that  
defendant has responsive information in its possession, custody or control, that information is  
located on defendant's website, <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>.

9 INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

10 Is it your contention that honorably retired California peace officers have a greater  
probability of being the **victim of crime** than members of the public who have never been  
California peace officer?

11 RESPONSE:

12 \*\*\* Defendant takes **no position** on the contention as drafted. To the extent that  
defendant has responsive information in its possession, custody or control, that information is  
located on defendant's website, <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>.

13 INTERROGATORY NO. 12:

14 Is it your contention that states that are "SHALL-ISSUE" and UNRESTRICTED have  
a higher percentage of crimes committed with a handgun than states that are "MAY-ISSUE"  
and "NO-ISSUE"?

15 RESPONSE:

16 \*\*\* Without waiving the foregoing objections, defendant responds as follows:  
17 Defendant takes **no position** on the contention as drafted. To the extent that defendant has  
responsive information in its possession, custody or control, that information is located on  
18 defendant's website, <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>.

19 INTERROGATORY NO. 16:

20 Is it your contention that an honorably retired California peace officer has a greater  
probability of being physically attacked as compared to a person who was never employed as  
a California peace officer?

21 RESPONSE:

22 \*\*\* Without waiving the foregoing objections, defendant responds as follows.  
Defendant takes no position on the contention as drafted. To the extent that defendant has  
responsive information in its possession, custody or control, that information is located on  
23 defendant's website, <http://oag.ca.gov/crime>.

24 The common denominator in every single response of the Attorney General is that whatever  
25 evidence that "may" exist, it "may" be located at "<http://oag.ca.gov/crime>" – good luck finding it! If  
26 the Attorney General can take such a cavalier approach regarding a fundamental right, this alone is a  
27 sufficient basis to strike down the law.

28 Regardless, after all the smoke and mirror responses directing Plaintiff to

1 “<http://oag.ca.gov/crime>”, the Attorney General does not even dare cite this hyperlink in any part of  
2 its brief or supporting documents for the simple fact there is no evidence supporting any hypothetical  
3 reason the Attorney General “may” conjure up in its brief, especially honorably retired peace officer  
4 exemption.

5 In fact, it is well established that when peace officers are exempted from firearm laws (RJN #  
6 31, ¶s 16, 138, 169), they abuse their State granted rights. For example, at RJN # 31, which is an  
7 affidavit by Special Agent Sara Lewis of the ATF, she identifies active and retired peace officers of  
8 the Roseville PD (RJN # 31, ¶ 29, 175), Retired Roseville Police officer (RJN # 31, ¶ 191),  
9 Sacramento City PD (RJN # 31, ¶ 30, 172), Sacramento County SD (RJN # 31, ¶ 25, 26, 28), and  
10 CHP (RJN # 31, ¶ 179, 180) abusing their State carved right to buy, sell, and trade firearms that are  
11 not available to the public, including high capacity magazines.

12 The gist of RJN # 31 is that peace officers who are exempted from the very laws they  
13 enforce, are not the paragons of virtue that defendants make them out to be ---- peace officers (active  
14 or retired) will make mistakes just like the general population.

15 After all, can the state explain why a citizen is limited to purchasing one gun a month from a  
16 very limited list of guns approved by the state, but peace officers can purchase an unlimited amount  
17 of firearms and traffic in them. Its not as if they need a new gun every month. Keep in mind this is  
18 the same privileged group claiming the dangers of the public possessing firearms — the same public  
19 they need protection from when they retire. If anything, the State’s gun laws created a black market  
20 for peace officers to make a profit on; at the same time, this privileged group of government  
21 employees are responsible for putting more guns on the streets than the gun dealers themselves ---  
22 “Fast and Furious” also comes to mind. RJN # 31, ¶ 44 is also very telling in the handgun business  
23 that its “cops” and everyone else (i.e. “non-cops”). Plaintiff would also direct the court to RJN # 31,  
24 ¶ 60, and take a look at what is commonly called an “Uzi” – and ask, why would a “cop” be allowed  
25 to purchase an Uzi which is banned to the general public, including plaintiff? A “cop” cannot carry  
26 an Uzi on duty, and should they really be allowed to carry one off duty – does the Attorney General  
27 think this is acceptable?

28 The Attorney General will argue RJN # 31 has no relevance since different laws are involved.

1 To the contrary, the privilege is the same – irrationally exempting the law enforcement community  
2 from firearm laws applicable to everyone else. Besides, it is relevant, since the UZI is purchased  
3 while a peace officer is employed, they can carry the weapon concealed anytime and anywhere.  
4 Taking this to its logical conclusion, the day before a “cop” retires, they can purchase hundreds of  
5 Uzis, sell and trade them after retirement, and also carry an Uzi concealed with their lifetime CCW  
6 issued at the time of retirement. Simply put, this privilege class gets all the rights while the rest of  
7 the public is deprived of their rights.

8 More importantly, RJN # 31 brings to the light the very abuses Mr. Orsay opined about.  
9 “There are more similarities than there are differences. Thus, across the board expectations that all  
10 peace officers will be paragons of virtue, or any other attribute, is as atavistic as the concept of ‘good  
11 moral character’.” (Orsay Decl. ¶ 230, see also footnote 44)

12 This becomes even more applicable and particularly relevant when assuming retired peace  
13 officers can all be counted upon to display some singular attribute. These are a group of citizens  
14 who are no longer being employed, no longer training, no longer being assessed by a superior for  
15 adherence to standards, and no longer have any other relationship with law enforcement! (Orsay  
16 Decl. ¶ 231) Beyond the benefits of granting a well-deserved retirement, to automatically grant a  
17 CCW permit to all retired peace officers is irresponsible and without rationale. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 232)

18 Especially noteworthy is in the CCW permit issued to attorney Akins (attorney for the Police  
19 Department), which specifically states in the CCW application (RJN # 2): "Some of them [San  
20 Francisco Police Officers] are or become unstable and all of them are armed. This requires that I  
21 have a gun for self protection." There are several points to draw from this. First, since Akins had his  
22 application approved, his good cause statement must be true. The second point is that the head of the  
23 agency knew this to be true and approved the application. Third, knowing this to be true shows that  
24 the police would rather issue a CCW to an employee of the department rather than disarm any officer  
25 who is deemed a deadly threat to the public's safety.” (Orsay Decl. ¶ 233)

26 The case of Attorney Harrigan (Sheriff's attorney) involves more specificity, but has the same  
27 rationale in the good cause statement (RJN # 3). An "armed deputy" was exhibiting "psychological  
28 instability" and made a threat, but was not arrested. Instead of disarming, psychologically

1 evaluating, or charging the deputy with a crime, the Sheriff issues Harrigan a CCW. The file is  
2 devoid of any substantive facts, other than Harrigan's own personal opinion. It simply boggles the  
3 mind that given this threat (that we must assume the sheriff's department felt was credible due to  
4 their issuance of a CCW) the sheriff's department would not go ahead and immediately disarm the  
5 threatening officer whom they had armed in the first place or even arrest him for a terroristic threat!  
6 (Orsay Decl. ¶ 234)

7 What is still more difficult to understand however is why these "unstable" police officers that  
8 Akins and Harrigan are referring to were allowed to remain armed with "enhanced-lethality  
9 ammunition", while the rest of the public is both prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon and  
10 deprived of the use of "enhanced-lethality ammunition". Why isn't the instability documented?  
11 (Orsay Decl. ¶ 235)

12 III.

13 **Plaintiff Has Withdrawn the Fourth and Ninth Claims as to the State.**

14 **OPPOSITION AND RESPONSE TO SAN FRANCISCO'S  
15 MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

16 I. THE COURT SHOULD DENY SAN FRANCISCO'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
17 JUDGMENT AND GRANT PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
18 JUDGEMENT AS TO SAN FRANCISCO ON PLAINTIFF'S STORAGE  
19 ORDINANCE CLAIMS.

20 A. Plaintiff has Standing To Challenge The Storage Ordinance.

21 Plaintiff's declaration is sufficient to support injury, and she has standing. In addition to  
22 being prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun on her person or in her vehicle, access to her  
23 handgun in her home is extremely made difficult by the City ordinances. (Pizzo Depo. 26:1-4, 43:4).  
24 Plaintiff considers a "readily accessible operable handgun" as a "loaded weapon within a few – few  
25 feet of where I'm at, at all times, or on my person." (Pizzo Depo. 132:2-7). Plaintiff considers a  
26 "readily accessible operable handgun" as a "unlocked" and "outside of a safe." (Pizzo Depo.  
27 132:10-14).

28 State and local laws are so restrictive, and constantly becoming more restrictive and vague,  
Plaintiff is "unclear" as to exactly when and how she can use her firearm, and even transport her  
firearm. At the time this action was filed, Plaintiff was prohibited from discharging a firearm for



1 self-defense in San Francisco. Because she fears prosecution under such restrictive and vague  
2 firearm and ammo ordinances, she currently stores her firearms without ammunition and  
3 disassembled. For instance, she keeps no ammunition in her house because she fears prosecution for  
4 the possession of "enhanced lethality ammunition" which is a vague term to her since all ammunition  
5 is "lethal". Second, she keeps her handguns dismantled. In other words, because of fear or  
6 prosecution, Plaintiff is precluded from maintaining a handgun in her home or in her vehicle in a way  
7 which would make them immediately accessible. She does not even transport her firearm to a gun  
8 range to target practice for fear of prosecution. (Pizzo Depo. 48:2-49:25, 58:16-61:5).

9 If Plaintiff were allowed to make the decision on safe storage of firearm in her home, her  
10 method of storing an immediately accessible loaded handgun with hollow-point ammunition would  
11 be based upon the facts and situation at the time. She would balance the interest of self defense with  
12 safety. The law deprives her decision making responsibilities; the law is attempting to regulat  
13 common sense regarding gun safety. (Pizzo Depo. 52:1-11, 53:2-56:18, 57:25-13)

14 **B. The Storage Ordinance Is Unconstitutional.**

15 **1. Standard Of Review For Second Amendment Claims has been addressed**  
16 **above.**

17 It is clear that intermediate, and most likely strict scrutiny applies, shifting the burden to the  
18 government, which the government failed to meet.

19 **2. Heller mandates an accessible hand gun for immediate self-defense.**

20 San Francisco misses the mark. San Francisco is attempting to legislate both common sense  
21 and the safe handling of firearms. San Francisco is all about gun control (i.e. people control) – not  
22 safety. As plaintiff testified to, Gun laws are designed for "unreasonable" people; Plaintiff is a  
23 "reasonable" person. (Pizzo Depo. 71:23-72:6)

24 San Francisco's takes out of context a quote *Heller* regarding "fire-safety laws" equating  
25 storing black gunpowder (when people use to be able to maintain a fire in their house) which is  
26 highly explosive and could be ignited with a simple spark with handgun that can only be fired if a  
27 person's finger is on the trigger.

28 The storage ordinance interferes with plaintiff's right to choose the best gun safety practices  
under the particular circumstance, and creates a danger to the safety of plaintiff and her family in a



1 single moment of stress during an home invasion. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 134-154) Defendants would argue  
 2 that a woman has the right to choose what constitutes life under Roe v. Wade, but the same woman  
 3 has no right to choose how to practice gun safety.

4 One thing plaintiff is certain about is that the “Framing-era Bostonians” or “New Yorkers”  
 5 the City cites at 12:12 of its brief had less accidental discharges in both those cities over a 100 year  
 6 period than the San Francisco police department did in a 5 year period of time. (See RJN # 29,  
 7 "Officer Involved Shootings, a Five Year Study." January 20, 2010. A study examining San  
 8 Francisco Police Department procedures followed in officer-involved shootings (OIS) for a five-year  
 9 period, from January 1, 2005 to August 27, 2009.)

10 In sum, this ordinance is actually a danger to the public. This ordinance actually increase the  
 11 risk of either accidental discharge and/or the used of deadly force. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 134-154)

12 **3. The Storage Ordinance Does Not Reasonably Advances San Francisco's  
 13 Compelling Interest In Public Safety.**

14 San Francisco has not rebutted the expert witness Declaration of David Orsay. Mr. Chinn  
 15 does not dispute Mr. Orsay’s expert witness declaration. He does not say Mr. Orsay has is not a  
 16 qualified expert. Most importantly, Mr. Orsay spells out his methodology and reasoning, and  
 17 identifies a plethora of supporting facts — unlike Mr. Chinn who states his experience, and his  
 18 opinion with no underlying explanation as to how he came to his opinions.

19 In addition, Mr. Orsay addresses the purported facts in his declaration at paragraphs 175-191.  
 20 Simply, the City cannot overcome the expertise of Mr. Orsay in the field of firearms.

21 **II. THE COURT SHOULD DENY SAN FRANCISCO’S MOTION FOR  
 22 SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND GRANT PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR  
 23 SUMMARY JUDGEMENT AS TO SAN FRANCISCO ON PLAINTIFF'S  
 24 STORAGE ORDINANCE CLAIMS TO SAN FRANCISCO ON PLAINTIFF'S  
 25 AMMUNITION ORDINANCE CLAIMS.**

26 **A. Plaintiffs Has Standing To Challenge The Ammunition Ordinance.**

27 The City establishes plaintiff’s standing on several grounds. 1) The City has made obtaining  
 28 ammunition so burdensome and oppressive, it acts as a constructive ban, assuming possession is  
 legal. 2) S.F. Police Code § 613.10 exempts law enforcement. 3) Inability to obtain proper and  
 adequate ammunition impedes a fundamental right to self-defense. 4) The purpose of the ordinance  
 is to burden a fundamental right. 5) The fundamental right to self-defense includes the ability to

1 purchase the correct ammunition and firearms that serve that purpose. 6) The City intimidates its  
 2 citizens with convoluted ordinances that a reasonable person cannot even interpret. 7) The ordinance  
 3 is written in such a way that it dissuades citizens from owning, possessing, or transferring  
 4 ammunition among family members or neighbors. 8) And, for all the reasons stated by Mr. Orsay in  
 5 Plaintiff's motion.

6 **B. The Ammunition Ordinance impedes Fails Plaintiff's Right to Adequate  
 7 Self Defenses under the Second Amendment Challenge.**

8 Reiterating the point already made by plaintiff in the opening brief, the City wants its citizens  
 9 to use ammunition that is more likely to ricochet and hit a bystander, pass through the intended target  
 10 and hit a bystander, and require more shots to stop an assailant which thereby increases the  
 11 probability of a bystander getting shot. In other words, this law endangers everyone in the vicinity of  
 12 a discharged firearm. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 399-461)(Pizzo Decl. ¶ 26-30, 40-42, 61-67)(Pizzo Depo. 48:2-  
 13 49:25, 58:16-61:5)

14 The purpose of this law is obvious; it is trying to take the lethal force option and make it less  
 15 effective.

16 This ordinance, coupled with the term "Enhanced Lethality Ammunition" would make any  
 17 use of force expert for CITY defendants cringe. By allowing their own officers to use "Enhanced  
 18 Lethality Ammunition", that would mean there is a policy of excessive force. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 397-  
 19 461)(Pizzo Decl. ¶ 40-42, 61-67)

20 **1. The Ammunition Ordinance Burdens Plaintiff's Second  
 21 Amendment Rights.**

22 As already stated, the ordinance attempts to take lethal force and make it less lethal. The next  
 23 law passed will be that Plaintiff will have to use a rubber bullet. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 397-461)(Pizzo  
 24 Decl. ¶ 40-42, 61-67)

25 **2. There is no Legitimate Interest because there is no evidence it  
 26 saves lives**

27 Chinn at paragraph 5 of his declaration that the City uses so-called "enhanced lethality  
 28 ammunition", which would be in violation of the the San Francisco Police Department's (SFPD) own  
 General Order 5.01, Rev. 10/04/05 on "Use of Force" also uses the term "adequate". (RJN # 30)

Therefore, plaintiff would request that she be granted leave to amend the complaint to add a

1 separate cause of action seeking an injunction against the City for having a written policy of  
 2 excessive force by allowing its offers to use “enhanced lethality ammunition” which would  
 3 constitute a public danger and a danger to the 21 police officers who accidentally discharged their  
 4 weapon and injured someone over a 5 year span. (See RJN # 29)

5 In addition, Mr. Orsay addresses the purported facts in his declaration at paragraphs 175-191.

6 This ordinance cannot be justified under any standard of review. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 397-  
 7 461)(Pizzo Decl. ¶ 40-42, 61-67)

8 **C. The Ammunition Ordinance Is Unconstitutionally Vague.**

9 Both Plaintiff and Mr. Orsay find the terms used vague and ambiguous. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 397-  
 10 461)(Pizzo Decl. ¶ 40-42, 61-67) This ordinance is unconstitutionally vague and therefore void.

11 **IV. THE COURT SHOULD DENY SAN FRANCISCO’S MOTION FOR  
 12 SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND GRANT PLAINTIFFS MOTION FOR  
 13 SUMMARY JUDGEMENT AS SAN FRANCISCO'S DENIAL OF  
 14 CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSES VIOLATED PLAINTIFF'S RIGHTS.**

15 **A. Plaintiff Has Standing To Challenge The Concealed Weapons Statutes Or  
 16 San Francisco's Administration Of Concealed Weapons Licenses**

17 There is not a single declaration from a the ultimate policy making official (Chief or Sheriff).  
 18 There is not a single declaration from a current or former CCW permit hold who has ever been a  
 19 peace officer. There is not a single declaration from an honorably retired peace officer stating the  
 20 necessity and need for a CCW. There not a single piece off evidence that honorably retired peace  
 21 officers are more likely to be the victim crime.

22 There is not dispute plaintiff did not submit her application. Not once, but twice to each  
 23 department. Besides, adequate facts are present to establish futility, which the City does not address.

24 Unlike the plaintiff in *Madsen v. Boise State Univ.*, 976 F.2d 1219 (9th Cir. 1992), Plaintiff  
 25 subjected herself to the licensing process which provided Defendants the opportunity to treat plaintiff  
 26 the same as other well connected applicants.

27 Regardless, the Sheriff and Police department denied policies existed, had no policies, and  
 28 the Sheriff’s Department said the application process was futile. The City is attempting *post hoc*  
 reasoning. Plaintiff never had a chance, and standing is met under *Madsen*. (See Orsay Decl.

**B. Plaintiff's CCW-Related Claims are actionable because, 1) Plaintiff Has  
 Proven That The City Denied Her Federal Rights, 2) Pursuant To A**

1 **Custom Or Policy.**

2 The City is creating an ever changing moving target for plaintiff. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 114-116,  
3 122, 192-212, 216-218, 229-396)

4 The City is arguing a moving phantom policy by mentioning fees, what fees? Are Defendants  
5 arguing that a CCW application must be accompanied by a fee? Not a single declaration stating  
6 exactly what the fee is or how Plaintiff would even know of such a fee. There is mention of a \$273  
7 firearm course for “applicants who are granted approval by the Chief of Police.”

8 The State application also states at third page (page 2) that: “Each licensing authority, in  
9 addition to using the state standard application form, will have a written policy summarizing what  
10 they require pursuant to PC section 12050(1)(1)(A) and (B).

11 It also states on page 3 under “Important Instructions”, that [s]ections 6, 7, and 8 must be  
12 completed in the presence of an official of the licensing agency” and “... and be prepared to answer  
13 these questions orally. Do not write anything in Section 7 ...”

14 The only place fees are even mentioned in the State DOJ application is at page 2, under  
15 discretionary psychological testing with a max fee of \$150.00 for an initial test and on page 10,  
16 second paragraph, which states fees are non-refundable (keeping in mind section 6 on page 10 is not  
17 to be signed unless witnessed by an investigator and instructed to do so by the investigator).

18 **2. Plaintiff Has a right to self-defense, which means government has  
19 to provide the method, open carry or concealed.**

20 And

21 **3. Plaintiff's Fourteenth Amendment Rights Were Not Violated.**

22 As already stated, Plaintiff’s position is that she is entitled to a CCW since the State has  
23 banned open carry of firearms in 1967. Plaintiff had no chance for a fair and impartial review of her  
24 two applications. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 114-116, 122, 192-212, 216-218, 229-396)

25 Where does Captain Johnson of the San Francisco Sheriff's Department ("SFSD") even  
26 indicate a fee requirement as there was never a written policy – its like a floating target (no pun  
27 intended). It is admitted SFSD never had a written policy prior to June 23, 2011. Johnson Decl. ¶ 6.  
28 The fascinating aspect of Captain Johnson’s declaration is that she clearly differentiates that  
“civilians” are not issued CCWs – or another words, there are two distinct classes of CCW permit

1 holders – those affiliated with law enforcement and civilians. (Jonhson Dec. ¶ 9)

2 Captain Johnson dances around when Mr. Harrigan retired or where he resides (as residence  
3 would dictate who issues the CCW). The real question is why was it not renewed. His CCW  
4 expired after Plaintiff filed this action and Harrigan’s shenanigans became a matter of public record.  
5 Johnson Decl. ¶ 9. Captain Johnson has to admit Harrigan lied to Mr. Gorski when he denied that  
6 “civilians” are issued CCWs by the then Sheriff. Johnson Decl. ¶ 12.

7 Captain Meachern of the San Francisco Police Department ("SFPD") states a fee schedule  
8 was included with the blank application. Where did SFPD advise Ms. Pizzo to enclose a check,  
9 which should be payable to who, SFPD or State DOJ? Better yet, Captain Meachern states that  
10 there is essentially a “custom” that applicants provide cover letters or that they fill out sections 6-8 in  
11 person – this again is in direct contradiction Harrigan’s policy statement of “futile exercise.”  
12 Meachern Decl. ¶ 14.

13 Also, Captain Johnson states SFSD’s “procedures” for dealing with “deficient” applications.  
14 Where was this written policy in 2009? Johnson Decl. ¶ 14.

15 The City blames laintiff for not providing contact information but fail to even address the  
16 issue it was government that create the form.

17 Its funny how government said it could not locate Plaintiff though they had her name, date of  
18 birth, place of birth, and county of residence – all the information necessary to run the simplest of  
19 DMV or CLETS checks. Is the City somehow arguing that she would have been called in for an  
20 interview and the remainder of the application would have been filled out in the presence of an  
21 investigator?

22 The current CCW policy spells out in exacting details how CCWs are now processed – as if  
23 Plaintiff were Nostradamus to know this.

24 Commencing at paragraph 236, Mr. Orsay goes through a litany of other well deserving  
25 applicants who were denied CCWs thought well documented. Besides official actions, there was  
26 clearly an established policy that CCWs were not being issued to civilians – the City has not  
27 identified a single “civilian” who was not government employee.

28 Defendants have produced no evidence, nor do they even contend, that “retired peace

1 officers” have more need for a CCW than the rest of the population. (RJN # 20, RFA responses 7, 8,  
2 10, 11)(RJN # 19, RPD responses 7, 17-18, 28-29, 41, 57)(RJN # 21, ROG responses 4, 8, 12,  
3 16)(RJN # 22, ROG responses 4, 8, 12, 16)(RJN # 23, ROG responses 4, 8, 12, 16)(RJN # 24, ROG  
4 responses 4, 8, 12, 16)(RJN # 26, RPD responses 17, 18, 29, 53)(RJN # 19, RFD response 17,  
5 18(See also, RJN #s 1-4, 27-29, 31-32)(Orsay Decl. ¶ 54-64, 114-117, 192-394)

6 There is no correlation between the issuance of CCW permits and violence. (Orsay Decl. ¶  
7 54-64, 114-117, 192-394)

8 The entire CCW issuance law, policy, and procedures are completely arbitrary and capricious  
9 and have no support in fact, and Plaintiff was denied equal rights, privileges and protections under  
10 the law, and only result in abuse by those exempted from the laws themselves. (Orsay Decl. ¶ 54-64,  
11 114-117, 192-394)(RJN # 31)

12 The facts are undisputed that it was “futile” for plaintiff to apply to the City for a CCW.  
13 After all, unlike Defendant City’s employees Akins, Harrigan, and Hocter, plaintiff has never  
14 worked for government. (Pizzo Decl. ¶ 7) When she contacted the employer of Akins, Harrigan, and  
15 Hocter, she was ignored and told it was “futile” to even submit an application since she did not work  
16 for law enforcement. (Pizzo Decl. ¶ 42-62) Had plaintiff been contacted, she would have  
17 articulated the reasons for a CCW. She was denied this right before she even applied. (Orsay Decl. ¶  
18 54-64, 114-117, 192-394)

#### 19 STATES AND CITY’S OBJECTIONS TO DECLARATION OF DAVID ORSAY

20 F.R.E. Rule 704(a) specifically states that “[a]n opinion is not objectionable just because it  
21 embraces an ultimate issue.”

22 Contrary to what the State and City says, Mr. Orsay’s opinions are not based on speculations;  
23 they are entirely supported by the record, and the lack of facts supporting the current laws and  
24 ordinances. The State is arguing that Mr. Orsay is not qualified to render and opinion in light of the  
25 fact the State has not even disclosed an expert on the subject matter. So, the State is making an  
26 empty argument as to what is or is not a proper expert opinion.

27 Likewise, Mr. Chinn was not disclosed as an expert on the CCW application process, unlike  
28 Mr. Orsay, who provided two reports on the subject matter prior to his deposition.

1 Second, the issue of law enforcement discretion, and abuse thereof, is a proper subject matter  
2 for Mr. Orsay to provide an opinion. Further, Mr. Orsay's experience and training in Vulnerability  
3 Assessments and Threat Assessments makes him uniquely qualified to determine what would  
4 constitute good cause and good moral character.

5 The City says Mr. Orsay is not an expert, well then who is? Chief Fong? Sheriff Hennesy?  
6 Following defendants logic, then not a single police officer is an expert in anything, including agent  
7 Chinn

8 **OBJECTION TO AGENT CHINN'S DECLARATION**

9 Agent Chinn's declaration fails to identify the specific data her relied upon and lacks  
10 foundation for his opinions.

11 **CONCLUSION**

12 Plaintiff's motion should be granted all in or part as a matter of law, and Defendants denied.

13 Respectfully submitted,  
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