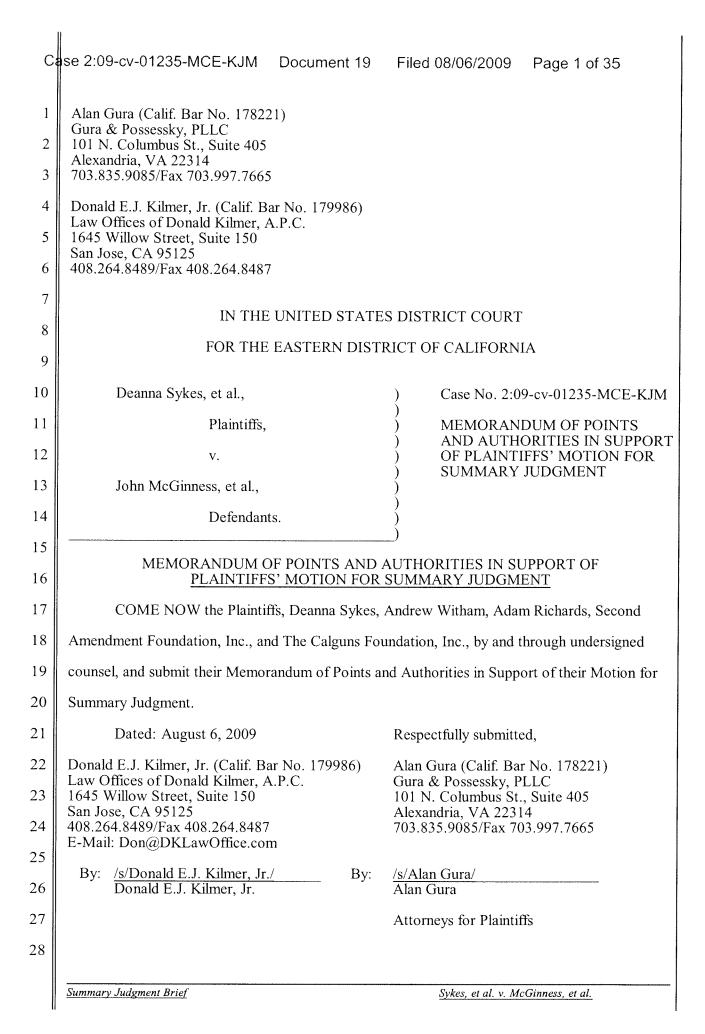
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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Defendants' policies with respect to the issuance of gun carry permits are clearly established. The only question is whether these policies are constitutional. They are not.

Defendant Sheriffs and their respective counties maintain near-complete bans on the carrying of handguns for self-defense by ordinary, law-abiding individuals. These bans are not compelled by California law, which provides Defendants authority to license the carrying of handguns. Nor are these bans consistent with Plaintiffs' rights under the Second and Fourteenth Amendments. The law is clear: law-abiding individuals in our country are generally entitled to carry handguns for self-defense.

Plaintiffs do not challenge the concept that Defendants have an interest in regulating firearms in the interest of public safety, just as Defendants have an interest in regulating the time, place, or manner of speech or public assemblies. Nor do Plaintiffs challenge the idea that the state may maintain a system of licensing the carrying of firearms, just as the state might license parades or demonstrations. But the regulatory interest here is not absolute. It is curtailed by the right to keep and bear arms, rooted in the inherent and natural human right of self-defense.

To be sure – Plaintiffs do not claim that there is a constitutional right to carry *concealed* weapons any more than there is a constitutional right to carry weapons openly. Whatever an individual's preference, precedent confirms that the right is simply to carry weapons, and that legislatures may choose to specify the manner of doing so. California chooses to ban the open carrying of functional handguns and permit their concealed carry. Accordingly, permits to carry arms may not be denied to ordinary, law-abiding citizens such as Plaintiffs who can demonstrate basic competence with a firearm and who wish to carry a handgun for self-defense.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Regulatory Background

California law generally bars the open carrying of functional firearms, allowing the practice only in unincorporated areas or, with a special license, in select sparsely populated

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counties. SUF 1. California law also prohibits the concealed carrying of functional firearms without a license. SUF 2. Accordingly, for most people and throughout most of the state, a license to carry a concealed weapon provides the only legal option available to those who wish to carry firearms for self-defense. SUF 3.

Applicants seeking a license to carry a handgun must pass a criminal background check, SUF 4, and successfully complete a course of training in the proper use of handguns. SUF 5. Applications for a permit to carry a handgun are made to the Sheriff of the county in which the applicant either resides or spends a substantial period of time in owing to the applicant's principal place of employment or business being located in that county. SUF 6. Alternatively, application may be made to the chief or other head of a municipal police department of any city or city and county in which the applicant resides. SUF 7.

In addition to the successful completion of a background check and training, the issuance of a permit to carry a handgun is left to the discretion of the issuing authority, based upon that authority's determination that an applicant "is of good moral character, [and] that good cause exists for the issuance" of the permit. SUF 8. Issuing authorities must publish policies regarding the issuance of handgun carry permits. SUF 9.

Defendants' Customs, Practices, and Policies

In practice, the issuance of permits to carry handguns varies widely among California jurisdictions. Some issuing authorities almost never issue handgun carry permits, others issue permits only occasionally, and yet others liberally issue permits to most if not all law-abiding applicants. Defendants are sued because they fall in the first category.

Defendants John McGinness and Ed Prieto are the Sheriffs of Sacramento and Yolo Counties, respectively. SUF 10, 11. Under California law, McGinness and Prieto are issuing authorities for a permit to carry a concealed handgun. SUF 12, 13. On a public website maintained by Defendant Sacramento County, Defendant McGinness lays out his policy for determining applications to carry handguns. Defendant McGinness explains that "[t]he mere fear of victimization, or desire to carry a firearm, shall be insufficient" "good cause" to issue a gun carry permit. SUF 14. Defendant McGinness also explains that "[w]hat may be good cause in one

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area of the county may not be in another area." SUF 15. Defendant McGinness further requires "one year minimum residency in Sacramento County." SUF 16.

Recently, Defendant McGinness advised that owing to budget cuts, he would be forced to lay off many deputies and curtail his department's ability to respond to crime. Defendant McGinness offered that to offset such cuts in his police force, he might adopt a more permissive policy toward issuing permits to carry handguns. SUF 17. Stated McGinness, "If we wind up with six patrol cars patrolling the entire county of Sacramento, I have no choice but to make some changes in terms of the issuance of concealed weapons permits." SUF 18. McGinness added, "In this scenario where we can not begin to assure people any element of safety, I think I have to make a change and would frankly probably collapse that committee [that screens handgun carry permit applications] and take on myself to issue those permits based on a person's need to protect themselves." SUF 19.

Defendants Prieto and Yolo County likewise maintain a restrictive policy with respect to the issuance of gun carry permits, rejecting self-defense, without more, as a reason to even apply for a permit. Defendant Prieto's written policy regarding the issuance of gun carry permits includes among "examples of invalid reasons to request a permit" "self-protection and protection of family (without credible threats of violence)." SUF 20.

Plaintiffs' Experiences With Defendants' Challenged Policies

Plaintiffs Deanna Sykes and Andrew Witham are law-abiding residents of Sacramento County. SUF 21, 22. Plaintiff Adam Richards is a law-abiding resident of Yolo County. SUF 23. All three individual plaintiffs are fully qualified under federal and California law to purchase and possess firearms. SUF 24.

Plaintiff Sykes seeks to exercise her Second Amendment right to carry a handgun for personal protection. SUF 25. Plaintiff Sykes fears victimization, and desires to carry a firearm, but has not been specifically threatened nor has she been previously been victimized by violent crime. SUF 26. Plaintiff Sykes applied for a handgun carry permit from Defendant McGinness's predecessor in Sacramento County but her request was denied. SUF 27. Plaintiff Sykes has read the written policy of Defendant McGinness that "[t]he mere fear of victimization, or desire to

carry a firearm, shall be insufficient" "good cause" to issue a gun carry permit and thus understands that she lacks "good cause" to obtain a permit as that term is defined and implemented by Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County. SUF 28. Plaintiff Sykes fears arrest, prosecution, fine and imprisonment if she were to carry a handgun without a handgun carry permit. But for the lack of a handgun carry permit and her fear of prosecution, Plaintiff Sykes would carry a handgun in public for self-defense. SUF 29.

On December 10, 2006, Plaintiff Andrew Witham completed the basic course required to obtain a handgun carry permit in Shasta County, as well as the course of training required to obtain a permit to carry an exposed firearm from the California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. SUF 30. Since then, Witham has re-qualified four times for the exposed handgun permit, which he currently possesses, along with a Private Investigator license. SUF 31. Witham's Private Investigator license, in conjunction with his Exposed Firearm Permit, allows him to carry an exposed, loaded handgun in California but only while he is engaged in the course and scope of his work as a private investigator. SUF 32.

In January, 2007, the Sheriff of Shasta County, where Witham lived and worked, issued Witham a two-year permit to carry a concealed handgun. SUF 33. On or about July, 2007, Witham relocated from Shasta to the City of Fairfield, in Solano County. As required by law, Witham notified the Sheriff of Shasta County of this move. SUF 34. On or about July, 2008, Witham relocated from Solano County to Sacramento County, and again notified the Sheriff of Shasta County of this move. Within days, his permit to carry a handgun was revoked. SUF 35.

Witham contacted Defendant McGinness's office to inquire about the revocation of his permit to carry a handgun, and was advised that a permit would have to be issued by Defendant McGinness. SUF 36. Witham was further advised that application for a permit to carry a handgun could not be made by individuals residing in Sacramento County for less than 12 months, in the absence of a letter attesting to the applicant's good character from the issuing authority of the applicant's previous gun permit. SUF 37. As Witham had no such letter, he was refused an application form for a handgun carry permit. SUF 38. Witham was advised that as a matter of policy, the Sheriff of Shasta County does not issue such good character letters. SUF 39.

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complete the required training prior to making their applications, Witham was certified on December 16, 2008, in 24 hours POST PC 832 Firearms Familiarization at the Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center, an approved course for issuance of a handgun carry permit in Sacramento County. SUF 40. Plaintiff Witham seeks to exercise his Second Amendment right to carry a handgun for personal protection. SUF 41. Plaintiff Witham fears victimization, and desires to carry a firearm, but has not previously been victimized by violent crime. Although Witham was previously threatened, the threats subsided after Witham left Shasta County. Witham is unaware of any current, specific threats against him. SUF 42.

Although Defendant McGinness does not require that handgun carry permit applicants

Plaintiff Witham has read Defendant McGinness's written policy that "[t]he mere fear of victimization, or desire to carry a firearm, shall be insufficient" "good cause" to issue a gun carry permit and thus understands that he lacks "good cause" to obtain a permit as that term is defined and implemented by Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County. SUF 43. Plaintiff Witham fears arrest, prosecution, fines and imprisonment were he to carry a handgun without a permit. But for the lack of a handgun carry permit and fear of prosecution, Plaintiff Witham would carry a handgun in public for self-defense. SUF 44.

In March, 2009, Plaintiff Adam Richards contacted Defendant Prieto's office to inquire about the process for obtaining a permit to carry a handgun. Defendant Prieto's office advised Plaintiff Richards that the desire to have a gun available for self-defense would not constitute "good cause" for the issuance of the permit, and that he should not apply because doing so would be a futile act. SUF 45. Plaintiff Richards was further advised that as a matter of policy, his application would also not be considered unless he first applied to the Chief of Police in the City of Davis, where he resides. SUF 46.

Richards subsequently applied to Davis Police Chief Lanny Black for a permit to carry a handgun. On April 1, 2009, Police Chief Black denied Plaintiff Richards' application for a permit to carry a handgun, stating that for budgetary reasons his department no longer processes handgun carry permit applications, and suggesting that Richards seek a permit from Prieto. SUF 47.

Plaintiff Richards seeks to exercise his Second Amendment right to carry a handgun for personal protection. SUF 48. Plaintiff Richards seeks a handgun carry permit so that he might protect himself and his family. However, Richards has received no threats of violence and is unaware of any specific threat to him or his family. SUF 49. Richards has read Defendant Prieto's written policy declaring that "self-protection and protection of family (without credible threats of violence)" is among "examples of invalid reasons to request a permit," which is perfectly consistent with his experience in unsuccessfully seeking a handgun carry permit. SUF 50. Richards thus understands that he lacks "good cause" to obtain a permit as that term is defined and implemented by Defendants Prieto and Yolo County. SUF 51. Richards fears arrest, prosecution, fines and imprisonment were he to carry a handgun without a permit. But for the lack of a handgun carry permit and fear of prosecution, Richards would carry a handgun in public for self-defense. SUF 52.

Plaintiff Second Amendment Foundation, Inc. ("SAF") is a non-profit membership organization incorporated under the laws of Washington with its principal place of business in Bellevue, Washington. SUF 53. SAF has over 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, including many in California. SUF 54. The purposes of SAF include education, research, publishing and legal action focusing on the Constitutional right to privately own and possess firearms, and the consequences of gun control. SUF 55.

Plaintiff The Calguns Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of California with its principal place of business in Redwood City, California. SUF 56. The purposes of Calguns include supporting the California firearms community by promoting education for all stakeholders about firearm laws, rights and privileges, and securing the civil rights of California gun owners, who are among its members and supporters. SUF 57.

SAF and Calguns expend their resources encouraging exercise of the right to bear arms, and advising and educating their members, supporters, and the general public about the varying policies with respect to the public carrying of handguns in California, including in Sacramento and Yolo Counties. The issues raised by, and consequences of, Defendants' policies, are of great interest to SAF and Calguns' constituencies. Defendants' policies regularly cause the expenditure

of resources by SAF and Calguns as people turn to these organizations for advice and information. SUF 58, 59. Defendants' policies bar the members and supporters of SAF and Calguns from obtaining permits to carry handguns. SUF 60.

SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

The Second Amendment plainly guarantees Plaintiffs a fundamental, individual right to carry handguns for self-defense. Although the state may regulate the right to bear arms in the interest of public safety, the fact that such regulations touch upon a fundamental right has long confirmed a distinction between regulation and prohibition.

California law expresses a preference that individuals carrying handguns for self-defense do so in a concealed manner, subject to a licensing regime administered by local law enforcement officials. This is a constitutionally permissible legislative choice. Open and concealed carrying of handguns both satisfy the personal interest in self-defense, but precedent confirms that either may be preferred by government officials for various reasons. The government may thus ban the concealed carrying of functional firearms so long as it allows them to be carried openly, or ban the open carrying of firearms so long as it allows them to be carried concealed. But a blanket prohibition on all handgun carrying for self-defense is unconstitutional. Plaintiffs in this case do not contest California's regulation limiting them to concealed carry.

Having been charged with the task of implementing California's licensing regime for the carrying of handguns, Defendants may not refuse to do so. *Salute* v. *Pitchess*, 61 Cal. App. 3d. 557 (1976). Nor may Defendants exercise that discretion in a manner that deprives individuals of a fundamental constitutional right. And considering that the interest in self-defense lies at the heart of the right to arms, self-defense cannot be rejected as cause for a gun carry permit. Defendants' policies, rejecting the interest in self-defense altogether, are plainly unconstitutional. Considering that Defendants' policies classify individuals arbitrarily in the exercise of a fundamental right, Defendants are also depriving Plaintiffs of the equal protection of the law. Finally, Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County's durational residency requirement for seeking a permit to carry a handgun violates not only the right to bear arms, but the right to travel as well. It, too, must be enjoined.

ARGUMENT

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I. THE SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTS THE RIGHT TO CARRY HANDGUNS FOR SELF-DEFENSE.

The Second Amendment protects the right "to keep and bear arms." U.S. Const. amend. II. This syntax is not unique within the Bill of Rights. For example, the Sixth Amendment guarantees the right to a "speedy and public trial," U.S. Const. amend. VI, while the Eighth Amendment secures individuals from "cruel and unusual" punishment. U.S. Const. amend. VIII. Just as the Sixth Amendment does not sanction secret, speedy trials or public, slow trials, and the Eighth Amendment does not allow the usual practice of torture, the Second Amendment's reference to "keep and bear" refers to two distinct concepts.

The Supreme Court confirmed as much, rejecting the argument that "keep and bear arms" was a unitary concept referring only to a right to possess weapons in the context of military duty. To "bear arms," as used in the Second Amendment, is to "wear, bear, or carry . . . upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose . . . of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person." *District of Columbia* v. *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. 2783, 2793 (2008) (quoting *Muscarello* v. *United States*, 524 U.S. 125, 143 (1998) (Ginsburg, J., dissenting); BLACK's LAW DICTIONARY 214 (6th Ed. 1998)); *see also Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2804 ("the Second Amendment right, protecting only individuals' liberty to keep *and carry* arms . . ."), at 2817 ("the right to keep *and carry* arms") (emphasis added).

Having defined the Second Amendment's language as including a right to "carry" guns for self-defense, the Supreme Court helpfully noted several exceptions that prove the rule. Explaining that this right is "not unlimited," in that there is no right to "carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose," *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2816 (citations omitted), the Court confirmed that there is a right to carry at least some weapons, in some manner, for some purpose. The Supreme Court then listed as "presumptively lawful," *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2817 n.26, "laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places," *id.*, at 2817, confirming both that such "presumptions" may be overcome in appropriate circumstances, and that carrying bans are *not* presumptively lawful in non-sensitive places.

In upholding the right to carry a handgun under the Second Amendment, the *Heller* court broke no new ground. As early as 1846, Georgia's Supreme Court, applying the Second Amendment, quashed an indictment for the carrying of a handgun that failed to allege whether the handgun was being carried in a constitutionally-protected manner. *Nunn* v. *State*, 1 Ga. 243, 251 (1846); *see also In re Brickey*, 70 P. 609 (Idaho 1902) (Second Amendment right to carry handgun). Numerous state constitutional right to arms provision have likewise been interpreted as securing the right to carry a gun in public, albeit often, to be sure, subject to some regulation. *See*, *e.g. Kellogg* v. *City of Gary*, 562 N.E.2d 685 (Ind. 1990); *State ex rel. City of Princeton* v. *Buckner*, 377 S.E.2d 139 (W. Va. 1988); *City of Las Vegas* v. *Moberg*, 485 P.2d 737 (N.M. Ct. App. 1971); *State* v. *Kerner*, 107 S.E. 222 (N.C. 1921); *State* v. *Rosenthal*, 55 A. 610 (Vt. 1903) (striking down ban on concealed carry); *Andrews* v. *State*, 50 Tenn. 165 (1871); *see also State* v. *Delgado*, 692 P.2d 210 (Or. 1984) (right to carry a switchblade knife).

Plaintiffs thus enjoy an individual Second Amendment right to carry a handgun for purposes of self-defense.

II. THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS INCORPORATED AS AGAINST DEFENDANTS BY OPERATION OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT.

Although at the moment there is no binding Ninth Circuit opinion determining the question, post-*Heller*, whether the Second Amendment is incorporated as against the states by the Fourteenth Amendment, the question is not a difficult one. As recognized by the State of California's recent brief before the Supreme Court, the Second Amendment should be incorporated. Br. of Amicus State of California, Supreme Court Nos. 08-1497, 08-1521 (July 6, 2009). Indeed, as discussed below, *Heller* all but commands reaching that result.

A. The Privileges Or Immunities Clause Incorporates The Second Amendment.

The plain text, legislative history, and original public meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment's Privileges or Immunities Clause – "No state shall make or enforce any law which

¹The state's brief speaks of incorporating "Heller's core Second Amendment holding that government cannot deny citizens the right to possess handguns in their homes." Cal. Br. at 4. Of course, the incorporation analysis cannot parse different portions of the right, which as shown *supra*, includes the right to "bear" arms.

shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," U.S. Const. amend. XIV, sec. 1, cl. 2 – make clear that this language incorporates the Bill of Rights as against the states. Unfortunately, that argument is foreclosed in this Court by *The Slaughter-House Cases*, 83 U.S. (16 Wall.) 36 (1873), holding that the Privileges or Immunities Clause guarantees only rights that flow from the existence of United States citizenship, such as the rights to diplomatic protection abroad or to access the navigable waterways of the United States.

"Virtually no serious modern scholar – left, right, and center—thinks that [Slaughter-House] is a plausible reading of the Amendment." Akhil Reed Amar, Substance and Method in the Year 2000, 28 Pepp. L. Rev. 601, 631 n.178 (2001). "[E]veryone' agrees the Court [has] incorrectly interpreted the Privileges or Immunities Clause." Richard Aynes, Constricting the Law of Freedom: Justice Miller, the Fourteenth Amendment, and the Slaughter-House Cases, 70 Chi.-Kent L. Rev. 627 (1994).

"Legal scholars agree on little beyond the conclusion that the Clause does not mean what the Court said it meant in 1873." Saenz v. Roe, 526 U.S. 489, 523 n.1 (Thomas, J., dissenting) (citations omitted). Indeed, Justice Thomas, joined by Chief Justice Rehnquist, declared that he "would be open to reevaluating [the Privileges or Immunities Clause's] meaning in an appropriate case." Saenz, 526 U.S. at 528.² Plaintiffs submit that this is an appropriate such case. But no settled law need be overturned for Plaintiffs to prevail before this Court, because binding Supreme Court precedent commands incorporation of the Second Amendment under the Due Process Clause.

B. The Due Process Clause Incorporates The Second Amendment.

It is now well-established that the Due Process Clause has a substantive dimension, and that deprivation of enumerated constitutional rights is thus largely incompatible with due process.

²"Since the adoption of [the Fourteenth] Amendment, ten Justices have felt that it protects from infringement by the States the privileges, protections, and safeguards granted by the Bill of Rights Unfortunately it has never commanded a Court. Yet, happily, all constitutional questions are always open." *Gideon* v. *Wainright*, 372 U.S. 335, 345-46 (1963) (Douglas, J., concurring) (citation omitted).

Almost every provision of the Bill of Rights considered for incorporation in the modern era has been incorporated. The Second Amendment must be among the incorporated rights.

The modern incorporation test asks whether a right is "fundamental to the American scheme of justice," *Duncan* v. *Louisiana*, 391 U.S. 145, 149 (1968), or "necessary to an Anglo-American regime of ordered liberty," *id.* at 150 n.14. *Duncan*'s analysis suggests looking to the right's historical acceptance in our nation, its recognition by the states (including any trend regarding state recognition), and the nature of the interest secured by the right. The right to bear arms clearly satisfies all aspects of the selective incorporation standard.

1. The Right to Arms in Our Legal Tradition.

"By the time of the founding, the right to have arms had become fundamental for English subjects." *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2798 (citations omitted). When the Constitution was written, English law had "settled and determined" that "a man may keep a gun for the defence of his house and family." *Mallock* v. *Eastly*, 87 Eng. Rep. 1370, 1374, 7 Mod. Rep. 482 (C.P. 1744). The violation of that right by George III "provoked polemical reactions by Americans invoking their rights as Englishmen to keep arms." *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2799.

There is no need to recite the exhaustive historical evidence considered in *Heller*. The matter is now settled precedent and beyond further dispute: the Second Amendment "codified a right inherited from our English ancestors." *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2802 (citation omitted).

2. The States' Treatment of the Right to Arms.

All five state constitutional ratifying conventions that demanded a Bill of Rights demanded a right to arms. Forty-four states secure a right to arms in their constitutions. Of these, fifteen are either new or strengthened since 1970. Eugene Volokh, *State Constitutional Rights to Keep and Bear Arms*, 11 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol. 191 (2006). In *Heller*, thirty-two states advised that the individual Second Amendment right "is properly subject to incorporation." Br. of Amici States Texas, et al., Supreme Court No. 07-290, at 23 n.6. On July 6, 2009, thirty-four states, including California, reiterated this position. Br. of Amici States Texas, et al., Supreme Court Nos. 08-1497, 08-1521 (thirty-three states); Br. of Amicus State of California, *supra*.

3. The Interest Secured by the Right to Arms.

The Second Amendment's purpose confirms its incorporation. "The inherent right of self-defense has been central to the Second Amendment right." *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2818. Blackstone described that right as preserving "the natural right of resistance and self-preservation," and 'the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and defence." *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2792 (citations omitted).

"[T]he right to personal security constitutes a 'historic liberty interest' protected substantively by the Due Process Clause." *Youngberg* v. *Romeo*, 457 U.S. 307, 315 (1982) (citation omitted). The Supreme Court binds the states to respect various rights which, like the Second Amendment, are rooted in deference to preserving personal autonomy. Observing that

no right is held more sacred, or is more carefully guarded, by the common law, than the right of every individual to the possession and control of his own person, free from all restraint or interference of others, unless by clear and unquestionable authority of law,

Cruzan v. Dir., Mo. Dept. of Health, 497 U.S. 261, 269 (1990) (citation omitted), the Supreme Court recognized a right to refuse life-sustaining medical care. Id. at 278; see also Eisenstadt v. Baird, 405 U.S. 438, 453 (1972) ("the right of the individual . . . to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusion into matters so fundamentally affecting a person as the decision whether to bear or beget a child"); Lawrence v. Texas, 539 U.S. 558, 562 (2003) ("liberty of the person both in its spatial and more transcendent dimensions" supports right to consensual intimate relationships); Rochin v. California, 342 U.S. 165 (1952) (bodily integrity right against searches).

The Supreme Court instructs that "choices central to personal dignity and autonomy, are central to the liberty protected by the Fourteenth Amendment." *Planned Parenthood* v. *Casey*, 505 U.S. 833, 851 (1992). It is unfathomable that the states are constitutionally limited in their regulation of medical decisions or intimate relations, because these matters touch upon personal autonomy, but are unrestrained in their ability to trample upon the enumerated right to arms designed to enable self-preservation. If abortion is protected because "[a]t the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence," *id.*, the right of armed self-defense against violent criminal attack is surely deserving of incorporation. Indeed, the right to purchase contraception was discovered as related to the "indefeasible right of personal security." *Griswold*

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27 28 v. Connecticut, 381 U.S. 479, 484 n.* (1965) (citation omitted). The right to arms plainly possesses greater nexus to the interest in personal security.

Casey invoked the second Justice Harlan's celebrated passage describing the liberty protected by the Due Process Clause as broader than "a series of isolated points pricked out in terms of the taking of property; the freedom of speech, press, and religion; the right to keep and bear arms; the freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and so on." Casey, 505 U.S. at 848 (quoting Poe v. Ullman, 367 U.S. 497, 543 (1961) (Harlan, J., dissenting)) (emphasis added). Liberty cannot now be defined so narrowly as to exclude one of its more obvious attributes.

The Second Amendment also has another purpose, spelled out in the prefatory clause: preservation of the people's ability to act as militia. Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2800-01. The Amendment's framers believed this purpose was "necessary to the security of a free state." U.S. Const. amend. II. By its own terms, the Second Amendment secures a fundamental right.

Unfortunately, two courts have recently refused to consider the question of whether the Second Amendment is incorporated. National Rifle Ass'n v. City of Chicago, 567 F.3d 856 (7th Cir. 2009); Maloney v. Cuomo, 554 F.3d 56 (2d Cir. 2009). Rather, these courts relied on preincorporation era precedent to hold that the Second Amendment, like the rest of the Bill of Rights, does not bind the states directly.

It remains true that the Bill of Rights is not directly applicable to the states. And indeed, the cases relied upon by Maloney and NRA held that the First and Fourth Amendments do not bind the states, either. United States v. Cruikshank, 92 U.S. 542, 552 (1875); Miller v. Texas, 153 U.S. 535, 538 (1894). Clearly that is not the operative law today. Far from respecting Supreme Court precedent, NRA and Maloney ignore the Supreme Court's unmistakable command that incorporation of enumerated rights be considered under its Due Process Clause doctrine. See, e.g. Duncan, 391 U.S. at 155 (complete non-incorporation "a position long since repudiated").

Indeed, the most recent such command was contained in Heller. Remarking on one of its ancient pre-incorporation cases failing to apply the Second Amendment to the states, the Court observed: "we note that Cruikshank also said that the First Amendment did not apply against the States and did not engage in the sort of Fourteenth Amendment inquiry required by our later

cases." Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2813 n.23 (emphasis added).

When the Supreme Court declares a particular analysis is "required," a lower court is not respecting higher authority by foregoing that analysis and resting its decision on the complete state of the law as it existed over a century ago. "[W]hen a lower court perceives a pronounced new doctrinal trend in Supreme Court decisions, it is its duty, cautiously to be sure, to follow not to resist it." *Perkins* v. *Endicott Johnson Corp.*, 128 F.2d 208, 217-18 (2nd Cir. 1942), *aff'd*, 317 U.S. 501 (1943) (footnotes omitted).

There is nothing new about Due Process Clause incorporation. *Heller's* command that a modern due process analysis is "required" to determine incorporation question, 128 S. Ct. at hardly restrains the ordinary function of the lower federal courts to develop the law prior to its review by the Supreme Court. To the contrary, the history of incorporation is one of the lower courts taking the lead in addressing incorporation questions, just as all matters not within the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction are presented to the lower courts as a matter of first impression. For example, the Supreme Court did not incorporate the Sixth Amendment right to public trial until long after the Third and Seventh circuits had done so. *See Gannett Co.* v. *DePasquale*, 443 U.S. 368, 379 (1979); *United States ex rel. Latmore* v. *Sielaff*, 561 F.2d 691, 693 n.2 (7th Cir. 1977), *cert. denied*, 434 U.S. 1076 (1978); *United States ex rel. Bennett* v. *Rundle*, 419 F.2d 599 (3rd Cir. 1969) (en banc), *cert. denied*, 409 U.S. 916 (1972). Likewise, the Second Circuit incorporated the Fifth Amendment's Double Jeopardy Clause prior to the Supreme Court reaching the same conclusion. *See United States ex rel. Hetenyi* v. *Wilkins*, 348 F.2d 844 (2d Cir. 1965), *cert. denied*, 383 U.S. 913 (1966); *Benton* v. *Maryland*, 395 U.S. 794 (1969); *see also Price* v. *Georgia*, 398 U.S. 323, 331-32 (1970) (citing *Hetenyi* with approval).

The "required" due process analysis is properly before the Court, and leads only to the conclusion that Defendants' actions are restrained by the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

III. CALIFORNIA HAS SELECTED CONCEALED CARRYING AS THE PERMISSIBLE MODE OF EXERCISING THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS.

As discussed *supra*, *Heller* confirms that states enjoy meaningful leeway in proscribing the manner in which guns are carried. Traditionally, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms

(Article 2) is not infringed by laws prohibiting the carrying of *concealed* weapons"

*Robertson v. Baldwin, 165 U.S. 275, 281-82 (1897) (emphasis added). But more recently, the Supreme Court has suggested that such bans are only "presumptively" constitutional. Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2817 n.26 (emphasis added).

Surveying the history of concealed carry prohibitions, it appears time and again that such laws have always been upheld as mere regulations of the manner in which arms are carried — with the understanding that a complete ban on the carrying of handguns is unconstitutional.

Heller itself discussed, with approval, four state supreme court opinions that referenced this conditional rule. See Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2818 (discussing Nunn, supra, 1 Ga. 243; Andrews, supra, 50 Tenn. 165; and State v. Reid, 1 Ala. 612, 616-17 (1840)) and 128 S. Ct. at 2809 (citing State v. Chandler, 5 La. Ann. 489, 490 (1850)). In Reid, upholding a ban on the carrying of concealed weapons, Alabama's high court explained:

We do not desire to be understood as maintaining, that in regulating the manner of bearing arms, the authority of the Legislature has no other limit than its own discretion. A statute which, under the pretence of regulating, amounts to a destruction of the right, or which requires arms to be so borne as to render them wholly useless for the purpose of defense, would be clearly unconstitutional. But a law which is merely intended to promote personal security, and to put down lawless aggression and violence, and to this end prohibits the wearing of certain weapons in such a manner as is calculated to exert an unhappy influence upon the moral feelings of the wearer, by making him less regardful of the personal security of others, does not come in collision with the Constitution.

Reid, 1 Ala. at 616-17.

The *Nunn* court followed *Reid*, and quashed an indictment for publicly carrying a pistol for failing to specify how the weapon was carried:

so far as the act... seeks to suppress the practice of carrying certain weapons *secretly*, that it is valid, inasmuch as it does not deprive the citizen of his *natural* right of self-defence, or of his constitutional right to keep and bear arms. But that so much of it, as contains a prohibition against bearing arms *openly*, is in conflict with the Constitution, and *void*.

Nunn, 1 Ga. at 251 (emphasis original).

Andrews presaged Heller by finding that a revolver was a protected arm under the state constitution's Second Amendment analog. It therefore struck down as unconstitutional the application of a ban on the carrying of weapons to a man carrying a revolver, declaring:

If the Legislature think proper, they may by a proper law regulate the carrying of this weapon publicly, or abroad, in such a manner as may be deemed most conducive to the public peace, and the protection and safety of the community from lawless violence. We only hold that, as to this weapon, the prohibition is too broad to be sustained.

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the Louisiana Supreme Court held that citizens had a right to carry arms openly: "This is the right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and which is calculated to incite men to a manly and noble defence of themselves, if necessary, and of their country, without any tendency to secret advantages and unmanly assassinations."

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Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2809 (quoting Chandler, 5 La. Ann. at 490).

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The legal treatises relied upon by the *Heller* court explained the rule succinctly. For

supporting the notion that concealed carrying may be banned, Heller further cites to THE

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AMERICAN STUDENTS' BLACKSTONE, 84 n.11 (G. Chase ed. 1884). Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2816.

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[I]t is generally held that statutes prohibiting the carrying of *concealed* weapons are not in conflict with these constitutional provisions, since they merely forbid the carrying of arms in a particular manner, which is likely to lead to breaches of the peace and provoke to the commission of crime, rather than contribute to public or personal defence. In some States, however, a contrary doctrine is maintained.

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Exh. C, AMERICAN STUDENTS' BLACKSTONE, 84 n.11 (emphasis original). This understanding survives today. *See, e.g. In re Application of McIntyre*, 552 A.2d 500, 501 n.1 (Del. Super. 1988) ("the right to keep and bear arms' does not of necessity require that such arms may be kept concealed").

It is important, then, to recall that (1) the Supreme Court's definition of "bear arms" as that language is used in the Second Amendment includes the concealed carrying of handguns: "wear, bear, or carry . . . in the clothing or in a pocket . . ." Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2793 (citations omitted) (emphasis added); (2) the legality of bans on concealed carrying is only "presumptive," Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2817 n.26, and (3) the cases supporting concealed carry prohibition explain that no abrogation of the right to carry arms is effected because open carrying is still permitted.

³Andrews appeared to abrogate in large part Aymette v. State, 21 Tenn. 154 (1840), upholding the prohibition on the concealed carry of daggers. But even Aymette, which found a state right to bear arms limited by a military purpose, deduced from that interpretation that the right to bear arms protected the open carrying of arms. Aymette, 21 Tenn. at 160-61.

1 Legislatures might well prefer one form of carrying over another. Precedent relied upon by 2 Heller reveals an ancient suspicion of weapons concealment where social norms viewed the 3 wearing of arms as virtuous. But today, the open carrying of a handgun may be mistakenly viewed 4 as provocative or alarming by segments of the population unfamiliar with firearms. See Eugene 5 Volokh, Implementing the Right to Keep and Bear Arms for Self-Defense: An Analytic Framework and a Research Agenda, 56 UCLA L. Rev. 1443, 1523 (2009). California's mode of 6 7 regulating the carrying of handguns thus makes perfect sense. In rural, sparsely populated areas, 8 Sheriffs are allowed to issue permits to carry handguns openly. But in more populous areas, 9 including Sacramento and Yolo Counties, the state deprives Sheriffs of this ability, and specifies 10 that permits to carry must be limited to concealed handguns. This manner of regulation is not 11 unusual, and has been adopted by some jurisdictions where the public acceptance of gun rights is relatively high. For example, in Texas, where concealed handgun permits are readily available on a 12 13 "shall issue" basis, Tex. Gov't Code § 411.177(a), a permit holder who "intentionally fails to 14 conceal the handgun" commits a misdemeanor. Tex. Penal Code § 46.035(a).

Heller's recognition of a right to carry a handgun does not force states such as California and Texas to allow the carrying of handguns in a manner they understandably perceive may cause needless public alarm, so long as a more socially-conducive option exists to allow people to exercise the right to bear arms. But Heller confirms that once a choice has been made by the legislature as to which manner of carrying will be permitted, that choice must be honored.

Support for this view comes not merely from the plain language of *Heller* and other precedent, but also from the California Legislature's Legislative Analyst. In 1999 and again in 2001, efforts were made to qualify for the California ballot an initiative constitutional amendment securing a "right to keep and bear arms." Pursuant to Cal. Elections Code § 9005, the proposed amendment was submitted for review by the Joint Budget Committee. Each time, the Legislative Analyst concluded that if the state were to adopt a right to keep and bear arms constitutional amendment, existing state law regulating the carrying of guns would not likely be impacted save for limiting discretion in issuing permits:

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While individuals may possess and carry firearms, many of the state's existing systems for . . . weapons permits . . . would likely not change . . . However, local jurisdictions would not be able to limit who obtains concealed weapons permits unless the applicant does not meet federal or state criteria.

Exh. D, Cal. Joint Budget Committee Analysis, SA 2001-RF0041, Dec. 13, 2001, p. 2; Exh. E, Cal. Joint Budget Committee Analysis, SA 1999-RF0053, Dec. 22, 1999, p. 2.

The Legislature did not express the view that adoption of a state right to bear arms would render unconstitutional the general prohibition on open carrying, nor did the Legislature believe that local officials could continue to take a parsimonious approach to the issuance of concealed carry permits. Rather, the view was that which would years later be implicit in *Heller*: the state can continue to prefer concealed to open carry, and regulate the carrying of concealed handguns, so long as the right to carry is not completely abrogated. This is very limited relief, and it is all that Plaintiffs here request.⁴

IV. DEFENDANTS' CHALLENGED POLICIES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Having established that there is a Second Amendment right to carry guns, and that this right can be regulated along the lines adopted by California, specifying that such carrying is to be concealed and subject to a permit, the question turns to Defendants' policies with respect to what constitutes "good cause" for the issuance of carry permits.

Although requiring individuals to demonstrate "good cause" and "moral character" in order to exercise a constitutional right is in and of itself unconstitutional, Plaintiffs acknowledge this case might be resolved on "as applied" grounds, because California's concealed carry law is susceptible of application in a constitutional manner (as, indeed, is the practice in many California jurisdictions). The immediate problem may not be the requirements of good cause and moral character, but the unconstitutional ways in which Defendants, specifically, apply these requirements.

⁴Although the Ninth Circuit once held that there is no liberty interest in obtaining a concealed carry permit, *Erdelyi* v. *O'Brien*, 680 F.2d 61 (9th Cir. 1982), the Second Amendment was not considered in that case. *Erdelyi* does not mention, let alone discuss, the Second Amendment, and was decided long before the Second Amendment was clarified to protect a fundamental right.

A. Defendants' Policies Rejecting Self-Defense As A Basis For Issuing Handgun Carry Permits Are Unconstitutional.

Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County have adopted a written policy holding that "[t]he mere fear of victimization, or desire to carry a firearm, shall be insufficient" "good cause" to seek a carry permit. Exh. A. Defendants Prieto and Yolo County have adopted a written policy holding that "self-protection and protection of family (without credible threats of violence)" are "invalid reasons to request a permit." Exh. B. These policies, rejecting self-defense as a valid purpose for carrying handguns, categorically violate the Second Amendment. As the Supreme Court has made clear, self-defense is at the core of the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

"[T]he inherent right of self-defense has been central to the Second Amendment right."

Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2817. Self-defense "was the central component of the right itself." Heller,

128 S. Ct. at 2801 (emphasis original) (citation omitted). The English right to arms "has long

been understood to be the predecessor to our Second Amendment It was, [Blackstone] said,

'the natural right of resistance and self-preservation,'and 'the right of having and using arms for

self-preservation and defence." Id., at 2798 (citations omitted). "[T]he right secured in 1689 as a

result of the Stuarts' abuses was by the time of the founding understood to be an individual right

protecting against both public and private violence." Heller, 128 S. Ct. at 2798-99.

It bears recalling here that the various cases discussed by *Heller* with respect to carrying guns approved of the practice *for the purpose of self-defense*. *See Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2809 ("citizens had a right to carry arms openly [for] 'manly and noble defence of themselves'") (quoting *Chandler*, 5 La. App. at 490); *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2818 ("A statute which, under the pretence of regulating, amounts to a destruction of the right, or which requires arms to be so borne as to render them wholly useless for the purpose of defense, would be clearly unconstitutional.") (quoting *Reid*, 1 Ala. at 616-17); *Nunn*, 1 Ga. at 251 (carrying restriction "valid, inasmuch as it does not deprive the citizen of his *natural* right of self-defence, or of his constitutional right to keep and bear arms") (emphasis original).

B. <u>Defendants' Challenged Policies Violate The Right To Equal Protection.</u> The Equal Protection Clause "is essentially a direction that all person similarly situated

should be treated alike." *City of Cleburne* v. *Cleburne Living Center*, 473 U.S. 432, 439 (1985) (citation omitted). Strict scrutiny applies to government classifications that "impinge on personal rights protected by the Constitution." *Id.*, 473 U.S. at 440 (citations omitted). "Where fundamental rights and liberties are asserted under the Equal Protection Clause, classifications which might invade or restrain them must be closely scrutinized." *Hussey* v. *City of Portland*, 64 F.3d 1260, 1265 (9th Cir. 1995) (quoting *Harper* v. *Virginia Board of Elections*, 383 U.S. 663, 670 (1966)).

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 arms.*" *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2818 n.27 (citing *United States* v. *Carolene Products Co.*, 304 U.S. 144, 152, n. 4 (1938)) (emphasis added). "[I]t remains certain that the federal government may not restrain the freedom to bear arms based on mere whimsy or convenience." *United States* v. *Everist*, 368 F.3d 517, 519 n.1 (5th Cir. 2004). However, where a classification plainly fails rational basis review, the Court's analysis need go no further. *Zobel* v. *Williams*, 457 U.S. 55, 60-61 (1982). Even absent a Second Amendment right, the Ninth Circuit held that a California Sheriff's policies regarding the issuance of handgun carry permits may be restrained by the Equal Protection Clause. *Guillory* v. *County of Orange*, 731 F.2d 1379 (9th Cir. 1984).

That Defendants' policies violate the Equal Protection Clause is obvious from their plain text. The Supreme Court has explained that the interest in self-defense informs the right to bear arms. Presumably, everyone who seeks a permit to carry a handgun does so for the purpose of being able to exercise the right of self-defense. Yet some people who have this plainly sufficient interest (e.g., Plaintiffs) are denied a permit, while others, for whatever reasons, are granted permits. The classification cuts through the very purpose of the right and is therefore irrational. It

⁵The Fifth Circuit utilizes a version of strict scrutiny to evaluate gun laws under the Second Amendment, permitting regulations that are "limited, narrowly tailored specific exceptions or restrictions for particular cases that are reasonable and not inconsistent with the right of Americans generally to individually keep and bear their private arms as historically understood in this country." *United States* v. *Emerson*, 270 F.3d 203, 261 (5th Cir. 2001).

follows that a higher level of scrutiny would also defeat the classification. For example, there can 2 be no important or compelling government interest in denying the interest in self-defense, nor can 3 such a broad denial of the right to bear arms be substantially related to an important interest, to 4 say nothing of being narrowly tailored with respect to an individual right.

Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County's durational residence requirement likewise violates the Equal Protection Clause. "[D]urational residence laws must be measured by a strict equal protection test: they are unconstitutional unless the State can demonstrate that such laws are necessary to promote a compelling governmental interest." Dunn v. Blumstein, 405 U.S. 330, 342 (1972) (citations and internal quotation marks omitted). There is no reason to suppose that people who have lived across the county line less than a year ago are less deserving of the right to bear arms, or are categorically too dangerous by that virtue to be entrusted with guns. Sacramento County has well upwards of a million residents, relatively few of whom may be personally known to Sheriff McGinness over the course of a year. And state law already mandates that all applicants for handgun carry permits have their backgrounds carefully screened by the California Department of Justice.⁶ An unqualified individual might spend a lifetime in the county, and be less deserving than a law abiding relative newcomer. Plaintiff Andrew Witham demonstrates as much: a police officer for many years, already licensed to carry handguns while working, and highly trained in the use of handguns, Witham had his permit revoked and could not apply for a new one based solely on his residence. This is not a legally proper classification.

Finally, all Defendants maintain written policies favoring people already victimized or threatened by crime. The McGinness/Sacramento policy states that prima facie "good cause" exists where an applicant is a "specifically targeted victim," Exh. A, at 2, and that non-prima facie "good cause" is held by those who can demonstrate "a history of victimization" or "a history of threats." Id. The Prieto/Yolo policy provides that good cause is held by "victims of violent crime and/or documented threats of violence," while good cause does not exist merely because people

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undertake "recreation in remote areas" or want to protect themselves and their families "without credible threats of violence." Exh. B, at 2-3.

There is something deeply illogical about Defendants' refusal to issue a permit to carry a handgun until *after* a realistic threat to one's life and/or loved ones has materialized. Bearing arms, within the meaning of the Second Amendment, includes carrying handguns "for the purpose . . . of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person." *Heller*, 128 S. Ct. at 2793 (citations omitted). The Second Amendment does not exist merely to increase the security of previously victimized individuals. If the conflict has already occurred, the unarmed would-be permit applicant might be dead. And because criminal attacks are often random, there is no particular reason to expect that a person who has previously been victimized might be more likely to need a gun than someone who has yet to be victimized.

The point of having a gun available for self-defense is to avoid becoming a victim in the first place. Sheriff McGinness apparently recognized as much when he suggested relaxing his policy with respect to the issuance of gun carry permits to compensate for budget cutbacks in the police force. But of course, the Sheriff owes no general duty of police protection. *Town of Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, 545 U.S. 748 (2005) (no constitutional right to police protection); *Williams v. State of California*, 34 Cal. 3d 18, 22-23 (1983) (public duty doctrine); Cal. Gov't Code §§ 815.2(b) (general immunity), 818.2 (immunity for failing to enforce law), 820.2 (discretionary immunity), 821.6 (investigative immunity).

Everyone who is responsible and law-abiding is entitled to bear arms for self-defense on equal terms. Classifications not designed to weed out incompetent or dangerous individuals, and which plainly deprive individuals of the right to bear arms, violate the Equal Protection Clause.

C. Defendants' Challenged Policies Violate The Right To Travel.

Durational residency requirements have repeatedly been struck down as inconsistent with various manifestations of a right to travel. *Saenz*, *supra*, 526 U.S. 489; *Shapiro* v. *Thompson*, 394 U.S. 618 (1969); *Dunn*, *supra*, 405 U.S. 330. "Citizens have a fundamental right of free movement, 'historically part of the amenities of life as we have known them." *Nunez by Nunez* v. *City of San Diego*, 114 F.3d 935, 944 (9th Cir. 1997) (quoting *Papachristou* v. *City of*

Jacksonville, 405 U.S. 156, 164 (1972)). Although neither the Supreme Court nor Ninth Circuit have specifically extended the right to travel to *intrastate* travel, *Nunez*, 114 F.3d at 944 n.7 (noting circuit split), the existence of such a right follows naturally from the "fundamental right of free movement," *Nunez*, 114 F.3d at 944, and the fact that individuals have the specific right to travel freely across interstate (*Saenz; Shapiro*) and international (*Kent* v. *Dulles*, 357 U.S. 116 (1958)) borders.⁷

In any event, Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County's durational residence restriction applies equally to all applicants, whether they have arrived from the neighboring county, state, or country. It applied to Plaintiff Witham, and it continues to apply to Calguns and SAF members who exercise their right to travel within a year of seeking to exercise their right to arms. If an interest in receiving welfare payments (*Saenz, Shapiro*) or the right to vote (*Dunn*) cannot be conditioned on durational residency, neither can the right to bear arms be so conditioned. That the right to bear arms is constitutionally enumerated makes the matter more egregious, as the exercise of one right cannot be conditioned upon waiver of another. *See, e.g. Apethaker* v. *Secretary of State*, 378 U.S. 500, 507 (1964) (right to travel cannot be conditioned on forfeiture of First Amendment right of association).

V. PLAINTIFFS HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE INJURED BY DEFENDANTS' UNCONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES.

Because a permit to carry a concealed handgun is required by state law for Plaintiffs to legally carry a gun, but Defendants' policies render Plaintiffs ineligible for such permits for the specific purpose of self-defense – the core of the Second Amendment right at issue – Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive and declaratory relief against these policies. Plaintiff Sykes has previously tested the policy, and having now seen the current policy in writing, knows she still fails to qualify

⁷Sometimes the intrastate right of travel can be gleaned from the operation of other rights. See, e.g. Mills v. District of Columbia, ____ F.3d ____, 2009 U.S. App. LEXIS 15324 at * 20 (D.C. Cir. July 10, 2009) ("[i]t cannot be gainsaid that citizens have a right to drive upon the public streets of the District of Columbia or any other city absent a constitutionally sound reason for limiting their access") (suspicionless police checkpoints violate Fourth Amendment).

⁸Notably, the policy also punishes military personnel returning from overseas deployment.

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for a permit because her only "good cause" is "fear of victimization and a desire to carry a handgun for self-defense," SUF 26, 28, which according to Defendants, "shall be insufficient." Exh. A. Plaintiff Witham had his permit revoked upon moving to Sacramento County, has been flatly denied an application for lack of sufficient residence (*see discussion infra*), and like Sykes, has no "good cause" other than "fear of victimization and a desire to carry a handgun for self-defense," SUF 42, 43, which according to Defendants, "shall be insufficient." Exh. A. When Richards sought to apply for a permit, he was told not to bother, and faxed a policy statement that "self-protection and protection of family (without credible threats of violence)" – his only "good cause," SUF 45, 49, 50, – are "invalid reasons to request a permit." Exh. B.

Because these policies also bar the members and supporters of SAF and Calguns from obtaining permits, SUF 60, it follows that SAF and Calguns have representational standing to vindicate the individual interests here at stake. *United Food & Commercial Workers Union Local* 751 v. *Brown Group, Inc.*, 517 U.S. 544, 553 (1996).

SAF and Calguns also suffer organizational injury due to the challenged policies. When an organization is forced to devote its time and energy to dealing with certain conduct, it is injured by that conduct. *See, e.g. Havens Realty Corp.* v. *Coleman*, 455 U.S. 363 (1982). SAF and Calguns educate, research, and publish about gun control and its consequences. They promote the exercise of Second Amendment rights, and seek to enable law-abiding people to responsibly bear arms. In so doing, these organizations have to educate their members, and the public, about the government's enforcement of gun laws. SUF 55-59. When people have questions about firearms policies – including Defendants' policies – they turn to SAF and Calguns. SUF 59. And restrictive policies such as, and including Defendants', frustrate SAF and Calguns' organizational objectives and tax their resources. SUF 53-60.

Plaintiffs are mindful that other litigants have made very different arguments attacking Sacramento County's gun carry permit policies. *Mehl* v. *Blanas*, 03-CV-2682; *Rothery* v. *Blanas*, 08-CV-2064. Plaintiffs expressly disclaim those efforts, which did not appear to raise their

⁹Sykes' previous denial is not the basis of her current injury, it merely confirms the ongoing nature of the deprivation.

claims. ¹⁰ Cf. Greenlaw v. United States, 128 S. Ct. 2559, 2564 (2008) ("our adversary system is designed around the premise that the parties know what is best for them, and are responsible for advancing the facts and arguments entitling them to relief") (citation omitted).

This Court correctly dismissed the earlier cases, which have nothing in common with the instant challenge. The gravamen of *Mehl/Rothery* was a complicated conspiracy theory alleging that Sacramento County's Sheriffs issued carry permits to campaign contributors and cronies, while depriving the plaintiffs of an alleged right to carry concealed weapons. Plaintiffs here do not traffic in conspiracy theories. And as set forth *supra*, Plaintiffs do not claim a right to carry concealed handguns *per se*, only a right to carry handguns subject to proper regulations, of which the specification of the manner of carrying is an historically well-established example.

Plaintiffs' only concern is the Defendants' written policies, communicated to Plaintiffs and to others, spelling out in no uncertain terms that Plaintiffs are ineligible to apply for handgun carry permits. These policies were not at issue in the earlier cases. Owing to their unambiguous nature, the policies challenged *here* are subject to very different methods of constitutional analysis.

Where it is unclear whether a custom, policy, or practice might be implemented in a manner causing a cognizable injury, administrative exhaustion is required to complete a plaintiff's standing. As this Court recognized, this was the proper basis for dismissing *Mehl*, as the alleged unconstitutional policy in that case was nebulous at best, and an application, if submitted, might have been granted – at least, contrary to the theory of that case. Had Plaintiffs here complained that Defendants harbor some *hidden* bias against them, it would be incumbent upon Plaintiffs to test the alleged policy, just as it was incumbent to do so on the peculiar allegations of *Mehl*.

¹⁰As the Court described in *Rothery*, the complaint in that action was "a mishmash of thoughts, legal argument, speculation, with some allegations thrown in," spanning 808 paragraphs across 78 pages, and was subject to a motion to strike. *Rohery*, Tr. of Proceedings, 7/15/09 at 1, 1. 19 - 2, 1. 14.

¹¹One of the *Mehl* plaintiffs was unqualified to have a permit for perfectly valid reasons. Here, whether Plaintiffs are otherwise qualified (they are) is irrelevant, because they are automatically ineligible under the challenged policy.

However, because the policies at issue in *this* case are expressly declared by the Defendants, all that is necessary to complete the injury here is to read Defendants' written policies. The law recognizes the distinction between the need to allow Defendants to clarify their policies, remedy errors, and compile necessary records, especially when it is unclear if a plaintiff is affected by the purported policy – and the equally important need to dispense with ritualistic and hopeless bureaucratic action advancing no purpose.

"[O]ne need not apply for a benefit conditioned by a facially unconstitutional law." *United States* v. *Baugh*, 187 F.3d 1037, 1041 (9th Cir. 1999) (citing *Shuttlesworth* v. *City of Birmingham*, 394 U.S. 147, 151 (1969)). In a Title VII action, "If an employer should announce his policy of discriminating by a sign reading 'Whites Only' on the hiring-office door, his victims would not be limited to the few who ignored the sign and subjected themselves to personal rebuffs." *Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters* v. *United States*, 431 U.S. 324, 365-66 (1977).

Rejecting an exhaustion requirement in a constitutional challenge, the Supreme Court explained exhaustion is only required to let an agency "correct its own errors, to afford the parties and the courts the benefit of its experience and expertise, and to compile a record which is adequate for judicial review." *Weinberger* v. *Salfi*, 422 U.S. 749, 765 (1975) (citation omitted). But when "the only issue is the constitutionality of a statutory requirement, a matter which is beyond [regulatory] jurisdiction to determine," and there are no other issues, exhaustion is not required. *Id.*; *cf. Houghton* v. *Shafer*, 392 U.S. 639, 640 (1968) (per curiam) (citation omitted) (when "rules were validly and correctly applied to petitioner; these rules are further said to be strictly enforced throughout the entire correctional system to require petitioner to [administratively] appeal would be to demand a futile act").

The Ninth Circuit explains the distinction between policies that require testing, and those which do not. In *Madsen* v. *Boise State University*, 976 F.2d 1219 (9th Cir. 1992) (per curiam), a *pro se* plaintiff sued a university under the Rehabilitation Act for failing to provide handicapped parking spaces free of charge. However, the *pro se* plaintiff failed to allege what sort of interest he might have had in obtaining a free parking spot by actually applying for one, particularly as the school took remedial measures. The Ninth Circuit was "left somewhat at sea about whether the

real dispute now before us concerns a claim that he was entitled to a free permit to park in any handicap space on campus or that there should have been some handicap spaces accessible with a special, no-fee permit." *Madsen*, 976 F.2d at 1221. Because "the dispute between the parties [was] too nebulous for judicial resolution," the failure to apply for a permit proved fatal to the claim. *Id*.

The Ninth Circuit acknowledged that there are a class of cases in which "a formal application is unnecessary on grounds of futility." *Id.*, at 1222. But Madsen could not claim futility because it appeared that the school did, in fact, offer a fee waiver for handicapped parking, and at the very least, Madsen was also eligible for a temporary free parking space while the dispute was being resolved. *Id.*

Most significantly, Madsen lacked any

findings or allegations that the University had an impenetrable policy - akin to a "Whites Only" sign - which would have rendered it impervious to any efforts to educate it as to defects in its policies. Madsen does not allege similar, futile efforts by others to seek free handicap parking, or anything else that suggests the University administration would have rebuffed his argument out of hand.

Madsen, 976 F.2d at 1222 (emphasis added).

Yet here, there is indeed "[something] else that suggests the [Defendants] would have rebuffed [Plaintiffs'] argument out of hand," – an "impenetrable policy" instructing Plaintiffs not to apply under their circumstances. *Id.* Defendants' written policies "render[] [them] impervious to any efforts to educate [them] as to defects in [their] policies," *id.*, aside from litigation.

Completely on-point is the Second Circuit's decision in *Bach* v. *Pataki*, 408 F.3d 75 (2d Cir. 2005). Bach, a Virginian, challenged New York's ban on the issuance of gun permits to non-residents. Though his Second Amendment claim ultimately failed on incorporation grounds, the court rejected the government's standing challenge:

The State Police informed Bach that he was statutorily ineligible for a carry license. Bach had nothing to gain thereafter by completing and filing an application Imposing a filing requirement would force Bach to complete an application for which he is statutorily ineligible and to file it with an officer without authority to review it. We will not require such a futile gesture as a prerequisite for adjudication in federal court.

Bach, 214 F.3d at 82-83 (citation omitted).

This case is identical to *Bach* in terms of the injury-in-fact. Plaintiffs seek handgun carry permits, but were informed by Defendants that they are not eligible because their interest in self-defense does not constitute "good cause." *Bach* is not unique. In recent years, two state Supreme Courts have also declared unconstitutional (under their state Second Amendment analogs) policies making it difficult or impossible to obtain handgun carry permits. *Kellogg*, *supra*, 562 N.E.2d 685; *State ex rel. City of Princeton* v. *Buckner*, *supra*, 377 S.E.2d 139.

Most instructive is *Kellogg*, where the Indiana Supreme Court found a police chief had violated Section 1983 by refusing to issue handgun carry permit applications, where the state constitution entitled plaintiffs to bear arms. "Without access to the application process, the citizens' underlying substantive right to carry a handgun with a license (provided that all requirements of the Indiana Firearms Act are met), was cut off as well [as the supply of blank forms]." *Kellogg*, 562 N.E.2d at 696.

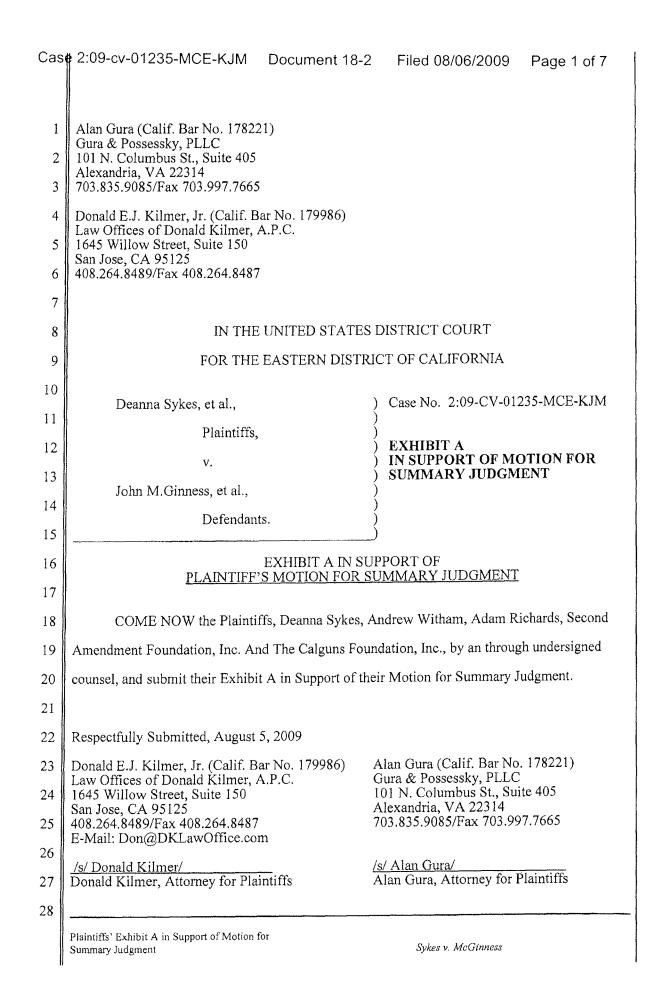
Whether a police chief declares that no applications will be handed out, or hands out applications with a written declaration that an application "shall be insufficient" (McGinness) or have only "invalid reasons to request a permit" (Prieto) makes no difference. In *Kellogg*, the police chief violated Section 1983 for not issuing application forms, and here, Defendants violate Section 1983 for pre-judging applications "insufficient" and "invalid."

CONCLUSION

Plaintiffs accept that the choice of *how* to carry their handguns has been made for them by the Legislature. But question of whether Plaintiffs have a right to carry handguns has been made for Defendants by the Second and Fourteenth Amendments. Defendants' policies rejecting self-defense as a sufficient "good cause" for the issuance of a permit are unconstitutional. Defendants' policies favoring previous crime victims over prospective crime victims and demanding durational residency as a condition of seeking a permit to carry a handgun are also unconstitutional.

Defendants still retain the ability to ban the carrying of guns by dangerous individuals and otherwise regulate the carrying of guns in the interest of public safety – consistent with constitutional limitations. But none of these matters are at issue here. The only issues here are

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Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Concealed Weapons Permit Issuance Policy and Application Process

Issuance Criteria For Permit Applicants:

- Minimum of one year residency in Sacramento County (time may be waived upon receipt of a letter from the Sheriff or Chief of Police from the applicant's previous residency indicating the applicant is a citizen in good standing). (Policy)
- Citizen of the United States. (Policy)
- Applicant must be 21 years of age or older. (Law)
- No statutory prohibitions (based on applicant's background, i.e., criminal history, drug addiction, no mental illness, etc.). (Law)
- Employees applying for job related reasons, and/or to carry a weapon during course of business hours, must provide a letter of endorsement from their supervisor and/or manager endorsing the issuance of a permit. Applications will not be accepted without the required documents. (Policy)
- Successful completion of a 64 hour hand gun training class (PC 832) or 16 hour Sacramento Sheriff's Department approved training course (certificates required) which includes passing a written and firearms proficiency test. (Law as of 01/01/99)

Note: Application for a Concealed Weapons Permit may be submitted prior to receiving training. A list of qualified instructors is on page 6.

• Good cause exists for issuance of a concealed weapons permit as follows:

General: The determination of good cause for the issuance of a concealed weapons permit is perhaps the most difficult aspect in this process. While every applicant may believe that he/she has good cause for a license, the Sheriff's determination is based on consideration of public good and safety. (Law)

Prima Facie Good Cause: The following are prima facie evidence of good cause for issuance of a concealed weapons permit:

- ✓ Applicant is a <u>specifically</u> targeted victim, as documented in official criminal justice records within an accompanying recommendation of an investigating peace officer (endorsed by the Department Head or Commander) that a concealed weapons permit be granted for reasons of personal safety. (Policy)
- ✓ Applicant is an active or honorably separated member of the criminal justice system directly responsible for the investigation, arrest, incarceration, prosecution or imposition of sentence on criminal offenders and has received threats of harm to person or family as a result of official duties.
- ✓ Applicant is a member of the immediate family of an active or honorably separated member of the criminal justice system as described above, and as a result of this familial relationship, has been the victim of criminal acts or threats as documented in official criminal justice records.

Non-Prima Facie Good Cause: Good cause that is not prima facie as described above may vary based upon one or more of the following factors: 1 (Policy)

- ✓ The degree or frequency of exposure to harm.
- ✓ The nature of the applicant's work and the resulting exposure to harm. (examples include, but are not limited to, a private investigator who serves legal documents, a judge who sentences criminal defendants, probation officers, bail bondsmen). Employees must provide letter of endorsement from employer, if weapon is to be carried during course of business hours.
- ✓ Objective evidence of a history of victimization upon the applicant or member of his/her household, or his /her residence, work place, or vehicle when occupied. (Examples of objective evidence includes a police report or witness corroboration via statements.)
- ✓ Objective evidence of a pattern or history of threats upon the applicant, or member of his/her household. (Examples of objective evidence includes witness corroboration via statements).

Sacramento County consists of urban, suburban, rural and wilderness area. What may be good cause in one area of the county may not be in another area.

In making a determination as to good cause, the Sheriff will consider all available information and, where there exists a sufficient nexus between the approval of a concealed weapons permit and the avoidance of victimization, make that decision most beneficial to public good and safety. The mere fear of victimization, or desire to carry a firearm, shall be insufficient. (Policy)

Conditions After Issuance of Approved Permits:

- <u>Annual</u> qualification with the weapon(s) type(s) listed on the permit and safety inspection of each weapon specifically listed on the permit.
- Permit holders must complete a legal update refresher course every other year upon renewal from a Sheriff's Department approved training facility/instructor.
- Permit holders must report to the Sacramento Sheriff's Department within 10 days of any arrest of the permit holder.
- No illegal drug use.

Violations of these conditions <u>will</u> result in the revocation of the concealed weapons permit.

<u>Restrictions Applicable to All Sacramento Sheriff's Department Permit Holders</u> (<u>Permit invalid if violated</u>)

- No alcohol consumption while exercising the permit and carrying the weapon.
- No weapons where prohibited by law.
- No weapons at locations where a no weapons sign is posted.
- Not within 1,000 feet of any school grounds.
- Depending on "cause" the Sheriff may impose additional restrictions.

Failure of the permit holder to adhere to these restrictions will result in the revocation of the concealed weapons permit.

New Application Fees:

\$20.00 filing fee (check or money order only) made payable to the County of Sacramento. Non refundable.

Fees-After Approval of New Application:

\$80.00 fee for all new applicants upon issuance. Check or money order only, made payable to County of Sacramento.

Additional fees are also required by the State of California Department of Justice for fingerprinting, criminal history clearance, and firearms eligibility. \$112.00 payable to State of California. (Subject to change).

Fees for Renewals of Existing Permits:

\$52.00 State of California renewal fee (check or money order only) made payable to the State of California. (Subject to change).

\$25.00 renewal fee (check or money order only) made payable to the County of Sacramento.

All renewal and newly approved applicants are processed on Tuesdays only

Sacramento County Sheriff's Department 711 G Street Sacramento, CA 95814

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ONLY

Denial of Application/Appeals Process:

All applicants will receive notice in writing regarding the approval or denial of their application. Applicants who are denied a concealed weapons permit will be advised of the reason for the denial.

Applicants may appeal if their application for a permit is denied. All appeals must be submitted in writing to:

> Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Attention: Gun Permits 711 G Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Written appeals should be specific, clearly outlining the applicants rebuttal to the reason stated for denial. Additional information, which may be pertinent to the applicants request for a permit should also be included.

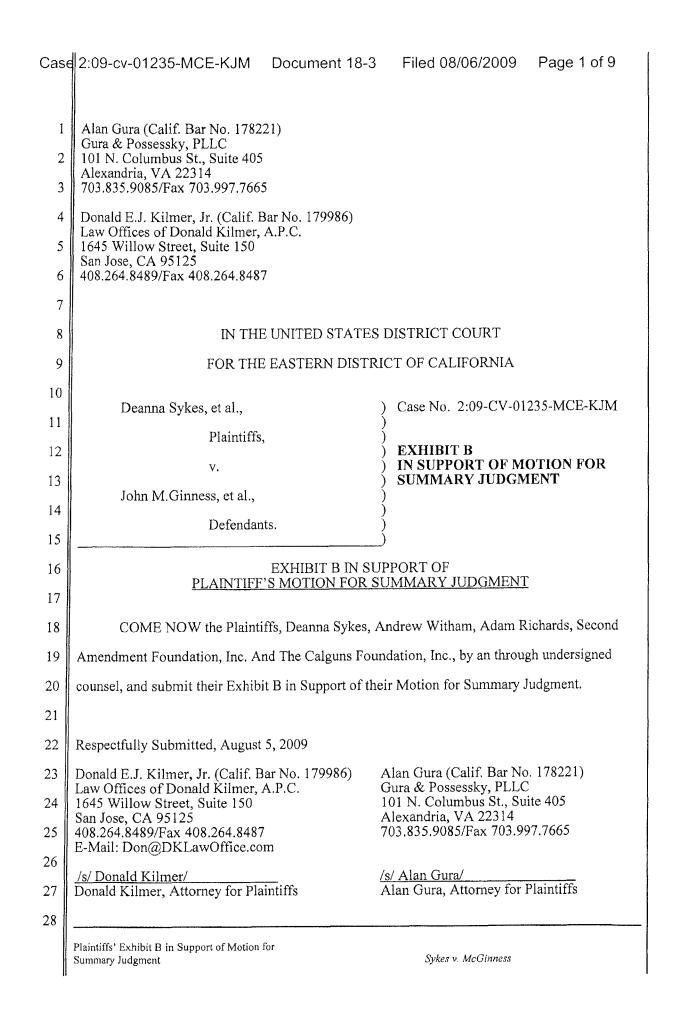
Note: Appeals must be received by the Sheriff's Department no later than (30) thirty days from the date of the notification letter.

Additional Information:

For additional information or questions regarding the Sacramento Sheriff's Departments concealed weapons permit process or policy, please contact the Special Investigations/Intelligence Bureau at (916) 874-5371.

Range and Legal Class Instructors

1.	Advanced Security Institute 2947 W. Capitol Ave. West Sacramento, CA 95691	(916) 375-8500
2.	California Security Training Academy 6130 Freeport Blvd., Ste. 200 Sacramento, CA 95822	(916) 399-2010
3.	Universal Security Academy 2382 Fruitridge Rd. Sacramento, CA 95822	(916) 393-7878 (800) 367-5335
4.	Cordova Shooting Center 11551 Douglas Rd. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670	(916) 351-0538
5.	James Mangan Range 2140 34 th Ave. Sacramento, CA 95817	(916) 427-9811
6.	The Gun Room 9221 Survey Rd. Elk Grove, CA 95624	(916) 714-4867





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CHAPTER 11 CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSE POLICY

11-1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Sheriff is given the statutory discretion to issue a license to carry a concealed firearm to residents within Yolo County. This policy will provide a written process for the application and issuance of such licenses. Pursuant to Penal Code 12050.2, this policy shall be made accessible to the public.

11-2 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

In order to apply for a license to carry a concealed weapon, the applicant must:

a. Be a resident of Yolo County.

b. Be at least 21 years of age.

c. Fully complete an application that will include substantial personal information.

Much of the information in the application may be subject to public access under the Public Records Act.

d. Be free from criminal convictions that would disqualify the applicant from carrying a concealed weapon. Fingerprints will be required and a complete criminal background check will be conducted.

e. Be of good moral character.

f. Show good cause for the issuance of the license.

g. Pay all associated application fees. These fees are set by statute and may not be refunded if the application is denied.

h. Provide proof of ownership and registration of any weapon to be licensed for concealment.

i. Provide at least three letters of character reference.

j. Be free from any medical and psychological conditions that might make the applicant unsuitable for carrying a concealed weapon.

k. Complete required training.

11-3 CRITERIA

Examples of valid reasons to request a permit include, but are not limited to:

- Victims of violent crime and/or documented threats of violence.
- Business owners who carry large sums of cash or valuable items.
- Business owners who work all hours in remote areas and are likely to encounter dangerous people and situations.

Examples on invalid reasons to request a permit include, but are not limited to:

- Recreation in remote areas.
- Hunting or fishing
- Self protection and protection of family (without credible threats of violence).
- Employment in the security field, i.e. security guard, body guard, VIP protection.
- Personal safety due to job conditions or duties placed on the applicant by their employer.

11-4 APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process for a license to carry a concealed weapon shall consist of several steps. Upon completion of each step, the applicant will advance to the next step until the process is completed or the application is denied.

- a. Applicants shall demonstrate his/her knowledge of firearms safety and proficiency in the handling of the firearm intended to be licensed. This is accomplished by providing a certificate showing they have successfully completed a concealed weapons firearms course recognized and approved by the Yolo County Sheriff's Department.
- b. After completing the firearms course, the individual applying for a license shall fully complete a Concealed Weapons License Application to be signed under penalty of perjury. It is against the law to knowingly make any false statements on such an application. Penal Code 12051 (b) & (c). Halse statements will be cause for denial of the application.
- c. At the time the completed application is submitted, the applicant shall provide the course certificate of proficiency and pay the non-refundable department fee to cover administrative and investigative costs. The applicants shall also submit at least three signed letters of character reference from individuals other than relatives.
- d. The application will be processed and reviewed for completeness and validity. If the application meets the criteria to proceed, an interview with the Sheriff or his designee will be scheduled. If the application does not meet the criteria, the applicant will be notified in writing that it is denied.
- e. If the Sheriff or his designee feels there is sufficient reason to grant the license, the applicant will be scheduled for a Livescan fingerpfint and photo appointment. At the lime of the fingerprinting and photographing appointment, the applicant shall pay the remainder of the non-refundable application fee. Payment of related fees may be waived, if the applicant is a duly appointed reserve peace officer as defined in Penal Code 830.6(4) or (b) or Penal Code 12050(a)(1)(C).

- f. The fingerprints are then sent electronically to the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal background checks. Persons determined to fall within a prohibited class described in Penal Code 12021 or 12021. For Welfare and Institutions Code 8100 or 81\$03 will not be issued a license to carry a concealed weapon.
- g. Upon return of the criminal history checks, the Sheriff or his designee shall approve or deny the application. If approved, an appointment will be made to verify the weapons and issue the license.
- h. At the time of issuance, the applicant shall submit proof of ownership and registration of each weapon to be licensed for concealment. Upon request, the applicant shall provide the weapon to a Department Firearms Instructor or Armorer for a full safety inspection.

In the event that an application is denied at the conclusion of or during the application process, the applicant shall be notified in writing within ninety (90) days of the initial application or within thirty (30) days after receipt of the applicant's criminal background check from the Department of Justice, whichever is later. Penal Code 12052.5.

11-5 ISSUED CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS

In the event a license to carry a concealed weapon is issued by the Sheriff, the following shall apply:

- The license will not be valid outside the state of California;
- The lidense will be subject to any and all reasonable restrictions or conditions the Sheriff has deemed warranted, including restrictions as to the time, place, manner and circumstances under which the person may carry the concealed firearm.
 - 1. All such restrictions or conditions shall be conspicuously noted on any license issued. (Penal Code 12050(c)
 - 2. Any violation of any of the restrictions and conditions may result in the immediate revocation of the license.
- The expiration date, type of weapon, restrictions and other pertinent information shall be clearly printed and visible on the license. Each license shall be numbered and clearly identify the licensee.

- d. All licenses shall be subject to inspection at any time by the Sheriff or any law enforcement officer and shall be surrendered to any peace officer upon demand.
- e. The license will be valid for a period not to exceed two years from the date of issuance.
 - 1. A license issued to a state or federal magistrate, commissioner or judge will be valid for a period not to exceed three years.
 - 2. A license issued to any reserve peace officer as defined in Penal Code 830.6 (a) or (b) or a custodial officer employed by the Sheriff as provided in Penal Code 831.5 will be valid for a period not to exceed four years, except that such license shall be invalid upon the individual's conclusion of service as a reserve officer or custodial officer.
- f. The licensee shall notify this department in writing within ten (10) days of any change of residency. If the licensee moves out of the county of issuance, the licensee shall expire ninety (90) days after the licensee has moved.

11-6 <u>LICENSE RESTRICTIONS</u>

- a. The Sheriff may place special restrictions in writing limiting time, place and circumstances under which any license shall be valid. In general, these restrictions will prohibit the licensee from any of the following:
 - 1. Consuming any alcoholic beverage while armed.
 - 2. Falsely representing him or herself as a peace officer.
 - 3. Unjustified or unreasonable displaying of weapon.
 - 4. Committing any crime.
 - 5. Being under the influence of any medication or drug while armed.
 - 6. Interfering with any law enforcement officer's duties.
 - 7. Refusing to display his/her license or weapon for inspection upon demand of any peace officer.
- b. The alteration of any previously approved weapon including, but not limited to adjusting trigger pull, adding laser sights or modifications shall void any license and serve as grounds for revocation.

11-7 AMENDMENTS TO LICENSES

Any licensee may apply to amend a license at any time during the period of validity by completing and submitting a written application for license amendment along with the current processing fee to the Department in order to accomplish one or more of the following:

- Add of delete authority to carry a firearm listed on the license.
- Change restrictions or conditions previously placed on the license.
- Change the address or other personal information of the licensee.

In the event that any amendment to a valid license is approved by the Sheriff, a new license will be issued reflecting the amendment(s). An amendment to any license will not serve to extend the original expiration date and an application for an amendment will not constitute an application for renewal of the license.

11-8 REVOCATION OF LICENSES

Any license assued pursuant to this policy may be immediately revoked by the Sheriff or his designee for any of the following reasons:

- If the licensee has violated any of the restrictions or conditions placed upon the license.
- If the licensee becomes medically or psychologically unsuitable to carry a b. concelled weapon
- If the licensee is determined to be within a prohibited class described in Penal Ç. Code \$2021 or \$12021 (a) or Welfare and Institutions Code \$100 or \$103.
- If the licensee engages in any conduct which involves a lack of good moral d. character or might otherwise remove the good cause for the original issuance of the license.
- If the licensee establishes residency outside of Yolo County.

The issuance of a license by the Sheriff shall not entitle the holder to either a property or liberty interest as the issuance, amendment or devocation of such license remains exclusively within the discretion of the Sheriff as set forth herein.

If the license is revoked, the Department will immediately notify the licensee and the Department of Justice pursuant to Penal Code 12053.

11-9 LICENSE RENEWAL

Prior to the expiration of any valid license to carry a concelled weapon, the licensee may apply to the Sheriff for a renewal by completing the following process:

- Complete a department authorized concealed weapons training course of no a. less than four hours including firearms safety and the laws regarding the permissible use of a firearm. Applicants must provide a certificate showing proficiency with the firearm listed on the application...
- Complete the department renewal application under penalty of perjury. Ь.
- Applicant will be interviewed to verify the on-going need for the license and to clarify any questions about the application.

- If the Sheriff or his designee feels there is sufficient reason to renew the d. license, an appointment will be made to verify the weapons and issue the
- If the applicant submitted manual ink fingerprints and has not since submitted e. Livescan automated fingerprints, the applicant will be scheduled for a Livesban fingerprint appointment. At the time of the fingerprinting, the applicant shall pay the non-refundable renewal application fee and Livescan processing fee. Upon return of the Livescan criminal history checks if applicable, the Sheriff or his designee shall approve or deny the application.
- At the time of issuance, the applicant shall submit proof of ownership and f. registration of each new weapon to be licensed for doncealment. Upon request, the applicant shall provide the weapon to a Department Firearms Instructor or Armorer for a full safety inspection.

The applicant must apply no later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of his or her license. A grace period of 60 days after the expiration may be granted as long as valid reasons exist and the applicant notifies the department prior to the expiration. A grace period does not extend the license expiration date. Prior issuance of a license shall not entitle any licensee to any property of liberty right to renewal.

Whether an application for renewal is approved or denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing within ninety (90) days of the renewal application or within thirty (30) days after receipt of the applicant's criminal background check from DOJ, whichever is later (Penal Code 12052.5).

11-10 DEPARTMENT REPORTING AND RECORDS

Pursuant to Penal Code 12053, the Sheriff shall maintain a record of the following information and immediately provide copies of each to the Department of Justice:

- The denial of a license. a,
- The denial of an amendment to a license. b.
- The issuance of a license. c.
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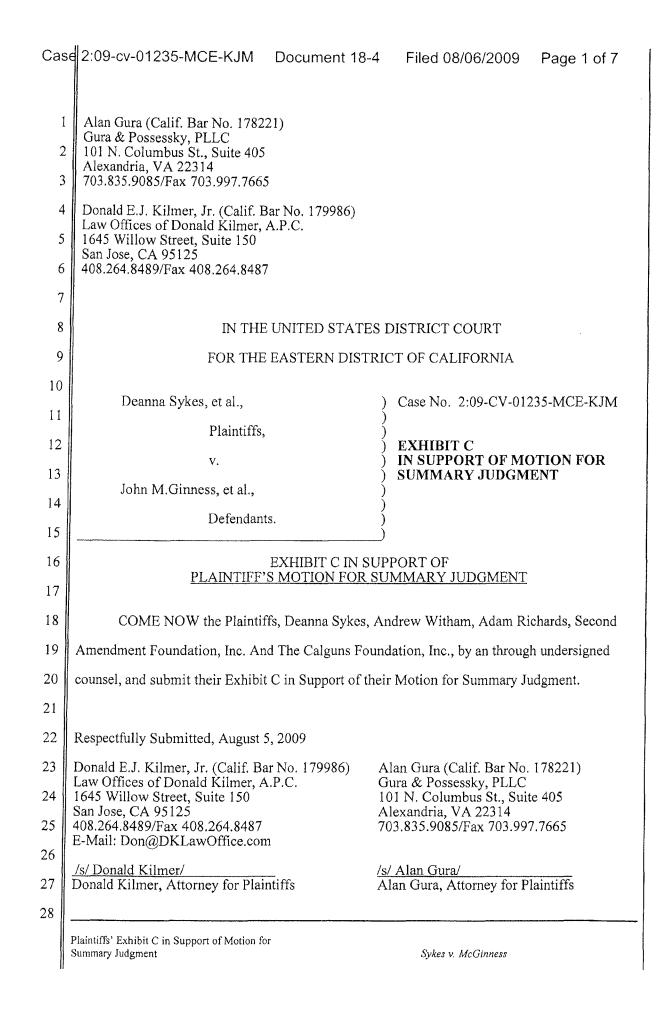
The Sheriff shall annually submit to the State Attorney General the total number of licenses to carry concealed weapons issued to reserve peace officers and judges.

11-11 CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS

The home addresses and elephone numbers of any peace officer, magistrate, commissioner or judge contained in any application or license shall not be considered public record (Government Code 6254 (u) (2).

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Any information in any application or license which tends to indicate when or where the applicant is vulnerable to attack or that concerns the applicant's medical or psychological history or that of his/her family shall not be considered public record (Government Code 6254 (u)(1).



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author, "for injury done to him in bonis, in terris, vel persona, by any other subject, be he ecclesiastical or temporal, without any exception, may take his remedy by the course of the law. and have justice and right for the injury done to him, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay." It were endless to enumerate all the affirmative acts of [142* parliament, *wherein justice is directed to be done according to the law of the land; and what that law is every subject knows, or may know, if he pleases; for it depends not upon the arbitrary will of any judge, but is permanent, fixed, and unchangeable, unless by authority of parliament. I shall, however, just mention a few negative statutes, whereby abuses, perversions, or delays of justice, especially by the prerogative, are restrained. It is ordained by magna charta that no freeman shall be outlawed, that is, put out of the protection and benefit of the laws, but according to the law of the land. By 2 Edw. III. c. 8, and 11 Ric. II. c. 10, it is enacted, that no commands or letters shall be sent under the great seal, or the little seal, the signet, or privy seal, in disturbance of the law; or to disturb or delay common right; and, though such commandments should come, the judges shall not cease to do right; which is also made a part of their oath by statute 18 Edw, III. st. 4. And by 1 W. and M. st. 2, c. 2, it is declared that the pretended power of suspending, or dispensing with laws, or the execution of laws, by regal authority, without consent of parliament, is illegal.

Not only the substantial part, or judicial decisions, of the law, but also the formal part, or method of proceeding, cannot be altered but by parliament; for, if once those outworks were demolished, there would be an inlet to all manner of innovation in the body of the law itself. The king, it is true, may erect new courts of justice; but then they must proceed according to the old established forms of the common law. For which reason it is declared, in the statute 16 Car. I. c. 10, upon the dissolution of the court of starchamber, that neither his majesty, nor his privy counsel, have any jurisdiction, power or authority, by English bill petition, articles, libel, (which were the course of proceeding in the starchamber, borrowed from the civil law,) or by any other arbitrary way whatsoever, to examine, or draw into question, determine, or dispose of the lands or goods of any subjects of this kingdom; but that the same ought to be tried and

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144*] allowed by law.ⁿ Which is also declared by the same statute, I W. and M. st. 2, c. 2, and is indeed a public allowance, under due restrictions, of the natural right of resistance and self-preservation, when the sanctions of society and laws are found insufficient to restrain the violence of oppression.

In these several articles consist the rights, or, as they are frequently termed, the liberties of Englishmen: liberties more generally talked of, than thoroughly understood; and yet highly necessary to be perfectly known and considered by every man of rank and property, lest his ignorance of the points whereon they are founded should hurry him into faction and licentiousness on the one hand, or a pusillanimous indifference and criminal submission on the other. And we have seen that these rights consist, primarily, in the free enjoyment of personal security, of personal liberty, and of private property. So long as these remain inviolate, the subject is perfectly free; for every species of compulsive tyranny and oppression must act in opposition to one or other of these rights, having no other object upon which it can possibly be employed. To preserve these from violation, it is necessary that the constitution of parliament be supported in its full vigor; and limits, certainly known, be set to the royal prerogative. And, lastly, to vindicate these rights, when actually violated or attacked, the subjects of England are entitled, in the first place, to the regular administration and free course of justice in the courts of law; next, to the right of petitioning the king and parliament for redress of grievances; and, lastly, to the right of having and using arms for self-preservation and defence. And all these rights and liberties it is our birthright to enjoy entire; unless where the laws of our country have laid them under necessary restraints; restraints in themselves so gentle and moderate, as will appear, upon farther inquiry, that no man of

If it is declared in the U. S. Constitution that, "A well-regulated militial being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." (Am'rs, Art. 2.) Similar provisions are contained in the constitutions of a number of the States. But it is generally held that statutes prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons are not in conflict with these constitutional provisions, since they merely forbid the carrying of arms in a particular manner, which is likely to lead to breaches of the peace and provoke to the commission of crime, rather than contribute to public or personal defence. In some States, how ever, a contrary doctrine is maintained.

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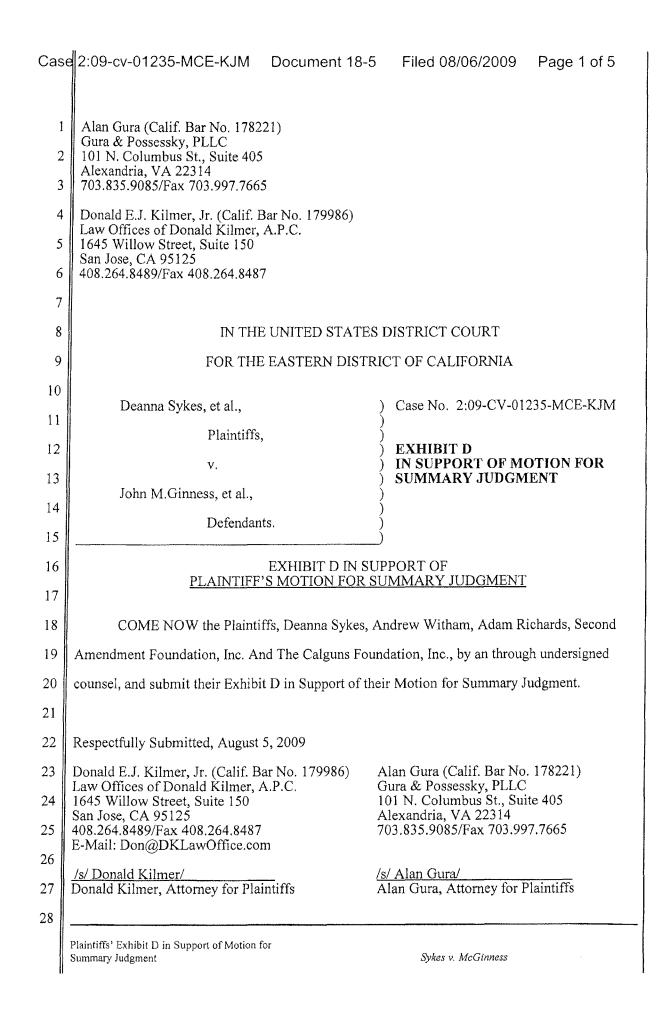
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And begin we are not to investigate the powers and duties of his majesty's great officers of state, the lord treasurer, lord chambels in the principal secretaries, or the like; because I do not have that they are in that capacity in any considerable degree the objects of our laws, or have any very important share of

Montesquien, Spirit of Laws, xi. 5.

The chapters upon these topics have been omitted, as relating exclusively to the English system of government, and therefore not practically important to the American student.



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Attention:

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Dear Attorney General Lockyer:

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9005, we have reviewed the proposed initiative constitutional amendment that establishes the right of Californians to possess firearms and requires the judiciary to apply a test of "strict scrutiny" in the evaluation of state and local actions regulating the right to bear arms (File No. SA2001RF0041).

Background

The U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment guarantees the right of citizens to keep and bear arms and has been subject to significant court review for years. Currently, the State Constitution has no equivalent provision. While the Second Amendment confers specific rights regarding the right to bear arms, the courts have allowed federal, state, and local governments to establish prohibitions and restrictions on firearm ownership.

Proposal

This measure adds a new section to the State Constitution that defines the existing right to defend life and liberty to include the right of each person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, and home. The measure states that this right shall not be infringed.

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- Under the provisions of this constitutional amendment, it would still be illegal to possess and carry a firearm for the purposes of committing a criminal act.
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However, local jurisdictions would not be able to limit who obtains concealed weapons permits unless the applicant does not meet federal or state criteria. In addition, individuals could no longer be arrested and tried for simple possession of a weapon, unless other circumstances existed. Currently, these types of arrests are misdemeanor offenses where the individual is generally cited and released.

The experience of other states enacting similar measures has been an initial increase in requests for concealed weapons permits, resulting in an increase in the number of background checks.

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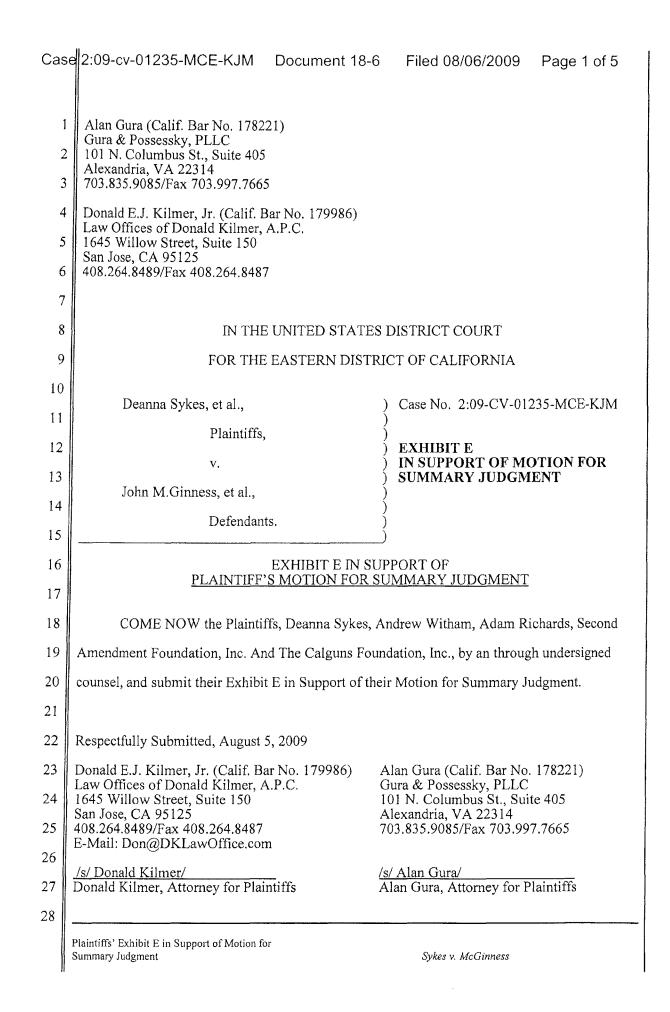
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	OR					
v.) OF SUMMARY JUDGMEN						
John McGinness, et al., Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 56						
Defendants.						
I, Deanna Sykes, am competent to state, and declare the following based on n	I, Deanna Sykes, am competent to state, and declare the following based on my personal					
knowledge:						
1. I am a law abiding resident of Sacramento County.						
2. I am authorized and qualified under Federal and State law to purchase and po	2. I am authorized and qualified under Federal and State law to purchase and possess					
firearms.						
	3. I want to exercise my Second Amendment right to carry a handgun for personal					
protection.						
4. I fear victimization, and I desire to carry a firearm, but I have not been specifi	cally					
threatened nor have I been previously victimized by violent crime.	threatened nor have I been previously victimized by violent crime.					
5. I applied for a handgun carry permit from Defendant McGinness's predecesso						
Sacramento County but my request was denied.	or in					
6. I have read the written policy of Defendant McGinness that "[t]he mere fear of	or in					
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victimization, or desire to carry a firearm, shall be insufficient" "good cause" to issue a gun carry permit, and it is my understanding that I could lack "good cause" to obtain a permit to carry a handgun as that term is defined and implemented by Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County. I fear arrest, prosecution, fine and imprisonment if I were to carry a handgun without a permit. But for the lack of a handgun carry permit and fear of prosecution, I would carry a handgun in public for self-defense. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 4th day of August, 2009 Deanna Sykes

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                                                    DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF
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                                                    ANDREW WITHAM IN SUPPORT
                                                    MOTION FOR SUMMARY
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                                                    JUDGMENT
            John McGinness, et al.,
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                          Defendants.
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            I, Andrew Witham, am competent to state, and declare the following based on my
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     personal knowledge:
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            I am a law abiding resident of Sacramento County.
            I am authorized and qualified under Federal and State law to purchase and possess
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            firearms.
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            On December 10, 2006, I completed the basic course required to obtain a handgun carry
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            permit in Shasta County, as well as the course of training required to obtain a permit to
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            carry an exposed firearm from the California Bureau of Security and Investigative
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            Services.
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            I re-qualified four times for the exposed handgun permit, which I currently possesses,
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            along with a Private Investigator license.
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- My Private Investigator license, in conjunction with my Exposed Firearm Permit, allows 5. 1 me to carry an exposed, loaded handgun in California but only while I am engaged in the 2 course and scope of my work as a private investigator. 3 In January, 2007, the Sheriff of Shasta County, where I lived and worked, issued me a 6. 4 5 two-year permit to carry a handgun. On or about July, 2007, I relocated from Shasta to the City of Fairfield, in Solano County. 7. 6 As required by law, I notified the Sheriff of Shasta County of this move. 7 On or about July, 2008, I relocated from Solano County to Sacramento County, and again 8 8. notified the Sheriff of Shasta County of this move. Within days, my permit to carry a 9 10 handgun was revoked. I contacted Defendant McGinness's office to inquire about the revocation of my permit to 9. 11 carry a handgun, and was advised that a handgun carry permit would have to be issued by 12 13 Defendant McGinness. I was further advised that an application for a handgun carry permit could not be made by 10. 14 individuals residing in Sacramento County for less than 12 months, in the absence of a 15 letter attesting to the applicant's good character from the issuing authority of the 16 17 applicant's previous gun permit. As I had no such letter, I was refused an application form for a handgun carry permit. 18 11. I was advised that as a matter of policy, the Sheriff of Shasta County does not issue good 19 12. 20 character letters of the sort required by Defendant McGinness. 21 13. Although Defendant McGinness does not require that handgun permit applications complete the required training prior to making their applications, I was certified on 22 23 December 16, 2008, in 24 hours of POST PC 832 Firearms Familiarization at the Sacramento Regional Public Safety Training Center. The course is approved for issuance 24 25 of a handgun carry permit in Sacramento County.
 - 14. I want to exercise my Second Amendment right to carry a handgun for personal protection.

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- 15. I fear victimization, and I have a desire to carry a firearm, but I have not previously been victimized by violent crime. Although I was previously threatened, the threats subsided after I left Shasta County. I am unaware of any current, specific threats against me.
- I have read Defendant McGinness's written policy that "[t]he mere fear of victimization, or desire to carry a firearm, shall be insufficient" "good cause" to issue a gun carry permit, and I have the understanding that I lack "good cause" to obtain a permit as that term is defined and implemented by Defendants McGinness and Sacramento County.
- 17. I fear arrest, prosecution, fine and imprisonment if I were to carry a concealed handgun without a permit. But for the lack of handgun carry permit and fear of prosecution, I would carry a concealed handgun in public for self-defense.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 5th day of August, 2009

Andrew Witham

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	Plaintiffs, v.) PLAINTIFF ADA) DECLARATION) OF SUMMARY J	IN SUPPORT			
	John McGinness, et al.,)) Fed. R. Civ. Proc.	56			
	Defendants.))	•			
	I, Adam Richards, am competent to state, and declare the following based on my personal						
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1.	knowledge: 1. I am a law abiding resident of Yolo County.						
2.	2. I am authorized and qualified under Federal and State law to purchase and possess						
	firearms.						
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	obtaining a permit to carry a handgun. Defendant Prieto's office advised me that the						
	desire to have a gun available for self-defense would not constitute "good cause" for the						
	issuance of the permit, and that I should not apply because doing so would be a futile act.						
4.	I was further advised tha	t as a matter of poli	cy, my application wou	ıld also not be			
	considered unless I first	applied to the Chies	of Police in the City o	f Davis, where I resid			
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7	AND ADDRESS OF ARECUNCTRICE CONTROL					
8	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA					
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10	Deanna Sykes, et al., Plaintiffs, Deanna Sykes, et al., Deanna Sykes, et al.,					
11	GOTTLIEB, EXECUTIVE VICE					
12	John McGinness, et al.,) PRESIDENT OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, INC. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR					
	SUMMARY JUDGMENT Defendants.					
14 15	Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 56					
16	I, Alan Gottlieb, Executive Vice President of the Second Amendment Foundation, Inc.,					
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18	Plaintiff Second Amendment Foundation, Inc. (SAF) is a non-profit membership					
19	organization incorporated under the laws of Washington with its principal place of					
20	business in Bellevue, Washington.					
21	2. SAF has over 650,000 members and supporters nationwide, including California.					
22	The purposes of SAF include education, research, publishing and legal action focusing on					
23	the Constitutional right to privately own and possess firearms, and the consequences of					
24	gun control.					
25	4. SAF expends its resources advising and educating its members, supporters, and the					
26	general public about the varying policies with respect to the public carrying of handguns					
27	in California, including in Sacramento and Yolo Counties. The issues raised by, and					
.28	consequences of, Defendants' policies, arc of great interest to SAF members. Defendants'					
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		alty of perjury that the f		rrect.
6.	SAF promotes the exercise of Second Amendment rights.			
	permits to carry handguns in public.			
5.	The policies of the Defendants bar the members and supporters of SAF from obtaining			
		vice and information.	, p.	
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11	Plaintiffs,))	DECLARATION HOFFMAN, JR.,			
12	v.))	THE CALGUNS I	FOUNDATION,		
13	John McGinness, et al.,))	FOR SUMMARY			
14	Defendants	S.))	Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 56	5		
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16	I, Gene Hoffman, Jr., Chairman of the CALGUNS Foundation, Inc., am competent to						
17	state, and declare the following based on my personal knowledge:						
18	1. The Calguns Foundation, Inc. (CGF) is a non-profit organization incorporated under the						
19	laws of California with its principal place of business in Redwood City, California.						
20	2. The purposes of CGF include supporting the California firearms community by						
21	promoting education for all stakeholders about California and federal firearm laws, rights						
22	and privileges, and defend	ling and protecting	g th	e civil rights of Cali	fornia gun owners,		
23	who are among its members and supporters.						
24	3. CGF expends its resource	s advising and edu	ıca	ting its members, sup	oporters, and the		
25	general public about the v	arying policies wi	th 1	respect to the public	carrying of handguns		
26	in California, including in	Sacramento and	Yol	o Counties. The issu	es raised by, and		
27	consequences of, Defenda	ents' policies, are o	of g	reat interest to CGF	members. Defendants'		
28	policies regularly cause the expenditure of resources by CGF as people turn to these						

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1		organizations for advice and information.
2	4.	The policies of the Defendants bar the members and supporters of CGF from obtaining
3	1	permits to carry handguns in public.
4	5. (CGF promotes the exercise of Second Amendment rights.
5]	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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