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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
8 and ITS OFFICIALS

9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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12 THERESE MARIE PIZZO,
13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
16 MAYOR EDWIN LEE, in his official
capacity; SAN FRANCISCO POLICE
17 DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF POLICE GREG
SUHR, in his official capacity; SAN
18 FRANCISCO SHERIFF VICKI
HENNESSEY, in her official capacity; CITY
19 AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; and
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY
20 GENERAL KAMALA D. HARRIS, in her
official capacity,
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22 Defendants.

23 NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, INC.,
24 Amicus Curiae.
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Case No. C09-4493 CW

**DECLARATION OF GRIFFIN DIX IN
SUPPORT OF CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
FRANCISCO'S CROSS-MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

Hearing Date: July 26, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Courtroom 2, 4th Fl.
Oakland Courthouse

1 I, Griffin Dix, declare as follows:

2 1. The matters stated in this declaration are true of my own personal knowledge except
3 where otherwise stated. I could and would testify competently to the matters stated in this declaration.

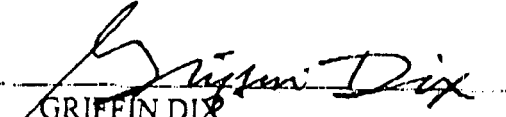
4 2. I live in the East Bay. I am currently retired but was previously a professor of cultural
5 anthropology at Santa Clara University and Research Director at the publication MacWEEK.

6 3. In 1994, my son Kenzo Dix was 15 years old. He was visiting a friend's house. I did
7 not know that his friend's father kept a gun in his bedroom, loaded and unlocked. According to what I
8 later learned from my son's friend, the friend, without telling my son, went to get the gun. The friend
9 retrieved the gun and took out the loaded ammunition clip that was in it and replaced it with an empty
10 clip. The friend did not know that there was still a bullet in the chamber of the semiautomatic
11 handgun. He took the gun upstairs to show my son, walked into the room and pulled the trigger. The
12 bullet hit my son in the shoulder and entered his heart. He died from the wound.

13 4. I believe that if my son's friend's father had locked his gun in a secure lockbox, my son
14 would be alive today.

15 5. Since my son's death, I have worked for the passage of gun control laws to prevent the
16 deaths of other children, and I have read a great deal of research about gun control laws. I believe that
17 if guns were required to be locked, there would be fewer unintentional shootings like the one that took
18 my son's life. Locking guns would also reduce gun thefts, which are a major source of guns used in
19 crimes. In addition, tragedies like school shootings might become less common, because most guns
20 used in school shootings come from the home. I believe that San Francisco's locked-storage ordinance
21 will save lives.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
23 true and correct. Executed this 14 day of June, 2012, in Kensington, California.

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26 GRIFFIN DIX