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this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331, on the ground that this Complaint presents a substantial federal question, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1343(a)(3) on the ground that this Complaint seeks redress for the deprivation of rights secured by the Constitution of the United States under color of State law, including without limitation the right not to be deprived of liberty interests without due process of law, the rights of assembly and petition for redress of grievances, and the right to engage in speech activity on matters of public interest. Venue is proper in the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b), on the ground that substantially all events underlying this Complaint occurred within that District in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

- 2. Plaintiff BRUCE BOYER is an individual residing within Los
 Angeles County, California. Plaintiff brings this action on his own behalf, and on
 behalf of SONS OF LIBERTY LA, an unincorporated association in the Los
 Angeles community formed for the purpose of advocating and advancing that
 cause of Constitutional rights and liberties, including particularly the rights
 recognized and protected under the First, Second, Fourth and Fourteenth
 Amendments of the Constitution of the United States. Bruce Boyer and Sons of
 Liberty LA are referred to collectively in this complaint as "Plaintiffs."
- 3. Defendant CITY OF LOS ANGELES (referred to in this Complaint as "the City") is a municipality chartered and existing under the laws of the State of California and is a political subdivision of the State of California.
- 4. Beginning in or about the year 2009, the City, under the auspices of the Office of the Mayor and the Los Angeles Police Department, has sponsored and conducted a series of "Gun Buy Back" events. Typically, these events have been held at various locations around the City of Los Angeles on a Saturday in

5. Plaintiffs have contended from the inception of the City's Gun Buy Back events that those events are unwise as a matter of public policy, that the events and the manner in which firearms are handled at and disposed of following those events may be unlawful, that the policy underlying Gun Buy Back events—of encouraging citizens to disarm—is counterproductive to the goal of heightening public safety, that rather than destroying surrendered firearms the more prudent policy would be to see to it that those firearms are lawfully and safely transferred to citizens who can and will use them for their personal safety,

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and that the Gun Buy Back program is counter to the individual right to bear arms confirmed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

- In order to express their views concerning Gun Buy Back events, 6. plaintiffs have since 2010 appeared in the vicinity of those events in order to communicate an opposing viewpoint to participants and to offer those persons arriving with firearms and alternative means of disposing of them. Specifically, members of Sons of Liberty LA have attempted to attend Gun Buy Back events accompanied by signs and wearing statements of their views on their clothing, and have attempted to communicate with others present at those events. The City has consistently and persistently taken measures to prevent the attendance, assembly, and speech activities of plaintiffs, by methods including refusal of access to the event and its vicinity, and the direct threat of unauthorized arrest by officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. Plaintiff Bruce Boyer was personally arrested for "trespassing" at the Gun Buy Back event in Hollywood in 2010 as he attempted to enter the event site on foot, through its designated entrance, and to converse with participants. Other members of Sons of Liberty LA have been threatened with arrest without cause merely for being near an event site, and some have elected not to attend Gun Buy Back events to express their views because of their fear of unlawful arrest.
- 7. When they have been present near Gun Buy Back events, members and representatives of Sons of Liberty LA have attempted to communicate to persons who might otherwise surrender their firearms in exchange for a gift card that there are alternative courses available to them for the disposition of those firearms. Specifically, Sons of Liberty LA offers information and assistance so that those who wish to do so can instead present firearms to duly licensed

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8. Following the announcement of the Gun Buy Back events to be held on May 12, 2012, in an effort to protect themselves from the threat of arrest, plaintiffs have contacted authorized representatives of the City seeking to obtain permission to be present at or immediately adjacent to the scheduled Gun Buy Back events so that they may participate meaningfully and have a fair opportunity to communicate with attendees, to convey their point of view on the law and

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Plaintiffs having been denied permission to attend and participate in 9. a meaningful fashion in the 2012 Gun Buy Back events, and plaintiffs having been explicitly threatened with arrest should they be present at past events, a controversy has arisen and exists between plaintiffs and defendant concerning plaintiffs' rights and privileges under the laws and Constitution of the United States, and particularly concerning plaintiffs' exercise of their rights to assembly and free expression of their views. A declaratory judgment is necessary and appropriate to resolve these disputes, for which there is no other meaningful remedy at law. Further, in view of the defendant City's refusal to grant permission, on any terms, for plaintiffs to engage in the proposed speech activities in conjunction with the Gun Buy Back events, injunctive relief is necessary and appropriate to declare and enforce plaintiffs' rights. Specifically, plaintiffs seek a restraining order and preliminary and permanent injunctions of this Court directing the City (1) to allow plaintiffs to be present at the Gun Buy Back event sites, to enter those sites on foot, by wheelchair, or by other means apart from a motor vehicle, and to be present without plaintiffs themselves possessing or surrendering a firearm, (2) to allow plaintiffs' presence at a place and in a manner that provides opportunity for plaintiffs to speak with and communicate their views to other attendees prior to those attendees surrendering firearms, (3) to maintain possession of surrendered firearms and not to destroy them and to dispose of them only in the manner authorized by the Los Angeles

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whether any surrendered firearms may be evidence of a criminal act and to submit such evidence to the appropriate prosecutorial authority for a determination whether a prosecution should be pursued, and (5) to permit plaintiffs access to press conferences and other media opportunities relating to Gun Buy Back events on a par with that access provided to other members of the public and press.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs pray judgment as follows:

- For entry of a judgment declaring the rights of plaintiffs and others 1. similarly situated to be granted access to and meaningful participation in current and future Gun Buy Back events for purposes of expressing their views;
- 2. For a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction and a permanent injunction, all enjoining and requiring defendant, and its agents, employees and all persons acting under, in concert with, or for it (1) to allow plaintiffs to be present at the Gun Buy Back event sites, to enter those sites on foot, by wheelchair, or by other means apart from a motor vehicle, and to be present without plaintiffs themselves possessing or surrendering a firearm, (2) to allow plaintiffs' presence at a place and in a manner that provides opportunity for plaintiffs to speak with and communicate their views to other attendees prior to those attendees surrendering firearms, (3) to maintain possession of surrendered firearms and not to destroy them and to dispose of them only in the manner authorized by the Los Angeles Municipal Code for the disposition of "surplus City property," (4) to determine whether any surrendered firearms may be evidence of a criminal act and to submit such evidence to the appropriate prosecutorial authority for a determination whether a prosecution should be pursued, and (5) to permit plaintiffs access to press conferences and other media

opportunities relating to Gun Buy Back events on a par with that access provided to other members of the public and press. For an award of attorney's fees, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1988; 3. For costs of suit incurred in this action; and 4. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. 5. WALLACE, BROWN & SCHWARTZ DATED: May 8, 2012 by GEORGE M. WALLACE Attorneys for Plaintiffs BRUCE BOYER, individually and on behalf of SONS OF LIBERTY LA, an unincorporated association

REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL Plaintiff requests trial by jury in this action, to the extent authorized by law. WALLACE, BROWN & SCHWARTZ DATED: May 8, 2012 by GEORGE M. WALLACE Attorneys for Plaintiffs BRUCE BOYER, individually and on behalf of SONS OF LIBERTY LA, an unincorporated association Complaint; Request for Jury Trial - 10

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