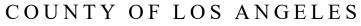
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Re: Michelle Flanagan, et al. v. Rob Bonta, et al., Case No. 18-55717

Dear Ms. Dwyer:

We submit this response on behalf of defendant-appellee Sheriff Alex Villanueva to the Rule 28(j) letters submitted by Plaintiffs-Appellants and Defendant-Appellee Rob Bonta concerning *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n v. Bruen*, No. 20-843 (U.S. June 23, 2022). As set forth in those letters, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Bruen* held that New York's requirement that individuals show "proper cause" to obtain a license to carry a firearm in public is unconstitutional, Slip Op. at 63. The Court also made clear that California's "analogue[s]" statute – Cal. Penal Code § 26150(a)(2), which requires a showing of "good cause" to obtain a license to carry a concealed firearm in public – is unconstitutional.

In accordance with the June 24, 2022 legal alert issued by Attorney General Bonta regarding the *Bruen* decision, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is no longer requiring a showing of "good cause" in issuing licenses to carry a concealed weapon in public. This appeal is now moot, as Plaintiffs-Appellants have received the precise relief from the Sheriff requested in their complaint. *See* 10-ER-2213-14 (Complaint, seeking order enjoining defendants from enforcing "section 26150(a)(2)'s 'good cause' criterion"); *Lombardo v. Warner*, 481 F.3d 1135, 1137 (9th Cir. 2007) (appeal should be dismissed when intervening decision renders case moot).

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Accordingly, we concur with Attorney General Bonta that this Court should dismiss this appeal as moot and vacate the district court's judgment.

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