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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

SCOTT ALLEN ATHEY, as an individual and
on behalf of all employees similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

WALKER EVANS ENTERPRISES, a
California Corporation; and DOES 1 through
50, inclusive,

Defendants.

) CASE NO. CVRI2301534
) Assigned for all purposes to
) Hon. Harold W. Hopp
) Dept. 1

) **DECLARATION OF PABLO RAMIREZ**
) **ON BEHALF OF PROPOSED CY PRES**
) **RECIPIENT LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF**
) **SAN BERNARDINO**

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) Reservation ID: 412063266999
) Date: May 22, 2024
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) Courtroom: Dept. 1
) Judge: Hon. Harold W. Hopp

) Action Filed: March 27, 2023
) Trial Date: Not Set

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I, PABLO RAMIREZ, declare as follows:

2. Over my three-year tenure, I've witnessed the evolving challenges in our post-pandemic world, particularly for the most vulnerable sectors of our community. Since assuming leadership at LASSB, my focus has been squarely on supporting these communities—especially the rural and local families facing unprecedented challenges. My mission has been to empower them to safeguard their families, avert homelessness, secure their incomes, and foster long-term success.

3. LASSB is dedicated to offering free legal services to low-income families across various sectors, including housing, family law, consumer rights, foreclosure, guardianship, conservatorship, and domestic violence. Our aim is to defend the rights of these families, ensuring they receive equal and inclusive justice. This commitment not only addresses immediate legal needs but also contributes to the broader vision of creating a more equitable society where everyone has access to the legal support they need to thrive.

4. LASSB, established in 1958, has been a cornerstone in providing legal assistance to the underserved communities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Dedicated to offering free legal services, LASSB specializes in a variety of areas including housing, family law, consumer rights, and guardianship, among others. Through its unwavering commitment to justice and equity, LASSB has empowered countless vulnerable families to navigate legal challenges, ensuring access to essential legal support for those most in need.

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II. HISTORY

5. Since its inception in 1958, LASSB has stood as a pillar of support for the communities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. With a steadfast commitment to assisting families and individuals in vulnerable situations, LASSB has dedicated itself to providing comprehensive legal services aimed at fostering justice and equality. Over the decades, the organization has evolved to meet the changing needs of its community, adapting its services to address a wide range of legal issues, from family law and guardianship to housing, consumer rights and other matters.

6. LASSB's history is marked by its unwavering dedication to the principles of access to justice for all, particularly for those who are least able to afford legal representation. The society's efforts have not only provided immediate legal assistance but have also contributed to the broader goal of creating a more fair and equitable legal system within the region.

7. As LASSB looks to the future, it remains rooted in the values that have guided its mission for over six decades. With a focus on innovation, collaboration, and community engagement, the Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino continues to expand its impact, striving to meet the legal needs of every individual and family it serves. Through its work, LASSB embodies the belief that justice should be accessible to all, regardless of income, and is dedicated to making that vision a reality for the communities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

III. DEMOGRAPHICS

8. In 2023, LASSB targeted its services towards low-income families and individuals in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, facing legal issues in housing, family law, consumer rights, and guardianship. Our focus was on supporting the community's most vulnerable members, including disenfranchised minors, disabled adults, and domestic violence victims. Last year, LASSB successfully served 18,860 individuals (7500 households), including 3.61% veterans, 22.74% disabled adults, and 32.05% with limited English proficiency—comprising 53.3% Hispanic, 23.9% Black, 15.3% White, and 2.8% from other backgrounds. Our comprehensive direct legal services spanned representation, counsel, advice, and document preparation. Specifically, 39.2% of clients received homelessness prevention services, 16% family services,

1 14.2% guardianship for minors, 11.3% conservatorship for aging adults, 9.4% assistance with
2 domestic violence issues, and 1.5% benefited from expungement services, directly addressing the
3 needs of our community's most at-risk families.

4 9. We appreciate your consideration of our organization for this award.

5 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
6 foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 26 day of April 2024, in Riverside, California.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On the date indicated below, I served the document described as: **DECLARATION OF PABLO RAMIREZ ON BEHALF OF PROPOSED CY PRES RECIPIENT LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF SAN BERNARDINO** on the interested parties in this action by sending a true copy thereof to interested parties as follows and as stated on the attached service list:

Attorneys for Defendant Walker Evans Enterprises

☒ **BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE:** Based on an agreement of the parties to accept electronic service, I caused the documents to be sent to the persons at the electronic service addresses listed above via electronic mail. I did not receive an error message.


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