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THIS Refusal for Fraud of Opposing Counsels' [Legislative Defendants & State of California, et. al.] Oppositions (Motions to Dismiss) to Parties Injured Complaint for violations of the "RICO" and Civil Rights laws, 18 U.S.C. Sections 1962, 1961, 1964, 42 U.S.C. 1983, 1986 and 18 U.S.C. Sections 241 & 242, Pursuant To F.R.C.P. 9(b), 121(f), 12(i), 12(c), 56(c), & UCC 1-103.6. Plaintiffs will address all the opposing counsels' arguments in one response because they all make the same frivolous and illegitimate claims.

THIS IS A COMMERCIAL AFFIDAVIT AND MUST BE RESPONDED TO ON A POINT BY POINT BASIS.

- I, Travis Middleton, and "Plaintiffs", hereinafter Parties Injured, being duly sworn according to law, having first-hand knowledge of the facts herein, and being competent to testify, do affirm that the facts herein are stated by the Parties Injured, and are true, correct and complete, stated under the penalties of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States of America.
- Injured, brings this Refusal for Fraud, for the people of the united States of America, under the American Flag of peace, without an attorney, ex rel. and states: 2). Ex rel.: for the people of the united states; "...But it is the manner of enforcement which gives Title 42 U.S.C. 1983 its unique importance, for the enforcement is placed in the hands of the people." Each citizen, "acts as a private attorney general who takes on the mantle of the sovereign, guarding for all of us the individual liberties enunciated in the constitution." Section 1983 represents a balancing feature in our government structure whereby individual citizens are encouraged to police those who are charged with policing us all. Thus, it is of
- 3). Definition: "Case Incorporated", the formation of a legal body, with the quality of perpetual existence and succession. (2). Consisting of an association of numerous individuals. (3). Matters relating to the common purpose of the association, within the scope of the powers and authorities conferred upon such

special importance that suits brought under this statute be resolved by a

determination of truth." Wood v. Breir, 54 F.R.D. 7, (1972).

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- bodies with the quality of perpetual existence and successions. Ref. Black's Law Dictionary 67<sup>th</sup>, Pg. 690. "Case Incorporation" will establish the legal bounds of the members of this lawful assembly to solve a specific "Case Number" and the issues in motion.
- 4). This Incorporated Case is defined to be a Refusal for Fraud, Pursuant to F.R.C.P. 9(b), 121(f), 12(i), giving rise to F.R.C.P. 19 and 12(b)(7) failure to join parties, 12(b)(6) Fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, and Rule 56 granting summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs, Travis Middleton, Parties Injured as to the alleged Opposition by opposing attorneys for Defendants and assigned Incorporated Case No. 2:16-cv-05224-SVW-AGR as described above.
- 5). The Parties Injured herein brings this Incorporated Case, Refusal for Fraud, and dispositive motions are, and or will be considered an act of conspiracy to the crimes and violations defined in this Refusal for Fraud.

Hereinafter: F.R.C.P. = Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

U.S.C.A. = United States Code Annotated.

U.S.C.S. = United States Code Service.

F.R.D. = Federal Rules Decision.

U.C.C. = Uniform Commercial Code

- 6). F.R.C.P. Rule 4. Process, (a) Summons, (b) Form, (c) Service, (d) Summons and Complaint, (g) Return Proof, (h) Amendments, (j) Time.
- 7). F.R.C.P. Rule 5 Service, (a) Required (d) Filing certificate.
- 8). F.R.C.P. Rule 6 Time, (a) Computation (d) Motions and Affidavits.
- 9). F.R.C.P. Rule 7 Pleadings, (a) Pleadings (b) Motions.
- 10). F.R.C.P. Rule 8 Rules of Pleadings, (a) Claim for Relief (b) Defense form of Denials (c) Affirmative Defense (d) Failure to deny (e) Pleading concise.
- 11). F.R.C.P. Rule 9 Pleading special (b) Fraud (e) Judgments (f) Time and place (g) Special damage.
- 12). F.R.C.P. Rule 10 Form of Pleadings (a) Captions (b) Paragraphs.
- 13). F.R.C.P. Rule 11 Signing of Pleadings, Sanctions.
- 14). F.R.C.P. Rule 12 (a) Time of presented (b) How presented (c) Motion, Judgment on Pleadings (f) Motion to Strike (h) Waiver (Subject Matter).

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15). F.R.C.P. Rule 15 Amended and Supplemental Pleadings a.b.c.d.

F.R.C.P. Rule 16, (f) Sanctions (No contract, no fees).

F.R.C.P. Rule 18, and 19 Joinder.

F.R.C.P. Rule 24, Title 28, U.S.C. 2403 – Challenging Constitutionality.

F.R.C.P. Rule 38, Trial by Jury.

F.R.C.P. Rule 41, Dismissal of Action Voluntarily.

F.R.C.P. Rule 49, Issues sent to Jury by Demand.

F.R.C.P. Rule 50, New Trial.

F.R.C.P. Rule 54, Demand for Judgment.

F.R.C.P. Rule 55, Default.

F.R.C.P. Rule 56, Summary Judgment.

- (16). **Notice:** "Joining", was never completed between the Parties Injured herein, and the "Defendants". The lack of "Joining" as described herein above within this complaint give rise to F.R.C.P. 19 and 12(b)(7) failure to join parties, F.R.C.P. 12(b)(6), fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and Rule 56 granting summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs, Parties Injured, and Travis Middleton. The real-party Defendants have yet to appear personally or on the record in this Case Incorporation by affidavit or deposition.
- (17). **Notice:** "Statements of counsel in brief or in argument are not sufficient for motion to dismiss or for summary judgment,"; "Where there are no depositions admissions, or affidavits submitted by actual real-party Defendants, the court has no facts to rely on for a summary determination". See Trinsey v. Pagliaro, D. C. Pa. 1964, 229 F. Supp. 647.
- (18). **Notice:** This applies both with Federal Rules of Evidence and State Rules of Evidence.... there must be a competent first hand witness (a body). There has to be a real person making the complaint and bringing evidence before the court.
- Corporations are paper and can't testify. The opposing counsels' Oppositions fall short of this evidence rule.
- (19). Notice: "Manifestly, [such statements] cannot be properly considered by us in

1 the disposition of [a] case." United States v. Lovasco (06/09/77) 431 U.S. 783, 97 2 S. Ct. 2044, 52 L. Ed. 2d 752, 3 20). "Under no possible view, however, of the findings we are considering can they be held to constitute a compliance with the statute, since they merely embody 5 conflicting statements of counsel concerning the facts as they suppose them to be 6 and their appreciation of the law which they deem applicable, there being, 7 therefore, no attempt whatever to state the ultimate facts by a consideration of 8 which we would be able to conclude whether or not the judgment was warranted." Gonzales v. Buist. (04/01/12) 224 U.S. 126, 56 L. Ed. 693, 32 S. Ct. 463. 10 (21). Notice: The judge and attorney(s) has taken an Oath and Affirmation to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the 11 Constitution of the STATE OF CALIFORNIA. 12 22). All officers should take the oath required by the constitution, whether the law 13 under which they hold office prescribe this duty or not. The injunctions of the 14 Constitution in this respect are as obligatory as those of a statute could be. 15 23). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses: the Attorneys in this action, 16 pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C.A. Section 1986, Title 18 USC Section 1961(1) - 1503 17 (relating to obstruction of justice), section 1951 (relating to interference with 18 commerce, robbery or extortion), section 1952 (relating to racketeering), having 19 superior knowledge of the law, having taken an Oath and Affirmation to support 20 and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the STATE OF 21 CALIFORNIA, have submitted Motions to Dismiss into this Incorporated Case 22 No. 2:16-cv-05224-SVW-AGR as described above, in violation of the Constitution 23 of the United States of America, Bill of Rights, Articles I & XIV, due process and 24 equal protection of the law, and Article V, due process of law. 25 (24). Notice: The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses: the Attorneys in this 26 action, pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C.A. Section 1986, Title 18 USC Section 1961(1) -27 1503 (relating to obstruction of justice), section 1951 (relating to interference with 28

1 commerce, robbery or extortion), section 1952 (relating to racketeering), Title 18 2 U.S.C. Sec. 513(a), the filing of Counterfeit Securities. 3 (25). Notice: This Court is hereby Noticed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil 4 Procedure 17 and Federal Rules of Evidence 201 & UCC 1-103.6 that Respondent 5 Attorneys' Oppositions are deemed Counterfeit Securities, and constitute 6 violations of Title 18 U.S.C. Section 4 of the commission of crimes cognizable by 7 a court of the United States, or any subdivision thereof under Title 18 U.S.C. 8 Section 513(a) "Whoever makes, utters or possesses a counterfeit security of a 9 State of a political subdivision thereof or of an organization, or whoever makes, 10 utters, or possesses a forged security of a State or political subdivision thereof or of an organization, with intent to deceive another person, organization, or government 11 12 shall be fined not more than \$250,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years or 13 both". 14 See also Sections 2311, 2314 and 2320 for additional fines and sanctions. Among the securities defined at 18 U.S.C. Section 2311 is included "evidence of 15 16 indebtedness" which, in a broad sense, may mean anything that is due and owing which could be a duty, obligation or right of action. The attorneys Oppositions are 17 attached under Exhibit A, Refused and Returned as Counterfeit Securities. 18 26). The above referenced documents qualify as "counterfeit Securities" in that the 19 makers have stated them to have been officially signed and sealed as valid claims 20 of a duty, obligation, evidence of indebtedness, or right of action owed by them 21 against Plaintiffs, Parties Injured. 22 27). Additionally, the above referenced documents are counterfeit securities used 23 by fraud to adversely affect interstate and foreign commerce within the meaning of 24 Title 18 U.S.C. section 1951 & 1952 and 1962(a)(b)(c)(d). 25 28). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses: the Attorneys, of committed 26 crimes, Falsification, and Perjury as to their oath and Affirmation, Title 18 27 28 U.S.C.A. 1621, in a court proceeding, in Case No. 2:16-cv-05224-SVW-AGR, causing violations of the Constitution of the United States of America.

35). 5th Amendment: No citizen shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

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36). 6th Amendment: Right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, and informed of the nature and cause of the accusation.

- 37). 7th Amendment: In suits of common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right to trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried except by jury.
- 38). 9th Amendment: The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.
- 39). 14th Amendment: No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the U.S., nor shall any state deprive any citizen of life, liberty, or property without due process of the law; nor to any citizen the equal protection of the law. **SB277** is violative of this Constitutional Statute.
- 40). F.R.C.P. Rule 4. Process, (a) Summons, (b) Form, (c) Service, (d) Summons and Complaint, (g) Return Proof, (h) Amendments, (j) Time.
  - 41). F.R.C.P. Rule 5 Service, (a) Required (d) Filing certificate.
- 42). F.R.C.P. Rule 6 Time, (a) Computation (d) Motions and Affidavits.
- 43). F.R.C.P. Rule 7 Pleadings, (a) Pleadings (b) Motions.
- <sup>5</sup> 44). F.R.C.P. Rule 8 Rules of Pleadings, (a) Claim for Relief (b) Defense form of Denials (c) Affirmative Defense (d) Failure to deny (e) Pleading concise.
  - 45). F.R.C.P. Rule 9 Pleading special (b) Fraud (e) Judgments (f) Time and place (g) Special damage.
  - 46). F.R.C.P. Rule 10 Form of Pleadings (a) Captions (b) Paragraphs.
  - 47). F.R.C.P. Rule 11 Signing of Pleadings, Sanctions.
- 48). F.R.C.P. Rule 12 (a) Time of presented (b) How presented (c) Motion,
  - Judgment on Pleadings (f) Motion to Strike (h) Waiver (Subject Matter).
  - 49). F.R.C.P. Rule 15 Amended and Supplemental Pleadings a.b.c.d.
    - F.R.C.P. Rule 16, (f) Sanctions (No contract, no fees).
    - F.R.C.P. Rule 18, and 19 Joinder.
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F.R.C.P. Rule 54, Demand for Judgment.

F.R.C.P. Rule 55, Default.

F.R.C.P. Rule 56, Summary Judgment.

(50). Notice: Title 18 U.S.C. 241. If two or more citizens conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same; or

If two or more citizens go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured-

They shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both;

ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any inhabitant of any State Territory, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains or penalties, on account of such inhabitant being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for the punishment of citizens, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year or both; (52). Notice: Title 28 U.S.C. 242 provides in pertinent part; Any Citizen who, under color of law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any inhabitant of any state, territory, or district to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States....shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year or both.

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53). "Joining", was never completed between the Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein, and the named Defendants. The lack of Defendants' appearance or submitted affidavits on the record of this Incorporated Case No. 2:16-cv-05224-SVW-AGR as described herein above within this complaint give rise to F.R.C.P. 19 and 12(b)(7) failure to join parties, F.R.C.P. 12(b)(6), fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and Rule 56 granting summary judgment in favor of Plaintiffs, Parties Injured.

- (54). **Notice: The law states: Title 18 U.S.C.A. 1621, note 554 2d a:** State pays all fees when judge and attorneys in concert violate oath of office and "perjury of oath"; Citizens can not be made to pay fees to have their Constitutional rights violated. F.R.C.P. Rule 9.
- (55). Notice: The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses: the Attorneys in this action, pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C.A. Section 1986, Title 18 USC Section 1961(1) -1503 (relating to obstruction of justice), section 1951 (relating to interference with commerce, robbery or extortion), section 1952 (relating to racketeering). Opposing attorneys and the Magistrate Judge have absolutely refused to address the lawful legal claims made by Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs have paid filing fees and costs to have their issues adjudicated by a certified trained judicial officer. This has yet to occur. Plaintiffs' alleged in their First Amended and Second Amended complaint that all the defendants violated their Oaths of Office to the United States Constitution. See paragraph 92, "On information and belief, in furtherance of their racketeering scheme Defendant legislators routinely violate their Oaths of office which mandates that they support and defend the California and United States constitutions, including the Bill of Rights, from all enemies foreign and domestic, especially with respect to any law making activities affecting the liberties of the citizens of the state of California whom they purport to represent. The Defendant legislators willfully, wantonly and recklessly violated their oaths to the California and U.S. constitutions by passing SB277."

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(56) Notice: The U.S. Supreme Court has stated that "No state legislator or executive or judicial officer can war against the Constitution without violating his undertaking to support it. "Cooper v. Aaron, 358 U.S. 1, 78 S.Ct. 1401 (1958)". Exparte Young provides this ruling: "The attempt of a State officer to enforce an unconstitutional statute is a proceeding without authority of, and does not affect, the State in its sovereign or governmental capacity, and is an illegal act, and the officer is stripped of his official character and is subjected in his person to the consequences of his individual conduct. The State has no power to impart to its officer immunity from responsibility to the supreme authority of the United States. It is not necessary that the duty of a State officer to enforce a statute be declared in that statute itself in order to permit his being joined as a party defendant from enforcing it; if, by virtue of his office, he has some connection with the enforcement of the act, it is immaterial whether it arises by common general law or by statute. Page 209 U. S. 125." Additionally, since Ex parte Young, 209 U. S. 123 (1908), it has been settled that the Eleventh Amendment provides no shield for a state official confronted by a claim that he had deprived another of a federal right under the color of state law. None of the defendants can claim immunity from breach of their oaths of office the United States Constitution and the Bill Of Rights. Among the government units that have been held to be "enterprises" are offices of governors and state legislators, courts and court clerks' offices. See e.g., United States v. Stratton, 649 F.2d 1066, 1072-75 (5th Cir. 1981). (57) Notice: There are no facts in dispute in the case in chief. Under these standards, the recommendations of dismissal of the legislative Defendants and plaintiffs' claims are erroneous a matter of law. See Plaintiffs' Criminal Affidavits, Docket Nos. 19, 75-79, 81-91, which includes attached Material Data Safety Sheets by OSHA on the toxicity Formaldehyde, Mercury, Aluminum and Polysorbate 80; documents from CDC whistle blower William Thompson where he admits to fraud and falsifying data on the MMR vaccine studies. The State and its officials have no constitutional authority to mandate poisons to the public.

1 (58). With reasonable expectations the Plaintiffs, Injured Parties herein believes 2 that the findings of fact presented and filed herein, of the United States 3 Constitutional laws and civil rights issues, including violations of the United States 4 Constitution 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, show the Attorneys, did "perjure their oaths". 5 (59). Notice to Judge: With research, no cases, and no rules were discovered, or 6 previously prosecuted or written for the phrase, "Perjury of Oath of Office". The 7 "Oath of Office", is given first and before entering office. The Oath is incorporated after the "Oath and Affirmation" is taken and signed. The term of an attorney's 9 "oath" to support the Constitution never expires until they "Terminate Practice". 10 All judges are attorneys under "oath". Judges add affirmation to that oath but both 11 positions swear to support the united States Constitution at all times and when 12 rights are violated then "Perjury of Oath" and "Perjury" are relevant and become 13 violations by the facts of definition. F.R.C.P. Rule 9(b), 12(d), the 14<sup>th</sup> 14 Amendment, Title 42 U.S.C. 1983 note 337; Rucker v. Martin, Note 349. 15 (60). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses the Attorneys of: "Perjury of 16 Oath of Office", Perjury; Inforjudgemental law, the willful assertion of as to a 17 matter of fact, opinion, belief, or knowledge, made by a witness in a judicial 18 proceeding as part of his or her evidence, either upon oath or in any form allowed 19 by law to be substituted for an oath, whether such evidence is given in open court, 20 or in an affidavit, or otherwise, such assertion being material to the issue or point 21 of inquiry and known to such witness to be false. Perjury is a crime committed 22 when a lawful oath is administered, in some judicial proceeding, to a citizen who 23 swears willfully, absolutely, and falsely, in matters material to the issue or point in 24 question. Reference. Gatewood v State, 15 MD. App. 314, 290 A.2d 551, 553; F.R.C.P. Rule 9(b), 12(d)1,2,7; Title 42 U.S.C. 1986, 1985, 1983 note 349, 14th 25 26 Amendment U.S. Constitution. 27 (61). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein is accusing the Attorneys of: "Perjury of 28 Oath of Office", "Malice", in law is not necessarily personal hate or ill will, but is

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the state of mind which is reckless of law and of the legal rights of the citizens. Reference, Chrisman v. Terminal R. Association of St. Louis, 237 Mo. App. 157 S.W. 2d 230, 235. F.R.C.P. 9(b) and Rule 12(d). (62). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein is accusing the Attorneys with perjury to proceed by fraud; perjury of due process, 14th and 5th Amendment. Further references Title 18 U.S.C.A. 1621; a citizen is guilty of perjury if in any official proceeding he or she makes a false statement or swears or affirms the truth of a statement previously made, when the statement is material and he or she does not believe it to be true. Reference. Model Penal Code section 241.1, F.R.C.P. 9(b) and Rule 12(d). (63). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses Attorneys of: "Perjury of Oath"; "Constitutional Tort", Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1983: Every citizen who under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage, of any state or territory, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or any other citizen within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the United States Constitution and laws shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity or other proper proceeding for redress. F.R.C.P. 9(b), Rule 12(d), Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1986 of the wrongs committed, Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1985 the conspiracy with high standards, to "fraud" the Parties Injured herein, and 42 U.S.C.A. 1983 for the injury of Constitutional Rights 4th, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Equal Protection of the law. (64). Notice: Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1986 "Action for neglect to prevent", Every citizen who having knowledge that any of the wrongs conspired to be done, and mentioned in section Title 42 U.S.C. 1985 of this title, are about to be committed, and having power to prevent or aid in preventing the commission of the same, neglects or refuses to do so, if such wrongful act be committed, shall be liable to the party injured, or citizens legal representative, for all damages caused by such wrongful act, which such citizen by reasonable diligence could have prevented;

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and such damages may be recovered in an action on the case; and any number of citizens guilty of such wrongful neglect or refusal may be joined as a party in 3 action. (65). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses Attorneys of "Perjury of Oath of Office", a Tort. A privilege or civil wrong or injury for which the court will provide a remedy imposed by general law or otherwise upon all citizens occupying the relation to each other which is involved in a given transaction. Reference. Coleman v. California yearly meeting of Friends Church, 27 Cal. App. 2d. 579, 81 P. 2d 469, 470, Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1983 note 319, 333, 337, 349, 350, 351, and 352. (66). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses Attorneys of "Perjury of Oath" and Falsification, by fraud and deception, fails to correct a false impression which the deceiver previously created or reinforced, or which the deceiver knows to be influencing another to whom the citizen stands in a "fiduciary" or confidential relationship. Reference. F.R.C.P. 9(b) and 12(d), Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1986, 1985. The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein is witness with first-hand knowledge accusing the Magistrate Judge and Attorneys as witness of fraud and for their neglect to stop the wrongs, for equal protection of the law and due process. However, the fraud continues as no citizen has been prosecuted to date. The legal system is protecting its own, operating under "Policy and Custom", Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1983 Note 319, 337, to violate rights in denying 14<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendments due process. (67). "Fiduciary" – A citizen having duty, created by undertaking, to act primarily for another's benefit in matters connected with such undertaking. Ref. Black's Law dictionary. 563 (High standards of Government). (68). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein accuses Attorneys of; "Extortion", perjury of oath, (commerce) Title 42 U.S.C.A 1985 (2) Ref. Obstructing Justice: intimidating party, witness, (2) if two or more citizens in any state or territory conspire to deter, by force, intimidation, or threat, any party or witness in any court of the United States form "attending such court or from testifying to any matter

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pending" therein, freely, fully, and truthfully, or to injure such party or witness in his body or property on account of his having so attended or testified, or to influence the verdict, presentment, or indictment of any kind of grand or petit jury or property on account of any verdict, presentment, or indictment lawfully assented to by him, or of his being or having been such juror, or if two of more citizens conspire for the purpose of impeding, hindering, obstructing, or defeating, in any matter, the due course of justice in any state or territory, with intent to deny to any citizen the equal protection of the law, or to injure him or his property for lawfully enforcing, or attempting to enforce, the right of any citizen, or class of citizens, to the equal protection of the law.

(69). Extortion: The obtaining of property from another induced by wrongful use of actual or threatened force, or fear, or under color of official right. Ref. Title 18 U.S.C.A. Sec. 871 et seq., 1951.

(70). Notice: Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1985 (3) Depriving citizen of rights or privileges; if two or more citizens in any state or territory conspire to go in disguise, for the purpose of depriving, either directly or indirectly, any citizen or class of citizens of the equal protection of the laws, or of equal privileges and immunities under the laws; or for the purpose of preventing or hindering the constituted authorities of any state or territory from giving or securing to all citizens within such state or territory the equal protection of the laws; or if two or more citizens conspire to prevent by force, intimidation, or threat, any citizen who is lawfully who is lawfully entitled to vote, form giving his support or advocacy; in any case of conspiracy set forth in this section, if one or more citizens engage therein do, or cause to be done, any act in furtherance of the object of such conspiracy, whereby another is injured in his body or property, or deprived of having and exercising any right or privilege of a citizen of the United States, the party so injured or deprived may have an action for the recovery of damages occasioned by such injury or deprivation, against any one or more of the conspirators. F.R.C.P. R. 9(b) Fraud, Rule 12(b).

(71). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein is accusing Attorneys of Perjury of Oath of Office. "Falsification";

No citizen shall knowingly make a false statement, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made, when any of the following applies:

- The statement is made in any official proceeding.
- -The statement is made with the purpose to mislead a public official in performing a judicial function.
- -The statement is in writing on, or in connection with a report or return which is required or authorized by law.
- (72). **Notice: Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1985 Pg. 36-37, Note 69:** Damages in claim for violation of U.S. constitutionally guaranteed rights damages are recovered, normal damages may be presumed, and nominal damages may in appropriate circumstances support award of exemplary damages, Tracy V. Robbins, D.C.S.C. 1966, 40 Fed. 108 Appeal Dismissed 373 F. 3D 13.
- (73). **Notice: Title 42 U.S.C.A. 1983 P77 No. 39:** In order to establish personal liability part of government official in federal civil rights law action, under Title 42 U.S.C. 1983, it is enough to show that official acting under color of law caused deprivation of Constitutional Right in contrast. Government entity is liable in official capacity suit under Title 42 U.S.C. only when entity is moving force behind deprivation. Thus requiring entity policy or custom to have played a part in violation of Federal law. Ref. Kentucky V. Graham 1985 475, US 159 85 L.Ed. 2d. 114, 105 S. Ct. 3099.
- (74). Bar. The whole body of attorneys and counselors, or the members of the legal profession, collectively, who are figuratively called the "bar", from the place which they usually occupy in court.

#### WHEREFORE:

(75). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein Refuses for Fraud The opposing attorneys Oppositions and all Motions To Dismiss assigned to Case Incorporated

No. 2:16-cv-05224-SVW-AGR as described above, giving rise to violations of F.R.C.P. 19, and 12(b)(7) joinder, F.R.C.P. 12(b)(6) fails to state a claim. (76). The Plaintiffs, Parties Injured herein requests this court refund all payment of fees and award Parties Injured herein damages totaling \$200,900,000.00 per F.R.C.P. 12 (c) judgment on the pleadings and or Rule 56(c) Summary Judgment, injunctive and declaratory relief from SB277 within 10 days nun pro tunc as of September 14, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

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TO ALL PARTIES HEREIN AND TO THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in the above-entitled Court, located at Courtroom 10A, First Street Courthouse, 350 W. 1st Street, Courtroom 10th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012, Defendants State of California, Governor Edmund G. Brown, in his official capacity, Anne Gust, and Deputy Attorneys General Jonathan E. Rich and Jacquelyn Y. Young (collectively, Defendants), will and hereby do move this Court for an order dismissing Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint (ECF No. 136) pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on the following grounds:

- 1. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint should be dismissed in its entirety because it fails to cure or even address any of the deficiencies of their First Amended Complaint, as detailed in the Magistrate's Report and Recommendation dated December 15, 2016 (ECF No. 123), approved and adopted by this Court on July 13, 2017 (ECF No. 135).
- 2. Plaintiffs' claims against the State of California are barred under the Eleventh Amendment.
- 3. Plaintiffs' claims against Governor Brown are barred under the Eleventh Amendment, the doctrine of legislative immunity, and the doctrine of immunity under *Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference v. Noerr Motor Freight, Inc.*, 365 U.S. 127, 135 (1961) and *United Mine Workers v. Pennington*, 381 U.S. 657, 670 (1965) (*Noerr-Pennington*).
- 4. Plaintiffs' claims against Deputy Attorneys General Jonathan E. Rich and Jacquelyn Y. Young are barred on the grounds that they are government attorneys who are immune from suit for conduct in the performance of their official duties.
- 5. Plaintiffs fail to assert a plausible claim against any of the moving

  Defendants for a violation of Plaintiffs' constitutional rights because the

Legislature's enactment of California Senate Bill 277 (SB 277) is constitutional under federal and state law, which for decades has consistently held that (a) a state's exercise of its police powers in protecting the public from communicable diseases is rationally based; and (b) states have a compelling interest in requiring children to be vaccinated before entering school.

- 6. Plaintiffs fail to state plausible claims for relief against all of the moving Defendants under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statutes.
- 7. Plaintiffs' claim for intentional infliction of emotional distress against all of the moving Defendants fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. <sup>1</sup>

This Motion is made following the conference of Defendants' counsel and Plaintiffs pursuant to Local Rule 7-3, which took place on August 3 and 7, 2017.

This Motion is and will be based upon this Notice, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities submitted herewith, upon the Court's file in this action, and all matters which may properly be the subject of judicial notice.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiffs identify Governor Edmund G. Brown by his position of "Governor of California," as distinct from other Defendants who are identified as "Legislator Defendants" and are sued in both their individual and official capacities. Thus, this motion is brought by Defendant Brown in the capacity in which he has been sued and served.

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## MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES INTRODUCTION

Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint (SAC) (ECF No. 136) fails to address any of the defects of their previous pleadings. Other than adding four defendants – the U.S. Magistrate Judge and the state government attorneys representing the Defendants – and the removal of some of the state legislators' spouses as defendants, the SAC is virtually identical to the First Amended Complaint (FAC) (ECF No. 15). By simply repeating their prior implausible claims, without any substantive amendment, Plaintiffs have entirely disregarded the Magistrate's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 123) and this Court's order adopting and approving the dismissal of the FAC (ECF No. 135). Plaintiffs' claims should be dismissed without leave to amend.<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiffs' allegations that the Governor, various state legislators, *and their spouses*, engaged in an unlawful conspiracy to influence the enactment of California's mandatory child vaccination statute, California Senate Bill 277 (Stats 2015 Ch. 35) (SB 277), are no more plausible now than when they were first alleged a year ago. And, Plaintiffs' claims are certainly not made any more plausible by naming the U.S. Magistrate Judge and counsel for the Defendants.

While *pro se* pleadings are to be liberally construed, a *pro se* action should be dismissed if, after careful consideration, the Court concludes that the allegations of the complaint disclose that no cognizable claim can be stated and that amendment would be futile. *Cato v. United States*, 70 F.3d 1103, 1196 (9th Cir. 1995). Like the FAC, the SAC fails to establish any plausible claims. Given the long-established, indisputable jurisprudence establishing Defendants' immunity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Because the claims and allegations within the SAC (ECF No. 136) are nearly identical to those in the FAC (ECF No. 15), Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint is incorporated by reference.

from Plaintiffs' claims and the constitutionality of mandatory school vaccination, any further amendment to Plaintiffs' pleading would be futile.

First, the Eleventh Amendment prohibits suit against the State, and by extension, the Governor in his official capacity, in federal court. Moreover, the advocacy for and passage of legislation, as well as the acceptance of campaign contributions, are protected activities under the *Noerr-Pennington* immunity doctrine, which bars suit against the Governor and Defendant Anne Gust, the Governor's wife. Furthermore, government attorneys sued for conduct related to litigation duties, such as the defense of this unfounded lawsuit, have "absolute official immunity" from Plaintiffs' claims. *Bly-Magee v. California*, 236 F.3d. 1014, 1018 (9th Cir. 2001.)

Second, even if this Court finds that one or more of the Defendants are not immune, Plaintiffs' claims fail to state plausible allegations against Defendants in their personal and official capacities. Federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statutes cannot be used to address an alleged civil rights violation. As such, Plaintiffs have not pled "predicate acts" upon which Plaintiffs can base their claims, rendering these claims defective.

Moreover, the object of the alleged conspiracy, the enactment of SB 277 and alleged violation of Plaintiffs' purported constitutional rights, was indisputably an exercise of the Legislature's legitimate and compelling interest in protecting public health and safety by mandating vaccinations for school children, something which has been *unanimously* recognized by the U.S. Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court, and every other federal and state court that has addressed the issue *for over a century*. As such, Plaintiffs' foundational claim, that their constitutional rights have been violated, fails as a matter of both state and federal law.

For the foregoing reasons, and for the reasons more specifically addressed in Defendants' motions to dismiss Plaintiffs' FAC, Defendants respectfully request that the Court dismiss Plaintiffs' SAC, without leave to amend, and dismiss this

action with prejudice.

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW

To survive a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Rule 12(b)(6)), the complaint must allege "enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face." *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007).

The "plausibility" requirement serves to ensure that the "plain statement" required under Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (Rule 8) has "enough heft to 'sho[w] that the pleader is entitled to relief." *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 557. Purely conclusory allegations will not suffice; "a plaintiff's obligation to provide the 'grounds' of his 'entitle[ment] to relief' requires more than labels and conclusions . . ." *Id.* at 555-556. Plaintiffs may not rely on wholly conclusory allegations in the complaint and then simply hope that, through the discovery process, the necessary facts will arise to support their claim. *Id.* at 557-558.

Moreover, the complaint must be dismissed if there could be an alternative, non-nefarious explanation for defendants' conduct, and that plaintiffs have failed to plead specific facts to rebut it. *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 567-567.

In Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662 (2009), the Supreme Court clarified that the standards of Rule 8 it articulated in Twombly, supra, apply to all civil actions. The Supreme Court re-affirmed that, "[w]here a complaint pleads facts that are 'merely consistent with' a defendant's liability, it 'stops short of the line between possibility and plausibility of 'entitlement to relief." Id., at 678 (quoting from Twombly).

Adherence to the pleading requirements in Rule 8 is critical to ensuring that government officials are not forced into litigation unnecessarily. As recognized in *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*:

If a Government official is to devote time to his or her duties, and to the formulation of sound and responsible policies, it is counterproductive to

require the substantial diversion that is attendant to participating in litigation and making informed decisions as to how it should proceed. *Iqbal*, 556 U.S. at 685.

Dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6) may be based on either: (1) lack of a cognizable legal theory, or (2) insufficient facts under a cognizable legal theory. *Conservation Force v. Salazar*, 646 F.3d 1240, 1242 (9th Cir. 2011). On a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss, all allegations of material fact are taken as true and construed in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party. *Federation of African American Contractors v. City of Oakland*, 96 F.3d 1204, 1207 (9th Cir. 1996). However, the Court is not required to accept as true allegations that are merely conclusory, unwarranted deductions of fact, or unreasonable inferences. *Sprewell v. Golden State Warriors*, 266 F.3d 979, 988, as amended by 275 F.3d 1187 (9th Cir. 2001). <sup>2</sup>

In evaluating a complaint under Rule 12(b)(6), the court may consider not only the allegations contained in the complaint, but also matters properly subject to judicial notice. *Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Co. v. An Exclusive Gas Storage*, 524 F.3d 1090, 1096 (9th Cir. 2008). Additionally, the court need not

There is some question as to whether dismissal based on Eleventh Amendment immunity should be analyzed under Rule 12(b)(6) or as a jurisdictional issue under Rule 12(b)(1). Elwood v. Drescher, 456 F.3d 943, 949 (9th Cir. 2006)(12(b)(6)); but see Savage v. Glendale Union High Sch., 343 F.3d 1036, 1040–44 (9th Cir. 2003) (jurisdictional issue under Rule 12(b)(1)). The Ninth Circuit has since attempted to reconcile these cases by calling Eleventh Amendment immunity "quasi-jurisdictional." Bliemeister v. Bliemeister (In re Bliemeister), 296 F.3d 858, 861 (9th Cir. 2002). Since this motion is a facial challenge to the SAC, the analysis is the same under both rules. See, e.g., Hardesty v. Barcus, Case No. CV 11-103-M-DWM-JCL, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 28902, \*\*8-9 (D. Montana, January 20, 2012) ("[t]here is some confusion in the Ninth Circuit as to which of these two rules [Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6)] provides the proper vehicle for seeking dismissal based on Eleventh Amendment immunity. But because the legal standards under both rules are essentially the same, the Court would reach the same conclusion under either rule").

accept as true allegations that contradict matters properly subject to judicial notice. *Sprewell*, 266 F.3d at 988.

While *pro se* pleadings are liberally construed, a pro se action should be dismissed if, after careful consideration, the court concludes that the allegations of the complaint disclose that no cognizable claim can be stated and that amendment would be futile. *Cato*, *supra*, 70 F.3d at p. 1196.

#### **ARGUMENT**

Plaintiffs' SAC asserts nine separate Claims for Relief: (1) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq. (RICO); (2) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(a)(d) (RICO-Conspiracy); (3) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 175 (Promoting the Sale and Use of Biological Weapons); (4) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 178 (Promoting the Sale and Use of Chemical Weapons); (5) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 241 (Infringement of Constitutional Rights); (6) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 242 (Deprivation of Rights); (7) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1983 (Violation of Civil Rights); (8) violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1986 (Civil Rights); (9) intentional infliction of emotional distress. *See* ECF No. 136.

Despite the thorough analysis provided in the Magistrate's Report and Recommendation, Plaintiffs have simply refused to substantively amend their pleading to establish any plausibility for their claims. Not only are the same causes of action asserted, but also the same allegations within those claims. Also, naming new defendants to previously asserted claims is not only beyond the leave to amend granted by this Court, but futile in surviving a motion to dismiss when the underlying claims are factually implausible and fail as a matter of law. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In the FAC, the defendant state legislators and their spouses and Anne Gust were named in all nine Claims for Relief. The State of California and the Governor were only named in the First, Second, and Ninth Claims for Relief. In the SAC, with the exception of the Seventh and Eighth Claims for Relief, all Defendants are now named. The Seventh and Eighth Claims for Relief name the defendant state (continued...)

For the reasons discussed below, each of these claims should be dismissed with prejudice.

#### I. DEFENDANTS ARE IMMUNE FROM SUIT IN THIS CASE

In deciding that "relief is not available against the named defendants" in the FAC and recommending that "the complaint be dismissed against the named defendant[s] with prejudice," the U.S. Magistrate Judge clearly delineated the various forms of immunity protecting the State, the Governor, the Governor's wife, and the state legislators. Report and Recommendation, 9 ECF No. 123. Plaintiffs have not only disregarded these admonitions by the Magistrate Judge by continuing to name these Defendants, but have also named as additional defendants the Magistrate Judge, herself, and three of the government attorneys representing the Defendants, who are also immune from suit.

# A. Plaintiffs' Claims Against the State and Governor Brown Are Barred by the Eleventh Amendment

Plaintiffs' seven causes of action against the State of California and Governor Brown are barred by the Eleventh Amendment, which provides:

The judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by citizens of another State, or by citizens or subjects of any foreign state.

The immunity of the State from suit in federal court in cases such as this is unquestioned. "The Eleventh Amendment grants a State immunity from suit in federal court by citizens of other States, and by its own citizens as well." *Lapides v. Ed. Of Regents*, 535 U.S. 613, 616, 122 S. Ct. 1640, 152 L. Ed. 2d 806 (2002) (citation omitted). <sup>4</sup>

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legislators, the U.S. Magistrate Judge, Deputy Attorneys General Jonathan E. Rich and Jacquelyn Y. Young, and Deputy Legislative Counsel Cara L. Jenkins.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Eleventh Amendment makes explicit reference only to the States' immunity from suits "commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by (continued...)

In particular, as explained by the Magistrate Judge, "[t]he Eleventh Amendment bars suits in federal court for damages or injunctive relief against California." Report and Recommendation, 8 ECF No. 123, citing *Papasan v. Allain*, 478 U.S. 265, 276 (1986) and *Ass'n des Eleveurs de Canards et d'Oies du Quebec v. Harris*, 729 F.3d 937, 943 (9th Cir. 2013.)

A state agency is entitled to the same Eleventh Amendment immunity enjoyed by the State when a judgment against the agency "would have had essentially the same practical consequences as a judgment against the State itself." Lake Country Estates, Inc. v. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 440 U.S. 391, 401, 99 S. Ct. 1171, 1177, 59 L. Ed. 2d 401 (1979). Likewise, and most important for the purposes of the current motion, the bar to jurisdiction imposed by the Eleventh Amendment also applies to cases premised on federal questions and injunctions against state officials. See Seminole Tribe of Florida v. Florida, 517 U.S. 44, 54 (1996); Cory v. White, 457 U.S. 85, 91 (1982); Greater Los Angeles Council on Deafness v. Zolin, 812 F.2d 1103, 1110 (9th Cir. 1987). An official capacity suit is, in all respects, to be treated as a suit against the State. See Hafer v. Melo, 502 U.S. 21, 25, 112 S. Ct. 358, 116 L. Ed. 2d 301 (1991) (citing Kentucky v. Graham, 437 U.S. 159 166, 105 S. Ct. 3099, 87 L. Ed. 2d 114 (1985).

Despite suing the Governor in both his personal and official capacities, Plaintiffs fail to assert any allegations establishing a plausible claim against the Governor in his personal capacity. As the Magistrate Judge explained, "the Eleventh Amendment also bars suits for damages against the Governor in his official capacity" and the Governor's "only connection to SB 277 is his general

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Citizens of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State." U.S. Const., Amdt. 11. The Supreme Court nevertheless has long recognized the doctrine to apply to any suits by private parties against a State. *Alden v. Maine*, 527 U.S. 706, 712-713 (1999).

duty to enforce California law." Report and Recommendation, 9 ECF No. 123.

It is well established that "a generalized duty to enforce state law or general supervisory power over the persons responsible for enforcing the challenged provision will not subject an official to suit." *Snoeck v. Brussa*, 153 F.3d 984, 986 (9th Cir. 1998); *see also Los Angeles Branch NAACP v. Los Angeles Unified School Dist.*, 714 F.2d 946, 953 (9th Cir. 1983) (governor's "general duty to enforce California law . . . does not establish the requisite connection between him and the unconstitutional acts" alleged in suit claiming de jure segregation of city school system); *Shell Oil Co. v. Noel*, 608 F.2d 208, 211 (1st Cir. 1979) ("The mere fact that a governor is under a general duty to enforce state laws does not make him a proper defendant in every action attacking the constitutionality of a state statute"). Additionally, "[w]here the enforcement of a statute is the responsibility of parties other than the governor . . . the governor's general executive power [to enforce laws] is insufficient to confer jurisdiction"). *Women's Emergency Network v. Bush*, 323 F.3d 937, 949-50 (11th Cir. 2003).

All of Plaintiffs' claims brought against the Governor of the State of California are barred by operation of the Eleventh Amendment, as the Court has no jurisdiction to hear such claims. As such, the claims should be dismissed.

# B. Plaintiffs' Claims Against the Governor and His Wife Are Barred by Operation of the *Noerr-Pennington* Immunity Doctrine

The "Noerr-Pennington" immunity doctrine holds that "those who petition any department of the government for redress are generally immune from statutory liability for their petitioning conduct." Rupert v. Bond, 68 F.Supp.3d 1142, 1156 (N.D. Cal. 2014). Conduct covered under the immunity doctrine includes speech, proposals and petitions. Swetlik v. Crawford, 738 F.3d 818, 830 (7th Cir. 2013) (concurring opinion); citing Miracle Mile Associates v. Rochester, 617 F.2d 18 (2d Cir. 1980); Mariana v. Fisher, 338 F.3d 189 (3d Cir. 2003). The doctrine encompasses any branch of government, including the executive, legislative,

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judicial and administrative agencies. *California Motor Transp. Co. v. Trucking Unlimited*, 404 U.S. 508, 510, 92 S.Ct. 609, 30 L.Ed.2d 642 (1972). The *Noerr-Pennington* immunity is also applicable to both §1983 and RICO claims. *Sosa v. DIRECTV, Inc.*, 437 F.3d 923, 942 (9th Cir. 2006); *Manistee Town Ctr. v. City of Glendale*, 227 F.3d 1090, 1092 (9th Cir. 2000).

Here, the pertinent allegations against the Governor are that he colluded with lawmakers and drug companies to espouse a position on the issue of mandatory vaccinations and, when the legislation came before him, signed SB 277 into law. Plaintiffs assert that the receipt of campaign contributions was the motivation for these purported acts. However, the *Noerr-Pennington* immunity is applicable to all the alleged acts of the Governor even if, as Plaintiffs allege, the Governor also advocated for the law and worked for its passage behind the scenes, outside of the view of the public. Plaintiffs' conclusory allegations of "secret," "closed door" meetings to influence the outcome of the passage of the bill are clearly covered by Noerr-Pennington. Boone v. Redevelopment Agency of City of San Jose, 841 F.2d 886, 895 (9th Cir. 1988). In Boone, the Ninth Circuit held that the plaintiffs' allegations of "shadowy secret meetings and covert agreements" did not take their claim outside of *Noerr-Pennington*. *Id.* at 894-895. Likewise, while Plaintiffs allege that legislators accepted campaign contributions in exchange for passage of the law, such allegations are not sufficient to negate the *Noerr-Pennington* immunity. "Payments to public officials, in the form of honoraria or campaign contributions, is a legal and well-accepted part of our political process" and "fall within the *Noerr-Pennington* doctrine." *Id.* Thus, not only are Plaintiffs' conclusions factually unsupported, but they all clearly entail activity that the *Noerr*-Pennington doctrine covers.

The Magistrate Judge also determined that "[t]o the extent [Defendant] Gust is not shielded by Eleventh Amendment immunity, her alleged acts in support of SB 277 would be shielded by the *Noerr* doctrine and the First Amendment."

Report and Recommendation, 9 ECF No. 123, at n.9, citing *Manistee*, 227 F.3d at p. 1093 (lobbying of government protected by *Noerr* doctrine). Plaintiffs fail to dispute the application of these immunities to either the Governor or the Governor's wife.

In short, the *Noerr-Pennington* immunity has evolved into "a generic rule of statutory construction, applicable to any statutory interpretation that could implicate the rights protected by the Petition Clause." *Sosa*, 437 F.3d at 931. Regardless of the inflammatory language used by Plaintiffs, their claims against the Governor and the Governor's wife, even if true, are not actionable in light of the immunity afforded under the *Noerr-Pennington* doctrine and its progeny. As such, the claims against the Governor in the SAC do not, and cannot, state a claim against them, and this motion to dismiss should be granted.

# C. Claims Against Counsel for the State of California, the Governor and the Governor's Wife Are Barred by Absolute Official Immunity

Without prior leave of court, Plaintiffs have named three government attorneys as defendants in their SAC: Deputy Legislative Counsel Cara Jenkins, and Deputy Attorney Generals Jonathan E. Rich and Jacquelyn Y. Young. Plaintiffs also added U.S. Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg as a defendant.

A government attorney representing a party in a civil action has absolute immunity from any claim for damages "to assure that . . . advocates . . . can perform their respective functions without harassment or intimidation." *Fry v. Melaragno*, 939 F.2d 832, 837 (9th Cir. 1991), citing *Butz v. Economou*, 438 U.S. 478, 512 (1978). Because of "the similarity of functions of government attorneys in civil, criminal and agency proceedings, and the numerous checks on abuses of authority inherent in the judicial process . . . [t]he reasons supporting the doctrine of absolute immunity apply with equal force regardless of the nature of the underlying action." Fry, 939 F.2d at 837, quoting *Flood v. Harrington*, 532 F.2d 1248, 1251 (9th Cir. 1976). Absolute immunity attaches so long as "the government attorney is

performing acts 'intimately associated with the judicial phase' of the litigation." *Fry v. Melaragno*, 939 F.2d 832, 837; *accord*, *Bly-Magee v. California*, 236 F.3d 1014, 1018 (9th Cir. 2001) (holding that state government attorneys for the California Attorney General are immune from liability whether sued in their official or individual capacities.)

Plaintiffs have not asserted any plausible claim against these government attorneys. These claims should be dismissed with prejudice.

# II. PLAINTIFFS HAVE FAILED TO PLEAD A VIOLATION OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS BECAUSE LAWS REQUIRING MANDATORY IMMUNIZATION HAVE UNEQUIVOCALLY BEEN UPHELD AS CONSTITUTIONAL FOR OVER A CENTURY

Even if this Court should find that one or more of the Defendants are not immune, Plaintiffs' claims still fail, as a matter of law, to allege a violation of their constitutional rights by any of the Defendants. As such, any further amendment would be futile. The SAC should be dismissed without leave to amend and this action should be dismissed with prejudice.

The thrust of Plaintiffs' claims is that Defendants somehow conspired to enact SB 277, and that, in so doing, Defendants violated Plaintiffs' constitutional rights. The facial implausibility of Plaintiffs' conspiracy claims is addressed in subsequent sections of this Memorandum. However, as discussed below, naming additional defendants to the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Claims for Relief is unavailing because the essence of these claims and the purported object of the alleged conspiracy – the enactment of SB 277 – was a proper exercise of the Legislature's legitimate and compelling interest in protecting the public health through mandatory vaccination of school children, continuously recognized as such for decades by the U.S. Supreme Court, the California Supreme Court, and every other federal and state court that has considered the issue.

Given that Plaintiffs' claims and allegations in the SAC are materially and substantively identical to those in the FAC, Defendants incorporate by reference the

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legal arguments and summary of case law on pages 11 through 17 of their Defendants' Motion to Dismiss FAC (ECF No. 105-1), and on pages 10 through 15 of the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 123).

# A. SB 277 Does Not Violate Any of the Plaintiffs' Purported Constitutional Rights

Citing extensively from Jacobson v. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 197 U.S. 11, 27 (1905), Zucht v. King, 260 U.S. 174 (1922), Prince v. Massachusetts, 321 U.S. 158 (1944), and *Abeel v. Clark*, 84 Cal. 226 (1890), the Magistrate Judge detailed the long-established, indisputable jurisprudence supporting the right of the States to enact and enforce laws requiring citizens to be vaccinated. Report and Recommendation, 10-15 ECF No. 123. Such precedent has withstood over a century of constitutional challenges and been affirmed in a multitude of federal and state courts, most notably in the United States Supreme Court and the California Supreme Court. Moreover, the federal district court in San Diego confirmed the unquestioned authority of *Jacobson* and its progeny and rejected a similar challenge to SB 277 by a separate group of plaintiffs, in Whitlow, et al. v. Department of Education et al., S.D. Cal. Case No. 3:16-cv-01715-DMS-BGS (Whitlow). The Magistrate Judge concluded that "[t]his [C]ourt finds the reasoning in Whitow persuasive." Report and Recommendation, 10 ECF No. 123. In responding to the Defendants' Motions to Dismiss the FAC, Plaintiffs made no attempt to distinguish or overcome the longstanding jurisprudence supporting the constitutionality of mandatory school vaccination laws such as SB 277. Plaintiffs' SAC similarly lacks any allegations or reason for this Court to ignore this precedent.

Any further leave to amend is futile because Plaintiffs' claims fail as a matter of law. The Magistrate Judge specifically addressed each of Plaintiffs' alleged violations of their purported constitutional rights. Citing U.S. Supreme Court precedent, the Magistrate Judge detailed how and why Plaintiffs' claims fail as a matter of law, as follows.

## 1. Free Exercise of Religion

There is no constitutional right to be violated, because "[t]he right to practice religion freely does not include liberty to expose the community or the child to communicable disease or the latter to ill health and death." Report and Recommendation, 13 ECF No. 123 (citing *Prince*, 321 U.S. at 166-67.) As such, Plaintiffs' "personal beliefs, as distinguished from religious beliefs, are not protected by the First Amendment." *Id.* (citing *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205, 215 (1972) and *Whitlow*.)

#### 2. The Fourth Amendment

"It is not clear how Plaintiffs believe SB 277 violates the Fourth Amendment. To the extent Plaintiffs allege violation of a right to medical privacy, the [U.S.] Supreme Court has held that: '[a] student's privacy interest is limited in a public school environment where the State is responsible for maintaining discipline, health, and safety. Schoolchildren are routinely required to submit to physical examinations and vaccinations against disease." Report and Recommendation, 14 ECF No. 123 (citing *Bd. of Ed. v. Earls*, 536 U.S. 822, 830-31 (2002)).

#### 3. Due Process

Plaintiffs' "claims are foreclosed by [the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in] *Zucht*." Report and Recommendation, 14 ECF No. 123. "As *Jacobson* made clear," the decision of whether vaccines benefit or harm society "is a determination for the legislature, not the individual objectors." *Id.*, at 14-15 (citing *Phillips v. City of New York*, 775 F.3d 538, 542-43 (2nd Cir. 2015).)

### 4. Equal Protection

Plaintiffs "have not alleged that children with [personal belief exemptions] are a suspect class . . . or that the classifications burden a fundamental right . . . Thus, the classifications are subject to rational basis review . . . Allowing [fully vaccinated children] to attend school and excluding [children not fully vaccinated] is rationally related to the State's interest in protecting public health and safety."

Report and Recommendation, 15 ECF No. 123 (citing *Whitlow*, 203 F.Supp. at 1088.)

#### 5. The Ninth Amendment

"Plaintiffs cannot state a claim," because the Ninth Amendment "has not been interpreted as independently securing any constitutional rights for purposes of making out a constitutional violation." Report and Recommendation, 16 ECF No. 123 (emphasis added) (citing Schowengerdt v. United States, 944 F.2d 483, 490 (9th Cir. 1991) and San Diego Cnty. Gun Rights Comm. v. Reno, 98 F.3d 1121, 1125 (9th Cir. 1996).)

## 6. The Thirteenth Amendment

"[T]here are no facts supporting a claim of involuntary servitude" against the State Defendants. Report and Recommendation, at 16 ECF No. 123. Plaintiffs only direct their Thirteenth Amendment claim against the Magistrate Judge, incoherently alleging that "Defendant Rosenberg is essentially 'Making a Slave' of Plaintiffs." SAC, ECF No. 136, at ¶100.

It is beyond dispute that SB 277 is a constitutional enactment. Therefore, even if there were a shred of plausibility to Plaintiffs' claims that Defendants engaged in an alleged conspiracy, Plaintiffs' claims fail regardless because, as a matter of law, the object of that alleged conspiracy, the enactment of SB 277, was entirely lawful and, indeed, constitutional.

#### B. Plaintiffs' Criminal Claims Fail as a Matter of Law

In their SAC, Plaintiffs now name the State Defendants in their previous claims under various criminal statutes against the Legislative Defendants and Anne Gust. However, the Magistrate Judge clearly held that these claims fail as a matter of law, as follows.

## 1. 42 U.S.C. § 1986

"Section 1986 imposes liability on a person who knows of an impending

violation of [42 U.S.C.] § 1985 but neglects to prevent it." Report and Recommendation, at p. 16 (citing *Karim-Panahi v. Los Angeles Police Dept.*, 839 F.2d 621, 626 (9th Cir. 1989).) "A claim can be stated under section 1986 only if the complaint contains a valid claim under section 1985." *Id.* (citing *Karim-Panahi*, 839 F.2d at 626 and *McCalden v. California Library Ass'n*, 955 F.2d 1214, 1223 (9th Cir. 1990).) 42 U.S.C. § 1985 prohibits individuals from (1) preventing an officer from performing duties; (2) obstructing justice and/or intimidating a party, witness, or juror; and (3) depriving persons of rights or privileges. "Plaintiffs' failure to allege a [valid] claim under § 1985 is fatal to any claim under § 1986." *Id.* 

### 2. 18 U.S.C. §§ 175, 178, 241, 242

Plaintiffs assert claims for relief under criminal statutes 18 U.S.C. § 175 (promoting the sale and use of biological weapons), §178 (promoting the sale and use of chemical weapons), § 241 (infringement of constitutional rights); and § 242 (deprivation of rights). SAC, ECF No. 136, at ¶¶ 141-55. However, Plaintiffs fail to explain how they have standing to assert such claims. "Private individuals may not prosecute others for alleged crimes." Report and Recommendation, 16 ECF No. 123. "The [U.S.] Supreme Court has not inferred a private right of action from the existence of a criminal statute." *Id.*; see also *Central Bank of Denver v. First Interstate Bank of Denver*, 511 U.S. 164, 190 (1994) ("[W]e have not suggested that a private right of action exists for all injuries caused by violations of criminal prohibitions.")

As further explained by the First Circuit, "[n]ot only are we unaware of any authority for permitting a private individual to initiate a criminal prosecution in his own name in a United States District Court, but also to sanction such a procedure would be to provide a means to circumvent the legal safeguards provided for persons accused of crime." *Keenan v. McGrath*, 328 F.2d 610, 611 (1st Cir. 1964.) Even if there were some remote basis for finding a private right of action under

these criminal statutes, the causes of actions still fail because of (1) Plaintiffs' lack of plausible allegations to support these claims; and (2) the longstanding jurisprudence supporting mandatory school vaccinations. Thus, Plaintiffs' Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Claims for Relief fail as a matter of law and should be dismissed with prejudice.

## C. Plaintiffs Fail to State RICO Claims Against the Defendants

Plaintiffs' allegations that Defendants engaged in racketeering activity by "obstructing justice" in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1503 are entirely conclusory and facially implausible. As articulated by the Magistrate Judge, "[t]he [C]ourt is hard pressed to see any way in which Plaintiffs' challenge to SB 277 could plausibly fall within RICO." Report and Recommendation, 17 ECF No. 123.

Plaintiffs were specifically instructed by the Magistrate Judge to "allege injury to their business or property by reason of a violation of [18 U.S.C.] § 1962" and to allege "facts tending to show that he or she was injured by the use or investment of racketeering income." 17-18 ECF No. 123, citing *Sedima*, *S.P.R.L. v. Imrex Co.*, 473 U.S. 479, 495-97 (1985) and *Nugget Hydroelectric*, *L.P. v. Pacific Gas & Elec. Co.*, 981 F.2d 429, 437 (9th Cir. 1992). Plaintiffs failed to do so. Plaintiffs fail to even plausibly articulate any sort of "[i]njury from alleged racketeering acts that generated the income" and even to that end, such allegations are "not sufficient." *Id.*, at 18.

Plaintiffs assert that "under color of official right . . . the Hobbs Act could be used to prosecute political corruption as long as there was quid pro quo." SAC, ECF No. 136, at ¶ 91. Yet, there are no factual allegations to support such a claim of quid pro quo. All elements of RICO liability must be pled particularly: "Rule 9(b)'s requirement that in all averments of fraud or mistake, the circumstances constituting fraud or mistake shall be stated with particularity applies to civil RICO fraud claims." *Edwards v. Marin Park, Inc.*, 356 F.3d 1058, 1065-1066 (9th Cir. 2004). "To satisfy Rule 9(b), a pleading must identify the who, what, when, where,

and how of the misconduct charged, as well as what is false or misleading about the purportedly fraudulent statement, and why it is false." *Cafasso, U.S. ex rel. v. General Dynamics C4 Systems, Inc.*, 637 F.3d 1047, 1055 (9th Cir. 2011). Under Rule 9(b), "the complaint must specify such facts as the times, dates, places, benefits received, and other details of the alleged fraudulent activity." *Neubronner v. Milken,* 6 F.3d 666, 672 (9th Cir. 1993).

A cursory review of the overbroad and conclusory RICO allegations in the SAC clearly shows a complete failure to set forth facts with the required specificity. Plaintiffs merely allege in their pleading that certain lawmakers have taken political contributions from pharmaceutical companies and had some "closed door" meetings, and that Governor Brown entered into an enterprise with the legislators and the pharmaceutical companies to pass a law based on science that Plaintiffs reject. Thus, Plaintiffs conclude, all the Defendants engaged in a criminal enterprise aimed at "extorting" Plaintiffs' rights. This is simply insufficient to support a claim under RICO. "Absent allegations of a viable RICO violation, Plaintiffs' allegations of a conspiracy to violate RICO under § 1962(d) also fail to state a claim." Report and Recommendation, 18 ECF No. 123 (citing Sanford v. MemberWorks, 625 F.3d 550, 559 (9th Cir. 2010).

Given that Plaintiffs' RICO claims in their SAC are identical to those in the FAC, the State Defendants incorporate the legal arguments on pages 17 through 24 of their previous Motion to Dismiss.

#### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants respectfully request that the Court dismiss Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint, without leave to amend, and dismiss this action with prejudice.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on September 11, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon as the matter may be heard by the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson in courtroom 10A of the above-entitled Court located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, Defendants Assembly Member Catharine Baker, Assembly Member Richard Bloom, Assembly Member David Chiu, Assembly Member Jim Cooper, Assembly Member Cristina Garcia (erroneously sued as Christina Garcia), Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez, Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Assembly Member Evan Low, Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian, Assembly Member Bill Quirk, Assembly Member Anthony Rendon, Assembly Member Mark Stone, Assembly Member Jim Wood, Senator Ben Allen, Senator Jim Beall, Senator Marty Block, Senator Kevin de Leon, Senator Robert Hertzberg, Senator Mark Leno, Senator Isadore Hall, Senator Jerry Hill, Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Senator Mike McGuire, Senator Holly Mitchell, Senator Richard Pan, Senator Jeff Stone, Senator Bob Wieckowski, Senator Lois Wolk, Wen-Li Wang (erroneously sued as Win-Li Wang), Bruce Wolk, and Deputy Legislative Counsel Cara L. Jenkins (collectively "Legislative Defendants") will and hereby moves to dismiss this action under Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on the following grounds: ///

- 1. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint fails to address the deficiencies in their First Amended Complaint, as outlined in the Magistrate's Report and Recommendation dated December 15, 2016 (Docket No. 123), which was approved and adopted by this Court on July 13, 2017 (Docket No. 135).
- 2. Plaintiffs' claims against Legislative Defendants are barred by the doctrine of legislative immunity.
- 3. Plaintiffs' claims against Legislative Defendants are barred by the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution.
- 4. Plaintiffs' claims against Deputy Legislative Counsel Cara L. Jenkins are barred on the grounds that she is a government attorney and is immune from suit for conduct in the performance of her official duties.
- 5. The Second Amended Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted against Legislative Defendants under Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 6. The Second Amended Complaint does not comply with Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

This motion is based on this Notice of Motion, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support thereof, the documents on file with the Court, such other records and documents of which the Court may be requested to take judicial notice,

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint (SAC), which is almost identical to their First Amended Complaint, is similarly bereft of any factual allegations to support Plaintiffs' convoluted "conspiracy" claims of fraudulent activities related to the passage of Senate Bill 277 (Ch. 35, Stats. 2015, hereafter "SB 277"), California's "mandatory vaccine bill" that went into effect on July 1, 2016. Plaintiffs contend that select Members of the California Legislature received payments from top drug companies in exchange for their votes for SB 277, and that as a direct result of the enactment of SB 277, Plaintiffs have been deprived of certain constitutional rights. SAC, ¶ 94. On December 15, 2016, U.S. Magistrate Judge Alicia Rosenberg issued a Report and Recommendation, which clearly delineated the deficiencies in Plaintiffs' pleadings and recommended that the First Amended Complaint be dismissed with prejudice as to the defendants who had appeared in the case. Docket No. 123. Instead of addressing those deficiencies, Plaintiffs amended their complaint by asserting that the magistrate judge and counsel for the Defendants joined the conspiracy against Plaintiffs. SAC, ¶ 112.

As Plaintiffs' SAC offers nothing but unsupported conclusory allegations and legal conclusions, Legislative Defendants bring this Motion to Dismiss pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b). As with their FAC, Plaintiffs' SAC fails to provide any facts that would allow Legislative Defendants to reasonably or

meaningfully respond to Plaintiffs' allegations. Plaintiffs have not – and cannot – allege any facts to state a claim against Legislative Defendants that would not be barred by any well-established doctrines of immunity. As any further amendment to Plaintiffs' complaint would be futile, Legislative Defendants respectfully request that this Court dismiss Plaintiffs' SAC without leave to amend.

# II. PLAINTIFFS FAIL TO ALLEGE FACTS TO SUPPORT ANY COGNIZABLE CAUSE OF ACTION AS TO LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS.

#### A. Standard of Review.

A party may bring a motion to dismiss a complaint for "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted." Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). Such a motion tests the legal sufficiency of a claim. *Navarro v. Block*, 250 F.3d 729, 732 (9th Cir. 2001). Although a court ruling on such a motion must accept as true facts alleged in the complaint, it is not required to accept as true conclusory allegations or legal conclusions. *Parks School of Business, Inc. v. Symington*, 51 F.3d 1480, 1484 (9th Cir. 1995); *Davis v. Astrue*, 513 F. Supp. 2d 1137, 1143 (N.D. Cal. 2007). Dismissal of a challenged claim is appropriate where there is a "lack of a cognizable legal theory or the absence of sufficient facts alleged under a cognizable legal theory." *Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dept.*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990).

Although federal pleading standards are not burdensome – Rule 8 requires that a complaint include only a "short and plain statement of the claim showing that the

pleader is entitled to relief" - a plaintiff's obligation "requires more than labels and 1 2 conclusions, and a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause of action." Bell 3 Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555, 167 L. Ed. 2d 929, 127 S. Ct. 1955 4 (2007). While a court must accept as true all factual allegations, threadbare recitals of 5 6 the elements of a claim, supported by mere conclusory statements, do not suffice. Id. 7 In other words, a plaintiff must plead more than "an unadorned, the-defendantunlawfully-harmed-me accusation." Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678, 173 L. Ed. 2d 868, 129 S. Ct. 1937 (2009). Thus, in order to survive a motion to dismiss, the nonconclusory "factual content," and reasonable inferences from that content, must be plausibly suggestive of a claim entitling the plaintiff to relief. Moss v. U.S. Secret Service, 572 F.3d 962, 970 (9th Cir. 2009) (quoting *Ibqual*, 556 U.S. at 679). Furthermore, while a pro se complaint is to be liberally construed, a pro se

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litigant bringing suit is not entitled to amend his complaint where it is clear that no amendment can cure the defect. Cato v. United States, 70 F. 3d 1103, 1106 (9th Cir. 1995).

## B. The Second Amended Complaint alleges no facts that support a claim against any Legislative Defendant.

The SAC is again replete with unsupported allegations that provide no basis to impose liability against any Legislative Defendant. The SAC pleads no allegations specific to Defendants Wen-Li Wang and Bruce Wolk. There is but a single

paragraph in the SAC that pertains to the two spouses of Members of the Legislature that have been named in this action. In that paragraph, Plaintiffs summarily claim that "Defendant legislators' spouses have conspired to aid, abet, encourage, and supported the Defendant legislators in their corrupt and criminal enterprises while receiving the financial benefit of their public officials' corrupt activities." SAC, ¶ 96. The SAC contains no factual allegations revealing what Ms. Wang or Mr. Wolk did in support of the alleged conspiracy. There are no specific facts plead as to any of them.

As to the named Members of the Legislature, Plaintiffs also fail to plead any factual allegations so as to apprise these Defendants what conduct they are alleged to have engaged in that gives rise to Plaintiffs' claims. Plaintiffs' SAC makes a broad, nonspecific claim that the Defendant Members improperly received "bribes" from drug companies in exchange for enacting SB 277. SAC, ¶¶ 81-84. In support of this contention, Plaintiffs' SAC includes various charts and references describing monies that certain Members of the Legislature are alleged to have received from drug companies in 2013-2014. SAC, ¶ 85. Plaintiffs then make the unsupported accusation that these monies were offered by the drug companies and accepted by the Defendant Legislators as a bribe to enact SB 277. SAC, ¶¶ 86-87. Completely absent from the SAC are any factual allegations to support Plaintiffs' bribery accusations. There are no facts connecting any Member to the improper receipt of financial contributions.

Furthermore, with regard to counsel for Legislative Defendants, Deputy 1 2 Legislative Counsel Cara Jenkins, Plaintiffs allege that Ms. Jenkins, by performing 3 her duties associated with litigating this matter, has joined the conspiracy of the other 4 named defendants by "joining their efforts to corruptly influence the outcome of the 5 6 December 13, 2016 hearing to create illegitimate claims against Plaintiffs' law 7 arguments by placing on the court record invalid evidence that Plaintiffs' complaint 8 9 was somehow deficient requiring dismissal." SAC, ¶ 112. Again, Plaintiffs fail to 10 provide any facts that would support the expansion of Plaintiffs' allegations of 11 12 conspiracy. 13 Accordingly, Plaintiffs' "factual allegations" lack the requisite particularity to 14 15 16 17 18

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state a cause of action as to the Legislative Defendants. Plaintiffs' vague allegations leave the Legislative Defendants to guess, with no guidance, what each is alleged to have done, and how exactly Plaintiffs were harmed. Insofar as the SAC fails to provide clear allegations showing facts as to the Legislative Defendants that give rise to liability under any cause of action, it would be unreasonable and contrary to Rule 8's "short and plain statement" requirements to require the Legislative Defendants to defend against Plaintiffs' action.

C. Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint should be dismissed without leave to amend because Legislative Defendants are immune from suit in this matter.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Rosenberg found that Plaintiffs' claims are barred by

clearly established doctrines of immunity, and recommended that "the complaint be dismissed against the named defendant[s] with prejudice." Report and Recommendation, Docket No. 123. Despite this, Plaintiffs' SAC names the same Defendants, and includes the Magistrate Judge and the three government attorneys representing the Defendants, who are also immune from suit.

1. The doctrine of legislative immunity bars any claim as to the actions of the Members of the Legislature relating to legislation.

Members of the State Legislature have complete immunity from civil liability for acts or omissions occurring within the sphere of their legislative activities. *Tenney* v. *Brandhove*, 341 U.S. 367, 95 L. Ed. 1019, 71 S. Ct. 783 (1951) (hereafter *Tenney*).

"The privilege of legislators to be free from arrest or civil process for what they do or say in legislative proceedings has taproots in the Parliamentary struggles of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries." *Tenney*, *supra*, 341 U.S. at p. 372. In *Tenney*, the plaintiff sued members of a committee of the California Legislature, among others, under federal civil rights statutes claiming damages resulting from statements made about him at a committee hearing. The United States Supreme Court concluded that federal civil rights statutes did not alter the longstanding tradition of immunity from civil liability of legislators for conduct within the sphere of legislative activity. *Id.*, at p. 376; *see also Bogan v. Scott-Harris*, 523 U.S. 44, 49, 140 L. Ed. 2d 79, 118 S. Ct. 966 (1998); *Supreme Court of Va. v. Consumers Union*, 446 U.S. 719, 731-734, 64 L.

Ed. 2d 641, 100 S. Ct. 1967 (1980); Lake Country Estates Inc. v. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 440 U.S. 391, 99 S. Ct. 1171, 59 L. Ed. 2d 401 (1979); Gutierrez v. Mun. Ct. of S.E. Judicial Dist., 838 F.2d 1031, 1046 (9th Cir. 1988).

This immunity applies to activities within "a field where legislators traditionally have power to act." *Tenney*, *supra*, 341 U.S. at 379. This includes acts that are "an integral part of the deliberative and communicative processes by which Members participate in committee and House proceedings with respect to the consideration and passage or rejection of proposed legislation or with respect to matters which the Constitution places within the jurisdiction of either House." *Gravel v. United States*, 408 U.S. 606, 625, 33 L. Ed. 2d 583, 92 S. Ct. 2614 (1972).

Legislative immunity has been held to apply even to civil actions charging illegal activity –such as the taking of bribes – by legislators within the sphere of legislative activity, since the proof of the illegal act would necessarily involve delving into matters, including motive or purposes, underlying the legislative act. See *Thillens, Inc. v. Community Currency Exchange*, 729 F.2d 1128, 1131 (7th Cir. 1984). Importantly, the immunity of a legislator for legislative acts applies to the very claims brought by Plaintiffs: civil RICO claims based on bribery. *Chappell v. Robbins*, 73 F.3d 918, 921 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996). In *Chappell v. Robbins*, purchasers of insurance brought a civil RICO action against a former Member of the California Legislature. The plaintiffs claimed that they were forced to pay excessive premiums because of a bill

that was enacted by the Legislature as a result of activities of the former Member, who, in fact, admitted to accepting bribes from insurance industry executives. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that the legislative privilege precluded the plaintiffs' RICO claim based on bribery, as the alleged harm was not caused by the bribery, but rather by the passage of a bill pursuant to protected activity. *Id.*, at pp. 921-922.

In the case at issue, Plaintiffs similarly allege that they have been deprived of certain constitutional rights because SB 277 was enacted as a result of the efforts of certain Members of the Legislature made in exchange for "bribes" received from drug companies. As in Chappell, however, any harm to Plaintiffs was not the result of the alleged bribery and conspiracy scheme, but would have resulted from passage of SB 277. Thus, to the extent that the actions of the Members of the Legislature in enacting SB 277 caused Plaintiffs harm, those actions would necessarily be official actions occurring within the sphere of the Members' official legislative activities. Plaintiffs' SAC, therefore, cannot be amended to allege any claim arising from Defendant Members' actions in enacting SB 277 because the Members are absolutely protected by legislative immunity from liability stemming from such legislative activities. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' SAC should be dismissed for failure to state a claim, and leave to amend should be denied because no claim can be stated that would not be covered by legislative immunity.

2. Plaintiffs' claims against government attorneys are barred by absolute immunity.

In Plaintiffs' SAC, Plaintiffs named counsel for the Defendants, Deputy
Attorney Generals Jonathan E. Rich and Jacquelyn Y. Young, and Deputy Legislative
Counsel Cara L. Jenkins as defendants. Plaintiffs' only basis for naming the
government attorneys as defendants is the attorneys' representation of their respective
defendants in this matter.

A government attorney representing a party in a civil action has absolute immunity from any claim for damages "to assure that . . . advocates . . . can perform their respective functions without harassment or intimidation." *Fry v. Melaragno*, 939 F.2d 832, 837 (9th Cir. 1991), citing *Butz*, 438 U.S. 478, 512 (1978). Because of "the similarity of functions of government attorneys in civil, criminal and agency proceedings, and the numerous checks on abuses of authority inherent in the judicial process . . . [t]he reasons supporting the doctrine of absolute immunity apply with equal force regardless of the nature of the underlying action." *Fry*, 939 F.2d at 837, quoting *Flood v. Harrington*, 532 F.2d 1248, 1251 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1976). Absolute immunity attaches so long as "the government attorney is performing acts 'intimately associated with the judicial phase' of the litigation." *Fry v. Melaragno*, 939 F.2d 832, 837; *accord, Bly-Magee v. California*, 236 F.3d 1014, 1018 (9th Cir. 2001).

Plaintiffs allege that in the course of representing their respective parties in this 1 2 civil action, counsel for Defendants joined the overall conspiracy upon which this 3 action to "corruptly influence the outcome of the December 13, 2016 hearing to create 4 illegitimate legal claims against Plaintiffs' law arguments by placing on the court 5 6 record invalid evidence that Plaintiffs' complaint was somehow deficient requiring 7 dismissal." SAC, ¶ 112. To the contrary, in defending their clients, the government 8 9 attorneys were performing acts associated with the judicial phase of the litigation. As 10 such, any claims asserted by Plaintiffs are barred by absolute immunity, and should be 11 12 dismissed with prejudice. 13 3. Plaintiffs' RICO claims fail as a matter of law. 14 Even if Plaintiffs' SAC were not barred by the doctrines of legislative immunity 15

and absolute immunity, it would nevertheless warrant dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6), as Plaintiffs' RICO claims fail as a matter of law.

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To establish a civil claim under RICO, a plaintiff must allege "'(1) conduct (2) of an enterprise (3) through a pattern (4) of racketeering activity." Odom v. Microsoft Corp., 486 F.3d 541, 547 (9th Cir. 2007) (quoting Sedima, S.P.R.L. v. Imrex Co., 473 U.S. 479, 496, 105 S. Ct. 3275, 3285, 87 L. Ed. 2d 346 (1985)). The plaintiff must also establish the defendant's RICO violation proximately caused his or her injury. Holmes v. Sec. Inv'r Prot. Corp., 503 U.S. 258, 265, 112 S. Ct. 1311, 1316, 117 L. Ed. 2d 532 (1992); Canyon Cnty. v. Syngenta Seeds, Inc., 519 F.3d 969, 972 (9th Cir.

(9th Cir. 2010).

a. The SAC fails to allege facts establishing the existence of an enterprise.

2008); see also Rezner v. Bayerische Hypo-Und Vereinsbank AG, 630 F.3d 866, 873

"To show the existence of an enterprise..., plaintiffs must plead that the enterprise has (A) a common purpose, (B) a structure or organization, and (C) longevity necessary to accomplish the purpose." *Eclectic Props. East, LLC v. Marcus & Millichap Co.*, 751 F.3d 990, 997 (9th Cir. 2014) (citing *Boyle v. United States*, 556 U.S. 938, 946, 129 S. Ct. 2237, 173 L. Ed. 2d 1265 (2009)); see also 18 U.S.C. § 1961(4) (defining "enterprise" as "any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, and any union or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity").

Here, the SAC alleges no facts that establish the existence of an enterprise. Instead, the SAC provides conclusory statements, such as "Defendants and Coconspirators formed an association-in-fact for the specific purpose of obstructing justice and extorting the constitutional rights of Plaintiffs and others similarly situated;" and "this association in fact, was an enterprise within the meaning of RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1961(4)." SAC, ¶¶ 106, 107, 128. However, alleging the existence of an enterprise is not the same as pleading facts that show its existence. The SAC fails to provide any details regarding the structure or organization of the alleged enterprise and, thus, does not plead sufficient facts to establish this element of a RICO claim.

b. The SAC does not establish a pattern of racketeering activity.

The SAC also fails to allege facts showing a "pattern of racketeering activity." For civil liability to result from a substantive violation of RICO, a defendant must be shown to have engaged in a "pattern of racketeering activity." 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(a), (b), and (c). "Racketeering activity" is defined as the commission of various state and federal offenses enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 1961(1), such as mail fraud, wire fraud, drug trafficking, murder, arson, gambling, bribery, extortion, or embezzlement. To sustain a RICO claim, at least one of these offenses must involve a pattern. These acts are called "predicate acts" of racketeering. A "pattern of racketeering activity" requires at least two related acts of racketeering activity within a ten-year period. 18 U.S.C. § 1961(5).

Here, the SAC is devoid of any factual allegations establishing a "pattern of racketeering activity." Although it appears that Plaintiffs are alleging the RICO predicate acts of bribery and extortion, as discussed at length throughout this memorandum, Plaintiffs have failed to allege any facts supporting their conclusory allegations of bribery and extortion.

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c. The SAC fails to establish that Plaintiffs suffered an injury from the alleged predicate acts.

To have standing to sue under RICO, a plaintiff must allege that (1) he or she suffered an injury to business or property and that (2) defendant's RICO predicate acts were the cause of the injury. *Sedima, S.P.R.L. v. Imrex Co., Inc.*, 473 U.S. 479, 495-97 (1985) (plaintiff has standing only to the extent he has been injured "by the conduct constituting the [RICO] violation"). The alleged RICO violations must be the "proximate cause" that "led directly to" the plaintiff's injury. *Holmes*, 112 S. Ct. at 1317-18; *Anza v. Ideal Steel Supply Corp.*, 547 U.S. 451, 460-61 (2006); *Hemi Grp.*, *LLC v. City of N.Y., N.Y.*, 559 U.S. 1, 130 S. Ct. 983, 175 L. Ed. 2d 943 (2010). Proximate cause requires "some direct relation between the injury asserted and the injurious conduct alleged." *Holmes*, 112 S. Ct. at 1316. "A link that is too remote, purely contingent, or indirect is insufficient." *Hemi Grp.*, 130 S. Ct. at 989.

Plaintiffs' generalized allegations of injury are insufficient to meet this standard. Plaintiffs allege that they have "lost a substantial amount of their time, money, labor and constitutional freedoms" and that they have "been injured in their business and property in accordance with U.S.C. § 1962(a)(c)(d) [sic] as a direct and proximate result of the racketeering activities of Defendants..." SAC, ¶ 120, 136. These conclusory statements provide no insight as to exactly how Plaintiffs have been injured. As such, Plaintiffs have failed to properly plead a RICO injury to business or

property. Furthermore, Plaintiffs appear to blame their alleged injuries to business and property on Legislative Defendants' allegedly unlawful activities, but the SAC contains no allegation showing a "direct causal link" between the alleged predicate acts and such injuries.

To summarize, Plaintiffs' SAC contains no factual allegations establishing (1) an enterprise; (2) a pattern of racketeering activity; or (3) an identifiable injury to Plaintiffs. As such, Plaintiffs fail, as a matter of law, to state facts sufficient to state a RICO claim. And because the SAC lacks allegations of a cognizable RICO violation, Plaintiffs' claims of conspiracy to violate RICO also fail, as a matter of law. See Sanford v. MemberWorks, Inc., 625 F.3d 550, 559 (9th Cir. 2010).

### III. CONCLUSION

As established by the U.S. Magistrate Judge, because Plaintiffs' alleged injury results from the passage of SB 277, Plaintiffs cannot state a claim upon which relief can be granted because the conduct that caused their injuries is legislative and therefore immune. Even if Plaintiffs' Complaint were not barred by doctrines of immunity, the Court should deny leave to amend because such leave would be futile. Accordingly, the Legislative Defendants respectfully request this Court to grant the Motion to Dismiss without leave to amend.

Pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.3.4(a)(2)(i), the filers of this document attest that all

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- NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS' MOTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT
- MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT
- [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING LEGISLATIVE DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFFS' SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

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Having considered the moving and opposition papers, arguments, and all other matters presented to the Court, the Court finds that Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

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