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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT
12 OF CALIFORNIA SACRAMENTO DIVISION

13 DEANNA SYKES, ANDREW WITHAM,)
14 ADAM RICHARDS, SECOND)
15 AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, INC., AND)
16 THE CALGUNS FOUNDATION, INC.)

17 Plaintiffs)

18 v.)

19 JOHN MCGINNESS, COUNTY OF)
20 SACRAMENTO, ED PRIETO, AND)
21 COUNTY OF YOLO)

22 Defendants.)
23 _____)

CASE NO. 2:09-cv-01235-MCE-KJM

**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT BY
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

24 COMES NOW DEFENDANT, COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, and in answer to
25 Plaintiffs’ First Amended Complaint admits, denies and alleges as follows:

26 1. In answering paragraph 1, Defendant lacks sufficient information or belief upon
27 which to either admit or deny the allegations, and based thereon denies all allegations contained
28 therein.

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1 2. In answering paragraph 2 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
2 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
3 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

4 3. In answering paragraph 3 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
5 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
6 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

7 4. In answering paragraph 4 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
8 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
9 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

10 5. In answering paragraph 5 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
11 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
12 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

13 6. In answering paragraph 6 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
14 admits.

15 7. In answering paragraph 7 of Plaintiffs' First Amended First Amended Complaint,
16 Defendant admits that John McGinness is currently the Sheriff of Sacramento County, and
17 denies all other allegations contained therein.

18 8. In answering paragraph 8 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
19 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
20 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

21 9. In answering paragraph 9 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
22 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
23 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

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1 10. In answering paragraph 10 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
2 admits to jurisdiction of this Court.

3 11. In answering paragraph 11 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
4 admits to Venue in this Court.

5 12. In answering paragraph 12 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
6 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
7 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
8 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
9 denies such statements.
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11 13. In answering paragraph 13 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
12 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
13 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
14 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
15 denies such statements.
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17 14. In answering paragraph 14 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
18 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
19 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
20 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
21 denies such statements.
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23 15. In answering paragraph 15 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
24 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
25 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
26 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
27 denies such statements.
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1 denies such statements.

2 16. In answering paragraph 16 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
3 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
4 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
5 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
6 denies such statements.
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8 17. In answering paragraph 17 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
9 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
10 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
11 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
12 denies such statements.
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14 18. In answering paragraph 18 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
15 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
16 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
17 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
18 denies such statements.
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20 19. In answering paragraph 19 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
21 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
22 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
23 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
24 denies such statements.
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26 20. In answering paragraph 20 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
27 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
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1 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
2 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
3 denies such statements.

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5 21. In answering paragraph 21 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
6 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
7 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
8 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
9 denies such statements.

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11 22. In answering paragraph 22 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
12 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
13 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

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15 23. In answering paragraph 23 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
16 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements which are not factual
17 allegations, which purport to be legal conclusions, and which do not constitute a short plain
18 statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore, Defendant
19 denies such statements.

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21 24. In answering paragraph 24 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
22 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements and which do not constitute
23 a short plain statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore,
24 Defendant denies such statements.

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26 25. In answering paragraph 25 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
27 admits that Plaintiff Sykes' application for a CCW permit was denied, but denies all further
28 allegations contained in this paragraph.

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1 26. In answering paragraph 26 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
2 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
3 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

4 27. In answering paragraph 27 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
5 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
6 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

7 28. In answering paragraph 28 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
8 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
9 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

10 29. In answering paragraph 29 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
11 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
12 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

13 30. In answering paragraph 30 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
14 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
15 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

16 31. In answering paragraph 31 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
17 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
18 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

19 32. In answering paragraph 32 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
20 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
21 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

22 33. In answering paragraph 33 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
23 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
24 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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1 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

2 34. In answering paragraph 34 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
3 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
4 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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6 35. In answering paragraph 35 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
7 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
8 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

9 36. In answering paragraph 36 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
10 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
11 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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13 37. In answering paragraph 37 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
14 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
15 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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17 38. In answering paragraph 38 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
18 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
19 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

20 39. In answering paragraph 39 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
21 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
22 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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24 40. In answering paragraph 40 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
25 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
26 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

27 41. In answering paragraph 41 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
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1 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
2 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

3 42. In answering paragraph 42 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
4 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
5 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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7 43. In answering paragraph 43 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
8 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
9 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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11 44. In answering paragraph 44 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
12 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
13 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

14 45. In answering paragraph 45 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
15 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements and which do not constitute
16 a short plain statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore,
17 Defendant denies such statements.
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19 46. In answering paragraph 46 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
20 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
21 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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23 47. In answering paragraph 47 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
24 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements and which do not constitute
25 a short plain statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore,
26 Defendant denies such statements.

27 48. In answering paragraph 48 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
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1 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
2 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.

3 49. In answering paragraph 49 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, said
4 paragraph contains argumentative, vague, and conclusory statements and which do not constitute
5 a short plain statement of the claim as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8. Therefore,
6 Defendant denies such statements.
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8 50. In answering paragraph 50 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
9 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
10 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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12 51. In answering paragraph 51 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
13 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
14 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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16 52. In answering paragraph 52 of Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Defendant
17 lacks sufficient information or belief upon which to either admit or deny the allegations, and
18 based thereon denies all allegations contained therein.
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20 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

21 As separate and affirmative defenses, this answering Defendant alleges as follows:

22 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

23 Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, and each and every claim therein, fails to state facts
24 sufficient to constitute a claim for relief.

25 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

26 Defendant acted reasonably and in good faith without violating any known constitutional
27 rights of Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Federal claims are barred by the qualified immunity of
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1 Defendant.

2 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

3 Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

4 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

5 Plaintiffs' claims are barred as Plaintiffs lack legal standing.

6 **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

7 Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of *laches*.

8 **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

9 Plaintiffs' claims fail to adequately state a claim for which injunctive relief can be
10 granted.

11 **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12 Plaintiffs' damages, if any, were caused in whole or part by others and any alleged
13 conduct of Defendant was not a legal or proximate cause of any of Plaintiffs' claimed injuries or
14 damages.

15 **EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

16 Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution.

17 **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

18 That Plaintiffs' own conduct estops Plaintiffs from claiming that defendant caused them
19 harm and from claiming the damages alleged in the complaint.

20 **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 That some or all of Plaintiffs' claims are barred by estoppel and/or waiver occasioned by
22 Plaintiffs' own conduct.

23 **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

1 That Defendant is not vicariously liable for any act or omission of any other person, by
2 way of respondeat superior or otherwise.

3 **TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4 That the complaint, and each claim for relief are uncertain.

5 **THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

6 At all times herein, Defendant had a good faith belief that its conduct did not violate any
7 established state or federal statutory or constitutional right, and further acted in good faith, and
8 Defendant is hereby immune from liability for the acts, omissions, and damages claimed by
9 Plaintiff.
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11 **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12 Defendant is immune from liability by virtue of the provisions of Title I, Division 3.6 of
13 the Government Code of the State of California, all as set forth in Government Code §§810, et
14 seq., including, but not limited to, Government Code Sections 815.2, 818.8, 820.2, 820.4, 821.6
15 and 822.2.
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17 **WHEREFORE**, Defendant prays for judgment against Plaintiffs as follows:
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- 19 1. That Plaintiffs take nothing from their First Amended Complaint filed herein;
20 2. That attorneys' fees and costs be awarded to this answering Defendant; and;
21 3. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.
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23 Dated: June 3, 2009

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24 */s/ Jeri L. Pappone*

25 By: _____

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

DEFENDANT COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, hereby demands a trial by jury.

Dated: June 3, 2009

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/s/ Jeri L. Pappone

By: _____

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PROOF OF SERVICE

CASE NAME: Sykes et al. vs. County of Sacramento et al.
CASE NO.: 2:09-cv-01235-MCE-KJM

I am employed in the County of Sacramento. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within above-entitled action. My business address is 3620 American River Dr. Suite 230, Sacramento, CA 95864.

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On, JUNE 3, 2009, I served the following:

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT BY JOHN McGINNESS

— United States Mail - on all parties in said action by placing a true copy of the above-described document(s) enclosed in a sealed envelope in the designated area for outgoing mail addressed as set forth below.

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X FEDERAL: I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction service was made.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on, June 3, 2009, at Sacramento, California.

/s/ Lorie Dawn Wharton
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