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9	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	JENNIFER FINK-CARVER and JASON FINK,	Case No.
12	Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT
13		42 U.S.C. § 1983
14	vs. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL POLICE	
15	OFFICER KUHN, CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and DOES 1 through 20,	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
16	Defendants.	
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18	INTROD	UCTION
19	1. This complaint alleges violation	ons of the constitutional rights of plaintiffs
20	JENNIFER FINK-CARVER ("FINK-CARVER	") and JASON FINK ("FINK") by defendant
21	CITY OF PLEASANT HILL POLICE OFFICER KUHN ("KUHN"), CITY OF PLEASANT	
22	HILL, and DOES 1 through 20. The actions giving rise to defendants' liability, as alleged in	
23	this complaint, occurred in the City of Pleasant Hill, Contra Costa County, State of California,	
24	on May 9, 2020.	
25	2. The complaint seeks remedies pu	rsuant to Title 42, United States Code, sections
26	1983 and 1988, as well as violations of the la	ws of the State of California. Jurisdiction is
27	conferred upon the United States District Court	by Title 28, United States Code, sections 1331,
28 ows, cook Blvd.,	1343 and 1367(a).	
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1	3. On May 9, 2020, plaintiff JENNIFER FINK-CARVER was in her home in
2	Pleasant Hill. Defendant KUHN and other CITY OF PLEASANT HILL police officers were
3	called out to FINK-CARVER's house on reports of a 415. Police officers, including defendant
4	KUHN, arrived at the house. FINK-CARVER remained in the house.
5	4. Without cause or justification, police officers, including defendant KUHN,
6	entered FINK-CARVER's house. Officers slammed FINK-CARVER to the couch and
7	defendant KUHN released a police canine on her, which bit into her legs. While officers were
8	on top of FINK-CARVER, the police canine bit into her leg several times, causing serious
9	injury.
10	5. Plaintiff FINK arrived on the scene to find out what was happening. FINK
11	approached the scene, outside of the house, and asked what was going on to those present,
12	including officers.
13	6. Without cause or justification officers took FINK to the ground and while
14	officers were on top of him defendant KUHN released the police canine, which bit FINK's low
15	back, hip and leg. FINK was thereafter handcuffed without cause or justification.
16	7. Plaintiffs suffered serious and permanent injuries from defendant KUHN's use
17	of the police canine.
18	8. Plaintiffs bring this lawsuit to vindicate their rights through this Court and to be
19	compensated for injuries and damages caused by defendants, particularly defendant KUHN,
20	who have acted to deprive plaintiffs of their sense of comfort and security as a citizen of this
21	country.
22	JURISDICTION AND VENUE
23	9. This complaint alleges violations of the constitutional rights of plaintiffs by
24	defendant KUHN, CITY OF PLEASANT HILL and DOES 1 through 20. The complaint seeks
25	remedies pursuant to Title 42, United States Code, sections 1983 and 1988. Jurisdiction is
26	conferred upon the United States District Court by Title 28, United States Code, sections 1331
27	and 1343.
28 Dows, Cook	10. The actions giving rise to defendants' liability, as alleged in this complaint,

1	occurred in the CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, Contra Costa County, State of California. Venue
2	is therefore proper in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California
3	pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, section 1391(b).
4	11. Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, section 1367(a), this Court has
5	supplemental jurisdiction over the State of California claims brought in this action, which arise
6	from a common nucleus of operative facts and from the same transactions and occurrences
7	raised in plaintiffs' federal causes of action.
8	INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT
9	12. The claims alleged herein arose in the County of Contra Costa. This action is
10	properly assigned to the Oakland or San Francisco Division of the United States District Court
11	for the Northern District of California pursuant to Civil Local Rule, 3-2(d).
12	IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES
13	13. At all times material to this complaint, plaintiff FINK-CARVER was a resident
14	of Contra Costa County, California.
15	14. At all times material to this complaint, plaintiff CARVER was a resident of
16	Contra Costa County, California.
17	15. At all times material to this complaint, defendant KUHN was a CITY OF
18	PLEASANT HILL police officer. In committing the acts and omissions alleged in this
19	complaint, defendant KUHN was acting under color of law and within the course and scope of
20	his employment as an officer of the CITY OF PLEASANT HILL police department.
21	Defendant KUHN is sued in his individual capacity. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the first name of
22	defendant KUHN.
23	16. On information and belief, defendant CITY OF PLEASANT HILL is a
24	municipal corporation that owns, operates, and governs the CITY OF PLEASANT HILL police
25	department and its employees pursuant to the laws of the State of California.
26	17. At all times material to this complaint defendant CITY OF PLEASANT HILL
27	and the CITY OF PLEASANT HILL Police Department were responsible for the employment,
28 DWS, DOK Blvd.,	training, supervision and discipline of defendant KUHN.

1	18. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants DOES 1
2	through 20, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are
3	informed and believe and thereon allege that each defendant so named is responsible in some
4	manner for the injuries and damages suffered by plaintiffs as described in this complaint.
5	Plaintiffs will amend his complaint to state the true names and capacities of defendants DOES
6	1 through 20 when they have been ascertained. Any reference in this complaint to
7	"defendants" also refers to defendants DOES 1 through 20.
8	19. Each defendant sued in this complaint acted as the agent or employee of every
9	other defendant, and in perpetrating the wrongful conduct detailed in this complaint, acted
10	within the scope of such agency and employment, or ratified the acts of the others.
11	FACTS GIVING RISE TO THE COMPLAINT
12	20. On May 9, 2020, plaintiff JENNIFER FINK-CARVER was in her home in
13	Pleasant Hill. Defendant KUHN and other CITY OF PLEASANT HILL police officers were
14	called out to FINK-CARVER's house on reports of a 415. Police officers, including defendant
15	KUHN, arrived at the house. FINK-CARVER remained in the house.
16	21. Without cause or justification, police officers, including defendant KUHN,
17	entered FINK-CARVER's house. Officers slammed FINK-CARVER to the couch and
18	defendant KUHN released a police canine on her, which bit into her legs. While officers were
19	on top of FINK-CARVER, the police canine bit into her leg several times, causing serious
20	injury.
21	22. Plaintiff FINK arrived on the scene to find out what was happening. FINK
22	approached the scene, outside of the house, and asked what was going on to those present,
23	including officers.
24	23. Without cause or justification officers took FINK to the ground and while

officers were on top of him defendant KUHN released the police canine, which bit FINK's low
back, hip and leg. FINK was thereafter handcuffed without cause or justification.

27 24. Plaintiff FINK-CARVER was taken by ambulance to the closest trauma center,
28 John Muir Walnut Creek, where she was treated for dog bite lacerations. Sutures were placed to

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1	address the wounds. In addition, she underwent complex repair of the lacerations to the thigh,
2	including thorough irrigation and debridement of the areas as well as repair of the laceration
3	sites. The wounds have not completely healed, and it appears as though the injuries to Plaintiff
4	FINK-CARVER are permanent.
5	25. Plaintiff CARVER was seen at John Muir Walnut Creek for treatment of his
6	injuries, including being prescribed pain medication.
7	STATEMENT OF DAMAGES
8	26. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' acts, plaintiffs were unlawfully
9	seized and subject to unreasonable force without probable cause or reasonable suspicion.
10	27. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' acts, plaintiffs underwent care at
11	the closest trauma center for treatment of dog bite wounds.
12	28. Plaintiffs incurred medical expenses for incident related medical treatment.
13	29. Plaintiffs' claim for general damages include claims for pain, suffering,
14	humiliation, and emotional distress in amounts to be determined according to proof.
15	30. Plaintiffs have and may continue to have in the future, damages for permanent
16	injuries, permanent scarring and/or other physical disfigurement and/or disability in an amount
17	to be determined according to proof.
18	31. Defendants and each of them are liable for plaintiffs' injuries and damages
19	pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C Section 1983; California Government Code sections 815.2, 815.6,
20	820, 820.8; and California Civil Code sections 52.1, as set forth below.
21	32. Defendant KUHN's acts were intentional, willful, malicious, reckless and in
22	conscious disregard of plaintiffs' protected rights. As such and to deter future similar conduct
23	by defendant, plaintiffs are entitled to an award of punitive damages against him.
24	JURY TRIAL DEMAND
25	33. Plaintiffs hereby demands a jury trial in this action.
26	COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA TORT CLAIMS ACT
27	34. With respect to the causes of action for violations of the laws of the State of
28 DWS, OOK Blvd.,	California, Plaintiff timely filed a claim notice with the CITY OF PLEASANT HILL pursuant
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1	to the California Tort Claims Act on August 20, 2020.
2 3	FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF BY PLAINTIFF JENNIFER FINK-CARVER
4	42 U.S.C. § 1983 Fourth Amendment Violations: Unreasonable force,
5	Unlawful Seizure, and Unlawful Arrest (Against Defendant KUHN)
6	35. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 34 as
7	though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
8	36. Defendant KUHN acted under color of law in violating plaintiff FINK-
9	CARVER's rights protected by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
10	These actions included the unreasonable and excessive use of force against plaintiff FINK-
11	CARVER, unlawful seizure of plaintiff FINK-CARVER's person and unlawful arrest lacking
12	probable cause, each violation independently and all violations jointly causing plaintiff FINK-
13	CARVER injury.
14	37. As a direct and proximate result of defendant KUHN's actions and omissions,
15	plaintiff FINK-CARVER was deprived of her rights and privileges under the Fourth
16	Amendment to the United States Constitution.
17	38. Defendant KUHN acted with malice and oppression by intentionally releasing
18	the police canine to bite plaintiff FINK-CARVER without justification, seriously injuring her.
19	Defendant's conduct was intended to harm plaintiff FINK-CARVER and/or was despicable and
20	carried out with a conscious disregard of plaintiff FINK-CARVER's rights or safety. Plaintiff
21	FINK-CARVER therefore is entitled to recover exemplary damages from this defendant.
22	WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below.
23	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
24	BY PLAINTIFF JENNIFER FINK-CARVER 42 U.S.C. § 1983
25	Supervisory Liability, Monell (Against CITY OF PLEASANT HILL,
26	and DOES 1 through 20)
27	39. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 38 of this
28 CASPER, MEADOWS,	complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
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1	40. At all times relevant to this complaint, it was the policy, practice and custom of
2	CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, acting through their policymakers and agents, to violate the
3	Fourth Amendment to the Constitution as described in this complaint.
4	41. Those violations which constituted the policy of CITY OF PLEASANT HILL,
5	and DOES 1 through 20, included, but were not limited to, the use of unreasonable, unjustified,
6	and/or excessive force and engage in unlawful seizures based upon unlawful policies.
7	42. The failure of CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and to those delegated to make and
8	enforce policy, to discipline defendant KUHN, who violated plaintiff's Fourth Amendment
9	rights ratified that unconstitutional conduct and further confirmed that the violation of
10	plaintiff's rights represented CITY OF PLEASANT HILL's policy.
11	43. The policies, practices and customs of CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and DOES
12	1 through 20 were the moving forces behind the violation of plaintiff's rights protected by the
13	Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.
14	44. At all times relevant to this complaint, the policies, practices and customs
15	developed and maintained by CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and DOES 1 through 20, reflected
16	a deliberate indifference to the protection of the rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to
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17 18 19 20 21	the United States Constitution. WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF BY PLAINTIFF JENNIFER FINK-CARVER Negligence (Against All Defendants) 45. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 44 of this complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
17 18 19 20 21 22	the United States Constitution. WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF BY PLAINTIFF JENNIFER FINK-CARVER Negligence (Against All Defendants) 45. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 44 of this complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief. 46. Defendant was negligent in doing the acts alleged in this complaint.
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1	actions and negligent conduct in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is
2	liable pursuant to California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee
3	liable for injury caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person.
4	CITY OF PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a
5	public entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a
6	public entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to
7	a cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior
8	liability.
9	50. Each of defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the alleged
10	damages including severe emotional distress.
11	FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
12	BY PLAINTIFF JENNIFER FINK-CARVER Assault
13	(Against All Defendants)
14	51. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 50 of this
15	complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
16	52. Defendant KUHN intended to harm or come into offensive contact with
17	Plaintiff.
18	53. Plaintiff reasonably apprehended that defendant was about to touch him in a
19	harmful or offensive manner.
20	54. Defendant KUHN also threatened to touch plaintiff in a harmful or offensive
21	manner and plaintiff reasonably apprehended that defendant KUHN was about to carry out that
22	threat.
23	55. Plaintiff did not consent to the conduct of defendant KUHN and was harmed
24	thereby.
25	56. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL employee defendant KUHN committed his alleged
26	actions in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is liable pursuant to
27	California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee liable for injury
28	caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person. CITY OF
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1	PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a public
2	entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a public
3	entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to a
4	cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior
5	liability.
6	57. Each defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the alleged harm.
7	WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below.
8	FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
9	BY PLAINTIFF JENNIFER FINK-CARVER Battery
10	(Against All Defendants)
11	58. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 57 of this
12	complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
13	59. Defendant KUHN touched plaintiff, or caused plaintiff to be touched with the
14	intent of harming or offending plaintiff.
15	60. Plaintiff did not consent to the conduct of defendant KUHN.
16	61. Plaintiff was harmed by defendant's conduct.
17	62. A reasonable person in plaintiff's situation would have been offended by the
18	conduct of defendant KUHN.
19	63. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL employee defendant KUHN committed his alleged
20	actions in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is liable pursuant to
21	California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee liable for injury
22	caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person. CITY OF
23	PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a public
24	entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a public
25	entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to a
26	cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior
27	liability.
28	64. Each defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the alleged harm.

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1	WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below.
2	SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
3	BY PLAINTIFF JENNIFER FINK-CARVER CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE §§ 52, 52.1
4	Bane Act Violation
5	(Against All Defendants)
6	65. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of this
7	complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
8	66. Defendant KUHN, using threats, coercion and intimidation, interfered with and
9	threatened to interfere with plaintiff's rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the
10	United States Constitution, and Art. 1, § 13 of the California Constitution.
11	67. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL employee defendant KUHN committed his alleged
12	actions and negligent conduct in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is
13	liable pursuant to California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee
14	liable for injury caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person.
15	CITY OF PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a
16	public entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a
17	public entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to
18	a cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior
19	liability.
20	68. The actions of each defendant were a substantial factor in causing plaintiff to
21	sustain harm and the special and general damages which plaintiff will establish at trial.
22	69. Defendant KUHN acted with malice and oppression. His conduct was intended
23	to harm plaintiff or was despicable, carried out with a conscious disregard of plaintiff's rights
24	or safety. Defendants' conduct also subjected plaintiff to cruel and unjust hardship in
25	conscious disregard of plaintiff's rights.
26	70. Plaintiff seeks statutory damages and attorney fees allowed by California Civil
27	Code §§ 52, and 52.1(b).
28	WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks additional relief as set forth below.
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1	SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BY PLAINTIFF JASON FINK
2	42 U.S.C. § 1983
3	Fourth Amendment Violations: Unreasonable force, Unlawful Seizure, and Unlawful Arrest (Against Defendant KUHN)
4	71. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 70 as
5	though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
6	72. Defendant KUHN acted under color of law in violating plaintiff FINK's rights
7	protected by the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution. These actions included
8	the unreasonable and excessive use of force against plaintiff FINK, unlawful seizure of plaintiff
9	FINK's person and unlawful arrest lacking probable cause, each violation independently and all
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11	 violations jointly causing plaintiff FINK injury. 73. As a direct and proximate result of defendant KUHN's actions and omissions,
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13	plaintiff FINK was deprived of his rights and privileges under the Fourth Amendment to the
14	United States Constitution.
15	74. Defendant KUHN acted with malice and oppression by intentionally releasing
16	the police canine to bite plaintiff FINK without justification, seriously injuring her.
17	Defendant's conduct was intended to harm plaintiff FINK and/or was despicable and carried
18	out with a conscious disregard of plaintiff FINK's rights or safety. Plaintiff FINK therefore is
19	entitled to recover exemplary damages from this defendant.
20	WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below.
21	EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BY PLAINTIFF JASON FINK
22	42 U.S.C. § 1983 Supervisory Liability, Monell
23	(Against CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and DOES 1 through 20)
24	75. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 74 of this
25	complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.
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27	76. At all times relevant to this complaint, it was the policy, practice and custom of CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, acting through their policymakers and agents, to violate the
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Fourth Amendment to the Constitution as described in this complaint.

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2	77. Those violations which constituted the policy of CITY OF PLEASANT HILL,	
3	and DOES 1 through 20, included, but were not limited to, the use of unreasonable, unjustified,	
4	and/or excessive force and engage in unlawful seizures based upon unlawful policies.	
5	78. The failure of CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and to those delegated to make and	
6	enforce policy, to discipline defendant KUHN, who violated plaintiff's Fourth Amendment	
7	rights ratified that unconstitutional conduct and further confirmed that the violation of	
8	plaintiff's rights represented CITY OF PLEASANT HILL's policy.	
9	79. The policies, practices and customs of CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and DOES	
10	1 through 20 were the moving forces behind the violation of plaintiff's rights protected by the	
11	Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution.	

80. At all times relevant to this complaint, the policies, practices and customs
developed and maintained by CITY OF PLEASANT HILL, and DOES 1 through 20, reflected
a deliberate indifference to the protection of the rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to
the United States Constitution.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below.

NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BY PLAINTIFF JASON FINK Negligence (Against All Defendants)

81. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 80 of this
complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.

82. Defendant was negligent in doing the acts alleged in this complaint.

83. Plaintiff was injured as a result of that negligence.

84. As a proximate result of that negligence, plaintiff suffered damages, physical
injuries and emotional distress.

85. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL employee defendant KUHN committed his alleged
actions and negligent conduct in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is
liable pursuant to California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee

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1 liable for injury caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a 2 3 public entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a public entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to 4 5 a cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior liability. 6 7 86. Each of defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the alleged damages including severe emotional distress. 8 9 TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF BY PLAINTIFF JASON FINK 10 Assault (Against All Defendants) 11 12 87. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 86 of this 13 complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief. 14 88. Defendant KUHN intended to harm or come into offensive contact with 15 Plaintiff. 16 89. Plaintiff reasonably apprehended that defendant was about to touch him in a 17 harmful or offensive manner. 18 90. Defendant KUHN also threatened to touch plaintiff in a harmful or offensive 19 manner and plaintiff reasonably apprehended that defendant KUHN was about to carry out that 20 threat. 21 91. Plaintiff did not consent to the conduct of defendant KUHN and was harmed 22 thereby. 23 92. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL employee defendant KUHN committed his alleged 24 actions in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is liable pursuant to 25 California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee liable for injury 26 caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person. CITY OF 27 PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a public 28 entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a public

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entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to a 1 cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior 2 3 liability. 93. Each defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the alleged harm. 4 WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below. 5 **ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF** 6 **BY PLAINTIFF JASON FINK** 7 **Batterv** (Against All Defendants) 8 94. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 93 of this 9 complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief. 10 95. Defendant KUHN touched plaintiff, or caused plaintiff to be touched with the 11 intent of harming or offending plaintiff. 12 96. Plaintiff did not consent to the conduct of defendant KUHN. 13 97. Plaintiff was harmed by defendant's conduct. 14 98. A reasonable person in plaintiff's situation would have been offended by the 15 conduct of defendant KUHN. 16 99. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL employee defendant KUHN committed his alleged 17 actions in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is liable pursuant to 18 California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee liable for injury 19 caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person. CITY OF 20 PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a public 21 entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a public 22 entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to a 23 cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior 24 liability. 25 100. Each defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing the alleged harm. 26 WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks relief as set forth below. 27 $\langle \langle \rangle$ 28

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1	TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF	
2	BY PLAINTIFF JASON FINK CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE §§ 52, 52.1	
3	Bane Act Violation (Against All Defendants)	
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5	101. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 100 of	
6	this complaint as though fully set forth in this claim for relief.	
7	102. Defendant KUHN, using threats, coercion and intimidation, interfered with and	
8	threatened to interfere with plaintiff's rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the	
9	United States Constitution, and Art. 1, § 13 of the California Constitution.	
10	103. CITY OF PLEASANT HILL employee defendant KUHN committed his alleged	
11	actions and negligent conduct in the course and scope of his employment. Defendant KUHN is	
12	liable pursuant to California Government Code § 820.1(a), which renders a public employee	
13	liable for injury caused by his or her act or omission to the same extent as a private person.	
14	CITY OF PLEASANT HILL is liable pursuant to Government Code § 815.2, which renders a	
15	public entity liable for injury proximately caused by an act or omission of an employee of a	
16	public entity within the scope of his or her employment if the act or omission would give rise to	
17	a cause of action against the public employee, commonly referred to as respondeat superior	
18	liability.	
19	104. The actions of each defendant were a substantial factor in causing plaintiff to	
20	sustain harm and the special and general damages which plaintiff will establish at trial.	
21	105. Defendant KUHN acted with malice and oppression. His conduct was intended	
22	to harm plaintiff or was despicable, carried out with a conscious disregard of plaintiff's rights	
23	or safety. Defendants' conduct also subjected plaintiff to cruel and unjust hardship in	
24	conscious disregard of plaintiff's rights.	
25	106. Plaintiff seeks statutory damages and attorney fees allowed by California Civil	
26	Code §§ 52, and 52.1(b).	
27	WHEREFORE, plaintiff seeks additional relief as set forth below.	
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1	RELIEF REQUESTED	
2	WHEREFORE, plaintiffs JENNIFER FINK-CARVER and JASON FINK respectfully	7
3	request that this Court grant the following relief:	
4	1. Compensatory damages, including general damages, according to proof against all	
5	defendants;	
6	2. Special damages according to proof against all defendants;	
7	3. Attorney fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 1988;	
8	4. Statutory damages and penalties, attorney fees and costs pursuant to California Civil	
9	Code sections 52(b) and 52.1;	
10	5. Punitive damages in an amount according to proof against defendant KUHN;	
11	6. Such other relief as the Court finds just and proper.	
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13	DATED: January 27, 2021 CASPER, MEADOWS, SCHWARTZ & COOK	
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