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9	FOR THE COUNTY	OF SAN FRANCISCO	
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11	MATTHEW BOSCHETTO; ALBERT CHOW; LISA ARJES AND LIVABLESF, INC,	Unlimited Jurisdiction Case No	
12	Petitioners/Plaintiffs,	Judge:	
13	VS.	VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF	
14 15 16	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; SAN FRANCISCO	MANDATE AND COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF	
17 18	Defendants/Respondents.		
 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 	vs. SUPERVISOR JOEL ENGARDIO; SUPERVISOR MYRNA MELGAR; (FORMER) SUPERVISOR DEAN PRESTON; SUPERVISOR RAFAEL MANDELMAN; AND SUPERVISOR MATT DORSEY IN THEIR CAPACITY AS PROPONENTS OF PROPOSITION K, Real Parties in Interest.	CEQA CASE (Cal. Code Civ. Proc. sections 525, 526, 1060, 1085 & 1094.5; Cal. Veh. Code sections 21 & 21101; Cal. Pub. Recs. Code sections 21168 & 21168.5.) Date Action Filed: Trial Date:	
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The plaintiffs in this action are committed stakeholders dedicated to preserving and
 enhancing the quality of life in San Francisco neighborhoods. They believe in the principles of
 representative government, recognizing that political power resides with the people through their
 elected officials. Their trust in these leaders is founded on the expectation that those elected will
 faithfully and transparently represent their constituents. Equally, the plaintiffs insist that all
 government actions strictly adhere to the rule of law.

The effects of Proposition K will be to displace longtime residents, merchants, visitors, and
daily commuters. Proposition K advances exclusionary public policies of limited benefit, and
compromises the safety, accessibility, and overall well-being of the entire Bay Area. It effectively
denies people equitable access to public roads, safe transportation, and a livable environment.

Petitioners bring this matter before the court because they believe in the rule of law. They
cannot stand by while harmful, unlawful public policies are enacted.

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INTRODUCTION

Petitioner and Plaintiffs Matthew Boschetto, Albert Chow, Lisa Arjes, and Livable
 SF ("Petitioners") bring this action to challenge the legality of the "Permanently Closing the
 Upper Great Highway to Private Vehicles to Establish a Public Open Recreation Space" measure
 ("Proposition K"). Proposition K was placed on the November 5, 2024 City and County of San
 Francisco (the "City" or "San Francisco") ballot by five members of the Respondent and
 Defendant San Francisco Board of Supervisors (the "Board").

2. Petitioners assert that Proposition K is legally invalid because: (1) the State of 20 21 California has preempted the field of traffic control and roads, and state law precludes local voters 22 from acting to close a public street (Cal. Veh. Code section 21(a)); (2) Proposition K effects a 23 "partial" closure of the Upper Great Highway in violation of Vehicle Code section 21101(a)(1); 24 and (3) Proposition K violates mandatory provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act 25 ("CEQA") requiring the City to consider and mitigate the potential environmental impacts of closing the Upper Great Highway to most traffic (Cal. Pub. Res. ("PRC") Code sections 2100 et 26 27 seq.).

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3. 1 In their haste to place Proposition K on the ballot in time to qualify for the November 5, 2024 election, Supervisors and Real Parties in Interest Joel Engardio, Myrna Melgar, 2 3 Dean Preston, Rafael Mandelman and Matt Dorsey (collectively, the "Proponents") ignored the state's plenary authority over traffic control and roads and unlawfully placed a measure before San 4 5 Francisco voters that was not in the voters' power to decide. To make matters worse, this measure exceeds the limited authority given to cities and counties to legislate in the field of traffic control 6 7 and roads by closing the Upper Great Highway to most vehicles while allowing other vehicular traffic on this road and by incorrectly determining that the closure of a major county highway is 8 not subject to CEQA. 9

4. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper Great Highway carried 18,000 to
 20,000 vehicles per day. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upper Great Highway was fully
 closed to vehicular traffic from April 2020 to August 2021. During this closure, traffic levels
 increased on Sunset Boulevard and 19th Avenue as drivers were forced to find alternative routes.
 After the Upper Great Highway's reopening in the beginning of 2022, it has seen a steady increase
 in vehicular traffic slowly approaching its pre-COVID-19 levels.

16 5. Respondent and Defendant Department of Recreation and Parks ("Rec. & Park")
17 announced that the Upper Great Highway will be officially closed to vehicular traffic beginning on
18 March 14, 2025. (The City, Board, and Rec. & Park are referred to collectively as

19 "Respondents.")

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POST-ELECTION SUBSTANTIVE CHALLENGES TO BALLOT MEASURES ARE APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY

6. Post-election substantive challenges to ballot measures are appropriate and 22 necessary where a measure's validity is in question, notwithstanding the fact that the measure 23 appeared on the ballot and received a majority of the votes cast. (See, e.g., Brosnahan v. Eu (1982) 24 31 Cal.3d 1, 4 ["It is usually more appropriate to review constitutional and other challenges to 25 ballot propositions or initiative measures after an election."].) 26 7. There is no constitutional right for an invalid ballot measure to take effect, and 27 28 when a legal challenge to a ballot measure is presented to the Court, the Court has the power and

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1	duty to invalidate an illegal measure, even after an election. (See, e.g., Citizens for Jobs and the	
2	Economy v. County of Orange (2002) 94 Cal.App.4th 1311 [trial court invalidated ballot measure	
3	after election and court of appeal affirmed].)	
4	<u>PARTIES</u>	
5	8. Petitioner/Plaintiff Matthew Boschetto is a resident, taxpayer and vehicle owner in	
6	the Miraloma Park neighborhood.	
7	9. Petitioner/Plaintiff Albert Chow is a resident, taxpayer and vehicle owner in San	
8	Francisco's Sunset District, the location of the Upper Great Highway.	
9	10. Petitioner/Plaintiff Lisa Arjes is a resident, taxpayer and vehicle owner in San	
10	Francisco's Sunset District, the location of the Upper Great Highway.	
11	11. Petitioner/Plaintiff Livable SF, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation registered with the	
12	California Secretary of State and set up to promote sustainable transportation solutions in San	
13	Francisco.	
14	12. Respondent/Defendant City is a municipal government governed by the laws of the	
15	State of California, the San Francisco Charter ("Charter"), and the laws of San Francisco.	
16	13. Respondent/Defendant Board is the elected decision-making body of the City, five	
17	members of which independently placed Proposition K on the ballot.	
18	14. Respondent and Defendant Rec. & Park is the City department taking the lead on	
19	the closure of the Upper Great highway.	
20	15. Real Parties in Interest Supervisors Joel Engardio, Supervisor Myrna Melgar,	
21	(former) Supervisor Dean Preston, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, and Supervisor Matt Dorsey	
22	were or are members of the Board and were the proponents of Proposition K.	
23	16. The true identities and capacities of Respondent Does 1 through 10 are unknown to	
24	Petitioners at this time. Petitioners are informed and believe, and based upon such information	
25	and belief allege, that each of the fictitiously named respondents is in some manner responsible for	
26	the actions described in this Petition. When the true identities and capacities of these respondents	
27	have been determined, Petitioners will seek leave to amend this Petition/Complaint to insert such	
28	identities and capacities.	
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1	JURISDICTION AND VENUE	
2	17. The wrongful conduct alleged herein occurred in San Francisco, California. This	
3	Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, and venue is properly in this Court.	
4	STATEMENT OF FACTS	
5	18. The Great Highway is a major thoroughfare running along Ocean Beach in San	
6	Francisco's Sunset and Richmond Districts, between Golden Gate Park to the north and Skyline	
7	Boulevard to the South. The main vehicle road (and the subject of this Petition) is known as the	
8	"Upper Great Highway." The trail and frontage road located directly east of the Upper Great	
9	Highway is known as the "Lower Great Highway."	
10	19. On June 18, 2024, the Proponents submitted Proposition K (although it had not yet	
11	been assigned a measure letter) for inclusion on the November ballot pursuant to Charter section	
12	2.113. Proposition K sought to permanently close the Upper Great Highway to most vehicles,	
13	while allowing other vehicular traffic to continue to travel on the road. While the ostensible	
14	purpose of the measure was to allow the City to use the area for a public park, Proposition K does	
15	5 not provide any funding for such a park.	
16	20. The official ballot digest prepared by the City's Ballot Simplification Committee	
17	confirms that Proposition K only effectuates a partial closure of the Upper Great Highway, stating	
18	that "It would continue to allow emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, intrapark	
19	transit shuttle buses and similar authorized vehicles to access the Upper Great Highway at all	
20	times."	
21	21. On June 18, 2024, the Board President assigned the measure to the Board's Rules	
22	Committee pursuant to Charter section 2.113(b).	
23	22. On July 15, 2024, the Rules Committee held a hearing on the measure pursuant to	
24	Charter section 2.113(b).	
25	23. On this same date, the Planning Department issued a memorandum regarding	
26	Proposition K which erroneously asserted that "CEQA does not apply to a measure submitted to	
27	the voters by the Mayor or 5 Supervisors." The City therefore did not undertake any CEQA	
28	process in connection with Proposition K.	
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24. On August 1, 2024 the measure was submitted to the Department of Elections for 1 inclusion on the November 5, 2024 ballot. 2 3 25. On December 3, 2024, the Department of Elections certified the results of the election, with Proposition K receiving approximately 54 percent of the vote. However, in 4 5 Supervisor Districts 4 and 7, where the Great Highway is located, Proposition K received a minority of support. 6 7 26. On or about March 1, 2025, Rec. & Park announced that the Upper Great Highway will officially be closed to private vehicles beginning on March 14, 2025. 8 9 APPLICABLE PROCEDURAL LAW 10 Writ of Mandate 11 27. This Petition is brought pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure ("CCP") sections 1085 and 1094.5, which provide, in relevant part, that "[a] writ of mandate may be issued by any court 12 13 to any... person, to compel the performance of an act which the law specially enjoins, as a duty 14 resulting from an office...." 28. 15 CCP section 1086 provides, in relevant part, that "[t]he writ must be issued in all cases where there is not a plain, speedy, and adequate remedy, in the ordinary course of law. It 16 17 must be issued upon the verified petition of the party beneficially interested." 18 29. Petitioners, who as San Francisco residents, taxpayers and vehicle owners are beneficially interested in this matter, do not have a plain, speedy, or adequate remedy in the 19 ordinary course of law insofar as the legally invalid Proposition K, if given legal effect, will cause 20 21 irreparable harm to Petitioners, the residents of the Sunset District, residents elsewhere in the City, 22 Bay Area residents travelling through San Francisco, and visitors to the City which cannot be 23 compensated via monetary damages. Accordingly, Petitioners are entitled to a writ of mandate as 24 requested herein. 25 **Injunctive Relief** 26 30. CCP section 525 provides that "an injunction is a writ or order requiring a person to 27 refrain from a particular act. It may be granted by the court in which the action is brought, or by a 28 judge thereof; and when granted by a judge, it may be enforced as an order of the court."

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1 31. CCP section 526 provides that an injunction may be granted "[w]hen it appears by the complaint that the plaintiff is entitled to the relief demanded, and the relief, or any part thereof, 2 3 consists in restraining the commission or continuance of the act complained of, either for a limited period or perpetually;" "[w]hen it appears by the complaint or affidavits that the commission or 4 5 continuance of some act during the litigation would produce waste, or great or irreparable injury, to a party to the action;" or "[w]hen it appears, during the litigation, that a party to the action is 6 7 doing, or threatens, or is about to do, or is procuring or suffering to be done, some act in violation of the rights of another party to the action respecting the subject of the action, and tending to 8 render the judgment ineffectual." 9

32. In the absence of this Court's injunction, Respondents will give legal effect to
Proposition K, thereby causing Petitioners, residents of the Sunset District, residents elsewhere in
the City, Bay Area residents travelling through San Francisco, and visitors to the City to suffer
irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

33. Because Proposition K is legally invalid, Petitioners are entitled to temporary,
preliminary, and permanent injunctive relief compelling Respondents not to take any action that
would give legal effect to Proposition K.

34. Petitioners do not have a plain, speedy, or adequate remedy in the ordinary course
of law in that no damages or other legal remedy can adequately compensate Petitioners, the
residents of the Sunset District, residents elsewhere in the City, Bay Area residents travelling
through San Francisco, and visitors for the irreparable harm they will suffer as a result of
Proposition K being given legal effect. Accordingly, Petitioners are entitled to injunctive relief as
requested herein.

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Declaratory Relief

35. Pursuant to CCP section 1060, "[a]ny person...who desires a declaration of his or
her rights or duties with respect to another... may, in cases of actual controversy relating to the
legal rights and duties of the respective parties, bring an original action ... in the superior court for
a declaration of his or her rights and duties.... He or she may ask for a declaration of rights or
duties, either alone or with other relief; and the court may make a binding declaration of these

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 may be either affirmative or negative in form and effect, and the declaration shall have the force of
 a final judgment. The declaration may be had before there has been any breach of the obligation
 in respect to which said declaration is sought."

36. In the absence of this Court's declaration regarding Proposition K's legal
invalidity, Respondents will give legal effect to Proposition K, thereby causing Petitioners, the
residents of the Sunset District, residents elsewhere in the City, Bay Area residents travelling
through San Francisco, and visitors to the City to suffer irreparable harm for which there is no
adequate remedy at law.

37. Because Proposition K is legally invalid, Petitioners are entitled to a declaration
stating this, so that Respondents will not take any action that would give legal effect to Proposition
K.

38. Petitioners do not have a plain, speedy, or adequate remedy in the ordinary course
of law in that no damages or other legal remedy can adequately compensate Petitioners, the
residents of the Sunset District, residents elsewhere in the City, Bay Area residents travelling
through San Francisco, and visitors to the City for the irreparable harm they will suffer as a result
of Respondents giving legal effect to Proposition K. Accordingly, Petitioners are entitled to
declaratory relief as requested herein.

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39. 21 Charter section 2.113 permits four or more members of the Board to submit a 22 measure to the voters. This provision is unique because it refers to such a measure as an 23 "initiative measure" even though it does not require any signatures from registered voters in order 24 to be placed on the ballot. Further, this provision is distinct from measures sponsored by the full 25 Board because four Supervisors acting alone may place such a measure on the ballot without a majority vote (or any vote) of the Board. Upon information and belief, San Francisco is the only 26 27 county in the state which allows a measure to be placed on the ballot by the independent action of 28 less than a majority of its board of supervisors.

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The State Has Preempted the Field of Traffic Control and Roads 1 40. 2 Where the state has granted itself plenary authority over a certain field, local voters 3 are precluded from exercising their initiative power with respect to that field. As relevant here, the text of Vehicle Code section 21(a) explicitly provides that the state has preempted the entire field 4 5 of traffic control and roads: "Except as otherwise expressly provided, the provisions of this code are 6 applicable and uniform throughout the state and in all counties and municipalities 7 therein, and a local authority shall not enact or enforce any ordinance or resolution on the matters covered by this code, including ordinances or resolutions 8 that establish regulations or procedures for, or assess a fine, penalty, assessment, or fee for a violation of, matters covered by this code, unless expressly authorized 9 by this code." 10 Thus, the voters have no authority to close a public highway to vehicular traffic. 11 41. While the local electorate's right to legislate by initiative is guaranteed by Article 12 II, section 11 of the California Constitution, this right is not absolute. Absent an express 13 delegation of authority to a local legislative body, a city or county may not regulate or enact any 14 ordinances which infringe on the state's plenary power over traffic control and roads. 42. 15 Further, while the Legislature has expressly delegated some limited authority to 16 enact ordinances related to traffic control and roads to local legislative bodies, that does not mean the voters are permitted to exercise such authority. While a generic reference to "legislative body" 17 18 in a state statute may support the conclusion that the Legislature did not intend to preclude action 19 by local initiative, such a reference in a statute that addresses a matter of statewide concern 20 indicates that the Legislature intended to preclude action by local initiative. (See, e.g., Committee 21 of Seven Thousand v. Superior Court (1988) 45 Cal.3d 491, 501 ["[A]n intent to exclude ballot 22 measures is more readily inferred if the statute addresses a matter of statewide concern rather than 23 a purely municipal affair."]; Wiltshire v. Superior Court (1985) 172 Cal. App. 3d 296 [local 24 initiative regarding solid waste management is prohibited because topic is matter of statewide 25 concern].) 26 43. Notably, traffic control and roads are matters of statewide concern pursuant to 27 Vehicle Code section 21(a). California law permits a local legislative body to close a highway to 28 vehicular traffic only when the legislative body enacts an ordinance or resolution and makes a

finding that "in the opinion of the legislative body," the highway is "no longer needed for
 vehicular traffic." (Cal. Veh. Code section 21101(a)(1).)

44. The State clearly has an interest in ensuring uniform rules for drivers across the
state and highways and roads are clearly of a regional nature. Upon information and belief, the
Upper Great Highway is regularly used by not only residents of the Sunset District, but also
residents from elsewhere in the City, residents of other Bay Area counties travelling through the
City, and visitors. Thus, Proposition K was unlawfully put before the City's voters because it
pertains to a matter of statewide concern.

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The State Vehicle Code Does Not Permit "Partial" Closures

45. In interpreting the provisions of the Vehicle Code, "delegations of power to cities
 regarding vehicular traffic will be <u>strictly construed</u>." (<u>Rumford v. City of Berkeley</u> (1982) 31
 Cal.3d 545 [emphasis added; see also <u>City of Poway v. City of San Diego</u> (1991) 229 Cal.App.3d
 847; <u>City of Lafayette v. County of Contra Costa</u> (1979) 91 Cal.App.3d 749.)

46. Vehicle Code section 21101(a)(1) permits a locality to close a highway to vehicles
only when the local legislative body enacts an ordinance and makes a finding that the highway is
"[n]o longer needed for vehicular traffic."

17 47. Although Proposition K purports to rely on Vehicle Code section 21101(a)(1), that 18 statute does not authorize streets to be "partially closed or, more precisely, closed to some 19 vehicular traffic." (Rumford v. City of Berkeley (1982) 31 Cal.3d 545, 554.) On its face, Proposition K is an improper partial closure because it explicitly allows transit vehicles, 20 21 emergency vehicles, official government vehicles, and other authorized vehicles to continue 22 driving on the Upper Great Highway. These exemptions directly contradict the finding pursuant 23 to Vehicle Code section 21101(a)(1) that the Upper Great Highway is "[n]o longer needed for vehicular traffic." In other words, by allowing other vehicular traffic to continue to travel on the 24 25 Upper Great Highway, Proposition K inherently acknowledges that the road is still needed for vehicular traffic. 26

48. Thus, Vehicle Code section 21101(a)(1) does <u>not</u> allow a city to close a road "to
some vehicular traffic even though it be needed for other such traffic." (<u>Lafayette</u>, supra at 756.)

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1	Proposition K is a Project Subject to CEQA	
2	49. State law mandates that the government must study the environmental impacts of	
3	all "projects." (PRC section 21080(d).) A proposed activity is a project if it "is the sort that is	
4	capable of causing direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect effects on the environment." (Union	
5	of Medical Marijuana Patients, Inc. v. City of San Diego (2019) 7 Cal.5th 1171, 1198.)	
6	50. The closure of a busy public street to vehicular traffic is clearly a project with the	
7	potential to have significant environmental impacts. (See, e.g., Citizens for Improved Sorrento	
8	Access, Inc. v. City of San Diego (2004) 118 Cal.App.4th 808, 812-813 [discussing city's	
9	preparation of EIR to consider impact of closing street pursuant to Vehicle Code section	
10	21101(a)(1)].)	
11	51. Nonetheless, rather than comply with CEQA, the City erroneously asserted that	
12	"CEQA does not apply to a measure submitted to the voters by the Mayor or 5 Supervisors,"	
13	without further explanation or citation to any legal authority. Per binding California Supreme	
14	Court authority, "the discretionary submission of a ballot measure to the voters is not exempt	
15	from CEQA." (Friends of Sierra Madre v. City of Sierra Madre (2001) 25 Cal.4th 165, 171.)	
16	52. While measures which go on the ballot via an initiative petition signed by	
17	registered voters do not trigger CEQA (Devita v. County of Napa (1995) 9 Cal. 4th 763, 793-795),	
18	measures put on the ballot by four or more Supervisors are akin to a discretionary governmental	
19	action that is subject to CEQA. (Friends of Sierra Madre supra at 187.)	
20	53. Pursuant to CEQA, a project's potential environmental effects must first be	
21	identified, assessed and publicly disclosed before it may be approved by an agency. A project	
22	with the potential to have significant environmental impacts may not be approved if there are	
23	feasible alternatives or mitigation measures that would avoid or substantially lessen the adverse	
24	environmental impacts.	
25	54. Neither Respondents nor the Proponents considered feasible alternatives to the	
26	closure of the Upper Great Highway to most vehicles, or considered feasible mitigation measures	
27	for the closure's environmental impacts.	

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1	55. The closure of the Upper Great Highway to most vehicles was not in compliance	
2	with procedures required by law, was not supported by substantial evidence in the public record,	
3	was not reflected in legally adequate findings, and was arbitrary, capricious and reflected a	
4	prejudicial abuse of discretion.	
5	56. Pursuant to PRC section 21167.5, Petitioners have provided written notice of the	
6	commencement of this action to Respondents.	
7	57. Pursuant to PRC section 21167.7 and CCP section 388, Petitioners have or will	
8	provide written notice of this action, including a copy of this Petition, to the State Attorney	
9	General.	
10	58. Petitioners bring this action pursuant to PRC section 21168.5 and CCP	
11	section 1085 (or, alternatively, under PRC section 21168 and CCP section 1094.5), which require	
12	that the approval of a project be set aside if there was an abuse of discretion.	
13	59. In wrongly asserting that the closure of the Upper Great Highway to most vehicles	
14	was exempt from CEQA, and failing to prepare an EIR for the project, Respondents and the	
15	Proponents failed to comply with mandatory duties under CEQA.	
16	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION	
17	(Petition for Writ of Mandate for Closing the	
18	Upper Great Highway by an Act of the Voters)	
19	60. Petitioners incorporate by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1	
20	- 59 as though fully set forth herein.	
21	61. Based on the foregoing allegations, Petitioners are entitled to a writ of mandate	
22	prohibiting Respondents, and their officers, agents, and all persons acting by, through, or in	
23	concert with them, from taking any action that would give legal effect to Proposition K.	
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24	62. Petitioners have performed any and all conditions precedent to filing this action and	
24 25	62. Petitioners have performed any and all conditions precedent to filing this action and have exhausted any and all administrative remedies to the extent required by law.	
25	have exhausted any and all administrative remedies to the extent required by law.	
25 26	have exhausted any and all administrative remedies to the extent required by law. <u>SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION</u>	

63. Petitioners incorporate by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 1 - 59 as though fully set forth herein. 2 3 64. Based on the foregoing allegations, Petitioners are entitled to a writ of mandate prohibiting Respondents, and their officers, agents, and all persons acting by, through, or in 4 5 concert with them, from taking any action that would give legal effect to Proposition K. 65. Petitioners have performed any and all conditions precedent to filing this action and 6 7 have exhausted any and all administrative remedies to the extent required by law. 8 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION 9 (Petition for Writ of Mandate for Violations of CEQA) 66. 10 Petitioners incorporate by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-11 59 as though fully set forth herein. 67. Based on the foregoing allegations, Petitioners are entitled to a writ of mandate 12 prohibiting Respondents, and their officers, agents, and all persons acting by, through or in concert 13 14 with them, from taking any action that would give legal effect to Proposition K unless and until Respondents have complied with CEQA. 15 68. 16 Petitioners have performed any and all conditions precedent to filing this action and 17 have exhausted any and all administrative remedies to the extent required by law. 18 FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION 19 (Injunctive Relief Enjoining the City 20 From Giving Legal Effect to Proposition K) 69. 21 Petitioners incorporate by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1-59 as though fully set forth herein. 22 23 70. Based on the foregoing allegations, Petitioners are entitled to a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction prohibiting Respondents and 24 25 their officers, agents, and all persons acting by, through, or in concert with them, from taking an action that would give legal effect to Proposition K. 26 27 111 28 111 -12-VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE AND 3133/039356-0002

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1	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION		
2	(Declaratory Relief That Proposition K Violates		
3	The Law and Must Not Be Given Legal Effect)		
4	71. Petitioners incorporate by reference all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1		
5	- 59 as though fully set forth herein.		
6	72. An actual controversy has arisen between the Petitioners and Respondents in that		
7	Petitioners believe and contend, for the reasons set forth above, that Proposition K violates the law		
8	and must not be given legal effect. Further, upon information and belief, Respondents believe and		
9	contend that Proposition K does not violate the law and must be given legal effect.		
10	73. A judicial determination and declaration as to the legality of Proposition K, as set		
11	forth above, is therefore necessary and appropriate to determine the respective rights and duties of		
12	the parties.		
13	74. Based on the foregoing allegations, Petitioners are entitled to a judicial declaration		
14	that Proposition K is legally invalid and shall not be given any legal effect.		
15	PRAYER		
16	WHEREFORE, Petitioners pray for judgment as follows:		
17	1. On the <u>First Cause of Action</u> , that this Court issue alternative and peremptory writs		
18	of mandate prohibiting Respondents, and their officers, agents, and all persons acting by, through,		
19	or in concert with them, from taking any action that would give legal effect to Proposition K;		
20	2. On the <u>Second Cause of Action</u> , that this Court issue alternative and peremptory		
21	writs of mandate prohibiting Respondents, and their officers, agents, and all persons acting by,		
22	through, or in concert with them, from taking any action that would give legal effect to		
23	Proposition K;		
24	3. On the <u>Third Cause of Action</u> , that this Court issue alternative and peremptory		
25	writs of mandate prohibiting Respondents, and their officers, agents, and all persons acting by,		
26	through, or in concert with them, from taking any action that would give legal effect to		
27	Proposition K;		
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1	4. O	In the <u>Fourth Cause of Action</u> , t	that this Court issue a temporary restraining order,
2	preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction prohibiting Respondents, and their officers,		
3	agents, and all pe	ersons acting by, through, or in	concert with them, from taking any action that
4	would give legal	l effect to Proposition K;	
5	5. On the <u>Fifth Cause of Action</u> , that this court issue its judgment declaring that		
6	Proposition K is	legally invalid and must not be	e given legal effect;
7	6. For an award of attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and costs as permitted or		
8	required by law, including but not limited to CCP section 1021.5, California Government Code		
9	section 800, and	other statutory and common la	w; and
10	7. T	hat this Court grant Petitioners	such other, different, or further relief as the Court
11	may deem just a	nd proper.	
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4	I have read the foregoing and know its contents.	
5	I am a party to this action. The matters stated in the foregoing document are true of my	
6	own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to	
7	those matters I am informed and believe that they are true.	
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4	I have read the foregoing and know its contents.	
5	I am an officer of Livable SF, Inc., a party to this action, and am authorized to make this	
6	verification for and on its behalf, and I make this verification for that reason. The matters stated in	
7	the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge.	
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9	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the	
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2	(Matthew Boschetto et al v. City and County of San Francisco et al. and RPI SFO Case No.:)		
3	STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE		
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5 6	I am employed by the law office of Rutan & Tucker, LLP in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 18575 Jamboree Road, 9th Floor, Irvine, CA 92612. My electronic notification address is		
7	pcarvalho@rutan.com.		
8	On March 11, 2025, I served on the interested parties in said action the within:		
9	NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACTION (Pub.Res.Code §21167.5)		
10	as stated below:		
11	(BY MAIL) by placing a true copy thereof in sealed envelope(s) addressed as shown on the attached service list.		
12	In the course of my employment with Rutan & Tucker, LLP, I have, through first-hand		
13	personal observation, become readily familiar with Rutan & Tucker, LLP's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Under that		
14	practice, I deposited such envelope(s) in an out-box for collection by other personnel of Rutan & Tucker, LLP, and for ultimate posting and placement with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day in the ordinary course of business. If the customary business practices of Rutan & Tucker, LLP with regard to collection and processing of correspondence and mailing were followed, and I am confident that they were, such envelope(s) were posted and placed in the United States mail at Irvine, California, that same date. I am aware that on motion of party served, service is presumed		
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17	invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.		
18	(BY E-MAIL) by transmitting a true copy of the foregoing document(s) to the e-mail addresses set forth on the attached service list.		
19	Executed on March 11, 2025, at Irvine, California.		
20	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the		
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