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Plaintiff,

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE) MATTER of the validity of the proceedings)

forming Convention Center Facilities District) No. 2012-1, City of San Diego, County of San)

Diego, State of California; the validity of the) special tax authorized by the Convention Center) Facilities District; the validity of the) authorization to issue bonds to be secured and)

repaid by the special tax; the establishment of)

the appropriations limit for the Convention) Center Facilities District; including the validity)

Defendants.

Attorneys for Defendant San Diegans for Open Government

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO--HALL OF JUSTICE

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a California) CASE NO. 37-2012-00097148-CU-MC-CTL

> VERIFIED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR VALIDATION OF CONVENTION CENTER FACILITIES DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX AND OTHER **AUTHORIZATIONS**

Action Filed: May 10, 2012 Department: C-72 (Taylor)

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Defendant SAN DIEGANS FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT answers Plaintiff's complaint as follows:

Answer to Complaint's Allegations

With respect to Paragraph 1, Defendant denies that the City has the right and power to 1. make and enforce all laws and regulations with respect to the undefined phrase "certain other matters"; and denies all other allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information regarding the truth of the allegations.

- 2. With respect to Paragraph 2, Defendant admits that it is an interested party based on the allegations in the complaint; and denies any and all other factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
 - 3. With respect to Paragraph 3, Defendant admits the allegations.
- 4. With respect to Paragraph 4, there appears to be no factual allegation to admit or deny. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 5. With respect to Paragraph 5, there appears to be no factual allegation to admit or deny. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 6. With respect to Paragraph 6, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 7. With respect to Paragraph 7, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 8. With respect to Paragraph 8, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 9. With respect to Paragraph 9, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 10. With respect to Paragraph 10, Defendant admits that a public hearing was held on January 24, 2012 (by the San Diego City Council); and denies any and all other factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the

allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.

- 11. With respect to Paragraph 11, Defendant admits that the San Diego City Council passed a resolution the exact substance of which was not specified during the hearing; and denies any and all other factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 12. With respect to Paragraph 12, Defendant admits that the San Diego City Council passed a resolution the exact substance of which was not specified during the hearing; and denies any and all other factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 13. With respect to Paragraph 13, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 14. With respect to Paragraph 14, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 15. With respect to Paragraph 15, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 16. With respect to Paragraph 16, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.

- 17. With respect to Paragraph 17, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 18. With respect to Paragraph 18, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 19. With respect to Paragraph 19, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 20. With respect to Paragraph 20, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 21. With respect to Paragraph 21, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 22. With respect to Paragraph 22, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 23. With respect to Paragraph 23, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.

- 24. With respect to Paragraph 24, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 25. With respect to Paragraph 25, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 26. With respect to Paragraph 26, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 27. With respect to Paragraph 27, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 28. With respect to Paragraph 28, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 29. With respect to Paragraph 29, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 30. With respect to Paragraph 30, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
 - 31. With respect to Paragraph 31, Defendant admits the allegations.

- 32. With respect to Paragraph 32, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 33. With respect to Paragraph 33, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 34. With respect to Paragraph 34, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.
- 35. With respect to Paragraph 35, Defendant incorporates paragraphs 1-34 of this pleading into this paragraph.
- 36. With respect to Paragraph 36(a)-(i), Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations. Defendant further denies that the actions and proceedings that Plaintiff seeks to have validated by this action were undertaken and approved in accordance with all applicable laws.
- 37. With respect to Paragraph 37, Defendant denies any and all factual allegations in the paragraph on the basis that Defendant lacks sufficient information to ascertain the truth of the allegations. No admission or denial is required or made to the extent the paragraph contains non-factual allegations.

Affirmative Defenses

- 1. Defendant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that Plaintiff has failed to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. Defendant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the subject matter of these proceedings is improper for validation proceedings.

3. Defendant is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that the subject matter of these proceedings has not been subjected to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act but constitutes a non-exempt discretionary project thereunder.

Prayer

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, Defendant respectfully prays for the following relief against Plaintiff (and any and all other parties who may oppose Defendant in this proceeding):

- A. For judgment providing that Plaintiff take nothing in this action;
- B. All attorney fees and other legal expenses incurred by Defendant in connection with this action, including but not limited to reasonable attorney fees as authorized by the Code of Civil Procedure and the Government Code; and
 - C. Any and all further relief that this Court may deem appropriate.

Date: July 6, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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By:

Isabel E. O'Donnell

Attorneys for Defendant San Diegans for Open Government

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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