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   HOLLYWOOD CHARACTERS, et al.,
                                            CASE NO: cv 10-5848 DDP (CWx)
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               Plaintiffs,
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                                            IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR A
                                            PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
   v.
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   CITY OF LOS ANGELES, et al.,
                                            Date: November 1, 2010
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                                            Ctrm: 3 (Hon. Dean D. Pregerson)
               Defendants.
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         Declarations and exhibits in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary
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DECLARATION OF BALKE

#### DECLARATION OF MATTHIAS BALKE

### I, MATTHIAS BALKE, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a plaintiff in this action. The Hollywood Characters is an unincorporated association of costumed street performers on Hollywood Boulevard. I am one of them, as are the other plaintiffs in this action. The group formed this summer to represent the interests of and advocate against recent arrests of performers on Hollywood Boulevard. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
- 2. On June 4, 2010, at approximately 7:30 p.m., I was arrested outside the Fashion 21 store in the 6800 block of Hollywood Boulevard, at the Hollywood and Highland complex. I was dressed as the character Wolverine from the movie "X-Men." Approximately one week earlier, on or around May 28, 2010, I had been informed that a number of the characters on the Hollywood Boulevard were arrested, including an individual who wears a Bumblebee "Transformer" costume.
- 3. I was on Hollywood Boulevard with two friends who also are street performers in costume in this location. The area where we were standing is a very wide sidewalk. The three of us were standing on the public sidewalk, on the curb edge, facing away from the street. I could see that the public was freely able to walk up and down the sidewalk in front of us. At 7:30 p.m. that night, there was only light pedestrian traffic for most of the time that we were there and at some points there were no pedestrians in the area. Occasionally, a few people would stop and take photographs of us. Based on the arrests that had occurred a few days earlier, we did not engage the public taking our photos except to tell them it was fine to do so. We did not solicit any tip, donation or other form of monetary or non-monetary payment.
- 4. The reason we did not solicit any tips or donations was our understanding that Zach Junt, another Hollywood Performer who was performing as Spiderman, was arrested a few hours earlier for solicitation of money. I believed that if I did not seek money, and simply performed on the sidewalk, I would not be arrested. When I was

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arrested and taken to Hollywood Station, I was put in the same cell with Zach Junt and learned directly from him that he had been arrested for solicitation.

- 5. After approximately 10 minutes, we were approached by three individuals wearing Los Angeles Police Department uniforms, badges and insignias. When we first saw the officers, they appeared to be arresting an individual they had brought out of the Hollywood and Highland complex. I observed that the individual was in handcuffs and saw him being seated in the back of a patrol car. At about the same time, at least one additional patrol car arrived. My best recollection is that there were four or five officers by the time the incident involving me ended in my arrest.
- 6. The officers approached us. I believe that it was Officer Chacon who first approached us. I observed Officer Chacon pointed his finger at one of my firends, Paul Harrell, who was dressed as "The Joker" from the Batman films. I was standing directly next to Paul at the time and close enough to observe and hear everything the officers said. As I observed Officer Chacon point to Paul, I heard him say "You are coming with us." Officer Chacon then pointed at me and said "You need to leave." When Officer Chacon told me to leave, I asked what law I was breaking at the time. Officer Chacon did not respond to me verbally. Instead, he motioned with his hand and said "come on," which I understood based on his words and his hand motion, as well, as his prior interaction with Paul, that I was being taken into custody by the officers and was no longer free to leave.
- 7. Immediately after indicating to me that I was in custody, I observed the officer point to Melissa Beithan, who had been standing with us, and ask her if she was going to leave. I observed Melissa say "no." After that, I observed Officer Chacon grab Paul Harrell by the arm, Officer Gonazalez grab Melissa Beithan by the arm, and a third officer grabbed me by the arm and walk us down the street to the west where two patrol cars were located near the Grauman Theater box office.
  - 8. When we arrived at this location in front of the Grauman, I was

- 9. Because of my arrest, I had to obtain a criminal defense lawyer. On July 2, 2010, I appeared with my attorney at the Hollywood Criminal Court on a misdemeanor charge of violating Los Angeles Municipal Code §41.18(A), "blocking a sidewalk." All charges against me were rejected for filing.
- wearing the same costume as Wolverine. I work 50 hours a week at a full-time job. My costume is black leather. There are limited times when I go out in the costume because it is so hot and because I work full-time during the week. I was not out at all last summer. For me, being out on Hollywood Boulevard is an exercise in expressive activity for me. I identify with the character and enjoy being a street performer dressed up as a superhero and acting as the character. I am trained as an actor and view my interaction with the public on Hollywood Boulevard as a performance.
- 11. I want to be able to go back to Hollywood Boulevard in or out of costume without the risk of being arrested. I also want to be able to solicit donations from individuals who want to have their photographs taken with me. About a month after I was arrested, Christopher Dennis, who performs as Superman and has done so for about 20 years to my knowledge, was arrested for loitering. I reviewed his official bail receipt, which listed the charge as a violation of §41.18(a) ("loitering"). This is part of the same ordinance under which I was arrested: LAMC §41.18(d) ("blocking the sidewalk"). About a week after my arrest, James Carax was issued a citation for

"loitering." I learned of his arrest by speaking to James and viewing a videotape of his arrest. My understanding is that he was on the south side of Hollywood Boulevard and not wearing a costume at the time that he was arrested, although the police recognized him. James Carax is also one of the characters on Hollywood Boulevard, where he performs as Captain Jack Sparrow. After my arrest, and especially after James' arrest, I have avoided walking on the north side of Hollywood Boulevard because I am concerned that the police will arrest me again. For my performance as Wolverine, I had grown facial hair to look like Wolverine. After my arrest, I shaved them off and cut my hair to avoid recognition by the police.

12. Attached to my declaration at Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the "Bail Receipt &/or Notice of Appear" issued to me when I was released from the police station. When I appeared on July 2, 2010 at the Hollywood Courthouse, my case was not on calendar. I went to the City Attorney's office on the second floor of the courthouse, where the information in red was stamped and completed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 27th day of August, 2010 at Santa Monica, California.

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DECLARATION OF BIETHAN

### **DECLARATION OF MELISSA BIETHAN**

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- 1. I am a plaintiff in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and, if I were called to testify to those facts, I could and would do so competently.
- 2. On June 4, 2010, at approximately 7:30 p.m., I was arrested outside of the Forever 21 store in the 6800 block of Hollywood Boulevard, at the Hollywood and Highland complex. I was dressed as the character Catwoman from the movie "Batman Returns." Approximately one week earlier, on or around May 28, 2010, I had been informed that a number of the characters on the Hollywood Boulevard were arrested.
- I was on Hollywood Boulevard with two friends who are also street 3. performers in costume at this location. The area where we were standing is a very wide sidewalk. The three of us were standing on the public sidewalk, on the curb edge, facing away from the street. I could observe that members of the public were freely able to walk up and down the sidewalk in front of us. At 7:30 p.m. that night, there was only light pedestrian traffic for most of the time that we were there and at some points there were no pedestrians in the area. Occasionally, a few people would stop and take photographs of us. After a few minutes, a Marilyn Monroe character approached us to tell us that is was not safe to be out there because police officers were there arresting characters. Immediately after that, three officers of the Los Angeles Police Department approached us and told us to go home. I informed the police officer that I would not leave and asked the police officers why we should go home. The officers responded that we were going to be arrested. The police officers handcuffed us and walked us to the squad cars that were near the Grauman's Chinese Theater box office about a block away to the West. As we walked to the squad cars, people on the block who were observing yelled at the officers, "Why are you doing this?" and "What did they do?"

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telling me he was going to yank it. My head flew back because the mask does not easily come off. The three of us were placed in separate patrol cars and were transported to the Wilcox station.

5. At the Wilcox station, I was placed in a holding cell for approximately one hour. After that, I was informed that I had been arrested for blocking the sidewalk

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- hour. After that, I was informed that I had been arrested for blocking the sidewalk and was told that I could call someone for bail but I had no one to call. The police officers told me I would have to wait for the judge on Monday if I could not post bail. I was then fingerprinted and put back into a holding cell for approximately 30-45 minutes.
- 6. I was then transported to the Van Nuys station by two officers because there is no women's jail at the Wilcox station. After waiting in two different holding cells for over an hour, a female police officer told me I was being released. They fingerprinted me again and released me late at night with three bus tokens to get home.
- 7. I started performing as a Hollywood Boulevard character in October 2009. After going out as a character a couple of times, I found I really enjoyed it and wanted to go out more often. I was a lifeguard at the time, but I went on reserve for this summer in order to be a Hollywood Boulevard character full time. Dressing like Catwoman is an expressive activity for me that requires me to know the character, know how to pose for pictures, and interact with the public. I enjoy performing on Hollywood Boulevard because I like talking to people and the look in children's eyes when they see their favorite movie characters means a lot to me. I identify with the Catwoman character because many people tell me I look like Michelle Pfeiffer.

8. I want to be able to go back to Hollywood Boulevard in or our out of costume without the risk of being arrested. Since the incident, I avoid the north side of Hollywood Boulevard even though I live nearby and often walk the area out of costume. Avoiding the area makes it inconvenient to go the grocery store, to the local stores, and to run errands because I am afraid that the police will arrest me again.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed on this 20 day of August, 2010.

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DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER DENNIS

I, Christopher Dennis, declare and state as follows:

- 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below. If I were called to testify to those facts, I could and would do so competently.
- I have been performing on Hollywood Boulevard as the character of Superman for the past 19 years. On July 8, 2010, I was on Hollywood Boulevard passing out flyers advertising two stores: Star World and The Hollywood Show Gallery. The stores hired me to do so in costume. Tourists would occasionally stop and ask me to take photos with them. At approximately 3:25p.m., LAPD officers surrounded me, handcuffed me, and transported me to the police station. They said I was being arrested for loitering. My costume was taken and I was given some scrubs to wear. After I was processed, I called my wife to bail me out. The bail was \$250. I was released at approximately 10 p.m. that evening.
- 3. As a result of the citation, I had to hire a criminal defense attorney. On July 29, 2010, I had a court date for the citation. I was represented by my attorney, Daniel Hustwit. He gave me a number to call which I believe was for the County Prosecutor's office. When I called, they informed me that the case was rejected for filing because the prosecutor didn't want to pursue the case. I went to the courthouse and got the ticket stamped with the rejection number. A true and correct copy of the Notice to Appear with the "Case Rejected" stamp is attached hereto as Exhibit & This document also shows the \$250 bail that was paid.
- 4. On August 11, 2010, I went out to Hollywood Boulevard with a film crew. I was there for about an hour and a half. Some people approached me to ask for photos. At one point, I heard a siren and it scared me to death. A police car was pulling someone over, but they didn't get out right away. They just sat there. The officers were watching me. It looked like the same officer that had arrested me. I felt that they were trying to intimidate me. I believe they could tell that I was wired for sound, which was to assist the film crew. I decided to leave the area because I feared

I might be arrested again. While I was out on Hollywood Boulevard, I saw breakdancers, people with amplified sound, drummers with buckets, and other non-costumed performers on the street who were not being threatened with arrest. I feel that I and the characters who perform in costume on Hollywood Boulevard are being singled out and treated unfairly.

5. I enjoy performing as Superman because of the love I have for the character. I

- 5. I enjoy performing as Superman because of the love I have for the character. like to put smiles on people's faces. When I'm out on Hollywood Boulevard in my costume, I feel like an ambassador for Hollywood and I'm bringing a Superhero character to life for everyone to enjoy. I especially enjoy making children smile. They enjoy taking pictures with me and the other costumed characters.
- 6. Since being arrested, I have only gone back to Hollywood Boulevard in costume the one time on August 11, 2010, accompanied by a film crew. Besides that one time, I have not gone back out as Superman on Hollywood Boulevard based on what happened that day with the police watching me and because I am afraid I will be arrested. On that day, when I saw the officers watching me, I was terrified. I live right around the corner from the Kodak theater and even when I am not in costume, I am always looking over my shoulder and jump anytime I hear a siren. It makes my heart pound.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this Italy of August, 2010.

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DECLARATION OF HARRELL

### DECLARATION OF PAUL LOUIS HARRELL

I, PAUL LOUIS HARRELL, declare as follows:

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- 1. I am a plaintiff in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and, if I were called to testify as a witness to those facts, I could and would do so competently.
- On June 4, 2010 at approximately 7:30 p.m., I was arrested outside the 2. Forever 21 store on the 6800 block of Hollywood Boulevard, at the Hollywood and Highland complex. I was dressed as the character The Joker from the movie "The Dark Knight." Approximately one week earlier, on or around May 28, 2010, I had been informed that a number of the characters on the Hollywood Boulevard were arrested, including an individual who wears a Bumblebee "Transformer" costume. I was on Hollywood Boulevard with two friends Matthias Balke and Melissa Biethan who are also street performers in costume at this location. The area where we were standing is a very wide sidewalk. The three of us were standing on the public sidewalk, on the curb edge, facing away from the street. We were doing what we normally do: performing, taking photos and greeting tourists. We could observe that members of the public were freely able to walk up and down the sidewalk in front of us. At 7:30 pm that night, there was light pedestrian traffic for most of the time we were there and at some points there were no pedestrians in the area. Occasionally, a few people would stop and take photographs of us. After approximately 10 minutes, we were approached by three officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Chacon approached me and immediately arrested me and my two friends. The officers did not give any reason for the arrest, nor did they give us a warning or tell us which law we were breaking. I was immediately handcuffed and transported to the Wilcox police station in a patrol car. My two friends were also handcuffed and they were transported in separate patrol cars.

- 3. At the Wilcox station I was put through the booking process and questioned. While I was at the station, an officer asked me if I knew why I was at the station, and I responded "No." Nothing was said to me at any point by any of the officers about why I was arrested. While I was at the station, I observed the officers debating in front of me what to charge my friend and me with. Only at the end of booking was I given a pink slip which stated the reason for arrest. The charge was for a misdemeanor under Los Angeles Municipal Code §41.18(A), "blocking sidewalk." After a few hours I was released from the station after I posted a cash bail of \$250.
- 4. Because of my arrest, I had to obtain a criminal defense lawyer. On July 2, 2010 my attorney appeared at the Hollywood Criminal Court to defend the charge against me. I did not attend this hearing. All charges against me were rejected for filing.
- 5. I have been performing on Hollywood Boulevard since Jan 5, 2009. I perform on Hollywood Boulevard as much as I can between auditions for acting jobs. I have been doing well with my acting career. Matthias Balke, other performers, and I were featured on the cover of a high end German travel magazine. The magazine featured the Hollywood performers as the reason to come to Hollywood, which I really believe is true. We draw people from inside and outside of Los Angeles to Hollywood. I pride myself on my work because it is very authentic. I put a lot of effort into my costumes and my performance because I really enjoy this work. The public and the tourists really respect and appreciate my efforts, and I love bringing this unique experience to people.
- 6. Since this incident, I have not gone back out on Hollywood Boulevard because I am afraid of being unjustly arrested. I fear that I will be harassed or detained if I am seen with or without a costume due to my experience of being arrested with my friends and also because of the experience of my friend James

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## **DECLARATION OF ZACHARY JUNT**

I, ZACHARY JUNT, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a plaintiff in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and, if I were called to testify as a witness to those facts, I could and would do so competently.
- 2. On June 4, 2010 at approximately 1:30 p.m., I was in front of the Kodak Theater on Hollywood Boulevard. I had been taking photos with people if they approached me. I usually stand in one place or roam up and down the street. I do not approach people for photos, call them over or ask for money. I simply say that tips are appreciated and I accept money if it is offered to me. Without warning, two officers approached me, ordered me to step towards them and put me in handcuffs. They told me I was being arrested for loitering, and after asking me a few questions about my costume, they transported me to the police station.
- 3. At the station, officers took my suit and gave me some scrubs to wear. I was held in a cell for about 45 minutes alone. Then an officer came in and told me that he was the officer who ordered the arrest. He stated that I was arrested for open solicitation because I was working on public property without a permit and demanding money. He said he had 45 minutes of surveillance footage of me demanding money which is not possible. I only say that tips are appreciated after someone approaches me. He said that if I ever went back to Hollywood Boulevard in costume, I would be arrested.
- 4. I was transferred to a couple of different holding cells, fingerprinted and booked. I spent the night in jail until bail was arraigned. I was released at approximately 11:30 a.m. the following morning. I paid bail of \$250.00. I had to hire a criminal defense attorney to represent me on the charges. The case was rejected for filing and all charges were dropped.
- 5. Since the incident, I have not been back to Hollywood Boulevard in costume. I also live in the neighborhood, but since the incident, I avoid the Hollywood &

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Highland area altogether because I am afraid that the police might recognize me even out of costume and I could be arrested.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this 22 day of August, 2010.

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VOTING: Notify the jailer of any request to vote in a local, state, or federal election.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE: Notify the jailer of any request for religious material. Visits from members of the dergy or other bona fide religious advisors are permitted at any time.

INMATE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE: Any complaint or grievance must be reported to a jail supervisor without delay.

INMATES WITH DISABILITIES: Should you require any special assistance, notify the jailer.

JAIL RULES: Any obstruction, willful resistance, destruction of jail property, or other unlawful conduct towards custody staff may result in additional criminal charges being filed against you. Prosecution will be pursued regardless of the disposition of your original charges.

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# **DECLARATION OF TERRELL ANTHONY TOMEY**

I, Terrell Anthony Tomey, declare and state as follows:

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1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below. If I were called to testify to those facts, I could and would do so competently.

2. I am a performer on Hollywood Boulevard as the character of Batman. I have been performing as that character for the past 3 years. Prior to that, I have performed as many other characters in that location during the last 7 years. I enjoy performing on Hollywood Boulevard because I like to entertain people. People from all over the world and all ages smile and enjoy the performance. Prior to this incident, I would perform on Hollywood Boulevard approximately 5 days a week.

3. On June 2, 2010, at approximately 2:30 p.m., I arrived on Hollywood Boulevard between Orange and Highland, in front of Madame Tussaud's. I was wearing my Batman costume. Upon my arrival, I was approached by a Channel 4 news reporter and cameraman. The reporter interviewed me about what had been happening lately to the Hollywood Boulevard characters. Some bystanders were stopping and asking to take photographs with me. No more than about 15 minutes went by when I noticed an LAPD police vehicle stop in the middle of the street and two officers got out. The two officers immediately approached me and told me to come to their vehicle and lead me by the arm to the car. The officers instructed me to interlace my fingers and put my hands on my head, and proceeded to handcuff me. The officers asked for my ID and I told them it was in my pouch. They

retrieved it. They put me in the vehicle and transported me to the Hollywood police station. I asked what I was being arrested for and they did not respond. I never received any citation or other information about what the basis was for my arrest. The officers repeatedly asked me questions about how long I had been performing on the boulevard, how much money I make and what my biggest tip was for my performances on the boulevard. I told them that I wished to remain silent and that I wanted a lawyer. The arresting officers were Officer Jordan (Serial No. 32285) and Officer Rutkowski (Serial No. 40290).

- 4. While I was in custody at the Hollywood station, one of the officers who arrested me asked me "do you know why you're here?" I said no. After waiting a while, one of the officers came back and informed me that the charge would be "blocking the sidewalk."
- 5. I informed the officers at the station that I have a medical problem that requires blood thinning medication. I was transported to a medical facility for that treatment and remained there until the next morning. The next day, I was transported to another facility. Towards the end of the day on June 3, 2010, an officer informed me that I was released and let me out. I was never given any citation or any date on which to appear in court.
- 6. Since this incident, I have not been back to Hollywood Boulevard to perform because I am afraid that I might get arrested.

7. I reside in the neighborhood of Hollywood and Highland and prior to this incident would often go to restaurants and shops on Hollywood Boulevard because they are close to home. Since this incident, I am too afraid to go to Hollywood Boulevard because I do not want to be arrested.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this 16th day of August, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF BALKE

## SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MATTHIAS BALKE

I, MATTHIAS BALKE, declare as follows:

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1. I am a plaintiff in this action and previously prepared a declaration in this matter. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below.

On Saturday, October 2nd, at approximately 2:30 p.m., I was walking

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westbound on Hollywood Boulevard on my way to the grocery store when I

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observed the police writing a citation to CD vendors. I had stopped momentarily in

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vendors, I observed them move to my friend. I was standing no more than three

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feet from the officers so I could see and hear everything that occurred. The officers

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were Alfraimo and Wax. Officer Alfraimo addressed my friend, Mitch, and said "I

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thought we had a talk about this. I don't want to see you out here again in a

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costume. If I catch you wearing a costume out here, I will arrest you and put you in

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jail." My friend walked away. I immediately observed Officer Alfraimo turn to

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another individual wearing the costume of "Sully" from Monsters, Inc. As I

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observed, Officer Alfraimo ordered the individual to take off the face cover on his

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costume. Officer Alfraimo then told him the same thing I had just heard him say to

my friend. Officer Alfraimo then said, while pointing his finger in the characters face, "The First Amendment does not give you a right to do this out here."

- A. Based on what I observed of Officer Alfraimo's threats to two individuals dressed as characters, I continue to be fearful that if I return to Hollywood Boulevard in character I will be similarly threatened with arrest. At the time that this occurred, I observed tour sales people coming up to pedestrians, stopping them on the sidewalk and trying to get them to sign-up for tours of Hollywood and other celebrity areas. I also saw a crew of break dancers performing in front of the Hollywood and Highland complex. There was a large crowd that had gathered around them that stretched from the curb to the wall of the building complex. This activity and the crowd that gathered made it almost impossible to walk down the sidewalk in this area. I saw at least three police cars drive by and not stop. I believe it would have been impossible for the police not to notice the large crowd stopped on the sidewalk to observe the break dancers.
- on the day of my arrest. In the video, I am addressed as the Wolverine character, wearing a red shirt and standing next to a police car. In the same video, I also recognize Paul Harrell, who is personally known to me. He is dressed as the "Joker" and had already been placed in the police vehicle. In the same video, I also recognize Melissa Beithan, whom I also know personally. She is wearing a "Catwoman" costume. All three of us were arrested at the same time at the same location. The video is a fair and accurate representation of what occurred to me and the two others that day. A true and correct copy of the video is available on line on

YouTube and attached at Exhibit **I**.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010 at Santa Monica, California.

MATTHIAS BALKE

EXHIBIT I (ON DVD)

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF DENNIS

**DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER DENNIS** 

I, Christopher Dennis, declare and state as follows:

- 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below. If I were called to testify to those facts, I could and would do so competently.
- 2. I recognized myself in a video available online on YouTube dated May 29, 2010. I am wearing my Superman costume. The video is a fair and accurate representation of Hollywood Boulevard as it looked that day. There was plenty of room around me for people to pass by. A copy of the video is attached as Exhibit M.
- 3. Attached to this declaration as Exhibit is a true and correct copy of a photo of me in my Superman costume after I was handcuffed on July 8, 2010.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this # day of September, 2010.

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EXHIBIT M (ON DVD)

DECLARATION OF JAMES HINTON HILL III

## **DECLARATION OF JAMES HINTON HILL III**

I, James Hill, declare and state as follows:

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- 1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below. If I were called to testify to those facts, I could and would do so competently.
- 2. I am a performer on Hollywood Boulevard, as the character of Mr. Rhumsmithe, which is an off-shoot of Captain Jack Sparrow. People often refer to me as Captain Jack. I have been performing as that character for the past three and a half years. Prior to that, I also performed as the character of Chewbacca, for approximately one year.
- 3. On June 3, 2010, at approximately 1:30 p.m., I arrived on Hollywood Boulevard in front of the Hard Rock Café with a laptop computer in hand and was filming the scene; I was not in costume at that time. Within 10-20 minutes of my arrival, I was approached by an officer of the LAPD, who singled me out and told me I had to move along because I was blocking the sidewalk. There were tourists and other people all around, with plenty of room to pass by on the sidewalk. He asked me if I had a permit for the video, and I replied that I did not. When I asked him if I could keep taping, he said only if I have a permit. I mentioned that many of the tourists did not have a permit to be filming on Hollywood blvd. He then said that he had seen me before on Hollywood Boulevard, not dressed as I was, because I was in my regular clothes, and told me I'd better keep moving. I understood this to mean, he recognized me as the character I play.
- 4. There were many other people in the area who were filming. I found someone else with a camera and began to follow them as the police headed back to their car without approaching the tourist with the camera. The police did not tell the other person to leave and did not tell them that they were blocking the sidewalk. I crossed the street and was followed by the police. A few minutes later, the officer told me to turn off the camera on my laptop. The officer then gave me a citation for blocking the sidewalk and told me I could not come back to the area. He threatened that if I did come back to the

area, I would get another ticket and possibly go to jail. Video footage that I took that day depicting the facts stated above is attached as 5. Exhibit K 6. Because I felt the citation was unjustified. I hired a criminal defense attorney to represent me on the citation. He appeared in court on my behalf and the charges were dismissed. A true and correct copy of the citation is attached as Exhibit 7. Since this incident. I have not been back to Hollywood Boulevard to perform because I am afraid that I might get another unjustified ticket, and/or arrested. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this 19 day of September, 2010. 

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- I am a plaintiff in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and, if I were called to testify as a witness to those facts, I could and would do so competently.
- Attached to this declaration as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of a photo of me in my Spiderman costume after I was handcuffed on June 4, 2010
- I also recognized myself in a video that was posted online on YouTube dated May 29, 2010. In the video, I am wearing my Spiderman costume. I am standing at the 10 edge of the sidewalk and not obstructing the sidewalk or preventing passage in any way. The video is a fair and accurate representation of Hollywood Boulevard as it 12 looked that day. The video is available online on YouTube and a copy of the video is attached as Exhibit

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this 19 day of September, 2010.

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EXHIBIT H
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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF TOMEY

DECLARATION OF TERRELL ANTHONY TOMEY I, Terrell Anthony Tomey, declare and state as follows: I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below. If I were called to testify to those facts, I could and would do so competently. The local NBC news interviewed me and a video of the media coverage is available online. A copy of the video is attached as Exhibit 1. This is a fair and accurate representation of rue in my Batman costume both before I was arrested and while the police officer was placing me in handcuffs. I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed this 21 day of September, 2010. -1-

EXHIBIT J (ON DVD)

CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE The undersigned hereby certifies that the City of Attorney has been served this date by the Court's Electronic Court Filing system: JOHN CARVALHO 200 N. Main Street City Hall East, 9th fl. Los Angeles, CA 90012 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 4th day of October, 2010 at Santas Monica, California. CAROL A. SOBEL 

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE The undersigned hereby certifies that the City of Attorney has been served this date by facsimile service upon the following individual: JOHN CARVALHO 200 N. Main Street City Hall East, 6<sup>th</sup> fl. Los Angeles, CA 90012 213 978-8787 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 4th day of October, 2010 at Santas Monica, California. CAROL A. SOBEL