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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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KRISTIN M. PERRY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. 09-CV-2292 VRW

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, et al.,

Defendants.

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10:01:57	1	compensation; is that correct?	10:05:23	1	A. It was created by an ad hoc executive
10:01:58	2	A. Correct. I believe that I operate as its	10:05:26	2	committee.
10:02:02	3	executive director without compensation.	10:05:27	3	Q. And earlier you said something about
10:02:06	4	Q. And what are your responsibilities as	10:05:32	4	California Renewal being the sponsoring I can't
10:02:14	5	executive director for California Renewal?	10:05:37	5	remember the language you used but member or
10:02:19	6	A. Prior to there has been no activity by	10:05:39	6	sponsoring in some way sponsoring. And I was unclear
10:02:27	7	California Renewal leading up to the	10:05:48	7	whether you were saying they sponsored the formation of
10:02:36	8	ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8 campaign.	10:05:52	8	ProtectMarriage.com or something else.
10:02:41	9	Q. I'm not sure I understand what you just said	10:05:55	9	Can you explain?
10:02:43	10	so let me try to ask. You say there's been no activity	10:05:57	10	A. Well, I'm not sure that I can explain it much
10:02:49	11	by California Renewal leading up to the Yes on 8	10:05:59	11	better than I have because of my lack of legal
10:02:55	12	campaign. I'm trying to understand the connection	10:06:02	12	intellect. And it would have to do with that there is a
10:03:00	13	between California Renewal and ProtectMarriage.	10:06:13	13	board of directors, too.
10:03:04	14	Is there one?	10:06:18	14	California Renewal who gave authority to an ad
10:03:06	15	A. When you say "ProtectMarriage," are you	10:06:24	15	hoc executive committee to move forward with a
10:03:08	16	referring to the ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8 campaign?		16	primarily-formed ballot measure called
10:03:13	17	Q. Yes.	10:06:34	17	ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8.
10:03:14	18	A. The sponsoring entity was the (c)(4)	10:06:40	18	Q. I would say that's not an intellect issue, I
10:03:17	19	California Renewal.	10:06:45	19	think it was very clear.
10:03:17	20	Q. The sponsoring entity of the initiative	10:06:46	20	A. Thank-you. Let's just hope it's accurate.
10:03:19	21	measure?	10:06:50	21	MS. MOSS: Can we take a bathroom break?
10:03:24	22		10:06:54	22	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off record at 10:08.
10:03:24	23	A. Yes, of ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8 campaign	10:09:30	23	(Brief break.)
		committee.			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
10:03:40	24	Q. So just to be clear: California Renewal was	10:09:30	24	(Ms. Piepmeier is not present.)
10:03:43	25	the sponsor of	10:14:51	25	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record at 10:14.
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10:03:44	1	(Mr. Pugno enters the room.)	10:15:01	1	MS. STEWART: Q Mr. Prentice, when you were
10:03:47	2	MS. STEWART: Q the entity, the Yes on 8	10:15:03	2	employed by Focus on the Family, what was the
10:03:51	3	ProtectMarriage entity or are you saying it was the	10:15:06	3	approximate annual budget of that organization?
10:03:54	4	sponsor of the initiative itself, the ballot measure.	10:15:11	4	A. Approximately well, it varied within those
10:03:59	5	A. To the best of my knowledge, the way that I	10:15:13	5	ten years. Anywhere from 125 million to 145 million.
10:04:01	6	would frame it would be that the initiative was put	10:15:35	6	Q. Earlier you mentioned that the board of
10:04:20	7	forth by the campaign committee called	10:15:36	7	directors of California Renewal gave authority to an ad
10:04:24	8	ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8.	10:15:39	8	hoc committee to move forward to create
10:04:32	9	Q. Okay.	10:15:42	9	ProtectMarriage.com or what became ProtectMarriage.com.
10:04:32	10	So ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8 actually was	10:15:49	10	A. Became the ballot measure committee.
10:04:36	11	the official proponent or an official proponent of	10:15:56	11	Q. What did well, first of all, who was on the
10:04:41	12	Proposition 8; is that correct?	10:16:01	12	ad hoc committee?
10:04:44	13	MS. MOSS: Object to the extent it calls for a	10:16:04	13	A. Of?
10:04:46	14	legal conclusion.	10:16:05	14	Q. You said the board of directors of California
10:04:48	15	MS. STEWART: I'm asking for his understanding	10:16:08	15	Renewal gave authority to an ad hoc committee. And I
10:04:49	16	counsel.	10:16:11	16	was wondering who was on that committee.
10:04:52	17	THE WITNESS: I believe that there was a campaign	10:16:15	17	MS. MOSS: And in responding to that, I'm going to
10:04:56	18	committee formed and there were individual proponents.	10:16:17	18	instruct you to the extent that there's a member of that
	19	MS. STEWART: Q But just from a lay person's	10:16:20	19	committee who has asked us to keep his identity
10:05:01		understanding, how was ProtectMarriage.com, the entity,	10:16:23	20	confidential while he pursues his claim of privilege, I
10:05:01 10:05:03	20	understanding, now was riolectiviarnage.com, the entity.			1 0
			10:16:27	21	would instruct you not to reveal that identity.
10:05:03	20	involved in that process?	10:16:27 10:16:29	21 22	would instruct you not to reveal that identity. Otherwise, you can respond.
10:05:03 10:05:07 10:05:13	20 21 22	involved in that process? A. ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8, to the best of	10:16:29	22	Otherwise, you can respond.
10:05:03 10:05:07	20 21	involved in that process?			

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10:16:35	1	MS. STEWART: Just before you respond, I want to	10:19:38	1	(Whereupon, Exhibit No. 1 was
10:16:37	2	see if we can make a stipulation for the record going	10:19:54	2	Marked for identification.)
10:16:40	3	forward that I don't have to repeatedly ask the witness	10:20:06	3	MS. STEWART: Q A document that at the top says
10:16:45	4	if he is going to follow your instruction.	10:20:08	4	"Protect Marriage." And I'm going to ask you to take a
10:16:48	5	MS. MOSS: That is fine.	10:20:15	5	look at it and tell me if you recognize it.
10:16:49	6	MS. STEWART: I'm going to pretty much assume it	10:20:37	6	(Pause in the proceedings.)
10:16:51	7	unless there's something in the way he answers it	10:20:38	7	THE WITNESS: I would say I can only go so far as
10:16:52	8	that	10:20:42	8	to say I'm familiar with its general content. I don't
10:16:54	9	MS. MOSS: Sure.	10:20:45	9	know if it's in any way been altered, but yes.
10:16:55	10	MS. STEWART: that assumes otherwise.	10:20:48	10	MS. STEWART: Q And on the left, it has, sort of,
10:16:58	11	Q. So going back to the question with your	10:20:52	11	a gray box that says "ProtectMarriage.com" and has some
10:17:03	12	counsel's instruction, who was on the ad hoc committee	10:20:57	12	little people.
10:17:04	13	that the board of directors of California Renewal gave	10:20:59	13	Do you see that?
10:17:07	14	authority to form a ballot committee?	10:20:59	14	A. Yes.
10:17:11	15	A. There was myself. There was Ned Dolejsi.	10:21:00	15	Q. Is that the logo of ProtectMarriage.com or a
10:17:13	16	There was Mark Jansson. And there's the anonymous	10:21:07	16	logo?
10:17:18	17	person.	10:21:08	17	(Ms. Piepmeier enters the room.)
10:17:19	18	Q. What was the last name?	10:21:16	18	THE WITNESS: I wouldn't say that it's a formal
10:17:20	19	A. I said anonymous.	10:21:19	19	logo, no.
10:17:23	20	Q. Yourself, Ned Dolejsi, Mr. Jansson?	10:21:21	20	MS. STEWART: Q Has ProtectMarriage.com
10:17:27	21	A. Yes.	10:21:26	21	A. Thank-you.
10:17:27	22		10:21:26	22	•
10:17:29	23	Q. And then an anonymous person?A. A person who chooses to remain confidential.	10:21:39	23	Q does it have a logo that it has adopted?A. There was a logo that was used during the
10:17:33	24	Q. Did you form an entity that is did that ad		23	-
			10:21:42	25	campaign. So when you refer to ProtectMarriage.com, it
10:17:46	25	hoc committee then form an entity?	10.21.40		does not have a formal logo.
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10:17:48	1	A. Yes.	10:21:52	1	Q. Was there a logo that it used on its website?
10:17:48	2	Q. And what is that entity?	10:22:04	2	MS. MOSS: Just by point of clarification,
10:17:51	3	A. The primarily formed ballot measure committee	10:22:05	3	objection. When you're referring to
10:17:55	4	of ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8.	10:22:09	4	ProtectMarriage.com, are you referring to I guess
10:17:58	5	Q. And what is the form of that entity, if you	10:22:12	5	what specifically are you referring to? Is it a
10:18:01	6	know?	10:22:16	6	shorthand for Yes on 8 or
10:18:02	7	A. When you say "form"	10:22:19	7	MS. STEWART: You're getting to my other line of
10:18:04	8	Q. I mean the legal organization.	10:22:21	8	questioning, which I diverted from. So let me go back
10:18:06	9	A. Again, I would the best I can do is a	10:22:24	9	to that and then we'll go back to the logo.
10:18:09	10	ballot measure committee.	10:22:27	10	As I mentioned earlier, sometimes it's not a linear
10:18:19	11	Q. Is what is the title of that ballot measure	10:22:31	11	process, this deposition business.
10:18:28	12	committee?	10:22:33	12	Q. Do you see the first paragraph of this
10:18:31	13	A. ProtectMarriage.com-Yes on 8.	10:22:35	13	document where it says "ProtectMarriage.com is a growing
10:18:33	14	Q. Is ProtectMarriage.com used in any sense	10:22:38	14	broad-based coalition of organizations, churches and
10:18:39	15	that's broader than that ballot measure committee?	10:22:42	15	individuals who believe that marriage's foremost purpose
10:18:47	16	A. As you know, there are now there is now a	10:22:47	16	is raising of healthy children in a family with a mom
10:18:56	17	(c)(3) and (c)(4), ProtectMarriage.com Education	10:22:50	17	and a dad"?
10:19:01	18	Foundation and ProtectMarriage.com Action Fund.	10:22:51	18	A. Yes.
10:19:04	19	Q. Do you sometimes use ProtectMarriage.com to	10:22:52	19	Q. Is that language that was on
10:19:06	20	describe a coalition of entities?	10:22:54	20	ProtectMarriage.com's website at some point in time?
10:19:16	21	A. I think that there are a number of entities	10:23:00	21	A. Apparently, this was printed off of its
10:19:19	22	that would say that they align with the general purposes	10:23:02	22	website, and so I would imagine so.
10:19:32	23	of ProtectMarriage.com.	10:23:02	23	Q. And is it accurate that the title
10:19:32	24	MS. STEWART: I'm going to have marked as	10:23:08	24	"ProtectMarriage.com" was used to refer to a broad-based
10:19:38	25	Exhibit 1.	10:23:13	25	coalition of organizations and people?
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