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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

KRISTIN M. PERRY, SANDRA B. STIER,
PAUL T. KATAMI, and JEFFREY J.
ZARRILLO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, in his official
capacity as Governor of California; EDMUND
G. BROWN, JR., in his official capacity as
Attorney General of California; MARK B.
HORTON, in his official capacity as Director of
the California Department of Public Health and
State Registrar of Vital Statistics; LINETTE
SCOTT, in her official capacity as Deputy
Director of Health Information & Strategic
Planning for the California Department of Public
Health; PATRICK O'CONNELL, in his official
capacity as Clerk-Recorder for the County of
Alameda; and DEAN C. LOGAN, in his official
capacity as Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for
the County of Los Angeles,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 09-CV-2292 VRW (JCS)

AMENDED PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Disclosure and discovery activity, including third-party discovery, in this action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation would be warranted. Accordingly, the court enters the following Protective Order. This Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery. The protection it affords extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled under the applicable legal principles to treatment as confidential. This Protective Order creates no entitlement to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and reflects the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their support staff).

2.2 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things) that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

2.3 “Confidential” Information or Items: information (regardless of how generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under standards developed under F.R.Civ.P. 26(c).

2.4 “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” Information or Items: extremely sensitive “Confidential Information or Items” whose disclosure to another Party or nonparty would create a substantial risk of serious injury that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

2.5 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing Party.

2.6 Producing Party: a Party or non-party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this action.

1 2.7 Designating Party: a Party or non-party that designates information or items produced in
2 disclosures or in responses to discovery as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential Attorneys’ Eyes
3 Only.”

4 2.8 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as
5 “Confidential” or as “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

6 2.9 Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a Party but who are retained to
7 represent or advise a Party in this action.

8 2.10 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a Party.

9 2.11 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and House Counsel (as well as their
10 support staffs).

11 2.12 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the
12 litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant
13 in this action and who is not a past or a current employee of a Party or of a competitor of a Party’s and
14 who, at the time of retention, is not anticipated to become an employee of a Party or a competitor of a
15 Party’s. This definition includes a professional jury or trial consultant retained in connection with this
16 litigation.

17 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g.,
18 photocopying; videotaping; translating; preparing exhibits or demonstrations; organizing, storing,
19 retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.) and their employees and subcontractors.

20 3. SCOPE

21 The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above),
22 but also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
23 compilations thereof, plus testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or counsel to or in
24 court or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material.

25 4. DURATION

26 Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this
27 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order
28 otherwise directs.

1 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTIVE MATERIAL

2 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or
3 non-party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit
4 any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. A Designating
5 Party must take care to designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral
6 or written communications that qualify – so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or
7 communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of
8 this Order.

9 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to
10 be clearly unjustified, or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily
11 encumber or retard the case development process, or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on
12 other parties), expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

13 If it comes to a Party's or a non-party's attention that information or items that it designated
14 for protection do not qualify for protection at all, or do not qualify for the level of protection initially
15 asserted, that Party or non-party must promptly notify all other parties that it is withdrawing the
16 mistaken designation.

17 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see,
18 e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a), below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, material that
19 qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed
20 or produced.

21 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

22 (a) for information in documentary form (apart from transcripts of depositions or
23 other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or
24 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" at the top of each page that contains
25 protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the
26 Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate
27 markings in the margins) and must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted
28 (either "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY").

1 A Party or non-party that makes original documents or materials available for
2 inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which
3 material it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of
4 the material made available for inspection shall be deemed “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
5 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” After the inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants
6 copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof,
7 qualify for protection under this Order, then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing
8 Party must affix the appropriate legend (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL –
9 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”) at the top of each page that contains Protected Material. If only a
10 portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must
11 clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins) and
12 must specify, for each portion, the level of protection being asserted (either “CONFIDENTIAL” or
13 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”).

14 (b) for testimony given in deposition or other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the
15 Party or non-party offering or sponsoring the testimony identify on the record, before the close of the
16 deposition, hearing, or other proceeding, all protected testimony, and further specify any portions of
17 the testimony that qualify as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” When it
18 is impractical to identify separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection, and when it
19 appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify for protection, the Party or non-party
20 that sponsors, offers, or gives the testimony may invoke on the record (before the deposition or
21 proceeding is concluded) a right to have up to 20 days to identify the specific portions of the testimony
22 as to which protection is sought and to specify the level of protection being asserted
23 (“CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”). Only those
24 portions of the testimony that are appropriately designated for protection within the 20 days shall be
25 covered by the provisions of this Protective Order.

26 Transcript pages containing Protected Material must be separately bound by the court
27 reporter, who must affix to the top of each such page the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY
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1 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” as instructed by the Party or nonparty offering
2 or sponsoring the witness or presenting the testimony.

3 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary, and for any
4 other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container
5 or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY
6 CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” If only portions of the information or item
7 warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portions,
8 specifying whether they qualify as “Confidential” or as “Highly Confidential — Attorneys’ Eyes Only.”

9 (d) for information and documents produced pursuant to third-party subpoenas, if
10 that third-party is a current or former vendor, contractor, or employee of a Party, all such information
11 and documents will automatically be deemed “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” for 21 days
12 or until 7 days before trial, whichever is sooner. During that timeframe the Party for whom the third-
13 party worked or contracted must review the produced materials and indicate which documents and
14 information should retain the “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” designation. Any document
15 not designated as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential -- Attorneys’ Eyes Only” at the end of that
16 timeframe will no longer be considered Protected Material.

17 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
18 designate qualified information or items as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential — Attorneys’ Eyes
19 Only” does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this
20 Order for such material. If material is appropriately designated as “Confidential” or “Highly
21 Confidential — Attorneys’ Eyes Only” after the material was initially produced, the Receiving Party, on
22 timely notification of the designation, must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated
23 in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

24 Any receiving party who has reason to believe that any materials produced in discovery in this
25 matter should have been designated as “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes
26 Only” but were not must promptly upon discovering such materials contact the Producing Party to
27 inquire if there has been an inadvertent failure to designate. The Producing Party must promptly
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1 inform the Receiving Party if the materials in question should be designated for protection under this
2 order.

3 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

4 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's
5 confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable substantial unfairness, unnecessary
6 economic burdens, or a later significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its
7 right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the
8 original designation is disclosed. Prior to the trial in this matter, at a date and time agreeable to the
9 Parties but not less than 5 days before trial, the Parties will meet to discuss an overall strategy for
10 reaching agreements on the admissibility of each Parties' proposed exhibits. Included in that meeting
11 will be a discussion of the status of any proposed exhibits that have been designated as "Confidential"
12 or "Highly Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only."

13 6.2 Meet and Confer. A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating Party's
14 confidentiality designation must do so in good faith and in conferring, the challenging Party must
15 explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the
16 Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the circumstances,
17 and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A
18 challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this
19 meet and confer process first.

20 6.3 Judicial Intervention. A Party that elects to press a challenge to a confidentiality
21 designation after considering the justification offered by the Designating Party may file and serve a
22 motion under Civil Local Rule 7 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) that
23 identifies the challenged material and sets forth in detail the basis for the challenge. Each such motion
24 must be accompanied by a competent declaration that affirms that the movant has complied with the
25 meet and confer requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph and that sets forth with specificity
26 the justification for the confidentiality designation that was given by the Designating Party in the meet
27 and confer dialogue.
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1 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.
2 Until the court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the
3 level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party’s designation.

4 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

5 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or
6 produced by another Party or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,
7 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the
8 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been
9 terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 11, below (FINAL
10 DISPOSITION).

11 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a
12 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

13 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by
14 the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any
15 information or item designated CONFIDENTIAL only to:

- 16 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of record in this action, as well as
17 employees of said Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this
18 litigation and who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order” that is attached
19 hereto as Exhibit A;
- 20 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the
21 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the
22 “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order” (Exhibit A);
- 23 (c) experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is
24 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective
25 Order” (Exhibit A);
- 26 (d) the Court and its personnel;

1 (e) court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to whom disclosure is
2 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective
3 Order” (Exhibit A);

4 (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is
5 reasonably necessary and who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order”
6 (Exhibit A). Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected
7 Material must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as
8 permitted under this Protective Order.

9 (g) the author of the document or the original source of the information.

10 7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”
11 Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating
12 Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
13 – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” only to:

14 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of record in this action, (or in the case of
15 a government entity or government official sued in his or her official capacity, such entity’s or
16 official’s counsel of record in this action), as well as employees of said Counsel to whom it is
17 reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this litigation and who have signed the
18 “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A, provided that it
19 shall not be provided to any Counsel or employee who held an “official position” in any primarily
20 formed ballot committee related to Proposition 8 (*see* [http://cal-
21 access.ss.ca.gov/campaign/asures/detail.aspx?id=1302602&session=2007](http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/campaign/asures/detail.aspx?id=1302602&session=2007)) or now holds an official
22 position in a similar committee that is now circulating petitions for a 2010 ballot initiative to repeal
23 Proposition 8. For purposes of sections 7.3 and 7.5 an “official position” is defined as one which
24 authorizes the holder of said position to contractually bind (either solely or in conjunction with others)
25 the primarily formed ballot committee (or similar committee circulating petitions to place an initiative
26 on the 2010 ballot) with respect to matters relating to communications disseminated by the committee
27 or otherwise to spend funds exceeding \$1,000 on behalf of the committee, provided, however, that
28 notice of all such attorneys and employees to whom HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’

1 EYES ONLY information will be disclosed shall be given not less than 24 hours in advance of
2 disclosure to give the other parties the opportunity to object to the disclosure and seek relief from the
3 court on grounds specific to the designated attorney or employee;

4 (b) Experts (as defined in this Order) (1) to whom disclosure is reasonably
5 necessary for this litigation, (2) who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order”
6 (Exhibit A), provided that it shall not be provided to any expert who held an “official position” in any
7 primarily formed ballot committee related to Proposition 8 (see [http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/campaign/
8 measures/detail.aspx?id=1302602&session=2007](http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/campaign/measures/detail.aspx?id=1302602&session=2007)) or now holds an official position in a similar
9 committee that is now circulating petitions for a 2010 ballot initiative to repeal Proposition 8, provided,
10 however, that notice of all such experts to whom HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES
11 ONLY information will be disclosed shall be given not less than 24 hours in advance of disclosure to
12 give the other parties the opportunity to object to the disclosure and seek relief from the court on
13 grounds specific to the designated expert;

14 (c) the Court and its personnel;

15 (d) court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to whom disclosure is
16 reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the “Agreement to Be Bound by Protective
17 Order” (Exhibit A); and

18 (e) the author of the document or the original source of the information.

19 7.4 Disclosure Limited to Receiving Party. A Receiving Party shall not disclose any
20 materials designated “Confidential” or “Highly Confidential – Attorneys’ Eyes Only” to any other party
21 to the litigation unless the party has agreed to be bound by this Protective Order.

22 7.5 Use of Protected Material at Depositions. Before any deposition in which the noticing
23 Party reasonably anticipates using any Protected Materials received in this matter, the noticing Party
24 must inform all other parties. Thereafter, any party who wishes to participate in said deposition must
25 staff the deposition with persons who neither have held an “official position” in any primarily formed
26 ballot committee related to Proposition 8 (see [http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/campaign/
27 detail.aspx?id=1302602&session=2007](http://cal-access.ss.ca.gov/campaign/measures/detail.aspx?id=1302602&session=2007)) nor hold an official position in a similar committee that is now
28 circulating petitions for a 2010 ballot initiative to repeal Proposition 8.

1 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER
2 LITIGATION

3 If a Receiving Party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in other litigation that would
4 compel disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” or
5 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” the Receiving Party must so notify
6 the Designating Party, in writing (by fax, if possible) immediately and in no event more than three
7 court days after receiving the subpoena or order. Such notification must include a copy of the
8 subpoena or court order.

9 The Receiving Party also must immediately inform in writing the Party who caused the
10 subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all the material covered by the subpoena
11 or order is the subject of this Protective Order. In addition, the Receiving Party must deliver a copy
12 of this Protective Order promptly to the Party in the other action that caused the subpoena or
13 order to issue.

14 The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of this
15 Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its
16 confidentiality interests in the court from which the subpoena or order issued. The Designating Party
17 shall bear the burdens and the expenses of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material
18 – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party
19 in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

20 9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

21 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected
22 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Protective Order, the
23 Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized
24 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the
25 person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d)
26 request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is
27 attached hereto as Exhibit A.
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1 10. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL

2 Without written permission from the Designating Party or a court order secured after
3 appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the public record in this action any
4 Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with
5 Civil Local Rule 79-5.

6 11. FINAL DISPOSITION.

7 Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party, within sixty days after
8 the final termination of this action, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the
9 Producing Party. As used in this subdivision, “all Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts,
10 compilations, summaries or any other form of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material.
11 With permission in writing from the Designating Party, the Receiving Party may destroy some or all
12 of the Protected Material instead of returning it. Whether the Protected Material is returned or
13 destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not
14 the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the sixty day deadline that identifies (by
15 category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed and that affirms
16 that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or other forms
17 of reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are
18 entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda,
19 correspondence or attorney work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such
20 archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as
21 set forth in Section 4 (DURATION), above.

22 12. MISCELLANEOUS

23 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek
24 its modification by the Court in the future.

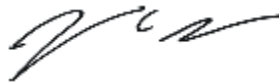
25 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. No Party waives any right it otherwise would have to
26 object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
27 Protective Order. In particular, this Protective Order shall not be construed as a waiver of any privilege
28 claim that may be asserted in response to a discovery request, including but not limited to assertions of

1 attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, and/or First Amendment privilege. Similarly, no
2 Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this
3 Protective Order.

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5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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7 DATED: January 12, 2010

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10 Joseph C. Spero
11 United States Magistrate Judge

EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

_____ [print or type full name], of _____
 _____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of
 perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order that was issued by the
 United States District Court for the Northern District of California on [date] in the case
 of _____ [insert formal name of
 the case and the number and initials assigned to it by the court]. I agree to comply with and to be
 bound by all the terms of this Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so
 comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise
 that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Protective Order to
 any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern
 District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Protective Order, even if such
 enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint _____ [print or type full name] of
 _____ [print or type
 full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with
 this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Protective Order.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed Name: _____
 [printed name]

Signature: _____
 [signature]

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