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Office of the City Attorney Attn: Ms. Mara W. Elliott 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620 San Diego, California 92101

Dear Ms. Mara:

## Re: Patriot Picnic Incident at Chicano Park September 3, 2017

This office represents members of "Patriot Fire", a group of individuals who on September 3, 2017 attempted to exercise their basic right to have lunch at Chicano Park and view the murals. However, their lunch was interrupted when an angry mob of as many as 500 individuals approached to harass, threaten and intimidate my clients. This crowd was incited, arranged and directed by several groups associated with the Park, including the Chicano Park Steering Committee. The crowd assembled just one hour before my clients were scheduled to meet for the express purpose of denying them access. City officials, such as San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman and her staff also participated in the rally against my clients, giving the appearance of legitimizing the acts of the protesters.

Once the crowd appeared, the San Diego Police escorted my clients from the Park even though they did nothing wrong. Their civil rights were violated as the police catered to a group of hateful Anti-American protestors, while escorting my clients from the Park where they had the lawful right to assemble.

It appears that the City of San Diego has no concern supporting and funding a public park with a radical political theme that makes it a preferred meeting place for violence-prone, political extremists from all parts of Southern California. The point being made is that the City of San Diego apparently supports these radical groups at the expense of law abiding citizens that have the right to use the Park and who are taxpayers in San Diego. The City of San Diego apparently is implementing policies that discriminate against law abiding citizens who have the lawful right to use the Park.

My clients demand a full explanation as to why this happened and what actions will be taken against the organizers that drove my clients from the Park. They also demand to know what changes in the management of the Park will be made, so that political radicals do not feel the necessity to "defend" it by denying others their legitimate rights.

A future event has been scheduled for February 3, 2018, in which my clients and others will again attempt to exercise their rights. My clients expect the City of San Diego to do everything possible to ensure that City policies do not promote the denial of their rights, as well as does not contribute to their physical endangerment at such future events.

Should you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call me. My email is <a href="mailto:edrose@edroseattorneycpa.com">edrose@edroseattorneycpa.com</a>. Thank you.

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truly yours

Cc: Client