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Ms. Molly C. Dwyer
Clerk of the Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
James R. Browning U.S. Courthouse
San Francisco, CA 94119-3939

Re: *Perry v. Brown*, 9th Circuit Case No. 10-16696
(appeal from United States District Court, N.D. Cal. Case No. 09-CV-02292)

Dear Ms. Dwyer:

I write on behalf of Plaintiff-Intervenor and Appellant, City and County of San Francisco, to echo the City of West Hollywood's request that the Court provide the parties advance notice when the decision on this appeal is forthcoming. In several prior instances when decisions have been issued relating to the marriage rights of same-sex couples, there have been large gatherings, including protesters, at the courthouses and in the Civic Center area of San Francisco. Those gatherings have involved expressions of intense emotion and sometimes heated debates between people who strongly disagree. In any instance where crowds of protesters gather, and particularly where the issue is as emotional and contested as this one, it is helpful for the San Francisco Police Department to be aware of the gathering in advance to plan for and deploy an adequate number of officers to the areas where protests are likely to occur. We would therefore be grateful if the Court could provide advance notice of its intention to issue its decision in this case.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Therese M. Stewart" with "TMS" written below it.

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cc: Deputy Chief Kevin Cashman, SFPD Operations Bureau