OCCUPY FRESNO, et al.,

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

1: 11- CV-1894 AWI DLB

DECEMBER 2, 2011 HEARING

(Doc. 33)

ORDER ON RENEWED Plaintiff, MOTION FOR TEMPORARY **RESTRAINING ORDER** (Doc. 29) v. COUNTY OF FRESNO, et al., ORDER ON MOTION FOR MPORARY RESTRAINING Defendants. ORDER DURING PENDENCY 15 OF MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION 16 **ORDER VACATING**

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This is a civil rights action brought by Plaintiffs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 challenging a number of Defendants' ordinances relating to public use permits for activities in Courthouse Park. Specifically, Plaintiffs have been told that all attendees to their protest rally must vacate the park prior to 12 a.m. (midnight) every night without exception and that they can only use the park between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 a.m. Plaintiffs have also been forbidden to hold protester signs. Plaintiffs contend that Defendants have interfered with their Right to Peaceably Assemble, the Right of Speech, Right to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances; and, the Right to Due Process. Now pending are two motions filed by Plaintiffs seeking a temporary restraining order.

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On November 13, Plaintiffs filed an *ex parte* motion for a temporary restraining order against Defendants. On November 15, 2011, the Court denied that motion without prejudice, and set a briefing schedule for a motion for preliminary injunction. See Court's Docket Doc. No. 26. On November 17, 2011, Plaintiffs filed a "Renewed Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Declaratory Relief, and Preliminary Injunction" (the "Renewed Motion"). See id. Doc. No. 29. The Renewed Motion is currently pending and Defendants' opposition is due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011.

On November 21, 2011, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC"). See id.

Doc. No. 31. Under the customary liberal pleading standard mandated by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), Plaintiffs may amend their pleading once as a matter of course within 21 days after service. Plaintiffs served their original complaint on November 15, 2011. See Doc. Nos. 15, 16. They filed the FAC on November 21, 2011, within the 21-day time period required by Rule 15(a). Generally, a FAC moots the original complaint. See Forsyth v. Humana, Inc., 114 F.3d 1467, 1474 (9th Cir. 1997) ("This rule is premised on the notion that the 'amended complaint supersedes the original, the latter being treated thereafter as non-existent.'") (quoting Loux v. Rhay, 375 F.2d 55, 57 (9th Cir. 1967)). Local Rule 15-220 provides that an amended complaint must be "complete in itself, without reference to the prior or superseded pleading." "All causes of action alleged in an original complaint which are not alleged in an amended complaint are waived." King v. Atiyeh, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987). Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion is directed at the original complaint, which is now rendered inoperative by the FAC. The Renewed Motion shall therefore be denied as moot.

Also pending is Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order During Pendency of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction, which was filed on November 22, 2011. See Doc. No. 33. This application appears to have narrowed the relief requested by Plaintiffs. Defendants were given notice of this motion. "When the opposing party actually receives notice of the application for a restraining order, the procedure that is followed does not differ functionally from that on an

application for preliminary injunction and the proceeding is not subject to any special 1 requirements." C. Wright and A. Miller, Federal Practice and Procedure, § 2951 (2d ed.). Even 3 if a motion is denominated as motion for a temporary restraining order, "Rule 65(b) may not apply and, if there is an adversary hearing or the order is entered for an indeterminate length of 4 5 time, the 'temporary restraining order' may be treated as a preliminary injunction." Id.; Fed. R. Civ. P. 65. As the court found in its order dated November 15, 2011, the court will deny the 6 7 motion for a temporary restraining order to allow for further briefing. The court will, however, 8 treat the Motion for Temporary Restraining Order During Pendency of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Doc. No. 33) as the operative motion for preliminary injunction, and will 10 proceed with the preliminary injunction briefing schedule set forth in the November 15, 2011 11 order. 12 Accordingly, the court ORDERS that: 13 1. Plaintiffs' Renewed Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Declaratory Relief, 14 and Preliminary Injunction (Doc. No. 29) is DENIED AS MOOT. 2. 15 Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order During Pendency of the 16 17

Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Doc. No. 33) is DENIED without prejudice and SHALL be deemed the operative motion for preliminary injunction. The December 2, 2011 hearing date is VACATED.

Defendants may file any opposition to Plaintiffs' motion by 4:00 p.m. on 3. December 2, 2011;

- 4. Plaintiffs *may* file any reply by 1:00 p.m. on December 6, 2011;
- 5. The court will hear Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on December 12, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 23, 2011

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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