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22 ANDREW WASHINGTON, JR., A
MINOR, INDIVIDUALLY IN HIS
23 PERSONAL CAPACITY AND AS
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24 DECEDENT ANDREW WASHINGTON,
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25 GUARDIAN AD LITEM, ALEJANDRA
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Case No. 05-CV-00881 JAM-DAD

**STIPULATION AND
ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE
RELATED CASES – FRCP 42**

1 TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC.; CITY
OF VALLEJO; et al., ,

2 Defendants.

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4 LORI BAUER, INDIVIDUALLY, AND
AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
5 THE ESTATE OF ANDREW
WASHINGTON,

6 Plaintiff,

7 vs.

8 CITY OF VALLEJO, A MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION, et al.,

9 Defendants.
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Case No. 06-CV-00549 JAM-DAD

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12 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the parties to this action,
13 through their respective counsel of record, as follows:

14 WHEREAS this Court issued a Related Case Order for the concurrently pending civil
15 actions (Washington) 05-CV-00881 JAM-DAD and (Bauer) 06-CV-00549 JAM-DAD. The
16 Court reasoned that “the assignment of the matters to the same judge and magistrate judge is
17 likely to affect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the
18 parties.” (See Related Case Order, signed by Hon. District Court Judge John A. Mendez on
19 March 21, 2013, Document 87 (Washington) and Document 44 (Bauer)).

20 WHEREAS the parties agree and hereby stipulate to consolidate both actions under FRCP
21 42(a) for the purposes of remaining discovery, pretrial and trial, in other words, for all purposes.
22 Good cause for a consolidation of both actions exists because both cases involve the same parties,
23 the same or similar claims, the same death related event, the same witnesses, same or similar
24 experts, the same or similar evidence and the same or similar questions of fact and law, as set
25 forth below. Thus, a consolidation of both cases for remaining discovery, pretrial and trial, in
26 other words, for all purposes, will likely effect a savings of judicial effort and other economics
27 and will avoid unjust and different outcomes related to the same alleged wrongful death incident.

28 WHEREAS both cases involve the same event, the death of Andrew Washington on

1 September 16, 2004. The City of Vallejo, Jeremie Patzer, and Robert Nichelini are named
2 Defendants in both cases. In addition, City of Vallejo's Police Officers Tom Liddicoet and David
3 Jackson are named in the Bauer action. The plaintiff in the Washington action is the minor son of
4 the decedent, whereas the plaintiff in the Bauer case is the decedent's mother. The claims
5 asserted in both cases are similar as they all arise out of the same incident, namely the alleged
6 wrongful death of the decedent arising out of his contact with the City of Vallejo police officers
7 on September 16, 2004. All in all, the trial of these two cases will likely be almost identical,
8 involving the same or similar parties, witnesses, evidence, experts and overlapping claims. As
9 such, these two cases should be consolidated for all purposes.

10 WHEREAS consolidating both cases is also warranted to avoid inconsistent orders,
11 judgments and/or trial outcomes. As both cases involve the same questions of fact and law, they
12 should yield the same result. Plaintiffs in both cases claim damages against the Vallejo
13 Defendants for the wrongful death of Andrew Washington on September 16, 2004. The factual
14 issues in both cases will be identical. The legal questions in both cases will be practically
15 identical, with some minor differences due to the fact that one Plaintiff is the son of the Decedent
16 and one is the mother. The overlap in factual and legal issues will be substantial, if not identical.
17 Trying both cases in separate trials and/or deciding both cases in relation to separately filed
18 motions for summary judgment would not only entail substantial duplication of labor, but more
19 importantly, there would be a substantial risk of inconsistent orders, judgments and/or trial
20 outcomes. Furthermore, while each plaintiff maintains his or her own personal and separate
21 cause of action, a wrongful death action is generally considered joint, single and indivisible. All
22 heirs should join in a single action (the so called "one action rule"). San Diego Gas & Elec. Co.
23 v. Superior Court (2007) 146 Cal.App.4th 1545, 1551 (emphasis added).

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