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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES BLACKWELL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER P. FOLEY; THAI SPEED,  
INC. dba CITIZEN THAI RESTAURANT;  
and DOES ONE through TEN, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. C 08-01971 MHP

**STIPULATION TO ALLOW  
PLAINTIFF CHARLES BLACKWELL  
TO FILE A SECOND AMENDED  
COMPLAINT; ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER**  
[F.R.C.P. 15(a); Civ. L.R. 10-1]

The Honorable Marilyn Hall Patel,  
Presiding

Plaintiff Charles Blackwell ("Plaintiff"), Defendants Christopher P. Foley and Thai  
Speed, Inc. dba Citizen Thai Restaurant stipulate as follows:

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a), which provides in pertinent part: "[A]  
party may amend the party's pleading only by leave of court or by written consent of the adverse  
party", Plaintiff and Defendants Christopher P. Foley and Thai Speed, Inc. dba Citizen Thai

1 Restaurant stipulate and request leave of court to allow Plaintiff to file a Second Amended  
2 Complaint, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

3 **THE PARTIES SO STIPULATE AND REQUEST THAT THE COURT PERMIT**  
4 **PLAINTIFF TO FILE A SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT**

5 Dated: November 21, 2008

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8 By: /s/ Brian Gearing  
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CHARLES BLACKWELL

10 Dated: November 21, 2008

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15 Dated: November 21, 2008

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
STIPULATED REQUEST TO ALLOW  
PLAINTIFF CHARLES BLACKWELL  
TO FILE A SECOND AMENDED  
COMPLAINT**

10 The Court having reviewed the parties' stipulation requesting leave of court to allow  
11 Plaintiff Charles Blackwell ("Plaintiff") to file a Second Amended Complaint, a copy which is  
12 attached as Exhibit A to the Stipulation, and having found good cause shown, IT IS ORDERED  
13 as follows:

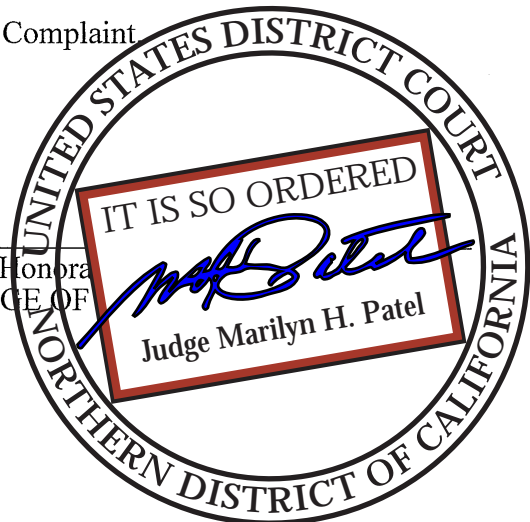
14 Plaintiff is permitted to file the Second Amended Complaint.

15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: November 25, 2008

17 By: \_\_\_\_\_

18 The Honorable  
19 JUDGE OF



# EXHIBIT A

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**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT  
FOR PRELIMINARY AND  
PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF  
AND DAMAGES: DENIAL OF CIVIL  
RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO PUBLIC  
FACILITIES TO PHYSICALLY  
DISABLED PERSONS, PER  
CALIFORNIA STATUTES  
(INCLUDING CIVIL CODE §§ 51, 52,  
54, 54.1, 54.3, and §55; and HEALTH &  
SAFETY CODE §§19955, *et seq.*);  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF PER TITLE III,  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES  
ACT OF 1990**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff CHARLES BLACKWELL complains of defendants CHRISTOPHER P.  
FOLEY, THAI SPEED, INC. dba CITIZEN THAI RESTAURANT, ANTHONY

1 CHAICHANA, SARANYA CHAICHANA, KING CHACHA THAI RESTAURANT, INC. dba  
2 King Cha Cha Restaurant and DOES 1-10, inclusive, and each of them, and alleges as follows:

3 1. **INTRODUCTION:** This case involves the denial of accessible facilities, in  
4 violation of federal and state law, at the Citizen Thai restaurant, located at 1268 Grant Avenue in  
5 San Francisco, to plaintiff, a qualified "person with a disability" or "physically handicapped  
6 person," who is visually impaired and is unable to safely or with full and equal access use  
7 portions of public facilities that are not fully accessible to physically disabled persons with visual  
8 disabilities.

9 2. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief to require defendants to make these facilities  
10 accessible to disabled persons under the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
11 and California law, and to ensure that any disabled person who attempts to use the Citizen Thai  
12 restaurant will be provided accessible facilities. Plaintiff also seeks recovery of damages for his  
13 discriminatory experiences and denial of access and civil rights, which denial is continuing as a  
14 result of defendants' failure and refusal to provide disabled accessible facilities. Plaintiff also  
15 seeks recovery of reasonable statutory attorney fees, litigation expenses and costs.

16 3. **JURISDICTION:** This Court has jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 28 USC  
17 §1331 for violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USC 12101, et seq.  
18 Pursuant to supplemental jurisdiction, attendant and related causes of action arising from the  
19 same facts are also brought under California law, including but not limited to violations of  
20 Government Code §4450, et. seq.; Health & Safety Code §19955, et seq., including §19959;  
21 Title 24 California Code of Regulations; and Civil Code §§ 51, 52, 54, 54.1 and 55.

22 4. **VENUE:** Venue is proper in this court pursuant to 28 USC 1391(b) and is  
23 founded on the fact that the real property which is the subject of this action is located in this  
24 district and that plaintiff's causes of action arose in this district.  
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1           5.       **INTRADISTRICT:** This case should be assigned to the San Francisco/Oakland  
2 intradistrict as the real property which is the subject of this action is located in this intradistrict  
3 and plaintiff's causes of action arose in this intradistrict.

4           6.       **PARTIES:** Plaintiff is a qualified physically disabled person who cannot walk  
5 and who requires use of a motorized wheelchair for locomotion. Defendants Christopher P.  
6 Foley, Thai Speed, Inc. dba Citizen Thai Restaurant, Anthony Chaichana, Saranya Chaichana,  
7 King Chacha Thai Restaurant, Inc. dba King Cha Cha Restaurant and Does 1-10, inclusive, are  
8 and were the owners, operators, lessors, and lessees of the business, property, buildings and/or  
9 portions thereof located at 1268 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, California. This Restaurant is a  
10 "public accommodation and business establishment" subject to the requirements of California  
11 Health & Safety Code §19955 et seq. and of California Civil Code §§ 51, 54, et seq. On  
12 information and belief, this Restaurant and its facilities have, since July 1, 1970, undergone  
13 construction and/or "alterations, structural repairs, or additions," subjecting each such facility to  
14 disabled access requirements per Health & Safety Code §§ 19955-19959, et seq. Construction  
15 and alterations since July 1, 1982 also subjected these facilities to the requirements of  
16 California's Title 24, the State Building Code. Further, irrespective of the alteration history, such  
17 premises are subject to the "readily achievable" barrier removal requirements of Title III of the  
18 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

19           7.       The true names and capacities of Defendants Does 1 through 10, inclusive, are  
20 unknown to plaintiff who therefore sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is  
21 informed and believes that each of the defendants herein designated as a Doe is legally  
22 responsible in some manner for the events and happenings herein referred to and caused injury  
23 and damages proximately thereby to plaintiff. Plaintiff prays leave of Court to amend this  
24 Complaint to show such true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.

25           8.       Defendants Christopher P. Foley, Thai Speed, Inc. dba Citizen Thai Restaurant,  
26 Anthony Chaichana, Saranya Chaichana, King Chacha Thai Restaurant, Inc. dba King Cha Cha  
27 Restaurant and Does 1-10, inclusive, are and were the owners, operators, lessors, and lessees of  
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1 the business, property, buildings and/or portions thereof located at 1268 Grant Avenue, San  
2 Francisco, California at all times relevant to this Complaint. Plaintiff is informed and believes  
3 that each of the defendants herein is the agent, employee or representative of each of the other  
4 defendants, and performed all acts and omissions stated herein within the scope of such agency  
5 or employment or representative capacity and is responsible in some manner for the acts and  
6 omissions of the other defendants in proximately causing the damages complained of herein.

7 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION – DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR DENIAL**  
8 **OF FULL AND EQUAL ACCESS TO A PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION: PUBLIC**  
9 **FACILITIES IN A PUBLIC FACILITY**

10 (California Health & Safety Code §§ 19955, et seq., Civil Code §§54.1, et seq.)

11 9. Plaintiff repleads and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth again herein,  
12 the factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 8, above, and incorporates them herein  
13 by reference as if separately replead hereafter.

14 10. Plaintiff Charles Blackwell and other similarly situated physically disabled  
15 persons who are visually impaired are unable to use public facilities on a "full and equal" basis  
16 unless each such facility is in compliance with the provisions of California Health & Safety Code  
17 §§ 19955, et seq. Plaintiff is a member of that portion of the public whose rights are protected  
18 by the provisions of Health & Safety Code §§ 19955, et seq.

19 11. Health & Safety Code §§ 19955 and 19955.5 were enacted "To ensure that public  
20 accommodations or facilities constructed in this state with private funds adhere to the provisions  
21 of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 4450) of Division 5 of Title 1 of the Government Code."  
22 On information and belief the provisions of both Health and Safety Code §§ 19955 and 19955.5,  
23 apply to the Citizen Thai restaurant, 1268 Grant Ave., San Francisco, California. The code  
24 relating to such public accommodations also requires that "When sanitary facilities are made  
25 available for the public, clients, or employees ..., they shall be made available for persons with  
26 disabilities." Title 24, California Code of Regulations, formerly known as the California  
27 Administrative Code, was in effect at the time of each alteration which, on information and  
28 belief, occurred at such public facility since July 1, 1982, thus requiring access complying with



1 the specifications of Title 24 whenever each such "alteration, structural repair or addition" was  
2 carried out. On information and belief, defendants and/or their predecessors in interest carried  
3 out alterations, structural repairs, or additions to the subject premises during the period Title 24  
4 has been in effect. On information and belief, alterations, structural repairs, or additions which  
5 triggered access requirements also occurred between July 1, 1970 and July 1, 1982, and required  
6 access pursuant to the A.S.A. (American Standards Association) Regulations then in effect,  
7 pursuant to the incorporated provisions of California Government Code §§ 4450ff.

8       12.     **FACTUAL STATEMENT:** On or about November 16, 2007, plaintiff Charles  
9 Blackwell visited 1268 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, with access consultant Barry Atwood, to  
10 inspect the location of a prior accident he suffered, and to have lunch at the Citizen Thai  
11 restaurant. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that the Citizen Thai  
12 restaurant (hereinafter sometimes "Restaurant"), is and, at all relevant times, was owned and  
13 operated by defendants Christopher P. Foley, Thai Speed, Inc., and Does 1 10. When plaintiff  
14 came to the Restaurant's front entrance he had some difficulty entering because of the extreme  
15 steep slope of the entry ramp at the front door, as well as the excessive cross slope, which poses  
16 a barrier to persons with visual disabilities. In addition, the vestibule at the entrance lacked a  
17 level landing, and the two entry doors did not provide sufficient space for entry for disabled  
18 persons because one of the doors was locked. Inside the Restaurant plaintiff, either directly or  
19 through his access consultant luncheon companion, found multiple additional barriers to access  
20 by visually disabled persons, including but not limited to improper nosing on treads of stairs  
21 going up to the second floor dining area; improper handrails on several sets of stairs with  
22 excessively wide cross sections making gripping difficult; lack of contrast striping at the nose of  
23 the top and bottom stairs; excessively narrow paths of travel through the Restaurant to the  
24 restrooms creating a tripping hazard; and lack of any menu available for visually disabled  
25 persons in large print or in Braille. Further, while dining in the Restaurant, plaintiff used the  
26 restroom and discovered that the toilet's grab bars in the "disabled accessible" men's restroom  
27 stall were not properly configured or located at the standard and legally required position that  
28 could be relied upon by visually disabled persons. On information and belief, additional barriers

1 to visually disabled persons existed, and continue to exist, which may affect plaintiff on any  
2 future visits. All facilities at these premises must be brought into compliance with all applicable  
3 federal and state code requirements.

4 13. Further, each and every violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990  
5 (as pled in the Third Cause of Action, infra, the contents of which are replead and incorporated  
6 herein, word for word, as if separately replead), also constitutes a separate and distinct violation  
7 of California Civil Code §54.1(d), thus independently justifying an award of damages and  
8 injunctive relief pursuant to California law, including but not limited to Civil Code §§ 54.3 and  
9 55.

10 14. **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF:** Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief to prohibit the acts and  
11 omissions of defendants as complained of herein which are continuing on a day-to-day basis and  
12 which have the effect of wrongfully excluding plaintiff and other members of the public who are  
13 physically disabled from full and equal access to these public facilities. Such acts and omissions  
14 are the cause of humiliation and mental and emotional suffering of plaintiff in that these actions  
15 continue to treat plaintiff as an inferior and second class citizen and serve to discriminate against  
16 him on the sole basis that he is a person with disabilities. Plaintiff is unable, so long as such acts  
17 and omissions of defendants continue, to achieve equal access to and use of these public  
18 facilities, and cannot return to use the Restaurant and its facilities until they are made properly  
19 accessible to disabled persons. Plaintiff alleges that he intends to do so, once legally required  
20 access has been provided. The acts of defendants have proximately caused and will continue to  
21 cause irreparable injury to plaintiff if not enjoined by this Court. As to those of the defendants  
22 that currently own, operate, and/or lease (from or to) the subject Restaurant, plaintiff seeks  
23 preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to enjoin and eliminate the discriminatory practices  
24 and barriers that deny equal access for disabled persons, and for reasonable attorney fees.

25 15. Wherefore plaintiff asks this Court to preliminarily and permanently enjoin any  
26 continuing refusal by defendants to grant full and equal access to plaintiff in the respects  
27 complained of and to require defendants to comply forthwith with the applicable statutory  
28 requirements relating to access for disabled persons. Such injunctive relief is provided by

1 California Health & Safety Code §19953 and California Civil Code §55, and other law. Plaintiff  
2 further requests that the Court award damages pursuant to Civil Code §54.3 and other law and  
3 attorney fees, litigation expenses, and costs pursuant to Health & Safety Code §19953, Civil  
4 Code §§ 54.3 and 55, Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5 and other law, all as prayed for  
5 hereinafter.

6 16. **DAMAGES:** As a result of the denial of equal access to the facility and due to  
7 the acts and omissions of defendants and each of them in owning, operating, leasing,  
8 constructing, altering, and maintaining the subject facility, plaintiff suffered a violation of his  
9 civil rights, including but not limited to rights under Civil Code §§ 54 and 54.1, all to his  
10 damages per Civil Code §54.3, including statutory treble damages, as hereinafter stated.  
11 Defendants' actions and omissions to act constitute discrimination against plaintiff on the sole  
12 basis that he was and is physically disabled and unable, because of the architectural and other  
13 barriers created and/or maintained by the defendants in violation of the subject laws, to use the  
14 public facilities on a full and equal basis as other persons.

15 17. **TREBLE DAMAGES:** Plaintiff has been damaged by defendants' wrongful  
16 conduct and seeks the relief that is afforded by Civil Code §§ 54, 54.1, and 54.3. At all times  
17 herein mentioned, defendants were fully aware that significant numbers of potential users of their  
18 public facilities are and will be physically disabled persons. Further defendants knew and know  
19 that some of the Restaurant's patrons would be and were physically disabled persons, including  
20 visually disabled and mobility impaired persons, and would have need of facilities that complied  
21 with California Title 24 and ADAAG standards for accessible facilities. Despite this knowledge,  
22 defendants installed and/or maintained the physical barriers complained of, and have failed to  
23 provide properly accessible restrooms and other accessible facilities as required by state and  
24 federal law. Defendants have continued their illegal and discriminatory policies and practices  
25 despite actual knowledge that people with physical disabilities attempt to patronize the subject  
26 Restaurant and encounter illegal barriers when they do so.

27 18. At all times herein mentioned, defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable  
28 diligence should have known, that their barriers and practices at their subject facilities violated

1 disabled access requirements and standards, and had a discriminatory affect upon plaintiff and  
2 upon other physically disabled persons, but defendants have refused to rectify the violations, and  
3 presently continue a course of conduct that discriminates against plaintiff and similarly situated  
4 disabled persons.

5 19. **FEES AND COSTS:** As a result of defendants' acts, omissions, and conduct,  
6 plaintiff has been required to incur attorney fees, litigation expenses, and costs as provided by  
7 statute, in order to enforce plaintiff's rights and to enforce provisions of the law protecting access  
8 for disabled persons and prohibiting discrimination against disabled persons. Plaintiff therefore  
9 seeks recovery of all reasonable attorney fees, litigation expenses, and costs, pursuant to the  
10 provisions of Civil Code §§ 54.3 and 55. Additionally, plaintiff's lawsuit is intended to require  
11 that defendants make their facilities accessible to all disabled members of the public, justifying  
12 "public interest" attorney fees, litigation expenses and costs pursuant to the provisions of  
13 California Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5 and other applicable law.

14 WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for damages and injunctive relief as hereinafter stated.

15 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION – VIOLATION OF UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT,**  
16 **CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 51 AND 52, ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY**

17 20. Plaintiff repleads and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth again herein,  
18 the factual allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 19, above, and incorporates them  
19 herein by reference as if separately replead hereafter.

20 21. At all times herein mentioned, the Unruh Civil Rights Act, California Civil Code  
21 §51(b), provided that:

22 All persons within the jurisdiction of this state are free and equal, and  
23 no matter what their sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin,  
24 disability, or medical condition are entitled to the full and equal  
accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business  
establishments of every kind whatsoever.

25 Per §51(f),

26 A violation of the right of any individual under the Americans with  
27 Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) shall also constitute a violation  
28 of this section.

1           22.     Plaintiff suffered damages as above described as a result of defendants' violation  
2 of California Civil Code §§ 51(b) and 51(f) in multiple regards, including but not limited to  
3 violations of the ADA, as described in the Third Cause of Action, *infra*, the contents of which  
4 cause of action is incorporated herein as if separately replead. California Civil Code §52(a)  
5 provides that each such violation entitles plaintiff to "the actual damages, and any amount that  
6 may be determined by a jury, or a court sitting without a jury, up to a maximum of three times  
7 the amount of actual damage but in no case less than four thousand dollars (\$4,000), and any  
8 attorney fees that may be determined by the court in addition thereto..."

9           WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for damages and injunctive relief as hereinafter stated.

10                   THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION – VIOLATION OF THE AMERICANS WITH  
11                   DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (42 USC §12101ff)

12           23.     Plaintiff repleads and incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth again herein,  
13 the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Complaint, and incorporates them  
14 herein as if separately replead.

15           24.     Pursuant to law, in 1990 the United States Congress made findings per 42 USC  
16 §12101 regarding physically disabled persons, finding that laws were needed to more fully  
17 protect "some 43,000,000 Americans [with] one or more physical or mental disabilities;" that  
18 "historically, society has tended to isolate and segregate individuals with disabilities;" that "such  
19 forms of discrimination against individuals with disabilities continue to be a serious and  
20 pervasive social problem;" that "the Nation's proper goals regarding individuals with disabilities  
21 are to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-  
22 sufficiency for such individuals;" and that "the continuing existence of unfair and unnecessary  
23 discrimination and prejudice denies people with disabilities the opportunity to compete on an  
24 equal basis and to pursue those opportunities for which our free society is justifiably famous..."

25           25.     Congress stated as its purpose in passing the Americans with Disabilities Act (42  
26 USC §12101(b)) as follows:

27                   It is the purpose of this Act  
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2 (1) to provide a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the  
elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities;

3 (2) to provide clear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards  
4 addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities;

5 (3) to ensure that the Federal Government plays a central role in  
6 enforcing the standards established in this Act on behalf of individuals with  
disabilities; and

7 (4) to invoke the sweep of congressional authority, including the power  
8 to enforce the fourteenth amendment and to regulate commerce, in order to  
address the major areas of discrimination faced day-to-day by people with  
disabilities. (Emphasis added)

9 26. As part of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, (hereinafter  
10 the "ADA"), Congress passed "Title III - Public Accommodations and Services Operated by  
11 Private Entities" (42 USC 12181ff). The subject property and facility is one of the "private  
12 entities" which are considered "public accommodations" for purposes of this title, per §  
13 301(7)(B), which includes "a restaurant, bar, or other sales or rental establishment serving food  
14 or drink."

15 27. Pursuant to §302, 42 USC §12182, "No individual shall be discriminated against  
16 on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities,  
17 privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any person  
18 who owns, leases, or leases to, or operates a place of public accommodation."

19 28. Among the specific prohibitions against discrimination were included:

20 §302(b)(2)(A)(ii): "a failure to make reasonable modifications in  
21 policies, practices, or procedures when such modifications are necessary to  
22 afford such goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or  
accommodations to individuals with disabilities...;"

23 §302(b)(A)(iii): "a failure to take such steps as may be necessary to  
24 ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied service,  
segregated, or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of  
the absence of auxiliary aids and services....;"

25 §302(b)(2)(A)(iv): "a failure to remove architectural barriers, and  
26 communication barriers that are structural in nature, in existing facilities...  
27 where such removal is readily achievable;"

28 §302(b)(2)(A)(v): "where an entity can demonstrate that the removal of  
a barrier under clause (iv) is not readily achievable, a failure to make such

1 goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations available  
2 through alternative methods if such methods are readily achievable." The acts  
3 and omissions of defendants set forth herein were in violation of plaintiff's  
rights under the ADA, Public Law 101-336, and the regulations promulgated  
thereunder, 28 CFR Part 36ff.

4 29. The removal of each of the barriers complained of by plaintiff as hereinabove  
5 alleged, were at all times herein mentioned "readily achievable" under the standards of the ADA.  
6 As noted hereinabove, removal of each and every one of the architectural barriers complained of  
7 herein was also required under California law. Further, on information and belief, alterations,  
8 structural repairs or additions since January 26, 1992 have also independently triggered  
9 requirements for removal of barriers to access for disabled persons per §303 of the ADA, as well  
10 as per California Health and Safety Code §19959.

11 30. On information and belief, as of the date of plaintiff's efforts to dine at the Citizen  
12 Thai restaurant, and as of the filing of this Complaint, the premises have denied and continue to  
13 deny full and equal access to plaintiff and to other disabled persons in other respects, which  
14 violated plaintiff's rights to full and equal access and which discriminated against plaintiff on the  
15 basis of his disability, thus wrongfully denying to plaintiff the full and equal enjoyment of the  
16 goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages and accommodations, in violation of §302 of  
17 the ADA, 42 USC §12182.

18 31. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12188ff, §308, plaintiff  
19 is entitled to the remedies and procedures set forth in §204(a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42  
20 USC 2000(a)-3(a), as plaintiff is being subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability in  
21 violation of this title or has reasonable grounds for believing that he is about to be subjected to  
22 discrimination in violation of §302 and §303. On information and belief, defendants have  
23 continued to violate the law and deny the rights of plaintiff and other disabled persons access to  
24 this public accommodation since on or before plaintiff's encounters, as previously noted.  
25 Pursuant to §308(a)(2), "In cases of violations of §302(b)(2)(A)(iv) and §303(a)... injunctive  
26 relief shall include an order to alter facilities to make such facilities readily accessible to and  
27 usable by individuals with disabilities to the extent required by this title."

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32. Plaintiff seeks relief pursuant to remedies set forth in §204(a) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (42 USC 2000(a)-3(a), and pursuant to Federal Regulations adopted to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Plaintiff is a qualified disabled person for purposes of §308(a) of the ADA who is being subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability in violation of Title III and who has reasonable grounds for believing he will be subjected to such discrimination each time that he may attempt to use the property and premises.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays for damages and injunctive relief as hereinafter stated.

## PRAAYER

Plaintiff prays that this Court:

1. Issue a preliminary and permanent injunction directing defendants as current owners, operators, lessors, and/or lessees of the subject property and premises to modify the above described property and premises and related facilities to provides full and equal access to all persons, including persons with physical disabilities; and issue a preliminary and permanent injunction pursuant to ADA § 308(a) and state law directing defendants to provide facilities usable by plaintiff and similarly situated persons with disabilities, and which provide full and equal access, as required by law;

2. Retain jurisdiction over the defendants until such time as the Court is satisfied that defendants' unlawful policies, practices, acts and omissions, and maintenance of inaccessible public facilities as complained of herein no longer occur, and can not recur;

3. Award to plaintiff all appropriate damages, including but not limited to statutory damages, general damages and treble damages in amounts within the jurisdiction of the Court, all according to proof;

4. Award to plaintiff all reasonable statutory attorney fees, litigation expenses, and costs of this proceeding as provided by law;

5. Award prejudgment interest pursuant to Civil Code § 3291; and

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