1 2 3 4 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 7 8 XAVIER TAYLOR, 9 Plaintiff, No. C 08-04406 WHA 10 v. 11 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a municipal corporation, 12 MATT SULLIVAN, individual and in his ORDER GRANTING MOTION capacity as a police officer for the City and 13 TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL County of San Francisco, and DOES 1–1000, AND REQUIRING 14 inclusive, individually and/or in their **RE-ASSIGNMENT TO A NEW** capacities as police officers for the City and JUDGE 15 County of San Francisco, 16 Defendants. 17 Retained counsel filed this case for violations of 42 U.S.C. 1983 and various state laws 18 19

on behalf of plaintiff and now move to withdraw as counsel citing irreconcilable differences on how to proceed with the case. A hearing was held in camera on April 16 with plaintiff and his counsel Fred Meis and Joseph Poppen present but not defendants or their counsel. Good cause having been shown, the motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**. Counsel Meis and Poppen are relieved as counsel for plaintiff, who shall henceforth represent himself. Because the Court has learned the details of the issues underlying the withdrawal motion, the Court gave plaintiff the opportunity to ask the undersigned to recuse himself. Such request having been made, the undersigned hereby recuses himself from this case. The case shall be reassigned.

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Dated: April 17, 2009.

WILLIAM ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE