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Defendants, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mark B. Horton and Linette Scott, all sued in their official capacities (collectively "the Administration Defendants") do hereby respond to this Court's Ouestion 12 presented to both parties, and waive closing argument in this matter as follows:

A. **Response to Ouestion 12**

In Ouestion 12 addressed to both sides, the court inquired:

How many opposite-sex couples have registered as domestic partners under California law? Are domestic partnerships between opposite-sex partners or same sex partners recognized in other jurisdictions? If appropriate, the parties may rely on documents subject to judicial notice to answer this question.

Number of Opposite Sex Couples Registered 1.

The California Secretary of State's office is charged with maintaining the Domestic Partners Registry. See Cal. Fam. Code §§ 298, 298.5. The Secretary of State's office has notified counsel for the Administration Defendants that the Declaration of Domestic Partnership form filled out by registrants does not capture gender-based information, nor does the Secretary of State's office attempt to separately ascertain or track such information. Therefore, the Secretary of State's office does not have information that is readily obtainable as to how many opposite-sex couples have registered under California law.

Recognition of Domestic Partnerships in Other Jurisdictions 2.

Several jurisdictions recognize domestic partnerships entered into in California. To the best of the Administrative Defendants' knowledge, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Washington recognize domestic partnerships entered into in California. See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-28a; D.C. Code § 32-702(i)(1)-(2); Nev. Rev. Stat. § 122A.500; N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 457:45; N.J. Stat. § 26:8A-6(c); Wash. Rev. Code § 26.60.090.

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B. Waiver of Closing Argument

The Administration Defendants advise the Court that they are hereby waiving closing argument in this matter. Therefore, the Administration Defendants will not offer any oral argument. The Administration Defendants have no opinion as to how the Court should allocate their allotted time.

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