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11	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT		
12	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA		
13	SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION		
14	SALLY STEINHART,	No. CV-10-00841 RS	
15	Plaintiff,		
16	v.	STIPULATION (THIRD) TO EXTEND COUNTY DEFENDANTS' TIME TO	
17	COUNTY OF SONOMA, SHERIFF-CORONER	FILE AN ANTI-SLAPP MOTION	
18	BILL COGBILL and DEPUTY SHERIFFS M. SHANAHAN and CAROLYN JAAP; HUMAN	UNDER CAL. C.C.P. SECTION 425.16(f); [ <del>PROPOSED]</del> ORDER	
19	SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR JO WEBER; FAMILY, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S		
20	SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR CAROL BAUER; YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
21	DIVISION DIRECTOR NICHOLAS HONEY; CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/ PROTECTIVE		
22	SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS JERRY ALLEN, BETTY JOHNSON, and ROBIN SMITH,		
23	individually and in their official capacities, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL		
24	SERVICES; DOES 1-50, and ROES 1-50, and MOES 1-50, inclusive, jointly and severally,		
25	Defendants.		
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۷٥	Stipulation (Third) to Extend County		
	Defendants' Time to File an Anti-SLAPP Motion Under Cal. C.C.P. Section 425.16(f); [proposed] Order		

This joint stipulation and request for entry of order pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-12 is entered into by and between Plaintiff in pro per, Sally Steinhart ("Plaintiff"), and Defendants the County of Sonoma, Sheriff-Coroner William Cogbill, and County employees Michael Shanahan, Caroline Jaap, Jo Weber, Nicholas Honey, Jerry Allen, Betty Johnson and Robin Smith (collectively, "County Defendants"). Defendant the California State Department of Social Services is not a party to this stipulation.

This stipulation and concomitant request for an Order is based upon County Defendants' request to extend the time in which to file an Anti-SLAPP Motion under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16 for an additional 60 days, to April 4, 2011. The terms and provisions of this stipulation and request for order are set forth below.

## RECITALS

- A. Plaintiff filed her Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Damages herein on February 26, 2010. Plaintiff believes that she effectuated service of the Complaint on all County Defendants identified above on or about May 12, 2010. Plaintiff has not yet effectuated service on Defendant the State Department of Social Services, nor Defendant and former Sonoma County employee Carol Bauer (retired).
- B. Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Damages (the "First Amended Complaint") on June 21, 2010.
- C. County Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the First Amended Complaint and concurrent Motion for More Definite Statement on July 26, 2010 (hereinafter collectively, "Motion to Dismiss"). In their Motion to Dismiss, County Defendants request dismissal of all claims for relief alleged against them in the First Amended Complaint.
- D. County Defendants' Motion to Dismiss was initially noticed to be heard on September 9, 2010, and was later continued by stipulation and order to September 30, 2010.
- E. On September 27, 2010, the Court entered a Clerk's Notice, in which the Court deemed the Motion to Dismiss submitted without oral argument pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-1(b),

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and vacated the September 30<sup>th</sup> hearing date (Dkt No. 22). As of the date of this submission, the parties have not received a decision from the Court resolving the Motion to Dismiss.

- F. If certain issues are not resolved pursuant to the Motion to Dismiss, County Defendants intend to file an Anti-SLAPP Motion under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16 (see Exhibit A). The Anti-SLAPP Motion would request this Court to strike all state law claims and related allegations made in the First Amended Complaint against the County's Human Services Department employee defendants, on ground that the claims challenge protected speech activities by governmental entities and their representatives.
- G. Under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 426.16(f), Anti-SLAPP motions should be brought within 60 days of the service of the relevant complaint. However, under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16(f), the Court has the discretion to extend the 60 day filing period to "any later time upon terms it deems proper."
- H. Upon a stipulation of the parties, the Court has previously granted County Defendants two extensions of time to file its Anti-SLAPP motion, first to December 2, 2010 (Dkt. No. 17), and later to February 3, 2011 (Dkt No. 29), to permit resolution of the Motion to Dismiss prior to the filing of such motion.
- I. County Defendants request an additional extension of time in which to file its Anti-SLAPP motion, to April 4, 2011, to allow the Court to issue a decision in the pending Motion to Dismiss prior to filing such motion. Such a request is made for the purpose of conserving the resources of the parties and the Court, as the underlying grounds for the Anti-SLAPP Motion *would become moot* if this Court grants the Motion to Dismiss as to the County's Human Services Department employees named as defendants in the case.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereby stipulate and request entry of a court order as follows:

## **STIPULATION**

1. County Defendants shall have until and including **April 4, 2011,** in which to file and serve their Anti-SLAPP motion under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16.

1	2. This stipulation does not prevent or preclude the parties from seeking additional relie		
2	from this Court, to amend this stipulation and order or otherwise.		
3		Respectfully submitted,	
4	Dated: February 2, 2011	Bruce D. Goldstein, County Counsel	
5		By: /s/ Anne L. Keck Anne L. Keck, Deputy County Counsel	
6		Attorneys for County Defendants	
7	Dated: February 2, 2011	Sally Steinhart, Plaintiff in pro per	
8		By: /s/ Sally Steinhart Sally Steinhart	
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11	[ <del>PROPOSED</del> ] ORDER		
12	PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, and with good cause appearing,		
13	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that County Defendants shall have up to and including April 4,		
14	2011, in which to file and serve their Anti-SLAPP motion under California Code of Civil Procedure		
15	Section 425.16.	HONORABLE RICHARD SELBORG United States District Judge	
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