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On August 5, 2009, the Court denied the plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction. This stipulation is not intended to affect that denial, and does not constitute a waiver or alteration by either side of their position on that motion. On August 17, 2009, the Court issued a further order reiterating its denial of the motion for preliminary injunction and dismissing Plaintiffs' claims in their entirety. This stipulation is not directed at the Court's rulings on Plaintiffs' prospective relief claims in either the August 5 or August 17 orders.

At the hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction, the parties both noted that the repeal of the challenged ordinance and the enactment of the temporary moratorium ordinance does not moot the plaintiffs' damage claims as originally pleaded in the case. See Outdoor Media Group v. City of Beaumont, 506 F.3d 895, 902-03 (9th Cir. 2007). Only the claims for prospective relief are affected by the statutory change.

Moreover, at the hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction, the Court appeared to agree with the parties that plaintiffs could wait until after the enactment of the forthcoming sign ordinance intended to replace the moratorium ordinance before filing a <u>supplemental</u> complaint. The Court stated that the parties could meet and confer on an appropriate schedule.

The parties have reviewed the Court's August 17, 2009 Order and respectfully submit that it contains two rulings inconsistent with the above.

First, the Court appears to have *sua sponte* dismissed the entire case as moot. Such relief was not sought by defendants, who concede that under current Ninth Circuit law the damage claims are not moot. The damage claims should not have been dismissed based on the repeal of the challenged ordinance and the enactment of the temporary moratorium ordinance.

Second, the Court set a date to file an amended complaint by September 18, 2009. The City will not have enacted its new Sign Ordinance by that time.

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1	Accordingly, the parties respectfully request the following relief:		
2	1. That the Court's August 17, 2009 order be revised <i>nunc pro tunc</i> so that		
3	plaintiffs' claims for damages are not found to be moot and are not dismissed.		
4	2. That the Court allow the plaintiffs until 30 days after the City enacts a		
5	replacement Sign Ordinance to supplement and amend their complaint.		
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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Pursuant to stipulation, and good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Court's August 17, 2009 order is revised *nunc pro tunc* so that plaintiffs' claims for damages are not found to be moot and are not dismissed.
- 2. Plaintiffs shall have until 30 days after the City enacts a replacement Sign Ordinance to supplement and amend their complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: __9/10/09_____



1	I, Michael von Loewenfeldt, am the	ECF User whose ID and password are being used to
2	file this Stipulation and Proposed Order re C	Clarification/Reconsideration of Paragraph 4 of the
3	August 17, 2009 Order. In compliance with	General Order 45, X.B., I hereby attest that
4	Matthew D. Zinn of Shute, Mihaly & Weinb	perger, LLP, Attorneys for the City of Richmond, has
5	concurred in this filing.	
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7	DATED: August 19, 2009	
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