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1		UNITED STATE	ES DISTRICT COURT		
2	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN JOSE DIVISION				
3	CLRB HANSON INDUST INDUSTRIAL PRINTING) CASE NO: 05-030	549	
4	STERN, on behalf of them others similarly situated,		 SECOND AMEN COMPLAINT F 	IDED CLASS ACTION	N
5	Plair	ntiffs,)) 1. Breach of Co		
6	VS.) Good Faith a	plied Covenant of and Fair Dealing	
7	GOOGLE, INC.,) Code §§ 172	California Bus. & Prof 00 <i>et seq</i> .	
8	Defe	endant.) Code §§ 175		•
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1) JURY TRIAL DI	EMANDED	
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3	Plaintiffs, by their a	ttorneys, allege the	e following upon infor	mation and belief, excep	t for
4 5	those allegations that pertain to Plaintiffs, which are based upon Plaintiffs' personal knowledge:				
6	NATURE OF THE ACTION				
U	1. Plaintiffs br	ing this class action	n against Google, Inc.	("Google" or the	
7	"Company") on behalf of themselves and other persons and entities that advertise pursuant to				

Google's AdWords program ("AdWords") and have been charged more than their "daily
 budget" for their advertising campaign (the "Class").

2. Plaintiffs bring this action to enjoin Google from engaging in such wrongful
overbilling in connection with its AdWords program and to recover damages incurred.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the Class Action Fairness
Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. §1332(d)(2). The matter in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional
amount and there are members of the Class that are citizens of States different from the
Defendant's.

4. The claims asserted will be governed by the laws of California. California has a
 distinct nexus with the alleged harm and the Defendant. It is possible that the number of citizens
 of California is substantially larger than the number of citizens from any other State.

5. Defendant Google, a citizen of California, is the sole defendant from whom relief
is sought by members of the Class, and whose alleged conduct forms the basis for the claims
asserted by the Class.

Kenue is proper in this Court because a substantial part of the events or omissions
 giving rise to the claims herein occurred in this County, and Google has at all relevant times
 been doing business in this County and throughout California and maintains its principal
 executive offices in Santa Clara County.

7. The AdWords program terms state that the AdWords agreement is governed by
 California law and any claims thereunder are to be adjudicated in Santa Clara County,
 California.

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THE PARTIES

8. Plaintiff CLRB Hanson Industries, LLC d/b/a Industrial Printing ("Industrial
 Printing") is a limited liability corporation formed in the state of Minnesota. Industrial Printing
 advertises on the Google network pursuant to AdWords.

27 9. Plaintiff Howard Stern ("Stern") is a citizen of the state of New Jersey. Stern
28 advertises his business, homeworksolvers.net, on the Google network.

1 10. Defendant Google is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business
 2 located within Santa Clara County at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, California
 3 94043.

11. 4 Google owns and operates the Internet search engine named Google and offers 5 advertising programs. Internet users use the search engine to locate and access web sites. Users 6 key in words in the search box on the Google search screen and Google locates and lists websites 7 containing those words and provides links thereto. On the same page as the search results, 8 Google displays a box or boxes, above or to the right of, the search results which contain 9 "Sponsored Links" having 2-4 lines of text. These "Sponsored Links" are links to the websites 10 of businesses that provide the services or sell the products concerning the search terms that had 11 been inputted. These "Sponsored Links" are the ads of the advertisers who sign up for, and pay 12 for, Google's advertising program. These ads could also appear in similar locations on the 13 search and content sites and products in the Google network.

14 12. The Google network is the largest online advertising network in the United States
15 and includes thousands of third-party web sites. The search sites include, for example, AOL,
16 Earthlink, AskJeeves, and Shopping.com; the content websites include, for example, The New
17 York Times, HGTV, and the Weather Channel.

18 13. Google purports to be a global technology leader focused on improving the ways
19 people connect with information. According to the Company's Form S-1 filed with the
20 Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on April 29, 2004 in conjunction with its initial
21 public offering, the Company's:

22 [I]nnovations in web search and advertising have made our web site a top Internet destination and our brand one of the most 23 recognized in the world. We maintain the world's largest online index of web sites and other content, and we make this information 24 freely available to anyone with an Internet connection. Our automated search technology helps people obtain nearly instant 25 access to relevant information from our vast online index. We generate revenue by delivering relevant, cost-effective online 26 advertising. Businesses use our AdWords program to promote their products and services with targeted advertising. 27

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1 2 3	SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS The AdWords Program 14. AdWords is a global advertising program offered by Google.								
4 5 6	 15. Google states that AdWords gives advertisers hands-on control over all elements of their ad campaigns. 16. On the homepage for Google AdWords, under the heading "AdWords 								
7 8 9	Advantages," Google touts "we pledge to help you meet your customer acquisition needs by enabling you to: Fully control your ad budget."								
 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 									
28	Programs" hyperlink on the Google.com Internet search engine site (Google's homepage). Clicking on the "Advertising Programs" hyperlink brings up the Google page with the hyperlink								

for "Google AdWords," which, in turn, brings the prospective advertiser to the AdWords "sign
 up" or login page.

By scrolling and clicking on the various linked pages, an advertiser, among other
things: (i) creates its ad and selects (i.e., "purchases") keywords which will trigger the ad to run
when an Internet user inserts a search into the Google search engine which includes those
keywords; (ii) chooses the geographic locations it wants to target with its ad; (iii) sets a
maximum cost-per-click it wants to spend each time someone clicks on the ad; and (iv) sets a
daily budget, which Google describes in the sign up process as the "amount you're willing to
spend on a specific campaign each day and can be changed as often as you like."

10 23. After providing the afore-mentioned information, the advertiser creates an
11 AdWords account by providing an email address and choosing a password.

12 24. To activate the ad(s), the advertiser logs into the account he/she created and13 submits his/her billing information.

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25. The advertiser's ad(s) begins to run once valid billing information is submitted.
26. Throughout the sign up process, advertisers can either click on form questions or search for help by entering terms they have questions about. By clicking on the form questions and by entering the help terms, Google brings to the screen responsive portions of the FAQs.

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27. AdWords allows advertisers to "pause" an ad campaign at any time without limit.
28. The Company touts in its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, filed
with the SEC on March 30, 2005 (the "2004 Form 10-K") (as well as in its quarterly Form 10-Qs
filed with the SEC) AdWords as an effective way "to deliver relevant ads targeted to search
results or web content" and to "provide[] advertisers with a cost-effective way to deliver ads to

23 customers across Google sites and through the Google Network."

24 29. The Company emphasizes in its 2004 Form 10-K, that "AdWords gives
advertisers hands-on control over most elements of their ad campaigns. Advertisers can specify
the relevant search or content topics for each of their ads. Advertisers can also manage
expenditures by setting a maximum daily budget and determining how much they are willing to
pay whenever a user clicks on an ad."

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1	Advertisers Set a "Daily" Budget and Are Supposed to Have the Right to Control What they Pay						
2	30.	30. A key feature of AdWords is that it allows the advertiser to set a "daily budget."					
3	31.	As part of the	he sign up process,	the advertiser sets a da	ily budget which limits the		
4	amount of mo	amount of money that Google may charge per day. As stated by Google: "Your daily budget is					
5	the amount yo	ou're willing	to spend on a speci	fic campaign each day	and can be changed as often		
6	as you like."	-			-		
7	32.	The AdWor	ds Agreement give	s advertisers the right	to set their own daily budget		
8	as a method o	f cost control		-			
9	33.	Advertisers	have the right to cl	nange their daily budge	et as often as they like. The		
10	FAQs section	FAQs section provides that an advertiser may change a daily budget for an ad campaign up to ten					
11	times per day						
12	34.	In the AdW	ords Agreement, G	oogle represents, offer	s and agrees to the following		
13	concerning the daily budget:						
14		a. <u>How</u>	v do I create an Ad	Words account?			
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16		You	4: Specify your da r maximum daily b	budget helps determine	e your ad		
17		expo	osure (the number of . There is no mining	of times Google shows	your ad in a		
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19				o creating an AdWords	Account?		
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21		Cho 13.	ose Daily Budget A recommended	d daily budget will ap	pear highlighted in the daily		
22			budget box on	the next page. This is	the amount necessary for		
23	your ad to appear every time on your keyword. However, you can increase or lower this amount by typing in your desired daily budget ."						
24			Note: This amo		your ad appears on Google; throughout the day to stay		
25			within your alte		Matching the recommended		
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	d.	We recommend daily budgets based on historical data for the same or similar keywords as you. We also consider additional factors-such as variations in language and location and Google Network activity. The daily budget we recommend will ensure your ads appear for all relevant searches, increasing your visibility and reach to potential customers. Remember, setting your daily budget to the amount we recommend is optional-you're always in full control of your AdWords account. You can edit your campaign's daily budget as often as you'd like, and to whatever amount results in the most appropriate return on investment for you. (Agreement, 061.) (Emphasis added.) Why can't I see my ad? * * * * 2. 2. Check your daily budget . When you create your ads, we recommend a daily budget for maximum ad delivery. If your daily budget is set lower than the recommended amount, we spread the delivery of your ad throughout the day in order to stay within your budget. In that case your ad throughout the day in order to stay within your budget. In that
 11 12 13 		case your ad may not be showing when you look for it. To maximize your visibility, meet the recommended daily budget amount.(Agreement, 036.) (Emphasis added.)
14	е.	What happens if my daily budget is lower than what the AdWords system recommends?
15 16 17		* * * You may have received an email or a notification in your account stating that your ads have periodically stopped showing because one or more of your campaigns has reached its daily budget . This notification links to a tool you can use to edit your daily budget.
18 19 20		Is this just a way to get me to pay more? If you increase your daily budget , you won't necessarily spend it all. Remember, you only pay when people click your ads. And, of course, you're always in control of your account-you never have to pay more than you want.
21		(Agreement, 048-049.) (Emphasis added.)
22	f.	Is image ads pricing different than text ads pricing?
23		No Your daily budget can go as high as you like.
24		(Agreement, 062.) (Emphasis added.)
25	g.	Does it cost extra to show my ads on all of the Google Network sites?
26 27		There is no fee to run your ads on sites and products in the Google Network As with all Google advertising, you only pay for clicks on your ads. You control how much you spend by selecting a maximum cost- per-click (CPC) and daily budget that fit your advertising goals.
28		(Agreement, 062.) (Emphasis added.)

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1 2 3 4 5	35. budget:	How does Google sl daily bud accumula remainde Once you daily bud	s Google keep my can hows your ads evenly lget by the end of each ting charges early on r of the day. I've selected your key lget . If you set your	isers that Google will n mpaign below my daily over time so that you ch day. This keeps you and then disappearing words, you'll see a rec daily budget to this va	y budget ? reach your r ad from for the commended lue, you will
6 7 8		lower tha evenly th daily buc	n the recommended a roughout the day to k lget.	and activity. If your da amount, Google will de teep your costs at or be	liver your ads
9			ent, 062.) (Emphasis		
10	36.	The Agre	ement repeatedly ref	ers to advertisers' abilit	ty to control the costs of their
11	advertising a pay":	nd assures	advertisers that they	will not be billed more	e than they are "willing to
12		a. <u>H</u>	ow much does AdWo	ords cost?	
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16 17 18		A A	dWords. After that, y dWords ads, and you	e-time activation fee for ou pay only for clicks can control that by tell to pay per click and pe	on your ling us how
19		(Agreeme	ent, 010.) (Emphasis	added.)	
20		b. <u>T</u>	op 5 Things I need to	know to get started:	
21			ow much does AdWo		r Google AdWords. After
22		th	at, you pay only for	clicks on your AdWo	rds ads, and you can
23		pq	er day. For example,	a new advertiser payin ant with just US\$5.00,	e willing to pay per click g in USD can activate and can then choose a
24		m	aximum cost-per-clic	the with just US\$5.00, a k (CPC) from US\$0.05 up to whatever limit he	5- US\$100. Daily budgets
25			bending.	ap to whatever mint he	
26		(Agreeme	ent, 010.) (Emphasis	added.)	
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5			ement	, 059.) (Emphasis	added.)	
7	Pausing an A	<u>Ad</u>				
3	37.	During	g the s	sign up process, Go	ogle explicitly tells pro	ospective advertisers that
9	they will only	y be bille	ed for	the days their ad ru	uns:	
)		Google	e AdV	Vords		
1		Daily 1	Budge	et:		
2		•	Dail	y budget is based o	on the keyword Traffic	Estimator
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5	A har	d copy o	of this	screen is annexed	hereto as Exhibit B.	
6	38.	The A	green	nent likewise gives	advertisers the right to	"pause" an ad campaign at
7	any time, wit	hout lim	it, and	d states that adverti	sers will not accrue ch	arges for the period that
8	their ad is par		·			

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1	a.	Can I have my ads run at particular times of day?					
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3		You can pause your ad campaign at any time. You					
4		won't accrue charges while your ads are paused, and they'll remain paused until you resume them.					
5		(Agreement, 026.) (Emphasis added.)					
6	b.	If I pause or delete my campaign, when do I get billed?					
7		After you pause or delete all of your campaigns, you don't accrue any additional charges to your Google AdWords account. However,					
8		because the AdWords program bills on a 30-day billing cycle, you may receive a charge up to 30 days after you have paused or deleted your					
9		campaigns. You will be charged for any activity that occured [sic] before you pause or delete a campaign.					
10		(Agreement, 070.) (Emphasis added.)					
11	39. Unli	ike advertising in traditional media such as billboards and print publications,					
12	cost-per-click Internet ads displayed with specific keyword searches have been promoted as a						
13	definitive way for a	companies to gauge their exposure to potential customers. As a result, U.S.					
14 15	sales from advertise	er-paid search results are expected to grow 25 percent this year to \$3.2 billion,					
15	up from \$2.5 billio	n in 2003, according to research firm eMarketer. From 2002 to 2003, the					
10	market rose by 175	percent.					
18	40. Goo	gle's revenue is largely dependent upon its AdWords program. The revenue					
19	that Google receive	es from its AdWords program is critical to the viability of Google.					
20	41. Acc	ording to a December 2, 2004 article on the CNNMoney website:					
21		l-search advertising generates about 98 percent of Google's enues. Red-hot demand for cost-per-click advertising doubled					
22		gle revenues in the first three quarters of [2004] and paved the for the company's blockbuster IPO in August.					
23	42. Goo	gle's latest 2004 Form 10-K stated:					
24		wth in our revenues from 2003 to 2004 and from 2002 to 2003,					
25	Goo	Ited primarily from growth in revenues from ads on our gle Network members' web sites and growth in revenues from on our web sites. The advertising revenue growth resulted					
26	prin	harily from increases in the total number of paid clicks and ads layed through our programs, rather than from changes in the					
27	aver	age fees realized. The increase in the number of paid clicks due to an increase in the number of Google Network members,					
28		ncrease in aggregate traffic both on our web sites and those of					

1 our Google Network members and improvements in our ability to monetize increased traffic on our web sites. 3 1 4 3 5 43. In its 2004 Form 10-K and quarterly Form 10-Qs filed with the SEC, Google 6 boasts that AdWords is an effective way "to deliver relevant ads targeted to search results or web 6 content" and to "provide[] advertisers with a cost-effective way to deliver ads to customers 7 across Google sites and through the Google Network." 4 4. Google also reiterated in its 2004 Form 10-K that advertisers can manage 9 expenditures by setting a maximum daily budget and determining how much they are willing to pay whenever a user clicks on an ad. 10 Google Wrongfully and Misleadingly Charges Advertisers More Than Their Daily Budget. 11 45. Despite the fact that throughout the sign up process and the Agreement, Defendant Google plainly and repeatedly states that advertisers set their own "daily" budget to control costs and set limits, Google wrongfully and misleadingly commits advertisers to a monthly budget, in an amount up to their daily budget times 30 or 31, with no exception made for days their ad is paused. 16 46. Defendant does not deny that it converts the daily budgets set by advertisers into monthly budgets. For example (and as detailed below), when Plaintiff Stern complained about having been billed more than his daily budget, Defendant responded by telling him that Google is allowed to	¢	ase 5:05-cv-03649-JW Document 47 Filed 05/04/2006 Page 11 of 23						
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those maintained by Google shall be accepted for reporting or payment purposes." (Agreement,
 0109.)

Defendant's Wrongful Conduct With Respect to Plaintiffs

4 56. In July, 2002, plaintiff Industrial Printing entered into a contract with Google to
5 advertise using the AdWords program and specified a daily budget.

57. Despite this set daily budget, Google routinely exceeded the daily budget set by
Plaintiff Industrial Printing, Google did not credit Industrial Printing for all such charges over its
daily budget, and Google continues to charge it for advertising in excess of its daily budget.

9 58. Plaintiff Industrial Printing ran an advertising campaign, Contract Decorating,
10 during the month of February 2005 for 27 days with a \$50 daily budget and was charged a total
11 of \$1495.33, or \$55.38. The same campaign was run in March 2005, for 17 days with a daily
12 budget of \$50. On each day the campaign ran in that billing cycle, Google overdelivered the ad,
13 charging Industrial Printing from 121% to 162% above its \$50 daily budget, for an average of
14 141% over the applicable daily budget. Plaintiff was billed \$1,197.79 in March 2005 (\$70.45
15 per day) instead of the \$850 it contracted for, and was "willing to pay."

16 59. Similarly, in connection with another campaign, Mousepads, also with a \$50 daily
17 budget, in February 2005 Plaintiff Industrial Printing ran the add 9 days and was charged
18 \$462.23, or \$51.35 per day. In March 2005, the campaign, still with a daily budget of only \$50,
19 ran only 2 days and Industrial Printing was charged \$118.10, or \$59.05 per day.

20 60. With respect to yet another campaign, Team, also with a \$50 daily budget, in
21 February, 2005, Google charged Industrial Printing \$1443.11 for said campaign which ran only
22 27 days, or \$53.44 per day. In March, 2005, Industrial Printing was charged \$1126.08 even
23 though the ad ran only 17 days, or \$66.24 per day.

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61. Google charged Industrial Printing's credit card for said amounts and did not provide credits therefore.

26 Defendant's Wrongful Conduct With Respect to Plaintiff Stern

27 62. In October, 2003, Plaintiff Stern entered into a contract with Google to advertise
28 using the AdWords program. He set his daily budget at \$10.

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1	63.	Plaintiff Stern's daily budget has consistently been \$10.							
2	64.	Despite havi	ng set a daily bud	get of \$10, Google rou	tinely exceeds the daily				
3	budget set by	Plaintiff Sterr	1.						
4	65.	For example	, on April 5, 2005	, Plaintiff Stern was ch	arged \$16.78; on April 12,				
5	2005, he was	charged \$19.3	4; on April 12, 20	005 he was charged \$11	1.59; and on April 25, 2005				
6	he was charge	ed \$16.10.							
7	66.	Plaintiff Ster	n complained abo	out the overbilling.					
8	67.	When Plaint	iff Stern complain	ed to Google, Google	said that it only provides				
9	credit for char	rges above 30/	31 times his daily	budget in a monthly b	illing cycle.				
10	68.	Plaintiff Ster	n has never been	credited for the overag	es.				
11	CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS								
12	69.	Plaintiffs br	ing this action as	a class action pursuant	to Fed. P. Civ. Proc. 23 on				
13	behalf of them	nselves and all	l persons who we	re charged by Google n	nore than their set daily				
14	budgets for their advertising campaign(s).								
15	70.	Numerosity	(FRCP 23 (a)(1)):	Members of the Class	s are so numerous that				
16	joinder is imp	racticable. Pl	aintiffs believe th	at thousands of people	have been damaged by				
17	Google's con	duct. The nan	nes and addresses	of the members of the	Class are identifiable				
18	through docur	ments maintai	ned by Google an	d the members of the C	lass may be notified of the				
19	pendency of t	his action by p	oublished, mailed,	and/or electronic notic	ce.				
20	71.	Common Qu	estions of Fact an	d Law (FRCP 23(a)(2)): The questions of law and				
21	fact common to the members of the Class which predominate over questions which may affect								
22	individual Class members include, but are not limited to:								
23			her Google routir ords program;	nely overcharged for ad	vertising pursuant to its				
24		b. Whet	her Google routir	ely exceeded the daily	budgets set by advertisers;				
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27				hed the duty of good fa	ith and fair dealing inherent				
28		in the	e Agreement;						

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1	75. <u>Superio</u>	75. <u>Superiority (FRCP 23(b)(3))</u> : A class action is superior to other available						
2	methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy because:							
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4	of the Class is impracticable, cumbersome, unduly burdensome, and a waste of judicial and/or litigation resources;							
5		b. The individual claims of the members of the Class now may be relatively modest compared with the expense of litigating the claim,						
6		thereby making it impracticable, unduly burdensome, expensive, if not totally impossible, to justify individual actions;						
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8	of the Class can be determined by the court and administered efficiently in a manner which is far less erroneous, burdensome, and expensive than							
9	if it were attempted through filing, discovery, and trial of all individual cases;							
10			l promote orderly, effic					
11 12	appropriate adjudication and administration of class claims to promote economies of time, resources, and limited pool of recovery;							
12 13	e. Plaintiffs know of no difficulty to be encountered in the management of this action that would preclude its maintenance as a class action; and							
14 15	f. This class action will assure uniformity of decisions among members of the Class.							
15	6 [Breach of Contract]							
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18	76. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth							
19	herein.							
20	77. Plaintiffs and Google entered into the Agreement that included Google's							
 Standard Terms and Conditions for participation in Google's AdWords program. 78. The Agreement gives Plaintiffs and the Class the ability to control their ov 								
					23	advertising cost by setting their own daily budget.		
24	79. Google	repeatedly represent	ed and promised that it	t would not exceed the daily				
25	budget set by Plaintiffs and Class members.							
26	80. The Ag	reement prohibits Go	bogle from exceeding F	Plaintiffs' and the Class				
members' daily budgets, and explicitly states that Google will deliver Plaintiffs' ar								
28	members' ads at, or below, their daily budgets.							

1	81.	In the Agreement, Google promises that Plaintiffs and Class members will not		
2	be charged for periods when their ads are paused.			
3	82.	Plaintiffs and the Class performed all conditions, covenants and promises		
4	required to be performed by Plaintiffs and the Class in accordance with the terms of the			
5	Agreement.			
6	83.	Google breached the Agreement by charging Plaintiffs and the Class advertising		
7	fees in excess of their respective daily budgets.			
8	84.	Google's breach of the Agreement and continued breach of the Agreement has		
9	benefitted, and continues to benefit, Google, and has damaged, and continues to damage			
10	Plaintiffs and the Class.			
11	85.	There is no adequate remedy at law.		
12	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION			
13		[Breach of Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing]		
14	86.	Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth		
15	herein.			
16	87.	The Adwords Agreement includes the implied covenant of good faith and fair		
17	dealing.			
18	88.	Defendant has a duty not to commit acts which would improperly deprive		
19	Plaintiffs and Class Members of the benefit of the Agreement.			
20	89.	A principal benefit for which Plaintiffs and the Class contracted was the ability		
21	to control their advertising cost by setting a daily budget and to be charged no more than their			
22	daily budget for each day their ad runs.			
23	90.	The implied covenant prevents Google from charging Plaintiffs and the Class		
24	more than their respective daily budgets. By charging Plaintiffs and the Class more than their			
25	respective daily budgets, Google breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.			
26	91.	The implied covenant prevents Google from converting each advertiser's daily		
27	budget into a monthly budget and holding each advertiser liable up to that amount per month,			
28	irrespective of	f whether he/she/it pause their ad.		

92. As a result of Google's wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs and Class Members have suffered and continue to suffer economic losses and other general and specific damages, all in an amount to be determined according to proof at time of trial.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Unfair Competition [Violation of California Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq.]

93. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

94. By engaging in the above-described acts and practices, Defendant has committed one or more acts of unfair competition within the meaning of Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.* As used in this Complaint and in § 17200, "unfair competition" means (1) an unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice; (2) unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising; and/or (3) an act prohibited by Chapter 1 (commencing with § 17500) of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code. This conduct is actionable pursuant to Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 and 17203.

95. Beginning on a date unknown to Plaintiffs and continuing to the present,Google has engaged in, and continues to engage in, such unfair competition. Defendant's actsor practices are wrongful, arbitrary, without justifiable basis, unethical, oppressive, and havecaused substantial injuries to Plaintiffs and other members of the Class.

96. Defendant's unlawful business acts and practices are described herein and include, but are not limited to, using and employing unconscionable commercial practices, deception and concealment, suppression, and omission of material facts concerning the cost of advertising with its AdWords program.

97. Members of the public are likely to be deceived by the Agreement and the sign up process which states that advertisers can control their advertising costs by setting a daily budget.

98. Defendant's conduct, as described above, is unlawful and unfair and deceptive in that Defendant wrongfully binds advertisers to a monthly budget of their daily budget times 30/31, even if their ad does not run each day. Google wrongfully bills advertisers more than

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their daily budget on any given day. Google also overdelivers ad(s) in order to best ensure that it will charge advertisers up to the monthly budget which it wrongfully creates from advertisers' daily budgets.

99. Defendant's act and practices described herein are unlawful in violation of §17200 and constitute, *inter alia*, breach of contract and unjust enrichment.

100. Defendant's acts and practices alleged herein are unfair in violation of § 17200.
Defendant's acts and practices alleged herein constitute a violation of § 17200 in that members
of the public are likely to be deceived concerning the cost of its AdWords program.

9 101. Plaintiffs and members of the Class have been injured by Defendant's conduct.
10 They have been charged in excess of their daily budget.

102. Defendant's acts and practices alleged herein constitute unfair, deceptive,
untrue or misleading advertising in violation of § 17200 in that members of the public are
likely to be deceived by Defendant concerning the cost of its AdWords program and their
ability to control their costs.

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103. Plaintiffs and members of the Class have been injured by Defendant's conduct.

104. As set forth in the following cause of action, Defendant's acts and practices also constitute a violation of § 17500.

18 105. Plaintiffs have suffered injury in fact and have lost money or property as a result
19 of this unfair competition and bring this cause of action on behalf of themselves and on behalf
20 of all other similarly injured Class members, pursuant to Business & Professions Code
21 §§ 17200 *et seq.*

106. Google maintains its headquarters and principal places of operations in
California. The unfair, unlawful or fraudulent business acts and practices of defendant set
forth above emanate from Google's California headquarters. Google's wrongful conduct
originated from and thus occurred inside California.

26 107. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code §17200, *et seq.*, Plaintiffs
27 on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, seek relief as prayed for below.

	108.	It is impossible for the Plaintiffs to determine the exact extent of the injury		
without a detailed review of Google's books and records.				
FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION				
		Untrue and Misleading Advertising [Violation of California Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500 <i>et seq</i> .]		
	109.	Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate the above allegations as though fully set forth		
set forth herein.				
	110.	Beginning on a date unknown to Plaintiffs (but prior to the dates Plaintiffs		
entered into the AdWords Agreement) and continuing to the present, Google advertised its				
AdWords program throughout the United States, including California, and the world as a way				
to a	dvertise o	n the Google network while controlling their own cost.		
	111.	Google has engaged in the false and misleading marketing alleged herein with		
an i	ntent to in	nduce advertisers to enter into the AdWords Agreement.		
	112.	Google's advertisements and marketing representations and omissions		
concerning the cost of the AdWords program, including but not limited to, allowing advertisers				
to control the costs of their advertising limiting such to the daily budget set by advertisers,				
allo	wing adve	ertisers to pause their ads at no charge, are false, misleading, and deceptive as set		
fort	h more fu	lly above.		
	113.	At the time it made and disseminated the statements and made the material		
omissions as alleged herein, Google knew or should have known that the statements were				
deceptive, untrue, and/or misleading, and acted in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§				
175	00 et seq.			
	114.	Google concealed the true cost of the AdWords program and that it does not		
limi	it advertis	ers' charges to their respective daily budgets.		
	115.	Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves individually and the Class, seek damages		
and	/or injunc	tive relief, and other relief allowable under §§ 17500 et seq.		

1	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION				
2	[Unjust Enrichment]				
3	116. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1-55, 57-61, 63-70, 71a., b., f				
4	m., 72-75, 94-98, 100-108, 110-115, as if fully set forth herein.				
5	117. As set forth in paragraph 37, <i>supra</i> , Google represented that its "Ad System				
6	ensures you [advertisers] never pay more than your daily budget multiplied by the number of				
7	days in a month your campaign was active."				
8	118. To the detriment of Plaintiffs and each member of the Class, Google has been,				
9	and continues to be, unjustly enriched through unlawful overcharging and collecting				
10	advertising fees in excess of advertiser's daily budget times the number of days their ad runs.				
11	119. Google has unjustly benefitted through its unlawful overcharging and continues				
12	to benefit, at the expense of, and to the detriment of, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class.				
13	120. Google has voluntarily accepted and retained these profits and benefits which it				
14	derived from Plaintiffs and Class members with the full knowledge and awareness that they				
15	result from its own wrongful, routine, and systematic overcharging for advertising.				
16	121. By virtue of the conduct alleged in this Complaint, Google has been unjustly				
17	enriched at the expense of the Plaintiffs and Class Members, who are equitably entitled to, and				
18	hereby seek, the disgorgement and restitution of Google's profits, revenue, and benefits to the				
19	extent, and in the amount, deemed appropriate by the Court. Specifically, the additional sums				
20	of money charged to Plaintiffs and all other similarly situated individuals for advertising which				
21	was improper must be refunded. These amounts of money constitute money which, in equity				
22	and good conscience, should be returned by Google to Plaintiffs and members of the Class				
23	pursuant to the equitable doctrine of restitution/unjust enrichment.				
24	122. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and each member of the Class seek restitution of the full				
25	value of all benefits and enrichment Google has obtained, and continues to obtain, at the				
26	expense of Plaintiffs and each member of the Class.				
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1	123. Alternatively, if, and to the extent, the parties are found to have entered into an			
2	express contract governing the claims herein, plaintiffs are still entitled to restitution benefits.			
3	Such contract is voidable and otherwise unenforceable given Google's material			
4	misrepresentations that advertisers may pause their ad without being charged for those days,			
5	and that advertisers would not be billed more than their daily budget for those days that their			
6	ad runs. These material misrepresentations were, and are, contrary to Google's billing			
7	practices.			
8	124. Plaintiffs are seeking an injunction because Google continues with its			
9	misrepresentations and improper billing practices.			
10	125. There is no adequate remedy at law.			
11	PRAYER FOR RELIEF			
12	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class pray for relief as follows:			
13	1. For an order certifying the proposed Class herein and appointing Plaintiffs and			
14	their undersigned counsel of record to represent the Class;			
15	2. For restitution of the full value of all benefits and enrichment Google has			
16	obtained, and continues to obtain, at the expense of Plaintiffs and each member of the Class;			
17	3. For the entry of preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against Google,			
18	directing Google to correct its misrepresentations and to not charge the members of the Class			
19	more than their daily budgets and to not bill advertisers for days that their ad is paused;			
20	4. For the return of all money unlawfully charged Plaintiffs and the Class			
21	Members by Google in the form of advertising fees together will all accumulation thereon;			
22	5. For the imposition of a constructive trust on all advertising fees improperly			
23	charged Plaintiffs and the members of the Class by Google's failure to follow the daily budgets			
24	together with all accumulation thereon;			
25	6. For declaratory relief setting forth the rights and obligations of the parties with			
26	respect to the Agreement;			
27	7. For general damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court;			
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1	8.	-	atory damages in e	excess of the jurisdictio	nal minimum of the Court,		
2	according to p	ling to proof;					
3	9.	9. Consequential damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of the Court,					
4	according to p	according to proof;					
5	10.	Attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of this action;					
6	11.	Prejudgment interest; and					
7	12.	2. Such further relief as this Court deems necessary, just, and proper.					
8	JURY TRIAL DEMAND						
9	Plaint	iffs demand	d trial by jury on a	ll issues so triable.			
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