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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
12 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

13 WILLIAM DEANS, an individual,  
14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 LAS VEGAS CLARK COUNTY LIBRARY  
17 DISTRICT; RONALD R. HEEZEN, (in his  
18 official capacity); COLLEGE OF  
19 SOUTHERN NEVADA; ANTONIA MARIE  
20 SUMMERLIN (Badge No. 228) (in her  
21 personal and official capacity);  
22 RANDALL PERKINS (Badge No. 104) (in his  
23 professional capacity); JANE DOE; JOHN  
24 ROE; and JANE POE,  
25 Defendants.

Case No.

**VERIFIED 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY  
RELIEF, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, AND  
DAMAGES**

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

19 Plaintiff William Deans brings this Complaint for injunctive relief,  
20 declaratory relief, and damages. This is an action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to  
21 address the unconstitutional prior restraint issued by Defendants against Plaintiff  
22 as well as the violations of Plaintiff's First Amendment rights to petition and  
23 freedom of expression. Based on the clear constitutional violations and  
24 Defendants' willful and deliberate violations of the law, Plaintiff seeks a  
25 permanent injunction, declaratory relief, and should be awarded damages,  
26 costs, attorneys' fees, and any other relief to which he is entitled as a victim of  
27 civil rights violations.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

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1. Plaintiff William Deans was exercising his First Amendment Right to engage in political speech by obtaining signatures for a petition to place The Automatic Voter Registration Initiative on the ballot in Nevada and by instructing his fellow citizens as to how to register to vote prior to the October 18, 2016 deadline.

2. He did this at the West Charleston Public Library, a public library located at the College of Southern Nevada, where many civically-minded citizens come to educate themselves.

3. Rather than Defendants encouraging this activity, they told Plaintiff that he had to “register” with them before he could engage in this protected activity of gathering signatures and advocating to other citizens that they should register to vote, and instructing them as to how to do so.

4. When Plaintiff rightfully pointed out that he had a First Amendment Right to engage in this activity, Defendant Summerlin, personally, and acting in her official capacity, threatened Mr. Deans with arrest if he did not leave the premises immediately.

5. Plaintiff did ultimately leave the premises in response to this threat of arrest, but that was not enough for Defendants. They also issued Plaintiff a “Notice of Trespass” requiring him to leave the West Charleston Library and forbidding him from visiting **any** branch of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (hereinafter, “LVCCLD”) for a period of at least **one year**. Mr. Deans is therefore, at this time, subject to arrest if he visits *any* branch of the LVCCLD, whether to check out books, whether to simply observe the activities there, or whether he wishes to advocate for voter registration outside the library.

6. There is nothing remotely lawful about what Defendants have done to Plaintiff. They have chilled speech at the core of the First Amendment and

1 imposed a blatantly unconstitutional prior restraint on Plaintiff from attempting to  
 2 educate the voting public. They should be permanently enjoined from further  
 3 infringing Plaintiff's constitutional rights, made to pay damages for the violations  
 4 that have already occurred, and made to pay attorneys' fees to compensate  
 5 Plaintiff for the expense of vindicating his constitutional rights.

6 **2.0 JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

7 7. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the federal  
 8 Constitutional violations alleged in this Complaint pursuant to the provisions of  
 9 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 & 1343. This Court has jurisdiction to issue  
 10 injunctive and declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

11 8. Venue is proper in the District of Nevada pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.  
 12 All Defendants reside in Nevada, and all actions pertinent to this complaint  
 13 occurred in Clark County, Nevada.

14 **3.0 THE PARTIES**

15 9. Plaintiff William Deans is a resident of the State of Pennsylvania. He  
 16 is a civically concerned individual who, periodically over the past 10 years, has  
 17 spent significant time circulating petitions. At the time of Defendants' unlawful  
 18 activities, he was circulating a petition, filed with the State of Nevada, for placing  
 19 a measure on ballots in Nevada providing for the automatic registration of  
 20 eligible voters, and instructing citizens on their right to register to vote and  
 21 instructing them as to how he they could do so.

22 10. Defendant Las Vegas Clark County Library District ("LVCCLD") is a  
 23 public entity that provides library facilities and library services to the Las Vegas  
 24 metropolitan area.

25 11. Defendant Ronald R. Heezen is the director of LVCCLD. He is sued  
 26 here in his official capacity.

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1           12. Defendant Antonia Marie Summerlin is a University Police Officer with  
 2 Defendant College of Southern Nevada. She is sued here in her personal and  
 3 professional capacity.

4           13. Defendant College of Southern Nevada ("CSN") is a public entity  
 5 and provides educational facilities and educational services in Clark County,  
 6 Nevada.

7           14. Defendant Randall Perkins is a University Police Lieutenant with CSN.  
 8 He is sued here in his official capacity.

9           15. Defendants Jane Doe, John Roe, and Jane Poe are employees of  
 10 LVCCLD who at all relevant times worked as staff at the West Charleston Public  
 11 Library. Mr. Deans will uncover their identities through the course of discovery  
 12 and amend this Complaint to provide their true names. They are sued in their  
 13 personal and professional capacities.

**4.0 STANDING**

15           16. Plaintiff is directly affected by Defendants' unlawful activities  
 16 because he is the direct target of Defendants' unlawful prior restraint against his  
 17 petitioning activities.

18           17. Defendants' activities have caused a violation of Plaintiff's rights  
 19 under the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions. Thus, the requirements for Article III  
 20 standing have been met.

**4.0 FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

22           18. On October 13, 2016, outside the West Charleston Public Library  
 23 (the "Library") in Las Vegas, Nevada, Mr. Deans circulated a petition for the  
 24 automatic registration of eligible voters on the ballot in Nevada.

25           19. Plaintiff circulated this petition to several individuals at this location,  
 26 and additionally both encouraged people to register to vote in Nevada and  
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1 provided instructions on how they could register to vote prior to the October 18,  
 2 2016 deadline.

3       20. While engaging in this activity, Mr. Deans positioned himself in a way  
 4 that allowed him to interact with individuals coming into and out of the Library,  
 5 but without blocking anyone's ingress or egress from the Library.

6       21. Mr. Deans has experience with collecting signatures for petitions in  
 7 front of libraries. He would generally collect around 150 signatures per day in  
 8 places with comparable pedestrian traffic to the Library, and instruct around 25  
 9 people who were not registered to vote on how to register to vote.

10       22. Not long after he began this protected political activity, Jane Doe,  
 11 an employee of the Library, informed Mr. Deans that he could neither collect  
 12 signatures nor instruct citizens about how to register to vote, unless he  
 13 "registered" himself.

14       23. When Mr. Deans refused to submit to this unconstitutional prior  
 15 restraint licensing scheme, Defendants John Roe and Jane Poe, also employees  
 16 of the Library, spoke with him.

17       24. Defendant Roe instructed Mr. Deans that he had to relocate to a  
 18 specific spot within the circular entry plaza of the Library that had little to no foot  
 19 traffic.

20       25. Defendant Poe then told Mr. Deans that he had to register with  
 21 LVCCLD and relocate to the spot designated by Defendant Roe.

22       26. After Mr. Deans told Defendants Doe, Roe, and Poe that his activity  
 23 was protected under the First Amendment, they called the police.

24       27. Within 30 minutes, Officer Summerlin, as well as other officers, arrived  
 25 – more swiftly than the Police respond to reports of violent crime in this County.

26       28. Defendant Summerlin approached Mr. Deans and stated that she  
 27 was acting in her official capacity as a representative of Defendant LVCCLD.

1           29. Defendant Summerlin falsely claimed that Mr. Deans was  
2 obstructing the entrance to the Library and that he had to leave the premises.

3           30. Defendant Summerlin informed Mr. Deans that he could engage in  
4 his political activism only if he did so in the designated spot, which would be so  
5 far away from any passersby, that he would be unable to communicate with  
6 them.

7           31. Plaintiff informed Defendant Summerlin that he had a First  
8 Amendment right to be there and to engage in peaceful advocacy, and that  
9 he did not need to register to circulate political petitions.

10          32. Defendant Summerlin then issued Plaintiff a “Notice of Trespass”  
11 which forbids him from visiting **any** branch of the LVCCLD for at least one year.  
12 She additionally told Plaintiff that he would be arrested if he at any point entered  
13 the premises of any branch of the LVCCLD while the Notice of Trespass was still  
14 in effect.

15          33. Plaintiff at no point obstructed the entrance to the library or  
16 otherwise obstructed anyone's use of the library's facilities nor was he ever in any  
17 way disruptive or threatening to anyone – thus there was no justification for  
18 removing him, issuing him a trespass notice, or putting an end to his First  
19 Amendment protected activity.

20          34. The CSN officers informed Plaintiff that he would be arrested if he did  
21 not leave the West Charleston Library premises.

22          35. In response to this threat, Plaintiff left the Library and lodged a  
23 complaint of officer misconduct with the CSN Police Department.

24          36. After lodging this complaint, Plaintiff received a phone call from  
25 Defendant Randall Perkins.

26          37. During this phone call, Perkins told Plaintiff that he was conducting  
27 an investigation of his officers' conduct.

1 38. During this call, after being questioned by counsel, Perkins  
 2 acknowledged that after his investigation was over, if he determined that there  
 3 was no justification for the trespass notice, it would be lifted and Mr. Deans would  
 4 be able to return to the Library.

5 39. During this call, Mr. Deans (through counsel) requested that  
 6 Defendant Perkins lift the Trespass order until the investigation was complete.

7 40. Defendant Perkins refused to do so, but promised that he would  
 8 complete his investigation by no sooner than 25 October 2016 and no later than  
 9 11 November 2016.

10 41. While this may seem like a reasonable amount of time, the deadline  
 11 for voter registration is 18 October 2016 and the election is on 8 November 2016.  
 12 Accordingly, this appeal of the trespass notice, at best, will not be complete until  
 13 after the deadline to register to vote – and possibly not even until 3 days after  
 14 the election is over. Accordingly, the process is the penalty, and restoring  
 15 Mr. Deans' First Amendment rights after they are no longer relevant is no  
 16 restoration at all.

17 42. Defendant Perkins additionally stated during his phone call that if  
 18 the investigation was inconclusive, or if there were conflicting stories, that he  
 19 would support his officers' decision to issue the Notice of Trespass.

20 **5.0. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

21 **5.1 FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

22 **Violation of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution**  
 23 **under 42 U.S.C. § 1983**  
 24 **(Free Speech)**

25 34. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the  
 26 preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

27 35. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of issuing a Notice of  
 Trespass forbidding him from visiting any public library in Clark County for at least

1 one year due to his constitutionally protected petitioning activity is  
 2 unconstitutional and violates his First Amendment rights to freedom of speech  
 3 and expression, and freedom of petition.

4 36. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of enforcing the  
 5 unconstitutional Notice of Trespass is unconstitutional and violates his First  
 6 Amendment rights to freedom of speech and expression, and freedom of  
 7 petition.

8 37. Further, the administrative appeal process, by design, renders any  
 9 administrative appeal meaningless.

10 38. Plaintiff has been injured, or reasonably fears imminent injury, by  
 11 these constitutional violations, and Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

**5.2 SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**Violation of Nevada Const., Art. 1, § 9.**  
**(Free Speech)**

14 39. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the  
 15 preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

16 40. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of issuing a Notice of  
 17 Trespass forbidding him from visiting any public library in Clark County for at least  
 18 one year due to his constitutionally protected petitioning activity is  
 19 unconstitutional and violates his rights under Article 1, Section 9 of the Nevada  
 20 Constitution.

21 41. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of enforcing the  
 22 unconstitutional Notice of Trespass is unconstitutional and violates his rights under  
 23 Article 1, Section 9 of the Nevada Constitution.

24 42. Plaintiff has been injured, or reasonably fears imminent injury, by  
 25 these constitutional violations, and Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

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**5.3 THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution**  
**Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983**  
**(Substantive Due Process)**

43. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

44. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of issuing a Notice of Trespass forbidding him from visiting any public library in Clark County for at least one year due to his constitutionally protected petitioning activity is unconstitutional and violates his rights to due process of law under the Fourteenth Amendment.

45. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of enforcing the unconstitutional Notice of Trespass is unconstitutional and violates his due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

46. Plaintiff has been injured, or reasonably fears imminent injury, by these constitutional violations, and Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

**5.4 FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**Violation of Nevada Const., Art. 1, § 8**  
**(Substantive Due Process)**

47. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

48. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of issuing a Notice of Trespass forbidding him from visiting any public library in Clark County for at least one year due to his constitutionally protected petitioning activity is unconstitutional and violates his rights to due process of law under article 1, section 8 of the Nevada Constitution.

1           49. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants’ conduct of enforcing the  
 2 unconstitutional Notice of Trespass is unconstitutional and violates his due  
 3 process rights under Article 1, Section 8 of the Nevada Constitution.

4           50. Plaintiff has been injured, or reasonably fears imminent injury, by  
 5 these constitutional violations, and Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

**5.5 FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution**  
**Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983**  
**(Procedural Due Process)**

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 9           51. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the  
 10 preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.

11           52. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants’ conduct of issuing a Notice of  
 12 Trespass forbidding him from visiting any public library in Clark County for at least  
 13 one year due to his constitutionally protected petitioning activity is  
 14 unconstitutional and violates his rights to due process of law under the Fourteenth  
 15 Amendment.

16           53. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants’ conduct of enforcing the  
 17 unconstitutional Notice of Trespass is unconstitutional and violates his due  
 18 process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

19           54. Further, the administrative review process promised by Defendant  
 20 Perkins, in his official capacity, cannot possibly provide any meaningful relief.

21           55. Plaintiff has been injured, or reasonably fears imminent injury, by  
 22 these constitutional violations, and Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

**5.6 SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**Violation of Nevada Const., Art. 1, § 8**  
**(Procedural Due Process)**

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 25           56. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation in the  
 26 preceding paragraphs as if set forth fully herein.  
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1           57. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of issuing a Notice of  
 2 Trespass forbidding him from visiting any public library in Clark County for at least  
 3 one year due to his constitutionally protected petitioning activity is  
 4 unconstitutional and violates his rights to due process of law under article 1,  
 5 section 8 of the Nevada Constitution.

6           58. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants' conduct of enforcing the  
 7 unconstitutional Notice of Trespass is unconstitutional and violates his due  
 8 process rights under article 1, section 8 of the Nevada Constitution.

9           59. Plaintiff has been injured, or reasonably fears imminent injury, by  
 10 these constitutional violations, and Plaintiff is entitled to relief.

**6.0   PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully seeks judgment as follows:

- 13       A.    A declaration that the Notice of Trespass issued by Defendants is  
 14           unconstitutional under the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the  
 15           United States Constitution, and article 1, sections 8 & 9 of the  
 16           Nevada Constitution;
- 17       B.    A declaration that Defendants' actions in enforcing the Notice of  
 18           Trespass is unconstitutional under the First and Fourteenth  
 19           Amendments of the United States Constitution, and article 1,  
 20           sections 8 & 9 of the Nevada Constitution;
- 21       C.    A preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining each Defendant  
 22           from enforcing the Notice of Trespass against Plaintiff;
- 23       D.    A preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining each Defendant  
 24           from interfering with Plaintiff's right lawfully engage in constitutionally  
 25           protected expression and activity within Clark County, Nevada.
- 26       E.    Damages in an amount to be determined at trial;

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- F. An award of attorneys' fees and expenses under 42 U.S.C. § 1988;  
and
- G. Any further relief the Court deems appropriate.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff demands  
a trial by jury on all causes of action.

Dated: 14 October 2016

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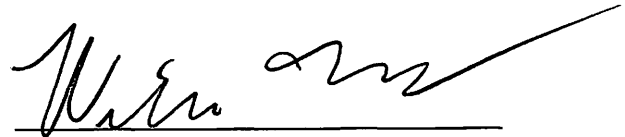
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**VERIFICATION**

I, WILLIAM DEANS, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am over the age of 18 years;
2. I am the Plaintiff in this action;
3. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents thereof; and
4. The foregoing Verified Complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016 at Las Vegas, Nevada.



William Deans