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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Case No. BC405973

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR **DAMAGES FOR:**

- 1. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION OF FEHA, CAL. GOV. **CODE § 12900, et seq.**
- 2. DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX IN VIOLATION OF FEHA, CAL. GOV. CODE § 12900, et seq.
- 3. FAILURE TO PREVENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF FEHA, CAL. GOV. CODE § 12900, et seq.
- 4. RETALIATION IN VIOLATION OF FEHA, CAL. GOV. CODE § 12900, et sea.
- 5. WRONGFUL TERMINATION IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC POLICY
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Plaintiff GLORIA CORRAL alleges as follows on knowledge as to herself and her own acts, and on information and belief as to all other matters:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Plaintiff GLORIA CORRAL ("Plaintiff") is, and at all times herein mentioned was, an adult individual residing in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California who was employed by Defendants TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 42, JOINT COUNCIL OF TEAMSTERS NO. 42, INVESTMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION, INC., and each of them, from May 1, 2006 through June 20, 2008, as a Secretary. Prior to her termination, Plaintiff received all positive feedback regarding her work performance, including being told that her work was "impeccable."
- 2. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendant TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 42 ("TEAMSTERS (JC 42)"), is, and at all relevant times herein mentioned has been, an unincorporated association, conducting business in California, with its principle place of business in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California.
- 3. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendant JOINT COUNCIL OF TEAMSTERS NO. 42, INVESTMENT AND CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION, INC. ("JC 42 (I&C)"), is, and at all relevant times herein mentioned has been, a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of California, conducting business in California, with its principle place of business in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California.
- 4. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendant JIM SANTANGELO ("SANTANGELO") is, and at all times herein was, an individual employed by Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, as President, who resides, and at all relevant times herein resided, in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California.

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- 6. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein under the fictitious names DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants is responsible as hereinafter shown for the occurrences and injuries to Plaintiff as herein alleged.
- 7. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that, at all times herein mentioned, Defendants, and each of them, were the agents of each and all of the other defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged, were acting in the course and scope of such agency and with the permission and consent of their co-defendants.
- 8. Venue is proper under California <u>Government Code</u> Section 12965(b) and California <u>Code of Civil Procedure</u> Section 395 in that Plaintiff's injuries were incurred within this jurisdiction, and the acts giving rise to this action occurred, in whole or in substantial part, in the County of Los Angeles, in the State of California. Sub-venue is also proper in the Central District pursuant to Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rule 2.0(c).

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

9. Plaintiff exhausted her administrative remedies by filing a complaint against each of the named defendants herein with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing ("DFEH") within one year from the date of Defendants' last adverse employment action, and thereafter receiving "Right-to-Sue" letters from the DFEH.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT

IN VIOLATION OF THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT ("FEHA")

CAL. GOV. CODE § 12900, et seq.

(As Against All Defendants)

- 10. Plaintiff incorporates by this reference each and all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 9 of this complaint as fully as though set forth at length herein.
- 11. California <u>Government Code</u> Section 12940(j)(1) makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer or any person "because of . . . sex . . . to harass an employee."
- 12. Plaintiff was continuously employed by Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, from May 1, 2006 through June 20, 2008, and at all relevant times herein.
- 13. Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, are "employers" within the meaning of California <u>Government Code</u> Section 12940(j)(4)(A), and are subject to FEHA as employers of one (1) or more persons.
- 14. At all relevant time herein, Defendants, SANTANGELO, MIHALOW, and each of them, were supervisors with immediate or successively higher authority over Plaintiff within the meaning of California <u>Government Code</u> Section 12926(r), who were employed by Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them.
- 15. Defendants, SANTANGELO, MIHALOW, and each of them, are personally liable under FEHA for sexual harassment because they were supervisors of Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, within the meaning of California Government Code Section 12926(r), who harassed Plaintiff because of her sex.

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- 17. Defendants, SANTAGELO, MIHALOW, and each of them, made unwanted sexual advances toward Plaintiff and subjected her to unwanted verbal and/or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Defendant SANTANGELO constantly subjected Plaintiff to unwanted verbal and/or physical conduct of a sexual nature including, but not limited to, offering to give her a raise in exchange for sex, repeatedly trying to kiss her on the month, showing and sending her sexually explicit emails, commenting on her breasts, asking to come to her hotel room during a business trip, suggesting he be her "sugar daddy" by telling her she needed someone with money to "take care of" her by paying for her housing, car, and bills, telling her he had been purposely driving past her house, asking her whether she believed he was attractive, wrongfully accusing her of behaving inappropriately with other men, including accusing her of being "all over" a trustee Plaintiff was merely speaking with, repeatedly asking her to have dinner with him, and asking her to go away with him. Moreover, when Plaintiff rejected his advances, SANTANGELO reacted by actively avoiding her, refusing to assign her work, and reminding her that her employment was at-will for a period after she rejected him. Defendant MIHALOW subjected Plaintiff to unwanted verbal and/or physical conduct of a sexual nature including, but not limited to, constantly sending Plaintiff sexually explicit emails.
- 18. The harassing conduct was so severe and/or pervasive as to alter the conditions of Plaintiff's employment and create a hostile and abusive work environment that affected tangible aspects of her compensation, terms, conditions, and/or privileges of employment.

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- 20. Plaintiff's continued employment was conditioned, by words and conduct, on Plaintiff's acceptance of sexual advances and conduct by Defendants, and each of them. For example, in or around March of 2008, Plaintiff requested a meeting with SANTANGELO to discuss upcoming salary increases. SANTANGELO required Plaintiff discuss her request for a raise over dinner at a hotel restaurant. At dinner, Plaintiff presented SANTANGELO with a list of her duties and responsibilities and explained why she believed she was entitled to more than the customary flat percentage raise. SANTANGELO would not even look at Plaintiff's list. Instead, SANTANGELO responded by telling Plaintiff a story of a former employee who "got in all kinds of trouble for messing around with his secretary" and commented, "I'd be an idiot if I did anything like that." SANTANGELO then asked Plaintiff if she knew how aspiring actresses get their jobs and suggested that they do so by "working on their backs." After dinner, SANTATGELO proposed, "What if I said you can make \$700.00 a week more if all you did was pass through those doors and go to a room with me?" motioning toward the hotel. Plaintiff refused SANTANGELO's sexual advances. When SANTANGELO informed Plaintiff that she would not receive the requested percentage increase, he told her she never get the increase no matter how much work she did, how well she did it, or how fast she did it. Plaintiff knew then that she would never get ahead at the Joint Counsel unless she accepted SANTANGELO's sexual advances.
- 21. Employment decisions, including denial of her requests for a raise and promotion, and her termination, were made based on her acceptance and/or rejection of the above-described sexual advances and conduct by Defendants, and each of them.

22.	At the time they engaged in the above-described sexual advances and conduct
Defendants,	SANTAGELO, MIHALOW, and each of them, were supervisors, within the
meaning of	California Government Code Section 12926(r), of Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC
42), JC 42 (1	(&C), and each of them.

- 23. Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known of the harassing conduct by Defendants, SANTAGELO, MIHALOW, and each of them, and failed to take immediate and appropriate corrective action.
- 24. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 25. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered mental, physical, and emotional distress, including but not limited to high blood pressure, nausea, depression, humiliation, anxiety, nervousness, sleeplessness, and has been generally damaged in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 26. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the emotional, physical, and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants, and each of them, acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 27. The above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, were willful, intentional and malicious and done with the intent to vex, injure and annoy Plaintiff and warrant the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish said Defendants, and each of them, and to deter others from engaging in similar conduct. Defendants, and each of them, authorized and ratified the wrongful acts of their agents and employees, knew in advance that their agents and employees were likely to commit such acts and employed them

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with conscious disregard of the rights or safety of others, and/or their officers, director, or managing agents were themselves guilty of oppression, fraud, and malice.

28. As a further direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX

IN VIOLATION OF THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT ("FEHA") CAL. GOV. CODE § 12900, et seq.

(As Against Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and DOES 1-100, inclusive)

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates by this reference each and all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 28 of this complaint as fully as though set forth at length herein.
- 30. California Government Code Section 12940(a) makes it an unlawful employment practice "[f]or an employer, because of the . . . sex . . . any person, to refuse to hire or employ the person or to refuse to select the person for a training program leading to employment, or to bar or to discharge the person from employment or from a training program leading to employment, or to discriminate against the person in compensation or in terms, conditions, or privileges of employment."
- 31. Plaintiff was continuously employed by Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, from May 1, 2006 through June 20, 2008, and at all relevant times herein.
- 32. Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, are "employers" within the meaning of California Government Code Section 12926(d), and are subject to FEHA as employers of five (5) or more persons.

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- 33. Defendants, and each of them, subjected Plaintiff to adverse employment action that caused Plaintiff to suffer materially adverse changes in the terms, conditions, and/or privileges of her employment, by refusing to promote Plaintiff, and by terminating her employment, in whole or in part, because of her sex.
- 34. For example, Plaintiff applied for the position of office manager. Plaintiff wrote a long letter to SANTANGELO outlining why she should be chosen for the position. When she presented the letter to SANTANGELO, he chuckled, "the girls would eat you up" and shredded the letter. Instead, SANTANGELO hired a man for the position. SANTANGELO said he hired a man for the position because he did not "want to deal with the women anymore," referring to the all female secretarial staff.
- 35. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 36. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered mental, physical, and emotional distress, including but not limited to high blood pressure, nausea, depression, humiliation, anxiety, nervousness, sleeplessness, and has been generally damaged in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 37. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the emotional, physical, and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants, and each of them, acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 38. The above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, were willful, intentional and malicious and done with the intent to vex, injure and annoy Plaintiff and warrant the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish said

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Defendants, and each of them, and to deter others from engaging in similar conduct. Defendants, and each of them, authorized and ratified the wrongful acts of their agents and employees, knew in advance that their agents and employees were likely to commit such acts and employed them with conscious disregard of the rights or safety of others, and/or their officers, director, or managing agents were themselves guilty of oppression, fraud, and malice.

39. As a further direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of California <u>Government Code</u> Section 12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR FAILURE TO PREVENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT ("FEHA") CAL. GOV. CODE § 12900, et seq.

(As Against Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and DOES 1-100, inclusive)

- 40. Plaintiff repeats and repleads and incorporates by this reference, paragraphs 1 through 39, inclusive, above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 41. California Government Code Section 12940(k) makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to "fail to take all reasonable steps to prevent discrimination and harassment from occurring."
- 42. Plaintiff was continuously employed by Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, from May 1, 2006 through June 20, 2008, and at all relevant times herein.
- 43. Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, are "employers" within the meaning of California <u>Government Code</u> Section 12926(d), and are subject to FEHA as employers of five (5) or more persons.

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- 44. Defendants, and each of them, failed to take reasonable steps to prevent discrimination and harassment of Plaintiff from occurring, by among other things, allowing Defendants SANTAGELO, MIHALOW, and each of them, supervisors within the meaning of California Government Code Section 12926(r), to harass and discriminate against Plaintiff based on sex, failing to discipline and stop discrimination and harassment of Plaintiff despite repeated complaints to management by Plaintiff, failing to enforce anti-harassment and antidiscrimination policies, failing to implement an effective complaint procedure, and failing to appropriately investigate Plaintiff's complaints of harassment and retaliation.
- As a result of Defendants', and each of them, failure to take all reasonable steps to 45. prevent discrimination and harassment from occurring in the workplace. Plaintiff was continuously subjected to harassment and discrimination based on sex in the workplace.
- 46. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 47. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered mental, physical, and emotional distress, including but not limited to high blood pressure, nausea, depression, humiliation, anxiety, nervousness, sleeplessness, and has been generally damaged in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 48. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the emotional, physical, and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants, and each of them, acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 49. The above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, were willful, intentional and malicious and done with the intent to vex, injure and annoy Plaintiff and warrant

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50. As a further direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR RETALIATION

IN VIOLATION OF THE FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ACT ("FEHA") CAL. GOV. CODE § 12900, et seq.

(As Against Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and DOES 1-100, inclusive)

- 51. Plaintiff incorporates by this reference each and all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 50 of this complaint as fully as though set forth at length herein.
- 52. California Government Code Section 12940(h) provides that it is an unlawful employment practice "[f]or any employer, labor organization, employment agency, or person to discharge, expel, or otherwise discriminate against any person because the person has opposed any practices forbidden under this part or because the person has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding under [FEHA]."
- 53. Plaintiff was continuously employed by Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them, from May 1, 2006 through June 20, 2008, and at all relevant times herein.

54.	Defendants	TEAMSTERS	(JC	42),	JC	42	(I&C),	and	each	of	them,	are
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- 55. Plaintiff exercised her rights under FEHA and engaged in legally protected activity by complaining about sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace to management of Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and each of them.
- 56. Defendants, and each of them, terminated Plaintiff, in whole or in part, in retaliation for Plaintiff's exercise of rights guaranteed under the FEHA, as described above.
- 57. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 58. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered mental, physical, and emotional distress, including but not limited to high blood pressure, nausea, depression, humiliation, anxiety, nervousness, sleeplessness, and has been generally damaged in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 59. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the emotional, physical, and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants, and each of them, acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 60. The above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, were willful, intentional and malicious and done with the intent to vex, injure and annoy Plaintiff and warrant the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish said Defendants, and each of them, and to deter others from engaging in similar conduct. Defendants, and each of them, authorized and ratified the wrongful acts of their agents and employees, knew

61. As a further direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR WRONGFUL TERMINATION IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC POLICY

(As Against Defendants TEAMSTERS (JC 42), JC 42 (I&C), and DOES 1-100, inclusive)

- 62. Plaintiff incorporates by this reference each and all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 61 of this complaint as fully as though set forth at length herein.
- 63. Plaintiff was terminated on June 20, 2008 by Defendants, and each of them, because of her sex and for complaining about sexual harassment and discrimination.
- 64. Plaintiff's termination by Defendants, and each of them, as described above, was against the public policy of the State of California as evidenced by Article 1, Section 1 of the California Constitution, as well as the enactment of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 12940 et seq.).
- 65. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.

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66. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered mental, physical, and emotional distress, including but not limited to high blood pressure, nausea, depression, humiliation, anxiety, nervousness, sleeplessness, and has been generally damaged in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.

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- 67. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the emotional, physical, and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants, and each of them, acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 68. The above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, were willful, intentional and malicious and done with the intent to vex, injure and annoy Plaintiff and warrant the imposition of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish said Defendants, and each of them, and to deter others from engaging in similar conduct. Defendants, and each of them, authorized and ratified the wrongful acts of their agents and employees, knew in advance that their agents and employees were likely to commit such acts and employed them with conscious disregard of the rights or safety of others, and/or their officers, director, or managing agents were themselves guilty of oppression, fraud, and malice.
- 69. As a further direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 12965(b), Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR DEFAMATION PER SE

(As Against All Defendants)

- 70. Plaintiff incorporates by this reference each and all of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 69 of this complaint as fully as though set forth at length herein.
- 71. Defendants, and each of them, made false statements of fact which tend directly to injure Plaintiff in her occupation, profession, and reputation to persons other than Plaintiff. Defendants, and each of them, made false negative statements about Plaintiff to at least one prospective employer to which Plaintiff applied for employment following her termination. These statements by Defendants, and each of them, not only damaged Plaintiff's reputation, but also tend directly to injure Plaintiff in respect to her occupation by imputing to her general disqualification in those areas which her occupation and/or other occupations generally require.
- 72. The persons to whom Defendants, and each of them, published the above-described statements reasonably understood that the statements were about Plaintiff and reasonably understood the statements as impugning to her general disqualification in those areas which her occupation and/or other occupations generally require. Such statements made reemployment of Plaintiff more difficult.
- 73. Defendants, and each of them, made the above-described statements knowing them to be false and with malice, hatred, and ill will toward Plaintiff.
- 74. The above-described statements were made by agents and/or employees of Defendants, and each of them, in the course and scope of their employment, and Defendants, and each of them, knew of and ratified said conduct.

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- 75. As a direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer economic damages, including lost wages and benefits, and other compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 76. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered mental, physical, and emotional distress, including but not limited to high blood pressure, nausea, depression, humiliation, anxiety, nervousness, sleeplessness, and has been generally damaged in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
- 77. As a further direct and proximate result of the acts of Defendants, and each of them, as alleged above, Plaintiff will necessarily continue to expend sums in the future for the treatment of the emotional, physical, and mental injuries sustained by Plaintiff as a result of said Defendants, and each of them, acts in an amount to be ascertained at the time of trial.
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- 79. As a further direct and proximate result of the above-described acts of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has necessarily incurred attorney's fees and costs and Plaintiff is entitled to the reasonable value of such attorney's fees to the extent provided by law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment as against all Defendants, and each of them, as 1 2 follows: 3 1. For compensatory damages against all Defendants, and each of them, according to proof; 5 2. For special damages against all Defendants, and each of them, according to proof; 6 3. For general damages against all Defendants, and each of them, according to proof; 4. For an award of attorney's fees, in an amount the court determines to be 8 reasonable, as authorized by the provisions of California Government Code Section 12965(b), or 10 as otherwise provided by law; and 11 5. For exemplary and punitive damages according to proof. 12 THE FELDMAN LAW FIRM 13 Dated: February 16, 2009 **Professional Corporation** 14 15 By: RAVEN W. SARNOFF 16 Attorneys for Plaintiff 17 GLORIA CORRAL 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.

Dated: February 16, 2009

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