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SHASTA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
9 COUNTY OF SHASTA

11 ANDERSON / MILLVILLE RESIDENTS,
12 an unincorporated association,
13 Petitioner,
14 vs.
15 COUNTY OF SHASTA; SHASTA COUNTY
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and DOES 1-20,
17 Respondents
18 PATRICK JONES, and DOES 21-100
19 Real Parties in Interest

Case No. 23CV-0203713

**RESPONDENT / REAL PARTY
IN INTEREST PATRICK
JONES'S DECLARATION IN
SUPPORT OF
DISQUALIFICATION OF JUDGE
BENJAMIN HANNA PURSUANT
TO CCP 170.1(a)(6)(A)(i) and
170.3(c)(1).**

Date: 04-08-24
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Dept: 63

Judge: The Hon. Benjamin Hanna

Date Action Filed: 11-21-2023

22 **DECLARATION OF PATRICK JONES**

23 I, PATRICK JONES, declare as follows:

- 24 1. That I am the RESPONDENT / REAL PARTY IN INTEREST in the above-
25 entitled matter;
26 2. That I submitted an application containing numerous supporting environmental
27 studies, reports, and analysis in support of a gun range in an unincorporated part
28 of Shasta County known as Millville;

- 1 3. That I am aware a former employee (hereinafter whistleblower) of the Shasta
2 County District Attorney's Office and close friend of DA Bridgett disclosed the
3 following:
- 4 a. The whistleblower was an employee of Shasta County District Attorney's
5 Office during 2022 which was a reelection year for Stephanie Bridgett;
 - 6 b. That Stephanie Bridgett instructed her employees including secretarial
7 staff, Senior / Supervising Deputy District Attorneys and Deputy District
8 Attorneys to work on her reelection campaign during business hours and
9 "county time";
 - 10 c. That during this time the Chief Deputy District Attorney, DA Bridgett's
11 second-in-command, was Benjamin Hanna;
 - 12 d. That during this time a Senior Deputy District Attorney, now also a high-
13 ranking member of the Bridgett Administration, is Kelly Kafel;
 - 14 e. That Kelly Kafel is the spouse of Benjamin Hanna;
 - 15 f. That DA Bridgett told her office that she "would lose the election and you
16 will lose your jobs" if the employees did not work on her campaign;
 - 17 g. That a significant portion of county employees, DA Bridgett's office,
18 performed campaign services on behalf of DA Bridgett while "on the
19 clock" for Shasta County;
 - 20 h. That these employees received his / her salary and / or paychecks from
21 Shasta County despite not actually performing his / her job duties;
- 22 4. That as a result of the Whistleblower allegations an investigation was conducted
23 by the County Counsel of Shasta County relating to election fraud and the theft
24 and misuse of county resources and taxpayer dollars by Shasta County District
25 Attorney Stephanie Bridgett during her reelection campaign in 2022;
- 26 5. That DA Bridgett was interviewed as part of this investigation;
- 27 6. That DA Bridgett admitted that she instructed her employees including
28 secretarial staff, Senior / Supervising Deputy District Attorneys and Deputy

- 1 District Attorneys to work on her reelection campaign during business hours;
- 2 7. That DA Bridgett admitted to investigators that she told her office that she
- 3 "would lose the election and you will lose your jobs" if the employees did not
- 4 work on her campaign;
- 5 8. That in fact a significant number of DA Bridgett's office expended county
- 6 resources and time on the reelection campaign despite being "on the clock" for
- 7 the county;
- 8 9. That as a result of the fraudulent use and theft of Shasta County taxpayer dollars,
- 9 criminal defendants were not properly prosecuted and cases were either not
- 10 timely filed or filed at all;
- 11 10. That as a result of the backlog of cases being filed late or not filed at all, DA
- 12 Bridgett caused tremendous court congestion resulting in frequent dismissal of
- 13 cases involving serious and / or violent crimes;
- 14 11. That DA Bridgett's fraudulent use and theft of Shasta County taxpayer dollars
- 15 significantly jeopardized public safety by putting Shasta County residents at risk
- 16 by the release of defendants and dismissal of cases;
- 17 12. That as a member of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors this initial
- 18 investigation was hidden from the Board of Supervisors by former County
- 19 Counsel;
- 20 13. That as a member of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors I have hired an
- 21 outside investigator to continue this investigation;
- 22 14. That this Court is a direct and percipient witness to DA Bridgett's fraudulent use
- 23 and theft of Shasta County taxpayer dollars and will be interviewed or
- 24 subpoenaed as witness in the near future;
- 25 15. That Kelly Kafel is also a direct and percipient witness to DA Bridgett's
- 26 fraudulent use and theft of Shasta County taxpayer dollar and will be interviewed
- 27 or subpoenaed as witness in the near future;
- 28 16. That as a result of DA Bridgett's malfeasance and this Court's connection to that

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malfeasance, this Court is not in a position to be a fair and impartial arbiter of
this dispute; and,

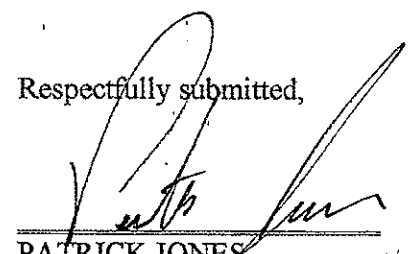
17. That Respondent / Real Party in Interest is asking this Court to recuse itself from
this matter.

Executed this 5th day of April in in Redding, California.

DATED: April 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

By:



PATRICK JONES
Respondent / Real Party in Interest