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Pursuant to section 437c of the Code of Civil Procedure and California Rule of Court 3.1350, Defendant City of Santa Monica ("City") hereby submits its separate statement of undisputed material facts in support of its Motion for Summary Judgment or, in the Alternative, Summary Adjudication.

ISSUE 1-- THE COURT SHOULD NOT ISSUE A DECLARATION IN PLAINTIFFS' FAVOR UNDER THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF BECAUSE THE CITY COUNCIL IS EMPOWERED TO DETERMINE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DE LA TORRE HAS DISQUALIFYING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Defen	dants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
1.	Oscar De la Torre ("De la Torre") and Maria Loya ("Loya") have been married about 16 years.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 194:16-17); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 30:2-3)	
2.	Loya has been a board member of the Pico Neighborhood Association ("PNA") since 2002 or 2003.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 38:19 – 39:16)	
3.	Loya currently serves on the PNA board as the treasurer.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 38:19-20)	

Defer	ndants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
4.	De la Torre's family has had a long history of involvement in the PNA, including being involved when the organization was founded in 1979.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 12 (CVRA Trial Testimony at 2438:14-21); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 25:10-14)	
5.	De la Torre's niece served as the agent for service of process for the PNA.	
	<u>Evidence</u> : Silberberg Decl. Ex. 12 (CVRA Trial Testimony at 2437:20 – 2438:13.)	
6.	Around 2005, De la Torre joined the board of the PNA.	
	Evidence: SAC ¶ 15	
7.	Prior to his resignation from the PNA in November 2020, De la Torre served as chair or co-chair of the PNA at various times.	
	Evidence: (Silberberg Decl. Ex. 6 (De la Torre CVRA PMQ Depo. 5/11/2018 at 54:12-55:3; Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 26:4-19; 27:2-5)	
8.	Loya and the PNA are plaintiffs in litigation against the City originally filed on or around April 12, 2016 in the Los Angeles Superior Court, styled <i>Pico</i>	
	Neighborhood Association, et al. v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. BC616804 (the "CVRA Action"). The CVRA Action asserts that the City's at-large	
	system of electing councilmembers violates the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") and the California Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.	
	Evidence: Request for Judicial Notice at Exhibit B	

Defend	dants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
9.	Shenkman & Hughes PC, including specifically Kevin Shenkman ("Shenkman") and Mary Hughes	
	("Hughes"), is one of the law firms representing the PNA and Loya in the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: Request for Judicial Notice at Exhibit B	
10.	De la Torre refers to himself as a plaintiff in the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at	
	30:13-17)	
11.	De la Torre played a role in preparing the original and first amended complaint in the CVRA Action and	
	could not identify any other non-attorney who helped contribute to those pleadings.	
	<u>Evidence</u> : Silberberg Decl. Ex. 5 (De la Torre CVRA Depo.	
	5/9/20188 at 57:25-59:10.)	
12.	On June 26, 2015, De la Torre had a telephone call with Shenkman regarding the potential CVRA	
	Action.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 425.	
	(Authentication – Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 72:23-74:13.)	
13.	On June 30, 2015, Shenkman met with De la Torre and Loya regarding a potential case against the City	
	under the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA").	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 425.	
	Sheeteerg Book Bar 20 at 125.	

1 2 3	Defen	dants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
5	14.	On July 30, 2015, Shenkman, De la Torre, and Loya participated in a call regarding "progress and potential case."	
6 7		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 426.	
8 9	15.	On September 9, 2015, Shenkman met with De la Torre and Loya to discuss district election public campaign and organizing effort.	
10 11		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 427.	
12 13	16.	On September 29, 2015, Shenkman met with De la Torre regarding the "Santa Monica campaign and potential case and outreach to Latino leaders."	
14 15		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 427.	
16 17 18	17.	On October 16, 2015, Shenkman again met with De la Torre and Loya about, "Santa Monica case and public campaign" and "to discuss initial findings and potential case".	
19		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 428.	
20 21 22	18.	On October 30, 2015, Shenkman met with De la Torre and Loya "to prepare materials for community activist workshop."	
23		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 428.	
24 25	19.	On November 17, 2015, Shenkman met with De la Torre (along with T. Vazquez) and with the Pico Center Staff.	
27		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 428.	
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1 2 3	Defen	dants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
4 5	20.	On November 25, 2015, Shenkman discussed with De la Torre the "report re police misconduct of SMPD" against De la Torre.	
6 7		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 428.	
8	21.	On December 14, 2015, Shenkman met with De la Torre and Loya about a revised press release.	
9 10		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 429.	
111213	22.	On December 28, 2015, Shenkman discussed "next steps" with De la Torre regarding correspondence from the Santa Monica City Attorney concerning January 12 meeting.	
14 15		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 429.	
16 17	23.	On January 4, 2016, Shenkman again met with De la Torre and Loya "regarding Santa Monica, efforts to obtain districts, and potential case."	
18 19		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 429.	
20 21	24.	On January 12, 2016, Shenkman again met with De la Torre and attended a Santa Monica City Council meeting.	
22 23		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 429.	
24	25.	On March 15, 2016, Mary Hughes of Shenkman & Hughes LLP had a discussion with De la Torre	
25		"concerning Pico Neighborhood Association membership and interests."	
2627		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 430.	
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26.	The first time that PNA appears in Shenkman & Hughes's billing records is in March 2016, nine months after the first meeting with De la Torre that Shenkman recorded in his billing records.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 430.	
27.	On April 14, 2016, Shenkman met with De la Torre and others about "retaliation by Santa Monica for case filing."	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 431.	
28.	On August 8, 2016, Shenkman met with De la Torre and R. Rubin.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 434.	
29.	On August 9, 2016, De la Torre attended a meeting with Shenkman and Hughes on deposition investigation, preparation, and general story/theme for CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 435.	
30.	On August 11, 2016, De la Torre met with Shenkman "regarding case and upcoming depositions" in the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 435.	

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31.	On September 23, 2016, De la Torre attended the deposition of (now former) councilmember Terry O'Day in the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 8 (O'Day CVRA Depo. 9/23/2016 at 1-2, 48-49); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 5 (De la Torre CVRA Depo. 5/9/20188 at 381:17-19)	
32.	On October 14, 2016, De la Torre had a discussion with Hughes on preparation for a councilmember's deposition (McKeown).	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 437.	
33.	On November 2, 2016, De la Torre had another meeting with Shenkman regarding potential discrimination expert.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 438.	
34.	On November 30, 2016, De la Torre again met with Shenkman "regarding T. Vazquez and M. Leon-Vazquez transgressions."	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 439.	
35.	On December 5, 2016, Shenkman discussed "document request responses and production and implications" with De la Torre and Loya.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 439.	
36.	On December 13, 2016, De la Torre again met with Shenkman "regarding case generally, document production, etc."	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 439.	

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2	Deten	Evidence:	Supporting Evidence:
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4 5	37.	On December 16, 2016, De la Torre attended the deposition of (now former) councilmember Kevin McKeown in the CVRA Action.	
6 7		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 9 (McKeown CVRA Depo. 12/16/2016 at p. 3.)	
8 9 10 11	38.	with Shenkman "regarding case generally, discovery and logistics and gathering of documents for production."	
12		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 440	
13 14	39.	On January 25, 2017, De la Torre again met with Shenkman for the CVRA Action.	
15 16		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 441.	
17 18	40.	Prior to the first amended complaint being filed in the CVRA Action. De la Torre read it and confirmed the accuracy of each of the allegations.	
19 20		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 5 (De la Torre CVRA Depo. 5/9/20188 at 59:11-60:3)	
21	41.	On May 30, 2017, De la Torre attended the deposition of councilmember Sue Himmelrich.	
22		Evidence:	
23		(Silberberg Decl. Ex. 11 (Himmelrich CVRA Depo. 4/30/2017 at 4:14-5:1)	
24	42.	On August 11, 2017, De la Torre met with Shenkman	
25		regarding the deposition of (now former) councilmember Pam O'Connor.	
26		Evidence:	
27		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 446.	
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3	42	On Assessed 19, 2017, De la Tarres and acida Charles	
4	43.	On August 18, 2017, De la Torre met with Shenkman in Oceanside regarding public outreach on voting	
5		rights, among other issues.	
6		Evidence:	
7		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 447.	
8	44.	On August 28, 2017, De la Torre met with Hughes regarding discovery requests to PNA.	
9		Evidence:	
10		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 447.	
11	45.	On January 2, 2018, De la Torre and Loya met with	
12		Shenkman "regarding the case generally, settlement idea, and how to pursue resolution."	
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14		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 453.	
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16		"regarding council member misconduct and campaign finance."	
17		Evidence:	
18		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 455.	
19	47.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
20		Torre, among others, "regarding campaign finance and council member dealings."	
21		Evidence:	
22		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 455.	
23	48.	On February 26, 2018, De la Torre attended the	
24		deposition of (now former) councilmember Ted Winterer.	
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26		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 10 (Winterer CVRA Depo.	
27		2/26/2018 at p. 2.)	
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49.	To prepare for his deposition, De la Torre met with Shenkman three separate times (May 2, 4, and 8, 2018).	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 461-462.	
50.	In May 2018, Loya was deposed in the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: (Silberberg Decl. Ex. 7 (Loya CVRA Depo. 5/15/2018)	
51.	De la Torre met with Shenkman following Loya's deposition.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 28 at 463.	
52.	De la Torre was deposed in the CVRA Action in May 2018, both in his individual capacity and as the person identified by PNA as most qualified to testify on PNA's behalf on specified topics.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Exs. 5, 6 (De la Torre Depo. 5/11/2018 and PMQ Depo. 5/15/2018)	
53.	During his individual deposition, De la Torre, in his individual capacity, was represented by Shenkman.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 5 (De la Torre CVRA Depo. 5/9/20188 at 11:16 – 12:10); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 30:13-17)	
54.	At the time of his trial testimony in the CVRA Action, De La Torre was the co-chair on the board of the PNA.	
	Evidence: (Silberberg Decl. Ex. 12 (CVRA Trial Testimony 08/22/2018 at 2436:15-20)	

Deren	dants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
55.	De la Torre testified as a witness for the CVRA plaintiffs and as the PNA representative at the trial in the CVRA Action on August 22 and 23, 2018.	
	Evidence: (Silberberg Decl. Ex. 12 (CVRA Trial Testimony 08/22/2018)	
56.	De la Torre was the representative for the PNA at trial in the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: (Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 52:9-17)	
57.	During the trial in the CVRA Action, the plaintiffs' attorneys filed motions seeking over \$20 million in attorneys' fees, exclusive of costs.	
	Evidence: Request for Judicial Notice Ex. D	
58.	Shenkman & Hughes sought over \$13.3 million in attorneys' fees exclusive of costs.	
	Evidence: Request for Judicial Notice Ex. D	
59.	Pursuant to a stipulation between the parties, the City's response to the fee motion, and the hearings regarding costs and fees have been continued to follow the resolution of proceedings in the Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court.	
	Evidence: Request for Judicial Notice Ex. E	
60.	During the 2020 election for the four open Santa Monica city council seats, De la Torre, Phil Brock, Christine Para, and Mario Fonda Bonardi formed the "Change Slate" to pool some of their campaign resources and support one another's candidacies.	
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4			Silberberg Decl. Ex. 14 (Supp. Interrogatory Responses at p. 13); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la	
5			Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 46:10 – 49:6-19)	
6 7			(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 42:14-18; 43:5-14)	
8		66.	Around December 2020, De la Torre visited	
9			Shenkman's office to draft a letter to the FPPC using Shenkman's wife's computer and received	
10			Shenkman's input on the letter.	
11			Evidence: (Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at	
12			67:1 – 70:20; Silberberg Decl. Ex. 15)	
13			Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 66:21-25; 67:5-11)	
14		67.	On December 8, 2020, De la Torre took his oath of	
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16 17			Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at	
18			133:24 – 134:1)	
19		68.	Between January 23 and 26, 2021, De la Torre received preliminary legal advice from Shenkman &	
20			Hughes on the January 26, 2021 special agenda item	
21			concerning a determination regarding common law conflict of interest of Councilmember De la Torre.	
22			Evidence:	
23			Silberberg Decl. Ex. 14 (Supp. Interrogatory Responses at p. 6)	
24			(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre	
25			1/20/22 Depo. at 42:14-18; 43:5-14)	
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1 2 3	Defen	dants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
4 5	69.	De la Torre and Shenkman exchanged emails and had multiple calls in the days leading up to the January 26, 2021 special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council.	
6 7 8		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 94:4 – 98:18; 108:23 – 109:6) Silberberg Decl. Ex. 16	
9 10		(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 108:23-109:16)	
11 12		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 116:13 – 120:8, 120:24 – 126:13); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 31.	
13 14		(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 116:18-117:20)	
15 16 17 18	70.	Before the January 26, 2021 special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council, Shenkman emailed De la Torre about council rules and worked with De la Torre to draft materials for De la Torre to use during the meeting.	
19 20		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 94:4 – 98:18; 108:23 – 109:6)	
21		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 16	
22		(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 108:23-109:16)	
23 24 25		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 116:13 – 120:8, 120:24 – 126:13) Silberberg Decl. Ex. 31.	
25 26 27		(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 116:18-117:20)	
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2	Defend	lants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
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	71.	De la Torre refused to respond to questions at his	
4		deposition in this case regarding the emails and calls he had with Shenkman leading up to the January 26,	
5 6		2021 meeting of the Santa Monica City Council on the grounds of attorney-client privilege.	
7 8		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 94:4 – 98:18)	
9	72.	On January 26, 2021, the Santa Monica City Council	
10		held a special meeting prior to its regular meeting where the sole item for consideration was	
11 12		Councilmember De la Torre's common-law conflict of interest and disqualification.	
13 14		Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. B at SM00057-59	
15	73.	The January 26, 2021 special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council was conducted remotely.	
16 17		Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. B at SM00057	
18	74.	De la Torre attended the January 26, 2021 meeting of	
19		City Council from his home.	
20		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at	
21		112:8-10)	
22	75.	Shenkman was sitting in the same room close to De	
23		la Torre during the City Council special meeting on January 26, 2021.	
24		Evidence:	
25		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at	
26		112:8 – 113:1)	
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3	76.	De la Torre did not announce Shenkman's presence	
5		at his home during the January 26, 2021 special meeting of City Council.	
6		Evidence:	
7		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 113:2-4)	
8	77.	At the January 26, 2021 special meeting of City	
9		Council, the City Council received the Interim City Attorney's oral report and heard public comment.	
10		Evidence:	
11		Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. B	
12	78.	The staff report for the January 26, 2021 special meeting of City Council set forth the Interim City	
13 14		Attorney's recommendation that the Council find that De la Torre has a common law conflict of interest.	
15 16		Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. A at SM00019-25	
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18		posed the issue of financial conflict to the FPPC, but that any such FPPC decision would not impact the	
19		common law conflict issue.	
20		Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. A at SM00019-25	
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22	80.	The Interim City Attorney also reported that he sought guidance from the state Attorney General, but	
23		that they declined to do so as such advice was outside their regulations.	
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25		Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. A (at SM00023)	
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1 2 3	Defen	dants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
4	81.	While some public comments on the conflict of interest agenda item supported De la Torre, other	
5		public comments supported staff's recommendation that De la Torre should be disqualified.	
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7		Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. E; Silberberg Decl. Ex. 40 at 23:27 – 30:12 (SM00103 – 110)	
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9	82.	When asked during the meeting by a fellow councilmember if anyone had communications with Shenkman about the conflict issue, De la Torre	
11		responded, "That's privileged information, right?"	
12		Evidence: Silbarbara Daal Ev. 40 at 21,22 28 (SM00101).	
13		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 40 at 21:22-28 (SM00101); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 114:18-115:3)	
141516	83.	At the January 26, 2021 special meeting of the City Council, De la Torre also read the materials he prepared with Shenkman.	
17 18		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 40 at 39:2 – 44:16 (SM00119-124; Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22	
19		Depo. at 108:23 – 110:20; Silberberg Decl. Ex. 16	
20		(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 108:23-109:16)	
21	84.	When De la Torre was presented by his City Council	
22		colleagues with the opportunity to recuse himself prior to a disqualification vote at the January 26, 2021	
23		special meeting, he chose not to do so.	
24		Evidence:	
25		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 40 at 44:17-21 (SM00124); Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. B at SM00059	
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85.	Other councilmembers would have recused themselves under the same circumstances. Evidence: Declaration of Frank V. Zerunyan at ¶¶ 21-22	
86.	Rule 18 of the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Conduct of City Council Meetings states: "Every Councilmember is entitled to vote unless disqualified by reason of a conflict of interest."	
	Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Exs. O, P.	
87.	Rule 20 of the Rules of Order and Procedure for the Conduct of City Council Meetings states: "Any Councilmember who is disqualified from voting on a particular matter by reason of a conflict of interest shall publicly state or have the Presiding Officer state the nature of such disqualification and shall leave the dais prior to Council consideration of the matter."	
	Evidence: Anderson Warren Decl. Exs. O, P	
88.	At the January 26, 2021 special meeting, the Council voted on a motion to exclude De la Torre from certain closed meetings of the City Council with four in favor, two opposed, and one abstention. De la Torre was one of the two councilmembers who opposed the motion.	
	Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. B at SM00059	
89.	The motion that was ultimately approved by the Council did not state that De la Torre was precluded from addressing issues separate from the CVRA litigation – e.g., the policy issue of district-based vs. at-large elections.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 40 at 46:3-8 (SM00126)	

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90.	Neither Councilmember Brock nor Councilmember Parra has been disqualified from participating in closed sessions regarding the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 36:7-13; 116:23 – 117:4)	
91.	No Councilmember is precluded from bringing the policy issue of district-based elections to the City Council.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 228:13-18)	
92.	De la Torre has not put the issue of district-based elections on the Council agenda because he is concerned he would not have enough votes to enact it.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 222:11-21)	
93.	In response to a public records request related to his communications with Shenkman, De la Torre asserted the attorney-client privilege.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 128:12-129:2; 132:14-17); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 17.	
	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 128:20-129:2)	
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4	94.	The FPPC responded to the Santa Monica Interim City Attorney's letter on February 4, 2021.	
5		Evidence:	
6		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 45 (P0910-P0916)	
7 8		Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 222:25-225:23)	
9	95.	De la Torre asked multiple attorneys before finding someone to represent him in this action.	
10		Evidence:	
11 12		(Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 148:9 – 149:10)	
13 14	96.	After De la Torre retained Mr. Trivino-Perez to represent him in this matter, on February 12, 2021, he notified Shenkman of the retention.	
15 16		Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 18	
17 18		Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 145:22-147:22)	
19 20	97.	On February 12, 2021, Shenkman and Mr. Trivino-Perez spoke to discuss this action and the CVRA Action.	
21		Evidence: Silborbora Dool Ev. 14 (Supp. Intermogratory)	
22		Silberberg Decl. Ex. 14 (Supp. Interrogatory Responses at 6-7);	
23		(Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre	
24		1/20/22 Depo. at 42:14-18; 43:5-14)	
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	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
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98. On February 27. De la Torre sent Shenkman his	
verification to the complaint in this action before the	
complaint was filed.	
Evidence: Silborbora Deal Ev. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Dana et	
155:3 – 156:7);	
Silberberg Decl. Ex. 19	
Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre	
1/20/22 Depo. at 155:3-12)	
99. At his deposition in this case, Shenkman did not deny	
assisting Mr. Trivino-Perez in drafting the pleadings in this action.	
Evidence:	
Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 214:16 – 215:10; 216:9 – 218:15; 219:12-24)	
100. On March 4, 2021, De la Torre filed this action.	
Evidence: Silborborg Docl. Ev. 44 (P0863 P0805)	
Shoerberg Deci. Ex. 44 (F0803-F0893)	
Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 222:25-225:23)	
101. Mr. Trivino-Perez forwarded Shenkman	
confirmation of the filing of the complaint and related	
documents at 8:10 AM the next morning.	
Evidence Silberberg Decl. Ex. 44 (P0863-P0895)	
Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 222:25-225:23)	
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4 5	102. In April 2021, De la Torre, Shenkman, and Loya made a joint presentation to the Santa Monica Democratic Club.	
6 7	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 232:8 – 234:20; 241:6 – 244:18);	
8 9	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 26; Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at 188:15-17)	
.0	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 46 (Decl. of John Katz ¶ 4)	
1 2	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 241:6-242:3)	
13	103. At the April 2021 Santa Monica Democratic Club. meeting, De la Torre, Shenkman, and Loya spoke about the policy of district-based elections and the CVRA Action.	
.5 .6 .7	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 232:8 – 234:20; 241:6 – 244:18); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 26	
.9	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 241:6-242:3)	
1	104. De la Torre, Shenkman, and Loya appeared at the April 2021 Santa Monica Democratic Club meeting remotely and together from De la Torre's home.	
22	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/22 Depo. at	
24	189:13-20);	
5	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 14 (Supp. Interrogatory Responses at p. 11)	
27	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 42:14-18; 43:5-14)	

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5	5. Prior to the April 2021 meeting, Mr. Katz, the President of the Santa Monica Democratic Club, asked that De la Torre focus the presentation on just the policy of district-based elections.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 245:1-6); Silberberg Dec. Ex. 46 (Decl. of John Katz ¶ 4 and Ex. A to Decl.)	
2	6. De la Torre recused himself from closed session discussions on litigation involving the Police Activities League because "there are some of those victims I had relationships with and it makes it very difficult for me to be impartial in this case because it's emotional, it's psychological, and it's very hard."	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 41 (Transcript excerpt of April 13, 2021 Council hearing) (SM00131-00133)	
10^	7. De la Torre also recused himself from subsequent closed discussions of this PAL matter.	
	Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. G at SM00162; Ex. H at SM00189; Ex. K at SM00328	
108	8. When voting in favor of the City's anti-nepotism policy in November 2021, De la Torre stated that "the issue is really is [sic] like sort of the conflict, you	
	know, as we would call a conflict, because the husband, wife, registered domestic partner, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, and sister of a	
	Councilmember would have a hard time sort of distancing themselves or it seems like they could be compromised, right, because of their relationship with a Councilmember."	
	with a Councilmember." <u>Evidence:</u> Silberberg Decl. Ex. 42 Transcript excerpt of November 9, 2021Council hearing at SM00410-11	

1 2	Defendants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
3 4 5 6 7	109. In the proceedings before the Supreme Court in the CVRA Action, De la Torre filed a document entitled "Santa Monica City Council Member Oscar De La Torre's Application (In His Individual Capacity) For Leave To File Amicus Curiae Brief; [Proposed] Amicus Curiae Brief' in June 2021.	
8	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 20.	
9	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 170:6-24).	
.1	110. In July 2021, Shenkman sent materials to De la Torre	
12	for a potential discussion with newly-appointed Councilmember Negrete regarding the CVRA Action.	
14	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 172:20 – 177)	
16	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 21.	
.8	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 174:14-24).	
9	111. De la Torre and Shenkman met with Councilmember Negrete before or right after she was appointed to the City Council.	
21	Evidence:	
22	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 177:2 - 178:11)	
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112	2. Between July 2021 and November 2021, Shenkman, Mr. Trivino-Perez, and De la Torre have spoken at least three times about this case and the CVRA Action.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 14 (Supp. Interrogatory Responses at 6-7);	
	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 42:14-18; 43:5-14)	
113	6. On September 30, 2021, Mr. Trivino-Perez forwarded a tentative ruling in this case to Shenkman	
	less than ten minutes after Mr. Trivino-Perez received the ruling by email.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 37	
	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 200:22-201:15)	
114	On October 6, 2021, Mr. Trivino-Perez forwarded a minute order from this case entered on September 30, 2021, to Shenkman.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 36	
	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 198:5-17)	
115	6. On October 12, 2021, Mr. Trivino-Perez forwarded a	
	draft statement of undisputed facts to Shenkman within six minutes of receiving it.	
	Evidence:	
	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 33	
	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 161:1-20)	

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4	116. On November 9, 2021, Mr. Trivino-Perez forwarded an email from the City's counsel to Shenkman within	
5	six minutes of receiving it.	
6	Evidence:	
7	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 34	
8	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 171:6-20)	
9	117. On December 13, 2021, Mr. Trivino-Perez sent a	
10	tentative ruling in this case to Shenkman less than an hour after it was entered.	
11	Evidence:	
12	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 30	
13	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman	
14	1/27/2022 Depo. at 89:17-24)	
15	118. On December 16, 2021, Mr. Trivino-Perez sent a	
16	tentative ruling in this case to Shenkman within four minutes of receiving it.	
17	Evidence:	
18	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 29	
19	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman	
20	1/27/2022 Depo. at 86:22-88:4)	
21	119. On December 23, 2021, Mr. Trivino-Perez forwarded an email from the City's counsel to Shenkman less	
22	than half an hour after receiving it.	
23	Evidence:	
24	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 35	
25	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman	
26	1/27/2022 Depo. at 195:21-196:5)	
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4	120. In November 2021, Shenkman attended a meet and confer in this lawsuit with Mr. Trivino-Perez, De la		
5	Torre, and counsel for the City on Plaintiffs' objections to the City's discovery requests. At this		
6	meet and confer, Shenkman provided legal argument in support of Plaintiffs' objections to the City's		
7	discovery requests.		
8 9	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. ¶ 44		
10	121. In November 2021, Shenkman drafted a declaration entitled "KIS Decl. in Lieu of Discovery" and the		
11	declaration addresses issues relating to the deliberative process privilege in this lawsuit.		
12 13	Evidence:		
14	Silberberg Decl. ¶ 45, Ex. 43		
15 16	122. Shenkman signed and submitted a declaration to support Plaintiffs' Opposition to the Motion to Compel discovery in this case.		
17 18	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 205:6-23);		
19	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 38		
20	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman		
21	1/27/2022 Depo. at 205:6-23; 208:2-6)		
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4	123. Shenkman drafted and submitted a declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment			
5	in this case.			
6	Evidence:			
7	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at. 208:12-16; 209:19-25; 213:6-219:24)			
8	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 39			
9	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman			
10	1/27/2022 Depo. at 209:19-210:7)			
11	124. Shenkman's typical billing rate is between \$800 and			
12	\$900 per hour.			
13	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo.			
14	at 50:15-18)			
15	125. Shenkman's partner and associate bill at rates			
16	between \$600 and \$800 per hour.			
17	Evidence:			
18	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 50:19 – 51:1)			
19	126. De la Torre has not compensated Shenkman for any			
20	of his legal work or advice.			
21	Evidence:			
22	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 83:22-84:15, 126:14-127:16, 252:1-9); Silberberg			
23	Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 66:15-22)			
24	127. Shenkman may seek compensation for his work in this action via a fee motion in the CVRA Action.			
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26	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo.			
27	at 210:15-211:9)			
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	lants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
128.	For the most part, De la Torre deletes his text messages daily.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 88:2-25)	
129.	De la Torre had technical issues with his email when he was searching for documents in this case.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 84:17 – 85:6; 88:2-25)	
130.	De la Torre's attorney did not address the technical issues but found a "creative way to answer" the questions.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 84:23-85:6)	
131.	Shenkman provided documents for production in this case.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 3 (Shenkman 1/27/2022 Depo. at 223:5 – 225:23)	
132.	Shenkman is De la Torre's friend.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 30:21 – 31:16; 46:10-15; 99:22 – 100:3; 145:2-9; 156:8-13)	
133.	Shenkman is one of De la Torre's "trusted attorneys."	
	<u>Evidence</u> : Silberberg Decl. Ex. 47.	

1 2 3	Defendants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
4	134. De la Torre does not trust the City Attorney's Office.	
5	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 47.	
6 7	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 198:16-22)	
8	135. De la Torre has loyalty to his wife, Loya.	
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10	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 194:19-20)	
12 13	136. De la Torre is proud of Loya's involvement in the CVRA Action and as the lead Plaintiff, wants Loya to win.	
14 15 16	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 194:21 – 196:1)	
17 18	137. Loya discusses the CVRA Action with her husband, De la Torre, and he has asserted spousal privilege with respect to any such conversations.	
19 20	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 13 at 28.	
21 22	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 136:13-137:6)	
23	138. De la Torre refused to answer questions about	
24	discussions he had with Shenkman on grounds of attorney-client privilege.	
25	Evidence:	
26	Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 47:6-10; 49:6-19; 52:11-19; 97:9-15; 115:12-19,	
27	123:3-12; 131:4-11.)	
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Defendants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:		Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
139.	Loya is the sole owner of Holistic Strategies Coaching & Consulting LLC ("Holistic"), which she founded in 2019.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 67:16-24; 72:2-4.)	
140.	Loya has 25 years of experience in public policy development & advocacy, non-profit management, community organizing & leadership on a range of issues including: racial justice, immigrant rights, environmental justice, land-use, workers and women's rights.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 76:8 – 77:11; Loya Depo Ex. 51)	
	Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 71:9-72:1)	
141.	Holistic provides "consulting for nonprofits, labor unions, or businesses" as well as life coaching.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 72:13-18.)	
142.	Holistic works mainly on "social justice issues [and] socioeconomic issues."	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 73:14-17.)	
143.	Loya and De la Torre both receive financial compensation from Holistic.	
	Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 68:16-20); Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 209:4 – 210:19)	
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Defendants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
Silberberg Decl. Exs. 22 and 24.	
Authentication: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 209:19-210:5; 217:1-14)	
144. De la Torre does not get paid on a regular schedule, but Loya typically pays De la Torre when he requests money.	
Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 1 (De la Torre 1/20/22 Depo. at 209:15-18)	
145. Loya counts it as a win "when an organization is able to achieve their goals in making their public policy campaign into a city ordinance."	
Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 75:9-21)	
146. Winning on social justice issues is good for Holistic.	
Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 2 (Loya 1/25/2022 Depo. at 77:9-12)	

ISSUE 2-- THE COURT SHOULD NOT ISSUE A DECLARATION IN PLAINTIFFS' FAVOR UNDER THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF BECAUSE PLAINTIFFS BROUGHT THEIR CLAIMS WITH UNCLEAN HANDS

Defendants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
147. This section incorporates the prior statements of undisputed material facts and supporting evidence contained in paragraphs 1-146 above.	

ISSUE 3—THE COURT SHOULD NOT ISSUE A DECLARATION IN PLAINTIFF ELIAS SERNA'S FAVOR UNDER THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF BECAUSE SERNA LACKS STANDING TO BRING THIS CLAIM

Defendants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
148. Serna has no injury in this case different from any other voter.	
Evidence: Silberberg Decl. Ex. 4 (Serna 1/21/2022 Depo. at 82:2 – 83:4)	

ISSUE 4—JUDGMENT ON THE SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION UNDER THE BROWN ACT SHOULD BE ENTERED IN THE CITY'S FAVOR BECAUSE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY VIOLATION OR POTENTIAL FUTURE VIOLATION

Defendants' Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting Evidence:	Plaintiffs' Response and Supporting Evidence:
149. This section incorporates the prior statements of undisputed material facts and supporting evidence contained in paragraphs 1-148 above.	
150. The agenda for the special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council for January 26, 2021 had one staff administrative item on the agenda: "Pico Neighborhood Association and Maria Loya v. City of Santa Monica – Determination Regarding Common Law Conflict of Interest of Councilmember de la Torre." Evidence: Anderson-Warren Decl. Ex. A (at SM00018)	

Plaintiffs' Opposition to Demurrer to FAC at 15

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