1 2 RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670 3 ENALL -4 PLAINTIFFS, PRO SE 5 6 7 8 SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT 9 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 Т Ч., CASE NO. 34-2020-) ) 12 Plaintiffs, PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION/REPLY ) TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO ) 13 STRIKE; PLAINTIFFS' MOTION ) 14 FOR DEFAULT AND/OR FOR ) SANCTIONS -VS-) 15 DATE: JANUARY 6, 2021 16 TIME: 9:00 A.M. ) 54/ZOOM PE HIN, et al, DEPT: 17 ) Christopher E. JUDGE: 18 Defendants. Krueger 19 20 TO THE DEFENDANTS AND THEIR ATTORNEY OF RECORD: 21 COMES NOW THE PLAINTIFFS, 1 (hereinafter 22 "Tom" and/or "Gayle" and/or " '", respectively), and 23 24 hereby objects to the DEFENDANTS, 25 " and/or "the (hereinafter "S 26 27 28 **OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE (CASE #34-2020-(** -PAGE I

1 respectively), SLAPP motion and/or motion to 2 strike.

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; further request the court enter a default The judgment against the I / pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 473(b) for failure to respond to the complaint in this action within the time allowed by law. 7

8 This so called "motion to strike" is not even a valid, 9 legal or even coherent response to the complaint and is 10 just another one of their stall tactics designed to cause them 11 to spend more money to have to even prepare this opposition 12 and/or motion, and to hire an attorney for this hearing on 13 January 6, 2020, and therefore this is why they are also making 14 15 a motion for sanctions against each of the I , and 16 their attorney of record.

Note that this action is Sacramento Superior Court case 18 number 34-2020-( while Ku man, the 19 attorney, (hereinafter "] ian"), has given his 20 21 motion to strike case number 7. A docket check ran on 22 12/22/20 shows there is no case number involving these parties. 23 A copy of this scan is attached as Exhibit 1 to this motion.

31 This opposition/motion will be based upon the 25 notice and the supporting memorandum of points and authorities, 26 27 request for judicial notice, together with any and all exhibits 28 OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO STRIKE (CASE #34-2020-0 -PAGE 2

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1 BACKGROUND OF CASE 2 This case started when the ' discovered the 3 were in escrow to sell their house located next 4 door to the , while including part of their property that 5 is an easement. 6 Dispute over the I NS' illegal use of this part of 7 8 ' property was supposedly settled in the previous the 9 Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2017 10 There was a settlement agreement reached between these parties 11 in 2019. 12 However, the 3 attorney failed to request the court 13 maintain jurisdiction over said agreement. 14 15 Neither of the 5 have any legal training, and 16 therefore didn't know they could, or should, have asked the 17 court to maintain jurisdiction over this settlement agreement. 18 The HS attorney failed to request the court maintain 19 jurisdiction in order to enforce the agreement, and also failed 20 21 to even advise the this should be done, or even could be 22 done. 23 ; honestly felt the 1 signing of the The 24 settlement agreement was what it was on its face - a settlement 25 of the dispute that would be honored (otherwise, if required to 26 27 have the court maintain jurisdiction to enforce the agreement 28

then this would show the S had no intention of 1 2 honoring the agreement they signed in the first place and thus 3 it was executed by them in bad faith and with intention to 4 S into dismissing their cross-complaint). default the 5 They relied upon the F IS' signature on this 6 settlement agreement enough to withdraw their cross-complaint as 7 8 they did on July 3, 2019. The were led to believe this 9 matter was settled and put to rest when the 10 dismissed their complaint, and in reliance upon their belief the 11 agreement was signed in good faith, the 3 did drop their 12 cross-complaint. 3 realized the When the were not honoring this agreement - they retained another attorney who did file a motion to enforce the agreement. So, the claim this agreement was signed in bad faith was not part of the original complaint by the defendants, nor the cross-complaint either. This motion to enforce the agreement was denied because the court maintained they hadn't been asked to maintain jurisdiction over the settlement agreement when it was first signed. Both of the : IS are on disability at this time, and we are in a

nationwide economic shutdown because of COVID-19, so because they're out of work, they couldn't afford to hire another attorney to appeal this denial.

They also tried for months to find new legal counsel to no avail because of COVID-19, and because this property is located in Rancho Cordova, as well as attorneys not wanting to take the case because of the church the defendants belong to having received such negative publicity lately.

IS had hoped the matter was resolved once they So, the made their point by filing the motion asking the court to enforce the agreement even though they were denied.

Instead, the harassment escalated once they saw the court ' motion to have this agreement enforced had denied the 12 to file for a restraining order against their forcing the neighbors in Sacramento Superior Court case number 2020-7 6 in July of 2020.

HS are asking the court to take judicial notice of The : these other actions.

The P IS retaliated against the asking for a protective order by filing their own restraining order request against the S.

The court denied both party's request for restraining orders which were both heard on November 13, 2020. This denial was because by that time the had moved out of the house next door to an unknown location, so the court figured

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1 with them moved out there wouldn't be a need for a protective
2 order against anyone.

Wondering why this harassment had started up against them so severely about June of 2020, the S started doing some investigation online.

This is when they discovered the 3 were in escrow to sell their house along with the 5' easement included as part of the deal - with no consideration, or consent being given to or rendered by the for their property to this sale.

This easement being included in the sale as if it belonged 13 was confirmed in discussions between the 14 to the 15 ; and .n - the ' attorney who 16 falsely tried to claim the money that was paid in settlement of 17 claims was instead money used to purchase this easement. 18 Since this was not the case, in order to stop their 19 property from being sold by the P S, the started trying to file a lis pendens against the 1 property in order to protect their property from being sold

until this action could be filed.

There were problems with this because the surveyor didn't record his survey which showed this easement belonged to the

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1 : by paying the money, he was supposed to pay the recorder
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This is why the HS' are reserving their right to amend this complaint because they may have to name the surveyor in this action as a defendant if they can't resolve this with him as they're trying to do now out of court.

Because July of 2020 was right in the middle of the COVID-19 shutdown that has affected the California courts, and again because there aren't a lot of attorneys willing to take on a case concerning property in Rancho Cordova, (even more attorneys have been unwilling to take on this case because of the reputation of the church the S belong to has - see Exhibit 2 to see what that reputation is) - the ; were unable to find an attorney to aid them in this case until only a few days ago.

Therefore, they had to file this action pro se, along with appearing in their restraining order case pro se as well. The S didn't even know the court could be, or should be, asked to maintain jurisdiction to enforce the agreement in case the other parties didn't sign it in good faith until approximately July of 2020 when they hired a paralegal to type up their legal papers.

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Luckily, the sale was called off once this action was ' moved out of the house next door filed, and the causing most of the problems to abate for now.

However, since they have moved out it's clear they will be attempting to sell the house again in the future. Therefore, the issue of who owns the land in dispute needs to have ownership clarified before they attempt to sell the property again by trying to throw this land in to "sweeten the deal" as they tried to do in this July 2020 sale they just tried to pull off.

The complaint in this action was filed on August 6, 2020. 13 A Notice and Acknowledgment of Receipt was emailed, and faxed, 14 to , attorney at law, requesting he sign for the summons and complaint in this action so as to avoid the having to pay to have professional service done, and thus incurring additional expense.

N an had already been calling and emailing the declaring he was the attorney representing the

in these matters.

Because of the restraining order applications, along with an declaring to the 5 he was the Мı attorney - the have tried to avoid any direct personal contact with them even to effect service of the summons and

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complaint - and this is why they asked 1 to accept 1 2 service of the summons and complaint in this action on their 3 behalf.

an did refuse to sign and return the form ľ confirming service of the summons and complaint by email in order to protect everyone from potential exposure to COVID-19 as 7 well as the plaintiffs' having to incur additional expense to execute personal service.

This prompted ( ms, a paralegal, to do a service of the summons and complaint by certified mail on 9/23/20. The 12 proof of service is attached as Exhibit 3 to this motion. 13

No answer, or responsive pleading, has been filed yet by the P NS in this instant action except for this motion to strike filed on October 16, 2020, marked as case number 18CV333877, which also failed to answer the parts they didn't request to be struck - so this motion is completely irrelevant, unresponsive, vague, confusing, ambiguous, and basically hasn't served as a valid response to the complaint in any way, shape or form.

This is why the 3 feel this motion is not a responsive pleading, and why they feel the defendants are essentially in default at this time.

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Because of being forced to retain an attorney to help with this hearing and this opposition/motion, this is why the further are requesting sanctions against the 1 , and Mr. Bridgman to cover these costs they've been forced to bear.

#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHOTITIES

#### ii. LEGAL ARGUMENTS

#### 17. ARGUMENT FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

#### E. COURT MAY GRANT DEFAULT JUDGMENT

California Code of Civil Procedure Section 473(b) provides in pertinent part, "The court may, upon any terms as may be just, relieve a party or his or her legal representative from a judgment, dismissal, order, or other proceeding taken against him or her through his or her mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect."

Such a request without an attorney "affidavit of fault" is discretionary with the trial court.

F. COURT MAY GRANT DEFAULT JUDGMENT IN CASES ASKING FOR RECOVERY OF MONEY AND/OR DAMAGES

Pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure § 585(a), the court clerk may enter Default Judgment only on cases arising on contract or judgment for recovery of money or damages. C.C.P. Part 2, Title 8, 585:

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1 "Judgment may be had, if the defendant fails to answer the complaint, as follows: (a) In an action arising upon contract or judgment for the recovery of money or damages only, if the 2 defendant has, or if more than one defendant, if any of the defendants have, been served, other than by publication, and no answer, demurrer, notice of motion to strike of the character 3 specified in subdivision (f), notice of motion to transfer pursuant to Section 396b, notice of 4 motion to dismiss pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 583.210) of Chapter 1.5 of Title 8, notice of motion to quash service of summons or to stay or dismiss the action pursuant to 5 Section 418.10, or notice of the filing of a petition for writ of mandate as provided in Section 418.10 has been filed with the clerk of the court within the time specified in the summons, or 6 within further time as may be allowed, the clerk, upon written application of the plaintiff, and 7 proof of the service of summons, shall enter the default of the defendant or defendants, so served, and immediately thereafter enter judgment for the principal amount demanded in the 8 complaint, in the statement required by Section 425.11, or in the statement provided for in Section 425.115, or a lesser amount if credit has been acknowledged, together with interest 9 allowed by law or in accordance with the terms of the contract, and the costs against the 10 defendant, or defendants, or against one or more of the defendants. If, by rule of court, a schedule of attorneys' fees to be allowed has been adopted, the clerk may include in the 11 judgment attorneys' fees in accordance with the schedule (1) if the contract provides that attorneys' fees shall be allowed in the event of an action thereon, or (2) if the action is one in 12 which the plaintiff is entitled by statute to recover attorneys' fees in addition to money or 13 damages. The plaintiff shall file a written request at the time of application for entry of the default of the defendant or defendants, to have attorneys' fees fixed by the court, whereupon, 14 after the entry of the default, the court shall hear the application for determination of the attorneys' fees and shall render judgment for the attorneys' fees and for the other relief 15 demanded in the complaint, in the statement required by Section 425.11, or in the statement 16 provided for in Section 425.115, or a lesser amount if credit has been acknowledged, and the costs against the defendant, or defendants, or against one or more of the defendants. (b) In other 17 actions, if the defendant has been served, other than by publication, and no answer, demurrer, notice of motion to strike of the character specified in subdivision (f), notice of motion to transfer pursuant to 18 Section 396b, notice of motion to dismiss pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 583.210) of Chapter 1.5 of Title 8, notice of motion to quash service of summons or to stay or dismiss the action 19 pursuant to Section 418.10 or notice of the filing of a petition for writ of mandate as provided in Section 20 418.10 has been filed with the clerk of the court within the time specified in the summons, or within further time as may be allowed, the clerk, upon written application of the plaintiff, shall enter the default 21 of the defendant. The plaintiff thereafter may apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. The court shall hear the evidence offered by the plaintiff and shall render judgment in the plaintiff's favor 22 for that relief, not exceeding the amount stated in the complaint, in the statement required by Section 425.11, or in the statement provided for by Section 425.115, as appears by the evidence to be just. If the 23 taking of an account, or the proof of any fact, is necessary to enable the court to give judgment or to carry the judgment into effect, the court may take the account or hear the proof, or may, in its discretion, order a 24 reference for that purpose. If the action is for the recovery of damages, in whole or in part, the court may order the damages to be assessed by a jury; or if, to determine the amount of damages, the examination of 25 a long account is involved, by a reference as above provided. (d) In the cases referred to in subdivisions 26 (b) and (c), or upon an application to have attorneys' fees fixed by the court pursuant to subdivision (a), the court in its discretion may permit the use of affidavits, in lieu of personal testimony, as to all or any 27 part of the evidence or proof required or permitted to be offered, received, or heard in those cases. The 28 5

1 facts stated in the affidavit or affidavits shall be within the personal knowledge of the affiant and shall be 2 set forth with particularity, and each affidavit shall show affirmatively that the affiant, if sworn as a 2 witness, can testify competently thereto. (f) A notice of motion to strike within the meaning of this 3 section is a notice of motion to strike the whole or any part of a pleading filed within the time which the 3 moving party is required otherwise to plead to that pleading. The notice of motion to strike shall specify a 4 hearing date set in accordance with Section 1005. The filing of a notice of motion does not extend the 4 time within which to demur.

C.C.P. 585 (a) Every application to enter default under subdivision (a) of Section 585 shall include, or be accompanied by, an affidavit stating facts showing that the action is or is not subject to Section 1812.10 or 2984.4 of the Civil Code or subdivision (b) of Section 395.

C.C.P. 586 (1) If the complaint has been amended, and the defendant fails to answer it, as amended, or demur thereto, or file a notice of motion to strike, of the character specified in Section 585, within 30 days after service thereof or within the time allowed by the court.

Since there was a contract between these parties to not sell, or attempt to sell, this easement the defendants did try to sell, and because this action is trying to recover the money they've lost because of damages caused them by the defendants -

the court has jurisdiction to enter a default judgment in this action.

#### G. WRONG CASE NUMBER ON MOTION

While it states on the caption the defendants filed a "motion to strike" on October 16, 2020 - it is CLEARLY nonresponsive to the summons and complaint in this action, case number 34-2020-0 S, because all of these pleadings are marked as case number 1 77.

Therefore, NOTHING has been filed in response and defendants are in default as of October 23, 2020.

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H. THIS ACTION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FREEDOM OF SPEECH

These pleadings state they are a "SLAPP MOTION" regarding the defendants' freedom of speech, and then proceed to go into an entirely non-sensical argument basically taking the position the defendants were allowed to sign an agreement they had no intention of keeping, and in fact violated, because this agreement was supposedly done within the defendants' protected right of "free speech".

Anyone knows there are limitations to the rights of free speech, including the fact one can't use their speech to incite a riot, to commit hate crimes, to threaten another human being, nor to commit crimes such as fraud or conversion.

To make such an argument as N an is making here would be the same as saying anyone can walk into a bank and say to the teller "give me all your money" and that this is protected free speech.

Also, the S<sup>\*</sup> ' instant action herein is not based upon "statements made in court papers seeks to subject defendant to liability for protected activity and is subject to the anti-SLAPP statute" as alleged in the defendant's Memorandum of Points and Authorities, page 5, lines 13-15, nor upon "claims that are clearly in violation of the anti-SLAPP statute: s claim s acted fraudulently or otherwise in violation

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of S is' rights when exercised their free speech 1 2 rights and right to petition by filing a dismissal of 3 .ns' claims in the Underlying Action" as alleged in 4 the Memorandum's Conclusion. 5

If one READS the complaint, you'll see that this action was based upon the PE' ' attempt to sell the 7 8 Smiths' property which was put into escrow in about June-July of 2020 - said ACTIONS being a violation of the settlement agreement.

To further claim that the F IS are allowed to violate this agreement simply because the IS' didn't distrust them, and their attorney, enough to request the court maintain jurisdiction over said agreement, and to require the court to enforce the agreement - is another way of saying the

' had no intention of honoring this agreement 18 "unless forced to" by the court, which means they were 19 fraudulently induced into dismissing their cross-complaint. 20 21 The agreement didn't state it wouldn't be honored unless 22 enforced by the court - so the S were led to believe the 23 INS, and their attorney, drew up and agreed to this 24 agreement in good faith - but now they want to act like they 25 don't have to comply with its terms unless forced by the court. 26 27 Meaning they had no intention of honoring said agreement at all

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1 to begin with - intentions made clear when they tried to sell 2 the SMITHS land out from under them, and then further 3 threatening the 3 with legal action when they tried to 4 protect said land from being sold. 5 So, this whole motion by the defendants' is moot, 6 irrelevant, non-sensical, and unresponsive to the complaint -7 8 thereby placing the \_\_\_\_\_S in default at as of October 9 23, 2020 (30 days after they were served by certified mail by 10 11 18. ARGUMENT AGAINST MOTION TO STRIKE 12 C. NO GROUNDS FOR MOTION TO STRIKE PROVIDED 13 14 Cal. Code Civ. Proc §437 states the "grounds for the motion 15 to strike must appear" in the motion to strike. Again, this has 16 the wrong case number, so in reality this is not a motion to 17 strike for this action so no grounds have been provided in THIS 18 ACTION. 19 Second, their claim they want to "strike all claims" in the 20 21 complaint based on the right of free speech isn't relevant here 22 even if the court grants this motion is a proper motion to 23 strike in this action. 24 According to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. §436(a)); or (2) to 25 strike any pleading or part thereof" not drawn or filed in 26

27 conformity with the laws of this state, a court rule or order of

court" - yet the defendants' attorney doesn't provide any of these grounds upon which to have all of the plaintiffs' claims struck because he's referring to the settlement agreement, which the plaintiffs are referring to the defendants' actions to attempt to sell their property without their consent in this action - period - agreement or not. 7

The fact this property was outlined in the agreement discussed here is just referenced by the plaintiffs to show the court the defendants KNEW this property wasn't theirs to begin with - so their attempt to sell the property in question was done intentionally and willfully - further providing evidence that the agreement was signed while they had no intentions of honoring it to begin with and therefore was void on its face.

But the defendants give no grounds for why their complaint based upon the defendants attempt to sell their property in July of 2020 should have all of their causes of action struck.

Therefore, they have not responded to the complaint in this action and should be considered in default by this court.

#### D. CALIFORNIA COURTS DISFAVOR MOTIONS TO STRIKE

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California courts disfavor motions to strike and, pleadings must be "liberally construed, with a view to substantial justice between the parties." Cal. Code Civ. Proc. §452.

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On a motion to strike, the court considers the complaint's allegations in context and presumes them as true: "[j]udges read allegations of a pleading subject to a motion to strike as a whole, all parts in their context, and assume their truth." *Clauson v. Sup. Ct.* (Pedus Services, Inc.), 67 Cal. App.4<sup>th</sup> 71253, 1255 (1998).

Under these standards, Defendants fail to demonstrate the merit in any part of its Motion to Strike.

#### 19. RELATION BACK DOCTRINE

The defendants are asking the court in their motion to basically strike all causes of action in this action because the original complaint, and cross-complaint between these parties, was dismissed when an agreement was supposedly reached between these parties - and the court was not asked to maintain jurisdiction over said agreement to enforce compliance.

However, the plaintiffs did refer to this agreement, and these previous actions because of the "relation back doctrine" which applies for statute of limitations purposes.

Tellingly, defendants cite no case law or other authority in support of its argument and fails to even mention the relation back doctrine. The relation back doctrine allows an amended complaint to relate back to the original complaint for statute of limitations purposes if the "amendment (1) rests on

the same general set of acts; (2) involves the same injury; and (3) refers to the same instrumentality. *Pointe SD Residential Comm. v. PCHS*, 195 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 265, 276 (2011).

"An amended complaint relates back to an earlier complaint if it is based on the same general set of facts, even if the plaintiff alleges a different legal theory or new cause of action." Id. "The criterion of relation back is whether the original complaint gave the defendant enough notice of the nature and scope of the plaintiffs claim that he shouldn't have been surprised by the amplification of the allegations of the original complaint in the amended one." <u>Pointe SD</u>, 195 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> at 279.

The s didn't reopen their original complaint against the defendants because this action is based upon the defendants' recent new actions in 2020 wherein, they attempted to sell the plaintiffs' property without their consent and/or knowledge.

The only reason that these other actions, and the agreement between them, was referenced in this action was to "refer back" to these other actions, and the agreement, in order to show the court these defendants "should not have been surprised" to find the plaintiffs' had a problem with the defendants trying to sell their property. These other actions, and the signed agreement, proves the defendants knew this was the plaintiffs' property,

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they had specifically agreed not to encroach upon this easement in that settlement agreement, so the fact the plaintiffs were damaged by these recent actions was "no surprise" to the defendants.

#### 20. THIS CASE ISN'T TO BE RE-LITIGATED

7 In Martin v. General Finance Co., the California Court of Appeal held
8 that a Default Judgment is treated as a judgment "on the merits" and res
9 judicata as to the claim involved. (1966) 239 CA2d 438, 443.

Therefore, Defendants are not permitted to relitigate his or her liability on the claim. Id. However, it appears that's what they're attempting to do in this so called "SLAPP" motion.

#### 21. COLLATRAL ESTOPPEL

In English v. English, the California Court of Appeal held that a Default Judgment collaterally estops the Defendant from raising issues in a later lawsuit that were necessarily adjudicated against Defendant in the earlier action. (1937) 9 C2d 805, 810.

However, the collateral estoppel is limited to material issues well pleaded in the complaint in the former action. It does not apply to immaterial allegations or issues not raised in the pleadings. *Burtnett v. King*, (1949) 33 C2d 805, 810.

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- 1 22. NO RIGHT TO APPEAR AT PROVE-UP HEARING 2 While in default Defendants have NO RIGHT to appear at 3 prove-up hearing. Devlin v. Kearny Mesa AMC/Jeep/Renault, Inc. 4 (1984) 155 CA3d 381. 5 DEFENDANTS FAILED TO ANSWER/RESPOND TO WHOLE COMPLAINT 23. 6 C.C.P. 586 (a) (3) If a motion to strike, of the character specified in Section 585, is 7 granted in whole or in part, and the defendant fails to answer the unstricken portion of the 8 complaint within the time allowed by the court, no demurrer having been sustained or being then pending. 9 In other words, the defendants are in default of the parts 10 not in the SLAPP motion should the court find it is a responsive 11 pleading. 12 13 24. THE COURT MAY GRANT JUDGMENT FOR DAMAGES 14 The court clerk may enter judgment for the following: (1) 15 restitution of premises in unlawful detainer actions; (2) costs 16 against Defendant or Defendants, or against one or more of the 17 Defendants; (3) interest allowed by law or in accordance with 18 19 the terms of the contract; (4) the principal amount demanded in 20 the complaint, CCP §425.11 statement of damages, or the CCP 21 §425.115 statement reserving the right to punitive damages, or a 22 lesser amount if credit has been acknowledged by the Plaintiff. 23 The plaintiffs are asking for these items to be judged and 24 25 have provided defendants a statement of damages. 26 111 27
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#### 25. FAILURE TO MEET AND CONFER AND SPECIAL MOTIONS 425.16

2 C.C.P. § 435.5 (a) Before filing a motion to strike pursuant to this chapter, the moving party shall meet and confer in person or by telephone with the party who filed the pleading that is 3 subject to the motion to strike for the purpose of determining if an agreement can be reached that 4 resolves the objections to be raised in the motion to strike. If an amended pleading is filed, the responding party shall meet and confer again with the party who filed the amended pleading 5 before filing a motion to strike the amended pleading. (1) As part of the meet and confer process, the moving party shall identify all of the specific allegations that it believes are subject 6 to being stricken and identify with legal support the basis of the deficiencies. The party who filed 7 the pleading shall provide legal support for its position that the pleading is legally sufficient, or, in the alternative, how the pleading could be amended to cure any legal insufficiency. (2) The 8 parties shall meet and confer at least five days before the date a motion to strike must be filed. If the parties are unable to meet and confer at least five days before the date the motion to strike 9 must be filed, the moving party shall be granted an automatic 30-day extension of time within 10 which to file a motion to strike, by filing and serving, on or before the date a motion to strike must be filed, a declaration stating under penalty of perjury that a good faith attempt to meet and 11 confer was made and explaining the reasons why the parties could not meet and confer. The 30day extension shall commence from the date the motion to strike was previously due, and the 12 moving party shall not be subject to default during the period of the extension. Any further 13 extensions shall be obtained by court order upon a showing of good cause. (3) The moving party shall file and serve with the motion to strike a declaration stating either of the following: (A) 14 The means by which the moving party met and conferred with the party who filed the pleading subject to the motion to strike, and that the parties did not reach an agreement resolving the 15 objections raised by the motion to strike. (B) That the party who filed the pleading subject to the motion to strike failed to respond to the meet and confer request of the moving party or 16 otherwise failed to meet and confer in good faith. (4) A determination by the court that the meet 17 and confer process was insufficient is not grounds to grant or deny the motion to strike. 18

At no time did the defendants, nor their attorney, attempt to meet and confer with the plaintiffs about this motion to strike. While not meeting and conferring is not "sufficient grounds" to grant or deny the motion to strike, it goes to show the bad faith that has been consistently exhibited by the defendants, and their attorney, Mr an, as well as the complete disregard for wasting of the court's time in this matter.

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Granted, this requirement doesn't apply for Special Motions under C.C.P. 425.16, which is why the plaintiffs further believe the only reason 1 n filed this Special Motion 425.16 was to avoid this requirement to meet and confer because a SLAPP motion doesn't even apply to this case. He did this knowing it would require the plaintiffs to have to incur the expense of retaining counsel in order to respond to this gibberish and does constitute grounds for why the plaintiffs are asking this court for sanctions and/or costs.

# 26. OTHER PARTS REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

#### G. DECLARATION NOT SALE OR INSTALLMENT CONTRACT

Declaration under Code Civ. Proc., §585.5, this action is not a on a contract or installment sale for goods or services subject to Civ. Code, § 1801 et seq. (Unruh Act). It is not on a conditional sales contract subject to Civ. Code, § 2981 et seq. (Rees-Levering Motor Vehicle Sales and Finance Act), It is also not for an obligation for goods, services, loans, or extensions of credit subject to Code Civ. Proc., § 395(b).

#### H. MEMORANDUM OF COSTS

Memorandum of costs (required if money judgment requested). Costs and disbursements will be provided at the time of hearing. (Code Civ. Proc., § 1033.5):

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#### I. DECLARATION OF MAILING

Declaration of mailing (Code Civ. Proc., § 587) was sent to the defendants on December 23, 2020 mailed first-class, postage prepaid, in a sealed envelope addressed to each defendant's attorney of record or, if none, to each defendants' last known address as follows:

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#### J. VENUE DECLARATION

Plaintiff declares that since the jurisdiction for this case is this court because the properties of both parties are within the jurisdiction of this court pursuant to Civil Code § 2984.4. The injury occurred to plaintiffs in this jurisdiction also.

#### K. DECLARATION OF NON-MILITARY STATUS

Declaration of non-military status (required for a judgment). No defendant named in item 1c of the application is in the military service as that term is defined by either the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 3911(2), or California Military and Veterans Code sections 400 and 402(f).

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#### L. DISMISSAL OF DOE DEFENDANTS

2 Request for Default is only requested against the couple, 3 4 Any other "doe" defendants should be dismissed from this 5 judgment and/or order. CCP 579, CRC 3.1800(a)(7). 6 27. OBJECTION TO GUY STILSON'S DECLARATION 7 8 Objection is made on the grounds 1 on's statements 9 lack foundation. A.I. Credit Corp. v. Legion Ins. Co., 265 F.3d 10 630, 637 (7th Cir. 2001). 1 n's statements amount to 11 nothing more than speculation as to what may or may not have 12 happened in this case. 13 14 As a result, there are insufficient facts to establish the 15 basis for this opinion. Slevin v. Home Depot, 120 F. Supp 2d. 16 822, 835-836 (N.D. Cal. 2000), stating that a declaration based 17 on speculation is irrelevant and should not be considered. 18 28. DEFENDANT DIDN'T PROVE RIGHT TO PROTECTED SPEECH 19 Defendants must first "'make a threshold showing that the 20 21 challenged cause of action is one arising from protected 22 activity.' Jarrow Formulas, Inc. v. LaMarche, 31 Cal. 4th at 23 733 (quoting Equilon Enters. v. Consumer Cause, Inc., 29 Cal. 24 4th 53, 67(2002)). 25 111 26

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#### 29. PROBLEMS WITH C.C.P. 425.16

The defendants rely primarily upon C.C.P. 425.16 in this motion to strike.

A. C.C.P. 425.16(b)(1) DOES NOT RELATE

C.C.P. 425.16 states, "(b)(1) A cause of action against a person arising from any act of that person in furtherance of the person's right of petition or free speech under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution in connection with a <u>public issue</u> (emphasis added)."

However, the issues raised by plaintiffs' complaint are not "public issues". The issues in plaintiffs' complaint are based upon the defendants' actions that damaged them directly and privately.

#### B. C.C.P. 425.16 GRANTS COSTS IF FRIVIOUSLY FILED

C.C.P. 425.16(c) 2(b) states, "If the court finds that a special motion to strike is frivolous, or is solely intended to cause unnecessary delay, the court shall award costs and reasonable attorney's fees to a plaintiff prevailing on the motion, pursuant to <u>Section 128.5</u>."

This motion was clearly filed strictly to cause more harassment to the plaintiffs, as has been an ongoing pattern from the defendants for some time now and evidenced clearly by the fact their attorney couldn't even get the case numbers correct, or even a relevant argument for a motion to strike.

1 This is all the more reason why the plaintiffs feel they will 2 prevail in this action and/or why the court should grant them 3 sanctions and/or costs they've had to incur simply because of 4 not wanting the defendants to sell off their land. 5 On one hand, the defendants' attorney argues that the terms 6 contained in their agreement were "private" and not supposed to 7 8 be viewed by any other parties, or even provided to the court. 9 But then they argue their rights of free speech were violated by 10 this action. However, C.C.P. 425.16 defines the exact speech: 11 "(e) As used in this section, "act in furtherance of a person's right of petition or free speech under the 12 United States or California Constitution in connection with a public issue" includes: (1) any written or oral statement or writing made before a legislative, executive, or judicial proceeding, or any other official 13 proceeding authorized by law, (2) any written or oral statement or writing made in connection with an issue under consideration or review by a legislative, executive, or judicial body, or any other official proceeding 14 authorized by law, (3) any written or oral statement or writing made in a place open to the public or a public forum in connection with an issue of public interest, or (4) any other conduct in furtherance of the 15 exercise of the constitutional right of petition or the constitutional right of free speech in connection with a public issue or an issue of public interest." 16 None of which applies to the settlement agreement in the 17 18 previous action, nor this action for that matter. 19 30. MOTIONS TO STRIKE CAN'T STRIKE A WHOLE ACTION 20 The defendants' motion is asking to basically strike the 21 whole action based on C.C.P. 425.16. 22 However, C.C.P. 431.10 shows "irrelevant matter" can NOT 23 24 mean an ENTIRE PLEADING. The words "irrelevant matter" refers 25 only to material within a pleading that is irrelevant to the 26 cause of action, not the entire cause of action itself. 27 28

Yet the defendants' motion to strike is not specific in what they want to see stricken, and in fact they're asking for the entire action to be struck.

#### 31. C.C.P. 435 AND NO MOTION TO QUASH FILED

On page 3, line 9 of the defendants Memorandum of Points and Authorities, they state they were not "properly served" with the complaint.

C.C.P. 435 allows a party to file a motion to strike "within the time allowed to respond to a pleading." A Motion to strike has to be filed within the properly allowed time based upon calculations starting from the date of service of said action. Yet the defendants state they weren't properly served so how shall we calculate if their motion to strike was properly served or not then if this is their position? We see no motion to quash service of the summons for which we have a proof of served dated September 23, 2020 signed by Jody Williams.

Without said motion to quash service, we believe the proper date the summons and complaint were served upon the defendants was then 9/23/20. However, the papers filed by the defendants were for case number 1 7 - which isn't this action. Therefore, the plaintiffs feel the defendants are in default at this time.

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#### 32. THE AGREEMENT IS NOT THE BASIS OF THIS ACTION

The defendants are basing this motion to strike upon the agreement from the previously filed other case.

However, THIS action is based upon the recent action by defendants to sell their property without their knowledge and/or consent, which just happened to be in violation of this agreement.

Said agreement being mentioned in this action to show the court they were not "caught by surprise" by the plaintiffs' allegations in this action, and were attempting to sell this property willfully, intentionally, and maliciously knowing that it wasn't their property to sell.

Their intent was more than "just talk" as their house was in escrow and about to be sold along with the plaintiffs' property - said sale which would have been completed had not the plaintiffs' first sent a demand letter to cease this sale and their intent to file this action.

While a court may not consider material beyond the pleadings in general, it may do so if the material in question is part of the complaint. <u>Cooper v. Pickett</u>, 137 F.3d 616, 622 (9th Cir. 1997).

In order for a document to be part of a complaint, it must be cited, quoted or referenced in that complaint. <u>Id</u>. at 623.

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Defendants contend that the Complaint in this case is about the violation of this agreement that was previously denied enforcement by this court, while in reality this action is based upon the recent actions of the defendants to sell the plaintiffs' property that wasn't theirs - agreement or not.

Defendants speculate that plaintiffs relied on this agreement in drafting their Complaint. Such speculation is insufficient to justify considering this agreement on a motion to dismiss.

While the plaintiffs did "refer back" to this agreement, and the other complaint", this action is based upon entirely whole and new actions by the defendants to sell their property which was in escrow still as of July 1, 2020 - not being canceled until the plaintiffs served the realtor and the escrow company with their demand letter to stop this sale or they intended to file this action. While the sale was canceled, the defendants have done nothing to confirm they won't try this again. In fact, their attorney tried to claim the plaintiffs "sold this property" as part of the settlement agreement, which was not the case. Irrespective of this agreement, the survey done on the plaintiffs' property proves that the property in question belongs to them, and them alone. A copy of which was

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1	previously provided to this court when they tried to apply for a	
2	lis pendens to attempt to stop this referenced sale.	
3	CONCLUSION/PRAYER	
4	PLAINTIFFS RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE COURT TO:	
5	1. To deny defendants' motion to strike;	
7	2. Since this action is not based upon a contract, to grant	
8	the request for entry of default judgment against the	
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11	3. Grant plaintiffs' requests in their original complaint;	
12	4. Dismiss any "doe" defendants;	
13	5. To grant sanctions and/or costs and/or damages incurred	
14	along with pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as	
15	allowed by law in an amount to be provided at time of the	
16	hearing; and	
17 18	6. Any judgement/award for court fees that have been paid by	
19	by the fee waiver plaintiffs' have in place will be used	
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21	Plaintiffs declare under penalty of perjury under the laws	
22	of the State of California that the foregoing in this pleading	
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