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11	CALVARY CHAPEL SAN JOSE, a California Non-Profit Corporation, et al.,	No. 20-CV-03794 BLF	
12	Plaintiffs,	DEFENDANT COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS'	
13	,	FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT	
14	V.		
15	COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA,		
16	Defendant.		
17	Defendant COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA	answers the Fourth Amended Complaint	
18	(hereinafter, "Complaint") and alleges as follows:		
19	INTROD	UCTION ¹	
20	Defendant lacks sufficient knowled	ge or information to form a belief as to the truth of	
21	the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis of	lenies the allegations.	
22	2. Denied.		
23	 Defendant lacks sufficient knowled 	ge or information to form a belief as to the truth of	
24	the allegations in the first sentence of the paragrap	h and on that basis denies the allegations. The	
25	second sentence of the paragraph contains conclus	ions of law to which no response is required. To	
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28	¹ Defendant repeats Plaintiffs' headings solely for include any factual allegations, they are denied.	ease of reference. To the extent the headings	

the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.

- 4. Defendant admits that other state and local jurisdictions responded to the COVID-19 public health crisis and those responses varied by jurisdiction. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph.
- 5. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the first sentence of the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.

 Defendant admits that the County enforced its public health orders related to COVID-19. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph.
- 6. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), the allegations in the third sentence of paragraph have been stricken from the Complaint and no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph.
- 7. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies any remaining allegations in the paragraph.
- 8. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant admits that it is seeking to collect a portion of the unpaid fines accrued by Calvary Chapel San Jose for its violations of certain COVID-19 public health orders in a proceeding in the Superior Court for the County of Santa Clara. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph.
- 9. The paragraph contains conclusions of law and Plaintiffs' prayer for relief to which no response is required. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), the allegations in the fourth sentence of the paragraph concern a claim that has been dismissed with prejudice and no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.

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- 10. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 11. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 12. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 13. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 14. Defendant admits that Sara H. Cody, M.D., is the Health Officer and Public Health Director for the County of Santa Clara. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), Dr. Cody has been dismissed from the case. The remainder of the paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 15. Defendant admits that Mike Wasserman, Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese, Susan Ellenberg, and Jo Simitian were members of the Board of Supervisors when the Board passed and adopted Ordinance No. NS-9.291 (referred to as the "Urgency Ordinance") on August 11, 2020. Mr. Cortese has been replaced on the Board by Otto Lee. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), all of the members of the Board have been dismissed from the case. The remainder of the paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 16. Defendant admits that James R. Williams was a director of the County's Emergency Operations Center. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), Mr. Williams has been dismissed from the case. The remainder of the paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 17. No response is required to Plaintiffs' definition of the term "County Officials" in the Complaint.

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- 18. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 19. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 20. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 21. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 22. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 23. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 24. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 25. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 26. Defendant admits that the California Department of Public Health has issued guidelines regarding COVID-19 mitigation and those guidelines are the best evidence of their contents. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 27. Defendant admits the allegations in the first sentence of the paragraph. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the second sentence of the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 28. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 29. Defendant admits that Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 on or about March 12, 2020. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to

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lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations

Defendant denies the allegations in the first sentence of the paragraph. Defendant

distancing during June 2020. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph.

in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.

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which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the

- 64. Defendant admits that Dr. Cody issued a revised risk-reduction order on October 5, 2020, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 11 to the Complaint. The remaining allegations in the paragraph contain conclusions of law and/or characterize the contents of that order, which speaks for itself, and to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 65. Defendant admits that on October 13, 2020, the County issued a revised Mandatory Directive for Gatherings. The remaining allegations in the paragraph contain conclusions of law and/or characterize the contents of that directive and the State Blueprint, which speak for themselves, and to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
 - 66. Admitted.
- 67. The paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the guidance to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 68. The paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the guidance to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 69. Defendant denies the allegations as to the County; otherwise, Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 70. Defendant admits that CDPH issued guidance for hair salons and barbershops, and that guidance is the best evidence of its contents. The paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the guidance to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the final sentence of the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.

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The paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the guidance to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the second-to-last sentence of the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.

72. Defendant admits that CDPH issued guidance for personal care services, and that guidance is the best evidence of its contents. The paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or

carriers, transit, and intercity passenger rail, and that guidance is the best evidence of its contents.

Defendant admits that CDPH issued guidance for public and private passenger

- 72. Defendant admits that CDPH issued guidance for personal care services, and that guidance is the best evidence of its contents. The paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the guidance to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the final sentence of the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 73. Defendant admits that on or about November 16, 2020, the State announced that Santa Clara County was moving into the Purple Tier (Tier 1) of the Blueprint, and that the County issued a revised Mandatory Directive on Capacity Limitations, effective November 17, 2020. The remainder of the paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the revised directive to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 74. Defendant admits that CDPH issued guidance for restaurants, and that guidance is the best evidence of its contents. The paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the guidance to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the second sentence of the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 75. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
 - 76. Denied.

- 77. Defendant admits that CDPH announced a Regional Stay at Home Order on or about December 3, 2020. The remainder of the paragraph contains conclusions of law and/or characterizes the contents of the order to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in the final sentence of the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
- 78. The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
 - 79. Denied.
- Ordinance on August 11, 2020, to establish a civil enforcement program and authorize administrative fines for violations of the Health Officer's orders and other laws related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Defendant further admits that the County issued notices of violation and assessed fines against Calvary Chapel San Jose beginning in August 2020, and that the County filed a civil enforcement action in the Superior Court for the County of Santa Clara where it seeks to collect over \$2.8 million in accrued, but unpaid, fines. Defendant denies the remaining allegations in the paragraph.
- 81. Defendant denies the first sentence of the paragraph. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), the remaining allegations have been stricken from the case and no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 82. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), the allegations in the paragraph have been stricken from the case and no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 83. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), the allegations in the paragraph have been stricken from the case and no response is required. To the extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
- 84. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), the allegations in the paragraph have been stricken from the case and no response is required. To the extent that any

1	response is require	red, Defendant denies the allegations.
2	85. Pı	ursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), the allegations in the
3	paragraph have b	been stricken from the case and no response is required. To the extent that any
4	response is require	red, Defendant denies the allegations.
5	86. De	efendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of
6	the allegations in	the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
7	87. De	efendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of
8	the allegations in	the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
9	88. De	efendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of
10	the allegations in	the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
11	89. De	efendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of
12	the allegations in	the first through fourth sentences of the paragraph and on that basis denies the
13	allegations. Defe	endant denies the allegations in the fifth and sixth sentences of the paragraph.
14	90. De	efendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of
15	the allegations in	the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
16	91. De	efendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of
17	the allegations in	the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.
18	92. De	enied.
19	93. De	enied.
20	94. Th	he paragraph contains legal and rhetorical argument to which no response is
21	required. To the	extent that any response is required, Defendant denies any factual allegations.
22		FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
23	95. De	efendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-94 and otherwise denies the
24	allegations in the paragraph.	
25	96. Th	he paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
26	extent that any re	esponse is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
27	97. Tl	he paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
28	extent that any re	esponse is required, Defendant denies the allegations.

1	98.	Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth or
2	the allegations in the paragraph and on that basis denies the allegations.	
3	99.	Denied.
4	100.	Denied.
5	101.	Denied.
6	102.	Denied.
7	103.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
8	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
9	104.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
10	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that
11	Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief.	
12		SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
13	105.	Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-104 and otherwise denies the
14	allegations in the paragraph.	
15	106.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
16	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
17	107.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
18	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
19	108.	Denied.
20	109.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
21	extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that	
22	Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief.	
23		THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
24	110.	Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-109 and otherwise denies the
25	allegations in the paragraph.	
26	111.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
27	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
28	112.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the 12

1	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
2	113.	Denied.
3	114.	Denied.
4	115.	Denied.
5	116.	Denied.
6	117.	Denied.
7	118.	Denied.
8	119.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
9	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that
10	Plaintiffs are	entitled to any relief.
11		FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
12	120.	Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-119 and otherwise denies the
13	allegations in the paragraph.	
14	121.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
15	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
16	122.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
17	7 extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.	
18	123.	Denied.
19	124.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
20	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
21	125.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
22	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that
23	Plaintiffs are	entitled to any relief.
24		FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
25	126.	Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-125 and otherwise denies the
26	6 allegations in the paragraph.	
27	127.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
28	extent that any	y response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.

1	128.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
2	extent that any	response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
3	129.	Denied.
4	130.	Denied.
5	131.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
6	extent that any	response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
7	132.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
8	extent that any	response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that
9	Plaintiffs are e	entitled to any relief.
10		SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
11	133.	Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-132 and otherwise denies the
12	allegations in	the paragraph.
13	134.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
14	extent that any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.	
15	135.	Denied.
16	136.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
17	extent that any	response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that
18	Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief.	
19		SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
20	137.	Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-136 and otherwise denies the
21	allegations in the paragraph.	
22	138.	Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-138 and otherwise denies the
23	allegations in	the paragraph.
24	139.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
25	extent that any	response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
26	140.	The paragraph contains conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the
27	extent that any	response is required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that
28	Plaintiffs are e	entitled to any relief.

1	EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION
2	141. Defendant incorporates its responses to Paragraphs 1-140 and otherwise denies the
3	allegations in the paragraph. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), Plaintiffs'
4	Bane Act claim has been dismissed with prejudice and no response is required. To the extent that
5	any response is required, Defendant denies the allegations.
6	142. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), Plaintiffs' Bane Act claim
7	has been dismissed with prejudice and no response is required. To the extent that any response is
8	required, Defendant denies the allegations.
9	143. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), Plaintiffs' Bane Act claim
0	has been dismissed with prejudice and no response is required. To the extent that any response is
11	required, Defendant denies the allegations.
12	144. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), Plaintiffs' Bane Act claim
13	has been dismissed with prejudice and no response is required. To the extent that any response is
4	required, Defendant denies the allegations.
15	145. Pursuant to the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222), Plaintiffs' Bane Act claim
16	has been dismissed with prejudice and no response is required. To the extent that any response is
17	required, Defendant denies the allegations. Defendant denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief.
18	Any allegation not expressly admitted is hereby denied.
19	Defendant denies that the Plaintiffs were injured by any of the Defendant's acts or omissions.
20	PLAINTIFFS' PRAYER FOR RELIEF
21	No response is required to Plaintiffs' prayer for relief. To the extent that any response is
22	required, Defendant denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief.
23	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
24	The Court lacks jurisdiction to hear Plaintiffs' claims for injunctive relief under Younger v.
25	Harris, 401 U.S. 37 (1971).
26	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
27	Plaintiffs' Complaint, and each cause of action, fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a
98	cause of action against Defendant

1	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
2	Plaintiffs' Complaint, and each cause of action, is barred by failure to comply with the claim
3	provisions of Government Code Sections 900 et seq.
4	FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
5	Plaintiffs failed to exhaust administrative and judicial remedies.
6	FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
7	Plaintiffs' Complaint, and each cause of action, is barred by the doctrines of res judicata
8	and/or collateral estoppel.
9	SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
10	Plaintiffs are estopped by their own conduct from asserting any cause of action against
11	Defendant.
12	SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
13	Plaintiffs' Complaint is barred by the absolute privilege for prosecutorial functions.
14	SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
15	Plaintiffs' Complaint is barred by federal and state litigation privileges, including the Noerr-
16	Pennington doctrine.
17	EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
18	Plaintiff's Complaint, and each cause of action, is barred by the law of the case and the
19	orders of this Court, including the Court's October 6, 2022 order (ECF 222) on Defendant's motions
20	to dismiss this Complaint.
21	NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
22	Plaintiffs' Complaint, and each cause of action, is barred on the grounds that Plaintiffs have
23	waived any and all defenses to the collection of the administrative fines levied against Calvary
24	Chapel San Jose.
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1		DEFENDANT'S PRAYERS
2	WHE	REFORE, Defendant COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA prays as follows:
3	1.	That Plaintiffs take nothing by their Complaint.
4	2.	That Plaintiffs' Complaint be dismissed with prejudice;
5	3.	That Defendant be awarded their costs of suit incurred herein including attorney's
6	fees; and	
7	4.	For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.
8	Dated: Octo	ober 20, 2022 Respectfully submitted,
9		JAMES R. WILLIAMS COUNTY COUNSEL
10		COUNTI COUNSEL
11		By: /s/ Robin M. Wall
12		ROBIN M. WALL Deputy County Counsel
13		Attorneys for Defendant COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
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