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5 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
6 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA
7 UNLIMITED JURISDICTION
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9 DAVID HENSON and GE-FREE)
SONOMA COUNTY,)
10)
Petitioners,)
11 v.)
12 EEVE T. LEWIS, in her capacity as Sonoma)
County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor,)
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Respondent.)
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16 RODNEY A. DOYLE, in his capacity as)
Sonoma County Auditor-Controller;)
17 MICHAEL B. STRUNK, STEVE)
DUTTON, MITCH MULAS, SARALEE)
18 MCCLELLAND KUNDE, and FRED)
LEVIN,)

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Real Parties in Interest.)
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CASE NO.

DECLARATION OF JULIAN KAYNE IN
SUPPORT OF VERIFIED PETITION FOR
WRIT OF MANDATE
(ELEC. CODE, §§ 9190, 13314(a))

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUESTED,
ELECTION LAW MATTER CALENDAR
PREFERENCE PURSUANT TO ELEC.
CODE, § 13314(a)(3)

DEPARTMENT:
JUDGE:
DATE:
TIME:

1 **DECLARATION OF JULIAN KAYNE**

2 I, Julian Kayne, declare as follows:

3 1. I am a resident of Camp Meeker, California, and not a party to this action. I make this
4 declaration based on my own personal knowledge and, if called to testify thereto, could and
5 would competently do so.
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7 2. I am the Quality Assurance Manager for Straus Family Creamery, and also the North
8 Coast Chapter President for the Community Alliance with Family Farmers.
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10 3. The ballot argument opposed to Measure M states that “every major farming organization
11 in Sonoma County opposes Measure M,” and that the Family Farmers Alliance is “supported by
12 every major farming organization.” These claims are false and misleading, and as a
13 representative of a major farming organization that is supportive of Measure M, I submit the
14 following.
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16 4. Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) is a 25-year-old statewide organization
17 with headquarters in Davis, California and chapters throughout the state. The North Coast
18 Chapter based in Sonoma County has been a vital and active one for at least six years. Some
19 examples of the types of small farmer training and support provided by the North Coast Chapter
20 include the following:
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22 5. Since 1999, hosting and organizing more than 20 technical grower meetings as
23 components of the Lighthouse Farm Network. Topics have included erosion control; riparian
24 habitat management; rotational sheep grazing; vegetable grower roundtables; hedgerows as
25 beneficial habitat; irrigation; organic viticulture; and non-chemical pest and weed control.
26 Several of these workshops have been conducted in collaboration with various Resource
27 Conservation Districts in the region.
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1 6. North Coast Chapter staff members have participated in Sonoma County's current General
2 Plan update to represent the interests of family farmers.

3 7. In 2003, we were instrumental in initiating a Farm-to-School program in Sonoma County
4 to facilitate the purchase of produce from small farms by the county's school districts.
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6 8. We co-founded and have taken a leadership role in the Sonoma County Food Matters
7 group, which endeavors to support family farmers, enhance their direct marketing opportunities,
8 and develop stronger linkages between the county's farmers and consumers.

9 9. We have offered Spanish-speaking workshops for vineyard laborers on subjects such as
10 pest control and basic viticulture. Implementation of this program has since been transferred to
11 the Vineyard Farmworker Alliance and the Sonoma County Winegrowers Association.
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13 10. CAFF has proven itself to be an important component of Sonoma County's agricultural
14 community, and plays a vital role in supporting and educating small and family farmers in the
15 county. CAFF does not support the Family Farmers Alliance. CAFF is a supporter of Measure
16 M, which we believe to be in the best interests of our members and small and family farmers in
17 general. Therefore, the claims made that "every major farming organization in Sonoma County
18 opposes Measure M" and that the Family Farmers Alliance is "supported by every major farming
19 organization" are false and misleading.
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21 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing
22 is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August __, 2005 at _____,
23 California.
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27 Julian Kayne
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