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### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. The California Values Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7284 et seq. (the "Values Act"), is a comprehensive statutory scheme that regulates state and local officials' involvement in federal deportation programs. Enacted in response to an extraordinary increase in indiscriminate deportations that harm California residents and their families, the Values Act limits the degree to which state and local officials collaborate with immigration authorities. Among other things, the Values Act prohibits local officials from inquiring into a person's immigration status, detaining persons on the basis of suspected civil immigration violations after any criminal basis for detention has ended, and responding to notification and transfer requests from immigration authorities. The Values Act also requires public schools, healthcare facilities operated by state and local agencies, and courthouses to implement model policies that ensure those sensitive locations remain safe and accessible to all Californians.
- 2. On April 16, 2018, the City Council of Los Alamitos, California passed Ordinance No. 2018-03 (Jan. 1, 2018) ("the Ordinance"), which purports to "exempt the City of Los Alamitos from the California Values Act," and states that Los Alamitos "instead will comply with the appropriate Federal Laws and the Constitution of the United States." The Ordinance thus authorizes local police officers and school officials, as well as other local officials, to disregard the terms of the Values Act and collaborate with immigration authorities.
- 3. It is black-letter law that a locality cannot enact an ordinance that conflicts with state law—let alone one that, on its face, authorizes local officials to violate state law. A local ordinance is preempted by state law, and therefore invalid, when it "duplicates, contradicts or enters an area fully occupied by general law, either expressly or by legislative implication." *Action Apartment Ass'n, Inc. v. City of Santa Monica*, 41 Cal. 4th 1232, 1242 (2007) (quoting *Sherwin-Williams Co. v. City of Los Angeles*, 4 Cal. 4th 893, 897 (1993)). There is no doubt that the Ordinance directly and expressly "contradicts" the Values Act. As the City Council has made

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clear, the very purpose of the Ordinance is to negate the effect of the Values Act in Los Alamitos and to authorize local officials to engage in conduct plainly prohibited by state law.

- 4. The sole reason offered by the City Council for enacting the Ordinance is its belief that "the California Values Act may be in direct conflict with Federal Laws and the Constitution of the United States." Ordinance No. 2018-03. But California law does not allow local officials to unilaterally declare a state law unconstitutional and decline to follow it on that basis. The California Supreme Court has explained that a local official "exceeds his or her authority when, without any court having determined that [a] statute is unconstitutional, the official deliberately declines to enforce the statute because he or she determines or is of the opinion that the statute is unconstitutional." Lockyer v. City & Cty. of San Francisco, 33 Cal. 4th 1055, 1066-67 (2004).
- 5. If that were not enough, Article III, Section 3.5 of the California Constitution expressly prohibits the City of Los Alamitos from "refus[ing] to enforce a statute, on the basis of it being unconstitutional" or "on the basis that federal law or federal regulations prohibit the enforcement of such statute," "unless an appellate court has made a determination that such statute is unconstitutional [or] that the enforcement of such statute is prohibited by federal law or federal regulations." The Council simply has no legal basis to decline to enforce the Values Act.
- 6. Failure to give effect to the safeguards set forth in the Values Act will have a devastating and far-reaching impact on communities in Los Alamitos and elsewhere. In passing the Values Act, which commanded supermajorities in both the California State Assembly and Senate, the Legislature expressed concerns regarding "entangling" local and state agencies with federal immigration enforcement programs from both a financial and an accountability perspective. Cal. Gov't Code § 7282.4. Pointing out that "[a]lmost one in three Californians is foreign born and one in two children in California has at least one immigrant parent," the Legislature concluded that "[a] relationship of trust between California's immigrant community and state and local agencies is central to the public safety of the people of California," and that "[t]his trust is threatened when state and local agencies are entangled with federal immigration

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27 28 enforcement, with the result that immigrant community members fear approaching police when they are victims of, and witnesses to, crimes, seeking basic health services, or attending school, to the detriment of public safety and the well-being of all Californians." *Id.* 

- 7. After careful and lengthy consideration, the California Legislature found that the Values Act was a critical safeguard against indiscriminate deportation programs which rely on the cooperation of state and local officials. A large percentage—up to two-thirds—of all deportations are the result of assistance provided by state and local law enforcement officers. The Legislature also found that the Values Act was necessary to maintain trust between local officials and immigrant communities, and to ensure that members of those communities continued to report crime, seek health services, and attend schools. By refusing to give effect to the protections of the Values Act, the Council is depriving those in Los Alamitos and surrounding cities of protections the California Legislature deemed vital to the health and well-being of all Californians.
- As a result of the Ordinance, immigrant children in Los Alamitos are now at heightened risk of deportation because Los Alamitos public schools are purportedly authorized to collaborate with immigration authorities instead of adopting policies to ensure that schools remain safe and accessible to all, regardless of immigration status, as required by the Values Act. Immigrant families in Los Alamitos are also at heightened risk of being torn apart because the Los Alamitos Police Department is purportedly authorized to collaborate with immigration authorities to facilitate deportations—again in direct contravention of the Values Act. Moreover, the Ordinance harms not only immigrant communities in Los Alamitos, but also the approximately 170,000 people who pass through Los Alamitos each day, as well as the people of California as a

See City of Los Alamitos Police Department, Police Operations, http://cityoflosalamitos.org/police/home/cop-team/operations (last visited April 17, 2018) ("Although the City of Los Alamitos is only 4.3 square miles, it encompasses more than 29 miles of roadway. The main arterial roadways carry a volume of traffic that averages more than 170,000 vehicles per day through the City. . . . With a population of approximately 12,000, the majority of this is commuter traffic.").

whole, whose representatives voted overwhelmingly to prevent the State's complicity in indiscriminate mass deportation programs, and who are all less safe if immigrants refrain from reporting crime, seeking health services, or attending school because of entanglement between state and local agencies and immigration authorities.

9. The City of Los Alamitos is in clear violation of California law. The Court should declare that the Ordinance is in violation of California law and therefore invalid, compel the City of Los Alamitos to set aside the Ordinance, and order the City to comply with the California Values Act.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 10. This court has jurisdiction under Code of Civil Procedure §§ 410.10, 525, 526, 526a, 1060, and 1085.
- 11. Venue is proper in the Superior Court of Orange County under Code of Civil Procedure §§ 393, 394, and 395 because Defendants/Respondents in this action reside in Orange County and all of the acts and omissions raised in this Complaint/Petition have occurred in Orange County.

### **PARTIES**

#### Plaintiffs/Petitioners

12. Plaintiff/Petitioner Los Alamitos Community United is an association of individuals with strong ties to Los Alamitos, including members who reside in Los Alamitos, work in Los Alamitos, send their children to school in the Los Alamitos Unified School District, and pay property and other taxes to Los Alamitos. Los Alamitos Community United is committed to honoring and protecting community diversity, including immigrants; opposing acts and messages of prejudice and hate directed at community diversity, including immigrants; and promoting reconciliation concerning community diversity and immigration in Los Alamitos and its surrounding areas.

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- 13. Los Alamitos Community United has engaged in efforts to educate the community about the California Values Act, support immigrant communities in Los Alamitos, and uphold the values of inclusion and diversity. Los Alamitos Community United opposes the Ordinance because it threatens the safety of members of Los Alamitos Community United, as well as the safety of their neighbors and loved ones. Because of the Ordinance, some members of Los Alamitos Community United will be more reluctant to interact with the Los Alamitos Police Department and will be more afraid to access public services due to their fear that Los Alamitos and its law enforcement officials are participating in federal deportation programs to help turn their families, friends, and neighbors over to immigration authorities.
- 14. Los Alamitos Community United has a clear, present, and beneficial interest in ensuring that Defendants/Respondents follow the law. Los Alamitos Community United also has an interest in preventing the illegal expenditure of Los Alamitos funds, including Defendants'/Respondents' expenditure of such funds to administer, implement, and defend the Ordinance. There is a substantial public interest in the enforcement of Defendants'/Respondents' duties to comply with California law; in the equal, fair, and just treatment of Los Alamitos immigrant communities; and in the preservation of trust between California's immigrant population and state and local agencies, such that immigrants do not fear reporting crime, seeking health services, or attending school.
- 15. Plaintiff/Petitioner Reverend Samuel Pullen is the pastor of Community Congregational United Church of Christ of Los Alamitos ("CCUCC"), located in Los Alamitos, and is a resident of California. A core belief of CCUCC and Rev. Pullen's teachings is that no matter one's race, gender, sexual orientation, class, creed, or immigration status, all people belong to God and to one worldwide community of faith. As in the tradition of the prophets and apostles, Rev. Pullen believes that God calls on the church to speak truth to power, liberate the oppressed, care for the poor, and comfort the afflicted. Rev. Pullen calls on his congregation to be a community of resistance and stand against social structures comfortable with injustice. Based on

these core principles, Rev. Pullen has consistently advocated on behalf of immigrant communities in Los Alamitos and elsewhere, to ensure they are respected and provided equal treatment regardless of their immigration status, and that they are protected from discrimination and law enforcement abuses.

- 16. Rev. Pullen's advocacy in support of immigrant communities regardless of their status is a core value of his teachings. Rev. Pullen also ensures that his congregation is open to all regardless of immigration status and serves to protect and support its immigrant members. The Ordinance is in direct conflict with Rev. Pullen's teachings because of the harm it inflicts on immigrant communities in Los Alamitos and elsewhere. The Ordinance also causes significant harm to Rev. Pullen's ability to serve his congregation. Immigrant members of Rev. Pullen's congregation are less likely to attend church, pay dues, and otherwise participate in church services because of their fear that such participation could expose themselves, as well as their families, friends, and neighbors, to the Los Alamitos officials who are participating in federal deportation programs.
- 17. Rev. Pullen has a clear, present, and beneficial interest in ensuring that Defendants/Respondents follow the law. Rev. Pullen also has an interest in preventing the illegal expenditure of Los Alamitos funds, including Defendants'/Respondents' expenditure of such funds on administering, implementing, and defending the Ordinance. There is a substantial public interest in the enforcement of Defendants'/Respondents' duties to comply with California law; in the equal, fair, and just treatment of Los Alamitos immigrant communities; and in the preservation of trust between California's immigrant population and state and local agencies, such that immigrants do not fear reporting crime, seeking health services, or attending school.
- 18. Plaintiff/Petitioner Henry J. Josefsberg has been a resident of Los Alamitos for over twenty years. Mr. Josefsberg is an attorney and has his own law practice based in Los Alamitos. Mr. Josefsberg pays property and business taxes to Los Alamitos.

19. Mr. Josefsberg has an interest in preventing the illegal expenditure of Los Alamitos funds, including Defendants'/Respondents' expenditure of Los Alamitos funds on administering, implementing, and defending the Ordinance. Mr. Josefsberg also has an interest in ensuring that Los Alamitos law enforcement resources are not diverted to assist in deportation programs. There is a substantial public interest in the enforcement of Defendants'/Respondents' duties to comply with California law, in the equal, fair, and just treatment of Los Alamitos immigrant communities, and in the preservation of trust between California's immigrant population and state and local agencies, such that immigrants do not fear reporting crime, seeking health services, or attending school.

#### В. **Defendants**

- 20. Defendant City of Los Alamitos is a municipality and legal subdivision of the State of California charged with administering and enforcing state and local laws. The City of Los Alamitos has a clear and present duty to follow California law. See, e.g., Cal. Const. Art. III § 3.5.
- 21. Defendant Troy D. Edgar is the Mayor of Los Alamitos. He swore an oath to uphold and abide by the California Constitution. See, e.g., California Const. Art. XX § 3. Mayor Edgar also has a clear and present duty to follow California law. See, e.g., California Const. Art. III § 3.5. Mayor Edgar is sued only in his official capacity.
- 22. Defendant Bret M. Plumlee is the City Manager of Los Alamitos, California. He is responsible for the implementation of policies established by the Los Alamitos City Council, and coordination of those efforts through the City departments.<sup>2</sup> He has a clear and present duty to follow California law. See, e.g., California Const. Art. III § 3.5. City Manager Plumlee is sued only in his official capacity.

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<sup>2</sup> See City Manager of Los Alamitos, https://cityoflosalamitos.org/your-government/city-manager.

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23. Defendant Los Alamitos Police Department is a law enforcement agency in Los Alamitos, California. Defendant Los Alamitos Police Department has a clear and present duty to follow California law. *See*, *e.g.*, California Const. Art. III § 3.5.

### **BACKGROUND**

### A. The State of California Passes the California Values Act

- 24. The California Values Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7284 et seq., was signed into law by California Governor Edmund Gerald Brown Jr. on October 5, 2017, and went into effect on January 1, 2018.
- 25. The Values Act was enacted to protect the safety and well-being of all Californians by disentangling state and local agencies from mass deportation programs that separate families and spread fear through immigrant communities. The Values Act seeks to ensure that police, schools, healthcare facilities, and courts remain accessible to Californians from all walks of life.
- 26. The dictates of the Values Act fall into three broad categories: (1) limitations on state and local participation in deportation programs, (2) reporting requirements, and (3) policies aimed at limiting assistance with immigration enforcement in sensitive spaces, including schools, healthcare facilities, and courthouses.

### 1. Limitations on Participation in Deportation Programs

27. Under the Values Act, state and local law enforcement agencies are prohibited from engaging in the following actions: inquiring into a person's immigration status (Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(a)(1)(A)); detaining a person on an immigration detainer or "hold" request, which is a request from immigration authorities asking a local law enforcement agency to hold a person for up to 48 hours after the criminal basis for detention has ended (Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(a)(1)(B)); providing individuals' personal information, such as home addresses, to immigration authorities, unless that information is publicly available (Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(a)(1)(D)); arresting or intentionally participating in arrests based on civil immigration warrants (Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(a)(1)(E)); assisting immigration authorities in warrantless searches near the U.S. border

(Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(a)(1)(F)); performing the functions of an immigration agent or placing local law enforcement officers under the supervision of a federal agency for purposes of immigration enforcement (Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7284.6(a)(1)(G) & (a)(2)); using immigration officers as interpreters for law enforcement matters under the jurisdiction of state or local law enforcement agencies (Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(a)(3)); and providing office space exclusively dedicated for immigration agents within a county or city law enforcement facility (Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(a)(5)).

- 28. The Values Act also limits the circumstances under which state and local law enforcement agencies may facilitate deportations by complying with "notification" and "transfer" requests. Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7282.6(a)(1)(C) & (a)(4). A notification request is a request from immigration authorities asking a state or local law enforcement agency to notify them of the release date and time of an individual in its custody. Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7283(f), 7284.4(e). A transfer request is a request from immigration authorities asking that a state or local law enforcement agency transfer an individual in its custody to immigration authorities. Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7283(g), 7284.4(e).<sup>3</sup>
- 29. With one exception, state and local law enforcement also may not arrest, detain, or investigate a person for violating civil or criminal immigration laws that penalize a person's presence in, entry or reentry into, or employment in, the United States. The Values Act also repealed California Health and Safety Code § 11369, which had required local law enforcement to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Under the Values Act, state and local law enforcement can respond to a "transfer" request only when authorized by a judicial warrant or judicial probable cause finding, or when one of the conditions listed in Cal. Gov't Code § 7282.5 is met. These conditions include convictions for over 400 offenses (paragraphs (a)(1), (2), (3), and (5)), charges for a narrower set of felonies for which a judge has found probable cause under Cal. Penal Code § 872 (paragraph (b)), inclusion on the California Sex and Arson Registry (paragraph (a)(4)), and outstanding federal felony arrest warrants (paragraph (a)(5)). And, under the Values Act, state and local law enforcement can respond to a "notification" request only where one of the conditions listed in Cal. Gov't Code § 7282.5 is met.

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report to federal immigration authorities individuals arrested for certain drug charges who may not be U.S. citizens. Sen. Bill 54, 2017-18 Reg. Sess. (Cal. 2017).

#### 2. Reporting Requirements

- 30. The Values Act also provides that a state or local law enforcement agency may not enter into a joint task force with a federal law enforcement agency if the primary purpose of the task force is immigration enforcement, or if the task force violates local law or policy. Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(b)(3). Moreover, the agency must provide on an annual basis a report to the California Attorney General detailing: (1) the purpose of the taskforce; (2) the federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies involved; (3) the total number of arrests made during the reporting period; and (4) the number of people arrested for immigration enforcement purposes. Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.60(c)(1). The law enforcement agency also must provide an annual report to the Attorney General about the number of transfers made under Section 7284.6(a)(4) and the underlying offense authorizing the transfer. Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.6(c)(2).
- 31. The California Legislature enacted this provision in response to several instances in which federal immigration authorities recruited local officials into joint task forces that purported to address criminal conduct but instead focused primarily on civil immigration violations. For example, in February 2017, the Santa Cruz Police Chief announced that his department would no longer participate in joint task forces with federal immigration authorities because they had misled him to believe an operation would target gang members and criminal offenders, but instead resulted only in the arrests of individuals with no criminal histories for civil immigration violations.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Michael Todd, Santa Cruz police: Homeland Security misled city with 'gang' raids that were immigration Mercury News related, (Feb. 2017). https://www.mercurynews.com/2017/02/23/santa-cruz-police-homeland-security-raidsimmigration-status-not-gang-related; see also David Noriega, Under Trump, Sanctuary Cities May Not Be So Safe, BuzzFeed News (Dec. 8, 2016), https://www.buzzfeed.com/davidnoriega/thelapd-says-it-wont-work-with-feds-on-deportations-but-

### 3. Protecting Sensitive Spaces

32. Finally, under the Values Act, the California Attorney General is tasked with drafting model policies to ensure that certain sensitive locations remain safe and accessible to all Californians, regardless of immigration status, by limiting assistance with immigration enforcement at those locations to the fullest extent possible under federal and state law. Public schools, healthcare facilities operated by state or local agencies, and courthouses must implement the model policies, and other agencies are encouraged to adopt the policies. Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.8(a). In addition, all state and local law enforcement agencies are encouraged to adopt model policies created by the California Attorney General to limit the availability of information to immigration authorities through state and local electronic databases. Cal. Gov't Code § 7284.8(b).

### B. <u>Los Alamitos Exempts Itself Wholesale From the California Values Act</u>

- 33. When the Values Act went into effect on January 1, 2018, the City of Los Alamitos, Los Alamitos Mayor Edgar, Los Alamitos City Manager Plumlee, the Los Alamitos Police Department, and Los Alamitos's other officials, employees, and agencies were bound to follow that duly enacted state law.
- 34. Yet, on March 18, 2018, in a Los Alamitos City Council meeting, Los Alamitos Mayor Pro Tem Warren Kusumoto introduced the Ordinance, which by its plain terms "exempt[s] the City of Los Alamitos from the California Values Act."
- 35. The Ordinance was drafted by Councilmember Kusumoto himself and was specifically exempted from any requirements regarding legal review or staff reports.
- 36. Before opening discussion on the Ordinance, Mayor Edgar explained: "This is not something that is driven from staff. We aren't sitting up here going through Chief of Police or the City Manager or anybody else. This is something that the Council wants to talk about tonight." He then turned the floor over to Mayor Pro Tem Kusumoto.

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37. Mayor Pro Tem Kusumoto explained that he had decided to introduce the Ordinance because "[i]n [his] heart, . . . [he] s[aw] a conflict between two governing documents, the Constitution of the United States and the State Constitution itself." He cautioned, "I'm an engineer by trade, we're not professional leaders up here." But, he explained, "[w]e have this oath here, that we are here to uphold and support and defend the United States Constitution. I am interpreting that to say we can say . . . we're going to ignore this law [the California Values Act]."

- 38. In his brief remarks, Mayor Pro Tem Kusumoto made numerous inaccurate representations about the Values Act. He incorrectly described the Values Act as a "law that would cause business owners here to be arrested if the federal immigration [authorities] . . . come in and want[] to audit them." And he incorrectly stated that the Values Act "says if you comply with the federal law, the Attorney General is going to come in there and arrest us."
- 39. In fact, the Values Act does not regulate business owners in any way, does not create any criminal penalties, and does not provide any basis for arresting anyone.
- 40. The preamble to the Ordinance provides that the Los Alamitos City Council "finds that it is impossible to honor our oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and to be in compliance with [the California Values Act]," and that "the California Values Act may be in direct conflict with Federal Laws and the Constitution of the United States."
- 41. Section Two of the Ordinance adds Chapter 9.30 ("Constitution of the United States Compliance") to the Los Alamitos Municipal Code. Chapter 9.30 states in full: "The City of Los Alamitos, a Charter City, does hereby exempt the City of Los Alamitos from the California Values Act, Government Code Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 17.25 and instead will comply with the appropriate Federal Laws and the Constitution of the United States."
- 42. During the March 18, 2018 hearing, numerous Los Alamitos residents and others spoke out both for and against the Ordinance.
- 43. Many who spoke out in favor of the Ordinance focused on the political message they believed it would send. For example, speaking in support of the Ordinance, one man

exclaimed that "[t]he [California] legislature is out of control and so is the judiciary . . . so you [the Los Alamitos City Council] will have more credibility than all of them. This action is a much needed remedy against the lawlessness of the Sacramento political class as well as the Brown Nazis who want to steal this land and make it Mexico."

- 44. In contrast, many of those who opposed the Ordinance focused on the harm it would inflict on themselves, their families, and their neighbors. For example, a ten-year-old Los Alamitos resident explained that "Ordinance 2018-03 will impact everyone: my neighbors, my classmates, and the diversity that represents our community. . . . The California Values Act ensures that schools, libraries and hospitals are safe spaces. I can't understand why Los Alamitos would want our city to be not safe. I don't want to see families separated or taken away at school sites, at the library, or at the hospital where I was born at."
- 45. Los Alamitos parents also raised concerns about how Ordinance No. 2018-03 would impact the safety of their children. One mother who spoke against the Ordinance asked, "How can I feel safe about my child if I live in a place where my immigrant brothers and sisters feel afraid to report crime to the police for fear that they will be deported?"
- 46. Los Alamitos residents also expressed concern that Ordinance No. 2018-03 would lead to racial profiling. One mother explained, "I don't want to . . . be scared that my neighbors are going to be looking at me because I'm Mexican-American. I don't want my two daughters to be afraid of walking on our streets in Los Alamitos." Another mother worried, "[h]ow can I feel that this [city] is welcoming to [a] child[] like mine who is American born but has immigrant roots [given] that her own extended family members will not feel welcome here, might feel racially profiled here?"
- 47. After the first reading of the Ordinance at the March 18, 2018 meeting, the Los Alamitos City Council voted 4-1 in favor of passing the Ordinance. Mayor Edgar voted in favor of the Ordinance.

- 48. The Los Alamitos City Council's second vote on the Ordinance occurred on April 16, 2018. Prior to voting in favor of the Ordinance, Mayor Edgar explained his view that the impact of the Ordinance would reach far beyond Los Alamitos. "It's not just about trying to affect [things] here," he explained. Instead, Mayor Edgar expressed his belief that the Ordinance would impact millions of people throughout California and, indeed, the entire country. As he put it, "this ended up being more of a national issue."
- 49. Following Mayor Edgar's comments, the Los Alamitos City Council again voted 4-1 to pass the Ordinance. The Ordinance was therefore passed, approved, and adopted on April 16, 2018. It was signed into law by Mayor Edgar.
- 50. By declaring Los Alamitos to be "exempt" from the Values Act, the Ordinance effectively authorizes Los Alamitos agencies, officials, and employees to expend city funds and participate in deportation programs in violation of the Values Act. City Manager Plumlee is purportedly authorized to expend city funds to implement the Ordinance and coordinate Los Alamitos's efforts to exempt its agencies, officials, and employees from the Values Act.
- 51. The Ordinance also effectively authorizes the Los Alamitos Police Department to expend city funds to violate the Values Act by inquiring into a person's immigration status; providing personal information about an individual to immigration authorities; arresting an individual based on a civil immigration warrant; assisting immigration authorities in the activities described under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(3); performing the functions of an immigration agent; placing Los Alamitos police officers under the supervision of a federal agency for purposes of immigration enforcement; using immigration officers as interpreters for law enforcement matters; providing office space exclusively dedicated for immigration agents within a Los Alamitos law enforcement facility; reporting people to federal immigration authorities who were arrested for certain drug charges and who may not be U.S. citizens; and responding to hold, notification, and transfer requests from immigration authorities without regard to the limitations set forth in the Values Act.

- 52. The Ordinance also effectively authorizes the Los Alamitos Police Department to violate the Values Act by arresting, detaining, and investigating individuals for violations of civil and criminal immigration law that penalize a person's presence in, entry, or reentry to, or employment in, the United States; and by entering into a joint law enforcement task force with a federal law enforcement agency, the primary purpose of which is immigration enforcement.
- 53. Mayor Edgar has stated his intent that, under the Ordinance, the Los Alamitos Police Department will work with federal immigration authorities.<sup>5</sup>
- 54. The Los Alamitos Unified School District is effectively authorized under the Ordinance to violate the Values Act by expending city funds to assist with immigration enforcement in Los Alamitos public schools and by declining to implement model policies created by the California Attorney General to ensure that schools remain safe and accessible to all, regardless of immigration status.
- C. The Ordinance Will Cause Imminent and Irreversible Harm to Immigrant Communities Living in Los Alamitos and Surrounding Cities, As Well As Those Who Commute Through Los Alamitos.
- 55. As the Senate Floor Analysis for the Values Act explained, "California is familiar with the harmful effects of entangling local law enforcement agencies with immigration enforcement. Prior to its termination, the discredited 'Secure Communities' program (S-Comm) operated in California as an indiscriminate mass deportation program at great cost to California both financially and otherwise. According to a report prepared by Justice Strategies in 2012, when the Secure Communities program was still active, California taxpayers spent an estimated \$65 million annually to detain people for ICE."
- 56. Secure Communities was a deportation program rolled out in 2008. For the first time, fingerprints taken by state and local law enforcement agencies at booking were shared immediately and in real time with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Secure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Los Alamitos mayor on opting out of sanctuary law, Fox News (March 26, 2018), http://video.foxnews.com/v/5758338021001/?#sp=show-clips.

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6 Memorandum from DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson to Acting ICE Director Thomas Winkowski,

Communities led to a massive increase in deportations, entangled state and local law enforcement

in deportation programs to an unprecedented degree, and garnered widespread opposition from

state and local officials. In 2014, that program was terminated based in part on criticism from

"[g]overnors, mayors, and state and local law enforcement officials around the country[.]" In

administration, deportations have increased 40 percent, including 10,800 non-criminals whose

only violation was to enter the country. When local police enforce immigration laws, they rapidly

lose the trust of the undocumented community. Crimes go unreported for fear of deportation. The

perpetrators roam free to strike again. Our communities become less—not more—safe." The

Senate Floor Analysis went on to note: "[a] report by the University of Illinois published in 2013

found that '70 percent of undocumented immigrants reported they are less likely to contact law

safety of entangling police in immigration enforcement have been echoed by numerous law

enforcement associations. For example, the Major Cities Chiefs Association, which represents the

68 largest law enforcement agencies in the United States, has found that involving local police in

immigration enforcement "would result in increased crime against immigrants and in the broader

community, create a class of silent victims and eliminate the potential for assistance from

immigrants in solving crimes or preventing future terroristic acts." Studies of jurisdictions that

limit collaboration between local police and federal immigration authorities have confirmed that

The Senate Floor Analysis for the Values Act explained that, "[u]nder the Trump

The California Legislature's concerns regarding the detrimental effect on public

January 2017, the Secure Communities program was reinstated.

enforcement authorities if they were victims of a crime."

Secure Communities (Nov. 20, 2014), https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/publications/14 1120 memo secure communities.pdf.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Craig E. Ferrell, Jr. et. al., M.C.C. Immigration Committee Recommendations For Enforcement of Immigration Laws by Local Policy Agencies, Major Cities Chiefs Association (June 2006), https://www.majorcitieschiefs.com/pdf/news/MCC Position Statement.pdf.

they have statistically significantly lower crime rates than jurisdictions where police collaborate indiscriminately with immigration authorities.<sup>8</sup>

- 59. The Senate Floor Analysis also noted that immigration enforcement has been more extensive and indiscriminate under the current Administration. For example, in roughly the first three months of 2017, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") made 35 percent more arrests nationwide compared to the same period the prior year. And, unlike the prior Administration which generally focused immigration enforcement efforts on individuals with criminal convictions, enforcement under the Trump Administration has been indiscriminate, sweeping in people who have lived in the United States for decades and have no criminal histories.
- 60. ICE relies heavily on collaboration from state and local officials to carry out deportations. A large proportion—up to three-fourths—of all deportations rely on the involvement of state and local law enforcement agencies.
- 61. In January 2018, ICE Director Thomas Homan stated that the Trump Administration planned to "significantly increase" immigration enforcement throughout California. Homan added that California is "about to see a lot more special agents, a lot more deportation officers." To that end, from February 11 to 15, 2018, ICE conducted a five-day

<sup>8</sup> See Tom K. Wong, The Effects of Sanctuary Policies on Crime and the Economy, Center for American Progress (Jan. 26, 2017), https://www.nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Effects-Sanctuary-Policies-Crime-and-Economy-2017-01-26.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Brenda Gazzar, *ICE arrests increase under Trump showing 'gloves are being taken off'*, San Jose Mercury News (May 10, 2017), https://www.mercurynews.com/2017/05/10/ice-arrests-increase-under-trump-showing-gloves-are-being-taken-off-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Jazmine Ulloa, *ICE is increasing presence in California because of 'sanctuary state' law, says Trump immigration chief*, Los Angeles Times (Jan. 3, 2018), http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-ca-essential-politics-updates-ice-is-increasing-presence-in-california-1514999654-htmlstory.html.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> *Id*.

immigration enforcement operation covering the Southern California region that includes Los Alamitos, and arrested 212 individuals for allegedly violating federal immigration laws.<sup>13</sup>

- 62. Because of this increased immigration enforcement in California, if Los Alamitos becomes one of the only jurisdictions in California that is allowed to collaborate with immigration authorities in excess of the limitations set by the Values Act, it is likely that Los Alamitos will become a magnet for increased immigration enforcement. Immigration authorities will be able to use local assistance to deport more individuals who reside in, work in, and commute through Los Alamitos than elsewhere in the State.
- 63. In fact, Mayor Edgar explicitly invited ICE to increase its activity in Los Alamitos following passage of the Ordinance. Mayor Edgar stated at the April 16 hearing: "I've had an opportunity to meet with the officer in charge of ICE. ICE gave me a challenge coin thanking me for stepping up and trying to make sure that sanctuary cities will actually really pay the price. . . And you know what I told him: Come to Los Al, put your center here."
- 64. Highly aggressive and indiscriminate immigration enforcement has also caused immigrant communities to decrease their use of important services. For example, immigrants in California have cancelled doctors' appointments and have asked to withdraw from important public programs like food stamps for pregnant mothers and Medi-Cal health insurance because of fears that their personal information will end up with immigration authorities. Without the protections of the Values Act, these communities will increasingly be unable to access these vital services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Elizabeth Chou and Alejandra Molina, *ICE arrests more than 100 in immigration sweeps across Southern California; LA leader calls it 'all-out assault'*, Los Angeles Daily News (Feb. 23, 2018), https://www.dailynews.com/2018/02/14/ice-reportedly-arrests-more-than-100-in-uncooperative-la-area-as-part-of-operation-that-began-sunday.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Soumya Karlamangla, *Amid deportations, those in U.S. without authorization shy away from medical care*, Los Angeles Times (Apr. 6, 2018), http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-meln-immigration-health-20180406-htmlstory.html.

65. School children throughout California have been uniquely affected by the increase in deportations. Teachers and school officials have reported increased absenteeism and high levels of fear and trauma among students from immigrant and mixed-status families.<sup>15</sup>

- 66. Furthermore, immigrant communities in California have been less likely to report crimes to the police. For example, Los Angeles Chief of Police Charlie Beck has stated that sexual assault reports have dropped 25% among the city's Latino population since the beginning of 2017 compared with the same period the previous year, and that reports of domestic violence have fallen by 10%. There were no similar decreases in reporting among other ethnic groups.
- 67. In short, due to a combination of vastly increased immigration enforcement and extensive collaboration between federal and local officials, families and neighborhoods are being torn apart as federal authorities increasingly arrest, detain, and deport integral members of local communities and parents of United States citizens.<sup>17</sup> Without the protections of the Values Act, those in Los Alamitos and the surrounding cities will be subject to these mass, indiscriminate deportation programs. And, as a result, members of immigrant communities in Los Alamitos and its surrounding areas will be afraid to use essential services like hospitals and schools, and will be reluctant to report domestic abuse and other crimes to the police—endangering the safety of all residents.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See Immigration crackdown taking heavy toll on California students, Los Angeles Daily News (Oct. 4, 2017), https://www.dailynews.com/2017/10/04/immigration-crackdown-taking-heavytoll-on-california-students/.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See James Queally, Latinos are reporting fewer sexual assaults amid a climate of fear in communities, *LAPD* says, Los Angeles Times (Mar. 21, 2017), http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-immigrant-crime-reporting-drops-20170321story.html.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See, e.g., Human Consequences of the Interior Immigration Enforcement Executive Orders, FWD.us, https://www.fwd.us/consequences (last visited April 16, 2018).

#### **First Cause of Action**

(State Law Preemption; Violation of the California Values Act, California Government Code §§ 7284 et seq.; Writ of Mandate (Code of Civil Procedure § 1085) and Declaratory Relief (Code of Civil Procedure § 1060))

- 68. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference each of the allegations above as if fully set forth herein.
- 69. The California Values Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7284 et seq., among other things, prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from assisting immigration authorities in certain areas; requires state and local law enforcement agencies to limit their communications with immigration authorities; and mandates that public schools, healthcare facilities, and courthouses adopt policies aimed at protecting the ability of immigrant communities to access these public services.
- 70. In spite of these clear statutory requirements, Defendants/Respondents have enacted the Ordinance, which purports to exempt Los Alamitos agencies, officials, and employees—including the Los Alamitos City Manager's Office, Los Alamitos Police Department, and Los Alamitos Unified School District—from compliance with the California Values Act.
- 71. The Ordinance is clearly preempted. On its face, the Ordinance authorizes local officials to violate state law. It openly and expressly contradicts governing state law embodied in the Values Act. Indeed, the very purpose of the Ordinance is to nullify the effect of the Values Act in Los Alamitos.
- 72. "Relief by writ of mandate is appropriate to prevent a city from enforcing an ordinance that is preempted" by state law. *Johnson v. City & Cty. of San Francisco*, 137 Cal. App. 4th 7, 19 (2006). "The court 'must' issue a writ of mandate 'in all cases where there is not a plain, speedy, and adequate remedy, in the ordinary course of the law." *Id.* (quoting Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 1086). There is no such other remedy available here.
- 73. The Ordinance's only purported justification—that it is required to ensure fidelity to the federal Constitution—is foreclosed by the California Supreme Court's clear precedent.

Under California law, a local official cannot, "without any court having determined that [a] statute is unconstitutional . . . deliberately decline[] to enforce the statute because he or she determines or is of the opinion that the statute is unconstitutional." Lockyer v. City & Cty. of San Francisco, 33 Cal. 4th 1055, 1066-67 (2004). Thus, if a state law facially preempts a local ordinance, that ordinance is invalid and unenforceable, notwithstanding the fact that a local or state official may believe the preempting state law is unconstitutional.

- 74. Article III, Section 3.5 of the California Constitution also expressly prohibits the action that the Los Alamitos City Council has undertaken. Under Article III, Section 3.5, Defendants/Respondents have no power: "(a) To declare a statute unenforceable, or refuse to enforce a statute, on the basis of it being unconstitutional unless an appellate court has made a determination that such statute is unconstitutional; (b) To declare a statute unconstitutional; [or] (c) To declare a statute unenforceable, or to refuse to enforce a statute on the basis that federal law or federal regulations prohibit the enforcement of such statute unless an appellate court has made a determination that the enforcement of such statute is prohibited by federal law or federal regulations."
- 75. Ordinance No. 2018-03 is in direct violation of California law. Plaintiffs have suffered ongoing injuries necessitating relief.

### **Second Cause of Action** (Taxpayer Action Under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 526a To Prevent Illegal Expenditure of Funds)

- Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference each of the allegations above as if 76. fully set forth herein.
- 77. Defendants/Respondents are and will continue to be illegally expending public funds by taking part in deportation programs in violation of California law.

### **Prayer for Relief**

Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the following relief:

1	A.	A declaration that Los Alamitos, California, Ordinance No. 2018-03 and Los Alamitos
2		Municipal Code Chapter 9.30 ("Constitution of the United States Compliance") violate
3		California law by unlawfully purporting to exempt the City of Los Alamitos from the
4		California Values Act.
5	B.	A writ of mandate ordering Defendants/Respondents to comply with the California Values
6		Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7284 et seq., and to rescind Ordinance No. 2018-03.
7	C.	A preliminary injunction enjoining Defendants/Respondents from enforcing Ordinance
8		No. 2018-03 and purportedly exempting the City of Los Alamitos from the requirements
9		of the California Values Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7284 et seq.
10	D.	A permanent injunction enjoining Defendants/Respondents from purportedly exempting
11		the City of Los Alamitos from the California Values Act, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7284 et seq.
12	E.	Costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. §§ 1021, 1021.5, and any other
13		applicable law.
14	F.	Sanctions against the City of Los Alamitos pursuant to Cal. Code Civ. Proc. §§ 128.5 and
15		128.7, and any other applicable law, for its clear violation of California law.
16	G.	All other relief the Court deems just and proper.
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### VERIFICATION

I, Monica Glicken, board member of Los Alamitos Community United, have read this Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief in the matter of Los Alamitos Community United v. City of Los Alamitos. I am informed, and do believe, that the matters herein are true. On that ground I allege that the matters stated herein are true. In addition, the facts within paragraphs 12 through 14 are within my own personal knowledge, and I know them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: April 17, 2018

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### VERIFICATION

I, Reverend Samuel Pullen, have read this Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief in the matter of *Los Alamitos Community United v. City of Los Alamitos*. I am informed, and do believe, that the matters herein are true. On that ground I allege that the matters stated herein are true. In addition, the facts within paragraphs 15 through 17 are within my own personal knowledge, and I know them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Reverend Samuel Pullen

## <u>VERIFICATION</u>

I, Henry J. Josefsberg, have read this Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief in the matter of *Los Alamitos Community United v. City of Los Alamitos*. I am informed, and do believe, that the matters herein are true. On that ground I allege that the matters stated herein are true. In addition, the facts within paragraphs 18 through 19 are within my own personal knowledge, and I know them to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Henry J. Josefsberg