



January 14, 2020

Via U.S. Mail

State Clearinghouse 1400 10th St. #12 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Notice of Commencement of Action under the California Environmental

Quality Act

To Whom It May Concern:

Please take notice that Andrew Midler, Monica Midler, and Moses Property, LLC have commenced an action in California Superior Court alleging, among other things, violations of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") against the City of San Diego to challenge the Abbott Residence Negative Declaration No. 538814 ("Negative Declaration"). Among other things, the petition seeks to vacate the approval of the Negative Declaration, and to enjoin the City from taking any further steps to implement and proceed with the associated project.

Pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21167.6.5(c), notice of the action is hereby given. A copy of the conformed complaint packet is enclosed along with this letter.

Very truly yours,

Talon J. Powers

HECHT SOLBERG ROBINSON GOLDBERG & BAGLEY LLP

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Enclosures

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

FOR COURT USE ONLY (SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

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Superior Court of California. County of San Diego

12/17/2019 at 03:30:48 PM

Clerk of the Superior Court By Maria Acevedo Deputy Clerk

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el grayamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): 330 W. Broadway	Superior Court of California-County of San Diego	CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL
San Diego, CA 92101		Constitution of the Consti

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Clerk, by

Talon J. Powers (SBN 295928) - Hecht Solberg, et al. - 600 W. Broadway, #800, San Diego, CA 92101 - 619-239-3444

other (specify):

by personal delivery on (date)

DATE: 12/18/2019 (Fecha)		Clerk, by (Secretario)	M. Acevedo	, Deputy (Adjunto)
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Court of C	as an individual defendation	nt.		
18 14	2. as the person sued unde	r the fictitious name of (spe	ecify):	
(A)	3. on behalf of (specify):			
	under: CCP 416.10 (corp	ooration) [CCP 416.60 (minor)	
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Form Adopted for Mandatory Use Judicial Council of California SUM-100 [Rev. July 1, 2009]

DATE:

SUMMONS

CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)

Code of Civil Procedure §§ 412.20, 465

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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SHORT TITLE:	CASE NUMBER:
Midler, et al. v. City of San Diego, et al.	
INSTRUCT	IONS FOR USE
 This form may be used as an attachment to any summons if the lift this attachment is used, insert the following statement in the Attachment form is attached." 	space does not permit the listing of all parties on the summons. e plaintiff or defendant box on the summons: "Additional Parties
List additional parties (Check only one box. Use a separate pa	age for each type of party.):
Plaintiff Defendant Cross-Complaina	ant Wask-National Real Parties in Interest
ROGER B. ABBOTT and ROSALIND M. ABBOTT FAMILY TRUST dated April 16, 2007; and DOES 2	

Page 2 of 2

1 2 3 4 5 6	HECHT SOLBERG ROBINSON GOLDBERG & BAGLEY LLP 600 West Broadway, Suite 800 San Diego, California 92101 Tel: (619) 239-3444 Fax: (619) 232-6828 Attorneys for Petitioners/Plaintiffs, ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPLLC, a California limited liability company		
8	,	T OF CALIFORNIA F SAN DIEGO	
9	ANDREW MIDLER, individually;	CASE NO. 37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL	
10	MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company,	VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF	
11 12	Petitioners/Plaintiffs,	MANDATE; COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF	
13	v.	(Including California Environmental	
14	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, municipal corporation organized and existing under	Quality Act Claims)	
15	the laws of the State of California, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,		
16	Respondents/Defendants,		
17 18 19	ROGER B. ABBOTT and ROSALIND M. ABBOTT, individually and as Co-Trustees of the ABBOTT FAMILY TRUST dated April 16, 2007; and DOES 21 through 40, inclusive,		
20	Real Parties in Interest.		
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22	Petitioners/Plaintiffs Andrew Midler, Mo	onica Midler, and Moses Property, LLC allege as	
23	follows:		
24	GENERAL A	<u>LLEGATIONS</u>	
25	1. Venue is proper in this Court beca	use the real property and proposed development in	
26	question is located in San Diego, California.		
27	2. Petitioners/Plaintiffs Andrew Mid	ler and Monica Midler are individuals who at all	
28	times alleged herein resided at the real property	v located at 6350 Camino De La Costa, La Jolla,	
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	VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE; CO.	MPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY/ INJUNCTIVE RELIEF	

total of 11,731 square feet of development (collectively, the "Project").

- 7. On or about September 18, 2017, Les Reed ("Reed"), an experienced geotechnical engineer with Geotechnical Exploration, Inc. filed with the La Jolla Development Permit Review Committee a letter identifying bluff stability issues associated with the Project and the proposed CDP/SDP 538814.
- 8. On or about September 19, 2017, the Midlers, through counsel, filed with the La Jolla Development Permit Review Committee a letter identifying certain issues with the Project and the proposed CDP/SDP 538814. Specifically, the letter identified issues with: (a) geotechnical and bluff stability and recession issues concerning the sensitive coastal bluff the Project is situated on, (b) general inconsistency with the community and neighborhood character, and (c) the Project's compliance with the City's Previously Conforming Use Requirements.
- 9. On or about November 8, 2017, the Midlers filed with the City a Code Enforcement Request for violations of: (a) Coastal Development Permit 41-0068, which required that all fences and retaining walls shall comply with San Diego Municipal Code Section 142.0301, (b) San Diego Municipal Code Section 126.0704(a)(4), which required a coastal development permit prior to the Abbotts' removal of vegetation throughout the coastal bluff area including their removal of a mature palm tree situated on the boundary between the Abbott Property and the Midler Property, and (c) San Diego Municipal Code Section 132.0403 regarding preservation of existing or potential public views.
- 10. Within the 60-day window in which response to the Code Enforcement Request was due, staff at the City contacted the Midlers' counsel via telephone to inform the Midlers that their request for inspection of the violations of Coastal Development Permit 41-0068 and the San Diego Municipal Code would be evaluated and resolved as part of CDP/SDP 538814.
- 11. On or about March 30, 2018, the Midlers, through counsel, filed with the City a letter identifying issues with the Project, including: (a) failure to map a visible sea cave that appeared to be expanding on the sensitive coastal bluff, (b) failure to account for the status of the existing retaining wall on the property as a protective device requiring a full 40-foot bluff top setback, and (c) failure to account for new development in relying on previously conforming uses on the Abbott Property.
 - 12. On or about August 17, 2018, the Midlers, through counsel, filed with the City a letter

Declaration.

- Officer's approval of CDP/SDP 538814 to the Planning Commission on the basis that: (a) the Hearing Officer erred in concluding that the Code Enforcement issues had been addressed separately rather than incorporated into the new coastal development permit process, and the Project requires separate mitigation and restoration efforts prior to any approval, (b) the proposed 25 foot setback was unsupported by previously conforming uses in light of potential environmental harm, and (c) no easement language existed to ensure opaque items like trash barrels did not obstruct the view corridor required under the San Diego Municipal Code.
- Officer's approval of the Negative Declaration to the City Council on that basis that: (a) the Hearing Officer failed to evaluate the evidence proffered by a geotechnical engineering expert that the project could cause environmental harm, (b) the proposed 25 foot setback was unsupported by previously conforming uses in light of potential environmental harm, and (c) the findings on the seawall constituted factual error in assuming that the historical conditions concerning the protective device will continue to be the conditions moving forward in light of sea level rise and climate change.
- 20. On or about November 15, 2019, the Midlers, through counsel, circulated a letter to the City Clerk and City Councilmembers laying out the legal and factual basis for the appeal of the Negative Declaration.
- 21. The City made a final decision approving the Negative Declaration for the Project on November 18, 2019 via a unanimous vote of the City Council.
- 22. The Midlers fully exhausted any and all administrative remedies available to them related to the appeal of the Negative Declaration by the above correspondence and by their presentation before the City Council.
- 23. Under the City's procedures, the Midlers' appeal of CDP/SDP 538814 is still pending before the Planning Commission. Petitioners will request leave to amend and supplement this pleading once the adjudication of its administrative rights and remedies relating to CDP/SDP 538814 concludes.
 - 24. The Midlers have complied with the requirements of Public Resources Code Section

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Petition for Writ Of Mandate: C.C.P. §1094.5 and/or §1085)

(California Environmental Quality Act)

(Against Respondent and Real Parties in Interest)

- 30. Petitioners incorporate by this reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 29, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 31. Petitioners and others presented substantial evidence to support a fair argument that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment in the following ways, among others:
- a. Expert geotechnical opinion that the Project risked the overall stability of the sensitive coastal bluff on which the Abbott Property is situated.
- b. Evidence that the Project fails to address soil strength, safety, subsidence, managed retreat, and the nature (as a "bluff protection device") and role of the seawall.
- c. Evidence that the City failed to address, through mitigation or otherwise, the Abbotts' removal of a mature palm tree and other vegetation from a sensitive coastal bluff.
- d. Evidence that the City erred in justifying its standard of environmental review by relying on the setbacks established in the Municipal Code, while approving a Negative Declaration of the Project with reduced setbacks from the sensitive coastal bluff.
- 32. Respondent prejudicially abused its discretion under CEQA by failing to proceed in the manner required by law, by coming to a decision not supported by the findings, and by relying on findings not supported by the evidence, in the following ways, among others:
- a. Respondent failed to give appropriate deference to the expert opinion offered by Reed in ratifying the Negative Declaration instead of requiring an Environmental Impact Report.
- b. Respondent failed to provide evidence supporting its findings that the Project would have no impact on soil strength, safety, subsidence, managed retreat and the nature and role of the seawall.
- c. Respondent determined that the Code Enforcement issues with the Project, specifically the unpermitted destruction of a mature palm tree and other vegetation, had been addressed separately when they in fact were rolled into the broader review of the Project.

1	39.	For such other and for	urther rel	ief as the	e Court	deems	i just a	nd pro	oper, inc	luding at an
2	appropriate t	ime leave to amend an	d supple	ment this	Petition	n if th	e City	make	s a final	decision to
3	approve CDI	P/SDP 538814 .								
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VERIFICATION

I, MONICA MIDLER, declare as follows:

I am a Petitioner in the above-entitled action and I have read the foregoing writ of mandate and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own personal knowledge, except as to those matters which are stated therein to be on my information or belief, and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Executed on December 16, 2019, at San Diego, California.

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

MONICA MIDLER

Exhibit "1"

SUPER	IOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,	COUNTY OF SA	N DIEGO	COURT USE ONLY
TITLE OF CASE (ABBREVIATED)				
MIDLE	R, et al. v. CITY OF SAN DIEGO			
ATTORNEY	OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (NAME AND ADD	RESS):	TELEPHONE NO.:	
Talon J.	Powers (SBN 295928)		Tel. (619) 239-3444	*
	SOLBERG ROBINSON GOLDBERG &	BAGLEY LLP	Fax: (619) 232-6828	
	ST BROADWAY, SUITE 800			
	go, California 92101	1		
ATTORNEYS		HEARING DATE - TIME -	DEPT	CASE NUMBER:
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1.	VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT	OF MANDATE;	COMPLAINT FOR DEC	CLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
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	City Clerk			
	City of San Diego			
	202 C St., Second Floor			
	San Diego, CA 92101			
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3	San Diego, California 92101 Tel: (619) 239-3444 Fax: (619) 232-6828				
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5	Attorneys for Petitioners/Plaintiffs, ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MI LLC, a California limited liability company	DLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY,			
6	LLC, a Camorna minicu natinty company				
7.	SUPERIOR COUR	T OF CALIFORNIA			
8	COUNTY O	F SAN DIEGO			
9	ANDREW MIDLER, individually;	CASE NO.			
10	MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California				
11	limited liability company,	REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF RECORD			
12	Petitioners,	(Pub. Resources Code, § 21167.6, subd.			
13	v.	(a))			
14	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, municipal corporation organized and existing under				
15	the laws of the State of California, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,				
16	Respondents,				
17	ROGER B. ABBOTT and ROSALIND M.				
18	ABBOTT, individually and as Co-Trustees of the ABBOTT FAMILY TRUST dated				
19	April 16, 2007; and DOES 21 through 40, inclusive,				
20	Real Parties in Interest.				
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22	TO: RESPONDENT CITY OF SAN DIE	GO			
23	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accorda	nce with Pub. Resources Code § 21167.6, subd. (a)			
24	Petitioners ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES				
25	PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company, hereby request that you prepare and certify				
26	the administrative record for the matter at issue in	n this action, i.e., your November 18, 2019 approval			
27	of the Negative Declaration for the real property located at 6340 Camino De La Costa, La Jolla				
28	California 92037 (the "Negative Declaration").				
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public agency with respect to compliance with this division or with respect to the project.

- (8) Any proposed decisions or findings submitted to the decisionmaking body of the respondent public agency by its staff, or the project proponent, project opponents, or other persons.
- (9) The documentation of the final public agency decision, including the final environmental impact report, mitigated negative declaration, or negative declaration, and all documents, in addition to those referenced in paragraph (3), cited or relied on in the findings or in a statement of overriding considerations adopted pursuant to this division.
- (10) Any other written materials relevant to the respondent public agency's compliance with this division or to its decision on the merits of the project, including the initial study, any drafts of any environmental document, or portions thereof, that have been released for public review, and copies of studies or other documents relied upon in any environmental document prepared for the project and either made available to the public during the public review period or included in the respondent public agency's files on the project, and all internal agency communications, including staff notes and memoranda related to the project or to compliance with this division.
- (11) The full written record before any inferior administrative decisionmaking body whose decision was appealed to a superior administrative decisionmaking body prior to the filing of litigation.

Please inform Petitioners what the anticipated cost of the preparation of the record will be, and please prepare the record timely in accordance with statute.

DATED: December 17, 2019

HECHT SOLBERG ROBINSON GOLDBERG & BAGLEY LLP

for for Plaintiffs ANDREW individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company

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I serve	d the documents on the person be	low, as follows:			
	California Attorney General				
	Service Deputy				
	300 South Spring St.				
	Los Angeles, CA 90013				
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	addressed above and placed the am readily familiar with this but	envelope for colle siness's practice for is placed for coll	ection and mailing, for or collection and proceed ection and mailing,	ope or package addressed to the persons llowing our ordinary business practices. I essing correspondence for mailing. On the it is deposited in the ordinary course of a postage fully prepaid.	
	By e-mail or electronic transmission: Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by e-mail or electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the persons at the e-mail addresses listed above. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.				
	By overnight delivery: I enclosed the documents in an envelope or package provided by an overnight delivery carrier and addressed to the persons at the addresses above. I placed the envelope or package for collection and overnight delivery at an office or a regularly utilized drop box of the overnight delivery carrier.				
<u>п</u>	By fax transmission: Based on an agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed above. No error was reported by the fax machine used.				
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CM-010 ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):
Talon J. Powers (SBN 295928) FOR COURT USE ONLY Hecht Solberg Robinson Goldberg & Bagley LLP 600 W. Broadway, Suite 800 San Diego, CA 92101 **ELECTRONICALLY FILED ТЕГЕРНОМЕ NO.: 619-239-3444** FAX NO.: 619-232-6828 Superior Court of California. ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Andrew Midler, Monicia Midler and Moses Property LLC County of San Diego SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO 12/17/2019 at 03:30:48 PM STREET ADDRESS: 330 W. Broadway Clerk of the Superior Court MAILING ADDRESS: Same By Maria Acevedo Deputy Clerk CITY AND ZIP CODE: San Diego 92101 BRANCH NAME: Central Division CASE NAME: Andrew Midler, et al. v. City of San Diego, et al. CASE NUMBER: **CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET Complex Case Designation** 37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL ✓ Unlimited Limited Counter Joinder (Amount (Amount JUDGE: Judge Timothy Taylor demanded is Filed with first appearance by defendant demanded (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402) exceeds \$25,000) \$25,000 or less) Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2). 1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case: **Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation Auto Tort** (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) Breach of contract/warranty (06) Auto (22) Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) Uninsured motorist (46) Rule 3.740 collections (09) Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Other collections (09) Construction defect (10) Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort Insurance coverage (18) Mass tort (40) Asbestos (04) Securities litigation (28) Other contract (37) Product liability (24) Real Property Environmental/Toxic tort (30) Medical malpractice (45) Eminent domain/Inverse Insurance coverage claims arising from the condemnation (14) Other PI/PD/WD (23) above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Wrongful eviction (33) Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort Other real property (26) **Enforcement of Judgment** Business tort/unfair business practice (07) Enforcement of judgment (20) Unlawful Detainer Civil rights (08) Commercial (31) Defamation (13) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint Residential (32) Fraud (16) RICO (27) Drugs (38) Intellectual property (19) Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Judicial Review Professional negligence (25) Miscellaneous Civil Petition Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) Asset forfeiture (05) Partnership and corporate governance (21) Petition re: arbitration award (11) **Employment** Other petition (not specified above) (43) Wrongful termination (36) Writ of mandate (02) Other employment (15) Other judicial review (39) complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the is ✓ is not This case factors requiring exceptional judicial management: Large number of separately represented parties Large number of witnesses Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts h Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court Substantial amount of documentary evidence Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision b. nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief 3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ___ monetary punitive Number of causes of action (specify): 1 This case is is not a class action suit. 6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may-use form CM-015.)

Date: December 17, 2019 Talon J. Powers

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

NOTICE

TURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

· Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.

• File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.

 If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.

. Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only

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Attorneys for Petitioners/Plaintiffs, ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company,

Petitioners,

V.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,

Respondents,

ROGER B. ABBOTT and ROSALIND M. ABBOTT, individually and as Co-Trustees of the ABBOTT FAMILY TRUST dated April 16, 2007; and DOES 21 through 40, inclusive,

Real Parties in Interest.

CASE NO. 37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF RECORD

(Pub. Resources Code, § 21167.6, subd. (a))

TO: RESPONDENT CITY OF SAN DIEGO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with Pub. Resources Code § 21167.6, subd. (a), Petitioners ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company, hereby request that you prepare and certify the administrative record for the matter at issue in this action, i.e., your November 18, 2019 approval of the Negative Declaration for the real property located at 6340 Camino De La Costa, La Jolla, California 92037 (the "Negative Declaration").

public agency with respect to compliance with this division or with respect to the project.

- (8) Any proposed decisions or findings submitted to the decisionmaking body of the respondent public agency by its staff, or the project proponent, project opponents, or other persons.
- (9) The documentation of the final public agency decision, including the final environmental impact report, mitigated negative declaration, or negative declaration, and all documents, in addition to those referenced in paragraph (3), cited or relied on in the findings or in a statement of overriding considerations adopted pursuant to this division.
- (10) Any other written materials relevant to the respondent public agency's compliance with this division or to its decision on the merits of the project, including the initial study, any drafts of any environmental document, or portions thereof, that have been released for public review, and copies of studies or other documents relied upon in any environmental document prepared for the project and either made available to the public during the public review period or included in the respondent public agency's files on the project, and all internal agency communications, including staff notes and memoranda related to the project or to compliance with this division.
- (11) The full written record before any inferior administrative decisionmaking body whose decision was appealed to a superior administrative decisionmaking body prior to the filing of litigation.

Please inform Petitioners what the anticipated cost of the preparation of the record will be, and please prepare the record timely in accordance with statute.

DATED: December 17, 2019

HECHT SOLBERG ROBINSON GOLDBERG & BAGLEY LLP

Bv:

Talon J./Powers

Attorneys for Plaintiffs ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO			COURT USE ONLY
TITLE OF CASE (ABBREVIATED)			ELECTRONICALLY FILED
MIDLER, et al. v. CITY OF SAN DIEGO			Superior Court of California,
ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (NAME AND ADD	RESS):	TELEPHONE NO.:	County of San Diego
Talon J. Powers (SBN 295928) Tel. (619) 239-3444		12/17/2019 at 03:30:48 PM	
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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101			
ATTORNEYS FOR:	HEARING DATE - TIME - DEPT		CASE NUMBER:
ANDREW MIDLER, MONICA MIDLER	CR		37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL
and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC.			
	PROO	F OF SERVICE	

At the time of service I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. My business address is HECHT SOLBERG ROBINSON GOLDBERG & BAGLEY LLP, 600 West Broadway, Suite 800, San Diego, CA 92101.

On December 17, 2019, I served the following documents:

1. VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDATE; COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

I served the documents on the person below, as follows:

City Clerk City of San Diego 202 C St., Second Floor San Diego, CA 92101

 \times By United States mail: I enclosed the documents in a sealed envelope or package addressed to the persons addressed above and placed the envelope for collection and mailing, following our ordinary business practices, I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collection and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid. \boxtimes By e-mail or electronic transmission: Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by e-mail or electronic transmission. I caused the documents to be sent to the persons at the e-mail addresses listed above. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful. By overnight delivery: I enclosed the documents in an envelope or package provided by an overnight delivery carrier and addressed to the persons at the addresses above. I placed the envelope or package for collection and overnight delivery at an office or a regularly utilized drop box of the overnight delivery carrier. By fax transmission: Based on an agreement of the parties to accept service by fax transmission, I faxed the documents to the persons at the fax numbers listed above. No error was reported by the fax machine used. By Personal Delivery: By causing the personal delivery by Deliver It of the documents listed above to the persons at the addresses set forth above. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on December 17, 2019, at San Diego, California.

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BRANCH NAME:

Central

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (619) 450-7072

PLAINTIFF(S) / PETITIONER(S):

Andrew Midler et.al.

DEFENDANT(S) / RESPONDENT(S): CITY OF SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION et.al.

MIDLER VS CITY OF SAN DIEGO [E-FILE]

NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT

CONFERENCE on MANDATORY eFILE CASE

CASE NUMBER:

37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL

CASE ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO:

Judge: Timothy Taylor

Department: C-72

COMPLAINT/PETITION FILED: 12/17/2019

TYPE OF HEARING SCHEDULED

DATE

TIME

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JUDGE

Civil Case Management Conference

05/22/2020

09:15 am

C-72

Timothy Taylor

A case management statement must be completed by counsel for all parties or self-represented litigants and timely filed with the court at least 15 days prior to the initial case management conference. (San Diego Local Rules, Division II, CRC Rule 3,725).

All counsel of record or parties in pro per shall appear at the Case Management Conference, be familiar with the case, and be fully prepared to participate effectively in the hearing, including discussions of ADR* options.

IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH PLAINTIFF (AND CROSS-COMPLAINANT) TO SERVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE WITH THE COMPLAINT (AND CROSS-COMPLAINT), THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION FORM (SDSC FORM #CIV-730), A STIPULATION TO USE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) (SDSC FORM #CIV-359), AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS SET OUT IN SDSC LOCAL RULE 2.1.5.

ALL COUNSEL WILL BE EXPECTED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SUPERIOR COURT RULES WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AS DIVISION II, AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

TIME STANDARDS: The following timeframes apply to general civil cases and must be adhered to unless you have requested and been granted an extension of time. General civil cases consist of all civil cases except: small claims proceedings, civil petitions, unlawful detainer proceedings, probate, guardianship, conservatorship, juvenile, parking citation appeals, and family law proceedings.

COMPLAINTS: Complaints and all other documents listed in SDSC Local Rule 2.1.5 must be served on all named defendants.

DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE: Defendant must generally appear within 30 days of service of the complaint. (Plaintiff may stipulate to no more than 15 day extension which must be in writing and filed with the Court.) (SDSC Local Rule 2.1.6)

JURY FEES: In order to preserve the right to a jury trial, one party for each side demanding a jury trial shall pay an advance jury fee in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) on or before the date scheduled for the initial case management conference in the action.

MANDATORY eFILE: Case assigned to mandatory eFile program per CRC 3.400-3.403 and SDSC Rule 2.4.11. All documents must be eFiled at www.onelegal.com. Refer to General Order in re procedures regarding electronically imaged court records, electronic filing, and access to electronic court records in civil and probate cases or guidelines and procedures.

COURT REPORTERS: Court reporters are not provided by the Court in Civil cases. See policy regarding normal availability and unavailability of official court reporters at www.sdcourt.ca.gov.

*ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR): THE COURT ENCOURAGES YOU TO CONSIDER UTILIZING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES TO TRIAL, INCLUDING MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION, PRIOR TO THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE. PARTIES MAY FILE THE ATTACHED STIPULATION TO USE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (SDSC FORM #CIV-359).

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PLAINTIFF(S): Andrew Midler et.al.		
DEFENDANT(S): CITY OF SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CORPO	RATION et.ai.	
SHORT TITLE: MIDLER VS CITY OF SAN DIEGO [E-FILE]		
STIPULATION TO USE ALTER DISPUTE RESOLUTION (A		CASE NUMBER: 37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL
Judge: Timothy Taylor		Department: C-72
The parties and their attorneys stipulate that the matter alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process. Selection	is at issue and the	e claims in this action shall be submitted to the following ptions will not delay any case management timelines.
Mediation (court-connected)	Non-binding	private arbitration
Mediation (private)	Binding prive	ate arbitration
Voluntary settlement conference (private)	Non-binding	judicial arbitration (discovery until 15 days before trial)
Neutral evaluation (private)	☐ Non-binding	judicial arbitration (discovery until 30 days before trial)
Other (specify e.g., private mini-trial, private judge, etc	c.):	
It is also stipulated that the following shall serve as arbitrator, r	mediator or other ne	eutral: (Name)
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Alternate neutral (for court Civil Mediation Program and arbitra	tion only):	
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Date:	_	Date:
Name of Plaintiff		Name of Defendant
Signature	_	Signature
Name of Plaintiff's Attorney		Name of Defendant's Attorney
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Signature If there are more parties and/or attorneys, please attach addition	nnal completed and	Signature fully executed sheets
It is the duty of the parties to notify the court of any settlement the court will place this matter on a 45-day dismissal calendar.	•	•
No new parties may be added without leave of court.		
IT IS SO ORDERED.		
Dated: 12/18/2010		JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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Toxic Tort/Environmental

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