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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
13 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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15 EDWARD PERUTA, MICHELLE  
LAXSON, JAMES DODD, DR.  
16 LESLIE BUNCHER, MARK  
CLEARLY, and CALIFORNIA RIFLE  
17 AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION  
FOUNDATION

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO,  
21 WILLIAM D. GORE,  
INDIVIDUALLY AND IN HIS  
22 CAPACITY AS SHERIFF,

23 Defendants.  
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**CASE NO: 09-CV-2371 IEG (BGS)**  
**DECLARATION OF MICHELLE LAXSON IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT**  
Date: November 1, 2010  
Time: 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Courtroom 1  
Judge: Hon. Irma E. Gonzalez  
Date Action Filed: October 23, 2009

**DECLARATION OF MICHELLE LAXSON**

I, Michelle Laxson, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of San Diego County and a United States Citizen over 21 years of age.

2. I am not prohibited under federal or California law from purchasing or possessing firearms.

3. I would carry a handgun in public for self-defense on occasions I deemed appropriate, but do not do so because I fear prosecution, as I do not possess a valid license to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to California Penal Code § 12050.

4. On or about January 25, 2010, I attended the initial interview portion of the San Diego County Sheriff's application process for a permit to carry a concealed handgun with the Licensing Department. I attended the interview with the intention of obtaining a permit to carry a concealed handgun.

5. During the January 25, 2010 interview, I was asked questions about my reasons for wanting a permit to carry a concealed handgun. The cause I related to the interviewer for desiring a permit to carry a concealed handgun was general self-protection; especially, for when I transport large sums of money from my business to my home, and when I have to travel alone, which I do often for both business and personal reasons.

6. After my initial interview, the interviewer from the Licensing Department told me that I failed to establish "good cause" as determined by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, and would likely not be issued a permit to carry a concealed handgun. She told me that I could still officially apply for the permit, but that I would not be refunded some of the fees associated with submitting an official application.

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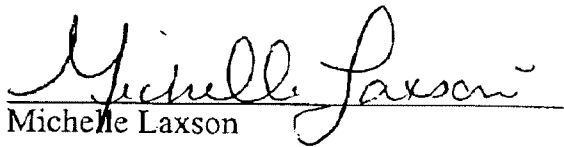
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7. Based on the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's stated policy as to its requirements for establishing "good cause," and what I was told by the interviewer from the Licensing Department at my initial interview, I decided not to submit a formal Department of Justice application for a permit to carry a concealed handgun, believing I would be denied and it would be a waste of my money and time.

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

Executed in the United States on September 3, 2010.

  
Michelle Laxson

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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Defendants.

) CASE NO. 09-CV-2371 IEG (BGS)  
) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT:

I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and am at least eighteen years of age. My business address is 180 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 200, Long Beach, California, 90802.

I am not a party to the above-entitled action. I have caused service of:

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on the following party by electronically filing the foregoing with the Clerk of the District Court using its ECF System, which electronically notifies them.

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