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Judgment and Permanent Injunction (BC602716)

Plaintiff, the People of the State of California ("the People"), by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California (Attorney General), Jackie Lacey, District Attorney, County of Los Angeles County (District Attorney), and Defendants People's Choice Charities ("PCC") and Gary Stone, an individual (Defendants), have stipulated to the entry of this Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction (Judgment).

Based on such stipulation and for good cause appearing,

# IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this lawsuit, venue in this Court is proper, and this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Judgment.
- 2. Pursuant to stipulation between the People and Defendants, this Judgment will be entered without the taking of evidence. This Judgment is not evidence of any wrongdoing or an admission by any party regarding any issue of fact or law alleged in this action or an admission of liability by any defendant. All parties have waived their right to appeal this Judgment.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ACTION**

- 3. People's Choice Charities ("PCC") is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation whose assets are, and were at all times relevant herein, impressed with a charitable trust.
- 4. In December 2015, the Attorney General and the District Attorney, on behalf of the People, sued PCC, Gary Stone, and Does 1-10 for breach of fiduciary duty, deceptive and misleading solicitations in violation of Government Code section 12599.6, breach of fiduciary duty related to solicitations in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17510.8, untrue or misleading statements in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17500, breach of charitable trust and negligence. Gary Stone denies these allegations.

## PERMANENT INJUNCTION

- 5. Defendant Gary Stone is permanently enjoined from serving as a director, officer, trustee or employee of any California charitable organization, foundation, charitable association or charitable trust.
- 6. Defendant Gary Stone is permanently enjoined from serving as a director, officer or owner, or employee of any company/entity that contracts (defined as verbally or in writing agreeing to a contract to do regular work for) with a charity or charitable trustee as defined by Government Code sections 12582 and 12582.1.
- 7. Defendant Gary Stone is permanently enjoined from holding any management or supervisory position with any California charitable organization, foundation, charitable association or charitable trust.
- 8. Defendant Stone is permanently enjoined from soliciting donations or engaging in fundraising activities directed at any California resident, including acting as a commercial fundraiser as defined by Government Code section 12599, or acting as a fundraising consultant as defined by Government Code section 12599.1.

### **MONETARY PROVISIONS**

- 9. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for the total amount of \$900,000 pursuant to this judgment, however enforcement of payment for \$870,000 will be stayed as provided in paragraph 11.
- 10. Defendants shall pay \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) from the amount referenced in paragraph 9 for the sole purpose of establishing a fund with the California Community Foundation. The purpose of the fund shall be the support of charitable programs for the benefit of children. Payment shall be made by a certified check payable to "the Attorney General," to be held in trust by the Attorney General until the establishment of the above described fund, and delivered to the Attorney General's Office at 300 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90013, to the attention of Deputy Attorney General Sandra I. Barrientos. Defendants shall pay the \$30,000 in one lump sum within thirty (30) days of the Court signing this Order.

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- 11. Eight hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$870,000) of the judgment is stayed and shall remain stayed unless Defendants violate the injunctive provisions of this Judgment as set forth in paragraphs 5-8.
- 12. In the event of default of any of the terms of this Judgment, including failure to pay the \$30,000, or failure to abide by the injunctive relief provisions, the Attorney General's and/or the District Attorney's Office may move to enforce the stayed portion of the judgment and recover the amount set forth therein, \$900,000 (nine hundred thousand dollars), with credit to be applied for any payments Defendants have made in compliance with Judgment.

#### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Defendants shall wind up and dissolve PCC. The winding up and dissolution of PCC shall commence upon execution of this Stipulated Judgment by Defendants, in accordance with the provisions of California Corporations Code sections 6610, et seq. and 6710, et seq. Upon the winding up and dissolution of PCC, any assets remaining (hereinafter also referred to as "Remaining Assets") in the corporation after provision for payment of proper claims and expenses of administration, if any, shall be distributed to the California Community Foundation and deposited into the fund described above in paragraph 10. Proper claims and expenses include the payment of accountant fees, and known debts and liabilities of the corporation; and shall not include reimbursement in any form to Defendants. Any reimbursement to the Defendants will be deemed an improper distribution as defined in Corporations Code section 6719. In the event the fund is not yet established at the time of dissolution, the Remaining Assets shall be held in trust by the Attorney General's Office until such time as the funds can be transferred to the California Community Foundation for deposit into said fund. Any remaining assets shall be paid by a certified check made payable to the "California Attorney General" and shall be delivered to the Attorney General's Office at 300 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90013, to the attention of Deputy Attorney General Sandra I. Barrientos. Any monetary distributions made to PCC after dissolution will be treated as Remaining Assets.

modification of any of tis injunctive provisions, enforcement of any provisions, or punishment for any violations of its provisions.

- 17. In any action or motion brought by the Attorney General to enforce this Judgment in which the Attorney General obtains any or all the relief sought, the Attorney General shall be entitled to attorney's fees and costs in addition to any other remedies provided by law.
- 18. This Judgment shall be binding and effective immediately upon entry by the clerk of this Court, and the clerk is ordered to enter this Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction forthwith.

Dated: , 2017

Richard Rico, Judge of the Superior Court

RICHARD E. RICO