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12 FAUSTINO AMBAOSIO,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 RIGO REESE, dba, IHOP;
16 SANCARROW ASSOCIATES
17 RESTAURANTS, INC.; and DOES 1-10
18 Inclusive,

19 Defendants.

20 Case No.: SACV 04-803 DOC (ANx)
21 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES RE:
22 VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ON
23 BASIS OF DISCRIMINATION IN
24 PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS;
25 NEGLIGENT INFLECTION OF
26 EMOTIONAL DISTRESS;
27 INTENTIONAL INFLECTION OF
28 EMOTIONAL DISTRESS;
DECLARATORY RELIEF; DEMAND
FOR JURY TRIAL

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. (a) Jurisdiction of this action is invoked on the basis of 28 USC 1331 and 1343,42 USC 12101-12102, 12181-12183 and 12201, et. seq., which is applicable to causes of action where persons with disabilities have been denied their civil rights. Venue in the Central Judicial District of California in the United States District Court is in accord with 28. U.S.C. Section 1391(b) because a substantial part of Plaintiff's claims

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1 arose within the Judicial District of the United States District Court of the Central
2 District of California.

3 (b) Supplemental Jurisdiction. The Judicial District of the United States District
4 Court of the Central District of California has supplemental jurisdiction over the state
5 claims alleged in this Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1367(a).
6 Supplemental jurisdiction is appropriate in this action on the basis that all the causes
7 of action or claims derived from federal law and those arising under state law, as
8 herein alleged, arose from a common nucleus of operative facts. The common
9 nucleus of operative facts, include, but are not limited to, the incidents whereby
10 Plaintiff was denied full and equal access to Defendant's facilities, goods, and/or
11 services in violation of both federal and state laws when Plaintiff attempted to enter,
12 use, and/or exit Defendant's facilities as described within this Complaint. Further, due
13 to this denial of full and equal access, Plaintiff and other person's with disabilities
14 were injured. Based upon such allegations, the state actions, as stated herein, are so
15 related to the federal actions that they form part of the same case or controversy, and
16 the actions would ordinarily be expected to be tried in one judicial proceeding.

17 II

18 PARTIES

19 2. Defendant, Rigo Reese, dba, IHOP was and at all times herein mentioned, was a
20 duly organized business, association, or corporation duly authorized to exist and
21 operate within the State of California and County of Orange and the owner, lessee, or
22 tenant of the premises located at 1001 17th Street, Santa Ana, California 92701.

23 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that defendant Sancarow
24 Associates Restaurants, Inc. is the owner and/or landlord of the subject property upon
25 which Defendants' business is sited.

26 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the named
27 defendants herein operate a business and or/facility of public accommodation as
28 defined and described within 42 USC 12181(7)(b) of the American with Disabilities

1 Act [ADA] and, as such, must comply with the ADA under provisions of Title III
2 therein.

3 5. Plaintiff is ignorant of the Defendants sued as Does 1-10 herein, and therefore sues
4 them in their fictitious names as Doe Defendants. Plaintiff is informed and believes
5 and thereon alleges that Does 1-10 are the owners, operators, lessees or tenants of the
6 subject property and each of the Doe Defendants at all times herein were acting as the
7 agent and or representative of each other and, thereby, are responsible in some
8 manner for the injuries and damages complained of herein. Plaintiff will seek leave of
9 the court to amend this complaint to name Doe Defendants when the same is
10 ascertained.

11 III

12 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

13 6. Plaintiff is a male who is disabled and confined to a wheelchair. He has no
14 control over his lower extremities and must use a wheelchair to transport himself and
15 to affect the basic necessities of his everyday existence. Plaintiff's disability
16 substantially limits one or more of life's major activities and therefore he is disabled
17 as defined under section 42 USC 12102(2)(A)(B)(C).

18 7. On or about April 23, 2004, Plaintiff patronized the premises of Defendants to
19 utilize goods and/or services offered by Defendants. When Plaintiff attempted to
20 gain access to the goods and/or services offered by Defendants he encountered access
21 barriers because the premises failed to comply with federal ADA Access Guidelines
22 For Building and Facilities [hereinafter "ADAAG"]; Department of Justice [DOJ]
23 regulations at 28 CFR. 36.201; 36.304 and/or the State of California's Title 24
24 Building Code Requirements.

25 8. The specific difficulty Plaintiff had in entering and utilizing Defendants' facility
26 and which amount to a violation of ADAAG, DOJ regulations and Title 24 of the
27 California Building Code are:
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- 1 1 Site Entrance Signage (Does Not Exist)
2 (CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 3 1 Site Entrance Signage (Not Filled Out - Reclaim at:)
4 (CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 5 1 Site Entrance Signage (Not Filled Out – Telephone number:)
6 (CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 7 1 Site Entrance Signage (Size not less than 17” x 22”)
8 (CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 9 1 Site Entrance Signage (Lettering not less than 1” in Height)
10 (CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 11 1 Site Entrance Signage (Warning Information)
12 (CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 13 1 Designated Disabled "VAN ACCESSIBLE" Parking - Space
14 (ADAAG 4.1.2(5)(b) & CA Title 24 1129.B.4.2)
- 15 1 Designated Disabled "VAN ACCESSIBLE" Parking Space - Width
16 (ADAAG 4.1.2(5)(b) & CA Title 24 1129.B.4.2)
- 17 1 Designated Disabled "VAN ACCESSIBLE" Parking Space - Length
18 (ADAAG 4.1.2(5)(b) & CA Title 24 1129.B.4.2)
- 19 1 Designated Disabled "VAN ACCESSIBLE" Parking Space - Signage
20 (ADAAG 4.1.2(5)(b) & CA Title 24 1129.B.4.2)
- 21 1 Warning – Access Aisle - (NO PARKING)
22 (CA Title 24 1129B.4.1 & 2)
- 23 1 Warning – Access Aisle - (12” High Minimum)
24 (CA Title 24 1129B.4.1 & 2)
- 25 1 Regular Access Aisle – Exist/Improper
26 (CA Title 24 1129B.4.1)
- 27 1 Regular Access Aisle - Width
28 (CA Title 24 1129B.4.1)

- 1 1 Regular Access Aisle - Length
2 (CA Title 24 1129B.4.1)
- 3 1 Van Accessible Aisle – Exist/Improper
4 (ADAAG 4.6.3 & CA Title 24 1129B.4.2)
- 5 1 Van Accessible Aisle - Width
6 (ADAAG 4.6.3 & CA Title 24 1129B.4.2)
- 7 1 Van Accessible Aisle - Length
8 (ADAAG 4.6.3 & CA Title 24 1129B.4.2)
- 9 1 Van Accessible Aisle - (Passenger Side)
10 (ADAAG 4.6.3 & CA Title 24 1129B.4.2)
- 11 2 Signage Installed - (Each Space)
12 (ADAAG 4.6.4 & CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 13 1 Additional Signage - (Van Accessible)
14 (ADAAG 4.6.4 & CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 15 1 Access Route - A Visible Route of Travel
16 (ADAAG 4.1.3(2), 4.3.2(2) & CA Title 24 1114B.1.2)
- 17 2 Designated Disabled Parking Space Signage – Proper Height
18 (ADAAG 4.6.4 & CA Title 24 1129B.5)
- 19 1 Entrance – Signage at Every Entrance/Exit, Accessibility
20 (ADAAG 4.1.3(16)(b) & CA Title 24 1127B.3)
- 21 1 Seating – Dining, Banquet & Bar Facilities – (Min Requirement 5%)
22 (ADAAG 5.1 & CA Title 24 1104B.5.4)
- 23 1 Seating – Dining, Banquet & Bar Facilities – (Clear Space 30” x 48” Min))
24 (ADAAG 4.2.4.1 & CA Title 24 1122B.3)
- 25 1 Seating – Dining, Banquet & Bar Facilities – (Knee Space 27”H, 30”W, 19”D)
26 (ADAAG 4.32.3 & CA Title 24 1122B.3)
- 27 1 Seating – Dining, Banquet & Bar Facilities – (Table Height 28”-34”)
28 (ADAAG 4.32.4 & CA Title 24 1122B.4)

- 1 1 Seating – Dining, Banquet & Bar Facilities – (Access Aisles Min Width 36”)
2 (ADAAG 5.3 & CA Title 24 1104B.5.4)
- 3 1 Seating – Dining, Banquet & Bar Facilities – (Equivalent Services & Décor @
4 Accessible Seating), (ADAAG 5.4 & CA Title 24 1104B.5.4)
- 5 1 Seating – Dining, Banquet & Bar Facilities – (Accessible Seating Integrated
6 w/General Seating)
7 (ADAAG 5.4 & CA Title 24 1104B.5.4)
- 8 2 Bathroom – International Symbol of Accessibility at Accessible Restroom
9 (ADAAG 4.30.6 & CA Title 24 1117B.5.9)
- 10 2 Bathroom – International Symbol of Accessibility - Pictogram Min 6” High
11 (ADAAG 4.30.4 & CA Title 24 1117B.5.5.2)
- 12 2 Bathroom – International Symbol of Accessibility – Verbal Description Below
13 (ADAAG 4.30.4 & CA Title 24 1117B.5.5.2)
- 14 2 Raised Braille Characters - (Restroom Wall Signage)
15 (ADAAG 4.30.4 & CA Title 24 1117B.5.6.1 & .2)
- 16 2 Wall Mount Signage (Latch Side of Door)
17 (ADAAG 4.1.2(7)(d) and CA Title 24 1117B.5.1.1 & .5.6.3)
- 18 2 Wall Mount Signage (60 inches from the floor)
19 (ADAAG 4.30.6 & CA Title 24 1117B.5.9)
- 20 2 Grab Bar – (Rear Grab Bar Length 36" Min)
21 (ADAAG 4.17.6 & CA Title 24 1115B.8.1)
- 22 2 Grab Bar – (Rear Grab Bar Attached to Corner Wall Length 6" Min)
23 (ADAAG 4.17.6 & CA Title 24 1115B.8.1)
- 24 1 Water Closet Mounting/Location – Opposite Wall
25 (CA Title 24 1115B.7.1.2)
- 26 2 Accessories/Fixtures – Proper Height (Toilet Seat Covers)
27 (ADAAG 4.23.7 & CA Title 24 1115B.9.2)
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- 1 2 Accessories/Fixtures – Proper Height (Paper Towel Operating Lever)
2 (ADAAG 4.23.7 & CA Title 24 1115B.9.2)
- 3 2 Mirror – Mounting Height
4 (ADAAG 4.19.6 & CA Title 24 1115B.9.1.2)
- 5 2 Coat Hook Height
6 (ADAAG 4.2.5 & CA Title 24 1118B.4.1 through B.6)
- 7 2 Toilet Stall – Proper Size
8 (ADAAG 4.17.3 & CA Title 24 1115B.1)
- 9 2 Hardware – Opening Door Lock/Latch
10 (ADAAG 4.13.9 & CA Title 24 1115B.7.1.4)
- 11 2 Hardware – Handle Inside/Outside Compartment Door
12 (ADAAG 4.13.9 & CA Title 24 1115B.7.1.4)

13 9. Based upon the above facts, Plaintiff as been discriminated against and will
14 continue to be discriminated against unless and until Defendants are enjoined and
15 forced to cease and desist from continuing to discriminate against Plaintiff and others
16 similarly situated.

17 10. Pursuant to Federal [ADA], Title 28 CFR 36.201; 36.203; 36.304; 36.305 and
18 state law [California Title 24], Defendants are required to remove barriers to their
19 existing facilities. Defendants have been put on notice pursuant to the ADA and
20 California Civil Codes [51,52] prior to the statutory effect of the ADA on January 26,
21 1992 that Defendants and each of them had a duty to remove barriers to persons with
22 disabilities such as plaintiff. Defendants also knew or should have known that
23 individuals such as Plaintiff with a disability are not required to give notice to a
24 governmental agency prior to filing suit alleging Defendants' failure to remove
25 architectural barriers.

26 11. Plaintiff believes and thereon allege that Defendants' facilities, as described
27 herein, have other access violations not directly experienced by Plaintiff, which
28 preclude or limit access by others with disabilities, including, but not limited to,

1 Space Allowances, Reach Ranges, Accessible Routes, Protruding Objects, Ground
2 and Floor Surfaces, Parking and Passenger Loading Zones, Curb Ramps, Ramps,
3 Stairs, Elevators, Platform Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts), Windows, Doors, Entrances,
4 Drinking Fountains, and Water Coolers, Water Closets, Toilet Stalls, Urinals,
5 Lavatories and Mirrors, Sinks, Storage, Handrails, Grab Bars, Telephones, Controls
6 and Operating Mechanisms, Alarms, Detectable Warnings and Signage. Accordingly,
7 Plaintiff alleges Defendants are required to remove all architectural barriers, known
8 or unknown. Also, Plaintiff alleges Defendants are required to utilize the ADA
9 checklist for Readily Achievable Barrier Removal approved by the United States
10 Department of Justice and created by Adaptive Environments.

11 12. Plaintiff desires to return to Defendants' places of business and utilize their
12 facilities without being discriminated against in the immediate future.

13 IV

14 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

15 (Violation of Civil Rights-American With Disabilities Act)

16 13. Plaintiff realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 12 as though set forth
17 fully herein.

18 **Claim 1: Denial of Full and Equal Access**

19 14. Based on the facts asserted above Plaintiff has been denied full and equal access
20 to Defendants' goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations.
21 Defendant business is a public accommodation owned, leased and/or operated by
22 Defendants and each of them. Defendants' existing facilities and/or services failed to
23 provide full and equal access to Defendants' facility as required by 42 U.S.C. Section
24 12182(a). Thus, Plaintiff was subjected to discrimination in violation of 42 U.S.C.
25 12182(b)(2)(A)(ii)(iv) and 42 U.S.C. section 12188 because Plaintiff was denied
26 equal access to Defendants' existing facilities.

27 15. Plaintiff has a physical impairment as alleged herein because his condition affects
28 one or more of the following body systems: neurological, musculoskeletal, special

1 sense organs, and/or cardiovascular. Further, his physical impairments substantially
2 limits one or more of the following major life activities: [walking]. In addition,
3 Plaintiff cannot perform one or more of the said major life activities in the manner
4 speed, and duration when compared to the average person. Moreover, Plaintiff has a
5 history of or has been classified as having a physical impairment as required by 42
6 U.S.C. section 12102(2)(A).

7 **Claim 2: Failure To Remove Architectural Barriers**

8 16. Based upon the facts alleged herein, Plaintiff was denied full and equal access to
9 Defendants' goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations
10 within a public accommodation owned leased, and/or operated by the named
11 Defendants. Defendants individually and collectively failed to remove barriers as
12 required by 42 U.S.C. 12182(a) and 28 CFR 36.304. Plaintiff is informed and
13 believes, and thus alleges that architectural barriers which are structural in nature
14 exist at the following physical elements of Defendants' facilities:

15 Space Allowance and Reach Ranges, Accessible Route, Protruding Objects, Ground
16 and Floor Surfaces, Parking and Passenger Loading Zones, Curb Ramps, Ramps,
17 Stairs, Elevators, Platform Lifts (Wheelchair Lifts), Windows, Doors, Entrances,
18 Drinking Fountains and Water Coolers, Water Closets, Toilet Stalls, Urinals,
19 Lavatories and Mirrors, Sinks, Storage, Handrails, Grab Bars, and Controls and
20 Operating Mechanisms, Alarms, Detectable Warnings, Signage, and Telephones.
21 Pursuant to 42 USC section 12182(b)(2)(iv) and 28 CFR 36.304 Title III requires
22 places of public accommodation to remove architectural barriers that are structural in
23 nature within existing facilities. Failure to remove such barriers and disparate
24 treatment against a person who has a known association with a person with a
25 disability are forms of prohibited discrimination. Accordingly, Plaintiff was subjected
26 to discrimination in violation of 42 USC 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) and 42 USC 12182
27 (b)(2)(A)(iv) and 42 USC 12188.

1 **Claim 3: Failure To Modify Practices, Policies And Procedures**

2 17. Based on the facts alleged in this Complaint Defendants failed and refused to
3 provide a reasonable alternative by modifying its practices, policies and procedures in
4 that they failed to have a scheme, plan, or design to assist Plaintiff and/or others
5 similarly situated in entering and utilizing Defendants' services, as required by 42
6 U.S.C. Section 12188(a). Thus, Plaintiff was subjected to discrimination in violation
7 of 42 U.S.C. section 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv); 28 CFR 36.302 and 42 U.S.C. section 12188
8 because Plaintiff was denied equal access to Defendants' existing facilities.

9 18. As a result of the wrongful and discriminatory practices of defendants, plaintiff
10 has suffered actual damages consisting of special damages and general damages in an
11 amount to be determined at time of trial herein.

12 19. Pursuant to the provisions of 42 USC 12188 plaintiff seeks injunctive relief and
13 an order directing defendants to cease and desist from discriminating against plaintiff
14 and others similarly situated and for an order that defendants comply with the
15 Americans With Disabilities Act forthwith.

16 20. Under the provisions of 42 USC 12205 Plaintiff is entitled to an award of
17 reasonably attorneys fees and requests that the court grant such fees as are
18 appropriate.

19 **VI**

20 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **(Violation Of Civil Rights Under California Accessibility Laws)**

22 21. Plaintiff realleges the allegations of the First Cause of Action as though set forth
23 fully herein.

24 **(a) Denial Of Full And Equal Access**

25 22. Plaintiff has been denied full and equal access to Defendants' goods services,
26 facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations within a public accommodation
27 owned, leased, and/or operated by Defendants in violation of California Civil Code
28 Sections 54 and 54.1 and California Health and Safety Code Section 19955. The

1 actions of Defendants also violate the provisions of Title 24 of the State of California
2 Building Codes with regard to accessibility for persons with disabilities by failing to
3 provide access to Defendants facilities due to violations pertaining to accessible
4 routes, ground and floor surfaces, parking and passenger loading zones, curb ramps,
5 ramps, stairs, elevators, platform lifts (wheelchair lifts), windows, doors, toilet stalls,
6 urinals, lavatories and mirrors, sinks, storage, handrails, grab bars, controls and
7 operating mechanisms
8 alarms, detectable warnings, signage and telephones.

9 23. On the above basis Plaintiff has been wrongfully discriminated against.

10 **(b) Failure To Modify Practices, Policies And Procedures**

11 24. Defendants have failed and refused and continue to fail and refuse to provide a
12 reasonable alternative to allow plaintiff equal access to their facility by modifying
13 their practices, policies, and procedures in that that they failed to have s scheme, plan,
14 or design to assist Plaintiff and others similarly situated in entering and utilizing
15 Defendants' goods or services as required by California Civil Code section 54 and
16 54.1. Accordingly Defendants have wrongfully discriminated against Plaintiff.

17 **VII**

18 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **(Violation of The Unruh Civil Rights Act)**

20 25. Plaintiff realleges the allegations of the Second Cause of Action as though set
21 forth fully herein.

22 26. Section 51(b) of the Cal. Civ. Code [The Unruh Civil Rights Act], provides in
23 pertinent part:

24 "All persons within the jurisdiction of this state are
25 free and equal, and no matter what their sex, race, color,
26 religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, or medical
27 condition is entitled to the full and equal accommodations,
28 advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all
business establishments of every kind whatsoever."

1 27. Defendants have violated the provisions of Civ. Code 51 (b) by
2 failing and refusing to provide free and equal access to Plaintiff to their facility on the
3 same basis as other persons not disabled. By their failure to provide equal access to
4 Plaintiff as herein alleged, Defendants have also violated 42 U.S.C. section
5 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv) as provided in Cal. Civ. Codes section 51(f).

6 28. By reason of their acts and denial of Plaintiff's civil rights Defendants also
7 violated the provisions of Cal. Civ. Code section 52, which makes a person or entity
8 in violation of Cal.Civ. Code 51 liable for the actual damages to a Plaintiff including
9 treble damages where appropriate.

10 29. Defendants and each of them, at all times prior to and including April 2004,
11 respectively and continuing to the present time, knew that persons with physical
12 disabilities were denied their rights of equal access to all portions of this public
13 facility. Despite such knowledge, Defendants, and each of them, failed and refused to
14 take steps to comply with the applicable access statutes and despite knowledge of the
15 resulting problems and denial of civil rights suffered by Plaintiff and other similarly
16 situated persons with disabilities.

17 30. Defendants and each of them have failed and refused to take action to grant full
18 and equal access to person with physical disabilities. Defendants have carried out a
19 course of conduct of refusing to respond to, or correct complaints about unequal
20 access and have refused to comply with their legal obligations to make the subject
21 facility accessible pursuant the ADAAG and the California Building Code [Title 24
22 of the California Code of Regulations]. Such actions and continuing course of
23 conduct by Defendants, and each of them, evidence despicable conduct in conscious
24 disregard of the rights and/or safety of Plaintiff and those similarly situated and thus
25 justify an award of treble damages pursuant to section 52(a) and 54.3(a) of the
26 Cal.Civ. Code or alternatively an award of punitive damages in an appropriate
27 amount.

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1 31. Plaintiff has suffered emotional and physical damage and continues to suffer such
2 damages all in an amount to be determined at time of trial.

3 32. Under the provisions of Cal. Civ. Code section 55 Plaintiff seeks an award of
4 reasonable attorney's fees and costs as a result of having to bring this action. Plaintiff
5 requests the court to award such fees in an appropriate amount.

6 **VIII**

7 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **(Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress)**

9 33. Plaintiff realleges the allegations of the Third Cause of Action as though set forth
10 fully herein.

11 34. Defendants and each of them owed a duty to Plaintiff to make their facility
12 accessible and to keep Plaintiff reasonably safe from known dangers and risks of
13 harm. This duty arises by virtue of the legal duties proscribed by various federal and
14 state statutes including, but not limited to, ADA, ADAAG, California Civil Code
15 sections 51, 52, 54, 54.1 and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

16 Defendants had a duty of due care not to do or cause anything to happen that would
17 subject Plaintiff to undue stress, embarrassment, chagrin, and discouragement.

18 35. Defendants breached their duty of care to Plaintiff by the actions and inaction
19 complained of herein and as a result thereof Plaintiff was shocked, discouraged,
20 embarrassed and outraged at the callousness and disregard of Defendants. Defendants
21 knew or had reason to know that by denying Plaintiff equal access to their facility and
22 failing and refusing to remove architectural barriers, Plaintiff would suffer emotional
23 and/or mental distress because of such discrimination and disparate treatment.

24 Defendants breached their duty of care to plaintiff by the perpetration of the acts
25 outlined herein.

26 36. As a proximate result of the actions of Defendants Plaintiff did suffer emotional
27 and mental stress and pain and suffering all in an amount to be determined at time of
28 trial.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)

37. Plaintiff realleges the allegations of the Fourth Cause of Action as though set forth fully herein.

38. The actions of Defendants and each of them are despicable, intentional and done with conscious disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff and as such should be regarded as outrageous.

39. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions Plaintiff has suffered severe emotional and mental distress all to his damage in an amount to be determined at time of trial.

40. Plaintiff seeks an award of punitive damages for this claim as the actions of Defendants are tantamount to outrageous conduct and subject them to exemplary damages.

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SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(DECLARATORY RELIEF)

41. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1-40 of this complaint as though set forth fully herein.

42. An actual controversy now exists in that plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants' premises are in violation of the disabled access laws of the State of California including, but not limited to, Civil Code Sections 51, et seq., Section 52, et seq., Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Americans with Disabilities Access Guidelines (ADAAG).

43. A declaration of Plaintiff's rights is necessary and appropriate in order for the parties to this action to know their respective rights and duties. Accordingly, the court should make a declaration of the rights of the parties.

1 WHEREFORE PLAINTIFF PRAYS:

- 2 1. For general damages according to proof;
- 3 2. For special damages according to proof;
- 4 3. For damages pursuant to Cal. Civil Code section 52, in the amount of \$4,000 for
- 5 each and every offense of California Civil Code section 51, Title 24 of the California
- 6 Building Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 7 4. For Injunctive relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 12188(a) and for declaratory relief;
- 8 5. For an award of attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1988, 42 U.S.C. 12205 and
- 9 Cal. Civ. Code section 55;
- 10 6. For treble damages pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code 52 (a);
- 11 7. For punitive damages according to proof;
- 12 8. For a Jury Trial;
- 13 9. For costs of suit incurred herein and;
- 14 10. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

15 **DEMAND FOR JURY**

16 Plaintiff respectfully requests that the claims made herein be heard and determined by

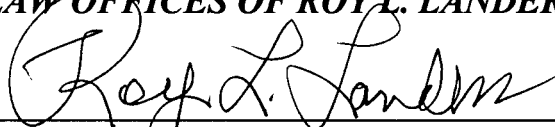
17 a jury.

18 Respectfully submitted,

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20 Dated: 6/14/04

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