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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Plaintiffs, V. CALIFORNIA POLICE YOUTH CHARITIES, A NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION; NATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INC., A CORPORATION; PUBLIC APPEAL, INC., A CORPORATION; CHRISTOPHER EATON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A CORPORATE OFFICER OF CALIFORNIA POLICE YOUTH CHARITIES; SRINIVAS MAKKAPATI, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A CORPORATE OFFICER OF NATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INC. AND PUBLIC APPEAL, INC.; HERB MORICI, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A CORPORATE OFFICER OF NATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INC. AND PUBLIC APPEAL, INC.; BRUCE YABLONSKI, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A CORPORATE OFFICER OF NATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INC. AND PUBLIC APPEAL, INC.; DOES 1-100, INCLUSIVE,	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES, CIVIL PENALTIES, AN ACCOUNTING, A CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST, A PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION, AND FOR OTHER RELIEF ARISING FROM (1) CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD DONORS (2) DECEPTIVE AND MISLEADING SOLICITATIONS (3) BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND CHARITABLE TRUST (4) FILING AND DISTRIBUTING FALSE AND INCOMPLETE RECORDS (5) FRAUD AND DECEIPT (6) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH GOVT. CODE, § 12586 (7) FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORTS (8) NEGLIGENCE (9) UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES (10) FALSE AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS Action Filed: May 29, 2009
27	Defendants.	
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COMPLAINT

Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California (hereinafter "the Attorney General"), files this complaint as Attorney General on behalf of the People and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Plaintiff is the People of the State of California. The Attorney General, who brings this action on Plaintiff's behalf, is the duly elected Attorney General of the State of California and is charged with the general supervision of all charitable organizations within this State; with the enforcement of the obligations of trustees, nonprofits, and fiduciaries who hold or control property in trust for charitable and eleemosynary purposes; and with enforcement supervision under California's Unfair Business Practice Act for unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices within this State. The Attorney General is authorized to enforce, in the name of the People, the provisions of the Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act (Gov. Code, § 12580 et seq.), the Nonprofit Corporation Law (Corp. Code, § 5000 et seq.), the Solicitations for Charitable Purposes Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 17510 et seq.), and those provisions of the Business and Professions Code which prohibit unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business acts or practices within this State (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 17200 et seq.)
- 2. Defendant California Police Youth Charities (hereinafter "CPYC") has its principal place of business in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. CPYC is a nonprofit public benefit corporation, recognized as tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service. CPYC's stated charitable purpose is to provide "charitable and educational activities exclusively to promote and organize charitable programs and events to assist ill and/or disadvantaged children, including, but not limited to sporting events; entertainment events and activities; the provision of health and equipment and to otherwise help children in need by any and all means." CPYC solicits donations for charitable purposes in California. The solicitation of charitable contributions creates a fiduciary duty to use those contributions for the declared charitable purpose for which they were solicited and CPYC holds these assets in charitable trust.
- Defendant National Consultants, Inc. (NCI) is a California corporation with its principal place of business located in Texas. NCI conducts business in California as a fundraising

 counsel for charitable purposes. Since 2005 NCI has contracted with CPYC as a fundraising counsel in connection with a telemarketing campaign soliciting donations from California residents on behalf of CPYC.

- 4. Defendant Public Appeal, Inc. (PUBLIC APPEAL), also known as Public Appeals, Inc. and Public Awareness, Inc., is a Texas corporation. Defendants MAKKAPATI, MORICI and YABLONSKY are principals of PUBLIC APPEAL. During the period including 2004 through 2005, Defendant PUBLIC APPEAL conducted business in California as a commercial fundraiser for charitable purposes on behalf of CPYC.
- 5. Defendant Christopher Eaton (CHRISTOPHER EATON) is the Executive Director of CPYC and a resident of Placer County, California. Defendant CHRISTOPHER EATON is responsible for the day-to-day operations of CPYC, including its fundraising activities. Defendant CHRISTOPHER EATON signed CPYC's informational returns and other records filed with government agencies.
- 6. Defendant Srinivas Makkapati (MAKKAPATI) is a principal of NCI and PUBLIC APPEAL and is a resident of Texas. Defendant MAKKAPATI signed the contract between CPYC and NCI and is responsible for overseeing CPYC's telemarketing operations.
- Defendant Herb Morici (MORICI) is a principal of NCI and PUBLIC APPEAL
 and is a resident of Texas.
- Defendant Bruce Yablonsky (YABLONSKY) is a principal of NCI and PUBLIC
 APPEAL and is a resident of Texas.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants MAKKAPATI, MORICI and YABLONSKY have been principals, owners or otherwise involved in other commercial fundraisers or fundraising counsel. Defendants MAKKAPATI, MORICI and YABLONSKY were principals of Telcom Productions, Inc., also known as Telcom Services, Inc. and Telcom Enterprises, Inc., a commercial fundraiser which conducted telemarketing solicitations in California on behalf of organization(s) claiming to be affiliated with police officers.

 Telemarketers employed by Telcom Productions, Inc., were subsequently hired by CPYC and NCI to conduct telemarketing solicitations for CPYC.

- 10. At all times material herein, Defendants and each of them have been transacting business within the State of California. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant CPYC, whose main office is in Sacramento, conducts business statewide, including operation of a chapter in the county of Los Angeles. Defendants conduct telemarketing solicitations from offices throughout California which are owned and operated by NCI and solicit donations throughout California, including Los Angeles. The violations of law described in this complaint have been and are now being carried out throughout the State of California, including Los Angeles County. The actions of defendants and each of them, jointly and severally, as set forth below, are in violation of the laws and public policy of the State of California and are inimical to the rights and interests of the public beneficiaries of charitable trusts.
- 11. Defendants DOES 1-100, inclusive, are the fictitious names of defendants who have acted as directors, officers, trustees, agents, or employees of defendants, or who have participated or acted in concert with one or more of the defendants, or who have acted on behalf of or as agent, servant, employee or co-conspirator of one or more of the defendants, but whose true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate or otherwise, are presently unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff is informed and believes that defendants DOES 1-100 have directly or indirectly participated in and are responsible for the acts and omissions that are more specifically described herein. Because Plaintiff is presently uninformed as to the true names and capacities of these defendants, the People sue them by their fictitious names but will seek leave to amend the Complaint when their true names are discovered.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

12. Whenever reference is made in this Complaint to any act of any corporate or other business defendant, such allegation shall mean that said defendant and its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, or representatives did or authorized such acts while engaged in the management, direction, or control of the affairs of defendants and while acting within the scope and course of their duties.

- 13. Whenever reference is made in this Complaint to any act of defendants, such allegation shall mean that each defendant acted individually and jointly with the other defendants named in that cause of action.
- 14. Whenever reference is made in this Complaint to any act of any individual defendant, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that said defendant is and was acting (a) as a principal, (b) under express or implied agency, and/or (c) with actual or ostensible authority to perform the acts so alleged on behalf of every other defendant.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD DONORS

(Against Defendants CPYC, NCI, PUBLIC APPEAL, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100)

- 15. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 14.
- NCI registered with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts as a fundraising counsel in 2006.
- 17. In 2004 and 2005, Defendants PUBLIC APPEAL, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100, acted as commercial fundraisers for charitable purposes, conducting a telemarketing campaign to solicit donations for CPYC. PUBLIC APPEAL was not registered with the Attorney General and failed to comply with the statutory requirements imposed on commercial fundraisers regarding solicitations of charitable donations in California.
- 18. In 2005, Defendants NCI, CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100, created a telemarketing consulting scheme to solicit donations for CPYC. On information and belief, this scheme was designed to hide fundraising costs from potential donors to make it appear that 100% of the donation would be used for charitable purposes. In fact, as much as 50% of every donation was paid to NCI, CPYC's fundraising counsel.
- As stated above, Defendants MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY had previously operated as commercial fundraisers. On information and belief, many of the

telemarketers used by CPYC were previously telemarketing employees of MAKKAPATI,
MORICI and YABLONSKY, or commercial fundraisers they controlled. If NCI used its own
employees to conduct telemarketing solicitations, it would be required to register as a commercial
fundraiser and abide by the stricter requirements imposed on commercial fundraisers. By
identifying the telemarketers as employees of CPYC rather than NCI, despite the fact that NCI
retained control and oversight over the employees, NCI was able to avoid the requirements
imposed on commercial fundraisers.

- right to renew the contract for two additional five year terms. Under the consulting scheme, CPYC would purportedly conduct its solicitation in-house, whereas NCI would consult by recruiting and training CPYC telemarketing employees, as well as to "monitor and evaluate employees and make recommendations on wages, termination and training." NCI provided the telemarketing facilities and equipment, as well as "assistance in creating marketing materials," and indemnified CPYC from any claims by telemarketing personnel arising out of their employment with CPYC. The contract required CPYC to work "with representatives of [NCI] to screen and train [CPYC] employees and to "[i]mplement the policies and procedures, which [CPYC] agrees to, with the assistance of [NCI]." The contract provided that CPYC would pay NCI \$10,000 per month in addition to 45% of every donation.
- 21. The telemarketers worked out of call centers throughout the state of California, as well as outside of California. The telemarketers who conducted CPYC's solicitations identified themselves as employees of CPYC.
- 22. While CPYC claimed in its scripts that it did not buy or sell donor lists, the contract with NCI provided that NCI would provide a list of "names of California residents who have in the past responded to telemarketing appeals. This provision of the data is [sic] material element in this Agreement." If CPYC terminated the contract, CPYC was required to return the donor list to NCI "as its exclusive property." CPYC was required to pay 25% of every donation specifically for the use of the donor list.

- 23. The consulting scheme allowed donors to be deceived and thwarted the Attorney General's attempt to educate the public regarding fundraising expenses. Under the scheme, donors were led to believe that 100 percent of their donation would benefit CPYC, when in reality as much as half of their donation was paid to NCI. The consulting scheme enabled CPYC to use misleading, false, and deceptive solicitation practices, both during and after initial solicitation, in violation of Government Code sections 12599 and 12599.6.
- 24. The acts as alleged in this cause of action were willful, wanton, malicious and oppressive and were undertaken with the intent to defraud donors and thus justify the award of exemplary and punitive damages against defendants. Plaintiff is entitled to damages, injunctive relief, and civil penalties.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

DECEPTIVE AND MISLEADING SOLICITATIONS IN VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 12599.6 (Against Defendants CPYC, NCI, PUBLIC APPEAL, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100)

- 25. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 24.
- 26. Pursuant to Government Code section 12599.6, charitable organizations and their commercial fundraisers are prohibited from:
 - a. misrepresenting the purpose for which a charitable contribution is sought;
 - using any unfair or deceptive practices or engaging in fraudulent conduct that creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding;
 - c. misrepresenting that the charitable organization will receive an amount greater than the actual net proceeds reasonably estimated to be retained by the charity for its use.

Charitable organizations must establish and exercise control over their fundraising activities and must assure that their fundraising activities are conducted without coercion.

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- d. CPYC would receive an amount of the donation greater than the actual amount reasonably estimated to be retained by CPYC for its use.
- 30. By use of the practices identified in Paragraph 27 on behalf of law enforcement personnel, Defendants CPYC, NCI, PUBLIC APPEAL, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100, improperly issued, offered, gave, delivered, or distributed stickers, emblems, or other items that could be used for display on a motor vehicle, and that suggest affiliation with, or endorsement by public safety personnel or a group comprising such personnel.
- 31. The acts as alleged in this cause of action were willful, wanton, malicious and oppressive and were undertaken with the intent to defraud donors and thus justify the award of exemplary and punitive damages against the defendants named in this cause of action.

 Defendants' conduct violates Government Code section 12599.6, and plaintiff is entitled to damages, injunctive relief, and civil penalties.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND CHARITABLE TRUST (Against Defendants CPYC, NCI, PUBLIC APPEAL, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100)

- 32. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 31.
- 33. Defendants CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON and DOES 1-100 had a fiduciary relationship with the donors and beneficiaries of CPYC. The fiduciary relationship was established by statute (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 17510.8 and Gov. Code, § 12599), by common law, and by agreement.
- 34. Defendants accepted charitable contributions on behalf of the charitable beneficiaries of CPYC. The acceptance of those donations established a charitable trust and a fiduciary duty on the part of defendants to ensure that the donations were used for the purposes stated during the solicitation.

- 35. Defendants breached their fiduciary duty by failing to ensure that donations to CPYC were used for the purposes for which they were donated. Donors were told that their donations would continue "vital-crime prevention programs" or "be used to enhance the quality of life for a child who may be fighting a terminal illness or critical injury." In fact, funds were treated by CPYC as being unrestricted and used for purposes unrelated to the purpose for which they were donated. While donors were told that 100% of their donation would go to CPYC, as much as half went to NCI.
- 36. The Attorney General has authority to remedy breach of charitable trust against Defendants CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON and DOES 1-100 pursuant to Corporations Code sections 7238, 7142, subdivision (a)(5), 7240, Government Code sections 12598, 12599.6, and Business and Professions Code section 17510.8. The Attorney General has authority to remedy breach of a charitable trust against Defendants NCI, PUBLIC APPEAL, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100 pursuant to Government Code sections 12598, 12599, subdivision (g), and 12599.6, and under Business and Professions Code section 17510.8.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FILING AND DISTRIBUTING FALSE AND INCOMPLETE RECORDS (Against Defendants CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON and DOES 1-100)

- 37. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 36.
- 38. Pursuant to Corporations Code section 6215, any officer, director, employee or agent of a public benefit corporation who issues, makes, delivers or publishes any report, financial statement, balance sheet or public document respecting the corporation, which is false in any material respect knowing it to be false, or participates in the making, issuance, delivery or publication thereof with knowledge of the same, is liable for all damages resulting therefrom to the corporation.
- 39. Defendants filed false informational returns with the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board and Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. For example:

- a. In fiscal years 2004-2006, CPYC falsely inflated the amounts it attributed to Program Services, and the amounts identified as grants and allocations, to make it appear that CPYC spent more on program service than it actually did;
- In fiscal year 2005, CPYC falsely attributed fundraising costs to other categories in Part II, to deceive donors into believing that CPYC was more efficient than it was;
- c. In fiscal year 2005, CPYC failed to disclose the name of its highest paid independent contractors, despite paying more than \$70,000 in "consulting fees;"
- In fiscal year 2006, CPYC failed to disclose payments to NCI, which implicitly represented that no such payments were made;
- In fiscal year 2006, CPYC falsely reported it made \$109,723 in grants from donor-advised funds, when it had no donor-advised funds;
- f. In fiscal year 2004, CPYC claims it makes grants for scholarships, however CPYC answered "no" in response to question 3a of Schedule A, Part III. CPYC failed to provide an answer to this question in its informational returns for 2005 and 2006 and its amended informational return for 2006;
- g. In fiscal year 2006, CPYC falsely denied it paid compensation or reimbursement of expenses.
- 40. Defendants filed false registration renewal forms (RRF-1) with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts under penalty of perjury. For example, Defendants falsely reported the name of CPYC's commercial fundraiser as Public Awareness, Inc., in 2004 and in 2005, Defendants falsely claimed that CPYC had audited financial statements when it did not.
- 41. Defendant CHRISTOPHER EATON signed CPYC's informational returns and RRF-1's under penalty of perjury.
- 42. By creating false records, defendants have violated Corporations Code section 8215 and the Attorney General has authority to bring an action against defendants.

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43. Plaintiff is entitled to damages, injunctive relief, civil penalties, attorneys fees and

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FRAUD AND DECEIT IN VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE 12591.1 (Against all Defendants)

- 44. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 43, above.
- 45. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants made false and fraudulent statements in solicitations on behalf of CPYC as more specifically stated in paragraphs 15 through 35, above. The donors who relied upon the fraudulent representations made in these solicitations and who made donations in response to them were unaware of the falsity of the representations.
- 46. Plaintiff is informed and believes that when the Defendants made these representations, they knew them to be false and made them with the intention to deceive and/or defraud residents of California and other states to induce them to make donations in reliance on those representations or with the expectation that the prospective donors would so act. Had Defendants not made the deceptive and fraudulent representations, the donors would not have made the requested donations.
- 47. As a proximate result of the Defendants' fraudulent conduct, the donors have been damaged in an amount that is currently unknown to Plaintiff and cannot be ascertained without an accounting of all the donations received by CPYC, but which Plaintiff believes to exceed \$5 million. The facts necessary for calculation of the donations received by CPYC, and thus the amounts owed by Defendants, are within the special knowledge of Defendants.
- 48. In doing the acts alleged in this cause of action, Defendants and each of them acted in callous disregard of the rights of the donors, knowing that their conduct was substantially certain to injure the donors. In doing the acts alleged in this cause of action, Defendants and each of them engaged in fraudulent, oppressive and malicious conduct and Plaintiff is entitled to an award of exemplary and punitive damages in an amount to be decided at the time of trial.

49. Defendants acted with the intent to deceive or defraud CPYC and the recipients of their solicitations and are therefore each subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars pursuant to Government Code section 12591.1, in addition to the other remedies provided for by law.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 12586 (Against Defendants CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON and DOES 1-100)

- 50. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 49.
- 51. Pursuant to Government Code section 12586 and California Code of Regulations, title 11, section 305, CPYC is required to file an annual report (Form RRF-1) with the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts.
- 52. Defendant CPYC failed to file RRF-1's for 2007 and 2008 within the time required by law, depriving both the Attorney General and the public of information about CPYC's charitable and fundraising activities.
- 53. Defendant CPYC accrued gross revenue of more than \$2 million in 2006. As a result, Defendants CPYC was subject to and violated the provisions of Government Code section 12586, subdivision (e), as follows:
 - a. CPYC failed to prepare annual financial statements that were audited by an independent certified public accountant in conformity with generally accepted auditing standards;
 - b. CPYC failed to make its audited financial statements available to the public;
 - c. The CPYC board of directors failed to appoint an audit committee;
 - d. CPYC failed to have an audit committee which conferred with an independent auditor to satisfy its members that the financial affairs of the corporation are in order, review and determine whether to accept the audit, assure that any nonaudit services performed by the auditing firm conform with standards for

1	auditor independence, and approve performance of nonaudit services by the	
2	auditing firm.	
3	e. The board of directors of CPYC failed to review and approve the	
4	compensation of Defendant CHRISTOPHER EATON, as required by	
5	Government Code section 12586, subdivision (g).	
6	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION	
7	FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORTS	
8	IN VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 12599	
9	(Against Defendants PUBLIC APPEAL, MAKKAPATI,	
10	MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100)	
11	54. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation	
12	contained in paragraphs 1 through 53.	
13	55. During a period of time including 2004 through 2005, Defendants PUBLIC	
14	APPEAL, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100, for compensation,	
15	solicited funds in this state for charitable purposes on behalf of CPYC.	
16	56. Defendants PUBLIC APPEAL, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY, and	
17	DOES 1-100 procured and/or engaged compensated persons to solicit, receive, and/or control	
18	funds for CPYC.	
19	57. By virtue of the actions of Defendants PUBLIC APPEAL, MAKKAPATI, MORICI	
20	YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100 described herein, they were commercial fundraisers for	
21	charitable purposes within the meaning of Government Code section 12599.	
22	58. As commercial fundraisers for charitable purposes, Defendants PUBLIC APPEAL,	
23	MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100 were required to be registered and	
24	file annual financial reports with the Attorney General's Registry for the years 2004 through	
25	2005, pursuant to Government Code section 12599, subdivision (c). Defendants failed to register	
26	or file any reports.	
27	59. As commercial fundraisers for charitable purposes, Defendants PUBLIC APPEAL,	
28	MAKKAPATI MORICI VARI ONSKY and DOES 1-100 are subject to the Attorney General's	

supervision pursuant to Government Code section 12599, subdivision (g) and are constructive trustees for charitable purposes with regard to all funds collected from solicitations for CPYC and have a duty to account to the Attorney General for all such funds.

60. Under Government Code section 12599, subdivision (f), Plaintiff is entitled to an injunction against Defendants PUBLIC APPEAL, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100, prohibiting them from soliciting for charitable purposes in this State until they have complied with the registration and reporting provisions of Government Code section 12599. Under Government Code section 12591.1, Plaintiff is entitled to civil penalties.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENCE

(Against all Defendants)

- Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 60.
- 62. When Defendants CPYC, NCI, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100 solicited and accepted donations for CPYC, they owed a duty of care to the donors and beneficiaries of CPYC to ensure that the donations and funds were used for the specific purposes for which they were solicited and for charitable purposes.
- 63. Defendants CHRISTOPHER EATON and DOES 1-100, voluntarily undertook the duties and responsibilities of director and/or officer of CPYC whether or not formally elected as director or officer and whether or not they had resigned as such. The voluntary undertaking of these duties and responsibilities created a duty on the part of these defendants to exercise due care in the performance of those duties and responsibilities.
- 64. Defendants breached their duty of care by misusing the charitable funds received by CYPC for purposes other than what they were solicited for and for non-charitable purposes, including the payment of funds to Defendants NCI, PUBLIC APPEAL, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100. As a result of that breach of duty, the beneficiaries of CPYC have been injured, in the aggregate, in an amount presently unknown to plaintiff. The facts

1	necessary for calculation of the receipts and disbursements, and thus the amount owed to the	
2	beneficiaries, are within the special knowledge of defendants.	
3	NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION	
4	VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17200	
5	(UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES)	
6	(Against all Defendants)	
7	65. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation	
8	contained in paragraphs 1 through 64.	
9	66. Defendants engaged in and participated in acts of unfair competition, as defined by	
10	Business and Professions Code section 17200, when they made charitable solicitations by means	
11	which were unlawful, unfair, deceptive, and/or fraudulent. On information and belief, since 2004	
12	Defendants made false or misleading statements in filings with government agencies. Since	
13	2005, Defendants made misleading or deceptive statements in charitable solicitations. Since	
14	2005, Defendants failed to comply with the requirements of Government Code section 12586.	
15	67. Defendants committed and continue to commit acts of unfair competition as defined	
16	in Business and Professions Code section 17200, including, but not limited to, the following:	
17	 Defendants misrepresented the percentage or amount of charitable 	
18	contributions that CPYC would receive;	
19	 Defendants misrepresented how charitable donations would be used; 	
20	 Defendants breached their fiduciary duty to donors by failing to use the 	
21	donations for the purposes for which they were solicited;	
22	 Defendants sent billing information to people who had not made pledges; 	
23	e. PUBLIC APPEAL failed to have a contract with CPYC that complied with	
24	the requirements of Government Code section 12599, subdivision (i);	
25	f. PUBLIC APPEAL failed to register as a commercial fundraiser for	
26	charitable purposes with the Attorney General;	
27	g. Defendants failed to timely file notices of intent to solicit for charitable	
28	purposes;	
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1	 Donors and the Attorney General were misled by the notice of intent filed 		
2	by NCI because the forms were incomplete or inaccurate;		
3	i. Donors and the Attorney General were misled by the annual registrations		
4	forms filed by NCI because the forms were incomplete or inaccurate;		
5	j. Donors and the Attorney General were misled by CPYC's RRF-1 forms		
6	and other public records because they were either incomplete or inaccurate.		
7	68. Defendants engaged and participated in acts of unfair competition, as defined by		
8	Business and Professions Code section 17200, by violating the following statutes and regulations:		
9	a. Government Code section 12586;		
10	b. Government Code section 12591.1;		
11	c. Government Code section 12599;		
12	d. Government Code section 12599.6;		
13	e. Business and Professions Code section 17510.5;		
14	 Business and Professions Code section 17510.8; 		
15	g. Business and Professions Code section 17510.85;		
16	h. Corporations Code section 8215;		
17	i. Corporations Code section 7238.		
18	j. Federal regulations established by the Federal Trade Commission		
19	("Telemarketing Sales Rule"), (16 C.F.R., § 310.3 [deceptive telemarketing		
20	acts or practices]; § 310.4 [abusive telemarketing acts or practices]).		
21	69. As a result of the aforementioned acts of unfair competition, Plaintiff is entitled to		
22	civil penalties in an amount which is presently unknown, but believed to be in excess of		
23	\$100,000.		
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TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17500, ET SEQ.

(FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS)

(Against all Defendants)

- 70. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 69.
- 71. Defendants and DOES 1-100 violated Business and Professions Code section 17500 by deliberately disseminating or causing to be disseminated to California residents and to residents of other states untrue and misleading statements in the course of conducting their charitable solicitation campaigns, including but not limited to the misrepresentations set forth in paragraphs 27-29, 35, 39-40 and 66-68. Defendants and each of them knew or reasonably should have known that their representations made in the charitable solicitation campaigns were false or misleading at the time the statements were made. As a result of the false and misleading statements Defendants made in the course of conducting their charitable solicitation campaigns, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17500 and 17536, Plaintiff is entitled to civil penalties against each Defendant in an amount which is presently unknown, but believed to be in excess of \$100,000.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the People pray for judgment as follows:

1. For a preliminary and permanent injunction, enjoining Defendants NCI, CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100, their employees, agents, servants, representatives, successors, and assigns, any and all persons acting in concert or participation with them, and all other persons, corporations, or other entities acting under, by, through, or on their behalf, from doing any of the following until they have first provided a full and complete accounting for all funds received by, and disbursed from, any and all financial accounts of CPYC from January 1, 2004, to the present: (1) expending, disbursing, transferring, encumbering, withdrawing or otherwise exercising control over any funds received by or on behalf of CPYC or rightfully due CPYC except as authorized by the Court;

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(2) conducting business of any kind on behalf of, or relating to, CPYC other than as necessary to assist a Receiver or appointed director(s), to comply with discovery requests and orders, and as permitted by the Court; and (3) controlling or directing the operations and affairs of any California nonprofit public benefit corporation;

- That an order issue directing Defendants NCI, CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100 to render to the Court and to the Attorney General a full and complete accounting of the financial activities and condition of CPYC, along with each of the Defendants' dealings with CPYC from January 1, 2004 to the present, to include the expenditure and disposition of all revenues and assets received by or on behalf of CPYC. Upon completion of the accounting, that the Court determine the property, real or personal, or the proceeds thereof, in whatever form and in whosever possession they may now be, and order and declare that all such property or the proceeds thereof is impressed with a trust for charitable purposes, that Defendants are constructive trustees of all such charitable funds and assets and that the same shall be immediately deposited with the Court by each and every Defendant now holding or possessing the such funds or assets or claiming any right, title or interest to them. In addition, that Defendants be surcharged and held liable and judgment entered against each of them for any and all such assets for which they fail to properly account, together with interest at the legal rate from the date the funds or assets were initially received by CPYC or on its behalf; and that all expenses and fees incurred by Defendants in this action be borne by Defendants and each of them and not by any charitable fund or asset:
- Pursuant to Government Code section 12599, subdivision (f), for a permanent and preliminary injunction, enjoining NCI, CPYC, CHRISTOPHER EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100, from soliciting any donations on behalf of CPYC until such time as defendants have filed complete and accurate annual reports, and fully comply with California's registration and reporting requirements.
- 4. For appointment of directors by this Court or appointment of a receiver pursuant to Corporations Code sections 6511, subdivision (c), and 6513, to take over and manage the affairs of CPYC and preserve its property pending the hearing and determination of the Complaint;

- 5. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203 and 17535 and/or the equitable powers of the court, defendants and each of them be ordered to pay into Court an amount equal to the amount of funds solicited from the public on behalf of CPYC by means of any act or practice declared by this court to constitute unfair competition under Business and Professions code section 17200 or false and misleading statements under Business and Professions Code section 17500, all said monies to be distributed by this court to charitable institutions(s) having purposes similar to those of CPYC;
- 6. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203, for a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining defendants, their successors, agents, representatives, employees and all persons who act in concert with, or on behalf of, defendants from engaging in unfair competition as defined in Business and Professions Code section 17200, including, but not limited to, those acts and omissions alleged in this Complaint;
- 7. For damages resulting from the breaches of fiduciary duty of all defendants named in this Complaint and DOES 1-100 in an amount to be determined following an accounting from these defendants, plus interest at the legal rate until the judgment is paid;
- Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17206, that the Court assess civil
 penalties of \$2,500 against each defendant for each violation of Business and Professions Code
 section 17200 per day, as proved at trial, in an amount no less than \$100,000;
- Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17500 and 17536, that civil
 penalties of \$2,500 against each defendant for each violation of Business and Professions Code
 section 17500 per day, as proved at trial, in an amount no less than \$100,000;
- 10. That the Court assess civil penalties against all defendants pursuant to Government Code section 12591.1 for violations of the Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act (Gov. Code § 12580 et seq.) as proved at trial;
- For punitive and exemplary damages against Defendants NCI, CHRISTOPHER
 EATON, MAKKAPATI, MORICI, YABLONSKY and DOES 1-100 according to proof;
- For plaintiff's costs of suit and other costs under Government Code sections 12597
 and 12598;

1	13. For attorney fees as provided in Government Code section 12598 and Code of Civil
2	Procedure section 1021.8; and
3	14. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem to be just and proper.
4	THIS COMPLAINT IS DEEMED VERIFIED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CODE OF
5	CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 446
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8	Dated: May 29, 2009 Respectfully Submitted,
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