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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT,
15 et al.,

Case No. 8:19-cv-00388 PA JDE

16 Plaintiffs,

DECLARATION OF RILEY IN
SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

17 v.

18 COUNTY OF ORANGE, et al.

Date: None
Time: None
Ctrm: 9A

19 Defendants.
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DECLARATION OF STEVEN RILEY

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3 1. My name is Steven Riley, and I have been homeless in San Clemente
4 for many years. I think about seven years. I have personal knowledge of the facts I
5 state below and if called as a witness, I could competently testify about what I have
6 written in this declaration.

7 2. I was born in February 1947. Today, I have physical and visual limits
8 due to disabilities. I have a fixed income from social security. And I am no longer
9 able to work or afford rent.

10 3. Typically, I spend my days at the library and the senior center and
11 sleep outside in downtown San Clemente. I use buildings and bushes to protect
12 myself from the sun, rain, wind, or other weather. On holidays when the library
13 and senior center are closed, I use my limited income to get a motel room for the
14 night. Due to my age and health, I cannot stay outside all day. But I can only afford
15 a motel a few nights per month.

16 4. I am not receiving any services or case management. It is my
17 understanding that as a single man without minor children or military service I do
18 not qualify for any services. I used to go to FAM for food and assistance. I took the
19 shuttle there. It was always full. But, about five years ago the shuttle stopped. I
20 have not been able to get there since then.

21 5. Due to my age and disabilities, I am worried I would be more
22 vulnerable in a shared space so I keep to myself. I would also have trouble walking
23 up the hill to the camping area. Typically, I do not travel to North Beach except on
24 occasion to access the beach club for city residents. When I do that, I take the bus.
25 The rest of the time, I stay in downtown San Clemente alone.

26 6. If there were an indoor shelter with services, I would be very excited
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1 to try staying there and hope for help getting into housing I could afford based on
2 my limited income. But, as far as I know there is no shelter in San Clemente that
3 will take me and no housing that I can afford on my limited income.

4 7. Because of the new law, I am afraid I could get cited or arrested. I do
5 not have anywhere indoors to sleep and I need the protection of the buildings I
6 sleep near from the weather. I also need to be able to get to and from the senior
7 center and library easily and feel safe by staying away from crowds. I hope that
8 there will be an option for me to be indoors. But, I do not think I can stay in the
9 endorsed camp area because I would not feel safe with all those people and no
10 service provider due to my history of assault and age.
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1 I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true and correct. Execute on
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