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11	Patricia King, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,	Case No. 18-cv-02276
12		CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
13	Plaintiff,	
14	V.	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
15 16	Facebook, Inc.; Cambridge Analytica LLC,	
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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. Facebook is a social networking platform that engages in surveillance capitalism: It monetizes personal and behavioral data which it acquires through real-time surveillance of Facebook users.<sup>1</sup>

5 2. This practice of deriving profits from the surveillance, analysis, and modification of
6 behavior happens without the consent or knowledge of Facebook users.

3. Public outcry over Cambridge Analytica's use of Facebook data in election campaigns
confirms that Facebook has not adequately informed its members that their behaviors, social
relationships, and intimate details are being used in contexts and for purposes completely different from
those for which this information is provided. As widely reported, Cambridge Analytica targeted voters
with personalized messages shaped by a prediction of personality traits derived from Facebook data,
and it did so without Facebook users' knowledge or consent.

4. But this exploitation of Facebook data is not limited to elections or one actor. These
technologies are also applied in commercial marketing, including by Facebook. The company regularly
uses its surveillance platform "to figure out your personal psychological susceptibilities and then
charge(s) advertisers to exploit them."<sup>2</sup>

17 5. The seemingly unrestricted surveillance and analysis of daily interactions and behaviors on the Facebook platform far exceeds user expectations of how personal data is used. Users are not 18 19 adequately informed that Facebook regularly runs experiments on them. Nor are they adequately told that seemingly innocuous interactions on the platform, such as "liking" content, can be used to predict 2021 highly sensitive information with great accuracy, including sexual orientation, ethnicity, political or 22 religious views, or drug use. Nor are users clearly told that, although they may set privacy settings 23 which control the sharing of certain data on an interpersonal level, "what users cannot adjust with 24 Facebook's privacy settings is how the platform *itself* takes advantage of the rich digital profiles it 25 stores about users."<sup>3</sup> The full extent of Facebook's surveillance capitalism remains secret.

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6. Plaintiff Patricia King is among the reportedly 87 million persons in the United States

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<sup>1</sup> Shoshana Zuboff, *Big Other: Surveillance Capitalism and the Prospects of an Information Civilization*, 30 J. Info. Tech.
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<sup>2</sup> http://www.pybooks.com/doi/w/2018/04/12/raiping in big.datas.robbar.barons/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.nybooks.com/daily/2018/04/12/reining-in-big-datas-robber-barons/. <sup>3</sup> p. 7, https://crackedlabs.org/dl/CrackedLabs\_Christl\_DataAgainstPeople.pdf.

whose Facebook data Cambridge Analytica obtained in order to build psychographic profiles for voter
 micro-targeting. She files this class action complaint seeking to change Facebook's business practices,
 for breach of contract, and for violations of federal and state law.

#### II. PARTIES

7. Patricia King is a resident and citizen of South Carolina.

8. On April 10, 2018, she received a notification from Facebook saying that one of her
friends had used the application "This Is Your Digital Life," which may have shared "some of [her]
Facebook information" with Cambridge Analytica. Facebook said the following information was likely
shared: public profile, Likes, birthday, and current city of residence.

9. Defendant Facebook, Inc., is incorporated in Delaware, and its principal place of business is in Menlo Park, California.

12 10. Defendant Cambridge Analytica LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with
13 headquarters in New York, New York.

#### III. JURISDICTION

15 11. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)
16 because this is a class action wherein the amount in controversy exceeds the sum or value of
17 \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, there are more than 100 members in the proposed class, and
18 at least one member of the class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a state different from a defendant.

19 12. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Facebook, Inc., because Facebook,
20 Inc. is headquartered in California, and conducts business in the state of California.

21 13. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over Defendant Cambridge Analytica LLC
22 because it conducts business in California, and the challenged acts and practices occurred or were
23 otherwise facilitated in California.

14. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part
of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in, were directed to, and/or emanated from
this District. Venue is also proper because Facebook's terms of service require that claims be resolved
"exclusively in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California."

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#### IV. **INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

15. Assignment to the San Francisco division is proper because Facebook is headquartered in San Mateo County, and a substantial part of the events or omissions which give rise to the claims occurred there.

#### V. **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

16. Facebook has operated www.facebook.com since at least 2004. This social networking 6 platform allows users to create online profiles with personalized content such as their name, photos, videos, messages, comments, names of other users they consider to be "friends," and interest groups. Users can interact with each other or the platform in a variety of ways, including by posting comments, sharing photos or video, chatting, using apps, playing online games, taking personality quizzes, or "liking" content by pressing a thumbs-up icon.

17. In the past decade, Facebook's user-base has grown exponentially. It is currently the 12 world's largest social networking platform, with about 2.2 billion active users.<sup>4</sup> In the United States, 13 14 about 214 million persons—two-thirds of the population—use Facebook.<sup>5</sup>

15 18. Through this platform, Facebook has amassed a massive amount of highly personalized 16 data about its users. This includes data required by the platform, such as name, gender, e-mail address, and birthday; optional data such as hometown, interests, relationship status, education, work, and 17 18 political or religious views; and data derived through behavioral or predictive analytics. Using this data, 19 Facebook may suggest connections, guide the presentation of information on the platform, and publish targeted ads.<sup>6</sup> 20

19. Facebook's ability to access information about users and their tastes and preferences is 21 key to its business model. For example, when a user "likes" a comment, article, or video, this generates 22 23 information about the user. Facebook is then able to help advertisers target-or exclude-users based 24 on their tastes and preferences.

<sup>26</sup> <sup>4</sup> https://www.statista.com/statistics/272014/global-social-networks-ranked-by-number-of-users/ (last accessed Mar. 28, 2018)

<sup>27</sup> <sup>5</sup> https://www.statista.com/statistics/398136/us-facebook-user-age-groups/ (last accessed Mar. 28, 2018) (Facebook has 214 million active users in the U.S.); the total U.S. population is 325.7 million. 28 <sup>6</sup> https://www.wired.com/insights/2014/03/facebook-decade-big-data/.

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20. While Facebook "does not directly, for the most part, sell or share their detailed digital
 consumer profiles to third parties, at least not in the form of unified dossiers," it allows other companies
 to "utilize" the data "without fully transferring it."<sup>7</sup> Facebook also allows other companies to use its
 infrastructure to collect more data.

5 21. As persons share information with friends or family through the Facebook platform, the
6 data generated is used for ad targeting and generates massive revenue for Facebook—\$40 billion just
7 last year.

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#### A.

9 22. Since 2004, Facebook has made several important adjustments to its platform that alter
10 the way it uses, or allows others to use, personal data.

23. When Facebook launched its ad platform in 2007, it allowed advertisers to target users
based on information they volunteered in their profiles.

13 24. In 2009, Facebook added the "Like" button and allowed advertisers to target users based
14 on their Likes. In addition, Facebook added a feature that allowed advertisers to target the Facebook
15 friends of people who had Liked or otherwise interacted with their brand.

16 25. In 2012, Facebook created a feature that allowed companies to upload their own lists of
17 e-mail addresses and phone numbers and have Facebook match this information to the customers'
18 Facebook accounts. Companies could then target, or exclude, subsets of these individuals based on
19 other information in Facebook's possession. "Today companies can capture information about very
20 particular activities – such as specific webpage activities, swipes in a smartphone app, or types of
21 purchases – in real-time and tell Facebook to immediately find and target the persons who performed
22 these activities."<sup>8</sup>

23 26. In 2014, Facebook started allowing advertisers to target users based on their behavior on
24 other websites. Facebook tracks users across any website that contains a "Like" button (e.g. "Click here
25 to Like us on Facebook"). If, for example, someone was, reading reviews about tents, Facebook would

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> p. 11, <u>http://crackedlabs.org/dl/CrackedLabs\_Christl\_CorporateSurveillance.pdf</u> (italics removed).

<sup>28 8</sup> p. 47, http://crackedlabs.org/dl/CrackedLabs\_Christl\_CorporateSurveillance.pdf.

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let advertisers target that person as someone "interested in camping."9 1

2 Around the same time, Facebook started allowing advertisers to target people based on 27. "Ethnic Affinity," which can be used as a proxy for race.<sup>10</sup> Individuals who "Like" numerous rap artists 3 might be "categorized as African-American."11

5 28. Beginning in 2013, Facebook partnered with several data brokers, including Acxiom and companies later acquired by Oracle. By 2017, six data brokers provided Facebook with "audience 6 7 data," the better to categorize and segment users.<sup>12</sup> Then, in 2018, after Cambridge Analytica's use of 8 Facebook data was widely publicized, Facebook severed ties with data brokers.

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29. The Harvard academic Shoshana Zuboff has coined the term "surveillance capitalism" to 10 11 describe the "monetization of free behavioral data acquired through surveillance and sold on to entities with an interest in your future behavior."<sup>13</sup> Under this form of capitalism, companies engage in 12 pervasive real-time surveillance and, "[b]ased on data-driven predictive analytics, personalization, 13 14 measurement, and testing, they aim to influence behavior at scale. In the background, consumers are constantly evaluated, sorted, categorized, and ranked in order to treat them on a case-by-case basis as 15 best fits a company's business interests."<sup>14</sup> "This personalized and dynamic form of behavioral nudging 16 gives surveillance corporations repeated opportunities to manipulate user behavior."<sup>15</sup> 17

30. Unbeknownst to most Facebook users, predictive analysis can reveal previously 18 19 unknown information from seemingly impersonal data. According to a 2013 study by Cambridge University's Psychometrics Centre, an analysis of only Facebook Likes could predict a user's skin color 2021 (with 95% accuracy), sexual orientation (with 88% accuracy), and whether they were a Democrat or Republican (with 85% accuracy). With a "high degree of accuracy," researchers were also able to make 22 predictions about the person's intelligence, and physical and mental health.<sup>16</sup> Researchers could more 23

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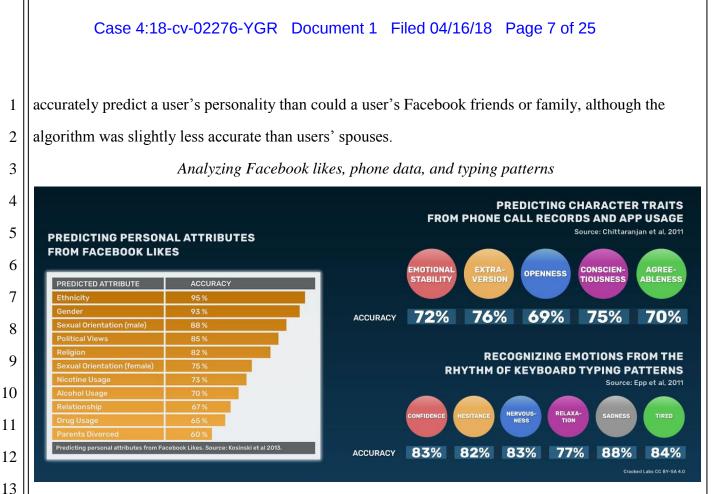
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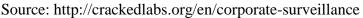
<sup>11</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> https://www.facebook.com/business/a/facebook-partner-categories.

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<sup>28</sup> <sup>15</sup> http://www.nybooks.com/daily/2018/04/12/reining-in-big-datas-robber-barons/. <sup>16</sup> http://www.pnas.org/content/110/15/5802





31. Another study by Sandra Matz, a professor at Columbia Business School, used psychographic targeting on 3.5 million Facebook users. Matz analyzed users' Facebook Likes to determine whether they were extraverted or introverted. Matz targeted extraverts on Facebook with an advertisement for makeup showing a woman at a crowded party, with the message "dance like no one is watching (but they totally are)."<sup>17</sup> And she targeted introverts with an ad showing only a makeup brush, with the caption "beauty doesn't have to shout."<sup>18</sup> The Facebook ads that used psychographic targeting got 40 percent more clicks and resulted in 50 percent more purchases.

32. Facebook has long understood, but has never adequately disclosed to users, that the data it collects through its platform allows it "to figure out your personal psychological susceptibilities and then charge advertisers to exploit them."<sup>19</sup> In fact, Facebook itself has regularly experimented on users.

- 33. In 2012, Facebook secretly manipulated the news feeds of 1.9 million users during the
- <sup>17</sup> <u>https://www.theverge.com/2018/3/20/17138854/cambridge-analytica-facebook-data-trump-campaign-psychographic-microtargeting</u>. <sup>18</sup> Id.

<sup>28</sup> http://www.nybooks.com/daily/2018/04/12/reining-in-big-datas-robber-barons/.

2012 United States congressional elections. It found that showing more "hard" news instead of personal
 posts, such as baby photos, increased voter turnout.<sup>20</sup>

34. That same year, Facebook conducted a "mood experiment" on almost 700,000 users that "manipulat[ed] the amount of emotionally positive and negative posts in the users' news feeds, which influenced how many emotionally positive and negative messages the users posted themselves."<sup>21</sup>

More recently, in 2017, "a leaked internal Facebook document revealed how the
platform provides an advertiser the opportunity to target 6.4 million young Australians in 'moments
when young people need a confidence boost' such as when they felt, 'worthless,' 'insecure,' 'stressed,'
'defeated,' 'anxious,' or like a 'failure' based on 'internal Facebook data' such as posts and photos."<sup>22</sup>
Although Facebook says this research was never used to target ads, it is reportedly building a
neuroscience lab, and it has publicly touted research about neuroscience and the ability of marketers to
"capitalize' on 'very important, highly personal and uniquely relevant moments' of users."<sup>23</sup>

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14 36. These tactics have also been used in election campaigns. Most prominently, Cambridge
15 Analytica has used Facebook data to construct psychographic profiles of millions of people in the
16 United States without their consent or knowledge.

37. According to documents provided by whistleblower Christopher Wylie, Cambridge
 Analytica first began to use Facebook data to build psychological profiles of users in 2014, with the aid
 of Aleksandr Kogan, a professor of psychology in the U.K.<sup>24</sup> Kogan's contract with Cambridge
 Analytica says that Kogan will perform "data harvesting," using "a pre-existing application functioning
 under Facebook's old [API] because "[n]ew applications are not able to access friend" data.<sup>25</sup>

38. Kogan used his application, a personality quiz called "thisisyourdigitallife," to collect
"data about the 270,000 people who installed it, along with data about their Facebook friends," totaling

- 24 <sup>20</sup> https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2014/10/can-voting-facebook-button-improve-voter-turnout/.
   25 <sup>11</sup> http://crackedlabs.org/en/corporate-surveillance.
   25 <sup>21</sup> p. 41 https://grackedlabs.org/en/corporate-surveillance.
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28 <sup>25</sup> p. 40, 84, <u>https://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/culture-media-and-sport/Chris%20Wylie%20Background%20papers.pdf</u>.

<sup>26 24</sup> p. 69, https://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/culture-media-and-

<sup>27</sup> sport/Chris%20Wylie%20Background%20papers.pdf; https://techcrunch.com/2018/03/29/heres-cambridge-analyticas-planfor-voters-facebook-data/.

1 || 87 million people in all.<sup>26</sup>

39. During the collection process, *The Guardian* reports, "[t]he scale of the data collection
... was so large it triggered an automatic shutdown of the app's ability to harvest profiles."<sup>27</sup> But Kogan
had inside contacts at Facebook because he co-authored a study with two Facebook employees.<sup>28</sup>
Kogan "spoke with an engineer" at Facebook and had his app up and running again "within a day or
two," says *The Guardian*.<sup>29</sup>

40. Christopher Wylie said that Cambridge Analytica "exploited Facebook to harvest
millions of people's profiles. And [it] built models to exploit what [it] knew about them and target their
inner demons. That was the basis the entire company was built on."<sup>30</sup> Cambridge Analytica used its
newly acquired Facebook data to construct psychological profiles on tens of millions of Americans,
giving them labels such as "neurotic introvert," "religious extrovert," "fair-minded liberal," or "fan of
the occult."<sup>31</sup> "Those were among the psychological traits the firm claimed would provide a uniquely
powerful means of designing political messages."<sup>32</sup>

In 2015, *The Guardian* reported that "Ted Cruz's presidential campaign is using
psychological data based on research spanning tens of millions of Facebook users, harvested largely
without their permission... As part of an aggressive new voter-targeting operation, Cambridge
Analytica ... is now using so-called 'psychographic profiles' of US citizens in order to help win Cruz
votes."<sup>33</sup>

42. In 2016, Cambridge Analytica began working for the Trump campaign.<sup>34</sup> Until the
hiring of Cambridge Analytica, *Vice* says, "Trump's digital campaign had consisted of more or less one
person: Brad Parscale, a marketing entrepreneur and failed start-up founder who created a rudimentary
website for Trump for \$1,500."<sup>35</sup> Cambridge Analytica helped turn digital marketing into what 60

- 23 <sup>26</sup> <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/19/technology/facebook-data-sharing.html; https://www.wired.com/story/facebookexposed-87-million-users-to-cambridge-analytica/.</u>
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- <sup>34</sup> https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/17/us/politics/cambridge-analytica-trump-campaign.html.

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1 *Minutes* calls Trump's "secret weapon."<sup>36</sup>

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43. According to former Trump campaign officials, Cambridge Analytica "performed a
variety of services" for the campaign, including "designing target audiences for digital ads and fundraising appeals, modeling voter turnout, buying \$5 million in television ads and determining where Mr.
Trump should travel to best drum up support."<sup>37</sup> Alexander Nix, CEO of Cambridge Analytica, says,
"Pretty much every message that Trump put out was data-driven."<sup>38</sup> *Vice* reports that in the run-up to
the third presidential debate, "Trump's team tested 175,000 different ad variations for his arguments …
all via Facebook."<sup>39</sup>

9 44. Starting in July 2016, says Vice, "Trump's canvassers were provided with an app with which they could identify the political views and personality types of the inhabitants of a house. ... 10 11 Trump's people only rang at the doors of houses that the app rated as receptive to his messages. The canvassers came prepared with guidelines for conversations tailored to the personality type of the 12 resident."40 Cambridge Analytica used "psychometric profiling" to divide the "US population into 32 13 14 personality types," reports Vice, and they "focused on just 17 states" that had swing voters most receptive to Trump's messaging.<sup>41</sup> For example, Cambridge Analytica "discovered that a preference for 15 cars made in the US was a great indication of a potential Trump voter."<sup>42</sup> Cambridge Analytica also 16 helped Trump tailor his messages to find what "worked best and where," which influenced"[t]he 17 decision to focus on Michigan and Wisconsin in the final weeks of the campaign."<sup>43</sup> 18

45. After Trump's electoral victory, Cambridge Analytica's CEO, Alexander Nix, boasted, "We did all the research, all the data, all the analytics, all the targeting, we ran all the digital campaign, the television campaign and our data informed all the strategy."<sup>44</sup> And "another senior executive says

<sup>36</sup> <u>https://motherboard.vice.com/en\_us/article/mg9vvn/how-our-likes-helped-trump-win;</u>

- 24 https://www.cbsnews.com/news/facebook-embeds-russia-and-the-trump-campaigns-secret-weapon/. <sup>37</sup> https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/17/us/politics/cambridge-analytica-trump-campaign.html.
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the 'defeat crooked Hillary' advertising campaign was the brainchild of the firm."<sup>45</sup> Vice says, "The 1 2 fact that Trump spent so little money may also be explained by the effectiveness of personality-based advertising."46 3

4 46. During this time, Facebook failed to take appropriate corrective action, despite being 5 aware that Cambridge Analytica was using Facebook data in this manner. Although Facebook appears to have corresponded with Cambridge Analytica and asked it to cease using the data, Facebook failed to 6 undertake an audit of Cambridge Analytica during these election campaigns.<sup>47</sup> 7

8 47. Facebook's failure to take action was typical, according to a former Facebook privacy officer.<sup>48</sup> Sandy Parakilas, who worked at Facebook in 2011 and 2012, says he "led the team 9 responsible for data policy violations on Facebook App Platform."<sup>49</sup> Parakilas says, "The company 10 cared little about protecting users' data then, and the Cambridge Analytica story shows that hasn't 11 changed."50 12

48. "At the time that Kogan was gathering data on behalf of Cambridge Analytica," 13 14 Parakilas explains, "Facebook also allowed developers to access your friends' data, even though those friends had never agreed to connect to the app."<sup>51</sup> But "once the data passed from Facebook's servers to 15 the developer, Facebook lost all insight into or control over how the data was used."<sup>52</sup> "To prevent 16 abuse, Facebook created a set of platform policies that forbade certain kinds of activity."53 But 17 Facebook's enforcement was "lax."54 According to Parakilas, the reason was that "Facebook didn't 18 want to make the public aware of huge weaknesses in its data security."55 19

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49. Parakilas points out that Facebook didn't even ban Cambridge Analytica or Aleksandr

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<sup>51</sup> Id. <sup>52</sup> Id.

27 <sup>53</sup> Id.

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Kogan from the platform until March 16, 2018, "when whistleblowers and news stories forced" its 2 hand.<sup>56</sup> And though Facebook maintains that Cambridge Analytica's use of Facebook data violated its 3 terms, Kogan disagrees that there was any violation of Facebook's rules. Instead, he maintains that the terms of service for "This Is Your Digital Life" put Facebook on notice that this Facebook data could be sold.<sup>57</sup> 5

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7 50. To date, Facebook is not able to say that the Cambridge Analytica experience is an outlier. After the revelations about Cambridge Analytica, according to CNN, Facebook CEO Mark "Zuckerberg said Facebook will review all apps that have been pulling large amounts of data about users since 2014 and earlier."<sup>58</sup> "We're going to review thousands of apps," said Zuckerberg.<sup>59</sup> In subsequent congressional testimony, Zuckerberg changed the number to "tens of thousands" of apps.<sup>60</sup> Zuckerberg said that "[t]his is something that in retrospect we clearly should have done, upfront."<sup>61</sup>

51. Although Facebook has recently changed privacy settings, those settings control the 13 sharing of certain data on an interpersonal level. But "what users cannot adjust with Facebook's privacy 14 settings is how the platform *itself* takes advantage of the rich digital profiles it stores about users."62 15

16 52. Facebook does not inform users of the scope of its personal and behavioral data analytics. According to TechCrunch, Facebook's terms of service are "too long" and "written in 17 impenetrable legalese, intentionally vague and hyper-qualified language that's designed to make it 18 impossible for you to understand."63 Facebook's "Terms of Service" page contains links to 30 other 19 pages, many of which contain additional terms and conditions.<sup>64</sup> For example, the "Terms of Service" 20page links to Facebook's "Data Policy," which itself contains another 22 links.<sup>65</sup> TechCrunch tried to 21

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<sup>24</sup> <sup>59</sup> Id.

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3 53. What's more, Facebook users do not reasonably expect that Facebook and third parties are engaged in data collection, profiling, behavioral nudging, experimentation, and manipulation. 4 5 Researchers at *Digital Content Next* recently asked consumers about what types of information they expected Facebook to collect and use in targeting them with advertising. Fifty-six percent said they 6 7 expected Facebook to collect data about their activities on Facebook and other applications it owns, such as Instagram and WhatsApp.<sup>67</sup> But 61% said they didn't expect Facebook "to track a person's 8 9 usage of apps that Facebook does not own"; 65% did not "expect Facebook to buy personal information from data companies and merge with a person's online usage"; and 69% did not expect Facebook "to 10 collect data about a person's location when a person is not using Facebook."68 When informed of 11 Facebook's data collection practices, users "do not approve" of Facebook collecting this type of data 12 about them.69 13

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### VI. CLASS ALLEGATIONS

54. Plaintiff brings this nationwide class action, pursuant to Rule 23(b)(2), 23(b)(3), and 23(c)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, individually and on behalf of all members of the following Class:

All persons whose information or behavioral data was accessed, directly or indirectly, from the Facebook platform by Cambridge Analytica or other entities without the person's consent or knowledge.

55. Excluded from the Class are the following individuals and/or entities: Defendants and
their parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers and directors, current or former employees, and any entity
in which Defendants have a controlling interest; all individuals who make a timely election to be
excluded from this proceeding using the correct protocol for opting out; any and all federal, state or
local governments, including but not limited to their departments, agencies, divisions, bureaus, boards,

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8 68 Id. 69 Id.

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<sup>27 67</sup> http://www.niemanlab.org/2018/04/jason-kint-here-are-5-ways-facebook-violates-consumer-expectations-to-maximizeits-profits/.

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sections, groups, counsels and/or subdivisions; and all judges assigned to hear any aspect of this
 litigation, as well as their immediate family members.

3 56. Plaintiff reserves the right to modify or amend the definition of the proposed Class
4 before the Court determines whether certification is appropriate.

5 57. <u>Numerosity</u>. The Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
6 There are more than 166 million Facebook account holders in the United States. As discussed above,
7 the number of individuals whose information or behavioral data was downloaded by third party apps is
8 likely in the tens or even hundreds of millions and is identifiable and ascertainable based on Facebook's
9 records.

10 58. <u>Commonality</u>. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class, which
 11 predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class members. These common questions of
 12 law and fact include, without limitation:

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- a. Whether Facebook represented that it would safeguard Plaintiff's and Class members' personal information and not disclose it without consent;
  - b. Whether Facebook was aware of Cambridge Analytica's improper collection of Plaintiff's and Class members' personal information;
- c. Whether Facebook owed a legal duty to Plaintiff and the Class to exercise due care in collecting, storing, safeguarding, and/or obtaining their personal information;
  - d. Whether Facebook breached a legal duty to Plaintiff and the Class to exercise due care in collecting, storing, safeguarding, and/or obtaining their personal information;
    - e. Whether Facebook's conduct was an unlawful or unfair business practice under Cal.Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.;
    - f. Whether Defendants intruded upon Plaintiff and Class members' seclusion, or converted their information or behavioral data;
      - g. Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to equitable relief, including, but not limited to, injunctive relief and restitution;
      - h. Whether Plaintiff and the other Class members are entitled to actual, statutory, or other forms of damages, and other monetary relief.

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59. <u>Typicality</u>. Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of other Class members because
 Plaintiff's information, like that of every other Class member, was misused and/or disclosed without
 permission by Facebook to third parties.

4 60. <u>Adequacy</u>. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the
5 members of the Class. Plaintiff's Counsel are competent and experienced in litigating privacy-related
6 class actions.

61. <u>Superiority</u>. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and
efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all the members of the Class is impracticable.
Furthermore, the adjudication of this controversy through a class action will avoid the possibility of
inconsistent and potentially conflicting adjudication of the asserted claims. There will be no difficulty
in the management of this action as a class action.

12 62. Damages for any individual Class member are likely insufficient to justify the cost of
13 individual litigation, so that in the absence of class treatment, Defendants' violations of law inflicting
14 substantial damages in the aggregate would go unremedied without certification of the Class.

15 63. Class certification is also appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b)(2), because
16 Defendants have acted or have refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, so that final
17 injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate as to the Class as a whole.

#### COUNT I: BREACH OF CONTRACT

(against Facebook)

64. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations as if fully set forth herein.

65. Facebook entered into a contract with Plaintiff and Class members, which includes terms covering privacy and limiting the use and sharing of Plaintiff's and Class members' information.

66. Facebook says that its "Statement of Rights and Responsibilities ('Statement,' 'Terms,' or 'SRR') derives from the Facebook Principles, and is our terms of service that governs our relationship with users and others who interact with Facebook."<sup>70</sup>

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67. The SSR requires users to provide only real information to Facebook: "You will not

28 <sup>70</sup> <u>https://web.archive.org/web/20141127001916/https://www.facebook.com/terms.php</u>.

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provide any false personal information on Facebook ... "71 1

In exchange for users' providing real information, Facebook promises to protect their 2 68. 3 data.

4	a.	The SSR says, "You own all of the content and information you post on Facebook, and		
5	you can control how it is shared We require applications to respect your privacy" <sup>72</sup>			
6	b.	The SSR says, "If [developers] collect information from users, [they] will: obtain their		
7	consent"73			
8	с.	The SSR says, "[Developers] will not directly or indirectly transfer any data [they]		
9		receive from us to (or use such data in connection with) any ad network, ad exchange,		
10		data broker, or other advertising related toolset, even if a user consents to that transfer or		
11		use."		
12	d.	The Facebook Principles, incorporated by reference in the SSR, say, "People should own		
13		their information. They should have the freedom to share it with anyone they want and		
14		take it with them anywhere they want, including removing it from the Facebook Service.		
15		People should have the freedom to decide with whom they will share their		
16		information"74		
17	e.	Facebook's Platform Policies, incorporate by reference in the SSR, say, "We can audit		
18		[a developer's] app to ensure it is safe and does not violate our Terms." <sup>75</sup>		
19	69.	Plaintiff and Class members did everything required of them under the contract or were		
20	excused from	doing so, and all conditions for Facebook's performance are met.		
21	70.	Facebook breached its contract with its users by, among other things: allowing		
22	developers to download friends' data without the friend's knowledge or consent; failing to enact proper			
23	3 safeguards to ensure that developers did not share users' data with data brokers or other third parties;			
24	failing to audit applications that accessed suspicious amounts of user data; failing to adequately ensure			
25	that developer	rs or third parties who violated Facebook's Terms deleted the data they had obtained and		
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were blocked from the Facebook platform; and embedding teams within election campaigns, including
 in the Trump campaign, to teach them how to influence elections using Facebook.

3 71. Facebook also breached its duty to perform with reasonable care. Facebook failed to
4 implement adequate levels of privacy and security protections to safeguard users' data.

72. Facebook also breached its duty of good faith and fair dealing. Facebook failed to make
a good faith effort to safeguard users' data and dealt unfairly with Plaintiff and Class members, by
inadequately securing their information.

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73. Facebook users did not receive the bargained-for level of privacy or security.

9 74. As a result of Facebook's breach of contract, Plaintiff and Class members suffered
10 actual damages, including (but not limited to) loss of benefit of the bargain, exposure to a heightened
11 and imminent risk of fraud or identity theft, loss of value of their personal information, and the cost of
12 taking preventative measures.

#### COUNT II: INTRUSION ON SECLUSION (against all Defendants)

75. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations as if fully set forth herein.

76. Plaintiff and Class members have reasonable expectations of privacy in their online behavior.

18 77. The reasonableness of such expectations of privacy is supported by Facebook's
19 statements in its SSR and its unique position to monitor Plaintiff's, Class members', and third parties'
20 behavior on its platform. It is further supported by the surreptitious, highly-technical, and non-intuitive
21 nature of the way in which app developers could access and download friends' data, without their
22 knowledge or consent.

78. Facebook intentionally intruded on and into Plaintiff's and Class members' solitude,
seclusion, and private affairs. Facebook intentionally designed its platform—and established
commensurate policies and procedures governing such platform—to enable app developers to access as
much user data as possible, without the need for authorization from users. Facebook intended to receive
a financial benefit from this broad access. Facebook also intentionally established a pattern and practice
of lax enforcement of the policies and procedures governing its platform because it benefited from

1 violators continuing to access the Facebook platform.

79. Cambridge Analytica also intentionally intruded on and into Plaintiff's and Class
members' solitude, seclusion, and private affairs. Cambridge Analytica intentionally gained access to
Plaintiff's and Class members information and behavioral data from the Facebook platform, without
their knowledge or consent. Cambridge Analytica intentionally used this information to construct
psychological profiles, craft and tailor messaging to Plaintiff and Class members, and influence
elections.

8 80. These intrusions are unreasonable and highly offensive to a reasonable person. This is 9 evidenced by, among other things, the immense outcry following the revelation of these acts and 10 practices—not only from the public, but also from regulators and legislators. Further, the extent of the 11 intrusion cannot be fully known, as the nature of privacy invasion involves sharing Plaintiff's and Class members' information and behavioral data with potentially countless third parties, known and 12 unknown, for undisclosed and potentially unknowable purposes, in perpetuity. Also supporting the 13 14 highly offensive nature of Defendants' conduct is the fact that Defendants' principal goal was to surreptitiously share Plaintiff's and Class members' data for their own enrichment, and the length of 15 16 time before Facebook attempted to notify Plaintiff and Class members that their data had been harvested by third parties. 17

81. Plaintiff and Class members did not consent or invite Defendants' intrusions.
82. Plaintiff and Class members were harmed by these intrusions into their private affairs.
83. Defendants' actions and conduct complained of herein were a substantial factor in causing the harm suffered by Plaintiff and Class members.

84. As a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiff and Class members seek nominal and
punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial. Plaintiff and Class members seek punitive
damages because Defendants' actions—which were malicious, oppressive, and willful—were
calculated to injure Plaintiff and made in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's rights. Punitive damages are
warranted to deter Defendants from engaging in future misconduct.

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### COUNT III: INVASION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF PRIVACY (against Facebook)

85. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations as if fully set forth herein.

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Article I, section 1 of the California Constitution states: "All people are by nature free 86. and independent and have inalienable rights," including "obtaining safety, happiness, and privacy."

6 87. "The right to privacy in the California Constitution sets standards similar to the common 7 law tort of intrusion." Hernandez v. Hillsides, Inc., 47 Cal. 4th 272, 287 (2009). Plaintiff specifically 8 incorporates by reference the allegations in Count II.

9 88. Liability against a private party will lie for invading the constitutional right to privacy 10 where: (1) the plaintiffs "possess a legally protected privacy interest," such as "conducting personal activities without observation, intrusion, or interference,", as determined by "established social norms"; 12 (2) the plaintiffs had a reasonable expectation of privacy, which rests on "customs, practices, and 13 physical settings surrounding particular activities"; (3) the intrusion is so serious in "nature, scope, and 14 actual or potential impact as to constitute an egregious breach of the social norms." Hernandez v. 15 Hillsides, Inc., 47 Cal. 4th 272, 287 (2009).

16 89. Here, Plaintiff and the Class possess a legally protected privacy interest, including 17 conducting personal activities without observation, intrusion, or interference, whether those activities 18 be interacting with friends or family, writing about one's innermost thoughts, or sharing intimate 19 photos or information with friends or loved ones.

20 90. Plaintiff and Class members have reasonable expectations of privacy in their online 21 behavior on Facebook. The reasonableness of such expectations of privacy is supported by Facebook's 22 statements in its SSR and its unique position to monitor Plaintiff's, Class members', and third parties' 23 behavior on its platform. It is further supported by the surreptitious, highly-technical, and non-intuitive 24 nature of the way in which app developers could access and download friends' data, without their 25 knowledge or consent.

26 91. Facebook's observation, intrusion, and interference with Plaintiff and Class members' 27 activities on the social networking service constitute an invasion of privacy that is so serious in nature, 28 scope, and actual or potential impact that it constitutes an egregious breach of social norms.

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92. The nature of the intrusion was substantial. Facebook shared intimate details about
 people's lives, such as their location, likes, religion, and relationship status, with any application
 developer who requested access, without even notifying these individuals that the app developer had
 obtained their information via a friend. When Facebook learned of misuse of its platform and data
 harvesting, it failed to take reasonable steps to secure users' information and behavioral data.

6 93. The scope of the intrusion was substantial, affecting 87 million users by Facebook's
7 estimate and involving up to 14 different Facebook profile elements.

8 94. The actual or potential impact is substantial. People's Facebook information can be used
9 to create psychographic profiles that can influence elections, be used in credit decisions, or otherwise
10 affect their lives in significant ways. Users who had data harvested also face heightened risk of identity
11 theft, and do not even know how many apps Facebook shared their information with.

12 95. Facebook's conduct egregiously violated social norms that do not permit one person to
13 share another person's information or behavioral data without their knowledge or consent.

96. Plaintiff and Class members were harmed by these intrusions into their private affairs.

97. Facebook's actions and conduct complained of herein were a substantial factor in causing the harm suffered by Plaintiff and Class members.

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#### COUNT IV: STORED COMMNICATIONS ACT (against all Defendants)

98. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations as if fully set forth herein.
99. Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of Class members, asserts violations of the Stored Communications Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2702(a), for Defendants' unlawful gathering and/or disclosure of the content of Plaintiff's and Class members' communications to third parties, including but not limited to SCL Group, Cambridge Analytica, Aleksandr Kogan, and Global Science Research.

24 100. The Stored Communications Act (SCA) prohibits a person from intentionally accessing
25 without (or in excess of) authorization a facility through which an electronic communications service is
26 provided and thereby obtaining an electronic communication while it is in "electronic storage."

27 101. The SCA defines "electronic storage" as "any temporary, intermediate storage of a wire
28 or electronic communication incidental to the electronic transmission thereof; and any storage of such

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1	communication by an electronic communication service for purposes of backup protection of such					
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3	102. The servers Facebook uses to provide its electronic communications service to Facebook					
4	users are a "facility" within the meaning of the SCA.					
5	103.	Defendants are "persons" within the meaning of the SCA.				
6	104.	Facebook's provision of 'users' electronic communications, or information derived				
7	therefrom, to third parties exceeded authorization.					
8	105. Cambridge Analytica's obtaining users' electronic communications, or information					
9	derived therefrom, exceeded authorization.					
10	106.	Because of the architecture of Facebook's servers, the sharing of information among				
11	Facebook users results in and constitutes interstate data transmissions.					
12	107.	Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2707(c), Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to:				
13		a. minimum statutory damages of \$1,000 per person;				
14	b. punitive damages;					
15	c. costs; and					
16	d. reasonable attorneys' fees.					
17		COUNT V: NEGLIGENCE				
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19	108.	Plaintiff incorporates all allegations as if fully set forth herein.				
20	109.	Facebook owed a duty to Plaintiff and the Class to exercise reasonable care in obtaining,				
21	using, and protecting their information, and keeping it from being compromised, lost, stolen, misused,					
22	and or/disclosed to unauthorized parties.					
23	110.	Facebook also owed a duty to Plaintiff and the Class not to use their behaviors, social				
24	relationships, and intimate details in contexts and for purposes completely different from those for					
25	which this info	ormation is provided.				
26	111.	Facebook knew that the information and behavioral data of Plaintiff and the Class was				
27	personal and s	sensitive information that is valuable, or that its real-time, pervasive surveillance allowed				
28	it to determine personal psychological susceptibilities that users had not disclosed.					

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112. Given the nature of the information, Facebook had a special relationship with Plaintiff 2 and the Class. Plaintiff and the Class signed up for Facebook's services and agreed to provide their 3 information with the understanding that Facebook would undertake safeguards, would inform Plaintiff and the Class of any privacy intrusions, and would not use the information beyond its intended purpose.

5 113. Facebook failed to do so by engaging in surveillance, analysis, and modification of behavior; and by allowing Cambridge Analytica and other third parties to, without notice or permission, 6 7 obtain Plaintiff's and Class members' information.

8 114. Facebook also breached its duties by failing to adopt, implement, and maintain adequate 9 measures to safeguard users' information.

10 Lastly, Facebook breached its duty to timely disclose that Plaintiff and the other Class 115. 11 members' information was obtained or used for behavioral and predictive analytics.

12 116. But for Facebook's wrongful and negligent breach of its duties owed to Plaintiff and the 13 Class, their information would not have been improperly used by Facebook or disclosed to Cambridge 14 Analytica and other third parties. Facebook's negligence was a direct and proximate cause of the 15 misuse and disclosure of Plaintiff and Class members' information, resulting in damages.

16 117. The injury and harm suffered by Plaintiff and the Class members was the reasonably foreseeable result of Facebook's failure to exercise reasonable care in collecting and safeguarding 17 Plaintiff's and the other Class members' information. 18

**COUNT VI: CONVERSION** 

(against all Defendants)

118. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations as if fully set forth herein.

22 119. Plaintiff and Class members were the owners and possessors of their information and 23 behavioral data. As a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct, Defendants have interfered with the Plaintiff's and Class members' rights to possess and control such property, to which they had a superior 25 right of possession and control at the time of conversion.

26 120. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff and Class members 27 suffered injury, damage, loss, or harm, and therefore seek compensatory damages.

> 121. In converting Plaintiff's and Class members' information and behavioral data,

Defendants have acted with malice, oppression and in conscious disregard of Plaintiff's and Class 2 members' rights. Plaintiff, therefore, seeks an award of punitive damages on behalf of the Class.

### COUNT VII: VIOLATION OF UNFAIR COMPETITION LAW (UCL) (against Facebook)

122. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations as if fully set forth herein.

123. California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, prohibits "unfair 6 7 competition," which includes "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice."

A business act or practice is "unfair" when it offends an established public policy or 124. 8 when the practice is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous or substantially injurious to 9 consumers. 10

125. Facebook engaged in business acts and practices that are immoral, unethical, oppressive, 11 unscrupulous, and substantially injurious to consumers by, among other things: allowing developers to 12 download friends' data without the friend's knowledge or consent; failing to enact proper safeguards to 13 ensure that developers did not share users' data with data brokers or other third parties; failing to audit 14 applications that accessed suspicious amounts of user data; failing to adequately ensure that developers 15 or third parties who violated Facebook's Terms deleted the data they had obtained and were blocked 16 from the Facebook platform; and embedding teams within election campaigns, including in the Trump 17 campaign, to teach them how to influence elections using Facebook. The harms from these business 18 19 acts and practices outweigh any potential utility.

126. Facebook's business acts and practices offend established public policies that are 20 tethered to specific constitutional, statutory, and/or regulatory provisions, such as the goal of protecting 21 privacy in Article I, Section I of the California Constitution, and the legislatively declared policy of 22 protecting data in the Customer Record Act ("CRA"), Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5; Online Privacy 23 Protection Act ("OPPA"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 22576; and the Information Practices Act ("IPA"), 24 Cal. Civ. Code § 1798, et seq. 25

127. A business act or practice is "unlawful" when it is proscribed by some other statute, 26 regulation, or constitutional provision. 27

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128. Facebook engaged in business acts or practices that were proscribed by law, including

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1 the following: Facebook violated the Stored Communications Act; Facebook engaged in unfair 2 business practices, in violation of § 5 of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Act; Facebook 3 systematically breached its contracts with users, in violation of Cal. Civ. Code § 1427, et seq.; Facebook violated the terms of its consent decree with the FTC; Facebook knowingly and willfully, 4 and/or negligently and materially, failed to comply with "its posted privacy policy," violating Cal. Bus. 5 & Prof. Code § 22576; and Facebook failed to maintain reasonable procedures and practices 6 appropriate to the nature of the information it held to protect the information from unauthorized access, 7 8 use, modification, or disclosure, in violation of Cal. Civ. Code § 1798.81.5(b).

9 129. As a direct and proximate result of Facebook's unfair and unlawful business acts and 10 practices, Plaintiff and the Class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property, including through: 11 loss of the benefit of their bargain; loss of the opportunity to control how their personal information is 12 used; diminution in value of their personal information; heightened, immediate, and continued risk of 13 fraud or identity theft; continued risk that their information, still in Facebook's possession, may be 14 subject to misuse; and costs associated with time, effort, and money that they expended to prevent, 15 detect, contest, and/or repair the impact of their information being shared in an unauthorized manner.

16 130. Because of Facebook's unlawful and unfair business acts and practices, Plaintiff and
17 Class members are entitled to relief, including attorneys' fees and costs, restitution, declaratory relief,
18 and a permanent injunction enjoining Facebook from its unlawful and unfair practices. Plaintiff also
19 seeks reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under applicable law, including Federal Rule of Civil
20 Procedure 23 and California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

#### VII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all Class members, requests judgment be entered against Defendants and that the Court grant the following:

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- a. An order determining that this action may be maintained as a class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that Plaintiff is a proper class representative, that Plaintiff's attorneys be appointed Class counsel pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and that Class notice be promptly issued;
- b. Judgment against Defendants for Plaintiff's and Class members' asserted causes of

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1 2 3 4 5 6	<ul> <li>action;</li> <li>c. Appropriate declaratory relief against Defendants;</li> <li>d. Preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against Defendants;</li> <li>e. An award of all applicable statutory damages;</li> <li>f. An award of reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred; and</li> </ul>
7	g. Any and all other relief to which Plaintiff and the Class may be entitled.
8	VIII. DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
9	Plaintiff demands trial by jury for all issues so triable.
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