

**DECLARATION OF JANET TRAVIS**

I, JANET TRAVIS, declare and state as follows:

1. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order in *Puente v. City of Phoenix*, Case No. CV-18-02778-PHX-JJT.
2. The following information is within my own personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I would and could competently testify to the facts stated herein.
3. I am 59 years old and a resident of downtown Phoenix. I attended the August 22, 2017 protest in Phoenix, Arizona to witness first-hand the opposition to Trump, to document the protest, and to express my own views critical of Trump's policies and actions.
4. It was important for me to attend the protest in person because I feel like it is important to be an active and engaged member of my community. I also wanted to fully document the protest by taking photographs of protesters, Trump supporters, public officials, and the police. I am an artist, and photography is one of my passions.
5. At approximately 5:45 P.M., I walked from my home to the protest area on Monroe St. across the street from the Phoenix Convention Center. As I walked to the protest, I took photographs, conversed with protesters, and soaked up the atmosphere. There was a lively, but peaceful atmosphere, filled with concerned but hopeful people of every race, age group, and gender. I saw young people holding signs, people in wheelchairs, and people with their children and loved ones.
6. At all times while attending the protest, I was engaged in the peaceful expression of my First Amendment rights. At no point before, during, or

after the rally did I commit any criminal acts or conduct myself in a manner that warranted police involvement.

7. My intention was to stay at the protest until the rally attendees exited. I wanted to fully document the events happening in my neighborhood that night. After a couple of hours, I made my way to the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Monroe, where it was much less crowded, and began to take photographs. I began to hear bangs and screams from the crowd gathered in front of the Convention Center as white smoke filled the air. Protesters began to rush into the area where I was standing. I never heard any warnings before the noise and chaos.

8. About 20 minutes later, a Phoenix police helicopter began circling overhead, and I began to walk home north on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. As I walked, I continued to take photographs of police interacting with protesters. I noticed a line of police officers on Monroe St. I wanted to get a clear photo of the police as they lined the street. As I prepared to take the photo, I noticed PPD officers marching in unison forward.

9. As the police moved forward, I decided to not to take the photo, and turned to leave the area. As I turned, I was shot at close range in the shoulder by what felt like a gas cannister. The force of the projectile was so strong that it knocked me to the ground. Luckily my backpack absorbed the brunt of the impact. As I gathered my senses and my things, two bystanders rushed in to help me exit the area. As they gathered me by my arms and we were attempting to get out of the area, PPD officers dispersed pepper spray directly into my and the other protesters' faces. As the two protesters carried me from the scene, I was shot a second time at close range by a PPD officer with what felt like another gas cannister. The shot caused a burning, pressure sensation in my lower back and buttocks, and was hard enough to cause 3 distinct bruises along my side.

10. The two bystanders moved me onto the sidewalk by the parking garage. My eyes and lungs were burning from the gas and pepper spray. Someone applied water to my face to try to help ease the pain. After 15 minutes, the burning in my eyes subsided enough so that I could open them and walk home. By that time, the street had been completely cleared of protesters.

11. At no time did any PPD officer state that I was engaged in unlawful activity. PPD's use of force against me and other protesters caused me to end my First Amendment expressive activities earlier than intended.

12. I experienced problems breathing the entire next day. The bruising I suffered to my lower back, buttocks, and hip caused me to miss work and made it painful to sit when I returned. Due to the intense pain from the bruising, I sought medical treatment. The pain lingered for weeks after the incident.

13. PPD's use of force against me and fellow attendees of the Trump protest caused me severe emotional distress. Images and video of me being shot were distributed across the world and caused me great anger and a real sense of lost privacy.

14. Claims by PPD and city officials that the injured protesters were engaged in unlawful activity still frustrate and anger me. I was doing nothing wrong. I did not assault anyone. I was not engaged in criminal conduct. I did not deserve to be subjected to physical force as city officials claimed. I was exercising my First Amendment rights in a peaceful manner when PPD used force against me and fellow protesters.

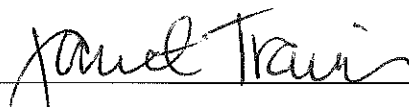
15. I trusted PPD. I have worked with police officers for years, and I have always treated them with respect. Two members of my family were police officers, and I am extremely proud of their service to the community. PPD's actions at the Trump protest shattered my trust in the department.

16. I become sad and angry when I remember what I endured that night. I lost work as an artist because I could not focus on projects that I was commissioned to create. I have trouble sleeping and continue to be plagued with bouts of anxiety and depression. I get nervous and scared when I see PPD officers in my neighborhood. Each time I see a PPD officer I wonder – is this the person who shot me for no reason?

17. I am interested in attending future demonstrations in Phoenix to strongly express my views but, because of the illegal and harmful acts of PPD personnel I witnessed at the Trump protest on August 22, 2017, I am fearful of what PPD officers may do at future protests and greatly concerned by the lack of oversight and accountability.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 13, 2018, in Phoenix, Arizona.

  
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Janet Travis