

The Honorable Carol Murphy

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Date:	<u>January 22, 2016</u>
Time:	<u>9 a.m.</u>
Judge/Calendar:	<u>Hon. Carol Murphy</u>

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
THURSTON COUNTY

KENT L. and LINDA DAVIS, and SUSAN
MAYER, derivatively on behalf of OLYMPIA
FOOD COOPERATIVE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GRACE COX; ROCHELLE GAUSE; ERIN
GENIA; T.J. JOHNSON; JAYNE KASZYNSKI;
JACKIE KRZYZEK; JESSICA LAING; RON
LAVIGNE; HARRY LEVINE; ERIC MAPES;
JOHN NASON; JOHN REGAN; ROB
RICHARDS; JULIA SOKOLOFF; and
JOELLEN REINECK WILHELM,

Defendants.

Case No. 11-2-01925-7

DECLARATION OF NOAH
SOCHET IN SUPPORT OF
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION
TO PLAINTIFFS' SECOND
MOTION TO COMPEL

I, Noah Sochet, am over the age of 18, am competent to testify, and have personal
knowledge of all the facts stated herein. I declare as follows:

1 1. I served as a working member of the Olympia Food Coop from 2006-2011,
2 cashiering at the East Side location on Thursday afternoons. In 2009, I submitted a request
3 that the Coop consider boycotting Israeli products, in keeping with the global call for
4 boycotts that had been requested by some 190 Palestinian civil society organizations.

5 2. Later that year, I joined Olympia BDS, a local grassroots group formed to
6 advocate for Palestinian human rights. I spoke at the May 2010 Coop board meeting where
7 the board voted unanimously to enact the boycott, and I authorized my telephone number
8 to appear on the press release that Olympia BDS released to announce the decision. At the
9 time, we did not anticipate the level of anger and abuse that would be directed against
10 Olympia BDS and the Coop over the following months and years.

11 3. Over the next two weeks, I received a barrage of irate phone calls, including
12 dozens of death threats, which I reported to the Olympia police department. A Coop
13 board member told me that he received so many death threats that he left his home because
14 he felt unsafe. I decided to stay put, but I felt enormous fear. There was a campaign to
15 ostracize me and other pro-boycott Jews in the local community. I was berated by
16 customers at the Coop, passersby on the street, and internet commenters. I endured this
17 backlash because I felt I was participating in a useful campaign and making a difference.

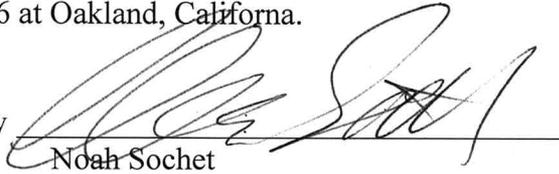
18 4. After the lawsuit against the Coop and board members was filed, it became
19 much more difficult to participate in community discourse about Palestine and Israel. I felt
20 that I could no longer communicate freely with friends and colleagues, for fear that our
21 communications would have to be disclosed in the lawsuit and combed through by our
22 political adversaries. I wasn't able to afford to defend myself against the kind of lawsuit
23 my friends were facing, and I felt I might need to stop my activism on this issue, for fear

1 that I would be named in a lawsuit.

2 5. The intensely hostile responses of some Coop members to the boycott
3 significantly influenced my decision to stop volunteering at the Coop in the Fall 2011.
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5 I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the state of Washington that the
6 foregoing is true and correct.

7 DATED this 19th day of January, 2016 at Oakland, California.

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9 By 

Noah Sochet

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

On January 20th, 2016, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon counsel of record, at the address stated below, via the method of service indicated:

Robert M. Sulkin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Via Messenger
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Seattle, WA 98101-3143	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Via E-mail

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

DATED this 20th day of January, 2016, at Seattle, Washington.

s/ Brooke E. Howlett
Brooke E. Howlett, WSBA #47899