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17	Dlaintiff	No. 4:16-cv-05108-LRS	
18	Plaintiff,	PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTION TO	
	v.	REPLY IN SUPPORT OF	
19	CITY OF PASCO, PASCO CITY	DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF PROPOSED	
20	COUNCIL, MATT WATKINS, in his	REMEDIAL PLAN AND FINAL	
	official capacity as Mayor of Pasco,	INJUNCTION	
21	and REBECCA FRANCIK, BOB HOFFMANN, TOM LARSEN, SAUL		
22	MARTINEZ, and AL YENNEY, in		
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the Pasco City Council,

Defendants.

In the Partial Consent Decree entered on September 2, 2016, the parties agreed to and this Court approved a briefing schedule for the purposes of submitting competing remedial plans to the Court. Dkt. 16, at 11. The parties did not otherwise seek to alter the Local Rules or Ninth Circuit procedural law with respect to submission of briefs and evidence to this Court.

The Local Rules impose a 10-page limit on reply briefs for dispositive motions and provide that prior Court approval is necessary to exceed this page limit. LR 7.1(e)(1), (4). Defendants ignored this Local Rule and instead filed a Reply in Support of Defendants' Motion for Entry of Proposed Remedial Plan and Final Injunction ("Defendants' Reply") that is more than double the allowed page limit—24 pages in total—without seeking Court approval for an over-length brief. 1

Additionally, Defendants included new registered voter data from their demographer, Peter Morrison, as well as related argument, that was not included in any of their prior briefs or declarations, and is therefore inadmissible. Ninth Circuit precedent is clear: new evidence may not be submitted for the first time on reply. See, e.g., Tovar v. U.S. Postal Serv., 3

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defendants also violated LR 7.1(e)(1) and (4) in filing their opening brief, which was 8 pages over the 20-page limit. Dkt. 25.

1 F.3d 1271, 1273 n.3 (9th Cir. 1993) (striking evidence presented for the first 2 time in reply); Clearly Food & Beverage Co, Inc. v. Top Shelf Beverages, Inc., 3 102 F. Supp. 3d 1154, 1165 (W.D. Wash. 2015) ("[I]n the Ninth Circuit, new 4 issues and evidence may not be raised in reply briefs," citing Bazuaye v. I.N.S., 5 79 F.3d 118, 120 (9th Cir. 1996)). 6 Based on these violations of the Local Rules and Ninth Circuit 7 precedent, Plaintiff objects to Defendants' Reply and supporting declaration. 8 DATED this 18th day of November, 2016. 10 Respectfully submitted, 11 12 By: s/Cristin Kent Aragon Gregory Landis, WSBA No. 29545 Cristin Kent Aragon, WSBA No. 39224 13 YARMUTH WILSDON PLLC 14 1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1400 Seattle, Washington 98101 Telephone: (206) 516-3800 15 Email: glandis@yarmuth.com 16 caragon@yarmuth.com 17 Emily Chiang, WSBA No. 50517 18 La Rond Baker, WSBA No. 43610 AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION 19 OF WASHINGTON FOUNDATION 901 Fifth Avenue, Suite 630 20 Seattle, Washington 98164 Telephone: (206) 624-2184 21 Email: echiang@aclu-wa.org lbaker@aclu-wa.org 22

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I hereby certify that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System, which in turn automatically generated a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) to all parties in the case who are registered users of the CM/ECF system. The NEF for the foregoing specifically identifies recipients of electronic notice. I hereby certify that I have mailed by United States Postal Service the document to the following non-CM/ECF participants:

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