UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CIVIL ACTION NO.

:

12-CV-01924

VERSUS :

SECTION E

JUDGE SUSIE MORGAN

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

: DIVISION 2

MAGISTRATE WILKINSON

MOTION TO VACATE CONSENT DECREE PURSUANT TO RULE 60 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

The Defendant, the City of New Orleans ("City"), moves this Honorable Court f or an order vacating the Consent Decree entered by the Court on January 11, 2013. Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu began reforming the New Orleans Police Department ("NOPD") when he took office in May 2010 and remains committed to implementing reforms to ensure that the NOPD is the best police department in the nation. The City, however, is compelled to file this Motion because, as fully set forth in the Memorandum filed herewith, the negotiations that led to the signing of the Consent Decree were tainted, any consent provided by the City was vitiated under Louisiana law, and there is a plethora of procedural deficiencies underlying the proceedings that led to the entry of the Consent Decree.

Respectf ully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading has been served on all counsel of record through the Court's CM/ECF electronic filing system this 31st day of January, 2013.

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