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Honorable Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakayou And Associate Justices California Supreme Court 350 McAllister Street San Francisco, CA 94102-4797

Re: Wilde v City of Dunsmuir, et al.

Case No. S 252915

Response to Plaintiff and Appellant, Leslie T. Wilde's Supplement Brief

Dear Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakayhou and Associate Justices:

This shall address the Supplemental Brief filed in this case by plaintiff and appellant Leslie T. Wilde on September 10, 2019. In lieu of defendant and respondent City of Dunsmuir applying to the Court for permission to file a response brief, it respectfully submits the following.

Wilde's supplemental brief addresses the issues in *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. v. Amador Water Agency* (2019) 36 Cal. App. 5th 279, a case decided after the briefing in *Wilde v. City of Dunsmuir* was completed. Wilde requests that this Court disregard *Amador's* decision that the city's adoption of new water rates is an exception to the referendum power. Wilde reiterates her position that increased water rates are fees that are subject to the referendum power because the exceptions to the referendum power must be narrowly construed. These issues were already addressed in Wilde's Respondent's Brief.

These issues are fully briefed in the City of Dunsmuir's Opening Brief on the Merits, Sections I and II as well as in the City's Reply Brief on the Merits, Section II. If this Court requires further briefing to respond to Wilde's Supplement Brief, the City will promptly do so upon request and/or order of this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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