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	BRANDON SUMMERS, an individual;								
22	JORDAN POLOVINA, an individual,								
23	Plaintiffs,	FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT							
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25	CLARK COUNTY, a political subdivision of								
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Plaintiffs, LISA MCALLISTER, BRANDON SUMMERS, and JORDAN POLOVINA (collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"), hereby bring this Complaint. Plaintiffs are seeking an order declaring Section 16.13.030 of the Clark County Code ("CCC") void in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution, and Article 1, Sections 8 and 9 of the Nevada Constitution; injunctive relief to enjoin CCC 16.13.030; and costs and attorney's fees.

I. <u>JURISDICTION AND VENUE</u>

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question), 28 U.S.C. § 1343 (civil-rights violation), 28 U.S.C. § 2201 (declaratory relief), and 28 U.S.C. § 2202 (injunctive relief).
- 2. This Court also has jurisdiction pursuant to the First and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (deprivation of rights).
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) as the events giving rise to these claims occurred in the District of Nevada, specifically in Clark County.

II. <u>PARTIES</u>

- 4. Plaintiff, BRANDON SUMMERS was at all relevant times herein a musician and street performer who resides in Clark County, Nevada. He currently resides in Chicago, Illinois, but continues to return to Clark County, Nevada to perform in the Resort Corridor.
- 5. Plaintiff, JORDAN POLOVINA, is and at all relevant times herein was, a musician and street performer who resides in Clark County, Nevada. He continues to perform in the Resort Corridor.
- 6. Plaintiff, LISA MCALLISTER, is, and at all relevant times herein was, a person that is disabled who resides in Clark County, Nevada.
- 7. Defendant, CLARK COUNTY, is a political subdivision of the state of Nevada, organized under the Clark County Code, created by and operating under the laws of the State of Nevada and, pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 12.105, may be served with process herein by service

upon the Clark County Clerk, located at 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, 1st Floor, Las Vegas, NV

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III. **STANDING**

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8. "To satisfy Article III standing, a plaintiff must show: (1) an injury in fact that is concrete and particularized and actual or imminent, not conjectural or hypothetical; (2) a causal connection between the injury and the challenged action of the defendant; and (3) that it is likely,

as opposed to merely speculative, that the injury will be redressed by a favorable decision." Jackson v. City & County of San Francisco, 746 F.3d 953, 967 (9th Cir. 2014) (cleaned up).

- 9. All Plaintiffs have standing to challenge CCC 16.13.030 as vague and overbroad under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 10. All Plaintiffs have standing for a challenge to CCC 16.13.030 as vague and overbroad under Article 1, Section 8, of the Nevada Constitution.
- 11. All Plaintiffs have standing for a facial challenge to CCC 16.13.030 as overbroad under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 12. Plaintiffs SUMMERS and POLOVINA have standing to challenge CCC 16.13.030 as applied to them pursuant to the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 13. All Plaintiffs have standing for a facial challenge to CCC 16.13.030 as overbroad under Article 1, Section 9 of the Nevada Constitution.
- 14. Plaintiffs SUMMERS and POLOVINA have standing to challenge CCC 16.13.030 as applied to them pursuant to Article 1, Section 9 of the Nevada Constitution.

A. Brandon Summers

- 15. SUMMERS is a street performer who plays the violin.
- 16. Since 2009, SUMMERS has consistently played the violin on the sidewalks located in the Resort Corridor and continues to do so to this day.
- 17. SUMMERS is a violinist that has engaged in street performance on the Las Vegas Strip since 2009.

- 18. SUMMERS has engaged in street performance on the pedestrian bridges on the Las Vegas Strip since 2011.
- 19. SUMMERS consistently performed on the pedestrian bridges in the Resort Corridor prior to the passage of CCC 16.13.030.
- 20. SUMMERS typically performs on three pedestrian bridges located within the Resort Corridor between Bally's and The Cromwell, between MGM Grand and The Tropicana, and between Fashion Show Mall and the Wynn.
- 21. SUMMERS accepts tips and donations during his performances in the Resort Corridor by leaving his violin case open while performing and posting a sign requesting tips for his performance.
- 22. SUMMERS uses a small speaker to amplify the sound of his music while performing in the Resort Corridor.
- 23. SUMMERS does not impede pedestrian traffic during his performances by standing with his back against the wall of the pedestrian bridge and condensing his amplifier and backpack to be as compact as possible.
- 24. As SUMMERS cannot play his violin while soliciting tips for his performance or while using amplified sound during his performance without the risk of criminal penalties, he stopped playing on the pedestrian bridges following the passage of CCC 16.13.030.
- 25. SUMMERS has established an injury in fact because SUMMERS has an interest in engaging in protected First Amendment activity on the pedestrian bridges and but for CCC 16.13.030 he would do so. *Teter v. Lopez*, 76 F.4th 938, 943–44 (9th Cir. 2023).
- 26. SUMMERS has established a causal connection between his injury and Defendant's actions as he is at risk of prosecution under CCC 16.13.030 by engaging in his regular practice of performing on pedestrian bridges.
- 27. A favorable decision will redress SUMMERS's injury by eliminating his risk of prosecution under CCC 16.13.030.

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B. Lisa McAllister

- 28. MCALLISTER is disabled due to a spinal injury and uses a manual wheelchair to travel.
- 29. MCALLISTER has used the pedestrian bridges on the Las Vegas Strip to travel through the resort corridor in her wheelchair.
- 30. MCALLISTER has needed to stop in public areas because her wheelchair malfunctioned.
 - 31. MCALLISTER has needed to stop in public areas to rest when her arms are tired.
- 32. MCALLISTER has needed to stop in crowded public areas due to limited visibility in order to determine where there is space for her to travel in her wheelchair.
- 33. MCALLISTER has established injury in fact because the risk of criminal penalties under CCC 16.13.030 is a barrier to MCALLISTER accessing the pedestrian bridges and she is deterred from returning to the area.
- 34. MCALLISTER has established a causal connection between her injury and Defendant's actions as she is at risk of prosecution under CCC 16.13.030 for stopping on a pedestrian bridge due to her disability.
- 35. A favorable decision will redress MCALLISTER's injury by eliminating her risk of prosecution under CCC 16.13.030.

C. Jordan Polovina

- 36. POLOVINA is a street performer who has consistently played the cello on the sidewalks located in the Resort Corridor since 2022 and continues to do so to this day.
- 37. POLOVINA is unable to move while performing because the size of his cello makes it impractical to carry while playing.
- 38. Prior to the passage of CCC 16.13.030, POLOVINA performed on the pedestrian bridges in the Resort Corridor approximately four times a week.
- 39. POLOVINA usually performed on the pedestrian bridge located within the resort corridor between Park MGM and the Hard Rock Café because the pedestrian bridges do not have

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the same ambient traffic noise as the street-level sidewalks that prevent people passing by from hearing his music.

- 40. POLOVINA does not impede pedestrian traffic during his performances by standing with his back against the wall of the pedestrian bridge and condensing his amplifier and belongings to be as compact as possible.
 - POLOVINA uses a box to solicit tips while performing in the Resort Corridor. 41.
- 42. POLOVINA uses a speaker to amplify the sound of his music while performing in the Resort Corridor.
- 43. After the passage of CCC 16.13.030, POLOVINA received a warning pursuant to CCC 16.13.030 from law enforcement for performing on a pedestrian bridge.
- 44. POLOVINA has not performed on a pedestrian bridge since this warning due to the risk of prosecution.
- 45. POLOVINA has established an injury in fact because POLOVINA has an interest in engaging in protected First Amendment activity on the pedestrian bridges and but for CCC 16.13.030 he would do so. *Teter*, 76 F.4th at 943–44.
- 46. POLOVINA has established a causal connection between his injury and Defendant's actions as he is at risk of prosecution under CCC 16.13.030 by engaging in his regular practice of performing on pedestrian bridges.
- 47. A favorable decision will redress POLOVINA's injury by eliminating his risk of prosecution under CCC 16.13.030.

D. First Amendment overbreadth doctrine

- 48. "[A] law may be invalidated under the First Amendment overbreadth doctrine if 'a substantial number of its applications are unconstitutional, judged in relation to the statute's plainly legitimate sweep." Arce v. Douglas, 793 F.3d 968, 984 (9th Cir. 2015) (quoting United States v. Stevens, 559 U.S. 460, 473, 130 S. Ct. 1577, 176 L. Ed. 2d 435 (2010)).
- 49. "The doctrine exists out of concern that the threat of enforcement of an overbroad law may chill constitutionally protected speech." *Id*.

- 50. "Under the First Amendment overbreadth doctrine, '[l]itigants . . . are permitted to challenge a statute not because their own rights of free expression are violated, but because of a judicial prediction or assumption that the statute's very existence may cause others not before the court to refrain from constitutionally protected speech or expression." *Kashem v. Barr*, 941 F.3d 358, 375 n.9 (9th Cir. 2019) (quoting *Broadrick v. Oklahoma*, 413 U.S. 601, 612, 93 S. Ct. 2908, 37 L. Ed. 2d 830 (1973)).
- 51. Beyond the First Amendment activities specifically engaged in by the Plaintiffs SUMMERS and POLOVINA, other people and organizations engage in expressive activities on the pedestrian bridges.
- 52. Expressive activities other people besides Plaintiffs engage in on the pedestrian bridges include but are not limited to street performances, solicitation, use of amplified sound, tabling, handbilling, protesting, and proselytizing.
- 53. These activities are protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Section 9, of the Nevada Constitution.
- 54. These activities, which require stopping for some period of time for either execution or preparation, are effectively banned by CCC 16.13.030 on pedestrian bridges.
- 55. Considering the scope of First Amendment activity prevented by CCC 16.13.030, Plaintiffs have standing to challenge the illegitimate sweep of the ordinance.

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. First Amendment activity on the pedestrian bridges

- 56. There are currently 17 pedestrian bridges located within the Resort Corridor.
- 57. The first pedestrian bridge was built in the Resort Corridor in 1995 at the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Tropicana.
- 58. While varying in length, the pedestrian pathways across the bridges are required to be at least 15 feet wide.

- 59. Throughout the bridges' existence, people have engaged in activities protected by the First Amendment on the pedestrian bridges, including but limited to street performances, handbilling, soliciting, vending, and protests.
- 60. News reports have reported on protests occurring in the Resort Corridor on or near the pedestrian bridges, including protests held by unions, police accountability activists, and activists against COVID-19 lockdowns.¹
- 61. Pedestrian traffic studies of the Resort Corridor were completed in 2012 and 2015 titled "Clark County Pedestrian Study" and "Clark County Pedestrian Study: 2015 Update".
- 62. These studies formally documented a significant amount of First Amendment activity on and near the pedestrian bridges.
- 63. These studies specifically tracked the number of performers, handbillers, solicitors, and vendors engaging in expressive activity on and near the pedestrian bridges.
- 64. In 2012, a study found that approximately 2 handbillers, 5 performers, 7 solicitors, and 6 vendors, for a total of 20 people, would be active on the pedestrian bridges on a "typical Saturday".
- 65. Approximately 4 handbillers and 3 performers would be active within 15' of a pedestrian bridge landing over that same time.
- 66. These numbers increased on holiday Saturdays to 4 handbillers, 9 performers, 7 solicitors, and 4 vendors, for a total of 24 people engaging in expressive activity across the pedestrian bridge network.
- 67. Approximately 3 handbillers, a performer, and a solicitor would be active within 15' of a pedestrian bridge landing at that same time.

¹ See, e.g., Orko Manna & Justin Hopkins, 'My body, choice': Hundreds protest COVID-related mandates on the Las Vegas Strip, 8 News Now (September 7, 2021) (depicting anti-vaccine protests in the Resort Corridor pedestrian bridges); Glenn Pruit, Hundreds join Black Lives Matter protest in Las Vegas, Las Vegas Review-Journal (June 14, 2020); Ricard Torres-Cortez, Culinary Union marches for return to jobs on the Las Vegas Strip, Las Vegas Sun (September 24, 2021) (describing tourists stopping on the pedestrian bridges to watch the Culinary Union protest).

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- 68. Returning in 2015, study determined that approximately 10 handbillers, 10 performers, 13 solicitors, and 5 vendors, for a total of 38 people, would be engaging in these activities on the pedestrian bridges on a "typical Saturday" that year.
- 69. Approximately 5 handbillers, a performer, and a solicitor would be active within 15' of a pedestrian bridge landing at that same time.
- 70. The same study determined that First Amendment activities increased on "holiday Saturdays" to approximately 12 handbillers, 16 performers, 16 solicitors, and 3 vendors, for a total of 45 people, across the pedestrian bridge network.
- 71. Approximately 1 handbiller, 15 performers, a solicitor, and vendor would be active within 15' of a pedestrian bridge landing at that same time.
- Nevadan organizations such as the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association 72. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 117, the Make the Road, and the Cupcake Girls have all stated under oath that they have engaged in activities protected by the First Amendment on the pedestrian bridges.

B. Passage of CCC 16.13.030

- 73. CCC 16.13.030 provides that "it is unlawful for any person to (1) stop or stand within any Pedestrian Flow Zone, or (2) engage in any activity while within a Pedestrian Flow Zone with the intent of causing another person who is within a Pedestrian Flow Zone to stop or stand." CCC 16.13.030.
- 74. The pedestrian flow zones encompass pedestrian bridges and up to 20 feet surrounding a touchdown structure, which includes the escalators, elevators, and stairs leading to the pedestrian bridges. CCC 16.13.020.
- 75. The ordinance describes the pedestrian bridges as "part of the sidewalk system of the Las Vegas Strip and were created for the purpose of separating pedestrian traffic from vehicular traffic to facilitate pedestrians crossing in those locations." CCC 16.13.010.
- 76. "Pedestrians are prohibited from crossing at grade level where pedestrian bridges are located." CCC 16.13.010.

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- 77. CCC 16.13.030 includes one exception for people that "stop or stand while waiting for access to an elevator or escalator for purposes of entering or exiting a Pedestrian Flow Zone." CCC 16.13.030.
- 78. Any person in violation of CCC 16.13.030 is guilty of a misdemeanor. CCC 16.13.050.
- 79. The Clark County Commission enacted CCC 16.13.030 at its January 2, 2024, Clark County Commission meeting.²
 - 80. On January 2, 2024, Lisa Logsdon served as County Counsel for Clark County.³
- 81. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Ms. Logsdon in her capacity as Counsel for Clark County said "when [people] are engaging in activity within the pedestrian flow zone, they have to be intending to cause another person to stop within the pedestrian flow zone. So, if there is picketing or different activity going on at the street level and somebody stops on the bridge, that is not covered by the ordinance."⁴
- 82. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Ms. Logsdon in her capacity as Counsel for Clark County said that the pedestrian bridges were made "for incidental and brief views of the Las Vegas Strip."⁵
- 83. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Ms. Logsdon in her capacity as Counsel for Clark County said "as the ordinance is content neutral, it doesn't have any impact [on street performing] so [street performers] can still do all of their street performing things down on the street level or if they're continuing to walk while they do any First Amendment activity."

² Clark County, Clark County Board of Commissioners on 2024-01-02 9:00 AM, Granicus, at 1:37:01 (Jan. 2, 2024),

https://clark.granicus.com/player/clip/7626?view_id=28&meta_id=1560080&redirect=true&h=5b266a8fbbb1c483d61adbf851c5457f.

³ Lisa Logsdon, Clark Cnty., Nev.,

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/departments/district_attorney/divisions/civil/lisa_logsdon.php (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).

⁴ Clark County, *supra* note 2, at 1:14:40.

⁵ *Id.* at 1:04:12.

⁶ *Id.* at ss.

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- 84. On January 2, 2024, William McCurdy was a Clark County commissioner.
- 85. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Commissioner McCurdy in his capacity as commissioner said, "if there is, for example, a street performer performing and there's a show girl, I expect for both to have the same type of interaction with law enforcement."8
- 86. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Commissioner McCurdy in his capacity as commissioner said that Clark County and law enforcement must "make sure we're doing [enforcement of CCC 16.13.030] in a manner that's consistent with our board's vision."9
 - On January 2, 2024, James Gibson was a Clark County commissioner. ¹⁰ 87.
- 88. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Commissioner Gibson in his capacity as commissioner said that Clark County "must trust that our police department will be fair and equitable in the way they exercise their discretion" to enforce CCC 16.13.030.11
 - The Clark County Commission unanimously voted in favor of CCC 16.13.030. 12 89.
- 90. On January 2, 2024, Andrew Walsh was the Undersheriff at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department ("LVMPD"). 13

⁷ About William McCurdy II, Clark Cnty., Nev.,

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/board of county commissioners/district d/biogra phy.php (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).

⁸ Clark County, *supra* note 2, at 1:30:02.

⁹ *Id.* at 1:31:59. ¹⁰ About Commissioner Gibson, Clark Cnty., Nev.,

https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/government/board of county commissioners/district g/biogra phy.php (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).

¹¹ Clark County, *supra* note 2, at 1:35:58.

¹² *Id.* at 1:37:01.

¹³ Undersheriff Andrew Walsh, Las Vegas Metro. Police Dep't,

https://www.lvmpd.com/about/office-of-the-sheriff/undersheriff-andrew-walsh (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).

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- 91. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Undersheriff Walsh in his capacity as a LVMPD representative testified before the Clark County Commission about CCC 16.13.030.
- 92. During the Clark County Commission meeting where CCC 16.13.030 was enacted, Undersheriff Walsh in his capacity as a LVMPD representative said that "officers will issue a warning and ask folks to move along, and if they refuse officers will have the ability based on this law to issue a citation or make an arrest."14
- 93. On January 2, 2024, CLARK COUNTY had an official government account on the platform "X" (formerly known as Twitter) named "Clark County Nevada." ¹⁵
- 94. On January 2, 2024, after enacting CCC 16.13.030, CLARK COUNTY posted a statement on its official X account, reading in part: "[I]t is unlawful for any person to stop, stand, or engage in an activity that causes another person to stop or stand within any Pedestrian Flow Zone. This is not interpreted to mean that tourists and locals cannot take photos along the Boulevard while on a pedestrian bridge[.]"16
 - On January 17, 2024, Kevin McMahill was the Clark County Sheriff. 17 95.
- 96. On January 17, 2024, the Las Vegas Review-Journal published an article about the enforcement of CCC 16.13.030 titled "Police won't stop photos on Strip bridges under new law, sheriff says."18
- 97. In the January 17, 2024, Las Vegas Review-Journal article about the enforcement of CCC 16.13.030, Sheriff McMahill was quoted saying: "Are we going to stop people for stopping and taking a picture at all? Absolutely not. But those chronic individuals up there that

¹⁴ Clark County, *supra* note 2, at 1:11:12.

¹⁵ @ClarkCountyNV, X, https://twitter.com/ClarkCountyNV (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).

¹⁶ @ClarkCountyNV, X (Jan. 2, 2024, 6:30 PM), https://twitter.com/ClarkCountyNV/status/1742372938618425611 (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).

¹⁷ Sheriff Kevin McMahill, Las Vegas Metro. Police Dep't, https://www.lvmpd.com/about/office-of-the-sheriff/sheriff-kevin-mcmahill (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).

¹⁸ Taylor R. Avery, Police Won't Stop Photos on Strip Bridges Under New Law, Sheriff Says, Las Vegas Review-Journal (Jan. 17, 2024), https://www.reviewjournal.com/local/the-strip/banon-stopping-on-strip-pedestrian-bridges-wont-be-enforced-for-weeks-2983573.

are preying on our tourists and our locals that are visiting the Strip (are) just not going to have a place to do it anymore." ¹⁹

V. <u>CAUSES OF ACTION</u>

A. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

- 98. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 97 as though fully set forth herein.
- 99. The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides: "No State shall . . . deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." U.S. Const. Amend. XIV.
- 100. Rather than trusting law enforcement to fairly enforce vague laws, the due process clause protects against the arbitrary enforcement of laws.
- 101. "The fundamental rationale underlying the vagueness doctrine is that due process requires a statute to give adequate notice of its scope." *Botosan v. Paul McNally Realty*, 216 F.3d 827, 836 (9th Cir. 2000) (citing *Grayned v. City of Rockford*, 408 U.S. 104, 108 (1972)).
- 102. "A statute is vague not when it prohibits conduct according 'to an imprecise but comprehensible normative standard, but rather in the sense that no standard of conduct is specified at all." *Id.* (quoting *Coates v. City of Cincinnati*, 402 U.S. 611, 614, 29 L. Ed. 2d 214, 91 S. Ct. 1686 (1971)).
- 103. "[V]agueness concerns are more acute when a law implicates First Amendment rights, and, therefore, vagueness scrutiny is more stringent." *Butcher v. Knudson*, 38 F.4th 1163, 1169 (9th Cir. 2022) (citing *Cal. Teachers Ass'n v. State Bd. of Educ.*, 271 F.3d 1141, 1150 (9th Cir. 2001)).
- 104. A criminal regulation is unconstitutionally vague if the regulation (1) "fails to provide a person of ordinary intelligence fair notice of what is prohibited" or (2) is "so standardless that it authorizes or encourages seriously discriminatory enforcement." *Id.* (quoting

- FCC v. Fox Television Stations, Inc., 567 U.S. 239, 254, 132 S. Ct. 2307, 183 L. Ed. 2d 234 (2012)).
 - 105. If the regulation fails to satisfy either test, it is unconstitutional. *Id*.
- 106. "[C]onstitutional vagueness analysis does *not* treat statutory text as a closed universe" meaning a court must consider legislative history, historical circumstances, related statutory provisions, and terminology. *State v. Castaneda*, 126 Nev. 478, 483, 245 P.3d 550, 553 (Nev. 2010) (emphasis in original) (finding that courts may look to a word's ordinary meaning or a common law definition when conducting a vagueness analysis); *Heppner v. Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.*, 665 F.2d 868, 870–71 (9th Cir. 1981) (finding that courts may look to a word's plain meaning, legislative history, and circumstances surrounding the passage of the law when conducting a vagueness analysis); *People v. Superior Court (J.C. Penney Corp., Inc.)*, 246 Cal. Rptr. 3d 128, 387–88 (Cal. Dist. Ct. App. 2019) (finding that courts may look to a word's plain meaning, related statutory provisions, legislative history, and wider historical circumstances around the enactment of the law when conducting a vagueness analysis).
- 107. CCC 16.13.030 bans everyone from "stop[ping] or stand[ing] within any Pedestrian Flow Zone." CCC 16.13.030.
 - 108. CCC 16.13.030 is vague for two reasons.
- 109. First, CCC 16.13.030 is vague because the term "stop or stand" does not provide a person of ordinary intelligence fair notice of what conduct is prohibited.
- 110. "A fundamental principle in our legal system is that laws which regulate persons or entities must give fair notice of conduct that is forbidden or required." *Fox Television Stations*, *Inc.*, 567 U.S. at 253.
- 111. People "should know what is required of them so they may act accordingly." *Butcher*, 38 F.4th at 1168 (citing *Fox Television Stations*, 567 U.S. at 253).
- 112. "The terms of a law cannot require 'wholly subjective judgments without statutory definitions, narrowing context, or settled legal meanings." *Tingley*, 47 F.4th at 1089 (quoting *Holder v. Humanitarian L. Project*, 561 U.S. 1, 20, 130 S. Ct. 2705, 177 L. Ed. 2d 355 (2010)).

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- ²⁰ @ClarkCountyNV, *supra* note 16.
- ²¹ Clark County, *supra* note 2, at 1:04:12.
- ²² *Id.* at 1:14:48.

- 113. A person need only to "stop or stand" on a pedestrian bridge for the conduct to violate CCC 16.13.030.
 - 114. CCC 16.13.030 does not define "stop" or "stand."
- 115. When a word has not been defined in the law, courts "consider its 'ordinary, dictionary meaning." *Finnigan v. United States*, 2 F.4th 793, 804 (9th Cir. 2021) (quoting *In re Roman Cath. Archbishop of Portland in Or.*, 661 F.3d 417, 432 (9th Cir. 2011)).
- 116. Merriam-Webster defines "stop" as "to cease activity or operation." Merriam-Webster, *Stop*, https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stop (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).
- 117. Merriam-Webster defines "stand" as "to support oneself on the feet in an erect position." Merriam-Webster, *Stand*, https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stand (last visited Dec. 9, 2024).
- 118. On its face, CCC 16.13.030 only exempts people from the prohibition on "standing" or "stopping" "if [a person] stop[s] or stand[s] while waiting for access to an elevator or escalator for purposes of entering or exiting a Pedestrian Flow Zone." CCC 16.13.030.
- 119. However, CLARK COUNTY and law enforcement officials have stated that CCC 16.13.030 does not apply under other circumstances where a person would be stopping or standing on a pedestrian bridge.
- 120. CLARK COUNTY has represented that CCC 16.13.030 does not apply to people who stop or stand if they are taking photographs.²⁰
- 121. CLARK COUNTY officials have represented that CCC 16.13.030 does not apply to people who stop or stand if they are observing Las Vegas Boulevard.²¹
- 122. CLARK COUNTY officials have represented that CCC 16.13.030 does not apply to people who stop or stand if they are waiting for picketers and other protests occurring at street level.²²

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- 124. As CCC 16.13.030 does not identify these circumstances as exceptions to its prohibition on "standing" or "stopping", these circumstances must not be included in the terms "standing" and "stopping" under CCC 16.13.030, meaning that "standing" and "stopping" as used in CCC 16.13.030 must not align with the common use of those terms.
- 125. As "standing" and "stopping" as used in CCC 16.13.030 does not align with the common understanding of those terms and the terms are not defined by Clark County Code, people do not have fair notice as to what constitutes criminal activity under CCC 16.13.030 in violation of the United States and Nevada Constitutions.
- 126. CCC 16.13.030 is also vague because it invites seriously discriminatory enforcement.
- 127. "[L]aws must provide proper 'precision and guidance' to ensure that 'those enforcing the law do not act in an arbitrary or discriminatory way." *Butcher*, 38 F.4th at 1168 (quoting *Fox Television Stations*, 567 U.S. at 253).
- 128. "A law is void for vagueness if it 'lack[s] any ascertainable standard for inclusion and exclusion." *Tingley*, 47 F.4th at 1090 (quoting *Kashem*, 941 F.3d at 374).
- 129. Vague laws concerning speech in particular "poses heightened risks of arbitrary enforcement, inviting disparate treatment of less popular speakers or viewpoints." *Butcher*, 38 F.4th at 1169 (citing *NAACP v. Button*, 371 U.S. 415, 435, 83 S. Ct. 328, 9 L. Ed. 2d 405 (1963) ("[A] vague and broad statute lends itself to selective enforcement against unpopular causes.")).
- 130. Vague laws must be invalidated to prevent standardless sweeps that would allow law enforcement, prosecutors, and juries to pursue "personal predilections." *Williams v. Skolnik*, 2008 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 98777, *10–*11 (D. Nev. Oct. 30, 2008) (quoting *Kolendar v. Lawson*, 461 U.S. 352, 358 (1983)).

- 131. Commissioner Gibson said that law enforcement officials may "exercise their discretion" to enforce CCC 16.13.030.
- 132. As stated by LVMPD's representative Undersheriff Walsh and Clark County Sheriff McMahill, law enforcement officers will not enforce CCC 16.13.030 against all who stop or stand on the pedestrian bridges.
- 133. Sheriff McMahill has said law enforcement will allow people to stop or stand on the pedestrian bridges if engaging in certain activities, such as taking photographs, but Commissioner McCurdy has said law enforcement will enforce CCC 16.13.030 against those engaging in protected activities, such as street performing.
- 134. "Absent objective standards, government officials may use their discretion to interpret the policy as a pretext for censorship." *Hopper v. City of Pasco*, 241 F.3d 1067, 1077 (9th Cir. 2001).
- 135. CLARK COUNTY and law enforcement officials have stated that it will enforce CCC 16.13.030 in a discriminatory manner in violation of the United States and Nevada Constitutions.

B. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 1, SECTION 8 OF THE NEVADA CONSTITUTION

- 136. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 135 as though fully set forth herein.
- 137. Article 1, Section 8(2) of the Nevada Constitution provides: "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Nev. Const. art. 1, § 8(2).
- 138. Nevada's due process clause is coextensive with the due process clause found in the United States Constitution. *Hernandez v. Bennett-Haron*, 128 Nev. 580, 587, 287 P.3d 305, 310 (2012) ("[T]he similarities between the due process clauses contained in the United States and Nevada Constitutions permit us to look to federal precedent for guidance.").
- 139. This cause of action incorporates by reference all allegations and legal authority from Paragraphs 100 through 135.

- C. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION (FACIAL CHALLENGE FOR ALL PLAINTIFFS; AS APPLIED CHALLENGE FOR PLAINTIFFS SUMMERS AND POLOVINA)
- 140. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1 139 as though fully set forth herein.
- 141. The First Amendment provides that "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech." U.S. Const. amend I.
 - i. The pedestrian bridges are traditional public forums.
- 142. "[P]ublic streets and sidewalks have been used for public assembly and debate, the hallmarks of a traditional public forum." *Frisby v. Schultz*, 487 U.S. 474, 480 (1988).
- 143. "The protections afforded by the First Amendment are nowhere stronger than in streets and parks, both categorized for First Amendment purposes as traditional public fora." *Berger v. City of Seattle*, 569 F.3d 1029, 1035–36 (9th Cir. 2009) (citations omitted).
- 144. "Sidewalks, of course, are among those areas of public property that traditionally have been held open to the public for expressive activities and are clearly within those areas of public property that may be considered, generally without further inquiry, to be public forum property." *United States v. Grace*, 461 U.S. 171, 179 (1983).
- 145. "A thoroughfare sidewalk, seamlessly connected to public sidewalks at either end and intended for general public use" is "a public sidewalk, and consequently, a traditional public forum from which [private owners] have no right to exclude members of the public." *Perez-Morciglio v. Las Vegas Metro. Police Dep't*, 820 F. Supp. 2d 1100, 1111 (D. Nev. 2011) (citing *Venetian Casino Resort, L.L.C. v. Loc. Joint Exec. Bd. of Las Vegas*, 45 F. Supp. 2d 1027, 1036 (D. Nev. 1999)).
- 146. "[T]he intent of a government to create a nonpublic forum has no direct bearing upon traditional public forum status." *Am C.L. Union of Nev. v. City of Las Vegas*, 333 F.3d 1092, 1104 (9th Cir. 2003).

- 147. "The sidewalks along the Las Vegas Strip dedicated to public use are public fora." *Santopietro v. Howell*, 73 F. 4th 1016, 1024 (9th Cir. 2023).
- 148. The pedestrian bridges are part of the public sidewalk system in the resort corridor. CCC 16.13.010.
- 149. The government bears "an extraordinarily heavy burden" when it seeks to regulate free speech in a traditional public forum. *Am. C.L. Union of Nev. v. City of Las Vegas*, 333 F.3d 1092, 1098 (9th Cir. 2003) (internal quotation marks omitted).

ii. Plaintiff SUMMERS's and POLOVINA's as applied challenges.

- 150. To establish a successful as applied challenge, a plaintiff "must show only that the statute unconstitutionally regulates plaintiffs' own speech." *Italian Colors Rest. v. Becerra*, 878 F.3d 1165, 1175 (9th Cir. 2018).
- 151. For years, Plaintiff SUMMERS has played the violin, a protected First Amendment activity, on the pedestrian bridges.
 - 152. SUMMERS plays the violin standing still, as that instrument is traditionally played.
- 153. While playing the violin, Plaintiff SUMMERS also solicits tips for his performances, an activity also protected by the First Amendment, by propping open his violin case and using a sign asking for tips.
- 154. As the violin is a string instrument and thus has a lower volume, Plaintiff SUMMERS uses amplified sound when performing to ensure that people passing by could hear him; use of amplified sound in this manner is also a protect activity.
- 155. The fact that the pedestrian bridges have less ambient noise than the street level sidewalks is a reason SUMMERS performed on the bridges rather than the lower sidewalks.
- 156. The pedestrian bridges are also safer for SUMMERS to play on because there is no risk that he will be pushed into vehicular traffic while performing on the edge of the sidewalk to avoid obstructing people passing by.
- 157. Plaintiff SUMMERS cannot play the violin, solicit tips, or use amplified sound while moving.

In performing, SUMMERS also seeks to have other people stop to listen to his

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- 160. CCC 16.13.030 prevents SUMMERS from playing the violin on the pedestrian bridges because CCC 16.13.030 bans him from remaining stationary while playing as he has always done.
- 161. CCC 16.13.030 prevents SUMMERS from performing violin on the pedestrian bridges because SUMMERS is playing the violin to encourage people passing by to stop to listen to him and CCC 16.13.030 prohibits him from doing so.
- 162. CCC 16.13.030 prevents SUMMERS from performing violin on the pedestrian bridges with amplified sound because SUMMERS cannot play a violin with both hands and simultaneously carry a speaker.
- 163. CCC 16.13.030 prevents SUMMERS from soliciting tips on the pedestrian bridges because he cannot carry his violin case to collect tips and play his violin simultaneously.
- 164. CCC 16.13.030 prevents SUMMERS from soliciting tips on the pedestrian bridges because SUMMERS necessarily needs people to stop before they can (1) determine whether to give him a tip and (2) take out their money to put a tip in his case.
 - 165. SUMMERS now performs on the street level sidewalks.
- 166. Fewer people can hear SUMMERS music due to ambient traffic noise at street level.
- 167. SUMMERS is less safe performing on the street level sidewalks due to concerns related to vehicular traffic.
- 168. But for CCC 16.13.030, SUMMERS would continue to perform the violin with a speaker while soliciting tips on the pedestrian bridges.
- 169. Prior to the passage of CCC 16.13.030, Plaintiff POLOVINA played the cello, a protected First Amendment activity, on the pedestrian bridges.

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- 174. The pedestrian bridges are also safer for POLOVINA to play on because there is no risk that he will be pushed into vehicular traffic while performing on the edge of the sidewalk to avoid obstructing people passing by.
- 175. Plaintiff POLOVINA cannot play the cello, solicit tips, or use amplified sound while moving.
 - 176. In performing, POLOVINA seeks to have other people stop to listen to his music.
- 177. In soliciting tips, POLOVINA seeks to have other people stop to take out their wallet to drop some money into his cello case.
- 178. CCC 16.13.030 prevents POLOVINA from performing the cello on the pedestrian bridges because it bans him from standing still while playing, which is necessary to play the cello.
- 179. CCC 16.13.030 prevents POLOVINA from performing the cello on the pedestrian bridges because POLOVINA is playing the cello to encourage people passing by to stop to listen to him.
- 180. CCC 16.13.030 prevents POLOVINA from performing the cello on the pedestrian bridges with amplified sound because POLOVINA cannot play a cello with both hands and simultaneously carry a speaker.

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- 181. CCC 16.13.030 prevents POLOVINA from soliciting tips on the pedestrian bridges because he cannot carry his cello case to collect tips and play his cello simultaneously.
- 182. CCC 16.13.030 prevents POLOVINA from soliciting tips on the pedestrian bridges because POLOVINA necessarily needs people to stop before they can (1) determine whether to give him a tip and (2) take out their money to put a tip in his case.
- 183. After the passage of CCC 16.13.030, POLOVINA attempted to continue performing on the pedestrian bridges as he did before its passage.
- 184. POLOVINA was warned by LVMPD officers that his performance violated CCC 16.13.030, and if he did not cease performing, the officers would cite POLOVINA for violating the ordinance.
 - 185. POLOVINA now performs on the street level sidewalks.
- 186. Fewer people can hear POLOVINA's music due to the ambient traffic noise at street level.
- 187. POLOVINA receives fewer tips performing on the street level sidewalks than he did when he was performing on the pedestrian bridges.
- 188. POLOVINA is less safe performing on the street level sidewalks due to concerns related to vehicular traffic.
- 189. But for CCC 16.13.030, POLOVINA would continue to perform the cello with a speaker while soliciting tips on the pedestrian bridges.

iii. All Plaintiffs' facial challenges.

- 190. "[A] law may be invalidated under the First Amendment overbreadth doctrine if 'a substantial number of its applications are unconstitutional, judged in relation to the statute's plainly legitimate sweep." *Arce v. Douglas*, 793 F.3d 968, 984 (9th Cir. 2015) (quoting *United States v. Stevens*, 559 U.S. 460, 473, 130 S. Ct. 1577, 176 L. Ed. 2d 435 (2010)).
- 191. As seen in news reports and studies, people have engaged in significant amount of First Amendment activity on the pedestrian bridges for years, including performances, soliciting, handbilling, and protesting on the pedestrian bridges.

- 192. CCC 16.13.030 bans all stopping and standing on pedestrian bridges whether or not the stopping or standing is intrinsically connected to a First Amendment activity.
- 193. CCC 16.13.030 bans all stopping or standing on the pedestrian bridges whether or not the stopping or standing is related to other criminal activity.
- 194. CCC 16.13.030 bans all stopping or standing on the pedestrian bridges whether or not the stopping or standing is actually obstructing or otherwise interfering with pedestrian traffic crossing over the bridge.
- 195. A performer cannot engage in any form of performance that requires the performer to stay stationary such as playing the cello or drums.
- 196. A solicitor cannot ask a passerby to stop to pull out their wallet or stop themselves to collect an offered tip.
 - 197. A handbiller cannot stop to hand their bills to someone passing by.
- 198. Protesters may not pause to post up flyers on the bridge's walls, chant their protest, hold up their signs for people to read, or engage with people passing that have questions about the protest's purpose.
- 199. Anyone who wants to listen to a performer, pull out their wallet for a solicitor, take a leaflet from a handbiller, engage with a protest, or otherwise listen to protected First Amendment activity is effectively barred from doing so on a pedestrian bridge.
- 200. Through its ban on all stopping and standing without exception for First Amendment activity, CCC 16.13.030 prevents any meaningful engagement between a performer, solicitor, a handbiller, or a protester and their audience, the ordinance necessarily prevents a significant amount of constitutional activity from occurring on the pedestrian bridges and so is subject to facial challenge by the Plaintiffs.
 - iv. The County cannot satisfy the requisite scrutiny to survive Plaintiffs' challenges.
- 201. CLARK COUNTY has banned all stopping or standing on the pedestrian bridges with no exception for performances, soliciting, handbilling, or protests.

- 202. CLARK COUNTY has banned any action intended to cause someone else to stop or stand for any reason on the pedestrian bridges, including actions otherwise protected by the First Amendment such as performing, soliciting, handbilling, or protesting.
- 203. CLARK COUNTY has banned activities that receive the highest protections under the First Amendment.
- 204. Commissioner McCurdy said that CCC 16.13.030 should be enforced against musical street performers and show girls on the pedestrian bridges.
- 205. Sheriff McMahill said CCC 16.13.030 will not be enforced against tourists stopping to take pictures on the pedestrian bridges.
- 206. Regulations that limit protected expressive activity but offer exemptions from regulation based on who engages in the expressive activity violate the First Amendment. *Perry v. Los Angeles Police Dep't*, 121 F.3d 1365, 1371–72 (9th Cir. 1997).
- 207. On its face, CCC 16.13.030 is content neutral because it impacts speech and expressive conduct on the pedestrian bridges regardless of the content.
- 208. Content neutral restrictions on speech in traditional public forums are permissible when it is a reasonable restriction of the time, place, and manner of speech. *Ward v. Rock Against Racism*, 491 U.S. 781, 791 (1989).
- 209. The government may impose reasonable content neutral restrictions on the time, place, and manner of protected speech in public forums when intermediate scrutiny is satisfied by (1) serving a significant government interest, (2) being narrowly tailored, and (3) leaving open ample alternative channels for communication. *Id.*; *Pac. Coast Horseshoeing Sch., Inc. v. Kirchmeyer*, 961 F.3d 1062, 1068 (9th Cir. 2020).
- 210. The government bears the evidentiary burden to prove that a content neutral restriction satisfies each of these requirements. *Berger v. City of Seattle*, 569 F.3d 1029, 1035 (9th Cir. 2009).

- 211. "[The government] is not free to foreclose expressive activity in public areas on mere speculation about danger." *Bay Area Peace Navy v. United States*, 914 F.2d 1224, 1227 (9th Cir. 1990).
- 212. The government cannot provide speculative or hypothetical concerns as a basis for infringing upon rights. *Id.*; *Carachuri-Rosendo v. Holder*, 560 U.S. 563, 581 (2010) (rejecting the government's reasoning to deport a lawful resident as "hypothetical," "misleading," and "speculative"); *Pub. Employees' Ret. Sys. v. Reno Newspapers, Inc.*, 129 Nev. 833, 839 (2013) (finding that the government may not withhold public records based on "hypothetical and speculative" concerns); *Craven v. Univ. of Colo. Hosp. Auth.*, 260 F.3d 1218, 1227–28 (10th Cir. 2001) (reiterating that the government must "articulate specific concerns" and not "rely on purely speculative allegations" when regulating an employee's speech); *United States v. Lymon*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 170816, *6–*7 (D.N.M. Dec. 9, 2016) (holding the government cannot delay sentencing of a defendant by relying on a "remote possibility").
- 213. All three factors must be satisfied for a restriction of First Amendment activity to survive. *Ward*, 491 U.S. at 791.
 - 214. CCC 16.13.030 does not serve a significant government interest.
- 215. If CCC 16.13.030 does serve a significant government interest, it is not narrowly tailored to a legitimate significant government interest as it bans all "standing" or "stopping" on the pedestrian bridges for any purpose other than to wait for the escalator or elevator.
- 216. Even if CCC 16.13.030 was narrowly tailored to serve a significant government interest, it still does not leave open ample alternative channels for communication because the only alternatives for people wanting to engage in protected activity is in less visible and more dangerous areas of the resort corridor.

D. FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 1, SECTION 9 OF THE NEVADA CONSTITUTION

217. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1-216 as though fully set forth herein.

- 218. Article 1, Section 9 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "Every citizen may freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects being responsible for the abuse of that right; and no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press." Nev. Const. art. 1, § 9.
- 219. The protections offered by Article 1, Section 9 are "co-extensive to" those offered by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. *S.O.C., Inc. v. Mirage Casino-Hotel*, 117 Nev. 403, 415, 23 P.3d 243, 251 (2001).
- 220. This cause of action incorporates by reference all allegations and legal authority from Paragraphs 142 through 216.

VI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Plaintiff seeks judgment as follows:

- A. Declaratory relief that CCC 16.13.030 violates the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution;
- B. Declaratory relief that CCC 16.13.030 violates Article 1, Section 8 of the Nevada Constitution;
- C. Declaratory relief that CCC 16.13.030 violates the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;
- D. Declaratory relief that CCC 16.13.030 violates Article 1, Section 9 of the Nevada Constitution;
- E. Injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from enforcing CCC 16.13.030;
- F. Costs and attorneys' fees; and
- G. Any further relief the Court deems appropriate.

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