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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

8 PATRICK STEPHEN DAVIS)
9 Plaintiff,) Case No. 3:13-CV-00559-MMD-WGC
10 vs.)
11 STATE OF NEVADA ET AL;) **MOTION FOR PERMISSIVE JOINDER**
12 Defendants) **AND MOTION TO AMEND**

13 COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, in proper person and on his own behalf, and respectfully
14 requests the Court to allow additional Plaintiffs and grant his Motion for Permissive Joinder and
15 Motion to Amend in the above entitled action. Plaintiff and the additional Plaintiffs, each
16 individually upon their own motion for joinder, seek redress for their joint claims for relief
17 against Defendants, and each of them, individually and in their official capacities, jointly and
18 severally, based upon knowledge, information, and reasonable belief derived therefrom. This
19 Motion for Permissive Joinder and Motion to Amend is based on Fed. R. Civ. P. 15; Fed. R. Civ.
20 P. 19; Fed. R. Civ. P. 20; Fed. R. Civ. P. 21; the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities
21 and all other papers and pleadings filed therein.

22 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

23 This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal Constitutional violations that
24 have been and will be alleged in an amended Complaint that will be filed by all Plaintiffs if this
25 Motion for Permissive Joinder and Motion to Amend is granted. Jurisdiction is granted to this
26 Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 1343. All of the Plaintiff's causes of action arise under
27 42 U.S.C. § 1981; 42 U.S.C. § 1983; 42 U.S.C. § 1985; 42 U.S.C. § 1986; 42 U.S.C. § 1988; and
28 are due to the deprivation by Defendants of all Plaintiff's rights, privileges and immunities
secured to them under the First; Fourth; Fifth; Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United
States Constitution.

1 This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over all Plaintiff's causes of action arising under
2 Nevada state law pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367. This court has jurisdiction to issue injunctive
3 and declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

4 Venue lies in the Northern Division of the United States District Court for the District of
5 Nevada pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2). The causes of action
6 alleged herein arise from factual allegations occurring in this judicial district. One or more of the
7 Defendants is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, and the underlying acts, omissions,
8 events, injuries and related facts upon which the present action is based occurred in Washoe
9 County, Nevada.

10 On information and belief, it is alleged that all causes of action were committed in this
11 judicial district; it is alleged that each of the named Defendants reside and work in this judicial
12 district; and individually, each of the Plaintiff's seeking joinder resides in this judicial district, or
13 in the State of Nevada.

14 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

15 Plaintiff has brought this action against Defendants based on various statutes, directives,
16 Policy and Procedure, custom and usage, and occurrences as imposes and applied to him and
17 others in regards to his or their status or non-status as an offender serving the **civil** sentence of
18 Lifetime Supervision. The instant action is for monetary damages; declaratory and injunctive
19 relief brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1981, 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1988; violations of the First,
20 Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; violations of
21 the Constitution of the State of Nevada; and violations of the laws of the State of Nevada, against
22 the named Defendants. These Defendants include the Chairman of the Board of Parole
23 Commissioners; the Director and Officers of the Nevada Department of Public Safety; the Chief
24 and Officers of the Nevada Division of Parole and Probation; in their individual and official
25 capacities, and is also a complaint against the State of Nevada; the Nevada Attorney General; the
26 Nevada Department of Public Safety; and the Nevada Division of Parole and Probation.

27 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

28 **I. INTRODUCTION**

Plaintiff respectfully requests the Court to allow permissive joinder in the instant action
to all additional Plaintiffs based on various causes of action that are similar to or are based on the
same or similar arguments and sets of circumstances as the original Plaintiff in the above entitled

1 action and original complaint. In the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, on page 13, lines 16-28,
2 the Defendants argue that Plaintiff does not have standing to bring this suit against them as the
3 actions being contested were actually performed against other parties, who now wish to join this
4 action as additional Plaintiffs. In order to protect all of the constitutional rights, privileges and
5 immunities granted to all of the Plaintiffs by the United States and Nevada Constitutions; and in
6 the interests of judicial economy, Plaintiff seeks to allow permissive joinder and amendment to
7 all additional Plaintiffs in the above entitled action against Defendants. This is requested so that
8 a representative collection of Plaintiffs may be heard and a complete disposition made on the
9 merits of the instant case concerning the serious allegations of constitutional violations by the
10 Defendants.

11 **II. BACKGROUND**

12 Defendants have moved to dismiss the original complaint filed by Plaintiff on various
13 grounds including statute of limitations issues, sovereign and qualified immunity; failure to state
14 a justiciable claim, and for failure to properly join a party to the action. The Motion to Dismiss
15 and Opposition is pending before this Court.

16 **III. ARGUMENT**

17 The United States Supreme Court has championed the cause of litigants who file their
18 own lawsuits. It is well settled law that the allegations of such a [pro se] complaint, "however
19 inartfully pleaded" are held "to less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers,
20 Haines v. Kerner, 404 U.S. 519,520 (1972). See also Maclin v. Paulson, 627 F.2d 83, 86 (CA7
21 1980); French v. Heyne, 547 F.2d 994,996 (CA7 1976).

22 Such a complaint should not be dismissed for failure to state a claim unless it appears
23 beyond doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts in support of his claim which would
24 entitle him to relief. Haines, supra, at 520, 521. quoting Conley v. Gibson, 355 U.S. 41, 45, 46,
25 (1957). And, of course, the allegations of a complaint are generally taken as true for purposes of
26 a motion to dismiss. Cruz v. Beto, 405 U.S. 319,322 (1972).

27 Rule 8(f) provides that 'pleadings shall be so construed as to do substantial justice.' We
28 frequently have stated that *pro se* pleadings are to be given a liberal construction. Baldwin
County Welcome Center v. Brown, 466 U.S. 147,104 S. Ct. 1723, (1984).

In Rabin v. Dep't of State, 980 F. Supp. 116, No. 95-4310, (U.S. Dist. Ct. E.D. NY,
1997), the court noted that *pro se* plaintiffs should be afforded "special solicitude."

1 In the instant case, Plaintiff contends that if all allegations of constitutional violations are
2 to be taken as true, it is readily apparent to the Court that there are multiple and continuing
3 violations of many constitutional rights, privileges and immunities guaranteed to the Plaintiff and
4 all additional Plaintiffs who are seeking to join the action before this Court.

5 **1. Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs have standing and Plaintiffs and**
6 **Defendants are subject to jurisdiction by this Court.**

7 Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs are seeking declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant
8 to 28 U.S. C. § 2201, and 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Jurisdiction is granted to this Court pursuant to 28
9 U.S.C. § 1331 and 1343. Plaintiff's causes of action and all additional Plaintiffs causes of action
10 arise under 42 U.S.C. § 1981; 42 U.S.C. § 1983; 42 U.S.C. § 1985; 42 U.S.C. § 1986; 42 U.S.C.
11 § 1988; and are due to the deprivation by Defendants of all Plaintiff's rights, privileges and
12 immunities secured to them under the First; Fourth; Fifth; Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to
13 the United States Constitution.

14 This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over all Plaintiff's causes of action arising under
15 Nevada state law pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367. Plaintiff is allowed to seek Declaratory
16 Judgment under Nevada law in regards to the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act as outlined
17 in NRS 233 (inclusive) and specifically in NRS 233B.110, as stated below, which is pursuant to
18 chapter 30 (inclusive) of the Nevada Revised Statutes, which is partially stated below.

19 **NRS 233B.110 Declaratory judgment to determine validity or applicability**
20 **of regulation.**

21 1. The validity or applicability of any regulation may be determined in a proceeding
22 for a declaratory judgment in the district court in and for Carson City, or in and for
23 the county where the plaintiff resides, when it is alleged that the regulation, or its
24 proposed application, interferes with or impairs, or threatens to interfere with or
25 impair, the legal rights or privileges of the plaintiff. A declaratory judgment may be
26 rendered after the plaintiff has first requested the agency to pass upon the validity of
27 the regulation in question. The court shall declare the regulation invalid if it finds that
28 it violates constitutional or statutory provisions or exceeds the statutory authority of
the agency. The agency whose regulation is made the subject of the declaratory action
shall be made a party to the action.

1 2. An agency may institute an action for declaratory judgment to establish the
2 validity of any one or more of its own regulations.

3 3. Actions for declaratory judgment provided for in subsections 1 and 2 shall be in
4 accordance with the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act (chapter 30 of NRS), and
5 the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. In all actions under subsections 1 and 2, the
6 plaintiff shall serve a copy of the complaint upon the Attorney General, who is also
7 entitled to be heard.

(Added to NRS by 1965, 965; A 1969, 317; 1977, 1388).

8 AND

9 **NRS 30.030 Scope.** Courts of record within their respective jurisdictions shall
10 have power to declare rights, status and other legal relations whether or not further
11 relief is or could be claimed. No action or proceeding shall be open to objection on
12 the ground that a declaratory judgment or decree is prayed for. The declaration may
13 be either affirmative or negative in form and effect; and such declarations shall have
14 the force and effect of a final judgment or decree.

[1:22:1929; NCL § 9440].

15 **NRS 30.040 Questions of construction or validity of instruments, contracts
16 and statutes.**

17 1. Any person interested under a deed, written contract or other writings
18 constituting a contract, or whose rights, status or other legal relations are affected by a
19 statute, municipal ordinance, contract or franchise, may have determined any question
20 of construction or validity arising under the instrument, statute, ordinance, contract or
21 franchise and obtain a declaration of rights, status or other legal relations thereunder.

22 2. A maker or legal representative of a maker of a will, trust or other writings
23 constituting a testamentary instrument may have determined any question of
24 construction or validity arising under the instrument and obtain a declaration of
25 rights, status or other legal relations thereunder. Any action for declaratory relief
26 under this subsection may only be made in a proceeding commenced pursuant to the
27 provisions of title 12 or 13 of NRS, as appropriate.

[2:22:1929; NCL § 9441]—(NRS A 2009, 1636).

28 **NRS 30.050 Contract may be construed before or after breach.**

1 A contract may be construed either before or after there has been a breach thereof.
2 [3:22:1929; NCL § 9442].

3 **NRS 30.060 Declaration of rights in certain cases.**

4 1. Any person interested as or through an executor, administrator, trustee, guardian
5 or other fiduciary, creditor, devisee, legatee, heir, next of kin or cestui que trust, in the
6 administration of a trust, or of the estate of a decedent, an infant, lunatic or insolvent,
7 may have a declaration of rights or legal relations in respect thereto:

- 8 (a) To ascertain any class of creditors, devisees, legatees, heirs, next of kin or others;
9 (b) To direct the executors, administrators or trustees to do or abstain from doing any
10 particular act in their fiduciary capacity; or
11 (c) To determine any question arising in the administration of the estate or trust,
12 including questions of construction of wills, trusts and other writings.

13 Any action for declaratory relief under this section may only be made in a proceeding
14 commenced pursuant to the provisions of title 12 or 13 of NRS, as appropriate.
15 [4:22:1929; NCL § 9443]—(NRS A 2009, 1636).

16 **NRS 30.100 Supplemental relief.** Further relief based on a declaratory judgment
17 or decree may be granted whenever necessary or proper. The application therefor
18 shall be by petition to a court having jurisdiction to grant relief. If the application be
19 deemed sufficient, the court shall, on reasonable notice, require any adverse party
20 whose rights have been adjudicated by the declaratory judgment or decree, to show
21 cause why further relief should not be granted forthwith.

22 [8:22:1929; NCL § 9447].

23 **2. Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 20; Permissive Joinder is applicable to all
24 additional Plaintiffs in the instant case.**

25 Plaintiff asserts that permissive joinder is applicable as the Courts have ruled that persons
26 “may be joined in one action if any right to relief is asserted . . .with respect to or arising out of
27 the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences.” Fed. R. Civ. P.
28 20(a)(2). “The first prong, the ‘same transaction’ requirement, refers to similarity in the factual
background of a claim.” Coughlin v. Rogers, 130 F.3d 1348, 1350 (9th Cir. 1997). The “same
transaction” requirement is generally evaluated on a case-by case basis. Mosley v. Gen. Motors
Corp., 497 F.2d 1330, 1333 (8th Cir. 1974).

1 As a preliminary matter, the purpose of Rule 20(a)(2) is to promote judicial efficiency by
2 allowing a plaintiff to sue multiple defendants in one case regarding a single transaction or
3 occurrence. See 7 Charles A. Wright et al., *Fed. Prac. & Proc.* § 1651 (3d ed. 2001) (discussing
4 history of Rule 20 and noting that it codified common-law rule that defendants “could be sued
5 jointly or severally, at plaintiff’s option” (emphasis added)).

6 Whenever feasible, the persons materially interested in the subject of an action should be
7 joined as parties so that they may be heard and a complete disposition made.

8 **3. Permissive Joinder promotes judicial economy and trial convenience.**

9 Plaintiff’s motion seeks permissive joinder of parties and is governed by Federal Rule of
10 Civil Procedure 20(a), which provides in pertinent part that:

11 “[a]ll persons may join in one action as plaintiffs if they assert any right to relief
12 jointly, severally, or in the alternative in respect of or arising out of the same transaction,
13 occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences and if any question of law or fact
14 common to all these persons will arise in the action.”

15 “The purpose of [Rule 20(a)] is to promote trial convenience and expedite the final
16 determination of disputes, thereby preventing multiple lawsuits.” Mosley v. Gen. Motors Corp.,
17 497 F.2d 1330, 1332 (8th Cir. 1974); see also Bridgeport Music, Inc. v. 11C Music, 202 F.R.D.
18 229, 231(M.D. Tenn. 2001). This purpose is in accord with the underlying principle of the
19 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to permit “the broadest possible scope of action consistent with
20 fairness to the parties.” United Mine Workers of Am. v. Gibbs, 383 U.S. 715, 724, 86 S. Ct.
21 1130, 1138, 16 L. Ed. 2d 218 (1966).

22 The rule imposes two specific requisites to the joinder of parties:

23 (1) a right to relief must be asserted by, or against, each plaintiff or defendant relating to
24 or arising out of the same transaction or occurrence, or series of transactions or
25 occurrences; and

26 (2) some question of law or fact common to all the parties must arise in the action.

27 *Mosley*, 497 F.2d at 1333.

28 The common question test “does not require that all questions of law and fact raised by
the dispute be common. Yet, neither does it establish any qualitative or quantitative test of
commonality.” *Id.* at 1334. This test is usually easy to satisfy. *Bridgeport Music*, 202 F.R.D. at
231 (citing 4 James Wm. Moore et al., *Moore’s Federal Practice* ¶ 20.04 (3d ed. 1999)).

1 The transactional test “requires that, to be joined, parties must assert rights, or have rights
2 asserted against them, that arise from related activities – a transaction or an occurrence or a
3 series thereof.” *Bridgeport Music*, 202 F.R.D. at 231 (citations omitted). “The words
4 ‘transaction or occurrence’ are given a broad and liberal interpretation in order to avoid a
5 multiplicity of suits.” Lasa Per L’Industria Del Marmo Societa Per Azioni v. Alexander, 414 F.2d
6 143, 147 (6th Cir. 1969). The test is not easily applied and “generally requires a case by case
7 analysis.” *Bridgeport Music*, 202 F.R.D. at 232.

8 **4. Permissive Joinder is construed liberally and is strongly encouraged.**

9 That the claims of the Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs arise from the same or similar
10 sets of facts, namely, the Defendants failure to comply with the provisions of the United States
11 and Nevada Constitutions—does not make them “identical” claims. The mere fact that
12 Defendants argue that their Policy and Procedure overrides the conditions as set by the Board of
13 Parole Commissioners on Plaintiff, and overrides the United States and Nevada Constitutions on
14 additional Plaintiffs to be joined certainly bears strict scrutiny by this Court. The claims do,
15 however, provide sufficient grounds for the joinder of these claims in a single lawsuit. See Fed.
16 R. Civ. P. 20(a) (“All persons may join in one action as plaintiffs if they assert any right to relief
17 jointly, severally, or in the alternative in respect of or arising out of the same transaction,
18 occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences and if any question of law or fact common to
19 all these persons will arise in the action” (emphasis added)); see also Inman v. Commissioner,
20 871 F. Supp. 1275, 1276 (E.D. CA. 1994) (citing text).

21 Indeed, “joinder of claims, parties, and remedies is strongly encouraged” in order to
22 entertain “the broadest possible scope of action consistent with fairness to the parties.” United
23 Mine Workers v. Gibbs, 383 U.S. 715, 724 (1966); see also League to Save Lake Tahoe v. Tahoe
24 Regional Planning Agency; 558 F2d 914, 917 (9th Cir. 1977) (“permissive joinder is to be
25 construed liberally in order to promote trial convenience and to expedite the final determination
26 of disputes, thereby preventing multiple lawsuits”).

27 More fundamentally, Plaintiff argues that even if the several claims are identical, and
28 even if the additional Plaintiffs claims were jurisdictionally barred that would still not be grounds
to dismiss their viable federal claims. As Rule 20 expressly provides, “Judgment may be given
for one or more of the plaintiffs according to their respective rights to relief, and against one or
more Defendants according to their respective liabilities.” *Id.*

1 **5. Permissive Joinder does not cause prejudice or delay for the Defendants.**

2 Whether to allow permissive joinder is within the sound discretion of the district court.
3 Even if a plaintiff meets the requirements for permissive joinder under Rule 20(a), courts have
4 broad discretion to refuse joinder or to sever a case in order “to protect a party against
5 embarrassment, delay, expense, or other prejudice” Fed. R. Civ. P. 20(b). Coleman v.
6 Quaker Oats, 232 F.3d 1271, 1296 (9th Cir. 2000) (explaining that permissive joinder must
7 “comport with the principles of fundamental fairness”).

8 Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 20, joinder is proper if (1) the plaintiffs asserted a
9 right to relief arising out of the same transaction and occurrence and (2) some question of law or
10 fact common to all the plaintiffs will arise in the action. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 20(a); Desert
11 Empire Bank v. Insurance Co. of N. Am., 623 F.2d 1371, 1375 (9th Cir.1980). Even once these
12 requirements are met, a district court must examine whether permissive joinder would “comport
13 with the principles of fundamental fairness” or would result in prejudice to either side. *Desert*
14 *Bank*, 623 F.2d at 1375. Under Rule 20(b), the district court may sever the trial in order to avoid
15 prejudice.

16 In the instant case, the original Plaintiff and Defendants are awaiting a decision on the
17 Defendants Motion to Dismiss and Opposition, and no discovery has been granted due to a
18 Motion to Stay Discovery, which has not been opposed by the Plaintiff, therefore no
19 embarrassment, delay, expense, or other prejudice is possible or applicable at this early stage in
20 the proceedings. If permissive joinder and amendment of the original complaint is granted by
21 this Court to additional Plaintiffs at this time, and at this early stage in the proceedings, no harm
22 to Defendants is caused by the joinder.

23 **6. Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs are timely with respect to Permissive**
24 **Joinder.**

25 Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs are well within the timelines delineated to add
26 parties as set by the Rule 26(f) conference and discovery meeting. This meeting was held by the
27 parties in February, and the Plaintiff is concurrently filing a Motion for Discovery Plan and
28 Scheduling Order with Special Scheduling Review Requested. Permissive joinder of the parties
is well before the cutoff dates as notated in the concurrent Motion, which is stated as follows:

3. Amending the Pleadings and Adding Parties. The parties will have until at
least Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 90 days before the discovery cut-off date, to file any motions

1 to amend the pleadings or to add parties. This date exceeds the outside limit presumptively set
2 by LR 26-1(e)(2) by sixty days.

3 **7. Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs have standing with respect to Permissive**
4 **Joinder.**

5 Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs allege violations of their constitutional rights under
6 the Fourth Amendment pursuant to the United States Constitution; and Article 1, Section 18 of
7 the Nevada Constitution. Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs allege violations of their
8 constitutional rights under the First Amendment pursuant to the United States Constitution, and
9 Article 1, Section 9 of the Nevada Constitution in regards to government mandated speech.

10 Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs allegations and causes of actions fall within the
11 statutory timelines for tort actions in Nevada. In a continuing violation, such as the violations of
12 constitutional rights the Defendants are arguing are allowable under Policy and Procedure, the
13 two-year limitation period runs from the last act committed. Kosikowski v. Bourne, 659 F.2d
14 105, 106 (9th Cir. 1981).

15 Plaintiff and the additional Plaintiffs have met all elements of standing. To satisfy
16 Article III's standing requirements, a plaintiff must show "injury in fact, causation, and
17 redressability." Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555, 560-61 (1992). Continuous and
18 pervasive acts resulting in reasonable fear is enough for injury in fact. Friends of the Earth, Inc.
19 v. Laidlaw Env't Servs., 528 U.S. 167, 184-185 (2000).

20 In regards to violations of their constitutional rights under the Fourth Amendment
21 pursuant to the United States Constitution; and Article 1, Section 18 of the Nevada Constitution.
22 Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs allege that Directive 6.2.109 as applied, places them in
23 imminent invasion of their legally protected Fourth Amendment right, which is concrete and
24 particularized, the right to be free from unreasonable and suspicionless searches. The action can
25 be fairly traced to the Defendants as it is the Policy and Procedure that they operate under to
26 supervise offenders placed under their authority, which they also apply to any other person or
27 any other item not owned or in control of the offender that happens to be in a common area of
28 the residence, and which illegally supersedes the authority of the Nevada Board of Parole
Commissioners.

In challenges to statutes that threaten fundamental rights, the standing requirement does
not require a litigant to be prosecuted or actually threatened with prosecution before he may

1 challenge the statute. Virginia v. American Booksellers Ass'n, 484 U.S. at 389-90, (1988); Doe
2 v. Bolton, 410 U.S. 179, 188 (1973). Rather, a litigant need only show a "reasonable threat of
3 prosecution for conduct allegedly protected by the Constitution." Ohio Civil Rights Comm'n v.
4 Dayton Christian Schools, Inc., 477 U.S. 619, 625 (1986).

5 The State has correctly and succinctly argued that the United States Supreme Court has
6 established that there are certain minimal requirements that must be met before a party has
7 standing to bring an action before the court.

8 First, the plaintiff must have suffered an "injury in fact"—an invasion of a legally
9 protected interest which is:

10 (a) concrete and particularized, see Allen v. Wright, 468 U.S. 737,765, 104 S. Ct. 3315,
11 3327 (1984); Warth v. Seldin, 422 U.S. 490, 508, 95 S. Ct. 2197, 2210, 45 L.Ed.2d 343 (1975);
12 Sierra Club v. Morton, 405 U.S. 727, 740–741, n. 16, 92 S. Ct. 1361, 1368–1369, n. 16, 31
13 L.Ed.2d 636 (1972); and

14 (b) "actual or imminent, not 'conjectural' or 'hypothetical,' " *Whitmore, supra*, 495 U.S.,
15 at 155, 110 S. Ct., at 1723 (quoting Los Angeles v. Lyons, 461 U.S. 95, 102, 103 S. Ct. 1660,
16 1665, 75 L.Ed.2d 675 (1983)).

17 Second, there must be a causal connection between the injury and the conduct
18 complained of—the injury has to be "fairly ... trace[able] to the challenged action of the
19 defendant, and not ... th[e] result [of] the independent action of some third party not before the
20 court." Simon v. Eastern Ky. Welfare Rights Organization, 426 U.S. 26, 41–42, 96 S. Ct. 1917,
21 1926, 48 L.Ed.2d 450 (1976).

22 Third, it must be "likely," as opposed to merely "speculative," that the injury will be
23 "redressed by a favorable decision." *Id.*, at 38, 43, 96 S. Ct., at 1924, 1926. Lujan v. Defenders
24 of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555, 560-61, 112 S. Ct. 2130, 2136 (1992).

25 An injury in fact has occurred against all parties in regards to the Fourth Amendment as
26 described above and in the original complaint in Plaintiff's Seventh Cause of Action as it relates
27 to an illegal search by having in place a Policy and Procedure that allows this type of illegal and
28 suspicionless search as applied to Plaintiff and all other Plaintiffs who are seeking to join.

An injury in fact has occurred against all parties in regards to the First Amendment as
described in the original complaint in the Fifth Cause of Action that allows government
mandated speech and denial of all Plaintiffs First Amendment Rights as described on page 74-

1 77, paragraphs 400-422; and Sixth Cause of Action as described on page 78-81, paragraphs 423-
2 444.

3 An additional Plaintiff, who is filing her motion for permissive joinder regarding the
4 search of her cell phone, “for the express purpose of checking to see if a password was present
5 on the phone,” as the Defendants contend. Complaint (ECF No.1), p. 82, lines 8-10 and 14-15,
6 and some. The State argues that the original Plaintiff has not and cannot assert that his own rights
7 have been violated where the cell phone allegedly searched without permission belongs to
8 another.

9 Plaintiff and the additional Plaintiff have and will allege that the Defendants claimed that
10 he was in constructive possession of this cell phone when it was searched without his or his
11 wife’s permission. The State now disputes the assertion of constructive possession, and claims
12 that he has no legal standing in this instance, and is asking the Court to dismiss this claim.
13 However, as the aggrieved party, the additional Plaintiff does have uncontested standing in the
14 issue of the illegal search, and did not grant permission to the Officers for the illegal search, nor
15 was she asked to grant consent as Policy and Procedure of the Nevada Division of Parole and
16 Probation dictates.

17 Plaintiff has acknowledged that his conditions of Lifetime Supervision require that he
18 submit to a “search of his person, property under [his] control, or place of residence, by a Parole
19 Officer, at any time, of the day or night without a warrant, upon reasonable cause as ascertained
20 by the Parole Officer.” Complaint (ECF No.1), p. 84, lines 8-11. Plaintiff 1 argues that these
21 conditions as imposed and applied are constitutionally illegal, and imposed without due process,
22 which is one part of his actionable causes

23 The State argues that Plaintiff’s assertions on behalf of his wife and daughter, *see e.g. id.*
24 at 84-85, are not proper where he has expressly disavowed their desire to participate as parties in
25 these proceedings. *Id.* at 25, paragraph 134. Plaintiff argues that the context of the wording was
26 misapplied by the State, as it was always his wife’s intention to file a lawsuit in this matter.
27 After researching the federal rules of civil procedure, and understanding how the case would
28 probably be joined in actual fact by the Court, Plaintiff requests permissive joinder to be granted
to his wife, his family, and all additional Plaintiffs in the interests of judicial economy and
fundamental fairness. This would include all stated arguments by them, and to include
arguments related to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

1 Defendants argue that the Seventh Cause of Action should be dismissed on this basis as
2 they argue that Plaintiff lacks standing to complain about injuries suffered only by others,
3 Singleton v. Wulff, 428 U.S. 106, 113, 96 S. Ct. 2868, 2874 (1976) (federal courts must hesitate
4 before resolving a controversy, even one within their constitutional power to resolve, on the basis
5 of the rights of third persons not parties to the litigation) Barrows v. Jackson, 346 U.S. 249, 255,
6 73 S. Ct. 1031, 1034 (1953); see also Flast v. Cohen, 392 U.S. 83, 99 n. 20, 88 S. Ct. 1942, 1952
7 (1968); McGowan v. Maryland, 366 U.S. 420, 429, 81 S. Ct. 1101, 1106, 6 L.Ed.2d 393 (1961).

8 Plaintiff and all additional parties who will be filing Motions for Permissive Joinder
9 argue that The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 21: Misjoinder and Nonjoinder of Parties
10 states:

11 “Misjoinder of parties is not a ground for dismissing an action. On motion or on its own,
12 the court may at any time, on just terms, add or drop a party. The court may also sever any claim
13 against a party”.

14 Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs, on their own motion in each and every request for
15 permissive joinder and amendment, are requesting to be added at this time, and on just terms and
16 further request this Court to add additional parties and to amend the original complaint to the
17 instant action as identified above.

18 **8. Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiff’s Claims are within the Statute of** 19 **Limitations**

20 The State has correctly argued that the statute of limitations in a § 1983 suit is that
21 provided by the State for personal injury torts. Owens v. Okure, 488 U.S. 235, 249-250, 109 S.
22 Ct. 573 (1989); see also Wallace v. Kato, 549 U.S. 384, 387, 197 S. Ct 1091 (2006); Douglas v.
23 Noell, 567 F.3d 1103, 1109 (Ninth Cir. 2011). The statute of limitations for bringing a personal
24 injury tort action in Nevada is two years. Perez v. Seevers, 869 F.2d 425, 426 (9th Cir. 1989)
25 (per curiam_ (citing NRS 11.190(4)(c), (e)).

26 In most instances, the two year date is set from the time of the event, however, in certain
27 circumstances, the 2 year date can actually start much later than the actual instance in question.
28 The timeline for a person who has been falsely arrested “begins to run at the time the claimant
becomes detained pursuant to legal process.” Wallace v. Kato 549 U.S. 384, 397 (2007). “A
false imprisonment ends once the victim becomes held pursuant to [legal process] – when . . . he
is . . . arraigned on charges.” Id.

1 “[O]n the subject of the statute of limitations, [w]hat a complaint must plead is
2 enough to show that the claim for relief is plausible. Complaints need not anticipate defenses
3 and attempt to defeat them. The period of limitations is an affirmative defense. The Courts have
4 held many times that, because complaints need not anticipate defenses, Rule 12(b)(6) is not
5 designed for motions under Rule 8(c)(1).” Richards v. Mitcheff, 696 F.3d 635, 637-38 (7th Cir.
6 2012) (internal citations omitted); see also United States Gypsum Co. v. Indiana Gas Co., 350
7 F.3d 623 (7th Cir. 2003).

8 The issues presented in the instant case relate to actions performed by the Defendants on
9 October 31, 2011, October 31, 2012, October 31, 2013, and one of the illegal searches performed
10 on August 14, 2013, amongst other dates to be identified for the Court in the amended complaint
11 in regards to each additional Plaintiff. The present action was filed on October 4, 2013, and all
12 causes of actions relating to Plaintiff fall well within the statutes of limitations for tort actions in
13 Nevada, and therefore permissive joinder in the instant case is applicable.

14 **9. Qualified Immunity is not applicable for Defendants at this stage of Proceedings.**

15 The State argues that the Defendants retain qualified immunity in regards to this illegal
16 search and other Causes of Action and the original complaint should be dismissed. The
17 existence of an affirmative defense will not support a rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss for failure
18 to state a claim. Quiller v. Barclays, 727 F. 2d 1067, 1069, (11th Circuit 1984).

19 Even if the State is correct that qualified immunity exists in the instant case, and the
20 Court agrees, the qualified immunity would only apply to the § 1983 action for monetary
21 damages, not the declaratory and injunctive relief that Plaintiff and the additional Plaintiffs are
22 also seeking from the Court.

23 The Defendants have already admitted that they searched the cell phone of Plaintiff’s
24 spouse, who is seeking to join the instant action, a fact that is now not contested. In order to
25 make a claim for qualified immunity, the Defendants have to admit that the situation actually
26 happened; and then the Court must make a determination of whether the action was
27 constitutionally legal, and then whether or not qualified immunity would apply to that action.

28 In considering a defendant’s motion to dismiss based on qualified immunity, the district
court must examine the complaint to determine “whether under the most favorable version of the
facts alleged, defendants’ actions violate established law. Bennett v. Parker, 898 F 2d. 1530,
(11th Circuit 1990). Public officials performing their duties are shielded from liability so long as

1 their conduct does not breach "clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a
2 reasonable person would have known." Harlow v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 800, 818 (1982).

3 In other words, police officers are entitled to qualified immunity unless "(1) the officers'
4 conduct violates a federal statutory or constitutional right, and (2) the right was clearly
5 established at the time of the conduct, such that (3) an objectively reasonable officer would have
6 understood that the conduct violated that right." Knussman v. Maryland, 272 F.3d 625, 633 (4th
7 Cir. 2001).

8 The State argues that in assessing whether an official is entitled to immunity is a two
9 prong inquiry and Plaintiffs agree with this argument. Under the first prong, the Court asks
10 whether "[t]aken in the light most favorable to the party asserting the injury, do the facts alleged
11 show the officer's conduct violated a constitutional right?" Saucier v. Katz, 533 U.S. 194, 201,
12 121 S. Ct. 2151 (2001).

13 Under the second prong we examine whether the right was clearly established. *Id.* To be
14 "clearly established, the contours of the right must be sufficiently clear that a reasonable official
15 would understand that what he is doing violates the right. Anderson v. Creighton, 483 U.S. at
16 639, 107 S. Ct. 3034, (1987), (internal quotation marks omitted).

17 In other words, "existing precedent must have placed the statutory or constitutional
18 question beyond debate." Ashcroft v. al-Kidd, 563 U.S. ____, 131 S. Ct. 2074, 2083 (2011),
19 quoting Malley v. Briggs, 475 U.S. 335, 341, (1986). The court may examine either prong first,
20 considering the circumstances. Pearson v. Callahan, 555 U.S. at 236, 129 S. Ct. 808

21 A Government official's conduct violates clearly established law when, at the time of the
22 challenged conduct, "[t]he contours of [a] right [are] sufficiently clear" that every "reasonable
23 official would have understood that what he is doing violates that right." *Creighton*, 483 U.S. at
24 640, 107 S. Ct. 3034; see also Malley v. Briggs, 475 U.S. 335, 344-45, 106 S. Ct. 1092, 1098
25 (1986).

26 The Constitution of the United States is the pre-eminent law of the land. The Fourth
27 Amendment to the Constitution states:

28 "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against
unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but
upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the
place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

1 The Nevada Constitution in Article 1, Section 18 is similar in respect to the Fourth
2 Amendment of the United States Constitution and is stated as follows:

3 “ARTICLE. 1. - Declaration of Rights...Sec. 18. Unreasonable seizure and search;
4 issuance of warrants. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses,
5 papers and effects against unreasonable seizures and searches shall not be violated; and
6 no warrant shall issue but on probable cause, supported by Oath or Affirmation,
7 particularly describing the place or places to be searched, and the person or persons, and
8 thing or things to be seized.

9 The Fourth Amendment grew out of American colonial opposition to British search and
10 seizure practices, most notably the use of writs of assistance, which gave customs officials broad
11 latitude to search houses, shops, cellars, warehouses, and other places for smuggled goods. The
12 Honorable M. Blane Michael, Reading the Fourth Amendment: Guidance from the Mischief that
13 Gave it Birth, 85 N.Y.U.-5-L. Rev. 905, 907-09 (2010); see generally William J. Cuddihy, The
14 Fourth Amendment: Origins and Original Meaning 602-1791 (2009).

15 James Otis, a lawyer who challenged the use of writs of assistance in a 1761 case,
16 famously described the practice as "plac[ing] the liberty of every man in the hands of every petty
17 officer" and sounded two main themes: (1) "the need to protect the privacy of the home (what he
18 called the "fundamental . . . Privilege of House)," Michael, *supra*, at 908, and (2) "the inevitability
19 of abuse when government officials have the sort of unlimited discretion sanctioned by the writ,"
20 *Id.* at 909. The Supreme Court has described Otis's argument as "perhaps the most prominent
21 event which inaugurated the resistance of the colonies to the oppressions of the mother country."
22 Boyd v. United States, 116 U.S. 616, 625 (1886).

23 Today, a warrantless search is per se unreasonable under the Fourth Amendment, unless
24 one of "a few specifically established and well-delineated exceptions" applies. Arizona v. Gant,
25 556 U.S. 332, 338 (2009) (quoting Katz v. United States, 389 U.S. 347, 357 (1967)) (internal
26 quotation marks omitted). One of those exceptions allows the police, when they make a lawful
27 arrest, to search "the arrestee's person and the area within his immediate control." *Id.* at 339
28 (quoting Chimel v. California, 395 U.S. 752, 763 (1969)) (internal quotation marks omitted).

Plaintiff argues that the special sentence of Lifetime Supervision, a civil sentence placed
upon him by the State does not grant the authority to the Nevada Division of Parole and
Probation and its Officers to supersede the United States and Nevada Constitutions, and the

1 condition as set by the Nevada Board of Parole Commissioners as they apply to him or others.
2 Even if a person is in a common area of the residence, their person, papers, and effects shall not
3 be violated, without a warrant and without consent.

4 In United States v. Musgrove, 2011 WL 4356521 (E.D.Wis. 2011) (Joseph, M.J.) the
5 *legal question the Court had to decide was*: “When a computer is in screensaver mode, does a
6 police officer’s touching a key or moving the mousepad in order to reveal the contents of the
7 screen constitute a Fourth Amendment “search”?” The defendant in that case argued, among
8 other things, that taking his computer out of screensaver mode to see the Facebook Wall was a
9 “search” that required some sort of justification under the Fourth Amendment.

10 *Musgrove* was based on the fact that an Officer could search anything on a person that
11 had been arrested. In the instant case, Plaintiff 2 was not arrested, ruling out that argument
12 completely, and the Policy and Procedure of the Nevada Division of Parole and Probation does
13 not authorize third party searches, or consentless searches of a third party’s property.

14 The ruling by the Court decided that a search in *Musgrove* was a close call because the
15 officer did not actively open any files. A truly cursory inspection—one that involves merely
16 looking at what is already exposed to view, without disturbing it—is not a “search” for Fourth
17 Amendment purposes. Arizona v. Hicks, 480 U.S. 321, 328 (1987). However, the Court further
18 decided in *Musgrove* that this was not such a case. By touching a key or moving the mouse, the
19 officer put into view the Facebook wall, which was not previously in view. Though a close call,
20 the Court concludes that this was a search, however minimal, which required further authority, a
21 warrant or consent. The government submits that the officer’s manipulation of the computer was
22 for the purpose of seizing the computer, not to conduct a preliminary search. However, intent is
23 not generally relevant in assessing whether a search ensued. See, e.g., United States v. Mann,
24 592 F.3d 779, 784 (7th Cir.2010),(citing Platteville Area Apt. Ass’n v. City of Platteville, 179
25 F.3d 574, 580 (7th Cir.1999)). The Court ruled that the defendant’s Facebook wall was to be
26 suppressed due to an illegal search by the Officer.

27 In State v. Smith, 920 N.E.2d 949 (Ohio 2009), the Ohio Supreme Court distinguished
28 cell phones from other "closed containers" that have been found searchable incident to an arrest
and concluded that, because an individual has a high expectation of privacy in the contents of her
cell phone, any search thereof must be conducted pursuant to a warrant, *id.* at 955. And most
recently, in Smallwood v. State, __ So. 3d __, 2013 WL 1830961 (Fla. May 2, 2013), the

1 Florida Supreme Court held that the police cannot routinely search the data within an arrestee's
2 cell phone without a warrant, *id.* at *10. The court read *Gant* as prohibiting a search once an
3 arrestee's cell phone has been removed from his person, which forecloses the ability to use the
4 phone as a weapon or to destroy evidence contained therein. *Id.*

5 **10. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15 applies in the instant case to all Plaintiffs.**

6 Generally, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a) liberally allows for amendments to
7 pleadings. As no amendment has yet been filed in the instant case, due to Defendants Motion to
8 Dismiss, the Court should allow permissive joinder to any party who has (1) a right to relief
9 arising out of the same transaction and occurrence and (2) some question of law or fact common
10 to the plaintiffs will arise in the action.

11 If Defendants are not granted their Motion to Dismiss, Plaintiff has already requested of
12 this Court the right to amend the original complaint in his Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss,
13 and permissive joinder of parties at this time would be appropriate and applicable under this rule.

14 Under Rule 15(a), “[a] party may amend the party’s pleading once as a matter of course
15 at any time before a responsive pleading is served Otherwise a party may amend the party’s
16 pleading only by leave of court . . . ; and leave shall be freely given when justice so requires.”

17 Plaintiff contends that he is filing the present motion before the Defendants have served
18 their responsive pleadings. The Defendants have not yet filed answers to the original complaint
19 as Defendants have filed a Motion to Dismiss, which is not considered a responsive pleading
20 within the meaning of Rule 15(a). *Young v. Track, Inc.*, 324 F.3d 409, 415 n.6 (6th Cir. 2003).

21 Rule 15(a) allows amendment of the original complaint without the leave of the Court.
22 With respect to Rule 15(a), the courts are divided on the issue of whether, prior to service of a
23 responsive pleading, a party may amend its pleading under Rule 15(a) to add or drop parties
24 without first obtaining leave of court.

25 Some courts take the position that joining parties is governed by Rule 21, and that an
26 amended pleading that changes the parties requires leave of court even though it is filed before a
27 responsive pleading is served. See, e.g., *Williams v. United States Postal Serv.*, 873 F.2d 1069,
28 1072 n.2 (7th Cir. 1989); *United States ex rel. Tucker v. Thomas Howell Kiewit (USA) Inc.*, 149
F.R.D. 125, 126 (E.D. Va. 1993); *International Bhd. of Teamsters v. AFL-CIO*, 32 F.R.D. 441
(E.D. Mich. 1963).

1 Other courts and commentators, however, take the position that prior to service of a
2 responsive pleading, parties may amend pleadings under Rule 15(a) to add or drop parties
3 without leave of court. See, e.g., United States ex rel Precision Co. v. Koch Indus., Inc., 31 F.3d
4 1015, 1018-19 (10th Cir. 1994); Washington v. New York City Bd. of Estimate, 709 F.2d 792,
5 795 (2d Cir. 1983); McClellan v. Mississippi Power & Light Co., 526 F.2d 870, 872-73 (5th Cir.
6 1976), mod. in part on other grounds, 545 F.2d 919 (5th Cir. 1977); Matthews Metals Products,
7 Inc. v. RBM Precision Metal Products, Inc., 186 F.R.D. 581, 583 (N.D. Cal. 1999); 3 James Wm.
8 Moore et al., Moore's Federal Practice § 15.16[1] at 15-54 (3d ed. 2000).

9 Plaintiff and all others known Plaintiffs who are also in the process of filing their
10 Motions for Permissive Joinder and Motions to Amend at this time are not attempting to amend
11 the original complaint without leave of the Court. Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs in the
12 instant action before this court are respectfully requesting this Court to grant them leave to join
13 and amend the original complaint upon their Motions to the Court at the same time to promote
14 judicial economy.

15 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) provides that “[t]he court should freely give
16 leave [to amend a complaint] when justice so requires”. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). The district
17 court has the discretion to decide whether to grant Plaintiff leave to amend. Swanson v. U.S.
18 Forest Serv., 87 F.3d 339, 343 (9th Cir. 1996); Jordan v. County of Los Angeles, 669 F.2d 1311,
19 1324 (9th Cir.1982), vacated on other grounds, 459 U.S. 810 (1982). In its exercise of this
20 discretion, the court applies Rule 15 to “facilitate [a] decision on the merits, rather than on the
21 pleadings or technicalities.” U.S. v. Webb, 655 F.2d 977, 979 (9th Cir. 1981). Furthermore, the
22 court interprets the language for granting amendments under Rule 15 with “extreme liberality.”
23 Id.

24 When deciding whether to grant leave to amend, a court must consider: (1) whether the
25 amendment was filed with undue delay; (2) whether the movant has requested the amendment in
26 bad faith or as a dilatory tactic; (3) whether movant was allowed to make previous amendments
27 which failed to correct deficiencies of the complaint; (4) whether the amendment will unduly
28 prejudice the opposing party and; (5) whether the amendment is futile. See Eminence Capital,
LLC v. Aspeon, Inc., 316 F.3d 1048, 1052 (9th Cir. 2003) (citing Foman v. Davis, 371 US 178,
182 (1962)).

1 The five factors are not considered equally. Prejudice is the most important factor and is
2 given the most weight. *Eminence*, 316 F.3d at 1052. Therefore, “[a]bsent prejudice, or a strong
3 showing of any of the remaining *Foman* factors, there exists a presumption under Rule 15(a) in
4 favor of granting leave to amend.” Id. See also *Talwar v. Creative Labs, Inc.*, No. CV 05-3375,
5 2007 WL 1723609 (C.D. Cal. June 14, 2006) (finding the plaintiffs should be granted leave to
6 amend because additional discovery would not unduly prejudice the defendant and the defendant
7 did not make a strong enough showing of bad faith on the part of the plaintiffs or that the
8 plaintiffs requested leave to amend as a dilatory tactic, despite the suspect timing of the filing).

9 The Ninth Circuit has also held that one of the five *Foman* factors alone is not sufficient
10 to justify the denial of a request for leave to amend. The Ninth Circuit has found that undue
11 delay alone “is insufficient to justify denying a motion to amend” and has “reversed the denial of
12 a motion for leave to amend where the district court did not provide a contemporaneous specific
13 finding of prejudice to the opposing party, bad faith by the moving party, or futility of the
14 amendment.” *Bowles v. Reade*, 198 F.3d 752, 758 (9th Cir. 1999).

15 Courts give special consideration to pro se litigants requesting leave to amend a
16 complaint. “Courts are particularly reluctant to deny leave to amend to pro se litigants.” *Flowers*
17 *v. First Hawaiian Bank*, 295 F.3d 966, 976 (9th Cir. 2002). In particular, “[u]nless it is absolutely
18 clear that no amendment can cure the defect ... a pro se litigant is entitled to notice of the
19 complaint's deficiencies and an opportunity to amend prior to dismissal of the action.” *Lucas v.*
20 *Dept. of Corrections*, 66 F.3d 245, 248 (9th Cir. 1995).

21 **8. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 19 applies to all Plaintiffs in the instant case.**

22 Plaintiff argues that in the instant action, the Court should consider the effect of Rule 19
23 on the additional Plaintiffs as he argues that it applies to them. Plaintiff argues that Rule 19
24 should require them to be joined as additional parties in the above entitled action before this
25 Court.

26 The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 19: Required Joinder of Parties states:

27 (a) PERSONS REQUIRED TO BE JOINED IF FEASIBLE.

28 (1) *Required Party*. A person who is subject to service of process and whose joinder will
not deprive the court of subject-matter jurisdiction must be joined as a party if:

(A) in that person's absence, the court cannot accord complete relief among existing
parties; or

1 (B) that person claims an interest relating to the subject of the action and is so situated
2 that disposing of the action in the person's absence may:

3 (i) as a practical matter impair or impede the person's ability to protect the
4 interest; or

5 (ii) leave an existing party subject to a substantial risk of incurring double,
6 multiple, or otherwise inconsistent obligations because of the interest.

7 (2) *Joinder by Court Order*. If a person has not been joined as required, the court must
8 order that the person be made a party. A person who refuses to join as a plaintiff may be made
9 either a defendant or, in a proper case, an involuntary plaintiff.

10 (3) *Venue*. If a joined party objects to venue and the joinder would make venue improper,
11 the court must dismiss that party.

12 (b) WHEN JOINDER IS NOT FEASIBLE.

13 If a person who is required to be joined if feasible cannot be joined, the court must
14 determine whether, in equity and good conscience, the action should proceed among the existing
15 parties or should be dismissed. The factors for the court to consider include:

16 (1) the extent to which a judgment rendered in the person's absence might prejudice that
17 person or the existing parties;

18 (2) the extent to which any prejudice could be lessened or avoided by:

19 (A) protective provisions in the judgment;

20 (B) shaping the relief; or

21 (C) other measures;

22 (3) whether a judgment rendered in the person's absence would be adequate; and

23 (4) whether the plaintiff would have an adequate remedy if the action were dismissed for
24 nonjoinder.

25 (c) PLEADING THE REASONS FOR NONJOINDER.

26 When asserting a claim for relief, a party must state:

27 (1) the name, if known, of any person who is required to be joined if feasible but is not
28 joined; and

(2) the reasons for not joining that person.

(d) EXCEPTION FOR CLASS ACTIONS.

This rule is subject to Rule 23.

1 Plaintiff argues that Clause (1) of Rule 19 stresses the desirability of joining those
2 persons in whose absence the court would be obliged to grant partial or “hollow” rather than
3 complete relief to the parties before the court. The interests that are being furthered here are not
4 only those of the parties, but also that of the public in avoiding repeated lawsuits on the same
5 essential subject matter.

6 Clause (2)(i) recognizes the importance of protecting the person whose joinder is in
7 question against the practical prejudice to him which may arise through a disposition of the
8 action in his absence. Clause (2)(ii) recognizes the need for considering whether a party may be
9 left, after the adjudication, in a position where a person not joined can subject him to a double or
10 otherwise inconsistent liability. See Reed, *supra*, 55 Mich.L.Rev. at 330, 338; Note, *supra*, 65
11 Harv.L.Rev. at 1052–57; Developments in the Law, *supra*, 71 Harv.L.Rev. at 881–85.

12 Plaintiff further argues that if a person as described in subdivision (a)(1)(2) is amenable
13 to service of process and his or her joinder would not deprive the court of jurisdiction in the
14 sense of competence over the action, then they should be joined as a party; and if he or she has
15 not been joined, the court should order either of them to be brought into the action. If a party
16 joined has a valid objection to the venue and chooses to assert it, he or she will be dismissed
17 from the action. Plaintiff and all additional Plaintiffs do not raise an objection to venue and they
18 are not asserting one, and they do not wish to be dismissed from the instant action before this
19 Court.

20 **11. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 21 applies to all Plaintiffs in the instant case.**

21 Plaintiff argues that in the instant action, the Court should not grant the Motion to
22 Dismiss on the grounds raised by the Defendants of failure to properly join a party to the action.

23 The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 21: Misjoinder and Nonjoinder of Parties
24 states:

25 “Misjoinder of parties is not a ground for dismissing an action. On motion or on its own,
26 the court may at any time, on just terms, add or drop a party. The court may also sever any claim
27 against a party”.

28 A person may be added as a party at any stage of the action on motion or on the court's
initiative (see Rule 21); and a motion to dismiss, on the ground that a person has not been joined
and justice requires that the action should not proceed in his or her absence, may be made as late
as the trial on the merits (see Rule 12(h)(2), as amended; cf. Rule 12(b)(7), as amended).

1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

2 I hereby certify as the Plaintiff in Proper Person, that on March 10, 2014, I deposited for
3 mailing at Reno, Washoe County, Nevada, postage prepaid, a true copy of the foregoing
4 document, Motion for Permissive Joinder and Motion to Amend addressed to:

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