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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

13 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, OAKLAND DIVISION**

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15 MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,

16 Plaintiffs,

17 v.

18 GAVIN NEWSOM, et al.,

19 Defendants.

Case No. 4:01-cv-01351-JST

**UPDATE FROM CCPOA ON COVID-19
MITIGATION EFFORTS**

Date: April 29, 2020

Time: 9 a.m.

Crtrm.: 6, 2nd floor

The Hon. Jon S. Tigar

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21 The California Correctional Peace Officers' Association ("CCPOA" or "the Union")
22 applauds the efforts of the parties and the Court to address COVID-19 impacts in our prisons, as
23 reflected in the greatly reduced infection rates on CDCR's website "Population COVID-19
24 Tracking." (See <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/covid19/population-status-tracking/>.) The Union has
25 three short updates regarding its ongoing efforts.

26 **1. COVID MITIGATION ADVOCATE PROGRAM**

27 On April 1, 2021, the Union formally approved its participation in the CCHCS local
28 COVID-19 mitigation efforts. We have previously reported to the Court about the Union's

1 collaborative efforts with the CCHCS. Each institution will form a COVID Mitigation Team to
2 provide peer-level updates to staff about COVID-19 education and policies. CCPOA will shortly
3 sign a formal letter of endorsement of the program and communicate its support to its members. It
4 is hoped that other unions with employees in the prisons will get on board this effort.

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6 **2. DIRECT ADVOCACY TO MEMBERS FROM CCPOA SUPPORTING VACCINATIONS**

7 The Union is continuing its collaboration with the Goldman School of Public Policy.
8 Attached are three versions of an email that were sent by the Union, working in collaboration with
9 The People Lab, to CCPOA members to encourage members to get vaccinated. The first version
10 appeals to recipients as frontline workers, offers priority access to the vaccine, and provides links
11 to reserve a dose or learn more about the vaccine. (See Exhibit A.) The second version invites
12 recipients to “Join the millions of Americans who have already been vaccinated and get us over
13 the finish line.” (See Exhibit B.) It provides the same links to reserve a dose or learn more about
14 the vaccine. The third version confirms recipients eligibility to receive the vaccine and provides
15 links to indicate interest in receiving the vaccine or to learn more. (See Exhibit C.)

16 **3. VACCINES FOR CCPOA ATTORNEYS**

17 The Union wants to acknowledge the help of the Receiver and his Office in securing
18 access to vaccinations for its attorneys. CCPOA attorneys have continued to enter prison facilities
19 during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to fulfill their representational role to members subject to
20 investigative interviews. The Receiver’s support in getting the Union’s attorneys vaccinated is
21 deeply appreciated. (See Exhibit D [April 9 Letter from David Sanders to J. Clark Kelso].)

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Dated: April 27, 2021

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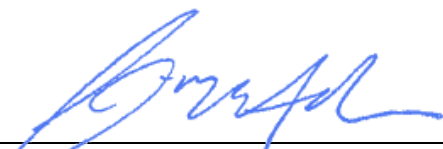
By 
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Exhibit A

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CCPOA

COVID-19 Vaccines are being rolled out across California but the supply is still limited and the waitlists are long. As a frontline worker, you are receiving priority access to the vaccine.

Don't lose your place!

A dose has been reserved for you. Claim it by clicking [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).

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Want to learn more about the COVID vaccines? Click [here](#) or [here](#).

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Exhibit B

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CCPOA

The pandemic has ravaged our prisons but there's hope.

- Thousands of scientists worked non-stop to develop the vaccine.
- Hundreds of thousands of people joined trials to make sure the vaccine is proven safe and effective.

Now it's your turn. **Join the millions of Americans who have already been vaccinated and get us over the finish line.**

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Exhibit C

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Notice: You are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine

We are pleased to inform you that you are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccines have been proven across multiple clinical trials to be safe and effective.

Please note that having COVID-19 previously does not protect you from contracting COVID-19 again and passing it on to your loved ones. Protect yourself and those around you by getting vaccinated.

If you are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please sign up either [here](#) or [here](#).

Thank you,

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Want to learn more about the COVID vaccines? Click [here](#) or [here](#).

ATTENTION MEMBER:

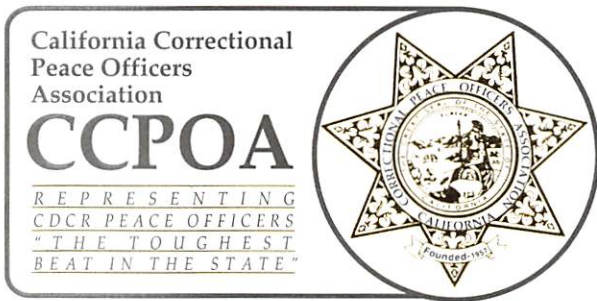
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Exhibit D



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April 9, 2021

J. Clark Kelso
Receiver For California Prison System
Office of the Receiver
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Vaccinations

Dear Receiver Kelso:

I write to express CCPOA's sincere appreciation for the steps taken by you and your team to permit our attorneys to receive vaccinations. As you know, many of our attorneys routinely enter prison facilities to represent our members in investigative interviews and other time-sensitive matters. Your team's willingness to make vaccines available to them not only aids our collective goal to make California's prisons safer but also provided comfort to our attorneys and their families.

CCPOA appreciates this further expression of your collaboration with our union.

Very truly yours,

David A. Sanders

cc. Jamie Dupree, Esq.
Gregg Adam, Esq.