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7	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
8		OF SAN BERNARDINO		
9	FOR THE COUNTY	OF SAIL DERIVARDING		
10	AUGUSTINE CALDERA,	CASE NO.: CIVDS 1000177		
11	· .	Assigned for all purposes to the Honorable Robert W. Fawke, Dept. S38		
12	Plaintiff,	FIRST-AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR:		
13	v. (
14	STATE OF CALIFORNIA; CALIFORNIA) DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND)	 Disability Discrimination 2. Harassment Based on Disability 		
15		3. Hostile Work Environment		
16	and Does I through 100, melasive,	4. Failure to Accommodate in Violation		
17		of California Government Code § 12940, et seq.		
18 19	Defendants,) 5. Retaliation for Engaging in Protected) Activity		
20	6. Failure to Prevent Discrimination and			
21	Harassment in Violation of Government Code § 12940, et seq.			
22		7. Failure to Investigate in Violation of Government Code § 12940, et seq.		
23		[DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL]		
24	Plaintiff, Augustine Caldera ("Plaintiff"), alleges as follows:			
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26	FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION			
27	1. Plaintiff, Augustine Caldera, is and was at all times during the events alleged in th			
28	Complaint, employed by the State of Californ	nia, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as		
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a Correctional Officer. Plaintiff has been so employed by the State of California since 1994 and at all times has been an exemplary employee.

- 2. Defendants, State of California, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "State of California"), is and was all times during the events alleged in this Complaint, a state entity duly authorized to do business in the County of San Bernardino, State of California. Defendant State of California is an "employer" as defined by *Government Code* §12900 *et. seq.* (hereinafter "FEHA"), in that Defendant regularly employed 5 or more persons and/or was a government municipality.
- 3. Defendant, James Grove, and Does 51 through 100, inclusive, were residents of San Bernardino County, State of California, and were either managers, supervisors, agents, employees and/or officers of defendant State of California, or alternatively, acted separately, individually, apart and outside of the course and scope of that agency and/or employment.
- 4. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as

 Does 1 through 100, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names.

 Plaintiff will ask this Court for leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and
 capacities when the same have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon
 alleges that each of the fictitiously named defendants is legally responsible in some manner for the
 events and happenings herein alleged, and that Plaintiff's damages as herein alleged were
 proximately caused by such conduct. Unless otherwise specified, the use of the term "defendants"
 throughout this Complaint refers to the named defendants and the DOE defendants, inclusively.
- 5. Plaintiff timely caused "Complaints of Discrimination" to be filed with the EEOC and California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and otherwise complied with the statutorily imposed administrative requirements prior to the commencement of this action.
- 6. Plaintiff has suffered from a stuttering disability since the age of 12. Over the years he has attended speech therapy and worked diligently to address and overcome the shame and anxiety brought on by his disability. The disability causes involuntary loss of coordination or control of the physical organs of speech, resulting in the physical blockage of speech. It is a condition that affects the "speech organs" and at times limits his ability to speak.

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7. Beginning prior to 2008 and continuing to the present, plaintiff has been discriminated against in the workplace because of his stuttering disability. For example, on at least five (5) separate occasions Sergeant James Grove mocked and mimicked plaintiff directly in front of plaintiff and others about his stuttering disability. On another occasion, after plaintiff sent a radio transmission to fellow officers, Sergeant Grove got on the radio and mimicked plaintiff's stutter. The radio broadcast went out to approximately 1,000 prison employees. On yet another occasion, on or about September 2, 2008, plaintiff was having a conversation with a co-worker about a meeting with a Lieutenant Neff and Captain Pattel when he stuttered over the words "Captain" and "Pattel". At that time, Sergeant James Grove turned and looked at plaintiff mockingly said "Ca Ca Caption Pa Pa Pateel" When plaintiff asked Sergeant Grove to stop mocking him, Sergeant Grover refused. Plaintiff then told Sergeant Grove that if he continued mocking him he would file a complaint against him. Sergeant Grove responded "I don't give a fu fu fuck, fi, fi, file on me. Make sure you get my name right." Several of plaintiff's co-workers witnessed plaintiff being mocked by Sergeant Grove. In addition to the multiple occasions in which plaintiff was mimicked and mocked to his face, plaintiff has been informed and believes that Sergeant Grove mocked and mimicked plaintiff's stuttering disability to others outside of plaintiff's presence on numerous occasions.

- 8. On September 2, 2008 plaintiff filed an internal complaint with the State of California, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in which he complained that that he was being discriminated against because of his disability and asking that Sergeant Grove's discriminatory actions be investigated.
- 9. In response to plaintiff's complaints about Sergeant Grover, Sergeant Grove was reassigned to a new position as plaintiff's direct supervisor. On September 25, 2008, plaintiff complained to defendants that the reassignment of Sergeant Grove to be his direct supervisor was retaliatory and would result in the creation of a hostile work environment.
- 10. On October 6, 2008, Sergeant Grove was made plaintiff's immediate supervisor.
 Thereafter plaintiff filed a charge of discrimination with the California Department of Fair
 Employment and Housing.

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- 17. Plaintiff was regarded by Defendants James Grove and State of California as having a speech impairment.
- 18. As a direct, legal and proximate result of plaintiff's stuttering disability, Defendants, and each of them, discriminated against plaintiff in the terms, conditions and privileges of his employed by repeatedly mocking and mimicking his stuttering disability and then retaliating against him when he complained about the discrimination by transferring the perpetrator of the discriminatory acts to a position as plaintiff's direct supervisor. Having a supervisor repeatedly mock and mimic his stuttering disability in front of other employees substantially and materially effected the terms and conditions of plaintiff's employment and amounted to an adverse employment action. Furthermore, forcing plaintiff to work under the direct supervision of the same supervisor responsible for repeatedly mimicking and mocking his stuttering disability amounted to an adverse employment action.
- 19. As a further direct, foreseeable and proximate result of the acts and conduct of Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has been caused to and did suffer and continues to suffer from severe emotional and mental distress, anguish, humiliation, embarrassment, alienation, fright, shock, pain, past and future medical bills, discomfort, and anxiety.
- 20. By the aforesaid acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has been directly, foreseeably, and proximately caused to suffer actual damages including, but not limited to, loss of earnings and future earning capacity, attorneys' fees, costs of suit and other pecuniary loss not presently ascertained, for which Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend when ascertained.
- 21. The wrongful, intentional, deliberate conduct of defendants was done in conscious and reckless disregard of plaintiff's rights with the intent to vex, injure, annoy and harass plaintiff so as to warrant the imposition of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish and set an example of Defendants, and to deter them, and other similarly situated employers from engaging in similar misconduct, to the extent permitted by law as against a governmental entity, if permitted at all, and if not, as against the individual defendants named herein to the extent permitted by law.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(HARASSMENT BASED ON DISABILITY)

BY PLAINTIFF AUGUSTINE CALDERA AGAINST DEFENDANTS STATE OF CALIFORNIA, JAMES GROVE, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE.

- 22. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 21, as though fully set forth in full.
- 23. Pursuant to California Government Code § 12940, et seq. and Title 1 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. sections 12112(a), et seq.)("ADA") it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to harass an employee because of a disability.
- 24. Plaintiff has a stuttering disability. Defendants, and each of them, harassed plaintiff by repeatedly mocking and mimicking his stuttering disability and then retaliating against him when he complained about the discrimination by transferring the perpetrator of the discriminatory acts to a position as plaintiff's direct supervisor. Having a supervisor repeatedly mock and mimic his stuttering disability in front of other employees is unlawful. Furthermore, forcing plaintiff to work under the direct supervision of the same supervisor responsible for repeatedly mimicking and mocking his stuttering disability is harassment. As set forth above, plaintiff was subjected to unwelcome harassment based on his stuttering disability. The harassment affected the terms, conditions and privileges of his employment. Defendants, and each of them, knew or should have known of the harassment and failed to take prompt, remedial action.
- 25. As a further direct, foreseeable and proximate result of the acts and conduct of Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has been caused to and did suffer and continues to suffer from severe emotional and mental distress, anguish, humiliation, embarrassment, alienation, fright, shock, pain, past and future medical bills, discomfort, and anxiety.
- 26. By the aforesaid acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has been directly, foreseeably, and proximately caused to suffer actual damages including, but not

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- 31. As a direct, legal and proximate result of plaintiff's stuttering disability,

 Defendants, and each of them, discriminated against plaintiff in the terms, conditions and
 privileges of his employed and then retaliated against him when he complained about the
 discrimination. Plaintiff subjectively perceived his workplace environment to be hostile. In
 addition, a reasonable person would perceive being transferred to work under the direct supervisor
 of the "harasser" as creating a hostile workplace environment.
- 32. As a further direct, foreseeable and proximate result of the acts and conduct of Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has been caused to and did suffer and continues to suffer from severe emotional and mental distress, anguish, humiliation, embarrassment, alienation, fright, shock, pain, past and future medical bills, discomfort, and anxiety.
- 33. By the aforesaid acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has been directly, foreseeably, and proximately caused to suffer actual damages including, but not limited to, loss of earnings and future earning capacity, attorneys' fees, costs of suit and other pecuniary loss not presently ascertained, for which Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend when ascertained.
- 34. The wrongful, intentional, deliberate conduct of defendants, and each of them, was done in conscious and reckless disregard of plaintiff's rights with the intent to vex, injure, annoy and harass plaintiff so as to warrant the imposition of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish and set an example of Defendants, and to deter them, and other similarly situated employers from engaging in similar misconduct, to the extent permitted by law as against a governmental entity, if permitted at all, and if not, as against the individual defendants named herein to the extent permitted by law.

1	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION			
2	(FAILURE TO ACCOMMODATE IN VIOLATION OF			
3	CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 12940, ET SEQ.)			
4	BY PLAINTIFF AUGUSTINE CALDERA AGAINST DEFENDANTS STATE OF			
5	CALIFORNIA, JAMES GROVE, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE.			
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7	35. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 34, as			
8	though fully set forth in full.			
9	36. Pursuant to California Government Code § 12940, et seq., it is an unlawful			
10	employment practice for an employer to fail to make reasonable accommodations for the known			
11	physical disability of an employee.			
12	37. Plaintiff has a stuttering disability.			
13	38. Plaintiff requested that a reasonable accommodation be made for his disability.			
14	Specifically, plaintiff asked that as an accommodation for his stuttering disability, he be removed			
15	from a workplace environment in which he was forced to work under the direct supervision of th			
16	continuing perpetrator of his discrimination and retaliation, Sergeant Grove. In response,			
17	Defendants, and each of them, failed to engage in a timely, good faith accommodation process.			
18	39. As a further direct, foreseeable and proximate result of the acts and conduct of			
19	Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has been caused to and did suffer and			
20	continues to suffer from severe emotional and mental distress, anguish, humiliation,			
21	embarrassment, alienation, fright, shock, pain, past and future medical bills, discomfort, and			
22	anxiety.			
23	40. By the aforesaid acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has			
24	been directly, foreseeably, and proximately caused to suffer actual damages including, but not			
25	limited to, loss of earnings and future earning capacity, attorneys' fees, costs of suit and other			
26	pecuniary loss not presently ascertained, for which Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend			
27	when ascertained.			
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and harass plaintiff so as to warrant the imposition of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to

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1	punish and set an example of Defendants, and to deter them, and other similarly situated			
2	employers from engaging in similar misconduct, to the extent permitted by law as against a			
3	governmental entity, if permitted at all, and if not, as against the individual defendants named			
4	herein to the extent permitted by law.			
5	SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION			
6	(FAILURE TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE §12940 ET SEQ.)			
7 8 9	BY PLAINTIFF AUGUSTINE CALDERA AGAINST DEFENDANTS STATE OF CALIFORNIA, JAMES GROVE, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE.			
10	48. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 47, as			
11	though fully set forth in full.			
12	49. California Government Code § 12940, et seq., imposes upon an employer a duty to			
13	take immediate and appropriate corrective action to end discrimination and to take all reasonable			
14 15	steps necessary to prevent discrimination from occurring, among other things.			
16	50. Defendants failed to take immediate and appropriate action to end the			
17	discrimination and harassment of plaintiff. Defendants also failed to take all reasonable step			
18	necessary to prevent the discrimination and harassment from occurring in violation of California Government Code § 12940 (j) and (k), causing plaintiff to suffer damages as set forth herein.			
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20	51. As a further direct, foreseeable and proximate result of the acts and conduct of			
21	Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has been caused to and did suffer and continues to suffer from severe emotional and mental distress, anguish, humiliation,			
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24	anxiety.			
25	52. By the aforesaid acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has			
26	been directly, foreseeably, and proximately caused to suffer actual damages including, but not			
27	limited to, loss of earnings and future earning capacity, attorneys' fees, costs of suit and other			
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1	pecuniary loss not presently ascertained, for which Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend			
2	when ascertained.			
3	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION			
4	(FAILURE TO INVESTIGATE IN VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE §12940 ET SEQ.)			
5	BY PLAINTIFF AUGUSTINE CALDERA			
6 7	AGAINST DEFENDANTS STATE OF CALIFORNIA, JAMES GROVE, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE.			
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9	53. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 52, as			
10	though fully set forth in full.			
11	54. California Government Code § 12940, et seq., imposes upon an employer a duty to			
12	promptly and thoroughly investigate complaints of discrimination, among other things.			
13	55. Plaintiff complained to Defendants regarding the discrimination subjected to him			
14	by Defendant James Grove.			
15	56. However, Defendants, and each of them, failed to promptly and/or adequately			
16	investigate plaintiff's complaints of discrimination.			
17	57. In failing to promptly and thoroughly investigate plaintiff's complaints of			
18	discrimination, Defendants violated California Government Code § 12940 (j) and (k), causing			
19	plaintiff to suffer damages as set forth herein.			
20	58. As a further direct, foreseeable and proximate result of the acts and conduct of			
21	Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has been caused to and did suffer and			
22	continues to suffer from severe emotional and mental distress, anguish, humiliation,			
23	embarrassment, alienation, fright, shock, pain, past and future medical bills, discomfort, and			
24	anxiety.			
25	59. By the aforesaid acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff has			
26	been directly, foreseeably, and proximately caused to suffer actual damages including, but not			
27	limited to, loss of earnings and future earning capacity, attorneys' fees, costs of suit and other			
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1	pecuniary loss not presently ascertained, for which Plaintiff will seek leave of Court to amend		
2	when ascertained.		
3	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of them, as		
4	follows:		
5	1.	For general damages in a	n amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this
6	court and to be proven at trial, including damages for emotional distress;		
7	2.	2. For special damages in an amount according to proof;	
8	3. For loss of earnings and earning capacity, both front and back pay, and any other		
9	job benefits to which Plaintiff would have been entitled to by reason of his employment with		
10	Defendants, according to proof;		
11	4.	For punitive damages to	the extent permitted by law as against those individual
12	defendants identified herein, and;		
13	5.	For costs of suit incurred	herein;
14	6.	For reasonable attorneys	' fees and costs incurred pursuant to statute and to the
15	extent otherwise permitted by law; and		
16	7.	For prejudgment interest	to the extent permitted by law.
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18	DATED: N	March 18, 2010	Respectfully submitted,
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