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Statement of Gloria Allred

I represent Cathy Weiss and Jim Gottlieb, who are here with me today. They are the surviving children of Phyllis Golden-Gottlieb. Sadly, Phyllis passed away on July 23, 2022. I had represented Phyllis and had known her for many decades.

Recently on behalf of Cathy and Jim, I requested a meeting with Los Angeles Police Department Chief Michel Moore as a result of the shocking and disturbing revelations of misconduct by L.A.P.D. Captain Cory Palka as detailed in the New York Attorney General's report of this investigation.

The New York Attorney General's report revealed that a captain of the Los Angeles Police Department informed CBS executives of the confidential sexual assault complaint filed with the L.A.P.D. by Ms. Phyllis Golden-Gottlieb against Mr. Les Moonves, a very high-level CBS executive. In addition, the New York Attorney General's office concluded in its report that the L.A.P.D. captain shared confidential information and assisted CBS executives for months to prevent Ms. Golden-Gottlieb's complaint against Les Moonves from becoming public.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, in her November 2, 2022, Press

Release stated:

“The OAG investigation revealed new information about an L.A.P.D. captain’s direct and repeated interference with an open investigation into allegations of sexual assault against Mr. Moonves. The same day an individual filed a confidential criminal sexual assault complaint against Mr. Moonves at an L.A.P.D. station in Hollywood, an L.A.P.D. captain informed a CBS executive of the confidential complaint. The L.A.P.D. captain shared an unredacted police report with the executive, who shared it with Mr. Moonves and other executives at CBS. Each of the executives then went to work to deal with the impending crisis. Mr. Moonves and the CBS executive asked the L.A.P.D. captain about the complainant’s motivations and her next course of action. In text messages obtained by OAG, Mr. Moonves said, ‘Hopefully we can kill media from PD. Then figure [sic] what [Complainant #1] wants.’

Possibly the most disturbing finding in Attorney General James’ Investigative Report was the following:

“Over the course of several months, the L.A.P.D. captain continued to secretly provide Mr. Moonves and CBS executives with status updates on the L.A.P.D.’s investigation. The L.A.P.D. captain made it clear that he was willing to intervene on Mr. Moonves’ behalf and Mr. Moonves solicited his assistance. He assured CBS executives that he had spoken to his contacts within

the L.A.P.D. and implemented controls to prevent news of the police report from leaking to the press from the L.A.P.D.... When the allegations finally became public and Mr. Moonves resigned from CBS, the L.A.P.D. captain sent a text to the executive saying, 'We worked so hard to try to avoid this day. I am so completely sad.'"

The New York Attorney General's finding that a senior L.A.P.D. officer was providing a high-profile individual who was accused of sex crimes confidential information provided by an alleged victim of sexual abuse has caused mistrust of the L.A.P.D. by many victims of sexual assaults. Many now have questions about whether they can trust the L.A.P.D. to conduct a fair investigation and protect victims if the victims come forward to make a police report against a rich, powerful, and/or famous individual. Even prior to the New York Attorney General's report which revealed clearly inappropriate conduct by the L.A.P.D. captain in mishandling Ms. Golden-Gottlieb's report, victims of alleged sexual abuse were frequently afraid to come forward to file a police report. Now their fear is compounded, in light of the evidence which has revealed that a high ranking L.A.P.D. officer was colluding with and assisting a powerful, high-profile individual in order to protect the reputation of the accused at the expense of the alleged victim of sexual abuse.

The rich, powerful and famous should not receive more favorable treatment than the victim is afforded by the L.A.P.D. Investigations must be conducted equally for all. Unfortunately, as a result of the revelations in the New

York AG's report, the confidence in the L.A.P.D. of many sexual assault victims has now been shattered. Their trust in law enforcement must be earned and not betrayed. Meaningful steps must be taken by the L.A.P.D. to restore that trust.

On behalf of my clients, the children of Ms. Golden-Gottlieb, I requested that Chief Moore meet with Cathy, Jim and me as soon as possible. At this meeting, I requested that, on behalf of the L.A.P.D., he make a personal apology to Ms. Weiss and Mr. Gottlieb because of the L.A.P.D.'s misconduct towards their mother. In addition, I respectfully requested that he share with us the steps that the L.A.P.D. is taking to make changes to ensure that other alleged victims of sexual assault receive a prompt, professional and confidential investigation of their complaints by law enforcement, which is free of bias and conflict that favors the accused. Tipping the scales of justice in favor of the powerful over the powerless has created a stain on the L.A.P.D. and has had a chilling effect on victims' willingness to seek justice.

I am pleased to be able to disclose that Cathy, Jim and I did meet with Chief Moore and some members of his staff yesterday for approximately an hour. I appreciated that Chief Moore was very sensitive to Cathy and Jim at the meeting and appeared very committed to conducting a full and fair investigation. He did apologize to Cathy and Jim for the conduct of an L.A.P.D. officer who had mishandled Phyllis' sexual assault complaint, and I felt that he was sincere in his apology.

We appreciated his willingness to meet with us, and we look forward to

assisting the L.A.P.D. in their investigation and review of policies and ways to restore the confidence of victims of sexual assault in the L.A.P.D.

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