## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMUNITY ARTS ADVOCATES, INC.	)
and STEPHEN H. BAIRD,	)
Plaintiffs,	)
	)
v.	) CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-1161
	)
CITY OF BOSTON,	)
Defendant.	)
	)

## **EXHIBIT B**

to:

PLAINTIFFS' SURREPLY TO DEFENDANT CITY OF BOSTON'S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION TO DISMISS

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COMMUNITY ARTS ADVOCATES, INC. and STEPHEN H. BAIRD, Plaintiffs,	) ) )
v.	CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-11618-NG
CITY OF BOSTON, Defendant.	

## **DECLARATION OF STEPHEN BAIRD**

- I, Stephen Baird, declare and state as follows upon personal knowledge:
- 1. I am the Executive Director of Community Arts Advocates, Inc., ("CAA"), a Plaintiff in this lawsuit. I am also myself a Plaintiff in this lawsuit. Based on recent events, I submit this declaration. The below statements are made on personal knowledge, except where otherwise indicated.
- 2. I was in Court at the hearings held in December of 2004 in this matter and I heard Counsel for the City of Boston represent in open court that Boston Police Rules 403 and 75 and City of Boston Ordinance § 16-12.24 were not being enforced in the City of Boston. Counsel for the City represented that those rules and that ordinance either had been or would be rescinded or repealed, and that in any case, they were not being enforced.
- 3. It is my observation and understanding that, during the period from December, 2004 to mid-March of 2005, not many street performers have attempted to perform publicly in the City of Boston. I myself have not performed in Boston during this period. I have been chilled in my public performances as the result of the vague, confusing, and harassing enforcement scheme that the City has engaged in in the past with regard to public performers and artists. In addition, it has been a severe winter in Boston, and I have therefore not attempted for several months to perform outside in the Boston area.
- 4. It is my observation and understanding, however, that since mid-March 2005, a number of street performers have attempted to perform publicly in the City of Boston. It is my additional observation and understanding that a number of those performers have been interfered with by City authorities as they have attempted to perform.
- I myself attempted to perform in the City of Boston for the first time since December, 2004, on Wednesday, March 30, 2005. As I was performing in Dock Square (also known as Sam Adams Park), a City worker with CHP imprinted on his shirt as well as two Boston Police Officers told me I could not perform there without a permit. I was

intimidated by my interaction with the Boston Police. I packed up my instruments and left Sam Adams Park.

- 6. It is my understanding that on Sunday, April 3, 2005, Gary Osbourne, who performs as Gazzo the magician, went to perform at Sam Adams Park in Boston, which is also known as Dock Square. Another magician, Daniel Denney, was watching Gazzo perform, with the intention of performing after him, when a police officer named Wayne told Osbourne that he had to have a permit to perform there and that he could obtain a permit at Room 811 of Boston City Hall. As a result of this exchange, Osbourne and Denney ceased trying to perform that afternoon, and instead attempted to get permits to perform at Boston City Hall the next day. They were unable to obtain permits.
- 7. It is also my understanding that on April 2, 2005, a magician and escape artist named Jason Gardner was discouraged from performing in Dock Square, which is also known as Sam Adams Park, by a Boston Police Officer and an unknown man. Gardner was told by the unknown man that he needed a police detail to perform, that he could not solicit while performing, and that he was not entitled to perform in the same manner that musicians are entitled to perform. It is my additional understanding that on that same day, Gardner went to perform on Boston Common, where he was told by a park ranger that he could not perform with a microphone and amplifier unless he had a permit.
- 8. I additionally recently received a phone call from a concerned citizen who reported having witnessed a family of jugglers being moved by the Boston Police while attempting to perform on Boston Common.
- 9. I have also received numerous calls from street performers who have tried to perform in the City of Boston in the past, who were threatened with arrest in the past, and who therefore have not performed in the City of Boston for years.
- 10. I have learned this information through my own experiences and observations, through communications with Osbourne, Denney and Gardner, and through reviewing the affidavits filed in this matter. It is my belief, based on these incidents, that the City of Boston continues to engage in systematic and unconstitutional enforcement against street performers despite the repeal/rescission of Boston Police Rules 403 and 75 and Boston City Ordinance § 16-12.24.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, this the 25th day of April, 2005.

Stephen Baird