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NEWS RELEASE

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Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of June 19, 2006

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The statement of the issue or issues in each case set out below does not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#06-69 Club Members For an Honest Election v. Sierra Club, S143087. (A110069; 137 Cal.App.4th 1166; San Francisco County Superior Court; 429277.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order granting in part and denying in part a special motion to strike in a civil action. This case includes the following issue: Can the exception to the anti-SLAPP statute (Code Civ. Proc., § 425.16) for actions “brought solely in the public interest or on behalf of the general public” (Code Civ. Proc., § 425.17, subd. (b)) apply to a complaint that includes any claim for personal relief?

#06-70 Doe v. City of Los Angeles, S142546. (B178689; 137 Cal.App.4th 438; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BC293484, BC308146.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment in a civil action. This case presents the following issue: Were plaintiffs’ claims against the City of Los Angeles and the Boy Scouts of America for sexual abuse by a city police officer while they participated in police department programs in the 1970’s barred by the statute of limitations, or did plaintiffs sufficiently invoke the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure, section 340.1, subdivision (b)(2), which permits the revival of certain claims of sexual abuse that would otherwise be barred where the defendant “knew or had reason to know, or was otherwise on notice, of any unlawful sexual conduct by an employee, volunteer,

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representative, or agent, and failed to take reasonable steps, and to implement reasonable safeguards, to avoid acts of unlawful sexual conduct in the future by that person”?

DISPOSITION

People v. Rodriguez, S099613, an automatic appeal, was abated upon the death of the appellant.

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