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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

PABLITO TABALANZA AND NOEMI TABALANZA,

PETITIONERS.

V.

LARRY MILLETE AND MAYA MILLETE.

RESPONDENTS.

I, Larry Millete, do declare as follows:

CASE NO.: 21FL005040S

DECLARATION OF LARRY MILLETE IN OPPOSITION OF REQUEST FOR ORDER

I am a Respondent in the above-referenced matter. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to such facts under oath.

- I am not providing exclusive care to my children. My parents Benito Leo Millete and
  Judith Millete are assisting and have always been since their birth. They are the main care
  givers while my wife and I are at work.
- 2. Pablito and Noemi Tabalanza and their extended family have not played an integral part of our children's lives since birth. They all live an hour or more away in Moreno Valley and Los Angeles and would only see them on major holidays and birthdays if that.

- 3. Yes, it was true that we spent Christmas day with the maternal side of the family and Christmas eve with mine. The pictures they have provided are only for photo opportunities and do not truly reflect their relationship with our children.
- 4. We did not go to Moreno Valley every other weekend. Also, they do live in Moreno Valley with Maricris and Richard Drouaillet. My daughters have stated that they do not feel comfortable around Richard and nor did I without supervision. They stated that he gets drunk daily and I have also witnessed this. He has been in trouble with the law regarding his behavior. His father is also in prison for tax and molestation charges of his Richard's biological sister testified in support of his claim. For all I know Richard had knowledge or participated in the wrong doings. The court should have all his disorderly conduct on file.
- 5. Petitioners did not speak with our children every week let alone on video chats. They are elderly and are not technologically savvy. I don't think Richard and Marieris thought this statement through. Also, May's parents are not hands on with their 15 or so grandchildren. They are mainly close to two which are and who they took care of since birth. May's mother has a hearing impairment and does not speak English very well so it makes it difficult to communicate. Her father also does not speak English very well and has never showed any interest with bonding with our children. Pablito even stated that he doesn't care if our children ended up living in the streets in Tagalog.
- 6. They do have 15 or so cousins that they would play with when we attended gatherings, but they were not very bonded as they have stated. They would only see their cousins during a major holiday like Christmas or a family gathering.

- 7. Our children do not consider their cousins as their best friends. They have their best friends from school who they often spend time with. The children recently were playing an online game called Roblox for a few months with their cousins, but they decided to stop because they felt uncomfortable when their cousins were being coached to interrogate them during their conversations. They also did not Facetime and chat often as they have stated.
- 8. They did not take care of our children for an entire month. When we did ask them for assistance in daycare, they would lock themselves in the guestroom downstairs watching the Filipino channel coming out only to prepare food for our kids who were left to fend for themselves in our home. Also, Nocmi suffered a stroke due to an aneurysm while staying with us for a couple of days to assist us with daycare. May's father Pablito would drop off Noemi and return to pick her up in the afternoon. My children would stay away from Pablito because he is a heavy chain smoker. Most if not all the grandchildren with the exemption of our children have asthma because of his habit. Noemi also has emphysema due to Pablito's smoking. My parents have decided to stay in California indefinitely to help raise and take care of my children as they have since their birth.
- 9. Pablito and Noemi would not attend camping trips due to their age and health conditions. Pablito has severe gout flare ups and Noemi with her aneurysm and emphysema. I would attend the trips due to concern of adult supervision. There are 15 or so grandchildren and my children told me of an incident when they were left alone in a trailer next to a lake with their 15 and 17 year old cousin while the adults Richard and Marieris went to a bar miles down the river until past 10 in the evening.

- 10. If you notice the pictures submitted by Petitioners are all from 2020 and nothing older. My wife May was going through some mental stress and health issues. I encouraged her to attend these family gatherings as therapy in relieving stress. They did not help. Often times Richard and Maricris would encourage her to drink and get drunk which did not help with May's depression at all. She started drinking beer and hard liquor which was out of May's character due to their influence. These pictures are all recent. May's parents did not attend most of these gatherings because they don't. They would find it difficult to produce anything from 2010 through 2018 because our children did not spend time with them or close to them as they claim to be. My children have been raised by myself, May and my parents since birth. May's parents were never present during my children's birth or even visited the hospital when they were born. Again, all these pictures are from 2020 nothing older. If they do have photos of our children it would only be on Christmas or major holidays for photo opportunities.
- 11. The statement in which they claim "The Children have never gone this long without communication with us" is a complete lie and is perjury. My children would go months if not almost a year without seeing them. They not only live about an hour and a half away, but they do not come down to see our children at all. May's parents attend gatherings and do not interact with their grandchildren. Only for forced photo opportunities are they all gathered up. There are so many about 16, 17 or so or more if you include those out of wedlock. Our children do not feel abandoned by them because it's already common practice that they do not see the maternal side of the family often. Also, how can May's parents communicate when her mother cannot speak English and has a hearing impairment? May's father is a man of few words and does not mingle with grandchildren.

My children often stay away from May's father because he consistently smokes and that's the reason why May's mother has emphysema and most of the 17 or so grandchildren have asthma.

- 12. The children are safe, very happy and healthy despite the situation in regards to their mother. There is no lack in communication because they normally do not communicate with the maternal side of the family. They do not have close bonds as they have stated under perjury.
- 13. This is a desperate attempt to persuade the court to grant visitation rights to May's parents who is being used by Maricris and Richard Drouaillet to be able to harass and question our children regarding the disappearance of my wife and their mother. My father in law and mother in law would not have thought of this on their own. They are only but puppets to the suggestion and recommendations of other maternal family members. Our children are not that close with their cousins and do not see them often because they live too far and our children are busy with after school activities, such as Martial arts, Taekwondo, Jiu Jitsu and kick boxing. They have after school tutors and use to attend ballet. We have a busy week schedule and weekend schedule for their tournaments and after school activities. They also spend a lot of time with their best friends from school on weekend play dates. This visitation request is only a ploy concocted by Maricris and Richard to further harass our family and cause detrimental harm towards our children. It's sad that they are using my father in law and mother in law as pawns to their schemes. It's not to the best interest of our children to be forced to have visitation with people they do not normally see. It will likely create resentment and rebellion and further traumatize our children.

- 14. The children are not only under my care, but in the care of my father and mother. They have taken residency with me indefinitely to help raise my children. My parents have been there for our children since birth. My mother prepares them four or more meals a day. My father would help by driving them to school and all their afterschool activities and some medical appointments. Since 2010 my parents have lived with my wife and I helping taking care of our children. They were only gone 2-3 weeks before my wife's disappearance. They have a home in Texas, but choose to live with me to help raise our children. Not seeing the maternal side is not harming the children at all. They live full healthy and busy lives as usual and it's normal for them. As a family I have discussed this issue with my children and they agree and are confused as to why this request has been issued. They asked "Why and why now." "For what? They never came to visit us before." My children are not bonded with the maternal side at all.
- 15. Her family had not made several attempts to contact and communicate with the children. They have however made public statements to consistently defame me, the children's father on social and news media. Creating a toxic environment for me and the children. They have published pictures of the children without permission from their parents to multiple news media. Creating a safety issue for minors. Who would let their children consort with people trying to harm their family and disregard their safety? Everything they have done thus far has been in their best interest not for our children's. They are willing to manipulate the system by any means necessary to get what they want. This is just one example.

- 16. I offered via my attorney that May's parents can come and visit our children for two or three hours at my residence or at the park which is at a close proximity to our home. For them to have ice cream or refreshments and didn't hear anything back until their conditions of basically a custody of the children every other weekend. Which is absurd and totally not the normal routine of the children. It's no longer considered visitation, but a custody issue. They stated that they use to face time with our children. Totally false because they are not fluent in English.
- 17. I am absolutely defensive about the visitation request because I know it wasn't there idea to concoct this legal proceeding. It's not in the children's best interest but in theirs.

  Forcing our children to have to visit people they have nothing in common with is uncomfortable and detrimental to their health. My father in law resides with Maricris and Richard in a modest three-bedroom home with 4 adults and two teenage children. They do not have room for my children to even spend the night. Also, my daughters are very uncomfortable around Richard because he is a drunk and often violent and loud. My children would not be supervised at their home in Moreno Valley. My daughters are of age to be able to defend themselves, but my son who is only four years old would be in "great danger" if these visitation rights are granted. I do not want my children molested and be put in a situation where that's even a possibility. When we did drive up for gatherings. I noticed the other grandchildren would be left to fend for themselves running wild in the middle of the street without adult supervision. Imagine a pack of 15 or so small children just running into the streets. They would like to reconnect, but there is no bond to reconnect. Why is it only now that they want to know our children? This would

only confuse and traumatize our children even further. It's not to the children's best interest at all.

- 18. As I previously stated, I was open to one to two hours on a weekend at our home or at the park near our home. My attorney relayed the information to the Petitioners attorney.
- 19. Their visitation proposal is a custody proposal and is not reasonable. They will be taking our children to live in a home without sufficient room and without adult supervision.

  May's parents are too old to be taking care of three children on their own which they have expressed numerous times. My mother in law suffered a stroke and has an embolism which can affect her at any time rendering a medical emergency. She also has a hearing impairment which could leave the children helpless if they are in danger or in trouble.

  She also has emphysema so she cannot keep up with the physical demands of an active 4-year-old boy let alone three children. My father in law smokes every 15 minutes and has no interest in spending time with children. Again, they have 17 or more grand kids.
- 20. May's parents had every opportunity to come and visit our children. They voluntarily do not come and see them as usual because again it's not normal for them to come and visit or have ever spent time with our children. They could have just stopped by and said hello. instead this court proceeding would enable the maternal side of the family to harass, question, traumatize, and scar our children emotionally and mentally.
- 21. They do not respect myself as the children's father and if they did, they would not be forcing this issue of false allegations and request under false pretenses. There is no relationship to resume, because this relationship they speak of is non-existent. They have never given my children birthday presents or gifts. Having 17 or so grandchildren all they did was sit and attend some of the gatherings while the children run wild like a pack of

stray dogs. There were no intimate moments, only photo opportunities for their aunts and uncle to post on social media. A façade of a big happy family nothing more.

- 22. Again, I have known my in laws since I was 16 or 17 years old. This request isn't their idea. They are being manipulated by Marieris and Richard and maybe some other of their children to gain access to our children with malicious intent, not for the children's best interest. My children have told me that their cousins were asking them inappropriate questions regarding our situation by the direction of their parents. Why do they want to spend time now after years of being distant? There are 17 or more grandchildren and they want to spend time with three? Our children must be really lucky or is there an alternate motive? Again, their motives are not in the best interest of our children.
- 23. Our children are already going through a rough patch, and they are provided with the stability, love and support that they are accustomed to and more. Forcing them to spend time in an unfamiliar place with irresponsible people would be very detrimental to their well-being. They are very healthy, safe, loved and are very well taken care of. They continue to excel in school and other things.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated:	O2SEP21	formy of William
		Respondent, Larry Millete