

**KODIAK CITY COUNCIL**

**WORK SESSION AGENDA**

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018**  
**Kodiak Public Library Multi-Purpose Room**  
**7:30 p.m.**

*Work sessions are informal meetings of the City Council where Councilmembers review the upcoming regular meeting agenda packet and seek or receive information from staff. Although additional items not listed on the work session agenda are sometimes discussed when introduced by the Mayor, Council, or staff, no formal action is taken at work sessions and items that require formal Council action are placed on a regular Council meeting agenda. Public comments at work sessions are NOT considered part of the official record. Public comments intended for the "official record" should be made at a regular City Council meeting.*

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## Office of the City Clerk

710 Mill Bay Road, Room 219, Kodiak, Alaska 99615

### MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Branson and Councilmembers      Date: February 6, 2018  
From: Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson, CMC *MS*      Subject: Advisory Board Applicants  
Deputy Clerk

The City Clerk advertised for individuals to fill vacant seats on various City advisory boards that expired December 31, 2017. Applications were received for appointment to the Building Code Board of Appeals and Port and Harbors Advisory Board.

Seats for Appointment	Applicants
<b>Building Code Board of Appeals</b> (no City residency requirement) 1 vacant seat ending 2018	New Applicant: Cache Seel
<b>Port and Harbors Advisory Board</b> (no City residency requirement)  3 regular seats ending December 31, 2020 2 alternate seats ending December 31, 2018 (one-year terms) 1 ex-officio student seat with a term ending May 31, 2018	New Applicant: Jake S. Everich Applicants: David G. Jentry Patrick O Donnell Martin Owen Lloyd Shanley Nick Szabo



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### BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Five seats

TERM	BOARDMEMBER	HOME	WORK	FAX	MAILING ADDRESS
2018	John Butler JBHHS@PTIALASKA.NET	486-4604	486-3706	486-2497	P.O. Box 2610
2018	Ed Mahoney builders@ptialaska.net	486-1968	539-1234		3944 Spruce Cape Road
2018	Vacant				
2019	Jerrold Friend	539-1975	486-3908		P.O. Box 175
2019	Chris Sibrel	760-977-8277	942-1997		12816 Noch Dr.

<b>Legislation</b>	<b>Appointments</b>
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Kodiak City Code Chapter 14.40

10/25/84	01/23/86	2/12/87
01/08/87	12/14/87	12/12/88
01/26/89	01/11/90	12/14/90
01/09/92	01/14/93	01/27/94
12/22/94	12/14/95	12/12/96
3/27/97	12/11/97	12/10/98
2/10/00	5/24/01	12/13/01
01/23/03	01/13/05	12/15/05
12/13/07	2/28/08	12/11/09
12/9/10	2/23/12	12/13/12
2/13/14	12/10/15	01/12/17
2/9/17		





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### Advisory Board Application Form

Cacho Seel

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME TELEPHONE 907 512 0908 WORK TELEPHONE 907 512 7515 FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL seelconstructionkodiak@gmail.com

RESIDENCE (STREET) ADDRESS 515 Carolyn St

MAILING ADDRESS 515 Carolyn St KODIAK, AK 99615

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN KODIAK 21 years LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALASKA 21 years

Are you a registered voter in the City of Kodiak?  Yes  No  
 Do you own property in the City of Kodiak?  Yes  No

On which boards are you interested in serving? (Please list in order of preference) Please list your areas of expertise and education that would benefit the boards for which you are applying.

Building Code Board of Appeals

I am familiar with residential, commercial, medical and fire codes.

Community Activities: Volunteer work includes the Lions Club, Kodiak Maritime Museum and St. Mary's

Professional Activities: I have worked in the trades for over twenty years. Six as a licensed contractor. I also spent a year as a Facilities manager for KAWA.

SIGNATURE [Signature]

DATE 26 December 2017



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### PORT AND HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD

Seven regular seats, two alternates, and one student seat

Effective April 28, 2017

TERM	BOARDMEMBER	HOME	WORK or CELL	FAX	MAILING ADDRESS
2017	Marty Owen kodiakowen@gmail.com	486-5079	654-8150		1223 Kouskov, St.
2017	Patrick O'Donnell gwfisheries@yahoo.com	486-2683	539-5296		P.O. Box 3075
2017	Nick Szabo herschel@gci.net	486-3853	486-3853	486-3853	P.O. Box 1633
2018	Tim Abena timabena@aol.com	486-3290	360 957-3200	486-3290	3103 Mill Bay Road
2018	Oliver Holm chicken@gci.net	486-6957	907-654-7005	N/A	P.O. Box 8749
2019	Stormy Stutes stutes@gci.net	486-8757	942-2121	486-8709	2230 Monashka Way
2019	Norm Lenon rymar@gci.net	512-0752	942-3593		522 Sut Larsen Way
2017 *Alternate 1	David Jentry dwjentry@gci.net	486-5205		486-5243	3622 Otmeloi Way
2017 *Alternate 2	Lloyd Shanley Lloydalaska@hotmail.com	654-7763		N/A	523 Sut Larsen Way
Student (ex-officio)	VACANT				

Regular terms expire December 31 (three-year terms)

Alternate terms expire December 31 (one-year terms)

Student term expires May 31 (one-year term)

#### Legislation

Resolution Number 49–81  
 Resolution Number 44–86  
 Resolution Number 54–87  
 Resolution Number 05–94  
 Resolution Number 98–32

**\*[Clerk's Note: The alternates do not make motions or vote unless regular member(s) are absent.]**

#### Appointments

11/03/87	12/14/87	10/27/88
12/12/88	10/12/89	01/11/90
02/22/90	12/14/90	01/09/92
03/12/92	01/14/93	01/27/94
02/10/94	09/22/94	12/22/94
10/05/95	12/14/95	12/12/96
12/11/97	12/10/98	02/10/00
02/22/01	05/24/01	12/13/01
09/12/02	01/23/03	01/22/04
01/13/05	12/15/05	12/14/06
12/13/07	02/12/09	12/11/09
12/9/10	12/8/11	12/13/12
12/12/13	1/8/15	12/10/15
1/12/17	3/23/17	4/27/17

Updated April 28, 2017



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**Advisory Board Application Form**

JAKE S. EVERICH

NAME

401.742.9187  
 HOME TELEPHONE

401.742.9187  
 WORK TELEPHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 FAX

JEVERICH@GMAIL.COM  
 EMAIL

3932 WOLVERINE WAY, UNIT #1 KODIAK 99615  
 RESIDENCE (STREET) ADDRESS

SAME AS RESIDENCE  
 MAILING ADDRESS

**KODIAK, AK 99615**

2 YEARS  
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN KODIAK

SAME  
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALASKA

Are you a registered voter in the City of Kodiak?  
 Do you own property in the City of Kodiak?

Yes  No  
 Yes  No (BOROVETT)

On which boards are you interested in serving?  
 (Please list in order of preference)

Please list your areas of expertise and education that  
 would benefit the boards for which you are applying.

FORT AND HARBOR ADVISORY

FLYED ~ 7 YEARS OUT OF  
 KODIAK, 6 YEARS ON BOARD

F/U ALASKAN. 4 YEARS CAPTAIN,

F/U ALASKAN

Community Activities:

Professional Activities:

CAPTAIN, F/U ALASKAN

TRAWL TENDER / LONGLINE

[Signature]  
 SIGNATURE

JANUARY 18, 2018  
 DATE

Return application to City Clerk, 710 Mill Bay Road, Room 219, Kodiak, AK 99615  
 Fax: 486-8633



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 710 Mill Bay Road, Rm 220  
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Advisory Board Application Form

DAVID G. JENTRY  
 NAME

907-486-5205 480-225-9450 DWJENTRY@PCI.NET  
 HOME TELEPHONE WORK TELEPHONE FAX EMAIL

3622 OTMELOI WAY  
 RESIDENCE (STREET) ADDRESS

P.O. BOX 3128 KODIAK, AK 99615  
 MAILING ADDRESS

27 YEARS  
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN KODIAK

39 yrs  
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALASKA

Are you a registered voter in the City of Kodiak?  Yes  NO  
 Do you own property in the City of Kodiak?  Yes  No

On which boards are you interested in serving?  
 (Please list in order of preference)  
PORTS & HARBOR

Please list your areas of expertise and education that  
 would benefit the boards for which you are applying.  
12 yrs SERVING ON  
P & H BOARD

Community Activities: NONE

Professional Activities: RETIRED COMMERCIAL  
FISHERMAN (40 yrs)

David G. Jentry  
 SIGNATURE

11-14-2017  
 DATE

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PATRICK D. JONNEIL

NAME

907 486 2683  
HOME TELEPHONE

907 539 5296  
WORK TELEPHONE

907 486 2683  
FAX

SWFISHRELIES@49112.com  
EMAIL

1353 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE KODIAK AK 99615  
RESIDENCE (STREET) ADDRESS

PO BOX 3075 Kodiak, AK 99615  
MAILING ADDRESS

KODIAK, AK 99615

25 YRS  
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN KODIAK

27 YRS  
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALASKA

Are you a registered voter in the City of Kodiak?  
Do you own property in the City of Kodiak?

Yes  NO  
 Yes  No

On which boards are you interested in serving?  
(Please list in order of preference)

Please list your areas of expertise and education that  
would benefit the boards for which you are applying.

Port & Harbors Advisory Board

TRAWL INDUSTRY

COMMERCIAL FISHED KODIAK & BEARING SEA  
27 YRS

USE OF DOCKS / TRAWLIFT

SMALL BUSINESS / FISHING

Community Activities:

Professional Activities:

NPFMC ADVISORY PANEL

CAPTAIN / OWNER 86 TRAWL

ADFC Advisory Committee

President

Kodiak College Maritime Advisory

ROBERTA Whitefish Trawlers Association  
President Rockfish Program NP Co-op.

[Signature]  
SIGNATURE

11-8-2017  
DATE

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**Advisory Board Application Form**

OWEN, MARTIN H

NAME

907-486-5079  
 HOME TELEPHONE

907-654-8150  
 WORK TELEPHONE  
 CELL

—  
 FAX

KODIAKOWEN@GMAIL.COM  
 EMAIL

1223 KOLUSKOV STREET  
 RESIDENCE (STREET) ADDRESS

**KODIAK, AK 99615**

MAILING ADDRESS

25  
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN KODIAK

25++  
 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALASKA

Are you a registered voter in the City of Kodiak?  
 Do you own property in the City of Kodiak?

Yes  No  
 Yes  No

On which boards are you interested in serving?  
 (Please list in order of preference)

Please list your areas of expertise and education that  
 would benefit the boards for which you are applying.

PHAR

FORMER HARBORMASTER

Community Activities:

Rotary BOB  
MARITIME MUSEUM BOB  
KODIAK ATHLETIC CLUB

Professional Activities:

RETIRED FROM CDK  
OPERATE BEB  
|| Dinner CRUISE

Martin H. Owen  
 SIGNATURE

12/20/2017  
 DATE

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Lloyd Shanley

NAME

907-654-7763  
 HOME TELEPHONE

Same  
 WORK TELEPHONE

None  
 FAX

lloydalaska@hotmail.com  
 EMAIL

523 Sut Larsen Way Kodiak AK 99615

RESIDENCE (STREET) ADDRESS

Same

MAILING ADDRESS

About 23 years

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN KODIAK

58 years

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALASKA

Are you a registered voter in the City of Kodiak?  
 Do you own property in the City of Kodiak?

No  
 No

On which boards are you interested in serving?  
 (Please list in order of preference)

Please list your areas of expertise and education that would benefit the boards for which you are applying.

Port and Harbors

I currently work at Kodiak Electric as the Power

Generation manager. Building and maintaining critical infrastructure is a vital part of my job.

Community Activities:

I am an active member of the Kodiak Lions club where

I have held several board positions and currently the

Club president

I also own my own sports boat and pay for a slip in

Saint Paul Harbor.

Professional Activities:

SIGNATURE

11-30-17

DATE

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**Advisory Board Application Form**

NICK SZABO  
 NAME  
486-3853 HOME TELEPHONE 654-3853 WORK TELEPHONE 76 take77@gmail.com EMAIL  
CELL

1819 RELIEF LANE  
 RESIDENCE (STREET) ADDRESS

PO BOX 1633 MAILING ADDRESS KODIAK, AK 99615

51 1/2 YEARS LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN KODIAK 52 YEARS LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN ALASKA

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 Do you own property in the City of Kodiak?  Yes  No

On which boards are you interested in serving? (Please list in order of preference)  
 Please list your areas of expertise and education that would benefit the boards for which you are applying.

PORT AND HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD KODIAK MARITIME AGENT 2011 - PRESENT  
PORT AND HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD 1995 - PRESENT  
PROPERTY OWNER IN KODIAK 1972 - PRESENT  
BOAT OWNER IN KODIAK 1983 - 2005 AND 2013 - PRESENT

USCG 1600 TON MASTER LICENSE

Community Activities: KODIAK BLUES CLUB Professional Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

KODIAK LIENS CLUB KODIAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

KODIAK SOLID WASTE ADVISORY BOARD ALASKA MARINE SAFETY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

KODIAK ISLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE ALASKA MARINE CONSERVATION COUNCIL

ALASKA SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Nick Szabo  
 SIGNATURE

11/28/2017  
 DATE

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**MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL**

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**To:** Mayor Branson and City Councilmembers

**From:** Mike Tvenge, City Manager 

**Thru:** Matthew Van Daele, Deputy City Manager 

**Date:** January 23, 2018

**Agenda Item:** **Alutiiq Heritage Foundation MOA regarding the proposed Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial**

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**SUMMARY:** The Alutiiq Heritage Foundation, through the Alutiiq Museum, is requesting a Memorandum of Agreement (Attachment A) with the City of Kodiak which would allow the creation of a new monument downtown honoring our community's Alutiiq heritage, culture, and ancestral significance. Included for discussion is a draft MOA for the Council's consideration.

**BACKGROUND:** The parcel of land identified by the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation as being the ideal location for this cultural park is owned by the City of Kodiak (New Kodiak Block 17, Lot 2; or otherwise known as the vacant parcel located beside the Community Baptist Church, the Alutiiq Museum, and the old Alaska Department of Fish and Game building), and has previously been designated by the Downtown Revitalization Committee as an excellent location for a future park site. The Alutiiq Heritage Foundation, through the Alutiiq Museum, is interested in working with the City to enable a park to be built on this site with the City retaining ownership of the land itself, the Museum assuming the responsibility of upkeep and maintenance of the park infrastructure, and the two entities cooperating to conduct simple grounds keeping, namely lawn mowing and snow removal.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:** Staff members of the Alutiiq Museum presented information regarding the Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial concept at the August 8, 2017, Work Session, and that information is provided as Attachment B.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: draft MOA between the City of Kodiak and the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation.

Attachment B: draft Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial design concept and planning documents.

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

### **The Alutiiq Heritage Foundation**

215 Mission Road, First Floor  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615  
Ph: (844) 425-8844  
Fax: (866) 335-7767

### **City of Kodiak**

710 Mill Bay Road  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615  
Ph: (907) 486-8640  
Fax: (907) 486-8600

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This Memorandum of Agreement (“Agreement”) is by and between the City of Kodiak (“the City”), the current owner and responsible authority of the 0.34 acre subject parcel of land with the legal description of New Kodiak Block 17, Lot 2 (“the subject parcel”); and the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation, which through its Board of Directors oversees the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository (“the Alutiiq Museum”), which desires to use the subject parcel to create an Alutiiq Ancestors’ Memorial park (“the Memorial,”) as described in Attachment A.

WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the City owns the subject parcel, located at 210 Mill Bay Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Alutiiq Museum is to preserve and share the heritage and culture of the Alutiiq people; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation desires to create a cultural park to advance the Alutiiq Museum’s mission and to remind visitors of the importance of acknowledging and respecting those who came before us; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Downtown Revitalization Committee identified the subject parcel as a potential park site; and,

**WHEREAS**, such a park in downtown Kodiak will aid the City in developing the downtown area for greater community and visitor use; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Memorial will provide Kodiak residents and visitors with a beautiful place to visit and learn, and will encourage community dialog and understanding of our diverse cultural heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the legal sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the City and the Alutiiq Museum (the “Parties”) agree as follows:

1. **Ownership.** The City shall retain ownership of the subject parcel, and authorizes the Alutiiq Museum to construct the Memorial which will be located on the subject parcel. The City assumes ownership upon construction of any fixtures or additions associated with the parcel.
2. **Term.** Notwithstanding anything contrary to Kodiak City Code Chapter 18.20, the Council of the City of Kodiak hereby authorizes the Alutiiq Museum to construct the Memorial, then coordinate maintenance for the Memorial for a period of ten years from the date of this signed MOA. At the end of this initial ten-year term, the option will exist for additional five-year renewals.
3. **Approval of Plans.** The Alutiiq Museum shall not begin construction of the Memorial until the City has reviewed and approved plans for the construction of the Memorial, which shall be prepared and stamped by an architect or engineer registered in the State of Alaska.
4. **Contractor Requirements.** Any contractor that the Alutiiq Museum shall hire to perform construction work on the Memorial shall be licensed by the State of Alaska, and shall provide the Alutiiq Museum with performance and payment bonds in an amount equal to the contract price. While performing construction work on the Memorial, any such contractor shall maintain insurance that meets the requirements of Section 7 below.
5. **Scope of Work.** The Alutiiq Museum and City of Kodiak shall share responsibility for the upkeep, maintenance, and care of the Memorial. The responsibility will be shared as follows. The Alutiiq Museum will coordinate or provide:

- Annual Spring maintenance;
- Weekly trash pick-up and weeding;
- Graffiti removal, if needed; and,
- Work with City on larger maintenance or repair matters, drawing on Museum's park maintenance fund if funds are available.

The City will provide:

- Lawn maintenance during summer months on an as-needed basis; and,
  - Coordinate staffing with the Museum on larger maintenance or repair matters.
6. **Warranties:** The Alutiiq Museum will designate the City of Kodiak as owner for all warranties and deeds associated with construction or Memorial fixtures and additions.
  7. **Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Alutiiq Museum agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and volunteers against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, lawsuits, or losses, including costs and attorney fees incurred in defense thereof, arising out of or in any way connected or associated with this Agreement.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the City agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Alutiiq Museum, its appointed Board Members, employees, and volunteers against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, lawsuits, or losses, including costs and attorney fees incurred in defense thereof, arising out of or in any way connected or associated with this Agreement.

8. **Insurance.** The Alutiiq Museum, at its expense, shall provide the following insurance coverages for its performance under this Agreement, and shall provide to the City certificates of insurance and/or policies acceptable to the City therefore at the time this Agreement is executed:
  - a. Commercial General Liability Insurance, with a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and/or aggregate combined single limit, bodily injury, and property damage.
  - b. Workers' Compensation Insurance shall be provided and maintained for all employees of the Alutiiq Museum engaged in work under this Agreement as required by AS 23.30.045 or any other applicable statutes or regulations. The Alutiiq Museum shall require Workers' Compensation Insurance for any subcontractor who directly or indirectly provides services under this Agreement.
  - c. Volunteer Insurance - Volunteer Insurance, with a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence and/or aggregate combined single limit, bodily injury, and property damage.
  - d. Additional Insurance Requirements are as follows; (1) list the City as an additional insured, including all elected and appointed City officials, all City employees and volunteers, all City boards, commissions, and/or authorities and their board members, employees, and volunteers, and waive subrogation; (2) provide coverage that is primary to the City and not contributing with any other insurance or similar protection available to the City, whether other available coverage be primary, contributing, or excess; and, (3) Require sixty (60) days written notice of cancellation non-renewal, reduction, and/or material change addressed to: City Clerk, 710 Mill Bay Road, Room 220, Kodiak, Alaska 99615.
  - e. If the above coverage expires during the term of this Agreement, the Alutiiq Museum shall deliver renewal certificates and/or policies to the City at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date. The Alutiiq Museum shall not commence operations under this Agreement until it has obtained the coverage required under the terms of this Agreement. All coverage shall be with insurance carriers licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Alaska and acceptable to the City. If the Alutiiq Museum fails to comply with the insurance requirements of this Agreement, the City may terminate this Agreement on sixty (60) days written notice. The Alutiiq Museum covenants to maintain all insurance policies required in this Agreement for the period of time in which a person may commence a civil action as prescribed by the applicable statute of limitations. The coverage requires by this Agreement shall cover all claims arising in connection with the Alutiiq Museum's performance under this Agreement, whether or not asserted during the term of this Agreement and even though judicial proceedings may not be commenced until after this Agreement expires.
9. **Termination.** Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, the Alutiiq Museum shall relinquish any and all claims to the subject property and the improvements thereon, and the City may use the subject property and any improvements thereon in any manner and for any purpose that the City deems appropriate.
10. **No Waiver.** No waiver of any condition or provision of this Agreement by any party shall be valid unless in writing signed by such party. No such waiver shall be deemed or

construed as a waiver of any other or similar provision or of any future event, act, or default.

11. **Assignment or Delegation.** The Alutiiq Museum may not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement, or any part of it, except with the prior written consent of the City.
12. **Notice.** Any notice required by this Agreement must be hand delivered or sent by first class mail to the appropriate party at the address set forth above the signatures below, or any other address which the party subsequently designates in writing.
13. **Authority of Signers.** Each individual executing this Agreement hereby represents and warrants that he or she has the capacity set forth on the signature pages hereof with full power and authority to bind the Party on whose behalf he or she is executing this Agreement to the terms hereof.
14. **Effectiveness of Agreement.** This Agreement shall not become effective until authorized by Ordinance adopted by the Kodiak City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have hereunder set their hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

CITY OF KODIAK  
710 Mill Bay Road  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

ALUTIIQ HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
215 Mission Road, First Floor  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Tvenge, City Manager

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Margaret Roberts, Chair

Attest:

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Marlar, City Clerk

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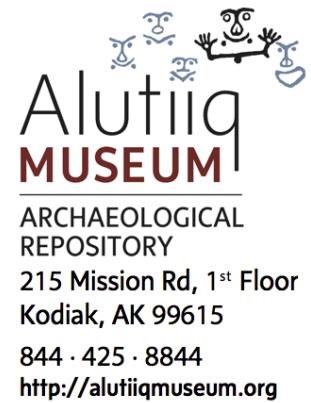
PROPOSAL TO THE CITY OF KODIAK

BY

THE ALUTIIQ HERITAGE FOUNDATION

AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

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July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Kodiak City Council  
c/o Mike Tvenge, City Manager  
71 Mill Bay Road,  
Kodiak, AK 99615

**RE: ALUTIIQ ANCESTORS' MEMORIAL PARK PROPOSAL**

Honorable Council Members,

Attached please find a proposal for a new city park honoring Kodiak's Alutiiq heritage. We ask for your careful consideration of this important cultural landmark, and pledge our financial and logistical assistance to create an attractive, useful, and educational community space.

Briefly, the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation (D.B.A. Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository) requests authorization from the Kodiak City Council to establish the *Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial* on the .34 acre plot of city land on the corner of Kashevaroff Ave. and Upper Mill Bay Rd (210 Mill Bay Rd; New Kodiak BK. 17 LT. 2). The City of Kodiak would retain ownership of the parcel, and the Alutiiq Museum would fundraise to support the costs of establishing park facilities and paying for selected, ongoing maintenance. Details of our collaboration would be outlined in an MOA negotiated between the City and the Alutiiq Museum.

There is a need for this park. The *Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial* will honor Kodiak's Alutiiq heritage, and will remind all visitors of the importance of acknowledging and respecting those who come before us. Establishment of a cultural park is aligned with the Alutiiq Museum's mission, which is to *preserve and share the heritage and culture of the Alutiiq people* – and our goal to expand our reach and relevance beyond the Museum walls to a larger public audience. This park in downtown Kodiak will also aid the City in developing a lot for community and visitor use that has been vacant since 1964—a lot which has been identified as a potential park site by the Downtown Revitalization Committee. In short, the *Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial* will provide Kodiak residents and visitors with a beautiful place to visit and learn, and will encourage community dialogue and understanding.

The Alutiiq Heritage Foundation is well-prepared to implement the attached proposal. Since our inception 22 years ago, we have successfully partnered on large-scale, multi-year projects requiring significant fundraising, time management, and logistics. From major archaeological research projects to



international exhibits and facilities improvements, our staff has an excellent record of project implementation. We have completed numerous large initiatives on time, on budget, and with significant benefit to the Kodiak community. Our past partners have included the Smithsonian Institution, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Harvard University's Peabody Museum, and the City of Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France. Moreover, we bring strong relationships to this project. In addition to conducting community fundraising across the Kodiak Archipelago, we plan to leverage our relationships with foundations to seek grant support for the park. As such, our fundraising plan will minimize costs to the City and establish a fund for ongoing park maintenance.

Kodiak is a beautiful town, and its public spaces would be enhanced with an Alutiiq cultural landmark. The proposed *Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial* will provide a respectful Native cultural presence in the downtown area, while also serving to inform and inspire. Collaborations between Native-run non-profits and municipalities are uncommon, but this project could serve as a model for other communities who seek to honor their unique Indigenous histories. *Quyanaa* – We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Margaret Roberts  
Chair, Board of Directors



April Laktonen Counciller, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

## ALUTIIQ ANCESTORS' MEMORIAL: PROPOSAL

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Alutiiq Museum proposes to establish of an *Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial* park, featuring a circular memorial feature, interpretive signage, low-maintenance plantings, and paved walkways (See Appendix II). The purpose park is to honor Kodiak's Alutiiq heritage, acknowledge the contributions of Alutiiq people to the cultural fabric of Kodiak, and encourage respectful treatment of ancestral sites and burials. We propose that the City of Kodiak retain ownership of the property, and authorize the Alutiiq Museum to develop the park it on the corner of Kashevaroff Ave. and Upper Mill Bay Road (210 Mill Bay Road; New Kodiak BK. 17 LT. 2). The proposed location is directly diagonal from the Alutiiq Museum (See Fig. 1).

The Alutiiq Museum will fundraise to pay for the costs of establishment of the memorial and contribute to ongoing maintenance. We request that the City of Kodiak maintain the property at the same level as other city-owned properties (i.e., mowing & snow removal). Additional upkeep (e.g., weeding, litter pick up) would be contributed by the museum and its volunteers. Details of the collaboration would be outlined in an MOA between the City and the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation, the Alutiiq Museum's governing body. We understand that this collaboration will require long-term commitment.



FIGURE 1 - AERIAL VIEW OF PROPOSED MEMORIAL PARK SITE (A), NEAR ALUTIIQ MUSEUM (B).

### BACKGROUND

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The Alutiiq Ancestors' memorial idea came from ongoing efforts in the Kodiak Native community to address historic and contemporary issues surrounding the treatment of ancestral remains and archaeological sites. The focus of the memorial has broadened since the formation of a community steering committee. The committee recommended the space be used to honor Kodiak Island's Alutiiq heritage and ancestry, and encourage all visitors to consider the contributions of the Alutiiq people to Kodiak's heritage. It is with this perspective that we approach the City of Kodiak. We are not seeking a place for ancestral burials. Instead, we seek a monument that can be used to promote cultural understanding.

The Alutiiq Museum has worked on repatriations with local tribes since its inception, under the Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Repatriation refers to the return of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to their tribes of origin. Myths of vanishing races and discrimination against Native Americans led to numerous excavations in Kodiak and around the country, some with the goal of removing as many human remains as possible for scientific study. This work was done without the consent of Alutiiq communities. Such treatment is no longer acceptable, and repatriations to Kodiak tribes are ongoing. However, there are still issues with preservation and protection of Kodiak Alutiiq archaeological sites and their contents, including our ancestors remains. Site vandalism, illegal artifact trade, disrespectful treatment of ancestral remains, and misunderstandings about Native culture continue in the Kodiak region. This memorial will help visitors understand the ethical and legal imperatives surrounding ancestral resources.

There is great potential to enhance the cultural landscape of the City of Kodiak with an Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial, and the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation is committed to developing this park to encourage positive cultural dialog and reflection for all of Kodiak's residents and visitors.

## PROJECT PLAN

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The project plan outlined here is contingent on approval of this proposal by the City Council. We seek authorization for the park now, so that we can begin active fundraising by September, 2017.

Initial communications with the City and the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation board (AHF) began in May and June, 2017. Museum staff met with City management and Mayor Branson, and formed a volunteer steering committee to guide decisions about the memorial. Following a presentation to the City Council at a work session, this plan and budget were developed for the city's consideration.

While the project is in initial planning, we have begun to receive offers of in-kind services and donations from local businesses. This indicates community support for the memorial. As fundraising has not officially begun, we have not sought business or individual donations, but the Museum has begun laying the groundwork for contributions of support from with our founding Native corporations, local tribes, and foundations we have worked with on other projects.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

Under the proposed plan, the park will be developed by Summer 2018, and ready for an official ribbon-cutting ceremony by August 2018. At the museum, the project will be led by Executive Director April Counciller, Ph.D., with help from Development Assistant Jeff Garcie (See Appendix IV, Museum Staff).

The work plan chart shown on the next page outlines major project activities.

## WORK PLAN

Alutiiq Ancestors Memorial: Workplan		2017										2018							
Activity	Personnel	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		
Initial city communications	ED, DA	■																	
Alutiiq Museum board review	ED, Museum Board		■					■			■			■					
Meeting of steering committee	ED, DA, Steering		■	■		■		■		■		■		■		■			
Presentation at City work session	ED, DA		■		■				■		■					■			
Develop budget/workplan	ED, DA, CC		■	■	■														
Site survey work	DA, Surveyors		■																
Negotiate MOU with City	ED, City Mgmt.					■													
Site design & approval	Designer, DA, ED, City Mgmt			■	■	■													
Brick fundraising website developed	DA, ED, Contractor				■	■													
Groundbreaking Ceremony (Indigenous Peoples' Day?)	All						■												
Apply for foundation support	ED, CC, DA					■	■	■	■										
Sell fundraising bricks*	ED, DA					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Local fundraising/sponsorships	DA, ED, Steering					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Develop contracts	ED, AD, DA					■	■	■	■										
Site preparation	Contractors						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Sign design, approval & ordering	DA, CC, Contractors, City Mgmt.						■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Pathway, signage, fence installation	Contractors									■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Hydroseeding, planting	Contractors										■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Site work complete, engraved brick placement	DA, Contractor														■	■	■		
Advertising, invitation of dignitaries for opening	DA, AD, Steering														■	■	■		
Opening ceremony	Museum, City, Steering, Public																■		

**Personnel:** ED=Executive Director, DA=Development Assistant, AD=Assistant Director, CC=Chief Curator, Steering=Steering Committee

\*brick sales before deadline will be placed before grand opening. Ongoing sales for 1 year for upkeep fund

Once an MOU is negotiated between the City and Alutiiq Heritage Foundation, we will increase our fundraising efforts and seek grant support for the project. The Rasmuson Foundation has agreed to consider a Tier 1 proposal, which could provide up to \$25,000 in support. Additionally, museum staff and steering committee members will begin active outreach to increase local support and fundraise, ensuring the City's needs and concerns are addressed. A well promoted October 2017 groundbreaking ceremony will also increase public awareness and generate press coverage.

Local businesses will be contracted to develop the park, including donated groundwork by Golden Alaska Excavating, and donated plantings by Kodiak Lawn Care. The majority of cost for the memorial, ca. \$70,000.00 will be raised through sales of engraved pathway bricks and pavers that will be integrated in the site design, with businesses and individual donors recognized (see Budget, below).

### STEERING COMMITTEE

The Alutiiq Museum formed a steering committee to guide the development of the memorial.

Participants outside of the Alutiiq Museum include:

- Mike Brady, USF&WS
- Nanette Foster, Artist
- Mayor Pat Branson
- Fr. Innocent Dresdow, Russian Orthodox Church
- Sven Haakanson, Jr., Ph.D., Burke Museum

- Alisha Drabek, Ph.D., Afognak Native Corporation
- Frank Peterson, Jr., Koniag, Inc. & Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak
- Stacy Studebaker, Master Gardener
- Margaret Roberts, KANA & Alutiiq Heritage Foundation
- Shauna Hegna, Koniag, Inc., and Alutiiq Heritage Foundation
- Jeanine Marsh, Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak
- Lisa Hupp, USF&WS

Two steering committee meetings have been held so far. The committee is open to anyone interested in consulting on the project or assisting with fundraising. Interested parties can contact the Alutiiq Museum to join the project on the email list. We also plan to create a project specific website that will share project news, promote paver sales, and help people communicate with the museum about park development.

## SITE DESIGN

The park site is a roughly rectangular lot about 120 feet long. It is .34 acres, and the long edge of the property abuts Upper Mill Bay Road. It is adjacent to the old Fish & Game building, and diagonal from the Alutiiq Museum’s back door.

Site designing services have been donated by Appian Way Pavers. Landscape architect Yvette Burlette has contributed a draft site plan (Figure 2). The current plan is encircled by low open fencing, with three entrances. One entrance is on Upper Mill Bay, while an ADA-accessible entrance path is planned for the side facing Kashevaroff Drive. Additionally, a small set of steps will provide access to the main park pathway out of the existing parking area.

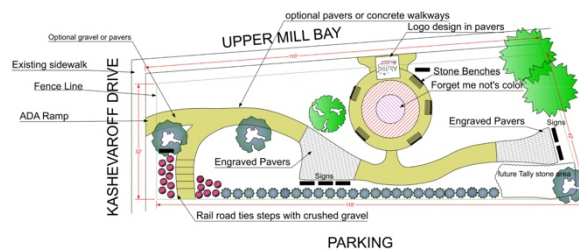


FIGURE 2: DRAFT PARK DESIGN. SEE LARGER VERSION IN APPENDIX II.

The park design features a meandering pathway, with sections near the planned

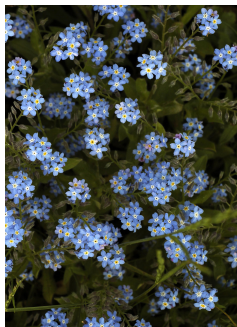


FIGURE 3: FORGET-ME-NOT FLOWERS.

interpretive signs reserved for engraved donor bricks. The center of the park will contain a concrete ring memorial, planted with perennial dwarf forget-me-nots. The circle is an important symbol in Alutiiq culture. Circles represents the universe in Alutiiq art, and circular holes can act as passageways between the human and the spirit world. Informative signs will share these interpretations, introduce Kodiak’s Native history, and tell the project story.

Visitors will be invited to leave a pebble or small stone at the circle as a gesture of respect. A corner of the park is planned for a “tally stone” to commemorate human remains that have been returned to Kodiak Island through repatriation.

The parking side of the park, opposite Mill Bay Road, has an embankment ranging from a few inches where the steps are located, to 11 feet above the parking level at the opposite end. To reduce access and erosion, foot traffic will be directed away from the brush-covered embankment with fencing along the upper edge, and bushes planted on the embankment itself.

## SELECTED MATERIALS

To reduce future maintenance needs, plantings for the park will be low-maintenance and suited for Kodiak’s climate. Museum staff have consulted with professionals and local gardeners for input on plantings. For ease of maintenance, much of the park will be grass only.

Similarly, the park’s hardscaping is planned to be durable and low maintenance. Fencing will be made from treated heavyweight posts and beams. The type of engraved bricks used in pathways will use laser vitrification rather than sandblasting to preserve surface integrity and increase lifespan (they come with a lifetime warranty). Concrete benches will be treated with a sealer and re-sealed on a semi-annual basis as needed. Signage will be produced by iZone, a leading company in outdoor signage for parks and national monuments, using a patented, long-lasting, synthetic material.



FIGURE 4: EXAMPLE BRICKS FROM FUNDRAISINGBRICK.COM. MEMORIAL BRICKS WILL BE GRAY.

## BUDGET

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The total cost of the park development is approximately \$156,000.00. This includes all costs to the Alutiiq Museum from the current date through the groundbreaking in 2018. This budget does not include ongoing annual costs to the Alutiiq Museum for maintenance and upkeep, nor does it include the City’s costs of the collaboration.

See Budget sheet on the following page.

<b>DRAFT 7/18/2017 Ancestors Memorial Capital Budget</b>				
<b>Cost Item</b>	<b>RATE/Provider</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>				
Museum ED & Dev. Asst.	16 months, at 20 & 30 hrs.mo.	\$ 42,564.92	thru 7/2018. non-budgeted hours in-kind	
Archaeological Survey	P.Saltonstall, Curator of Archaeo	\$ 500.00	Verify no prehistoric features	
Volunteer Memorial Commit	est. \$25/hr, 12 mtngs 1.5	\$ 4,500.00	Donated time from Committee members	
<b>Contractual</b>				
Geophysical survey	Underground feature documen	\$ 300.00	Donated Services from Ryan Cross	
Topographical Survey	Kodiak Land Surveying	\$ 4,000.00	Donated Services by Kodiak Land Surveying	
Site Design	Yvette Burlette, Appian Way	\$ 10,000.00	Donated Services from Yvette Burlete	
Two entrance signs	Island Trails Network	\$ 800.00	Wooden Signs, approx. 20X40"	
Ground work, grading	Golden Alaska	\$ 10,000.00	Donated by Golden Alaska Excavating	
Low-maintenance Plantings,	Kodiak Lawn Care	\$ 5,000.00	Donated by Kodiak Lawn Care	
Reg. paver installation, bench	Belarde Custom Concrete	\$ 28,550.00	Incl. pavers	
Fencing	labor+ low-maintenance comp	\$ 13,200.00	Pending quotes	
Memorial Logo	Alisha Drabek, Nunaworks	\$ 500.00	Donated by Nunaworks	
Fundraising website	Sparkem Studio	\$ 871.00	Online donations & Brick ordering	
<b>Fixtures</b>				
Fundraising Bricks and Paver	Fundraisingbrick.com	\$ 10,600.00	300 engraved bricks/pavers + ship from Seattle	
Interprative signs	iZone (Used by Parks Svc.)	\$ 3,509.07	Weatherproof interpretive signage, 24X36"	
Additional Fixtures	As determined by Design Com	\$ 5,000.00	estimated cost	
concrete bench stones,	Doty & Sons, price includes shi	\$ 13,640.00	Specialty Concrete products	
<b>Other</b>				
Advertising costs	Fundraising & events	\$ 1,400.00		
Ribbon Cutting & Grand Ope	performers, refreshments, sup	\$ 1,000.00		
	<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$ 155,934.99		
	<b>Donated Services:</b>	\$ (34,300.00)		
	<b>Fundraising brick gross Profit:</b>	\$ (76,250.00)		
	<b>Still Needed:</b>	\$ 45,384.99		

## CONCLUSION

The town of Kodiak will benefit from the establishment of the Alutiiq Ancestors' Memorial. Creation of a memorial park for Kodiak's first peoples will contribute to community understanding, educate students and visitors, and provide a place of beauty and contemplation in the downtown area.

The Alutiiq Heritage Foundation (Alutiiq Museum) seeks authorization to enter an MOA with the City of Kodiak regarding the development of the site. With approval of this plan by September, 2017, and successful fundraising for the costs, we feel that this park will be ready for a grand opening by late Summer 2018. This plan has been developed to minimize financial impact to the City of Kodiak through fundraising and grant support covering all development costs. Additionally, the Alutiiq Museum commits to both volunteer coordination for park upkeep, and establishment of a maintenance fund for intermittent or unexpected future costs.

We sincerely appreciate this opportunity to collaborate. Should there be any questions, please contact April Counciller at 1-844-425-8844 (844-4ALUTIIQ) x12.



APPENDIX I – AERIAL IMAGE OF SITE, SOURCE: KIB GIS WEBSITE

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL SITE: 210 MILL BAY ROAD; NEW KODIAK BK. 17 LT. 2





# **Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak**

Proudly representing members of the  
Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak

Matthew Van Daele  
Deputy City Manager  
710 Mill Bay Road  
Kodiak, AK 99615  
Phone: (907) 486-8640

**October 5, 2017**

Dear Mr. Van Daele,

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak (STK) Tribal Transportation Program recently (TTP) requested to be placed on the City Council's Agenda for the Addition of more City Owned Transportation Facilities (Routes). For Council Review, I have submitted an electronic copy to Mike Tvenge of the STK's 2017 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

To Summarize the LRTP, as an attachment to this letter, I have supplied a copy of the Executive Summary and the Priority List. Within the 2017 the Priorities List, The STK has identified the City's Proposed Project, Shelikof Street Bulkhead Parking, to be priority number two. The STK would like to work with the City of Kodiak towards the completion of this project. The TTP could aid in Planning, Design, Construction, and Maintenance once funding becomes available to the Program through either Tribal Shares Designation toward the project, or grant funding opportunities.

Also Identified in the priority list as priority number three is Improve Street Lighting. The TTP is currently in the process of identifying areas of concern along Routes that are currently in the STK's TTP Inventory, more specifically, focusing on intersections that provide access to our local schools. Our abilities to provide improved street lighting in other areas is hinged on priorities number four and five, addition of Borough and City owned roads to the STK's TTP Inventory. The TTP Funding can only be expended on Transportation Facilities that are Officially in the STK's TTP Inventory.

In addition, we appreciate the recent extension of the Shelikof Street Memorandum of Agreement. I see the extension of the MOA to be very promising towards the collaborative efforts put forth by both the City of Kodiak and the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Tribal Transportation Program.

Sincerely,

*Randy Boskofsky*

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Transportation Coordinator

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***Proudly Representing the Members of the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Island, Alaska***

## Executive Summary

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak (STK) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a living document that undergoes regular reviews and updates by the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak through its Tribal Transportation Department. The 2017 LRTP update outlines the current transportation facilities and projects, provides intent for the addition of routes to be added to the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Inventory beginning in Fiscal Year 2017, and identifies priorities for transportation facilities including transit programs and new transit facilities. It is planned to review and/or update this plan by Fiscal Year 2020.

To update the LRTP, the STK's Transportation Department updated information through collected and assembled data from Federal and State sources, and regional and local plans. The transportation department updated the long-range transportation plan and associated maps. The referenced information gathered for the update made by the STK's Transportation Department are listed in section 5.0- References.

The STK has twelve (12) routes with approximately 87.7 miles of existing roads in the STK TTP Inventory. The inventoried routes are shown on the Road Map ([Figure 6](#)) located in Appendix A. A summary list of priorities is shown in Section 4.2 - 4.3 of this Plan and on the Road/ Facilities Priority list in Appendix B.

### 4.3 2017 Priority Descriptions

The following priority list provides details for priorities identified and prioritized by the community at the July 14, 2017 public transportation planning meeting.

## **Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak’s 2017 Priority List**

### **Priority #1: Complete Ursin Transit Center**

#### **Project Description:**

**Phase 1:** Repair Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak’s newly acquired dock and construct a Transit Center with Parking Lot, Public Bathrooms, and an Informational/Brochure area. The Construction of a Transit Center would greatly support the Kodiak Area Transit System (KATS) with the addition of a new Bus Stop and Bus Route to the current KATS Schedule.

**Phase 2:** Growth of the Transit Center to evolve into a multimodal Transit Center through: Design/ Construction of the remainder of the sea wall, design for repair and/or reconstruction of the remainder of the STK dock, design for and installation of floats and ramp received from the City of Kodiak’s Harbor Master. The completion of the dock and installation of the float would also help reduced costs for the proposed Island Wide Ferry System and/or Water Taxi Services and provide for a parking lot for the Ursin Transit Center.

**Project Justification:** Through the Transportation Planning Meeting, the Ursin Transit Center was listed as a priority by the community members present. The Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Kodiak Area Transit System; through this Agreement, the Kodiak Area Transit System will be open to the public, and will provide two more bus stops and routes to their current schedule. One being at the Ursin Transit Center, and the Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak’s Office Location.

**Timeframe:** 2017-2025

### **Priority #2: Bulkhead Parking Along Shelikof Street (Route 1012)**

**Project Description:** In 2009, the City identified the need for pedestrian improvements from Pier II to downtown Kodiak to more safely accommodate pedestrian traffic and to improve facilities for local residents, workers, and businesses that use the pier, street, and access to the City’s Adjacent 250 slip boat Harbor. The first phase of the project, construction of an ADA accessible sidewalk, new retaining walls, improved lighting and parking, and utility work was completed in 2013. The City is planning for and preparing the permitting and design of the next parking improvement phase of this project, which is to construct a 30-space bulkhead parking area on the south side of Shelikof Street adjacent to St. Paul Harbor. The roadway area adjacent to the Proposed bulkhead parking is dangerously congested due to lack of adequate parking. Vehicles block walkways, equipment operates in the ROW, and access to business is often blocked, forcing pedestrians into the roadway.

**Project Justification:** Construction of additional off-road parking will direct pedestrian traffic out of the congested roadway. The net increase in parking will benefit harbor users and retail businesses along Shelikof Street. It will provide improved and safer pedestrian access from Marine Way to the Fish Processors in the immediate area. Associated tasks for this phase of the project include geo technical investigation, design, permitting, mapping, construction, improved lighting, and utility relocates.

The STK also shares the concern for pedestrian safety and has listed the City’s Approved Prioritized Federal Capital Project and Issues List - Number Four as a Project Priority sharing a common concern about the congestion of Shelikof Street and the safety of the public.

**Timeframe:** 2018-2025

### **Priority #3: Improve Street Lighting**

**Project Description:** Identify areas of poor lighting along routes that are included in the Official Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's Tribal Transportation Program Inventory. Plan/ Design/ Installation of required Street Lighting to make improvements for the safe transport of People, Goods, and Subsistence Foods.

**Project Justification:** Through the Community Planning Meeting, the improvement of street lighting to routes in the STK's TTP Inventory was listed as a Priority of the community members present at the 2017 planning meeting.

**Timeframe:** Ongoing- As funding allows

### **Priority #4: Update STK's TTP Inventory- Addition of Roads Owned by the Kodiak Island Borough**

**Project Description:** Add Borough Owned Roads to the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's Tribal Transportation Program's Inventory.

**Project Justification:** Through the Community Planning Meeting, the addition of Borough owned roads to the STK's TTP Inventory was listed as a Priority of the community members present at the 2017 planning meeting.

**Timeframe:** 2017-2020

### **Priority #5: Update STK's TTP Inventory- Addition of Roads Owned by the City of Kodiak**

**Project Description:** Add City Owned Roads to the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's Tribal Transportation Program's Inventory.

**Project Justification:** Through the Community Planning Meeting, the addition of City owned roads to the STK's TTP Inventory was listed as a priority of the community members present at the planning meeting.

**Timeframe:** 2017-2020

### **Priority #6: Anton Larsen Bay Road- Rehabilitation/Reconstruction and Extension**

**Project Description:** Upgrade sections of Aton Larsen Bay Road from gravel surface to paved surface. Extend Anton Larsen Bay Road to ice free waters, and construct boat launch facility.

**Project Justification:** Upgrade sections of the Anton Larsen bay Road to a paved surface. Extend the road to ice free waters. The Anton Larsen Bay Road is a priority of the community of Kodiak, many residents, island wide, use the road for: recreation, subsistence hunting/gathering, tourism, and for transport to and from the outlying villages of: Ouzinkie, Port Lions, Larsen Bay, and Karluk.

**Timeframe:** 2020-2025

**Priority #7: Support the Replacement of M/V Tustumena while researching the feasibility of an Island-Wide Ferry System or Water Taxi Service**

**Project Description:** Support the replacement of the Alaska Marine Highway System Ferry M/V Tustumena. Determine best option for ferry services for Kodiak City and Outlying Communities in the Kodiak island Archipelago.

**Project Justification:** The M/V Tustumena has a limited life span left before it is retired by the State of Alaska. Alternatives to provide Public Transit are to replace the M/V Tustumena to provide the same services, or to pursue a smaller Vessel to provide services for foot traffic and vehicles to be transported to Anton Larsen Bay or directly to Kodiak, with Ferry traffic beyond Kodiak still being provided by the M/V Kennicott or similar ferry.

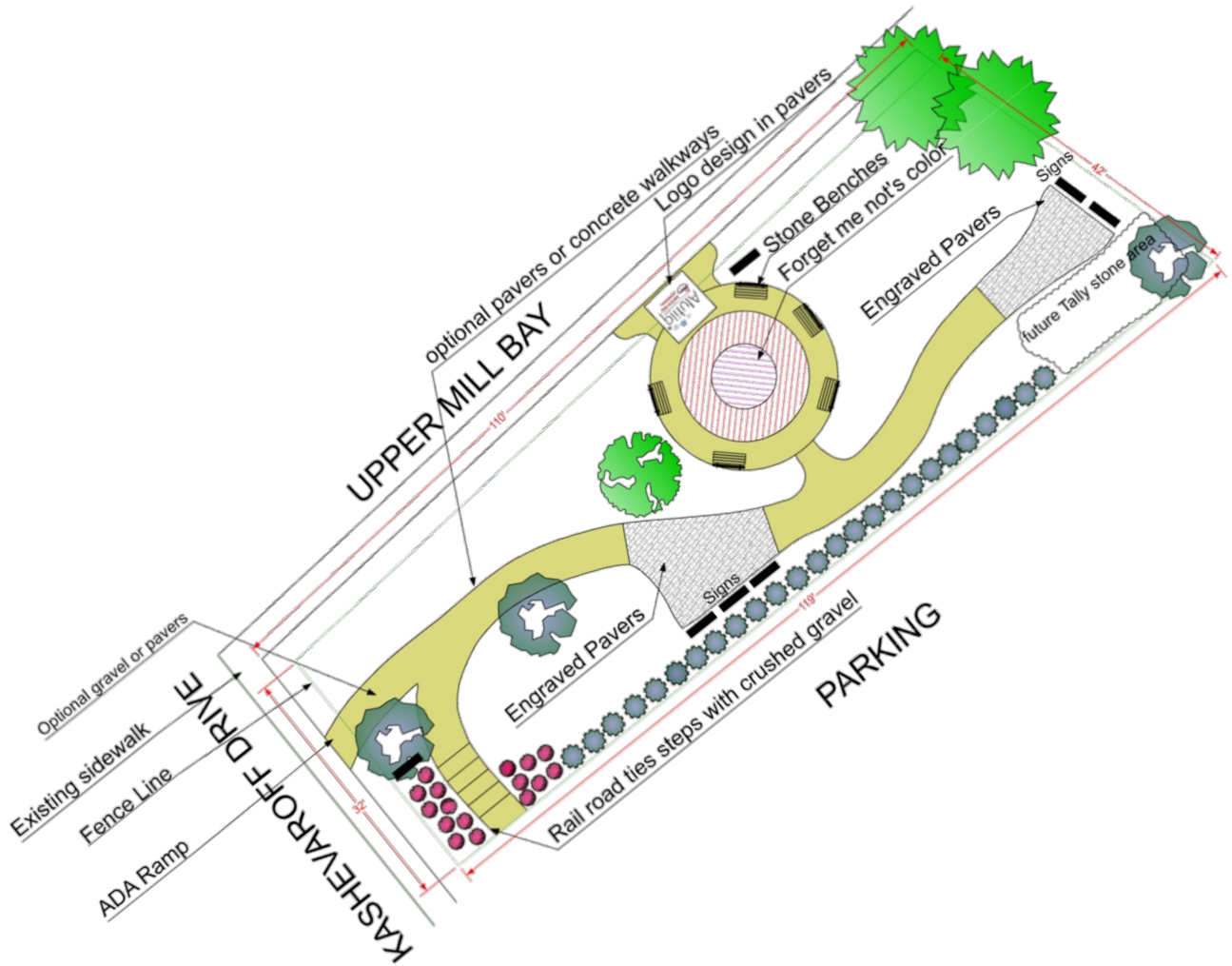
**Timeframe:** 2020-2030

**Priority #8: Update STK's TTP Inventory- Addition of Trails and Bike Paths**

**Project Description:** Identify Ownership of Trails and Bike Paths in Kodiak Area. Collaborate with Owners of Trails Identified for the addition of Trails and Bike Paths to the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's Tribal Transportation Program Inventory.

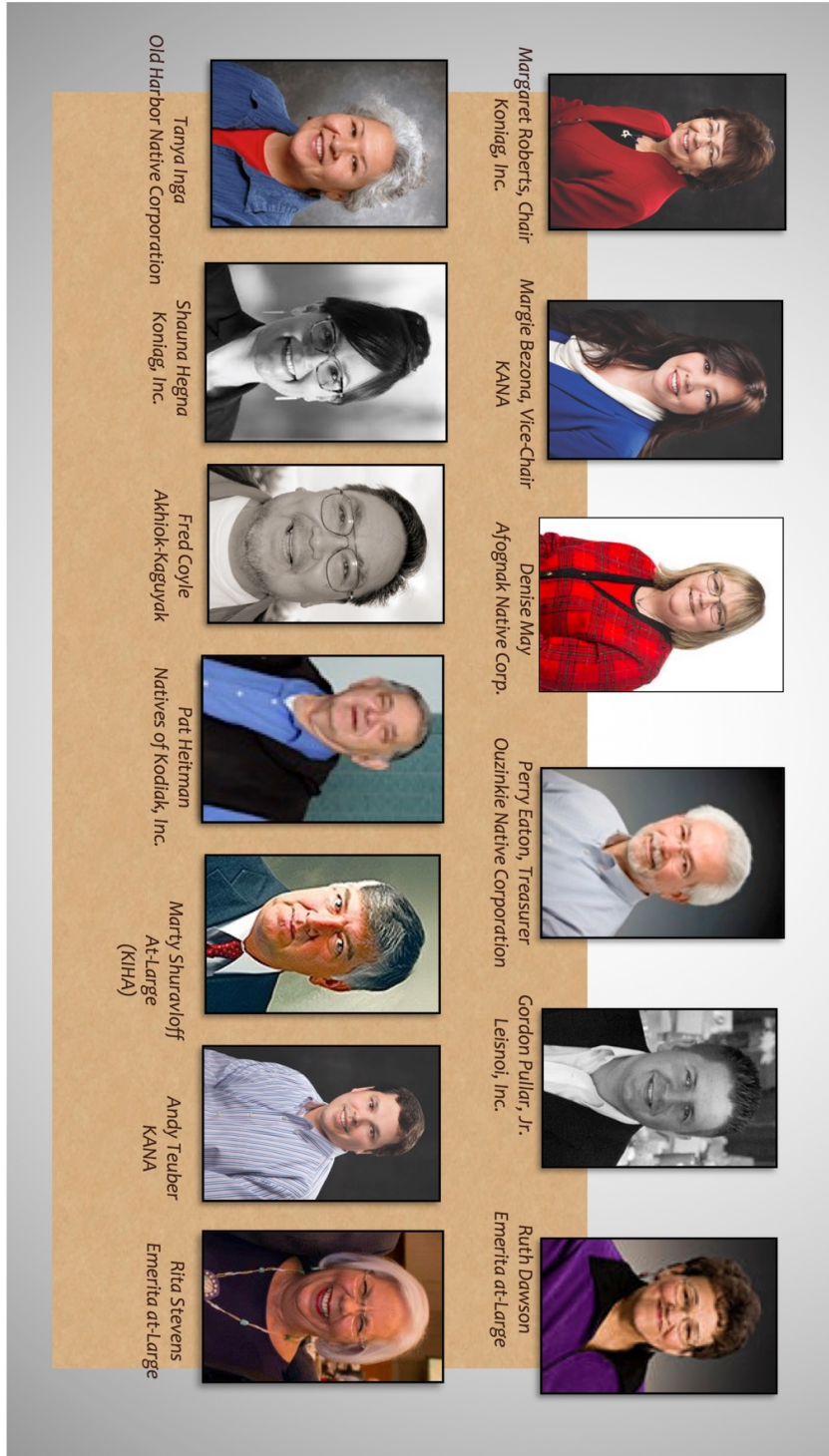
**Project Justification:** Through the Community Planning Meeting, the addition of City owned roads to the STK's TTP Inventory was listed as a priority of the community members present at the planning meeting.

**Timeframe:** 2018-2020

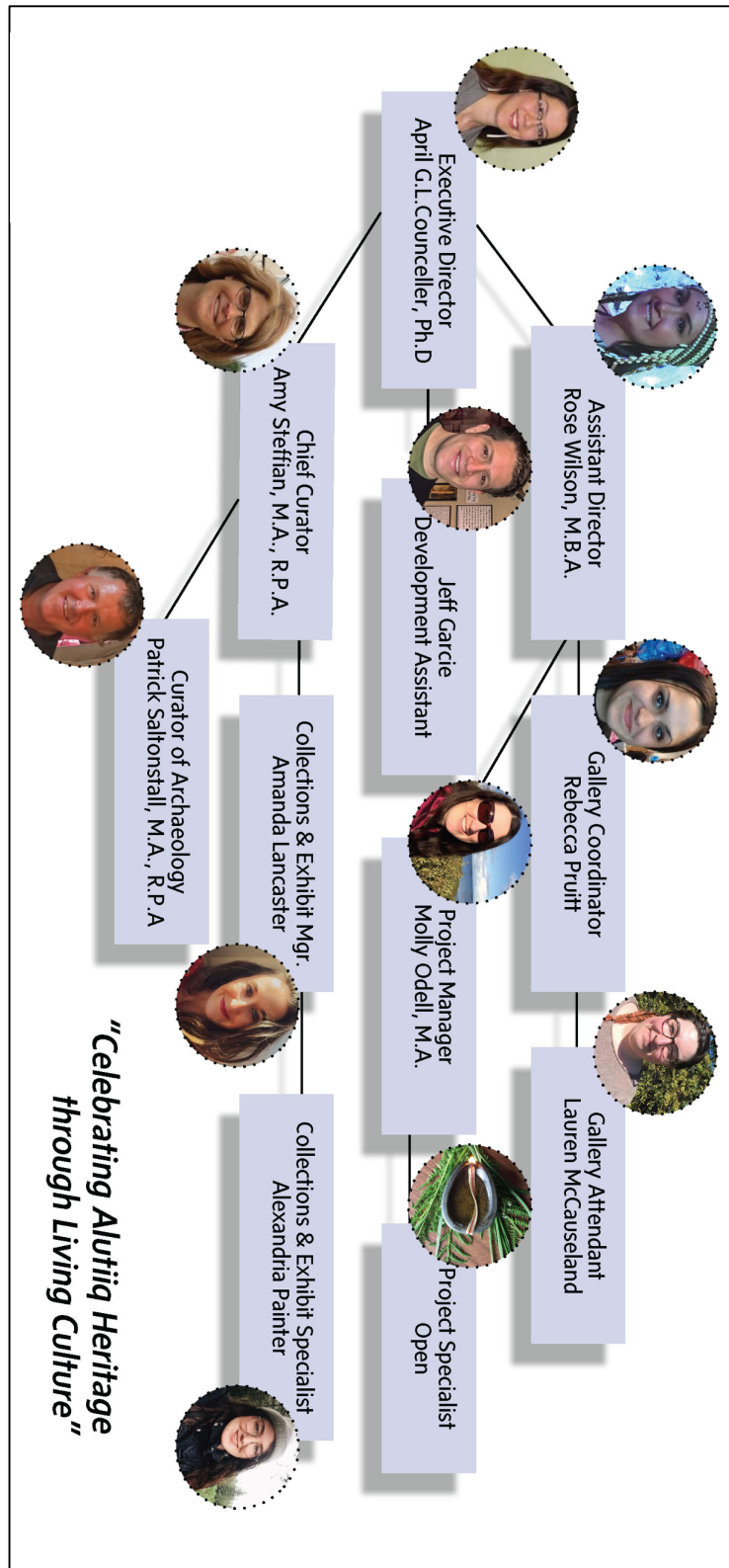


DRAFT ALUTIIQ ANCESTORS' MEMORIAL DESIGN, PENDING COMMITTEE AND CITY APPROVAL.

APPENDIX IV – ALUTIIQ HERITAGE FOUNDATION BOARD









**Date:** November 6, 2017  
**From:** Gordon Arbuckle, Calvin C. Fayard, Jr., and Frank C. Dudenhefer, Jr.  
**To:** Bob Evans; John Bitney

Thank you for taking the time to visit with us by telephone on several occasions. After having reviewed our resumes and a copy of our Scott County lawsuit, you asked us to prepare the following White Paper for further discussions with various municipal authorities in the State of Alaska. We are prepared to continue these discussions via telephone or in person. We look forward to your active participation as we go forward.

#### Opioid White Paper-Municipal Advocacy

**The Problem:** In order to inflate the market for their products, the Opioid Manufacturers used “false science” to create the myth that opioids are not addictive and then used “opinion leaders” in the medical community to advertise and promote the use of opioids. Once addicted, many individuals went from pill ingestion to injection, leading to dramatic increases in needle use and an alarming rise in HIV infection rates. Prescription opioid addiction also served as a pathway to increased use of “hard drugs” such as heroin.

As elected officials and leaders on the ground in your communities, you have seen firsthand the effects of opioids in terms of lives destroyed and municipal budgets drained. Municipalities have been forced to adjust their budgets for increased policing and social services related to the Opioid Epidemic, and at the expense of other vital governmental services. Police, coroners, first responders, and medical facilities are all incurring increased operating costs directly related to opioid abuse and addiction. As a result, tax revenues and economic development have been severely impacted.

**The Response:** While there are suits being filed by individual states, including Alaska, municipal governments in Alaska will be at the mercy of the State when it comes to allocating any recovery from the responsible persons. Money and other remedial benefits will “trickle down” only as the state sees fit. Municipal suits seeking local damages give municipal government a “seat at the table,” empowering the municipalities to control their own financial destiny by potentially receiving compensation without State oversight or interference.

**Litigation:** Without a separate suit, a municipal claim may be minimized, delayed, or even worse, remain uncompensated. Our litigation model involves a focus on municipal governments, and their unique, immediate needs.

Our firms propose to serve as trial and settlement counsel, with engagement of local counsel, including municipal counsel, such as yourselves, to serve as co-counsel.

**We are prepared to be engaged on a contingency basis.**

**Experience:** We have a national practice, focusing on virtually all of the major, national mass tort actions over the last 30 plus years, including drug litigation addressing issues similar to those implicated by the opioid epidemic. In each case we have held positions of leadership and influence. We have excellent working relationships nationwide with the plaintiffs' bar appearing in the opioid litigation and have a working relationship with the only firm to have successfully concluded similar actions against opioid manufacturers and distributors in West Virginia.

**\*See Clerk's  
Office for resumes**

**Our resumes are attached as is a copy of our Scott County Petition and we look forward to discussing this important issue with you further.**

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A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF	)	
THE STATE OF INDIANA, BY	)	
AND THRU ITS BOARD OF	)	
COMMISSIONERS	)	
Plaintiff	)	CAUSE NO. 72D01-1708-____-____
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vs.	)	
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PURDUE PHARMA L.P.;	)	
PURDUE PHARMA, INC.;	)	
THE PURDUE FREDERICK	)	
COMPANY, INC.; ENDO HEALTH	)	
SOLUTIONS INC.; ENDO	)	
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.;	)	
SAMANTHA BEAVER; KEVIN L. FOSTER;	)	
BRITTANY BERKSHIRE; JOE GAY, JR.	)	
JESSE BOBB; MICHAEL WHITE;	)	
ELSA MARIE NEACE; GLENN MICHAEL	)	
FIELDS; CLAUDE HOLT, JR.;	)	
JAMES COOMER; LLOYD E. McNEAR;	)	
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Defendants	)	

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Plaintiff, SCOTT COUNTY, INDIANA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF INDIANA, BY AND THRU ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, alleges as follows:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Defendants manufacture, market, distribute, divert and sell prescription opioids (hereinafter “opioids”), including brand-name drugs like Oxycontin and Percocet, and generics like oxycodone and hydrodone, which are powerful narcotic painkillers.

Historically, because they were considered too addictive and debilitating for the treatment of chronic pain (like back pain, migraines and arthritis), opioids were used only to treat short-term acute pain.

2. However, by the late 1990s, and continuing today, Manufacturing Defendants, or some of them, began a marketing scheme designed to persuade doctors and patients that opioids can and should be used for chronic pain, a far broader group of patients much more likely to become addicted and suffer other adverse effects from the long-term use of opioids. In connection with this scheme Manufacturing Defendants, or some of them, spent, and continues to spend, millions of dollars on promotional activities and materials that falsely deny or trivialize the risks of opioids while overstating the benefits of using them for chronic pain. As to the risks, Manufacturing Defendants, or some of them, falsely and misleadingly, and contrary to the language of their drugs' labels: (1) downplayed the serious risk of addiction; (2) promoted the concept of "pseudoaddiction" and thus advocated that the signs of addiction should be treated with more opioids; (3) exaggerated the effectiveness of screening tools in preventing addiction; (4) claimed that opioid dependence and withdrawal are easily managed; (5) denied the risks of higher opioid dosages; and (6) exaggerated the effectiveness of "abuse-deterrent" opioid formulations to prevent abuse and addiction. Conversely, Manufacturing Defendants, or some of them, also falsely touted the benefits of long-term opioid use, including the supposed ability of opioids to improve function and quality of life, even though there was no "good evidence" to support Manufacturing Defendants' claims.

3. Manufacturing Defendants, or some of them, disseminated these common messages to reverse the popular and medical understanding of opioids. They disseminated these messages directly, through their sales representatives, and in speaker groups led by

physicians PURDUE and ENDO recruited for their support of Manufacturing Defendants' marketing messages. Borrowing a page from Big Tobacco's playbook, PURDUE and ENDO also worked through third parties they controlled by: (a) funding, assisting, encouraging, and directing doctors, known as "key opinion leaders" ("KOLs") and (b) funding, assisting, directing, and encouraging seemingly neutral and credible professional societies and patient advocacy groups (referred to hereinafter as "Front Groups"). Manufacturing Defendants PURDUE and ENDO then worked together with those KOLs and Front Groups to taint the sources that doctors and patients relied on for ostensibly "neutral" guidance, such as treatment guidelines, Continuing Medical Education ("CME") programs, medical conferences and seminars, and scientific articles. Thus, working individually and collectively, and through these Front Groups and KOLs, Manufacturing Defendants PURDUE and ENDO persuaded doctors and patients that what they had long known – that opioids are addictive drugs, unsafe in most circumstances for long-term use – was untrue, and quite the opposite, that the compassionate treatment of pain *required* opioids.

4. Manufacturing Defendants, or some of them, knew that its misrepresentations of the risks and benefits of opioids were not supported by or were directly contrary to the scientific evidence. Indeed, the falsity of such misrepresentations has been confirmed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), including by the CDC in its *Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain*, issued in 2016 and approved by the FDA ("2016 CDC Guideline"). Opioid manufacturers, including Manufacturing Defendants ENDO Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and PURDUE Pharma L.P., have also entered into settlements agreements with public entities that prohibit them from making many of the misrepresentations identified in this Complaint in other jurisdictions. Yet even now, each Manufacturing Defendant, or some of them, continues

to misrepresent the risks and benefits of long-term opioid use in Indiana and continues to fail to correct its past misrepresentations.

5. Manufacturing Defendants, PARDUE and ENDO also formed a continuing opioid marketing enterprise in violation of the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, 1.C.24-5-0.5 *et seq.* (DCAS), for the purpose of falsely and illegally promoting the widespread use of opioids for chronic pain.

6. Manufacturing Defendants' efforts were wildly successful. Opioids are now the most prescribed class of drugs; they generated \$11 billion in revenue for drug companies in 2014 alone. In an open letter to the nation's physicians in August 2016, the then-U.S. Surgeon General expressly connected this "urgent health crisis" to "heavy marketing of opioids to doctors . . . [m]any of [whom] were even taught – incorrectly – that opioids are not addictive when prescribed for legitimate pain." This epidemic, fueled by opioids lawfully prescribed by doctors, has resulted in a flood of prescription opioids available for illicit use or sale (the supply), and a population of patients physically and psychologically dependent on them (the demand). And when those patients can no longer afford or legitimately obtain opioids, they often turn to the street to buy prescription opioids or even heroin, the illegal street sales being supplied and supported by the illegal diversion of opioids by Pharmacy Defendants and the Dealer Defendants. In SCOTT COUNTY this epidemic was front and center, for example:

- A. It is hardly necessary to say now that the United States is awash in opioids and engulfed in a public health crisis the likes of which have been seen before. SCOTT COUNTY is at the forefront of this crisis. For example: By 2012, in Indiana alone, 106 prescriptions for opioids were written for every 100 people in the state, MacKie said, adding that as a pain-management specialist, he began to see by 2008 that "we were clearly going down the wrong path." Studies are showing no evidence that opioids present a long-term benefit to chronic pain and, in fact, can actually impact the body's ability to heal after an injury.

“The real tragedy of this is, if [patients] were never started on opiates, four years later they were four times more likely to have recovered from their injury,” MacKie said. But in the United States, more than 12,000 people have died from opioid overdose every year for the last three years – 33,000 died in 2016 alone, MacKie said. “So, opioid addiction has killed more people in the past three years than [the number of Americans] killed during the Vietnam War.” Studies show that the more pills given per prescription (and the higher the dosage per pill) will increase not only the risk of addiction, now referred to as substance abuse disorder, but also increases the risk of death from overdose.

Studies show that those prescribed 1-36 pills at a time were 15 times more likely to develop a substance abuse disorder. Those prescribed 30-120 pills at a time were nearly 30 times more likely; those prescribed more than 120 pills at a time were 122 times more likely to become addicted.

And the problem goes beyond those who are legally prescribed these drugs. About 68 percent of people 12 and older who abuse opioids obtained them for free from a friend or relative who had a prescription; an additional 11 percent had stolen the pills from friends or family.

Addiction to prescribed opiates also can lead to the abuse of illicit drugs. According to a Johns Hopkins study, one in 15 people who take opioids illicitly will try heroin within 10 years, he said.

(Emphasis Supplied, See: Madison Courier June 24, 2017)

- B. *...multigenerational drug use he was describing was not uncommon in their town, Austin, in southern Indiana. It's a tiny place, covering just two and a half square miles of the sliver of land that comprises SCOTT COUNTY. An incredible proportion of its 4,100 population — up to an estimated 500 people — are shooting up.* It was here, starting in December 2014, that the single largest HIV outbreak in US history took place. Austin went from having no more than three cases per year to 180 in 2015, a prevalence rate close to that seen in sub-Saharan Africa.

Today, the estimated median household income in Austin is \$33,000, about \$15,000 less than that for Indiana. The average home is valued at \$78,000, the US median in 2010 being \$210,000. About 8.3% of Austin residents are unemployed, compared with a US average of 5%. An estimated 34% of working people in Austin hold manufacturing jobs and just 7% have a college degree. In 2013, about 25% of Austin residents were living in poverty.

Widespread pill abuse can be traced back to the 1990s. Will Cooke, a physician who opened his practice in Austin in 2004, claims he has patients who have alleged pills were available at a local bar, even to teenagers. The moment he started seeing patients, they were asking for opiates and benzodiazepines, the tranquilizers more commonly known as Valium and Xanax. As Cooke sees it, Austin's substance abuse problem is the legacy of decades of challenges. “As far back as people that I've talked to can remember,” he said, “it's always been a struggle in survival mode.” Adams told me the problem was exacerbated by physicians themselves. Many opioid prescriptions start out as legitimate treatments for pain.

Most doctors are untrained in pain management and yet patient satisfaction scores for physicians, maintained by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, are directly determined by patients' assessment of how well their pain was managed. That score has consequences: a low one leads to a decrease in pay. "We have an environment where doctors and hospitals feel compelled to continue to prescribe opioids based on their bottom line," said Adams. "We still haven't accepted that overprescribing is a part of the problem to the degree that I think it clearly is." In addition, addiction treatment services have been lacking. In the entire state of Indiana, there are two or three psychiatrists specializing in addiction. "We've underfunded mental health and substance abuse for decades," Adams said.

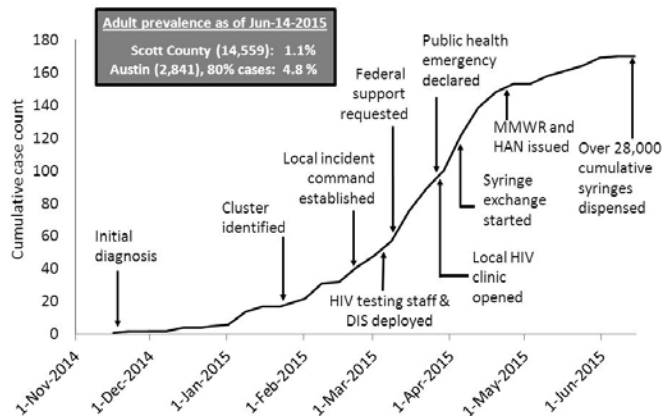
All of what has happened since the late 1980s is potentially part of Austin's syndemic: the sudden unemployment, the desertion of the young, the fall in rent prices, the rise of the itinerant population, the decline of infrastructure, the over prescription of pain pills, the lack of assistance. By the late 1990s and early 2000s, it seems, the town itself had become sick, the result of various forms of 'structural violence' — a term introduced by Harvard physician and anthropologist Paul Farmer to describe harmful social frameworks — along with historical, behavioral and political risk factors.

The picture that emerges from this is one of a disease with many causes, including place of birth. *An estimated 2.6% of Americans have injected drugs, compared to up to 12% of Austin.*

(Emphasis Supplied, See: <http://digg.com/2016/austin-indiana-hiv>)

C.

Cumulative HIV infections diagnosed,  
Scott County, Indiana through June 14, 2015 (n=170)



D. *Indiana ranks 9<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states in 2012. The number of painkillers (opioids) per 100 people was 96-143. SCOTT COUNTY had the worst health status for years preceding the opioide epidemic, so it was no surprise that opiod injection resulted in the rapid and unchecked spread of HIV.*

(Emphasis Supplied, See:

<https://www.inphilanthropy.org/sites/default/files/Richard%20M.%20Fairbanks%20Opioid%20Report%202016.pdf>)



E. *Inside A Small Brick House At The Heart Of Indiana's Opioid Crisis*

*Austin, a town of about 5,000 people became home to one of the biggest outbreaks in decades, with more than 140 diagnosed cases. At the root of the outbreak was a powerful prescription painkiller called Opana. Snorting the drug instead of taking it by mouth meant avoiding the pill's time release, giving a user all the effects of the drug at once.* In 2012, the company that makes Opana changed the formula of the drug to prevent people from snorting it. The company made the pills hard to crush, but at this point, many people were already addicted.

*"The only way you could really do them is inject them, because if you actually swallow them, it really don't do nothing," he says. Jeff says they've figured out how to cook the reformulated version of Opana so it can be injected...*

When Opana pills are swallowed, they release their painkilling ingredient over 12 hours. If the pills were crushed and snorted, though, the drug was released in a single dose.

But the drug's manufacturer, ENDO Pharmaceuticals, reformulated Opana in 2012. The new pills featured a coating that was intended to make them more difficult to abuse by crushing them into powder or dissolving them...

For its part, ENDO has said that its decision to reformulate Opana was a well-intended attempt to prevent abuse. As the company told the Food and Drug Administration in 2012, ENDO reformulated the drug "to provide a crush-resistant product, equally as effective as Opana ER, which would discourage abuse, misuse and diversion." ENDO declined repeated requests from NPR for an interview.

*According to study data, as well as interviews with Indiana residents addicted to Opana, the reformulation effectively deterred many people from snorting the drug. But the change also led a significant number of people to abuse the drug by injection. When needles are shared, the injection route can transmit HIV, hepatitis C or other infections.*

And interviews with experts, court filings, documents from the FDA, as well as ENDO's own statements, suggest the company's decision to reformulate Opana was also motivated in large part by financial interests. So why did ENDO Pharmaceuticals reformulate the drug in the first place. The answer involves both public health concerns and business considerations. ENDO Pharmaceuticals released Opana in 2006. Taken orally, Opana is about twice as powerful as OxyContin, and the company says it is "indicated for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment."

Soon afterward, though, communities around the country began reporting abuse of Opana and even overdose deaths. ENDO said those concerns over public health and abuse were key motivations to reformulate the drug. Opana also was a major moneymaker for the company.

In 2011, for example, Opana generated \$384 million in net sales for ENDO, accounting for 14 percent of the company's total revenue that year. But the company also faced the threat of generic competition. So ENDO developed a strategy that would block its competitors and maintain Opana's share of the market. The company

reformulated the drug, this time with features designed to prevent abuse, a move that could potentially protect ENDO at a time it faced the loss of patent protection.

The FDA approved ENDO's reformulated Opana, and in 2012 the company began replacing the old versions of Opana on pharmacy shelves. In August of that year, ENDO took another step. The company filed a petition with the FDA, arguing that it had removed the old, crushable version of Opana from the market "for reasons of safety or effectiveness." It also asked the agency to "refuse to approve" and "suspend and withdraw the approval" of generic, noncrush-resistant versions of Opana.

If the FDA agreed with ENDO, the agency would effectively eliminate the company's generic competition. "We see this again and again in the pharmaceutical industry," says Dr. Anna Lembke, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Stanford University Medical Center. "They come up with some new fancy formulation of basically the same old drug ... and then that way they have a new drug that they can charge a lot of money for."

For example, in 2010, PURDUE Pharma reformulated its popular opioid painkiller OxyContin to make the drug crush-resistant. The FDA later determined that the reformulated version of OxyContin was significantly safer and that "the benefits of original OxyContin no longer outweigh its risks." The agency then blocked generic, noncrush-resistant versions of OxyContin. Dr. Andrew Kolodny, executive director of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing and a prominent critic of the drug industry, says this type of decision "is worth billions to a pharmaceutical company." In 2012, while ENDO's petition was pending FDA's decision, the company filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to compel the agency to speed up the review. ENDO's lawyers predicted a "spike of misuse and abuse" if generic — and noncrush-resistant — versions of Opana hit the market.

"With the reformulation, snorting appears to be much, much lower, whereas injection appears to be the more preferred route," Theresa Cassidy, the study's lead author, told NPR in a phone interview. Still, Cassidy, a vice president of analytics at a company called Inflexxion, warns that it's not possible to draw a causal link between the reformulation and injection abuse based simply on these data. (Inflexxion is paid by pharmaceutical companies, including ENDO, to conduct research into drug abuse patterns but says it maintains independence.)

A separate study also looked at abuse data before and after Opana's reformulation. Though the sample size was small, the study found "a trend toward increases in IV [intravenous] use after the reformulation."

***Back in Austin, Ind., local, state and federal law enforcement have struggled to eliminate Opana from the town's illegal-drug market. A recent drug bust helped reduce the amount of Opana available on the street. But drug users there still describe Opana as the most desirable drug around.***

A single Opana pill, they say, now costs about \$200, up from around \$140 when we started reporting this story.

(Emphasis Supplied, See: <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2016/03/31/469525114/inside-a-small-brick-house-at-the-heart-of-indianas-opioid-crisis>)

- F. Last spring, the state of Indiana declared an emergency after a major HIV outbreak in the small town of Austin. Drug users there were injecting the painkiller Opana and sharing needles. *Still, SCOTT COUNTY, Ind., is the lowest-ranked county in the state for health outcomes.*

(Emphasis Supplied, See: <http://www.npr.org/2016/05/04/476783536/indiana-town-struggles-to-contain-hiv-outbreak-fueled-by-drug-abuse>)

- G. ...Less than 10 percent of Austin's residents hold a college degree. One out of 5 residents lives below the poverty level, more than 1.5 times the rate in Indiana. Drug abuse was common. SCOTT COUNTY had the highest per capita use of OxyContin in the state. Floyd County, No. 2 on the list, had a rate half as high.

(Emphasis Supplied, See: <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2016/04/08/year-after-hiv-outbreak-austin-still-community-recovery/82133598/>)

- H. February 25, 2015 : The Indiana State Department of Health announces a quickly-spreading HIV outbreak tied to shooting up the painkiller Opana. There are 26 confirmed cases and 4 preliminary cases.

March 20, 2015: The HIV case count is now 68 – 55 confirmed and 13 preliminary. A public awareness campaign is launched and the state ask for help from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

March 26, 2015: Former Gov. Mike Pence signs an executive order paving the way for a needle exchange. Exchanges were previously banned in the state.

*April 4, 2015: The needle exchange starts up at the One-Stop Shop in Austin. Cases hit 89, 84 confirmed and 5 preliminary.*

*May 1, 2015: The case count reaches 145, 143 confirmed and 2 preliminary. The public awareness campaign is expanded to include messages to truck drivers traveling on I-65 between Louisville and Indianapolis.*

May 5, 2015: Pence signs into law a measure allowing counties to launch needle exchanges if they meet certain criteria and obtain state permission.

June 10, 2015: The case count reaches 169 – 166 confirmed and 3 preliminary.

August 28, 2015: *The case count reaches 181 – 177 confirmed and 4 preliminary. The spread of the outbreak begins to slow.*

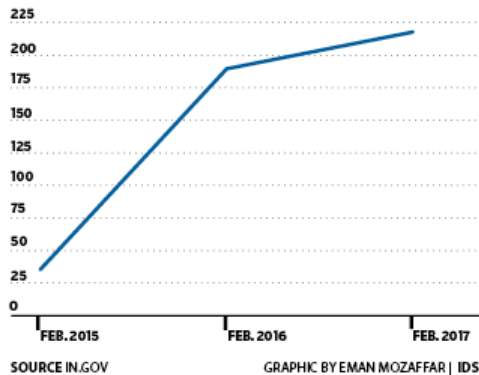
December 4, 2015: The case count reaches 184.

(Emphasis Supplied, See: <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/indiana/2017/04/20/healing-austin-part-two-troubled-city-tested/97735344/>)

## Scott County's opioid cases

According to the Indiana State Department of Health records, the Scott County's HIV rates started skyrocketing Feb. 2015.

After the start of the county's needle exchange Apr. 2015, rates of diagnoses eventually began to level off.



## Indiana HIV Outbreak Overview

- **Dec. 2014:** 3 new HIV diagnoses in Austin IN
  - DIS learned 2 had a common-needle sharing partner
  - Contact tracing → 8 additional infections by January 23
  - Only 5 HIV infections had been reported 2004-2013
- **As of Feb. 4, 2016:** 189 individuals diagnosed with HIV
  - All linked to Austin, IN
  - Infections were recent and from a single strain of HIV
  - 91% co-infected with Hepatitis C
- **Source of infection:** injection of the prescription opioid, oxymorphone (**OPANA® ER**)



I. Health officials say the HIV epidemic centered in SCOTT COUNTY was fueled by addicts sharing needles to shoot up Opana. It's a powerful pain killer, prescribed by doctors. "We've restricted the access and the abuse of prescription drugs," Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller said during a press conference in SCOTT COUNTY Tuesday. He says his office has shut down so-called 'pill mills' and gone after doctors who over-prescribe and now a shortage of painkillers is causing a demand for heroin. ***But local health officials estimate roughly 85 percent of the people using the needle exchange in Austin are still addicted to Opana. "Until we turn from six to twelve about the drug problem. "We're just struggling everyday to do the best we can with what we have."(officers) I just can't see us making a big difference or putting a big dent in it," Spicer said*** (Emphasis Supplied, See: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/30494825/police-opana-still-drug-of-choice-for-addicts-in-austin-indiana>)

K. Last year, SCOTT COUNTY experienced an HIV outbreak that health officials attributed to sharing drug needles. It is believed users crushed the pill and made it into a liquid form before injecting it. Friday's investigation is partly in response to

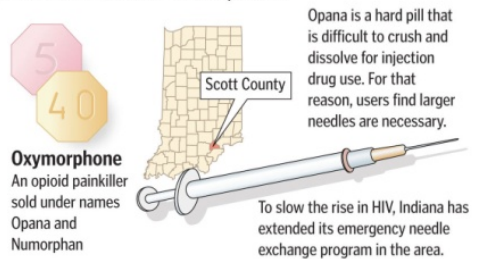
the increase in HIV cases. *Typically, SCOTT COUNTY sees about 10 cases of HIV annually; in the last 13 months, 188 cases have been reported.*

(Emphasis supplied, See: <http://fox59.com/2016/02/05/dea-local-authorities-conduct-drug-raid-in-scott-co-in-response-to-hiv-spike-10-people-in-custody>)

L.

### 142 cases of HIV linked to illegal drugs

Many cases in Scott County are traced to people injecting Opana, a prescription painkiller similar to heroin and sold in pill form.



M. Opioids are not confined by geography. Austin is but a microcosm of the Indiana opioid epidemic. With 1152 overdose deaths in 2014, Indiana ranks 15th in the nation. The number of deaths from drug overdoses has increased dramatically in the state since 1999, more than 500%. Marion County, less than a hour away from Austin, has the most overdose deaths and non-fatal emergency room visits due to overdose of any county in the state. The number and rate of Marion County deaths from drug overdose has increased steadily since 2000. • Infants exposed to opioids *in utero* are often born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), a condition that can result in increased irritability, hypertonia (spasticity), tremors, difficulty eating, vomiting, watery stools, seizures and respiratory distress. Nationally, the incidence of NAS rose three-fold between the years 2000 and 2009.

In Indiana, 657 infants were born with NAS in 2014. Infants with NAS require long and costly hospital stays after birth. • Drug abuse by parents often has a negative impact on children. In 2013, Indiana saw a 30% increase in the number of children entering the welfare system, primarily because of parental substance abuse. In that same year, the Marion County Juvenile Court saw a sharp increase in the number of children taken from their homes and placed in protective custody due to parental addiction. Cases in which parental rights were terminated grew by 31%.

Needle sharing among people who inject opioids and heroin can result in transmission of HIV and hepatitis B and C. It is estimated that 50 to 80% of people who inject drugs will contract one of these viruses within five years of beginning injection drug use. • Additional emergency and public safety personnel are needed to respond to the increase in overdose calls that have occurred over the past five years.

**Indianapolis Emergency Management Services reported a 117% increase in the number of calls between 2011 and 2015. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department experienced an increase of 306% in calls about narcotics during the same period. • There has been an increase in hospital Emergency Department (ED) visits resulting from abuse of opioids and heroin.** In 2010 alone there were 641,940 visits to Indiana EDs due to non-fatal poisonings (90% of those poisonings were due to drug abuse). Not only do those visits have a dollar amount attached to them, but they also impact the ability of hospitals to deliver timely care.

**The financial cost to society on a national level has been estimated at \$55.7 billion (2007), with \$25 billion attributable to healthcare costs, \$25.6 billion in lost workplace productivity and \$5.1 billion in criminal justice costs.** Interestingly, of the total, only a miniscule 0.3% was spent on researching the problem and only 0.3% was spent on prevention. **Drug abuse puts significant strain on the criminal justice system. The cost nationally for prescription opioid abuse alone among the prison population has been estimated at \$5.1 billion. In Indiana, 53% of people who are incarcerated are diagnosed with a substance use disorder. Of people who return to prison, 75% have a substance abuse disorder. • Drug abuse presents workplace safety and productivity issues.** A first of its kind survey conducted by the National Safety Council and the Indiana Attorney General's office found that 80% of Indiana's employers have observed prescription drug misuse in their employees. The survey also found that 64% of employers perceive prescription drugs to present a bigger problem in the workplace than illegal substances.

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- N. SCOTT COUNTY, Indiana has 218 individuals with HIV. These numbers based on county size are the worst in the United States. It is comparable to the statistics in Africa. A 2009 epidemiology report prepared by the Indiana University Center for Health Policy shows that the per capita dosage units for SCOTT COUNTY is 40.3

But even these alarming statistics do not fully illustrate the toll of prescription opioid abuse on patients and their families, as the dramatic increase in opioid prescriptions to treat chronic pain has resulted in a population of addicts who seek drugs from doctors. Efforts by physicians to reverse course for a chronic pain patient with long term dependence on opioids are often thwarted by a secondary criminal market well-stocked by a pipeline of drugs that are

diverted to supply these patients.

7. Prescription opioid abuse has not displaced heroin, but rather triggered a resurgence in its use, imposing additional burdens on agencies that address heroin use and addiction. Individuals who are addicted to prescription opioids often transition to heroin ( and the resulting spread of HIV) because it is a less expensive, readily available alternative that provides a similar high.

8. Chronic pain takes an enormous toll on their health, lives and families. These patients deserve both appropriate care and the ability to make decisions based on accurate, complete information about treatment risks and benefits. But Manufacturing Defendants' or some of their deceptive marketing campaign deprived Indiana patients and their doctors of the ability to make informed medical decisions and, instead, caused important, sometimes life-or-death decisions to be made based not on science, but on hype. Manufacturing Defendants deprived patients, their doctors, and health care payors of the chance to exercise informed judgment and subjected them to enormous costs and suffering. Manufacturing Defendants' conduct has also exacted, and foreseeably so, a financial burden on SCOTT COUNTY, which has spent tax dollars on costs directly attributable to the flood of opioids Manufacturing Defendants unleashed on the County, including costs for addiction treatment and the treatment of babies born addicted to opioids.

9. To redress and punish these violations of law, Petitioner seeks damages for the amounts paid in connection with the results of opioide abuse, including but not limited to County law enforcement, EMS, addiction treatment costs, and the like. Petitioner also seeks a declaration that Manufacturing Defendants' conduct has violated Indiana law, an order requiring Manufacturing Defendants to cease their unlawful promotion of opioids and correct

their misrepresentations and an order requiring Manufacturing Defendants to abate the public nuisance they have created and knew their actions would create. Petitioner also seeks punitive damages, treble damages, and attorneys' fees and costs, in addition to granting any other equitable relief authorized by law. Manufacturing Defendants' conduct has also exacted, and foreseeably so, a financial burden on SCOTT COUNTY. The County budget has been plagued with additional demands for public services attributable to the flood of opioids Manufacturing Defendants unleashed on the County, including costs for addiction treatment and the treatment of babies born addicted to opioids. Further, damages and equitable relief is sought on behalf of all SCOTT COUNTY citizens who or which have sustained damages or losses as a result of opioide abuse.

## **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

10. This Court has personal jurisdiction over all Defendants as they conduct business in Indiana, purposefully direct or directed their actions toward Indiana, and/or have the requisite minimum contacts with Indiana necessary to constitutionally permit the SCOTT COUNTY to exercise jurisdiction.

Venue is proper in SCOTT COUNTY as to all Defendants as they routinely conduct business in SCOTT COUNTY and that the harm and injuries caused by their conduct was visited upon SCOTT COUNTY and its citizens.

## **III. PARTIES**

11. **Plaintiff**, SCOTT COUNTY, INDIANA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF INDIANIA, BY AND THRU ITS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, is authorized to bring this action pursuant the Laws of the State of Indiana, including but not limited to Indiana Code 36-1-3-2.



12. **The Defendants are:**

A. PURDUE PHARMA L.P. is a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware. PURDUE PHARMA INC. is a New York corporation with its principal place of business in Stamford, Connecticut, and THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Stamford, Connecticut (collectively, **“Manufacturing Defendant” or “PURDUE”**).

PURDUE manufactures, promotes, sells, and distributes opioids such as OxyContin, MS Contin, Dilaudid/Dilaudid HP, Butrans, Hysingla ER, and Targiniq ER in the U.S. and Indiana. OxyContin is PURDUE’s best-selling opioid. Since 2009, PURDUE’s annual sales of OxyContin have fluctuated between \$2.47 billion and \$2.99 billion, up four-fold from its 2006 sales of \$800 million. OxyContin constitutes roughly 30% of the entire market for analgesic drugs (painkillers).

B. ENDO HEALTH SOLUTIONS INC. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Malvern, Pennsylvania ENDO PHARMACEUTICALS INC. is a wholly- owned subsidiary of ENDO Health Solutions Inc. and is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Malvern, Pennsylvania. (ENDO Health Solutions Inc. and ENDO Pharmaceuticals Inc. are collectively referred to as **“Manufacturing Defendant” or “ENDO.”**)

ENDO develops, markets, and sells and has sold prescription drugs, including the opioids, Opana/Opana ER, Percodan, Percocet, and Zydone, in the U.S. and Indiana. Opioids made up roughly \$403 million of ENDO’s overall revenues of \$3 billion in 2012. Opana ER yielded \$1.15 billion in revenue from 2010 and 2013, and it accounted for 10% of ENDO’s total revenue in 2012. ENDO also manufactures and sells generic opioids such as

oxycodone, oxymorphone, hydromorphone, and hydrocodone products in the U.S. and Indiana.

C. SAMANTHA BEAVER is a person of the full age of majority whose address is 8865 Chessie Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana. On July 21, 2017, the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, entered Findings of Fact and Order revoking this Defendant's pharmacy technician license. The Board earlier found that the Defendant posed a clear and present danger to the public health and safety if allowed to practice as a pharmacy technician. The action of the Board was based on Defendant's admission to the diversion from her pharmacy employer of nearly 1300 opioid and other controlled substance tablets beginning in April, 2016 and ending not later than December 31, 2016. ((SEE: Cause Number: 2017 IBP 0001, annexed as Exhibit A));

KEVIN L. FOSTER is a person of the full age of majority whose address is 1015 Gallium Drive, Cicero, Indiana. On July 21, 2017, the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, entered its Final Order revoking this Defendant's pharmacist license by Agreement. The Board found that the Defendant posed a clear and present danger to the public health and safety if allowed to practice as a pharmacist. The action of the Board was based on Defendant's admission to the criminal diversion and distribution of Norco, an opioide. (SEE: Cause Number: 2016 IBP 0038, annexed as Exhibit B); and

BRITTANY BERKSHIRE is a person of the full age of majority whose address is 115 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Logansport, Indiana. On July 21, 2017, the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, entered Findings of Fact and Order revoking this Defendant's pharmacy technician license. The Board earlier found that the Defendant posed a clear and present danger to the public health and safety if allowed to practice as a pharmacy technician. The action of the Board was based on Defendant's admission that she diverted opioids. As a result of her conduct, she was criminally charged in Cass Superior Court, (SEE: Cause Number: 2017 IBP 0006, annexed as Exhibit C)

and are collectively referred to herein as **“Pharmacy Defendants**

JOE GAY, JR. is a person of the full age of majority whose address is 160 Paulanna Avenue, Austin, IN, 47102. On July 11, 2016, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Hydrocodone, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1503-FB-14, (Exhibit D, annexed).

JESSE BOBB is a person of the full age of majority whose address is 1085 N.Co.Ld. 800 E., Seymore, IN, 47274. On August 1, 2016, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Opana , was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1503-FB-15, (Exhibit E, annexed).

MICHAEL WHITE is a person of the full age of majority whose address is presently unknown. On July 29, 201, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1503-FB-13, (Exhibit F, annexed).

ELSA MARIE NEACE is a person of the full age of majority whose address is 430 S. Morgan Drive, Austin, IN, 47102. On November 14, 2015, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Acetaminophen/Hydrocodone, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1503-F3-2, (Exhibit G, annexed).

GLENN MICHAEL FIELDS is a person of the full age of majority whose address is 1317 U.S. 31, Apartment 3, Austin, IN, 47102. On June 23, 2015, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Oxycodone, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1501-FB-1, (Exhibit H, annexed).

CLAUDE HOLT, JR. is a person of the age of majority whose address is 917 W. York Road Lot # 51, Austin, IN, 47102. On July 20, 2015, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in

Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Oxycodone, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1501-FB-7, (Exhibit I, annexed).

JAMES COOMER is a person of the age of majority whose address is 1103 W. York Road, Austin, IN, 47102. On June 30, 2015, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Opana, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1501-FB-6, (Exhibit J, annexed).

LLOYD E. McNEAR is a person of the age of majority whose address is 1301 W. York Road, Lot # 106, Austin, IN, 47102. On July 20, 2015, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Oxycodone, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1501-FB-7, (Exhibit K, annexed).

CHRISTOPHER C. SMITH is a person of the age of majority whose address is presently unknown. On January 23, 2017, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Opana, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1304-FA-13, (Exhibit M, annexed).

JOEL E. BARRETT, JR. is a person of the age of majority whose address is 1020 E. Harrod Road, Austin, In, 47102. On October 6, 2015, a Judgment of Conviction for Dealing in Controlled Dangerous Substances, to wit: Opana, was entered IN THE SCOTT CIRCUIT COURT, CAUSE NO: 72C01-1504-FA-6, (Exhibit N, annexed) and are collectively referred to herein as “**Dealer Defendants**”.

By their diversionary, illegal conduct, the Pharmacy Defendants and the Dealer Defendants were able to ensure that there was a readily illegal opioide drug supply available in the State of Indiana and Scott County fueling and supporting the opioide epidemic, resulting in the harm and damages visited upon the Plaintiff as alleged hereinbelow.

D. DOES 1 THROUGH 100, INCLUSIVE. SCOTT COUNTY lacks information sufficient to specifically identify the true names or capacities, whether individual, corporate or otherwise, of the Manufacturing Defendants sued herein under the fictitious names DOES 1 through 100 inclusive, and they are therefore sued herein pursuant to. SCOTT COUNTY will amend this Complaint to show their true names and capacities if and when they are ascertained. SCOTT COUNTY is informed and believes, and on such information and belief alleges, that each of the Manufacturing Defendants named as a DOE is responsible in some manner for the events and occurrences alleged in this Complaint and is liable for the relief sought herein.

#### **IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

13. Before the 1990s, generally accepted standards of medical practice dictated that opioids should only be used short-term for acute pain, pain relating to recovery from surgery, or for cancer or palliative (end-of-life) care. Due to the lack of evidence that opioids improved patients' ability to overcome pain and function, coupled with evidence of greater pain complaints as patients developed tolerance to opioids over time and the serious risk of addiction and other side effects, the use of opioids for chronic pain was discouraged or prohibited. As a result, doctors generally did not prescribe opioids for chronic pain.

14. To take advantage of the lucrative market for chronic pain patients, Defendant, PURDUE and ENDO developed or was the beneficiary, i.e. AMERISOURCEBERGEN and MCKESSON, of a well-funded marketing scheme based on deception. PURDUE and ENDO used both marketing and unbranded advertising disseminated by seemingly independent third parties to spread false and deceptive statements about the risks

and benefits of long-term opioid use – statements that benefited not only themselves and the third-parties, such as AMERISOURCEBERGEN and MCKESSON, who gained legitimacy when PURDUE and ENDO repeated those statements. Yet these statements were not only unsupported by or contrary to the scientific evidence, they were also contrary to pronouncements by and guidance from the FDA and CDC based on that evidence. They also targeted susceptible prescribers and vulnerable patient populations.

**A. Manufacturing Defendants Used Multiple Avenues To Disseminate Their False And Deceptive Statements About Opioids.**

15. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, spread their false and deceptive statements by marketing their branded opioids directly to doctors and patients in Indiana. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, also deployed seemingly unbiased and independent third parties that they controlled to spread their false and deceptive statements about the risks and benefits of opioids for the treatment of chronic pain throughout the United States.

**1. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, spread and continue to spread their false and deceptive statements through direct marketing of their branded opioids.**

16. Manufacturing Defendants', PURDUE and ENDO, direct marketing of opioids generally proceeded on two tracks. First, each of these Defendant conducted and continues to conduct advertising campaigns touting the purported benefits of their branded drugs. For example, the opioide industry spent more than \$14 million on medical journal advertising of opioids in 2011, nearly triple what they spent in 2001. This amount included \$8.3 million by PURDUE, \$4.9 million and \$1.1 million by ENDO.

17. Branded ads deceptively portrayed the benefits of opioids for chronic pain. For

example, ENDO distributed and made available on its website [opana.com](http://opana.com) a pamphlet promoting Opana ER with photographs depicting patients with physically demanding jobs like construction worker and chef, misleadingly implying that the drug would provide long-term pain-relief and functional improvement. PURDUE also ran a series of ads, called “Pain vignettes,” for OxyContin in 2012 in medical journals. These ads featured chronic pain patients and recommended OxyContin for each. One ad described a “54-year-old writer with osteoarthritis of the hands” and implied that OxyContin would help the writer work more effectively. ENDO and PURDUE agreed in late 2015 and 2016 to halt these misleading representations in New York, but they may continue to disseminate them in Indiana.

18. Second, each Defendant promoted the use of opioids for chronic pain through “detailers” – sales representatives who visited individual doctors and medical staff in their offices – and small-group speaker programs. Manufacturing Defendants have not corrected this misinformation. Instead, each Defendant devoted and continues to devote massive resources to direct sales contacts with doctors. In 2014 alone, the opioid industry spent \$168 million on detailing branded opioids to doctors. This amount is twice as much as was spent on detailing in 2000. The amount includes \$108 million spent by PURDUE, \$10 million by ENDO.

19. Industry detailers have been reprimanded for their deceptive promotions. A July 2010 “Dear Doctor” letter mandated by the FDA required Actavis to acknowledge to the doctors to whom it marketed its opioid drug that “[b]etween June 2009 and February 2010, Actavis sales representatives distributed . . . promotional materials that . . . omitted and minimized serious risks associated with [Kadian],” including the risk of “[m]isuse, [a]buse, and [d]iversion of [o]pioids” and, specifically, the risk that “[o]pioid[s] have the potential for being abused and are sought by drug abusers and people with addiction disorders and are

subject to criminal diversion.”

20. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, also identified doctors to serve, for payment, on their speakers’ bureaus and to attend programs with speakers and meals paid for by Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO. These speaker programs provided: (1) an incentive for doctors to prescribe a particular opioid (so they might be selected to promote the drug); (2) recognition and compensation for the doctors selected as speakers; and (3) an opportunity to promote the drug through the speaker to his or her peers. These speakers give the false impression that they are providing unbiased and medically accurate presentations when they are, in fact, presenting a script prepared by Manufacturing Defendants. On information and belief, these presentations conveyed misleading information, omitted material information, and failed to correct Manufacturing Defendants’, PURDUE and ENDO, prior misrepresentations about the risks and benefits of opioids.

21. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, detailing to doctors is effective. Numerous studies indicate that marketing impacts prescribing habits, with face-to-face detailing having the greatest influence. Even without such studies, Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, purchase, manipulate and analyze some of the most sophisticated data available in *any* industry, data available from IMS Health Holdings, Inc., to track, precisely, the rates of initial prescribing and renewal by individual doctor, which in turn allows them to target, tailor, and monitor the impact of their core messages. Thus, Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, *know* their detailing to doctors is effective an all of which inures to the benefit of others, such as AMERISOURCEBERGEN and MCKESSON. Manufacturing Defendants PURDUE and ENDO, employed the same marketing plans and strategies and deployed the same messages in Indiana as they did



nationwide. Across the pharmaceutical industry, “core message” development is funded and overseen on a national basis by corporate headquarters. This comprehensive approach ensures that Manufacturing Defendants’, PURDUE and ENDO; messages are accurately and consistently delivered across marketing channels – including detailing visits, speaker events, and advertising. Manufacturing Defendants consider this high level of coordination and uniformity crucial to successfully marketing their drugs. In more simplistic terms, the overstatement of opioid benefit by one manufacturer or distributor, benefits all.

22. Manufacturing Defendants, such as PURDUE and ENDO, ensure marketing consistency nationwide through national and regional sales representative training; national training of local medical liaisons, the company employees who respond to physician inquiries; centralized speaker training; single sets of visual aids, speaker slide decks, and sales training materials; and nationally coordinated advertising. Manufacturing Defendants’ sales representatives and physician speakers were required to stick to prescribed talking points, sales messages, and slide decks, and supervisors rode along with them periodically to both check on their performance and compliance.

**2. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, used a diverse group of seemingly independent third parties to spread false and deceptive statements about the risks and benefits of opioids.**

23. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, also deceptively marketed opioids in Indiana through unbranded advertising – *i.e.*, advertising that promotes opioid use generally but does not name a specific opioid. This advertising was ostensibly created and disseminated by independent third parties. But by funding, directing, reviewing, editing, and

distributing this unbranded advertising, these Manufacturing Defendants controlled the deceptive messages disseminated by these third parties and acted in concert with them to falsely and misleadingly promote opioids for the treatment of chronic pain. Much as Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, controlled the distribution of their “core messages” via their own detailers and speaker programs, Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, similarly controlled the distribution of these messages in scientific publications, treatment guidelines, CMEs, and medical conferences and seminars. To this end, Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, used third-party public relations firms to help control those messages when they originated from third-parties.

24. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, also marketed through third-party, unbranded advertising to avoid regulatory scrutiny because that advertising is not submitted to and typically is not reviewed by the FDA. Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, so used third-party, unbranded advertising to give the false appearance that the deceptive messages came from an independent and objective source. Like the tobacco companies, Manufacturing Defendants, PURDUE and ENDO, used third parties that they funded, directed, and controlled to carry out and conceal their scheme to deceive doctors and patients about the risks and benefits of long- term opioid use for chronic pain.

25. Manufacturing Defendants’, PURDUE and ENDO, deceptive unbranded marketing often contradicted what they said in their branded materials reviewed by the FDA. For example, ENDO’s unbranded advertising contradicted its concurrent, branded advertising for Opana ER:

<p><b>Pain: Opioid Therapy</b></p> <p><b>(Unbranded)</b></p>	<p><b>Opana ER Advertisement</b></p> <p><b>(Branded)</b></p>
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<p>“People who take opioids <b>as prescribed usually do not become addicted.</b>”</p>	<p>“All patients treated with opioids require careful monitoring for signs of abuse and addiction, since <b>use of opioid analgesic products carries the risk of addiction even under appropriate medical use.</b>”</p>
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**a. Key Opinion Leaders (“KOLs”)**

26. Manufacturing Defendants also spoke through a small circle of doctors who, upon information and belief, were selected, funded, and elevated by PURDUE and ENDO because their public positions supported the use of opioids to treat chronic pain. These doctors became known as “key opinion leaders” or “KOLs.”

27. PURDUE and ENDO paid KOLs to serve as consultants or on their advisory boards and to give talks or present CMEs, and their support helped these KOLs become respected industry experts. As they rose to prominence, these KOLs touted the benefits of opioids to treat chronic pain, repaying PURDUE and ENDO by advancing their marketing goals. KOLs’ professional reputations became dependent on continuing to promote a pro-opioid message, even in activities that were not directly funded by PURDUE and ENDO.

28. KOLs have written, consulted on, edited, and lent their names to books and articles, and given speeches and CMEs supportive of chronic opioid therapy. PURDUE and ENDO created opportunities for KOLs to participate in research studies PURDUE and ENDO suggested or chose and then cited and promoted favorable studies or articles by their KOLs. By contrast, PURDUE and ENDO did not support, acknowledge, or disseminate publications of doctors unsupportive or critical of chronic opioid therapy.

29. PURDUE and ENDO’ KOLs also served on committees that developed

treatment guidelines that strongly encourage the use of opioids to treat chronic pain, and on the boards of pro-opioid advocacy groups and professional societies that develop, select, and present CMEs. PURDUE and ENDO were able to direct and exert control over each of these activities through their KOLs. The 2016 CDC Guideline recognizes that treatment guidelines can “change prescribing practices.”

30. Pro-opioid doctors are one of the most important avenues that PURDUE and ENDO use to spread their false and deceptive statements about the risks and benefits of long-term opioid use. PURDUE and ENDO know that doctors rely heavily and less critically on their peers for guidance, and KOLs provide the false appearance of unbiased and reliable support for chronic opioid therapy. For example, the State of New York found in its settlement with PURDUE that the PURDUE website *In the Face of Pain* failed to disclose that doctors who provided testimonials on the site were paid by PURDUE and concluded that PURDUE’s failure to disclose these financial connections potentially misled consumers regarding the objectivity of the testimonials.

31. Thus, even though some of PURDUE and ENDO’s KOLs have recently moderated or conceded the lack of evidence for many of the claims they made, those admissions did not reverse the effect of the false and deceptive statements that continue to appear nationwide and throughout the State of Indiana in PURDUE and ENDO’s own marketing as well as treatment guidelines, CMEs and other seminars, scientific articles and research, and other publications available in paper or online.

32. All of these efforts by PURDUE and ENDO fostered a belief in the medical community as to the safety and efficacy of opioids, albeit a false belief, increasing the medical use of opioids inuring to the financial benefit of all Manufacturing Defendants

herein.

33. PURDUE and ENDO utilized many KOLs, including many of the same ones.

Two of the most prominent are described below.

**(1) Russell Portenoy**

34. Dr. Russell Portenoy, former Chairman of the Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, is one example of a KOL whom PURDUE and ENDO identified and promoted to further their marketing campaign. Dr. Portenoy received research support, consulting fees, and honoraria from Cephalon, ENDO, Janssen, and PURDUE (among others), and was a paid consultant to Cephalon and PURDUE.

35. Dr. Portenoy was instrumental in opening the door for the regular use of opioids to treat chronic pain. He served on the American Pain Society (“APS”) / American Academy of Pain Medicine (“AAPM”) Guidelines Committees, which ENDORsed the use of opioids to treat chronic pain, first in 1997 and again in 2009. He was also a member of the board of the

American Pain Foundation (“APF”), an advocacy organization almost entirely funded by PURDUE and ENDO.

36. Dr. Portenoy also made frequent media appearances promoting opioids and spreading misrepresentations. He appeared on *Good Morning America* in 2010 to discuss the use of opioids long-term to treat chronic pain. On this widely-watched program, broadcast in Indiana and across the country, Dr. Portenoy claimed: “Addiction, when treating pain, is distinctly uncommon. If a person does not have a history, a personal history, of substance abuse, and does not have a history in the family of substance abuse, and does not have a very major psychiatric disorder, most doctors can feel very assured that that person is not going to become

addicted.”<sup>14</sup>

37. To his credit, Dr. Portenoy later admitted that he “gave innumerable lectures in the late 1980s and ‘90s about addiction that weren’t true.” These lectures falsely claimed that fewer than 1% of patients would become addicted to opioids. According to Dr. Portenoy, because the primary goal was to “destigmatize” opioids, he and other doctors promoting them overstated their benefits and glossed over their risks. Dr. Portenoy also conceded that “[d]ata about the effectiveness of opioids does not exist.”<sup>15</sup> Portenoy candidly stated: “Did I teach about

pain management, specifically about opioid therapy, in a way that reflects misinformation?

Well, . . . I guess I did.”

**(2) Lynn Webster**

38. Another KOL, Dr. Lynn Webster, was the co-founder and Chief Medical Director of Lifetree Clinical Research, an otherwise unknown pain clinic in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr.

Webster was President in 2013 and is a current board member of AAPM, a front group that ardently supports chronic opioid therapy. He is a Senior Editor of *Pain Medicine*, the same journal that published ENDO special advertising supplements touting Opana ER. Dr. Webster was the author of numerous CMEs sponsored by ENDO and PURDUE. At the same time, Dr. Webster was receiving significant funding from PURDUE and ENDO (including nearly \$2 million from Cephalon).

39. During a portion of his time as a KOL, Dr. Webster was under investigation for overprescribing by the U.S. Department of Justice’s Drug Enforcement Agency, which raided his clinic in 2010. Although the investigation was closed without charges in 2014, more than

20 of Dr. Webster's former patients at the Lifetree Clinic have died of opioid overdoses.

40. Ironically, Dr. Webster created and promoted the Opioid Risk Tool, a five question, one-minute screening tool relying on patient self-reports that purportedly allows doctors to manage the risk that their patients will become addicted to or abuse opioids. The claimed ability to pre-sort patients likely to become addicted is an important tool in giving doctors confidence to prescribe opioids long-term, and for this reason, references to screening appear in various industry-supported guidelines. Versions of Dr. Webster's Opioid Risk Tool appear on, or are linked to, websites run by PURDUE and ENDO,

41. In 2011, Dr. Webster presented, via webinar, a program sponsored by PURDUE titled, *Managing Patient's Opioid Use: Balancing the Need and the Risk*. Dr. Webster recommended use of risk screening tools, urine testing, and patient agreements as a way to prevent "overuse of prescriptions" and "overdose deaths." This webinar was available to and was intended to reach Indiana doctors.

42. Dr. Webster also was a leading proponent of the concept of "pseudoaddiction," the notion that addictive behaviors should be seen not as warnings, but as indications of undertreated pain. In Dr. Webster's description, the only way to differentiate the two was to *increase* a patient's dose of opioids. As he and his co-author wrote in a book entitled *Avoiding Opioid Abuse While Managing Pain* (2007), a book that is still available online, when faced with signs of aberrant behavior, increasing the dose "in most cases . . . should be the clinician's first response." ENDO distributed this book to doctors. Years later, Dr. Webster reversed himself,

acknowledging that "[pseudoaddiction] obviously became too much of an excuse to give patients more medication."

## **b. Front Groups**

43. PURDUE and ENDO also entered into arrangements with seemingly unbiased and independent patient and professional organizations to promote opioids for the treatment of chronic pain. Under the direction and control of PURDUE and ENDO, these “Front Groups” generated treatment guidelines, unbranded materials, and programs that favored chronic opioid therapy. They also assisted PURDUE and ENDO by responding to negative articles, by advocating against regulatory changes that would limit opioid prescribing in accordance with the scientific evidence, and by conducting outreach to vulnerable patient populations targeted by PURDUE and ENDO.

44. These Front Groups depended on PURDUE and ENDO for funding and, in some cases, for survival. PURDUE and ENDO also exercised control over programs and materials created by these groups by collaborating on, editing, and approving their content, and by funding their dissemination. In doing so, PURDUE and ENDO made sure that the Groups would generate only the messages PURDUE and ENDO wanted to distribute.

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Despite this, the Front Group held itself out to be independent while serving the needs of their members – whether patients suffering from pain or doctors treating those patients.

45. PURDUE and ENDO utilized many Front Groups, including many of the same ones. Several of the most prominent are described below, but there are many others, including the American Pain Society (“APS”), American Geriatrics Society (“AGS”), the Federation of State Medical Boards (“FSMB”), American Chronic Pain Association (“ACPA”), American Society of Pain Education (“ASPE”), National Pain Foundation (“NPF”) and Pain & Policy Studies Group (“PPSG”).

### **(1) American Pain Foundation (“APF”)**



46. The most prominent of PURDUE and ENDO' Front Groups was APF, which received more than \$10 million in funding from opioid manufacturers from 2007 until it closed its doors in May 2012. ENDO alone provided more than half that funding; PURDUE was next, at \$1.7 million.

47. APF issued education guides for patients, reporters, and policymakers that touted the benefits of opioids for chronic pain and trivialized their risks, particularly the risk of addiction. APF also launched a campaign to promote opioids for returning veterans, which has contributed to high rates of addiction and other adverse outcomes – including death – among returning soldiers. APF also engaged in a significant multimedia campaign – through radio, television and the internet – to educate patients about their “right” to pain treatment, namely opioids. All of the programs and materials were available nationally and were intended to reach Citizens of SCOTT COUNTY.

48. In 2009 and 2010, more than 80% of APF's operating budget came from pharmaceutical industry sources. Including industry grants for specific projects, APF received about \$2.3 million from industry sources out of total income of about \$2.85 million in 2009; its budget for 2010 projected receipts of roughly \$2.9 million from drug companies, out of total income of about \$3.5 million. By 2011, APF was entirely dependent on incoming grants from PURDUE and ENDO and others to avoid using its line of credit. As one of its board members, Russell Portenoy, explained, the lack of funding diversity was one of the biggest problems at APF.

49. APF held itself out as an independent patient advocacy organization. It often engaged in grassroots lobbying against various legislative initiatives that might limit opioid

prescribing, and thus the profitability of its sponsors. It was often called upon to provide “patient representatives” for PURDUE and ENDO’ promotional activities, including for PURDUE’s *Partners Against Pain* and Janssen’s *Let’s Talk Pain*. APF functioned largely as an advocate for the interests of PURDUE and ENDO, not patients. Indeed, as early as 2001, PURDUE told APF that the basis of a grant was PURDUE’s desire to “strategically align its investments in nonprofit organizations that share [its] business interests.”

50. In practice, APF operated in close collaboration with opioid makers. On several occasions, representatives of the drug companies, often at informal meetings at Front Group conferences, suggested activities and publications for APF to pursue. APF then submitted grant proposals seeking to fund these activities and publications, knowing that drug companies would support projects conceived as a result of these communications.

51. APF assisted in other marketing projects for drug companies. One project funded by another drug company – *APF Reporter’s Guide: Covering Pain and Its Management* (2009) – recycled text that was originally created as part of the company’s training document.

52. The same drug company made general grants, but even then it directed how APF used them. In response to an APF request for funding to address a potentially damaging state Medicaid decision related to pain medications generally, the company representative responded, “I provided an advocacy grant to APF this year – this would be a very good issue on which to use some of that. How does that work?”

53. APF’s clear lack of independence – in its finances, management, and mission – and its willingness to allow PURDUE and ENDO to direct its activities and messages support an inference that each Defendant that worked with it was able to exercise editorial

control over its publications.

54. Indeed, the U.S. Senate Finance Committee began looking into APF in May 2012 to determine the links, financial and otherwise, between the organization and the manufacturers of opioid painkillers. The investigation caused considerable damage to APF's credibility as an objective and neutral third party, and PURDUE and ENDO stopped funding it. Within days of being targeted by Senate investigation, APF's board voted to dissolve the organization "due to irreparable economic circumstances." APF "cease[d] to exist, effective immediately."

## **(2) American Academy of Pain Medicine ("AAPM")**

55. The American Academy of Pain Medicine, with the assistance, prompting, involvement, and funding of PURDUE and ENDO, issued treatment guidelines and sponsored and hosted medical education programs essential to PURDUE and ENDO's deceptive marketing of chronic opioid therapy.

56. AAPM received over \$2.2 million in funding since 2009 from opioid manufacturers. AAPM maintained a corporate relations council, whose members paid \$25,000 per year (on top of other funding) to participate. The benefits included allowing members to present educational programs at off-site dinner symposia in connection with AAPM's marquee event – its annual meeting held in Palm Springs, California, or other resort locations. AAPM describes the annual event as an "exclusive venue" for offering education programs to doctors. Membership in the corporate relations council also allows drug company executives and marketing staff to meet with AAPM executive committee members in small settings. PURDUE and ENDO were members of the council and presented deceptive programs to doctors who attended this annual event.

57. AAPM is viewed internally by ENDO as “industry friendly,” with ENDO advisors and speakers among its active members. ENDO attended AAPM conferences, funded its CMEs, and distributed its publications. The conferences sponsored by AAPM heavily emphasized sessions on opioids – 37 out of roughly 40 at one conference alone. AAPM’s presidents have included top industry-supported KOLs Perry Fine, Russell Portenoy, and Lynn Webster. Dr. Webster was even elected president of AAPM while under a DEA investigation. Another past AAPM president, Dr. Scott Fishman, stated that he would place the organization “at the forefront” of teaching that “the risks of addiction are . . . small and can be managed.”

58. AAPM’s staff understood they and their industry funders were engaged in a common task. PURDUE and ENDO were able to influence AAPM through both their significant and regular funding and the leadership of pro-opioid KOLs within the organization.

59. In addition, treatment guidelines have been particularly important in securing acceptance for chronic opioid therapy. They are relied upon by doctors, especially the general practitioners and family doctors targeted by PURDUE and ENDO, who are generally neither experts nor trained in the treatment of chronic pain. Treatment guidelines not only directly inform doctors’ prescribing practices, but are cited throughout the scientific literature and referenced by third-party payors in determining whether they should cover treatments for specific indications. Pharmaceutical sales representatives employed by ENDO and PURDUE discussed treatment guidelines with doctors during individual sales visits.

60. In 1997, AAPM and the American Pain Society jointly issued a consensus statement, *The Use of Opioids for the Treatment of Chronic Pain*, which ENDO endorsed opioids to

treat chronic pain and claimed that the risk that patients would become addicted to opioids was low. The co-author of the statement, Dr. Haddox, was at the time a paid speaker for PURDUE. Dr. Portenoy was the sole consultant. The consensus statement remained on AAPM's website until 2011, and was taken down from AAPM's website only after a doctor complained, though it lingers on the internet elsewhere.

61. AAPM and APS issued their own guidelines in 2009 ("AAPM/APS Guidelines") and continued to recommend the use of opioids to treat chronic pain. Fourteen of the 21 panel members who drafted the AAPM/APS Guidelines, including KOLs Dr. Portenoy and Dr. Perry Fine of the University of Utah, received support from ENDO and PURDUE.

62. The 2009 Guidelines promote opioids as "safe and effective" for treating chronic pain, despite acknowledging limited evidence, and conclude that the risk of addiction is manageable for patients regardless of past abuse histories. One panel member, Dr. Joel Saper, Clinical Professor of Neurology at Michigan State University and founder of the Michigan Headache & Neurological Institute, resigned from the panel because of his concerns that the 2009 Guidelines were influenced by contributions that drug companies, including PURDUE and ENDO, made to the sponsoring organizations and committee members. These AAPM/APS Guidelines have been a particularly effective channel of deception and have influenced not only treating physicians, but also the body of scientific evidence on opioids; the Guidelines have been cited 732 times in academic literature, were disseminated in Indiana during the relevant time period, are still available online, and were reprinted in the *Journal of Pain*.

63. PURDUE and ENDO widely referenced and promoted the 2009 Guidelines without disclosing the acknowledged lack of evidence to support them.

64. PURDUE and ENDO worked together, through Front Groups, to spread their deceptive messages about the risks and benefits of long-term opioid therapy. For example,

PURDUE and ENDO combined their efforts through the Pain Care Forum (PCF), which began in 2004 as an APF project. PCF is comprised of representatives from opioid manufacturers (ENDO and PURDUE ) and various Front Groups, almost all of which received substantial funding from PURDUE and ENDO. Among other projects, PCF worked to ensure that an FDA-mandated education project on opioids was not unacceptably negative and did not require mandatory participation by prescribers, which PURDUE and ENDO determined would reduce prescribing.

### **A. PURDUE and ENDO' Marketing Scheme Misrepresented The Risks And Benefits Of Opioids.**

65. To convince doctors and patients in Indiana that opioids can and should be used to treat chronic pain, PURDUE and ENDO had to convince them that long-term opioid use is both safe and helpful. Knowing that they could do so only by deceiving those doctors and patients about the risks and benefits of long-term opioid use, PURDUE and ENDO made claims that were not supported by or were contrary to the scientific evidence. Even though pronouncements by and guidance from the FDA and the CDC based on that evidence confirm that their claims were false and deceptive, PURDUE and ENDO have not corrected them, or instructed their KOLs or Front Groups to correct them, and continue to spread them today.

#### **1. PURDUE and ENDO falsely trivialized or failed to disclose the known risks of long- term opioid use.**

66. To convince doctors and patients that opioids are safe, PURDUE and ENDO deceptively trivialized and failed to disclose the risks of long-term opioid use, particularly the risk of addiction, through a series of misrepresentations that have been conclusively debunked by the FDA and CDC. These misrepresentations – which are described below – reinforced

each other and created the dangerously misleading impression that: (1) starting patients on opioids was low- risk because most patients would not become addicted, and because those who were at greatest risk of addiction could be readily identified and managed; (2) patients who displayed signs of addiction probably were not addicted and, in any event, could easily be weaned from the drugs; (3) the use of higher opioid doses, which many patients need to sustain pain relief as they develop tolerance to the drugs, do not pose special risks; and (4) abuse-deterrent opioids both prevent abuse and overdose and are inherently less addictive. PURDUE and ENDO have not only failed to correct these misrepresentations, they continue to make them today.

67. PURDUE and ENDO falsely claimed that the risk of addiction is low and that addiction is unlikely to develop when opioids are prescribed, as opposed to obtained illicitly; and failed to disclose the greater risk of addiction with prolonged use of opioids. Some illustrative examples of these false and deceptive claims are described below:

- a. PURDUE co-sponsored APF's *Treatment Options: A Guide for People Living with Pain* (2007), which instructed that addiction is rare and limited to extreme cases of unauthorized dose escalations, obtaining duplicative opioid prescriptions from multiple sources, or theft. This publication is still available online.
- b. ENDO sponsored a website, Painknowledge.com, which claimed in 2009 that "[p]eople who take opioids as prescribed usually do not become addicted." Another ENDO website, PainAction.com, stated "Did you know? Most chronic pain patients do not become addicted to the opioid medications that are prescribed for them."
- c. ENDO distributed a pamphlet with the ENDO logo entitled *Living with Someone with Chronic Pain*, which stated that: "Most health care providers who treat people with pain agree that most people do not develop an addiction problem." A similar statement appeared on the ENDO website [www.opana.com](http://www.opana.com).
- d. PURDUE sponsored APF's *A Policymaker's Guide to*

*Understanding Pain & Its Management* – which claims that less than 1% of children prescribed opioids will become addicted and that pain is undertreated due to “misconceptions about opioid addiction[.]” This publication is still available online.

- e. Detailers for PURDUE and ENDO, minimized or omitted any discussion with doctors of the risk of addiction; misrepresented the potential for abuse of opioids with purportedly abuse- deterrent formulations; and routinely did not correct the misrepresentations noted above.

68. These claims are contrary to longstanding scientific evidence, as the FDA and CDC have conclusively declared. As noted in the 2016 CDC Guideline ENDORsed by the FDA, there is “extensive evidence” of the “possible harms of opioids (including opioid use disorder [an alternative term for opioid addiction]).” The Guideline points out that “[o]pioid pain medication use presents serious risks, including . . . opioid use disorder” and that “continuing opioid therapy for 3 months substantially increases risk for opioid use disorder.”

69. The FDA further exposed the falsity of PURDUE and ENDO’ claims about the low risk of addiction when it announced changes to the labels for ER/LA opioids in 2013 and for IR opioids in 2016. In its announcements, the FDA found that “most opioid drugs have ‘high potential for abuse’” and that opioids “are associated with a substantial risk of misuse, abuse, NOWS [neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome], addiction, overdose, and death.” According to the FDA, because of the “known serious risks” associated with long-term opioid use, including “risks of addiction, abuse, and misuse, even at recommended doses, and because of the greater risks of overdose and death,” opioids should be used only “in patients for whom alternative treatment options” like non-opioid drugs have failed. The FDA further acknowledged that the risk is not limited to patients who seek drugs illicitly; addiction “can occur in patients appropriately prescribed [opioids].”

70. The warnings on PURDUE and ENDO’ own FDA-approved drug labels



caution that opioids “expose[] users to risks of addiction, abuse and misuse, which can lead to overdose and death,” that the drugs contain “a substance with a high potential for abuse,” and that addiction “can occur in patients appropriately prescribed” opioids.

71. The State of New York, in a 2016 settlement agreement with ENDO, found that opioid “use disorders appear to be highly prevalent in chronic pain patients treated with opioids, with up to 40% of chronic pain patients treated in specialty and primary care outpatient centers meeting the clinical criteria for an opioid use disorder.” ENDO had claimed on its [www.opana.com](http://www.opana.com) website that “[m]ost healthcare providers who treat patients with pain agree patients treated with prolonged opioid medicines usually do not become addicted,” but the State found that ENDO had no evidence for that statement. Consistent with this, ENDO agreed not to “make statements that . . . opioids generally are non-addictive” or “that most patients who take opioids do not become addicted” in New York. ENDO remains free, however, to make those statements in Indiana.

72. PURDUE and ENDO falsely instructed doctors and patients that the signs of addiction are actually signs of undertreated pain and should be treated by prescribing more opioids. PURDUE and ENDO called this phenomenon “pseudoaddiction” – a term coined by Dr. David Haddox, who went to work for PURDUE, and popularized by Dr. Russell Portenoy, a KOL for ENDO and PURDUE, and others – and falsely claimed that pseudoaddiction is substantiated by scientific evidence. Some illustrative examples of these deceptive claims are described below:

- a. PURDUE co-sponsored *Responsible Opioid Prescribing* (2007), which taught that behaviors such as “requesting drugs by name,” “demanding or manipulative behavior,” seeing more than one doctor to obtain opioids, and hoarding, are all signs of pseudoaddiction, rather than true addiction. *Responsible Opioid Prescribing* remains for sale online. The 2012 edition, which also

remains available online, continues to teach that pseudoaddiction is real.

- b. **ENDO** sponsored a National Initiative on Pain Control (NIPC) CME program in 2009 titled *Chronic Opioid Therapy: Understanding Risk While Maximizing Analgesia*, which promoted pseudoaddiction by teaching that a patient's aberrant behavior was the result of untreated pain. It substantially controlled NIPC by funding NIPC projects; developing, specifying, and reviewing content; and distributing NIPC materials.
- c. PURDUE published a pamphlet in 2011 entitled *Providing Relief, Preventing Abuse*, which described pseudoaddiction as a concept that "emerged in the literature" to describe the inaccurate interpretation of [drug-seeking behaviors] in patients who have pain that has not been effectively treated."
- d. PURDUE sponsored a CME program entitled *Path of the Patient, Managing Chronic Pain in Younger Adults at Risk for Abuse*. In a role play, a chronic pain patient with a history of drug abuse tells his doctor that he is taking twice as many hydrocodone pills as directed. The narrator notes that because of pseudoaddiction, the doctor should not assume the patient is addicted even if he persistently asks for a specific drug, seems desperate, hoards medicine, or "overindulges in unapproved escalating doses." The doctor treats this patient by prescribing a high-dose, long-acting opioid.

73. The 2016 CDC Guideline rejects the concept of pseudoaddiction. The Guideline nowhere recommends that opioid dosages be increased if a patient is not experiencing pain relief. To the contrary, the Guideline explains that "[p]atients who do not experience clinically meaningful pain relief early in treatment . . . are unlikely to experience pain relief with longer-term use," and that physicians should "reassess[] pain and function within 1 month" in order to decide whether to "minimize risks of long-term opioid use by discontinuing opioids" because the patient is "not receiving a clear benefit."

74. ENDO has effectively repudiated the concept of pseudoaddiction. In finding that "[t]he pseudoaddiction concept has never been empirically validated and in fact has been

abandoned by some of its proponents,” the State of New York, in its 2016 settlement with ENDO, reported that “ENDO’s Vice President for Pharmacovigilance and Risk Management testified that he was not aware of any research validating the ‘pseudoaddiction’ concept” and acknowledged the difficulty in distinguishing “between addiction and ‘pseudoaddiction.’” Consistent with this, ENDO agreed not to “use the term ‘pseudoaddiction’ in any training or marketing” in New York. ENDO, however, remains free to do so in Indiana.

75. PURDUE and ENDO falsely instructed doctors and patients that addiction risk screening tools, patient contracts, urine drug screens, and similar strategies allow them to reliably identify and safely prescribe opioids to patients predisposed to addiction. These misrepresentations were especially insidious because PURDUE and ENDO aimed them at general practitioners and family doctors who lack the time and expertise to closely manage higher-risk patients on opioids. PURDUE and ENDO’s misrepresentations made these doctors feel more comfortable prescribing opioids to their patients, and patients more comfortable starting on opioid therapy for chronic pain. Some illustrative examples of these deceptive claims are described below:

- a. ENDO paid for a 2007 supplement in the *Journal of Family Practice* written by a doctor who became a member of ENDO’s speakers bureau in 2010. The supplement, entitled *Pain Management Dilemmas in Primary Care: Use of Opioids*, emphasized the effectiveness of screening tools, claiming that patients at high risk of addiction could safely receive chronic opioid therapy using a “maximally structured approach” involving toxicology screens and pill counts.
- b. PURDUE sponsored a 2011 webinar, *Managing Patient’s Opioid Use: Balancing the Need and Risk*, which claimed that screening tools, urine tests, and patient agreements prevent “overuse of prescriptions” and “overdose deaths.”

- c. As recently as 2015, PURDUE has represented in scientific conferences that “bad apple” patients – and not opioids – are the source of the addiction crisis and that once those “bad apples” are identified, doctors can safely prescribe opioids without causing addiction.

76. Once again, the 2016 CDC Guideline confirms the falsity of these misrepresentations. The Guideline notes that there are no studies assessing the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies – such as screening tools, patient contracts, urine drug testing, or pill counts widely believed by doctors to detect and deter abuse – “for improving outcomes related to overdose, addiction, abuse, or misuse.” As a result, the Guideline recognizes that available risk screening tools “show insufficient accuracy for classification of patients as at low or high risk for opioid] abuse or misuse” and counsels that doctors “should not overestimate the ability of these tools to rule out risks from long-term opioid therapy.”

77. To underplay the risk and impact of addiction and make doctors feel more comfortable starting patients on opioids, PURDUE and ENDO falsely claimed that opioid dependence can easily be addressed by tapering and that opioid withdrawal is not a problem, and failed to disclose the increased difficulty of stopping opioids after long-term use.

78. For example, a CME sponsored by ENDO, entitled *Persistent Pain in the Older Adult*, claimed that withdrawal symptoms can be avoided by tapering a patient’s opioid dose by 10%-20% for 10 days. And PURDUE sponsored APF’s *A Policymaker’s Guide to Understanding Pain & Its Management*, which claimed that “[s]ymptoms of physical dependence can often be ameliorated by gradually decreasing the dose of medication during discontinuation” without mentioning any hardships that might occur.

79. PURDUE and ENDO deceptively minimized the significant symptoms of opioid withdrawal-which, as explained in the 2016 CDC Guideline, include drug cravings,

anxiety, insomnia, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, sweating, tremor, tachycardia (rapid heartbeat), spontaneous abortion and premature labor in pregnant women, and the unmasking of anxiety, depression, and addiction – and grossly understated the difficulty of tapering, particularly after long-term opioid use. Yet the 2016 CDC Guideline recognizes that the duration of opioid use and the dosage of opioids prescribed should be “limit[ed]” to “minimize the need to taper opioids to prevent distressing or unpleasant withdrawal symptoms,” because “physical dependence on opioids is an expected physiologic response in patients exposed to opioids for more than a few days.” The Guideline further states that “tapering opioids can be especially challenging after years on high dosages because of physical and psychological dependence” and highlights the difficulties, including the need to carefully identify “a taper slow enough to minimize symptoms and signs of opioid withdrawal” and to “pause[] and restart[]” tapers depending on the patient’s response.

The CDC also acknowledges the lack of any “high-quality studies comparing the effectiveness of different tapering protocols for use when opioid dosage is reduced or opioids are discontinued.”

80. PURDUE and ENDO falsely claimed that doctors and patients could increase opioid dosages indefinitely without added risk and failed to disclose the greater risks to patients at higher dosages. The ability to escalate dosages was critical to PURDUE and ENDO’ efforts to market opioids for long-term use to treat chronic pain because, absent this misrepresentation, doctors would have abandoned treatment when patients built up tolerance and lower dosages did not provide pain relief. Some illustrative examples are described below:

- a. PURDUE co-sponsored *APF’s Treatment Options: A Guide for People Living with Pain* (2007), which claims that some patients

“need” a larger dose of an opioid, regardless of the dose currently prescribed. The guide stated that opioids have “no ceiling dose” and are therefore the most appropriate treatment for severe pain. This guide is still available for sale online.

- b. ENDO sponsored a website, [painknowledge.com](http://painknowledge.com), which claimed in 2009 that opioid dosages may be increased until “you are on the right dose of medication for your pain.”
- c. ENDO distributed a pamphlet edited by a KOL entitled *Understanding Your Pain: Taking Oral Opioid Analgesics*, which was available during the time period of this Complaint on ENDO’s website. In Q&A format, it asked “If I take the opioid now, will it work later when I really need it?” The response is, “The dose can be increased. . . . You won’t ‘run out’ of pain relief.”
- d. PURDUE ’s In the Face of Pain website promotes the notion that if a patient’s doctor does not prescribe what, in the patient’s view, is a sufficient dosage of opioids, he or she should find another doctor who will.
- e. PURDUE sponsored APF’s *A Policymaker’s Guide to Understanding Pain & Its Management*, which taught that dosage escalations are “sometimes necessary,” even unlimited ones, but did not disclose the risks from high opioid dosages. This publication is still available online.
- f. PURDUE sponsored a CME entitled *Overview of Management Options* that is still available for CME credit. The CME was edited by a KOL and taught that NSAIDs and other drugs, but not opioids, are unsafe at high dosages.
- g. PURDUE presented a 2015 paper at the College on the Problems of Drug Dependence, the “the oldest and largest organization in the US dedicated to advancing a scientific approach to substance use and addictive disorders,” challenging the correlation between opioid dosage and overdose.

81. These claims conflict with the scientific evidence, as confirmed by the FDA and CDC. As the CDC explains in its 2016 Guideline, the “[b]enefits of high-dose opioids for chronic pain are not established” while the “risks for serious harms related to opioid therapy increase at higher opioid dosage.” More specifically, the CDC explains that “there is

now an established body of scientific evidence showing that overdose risk is increased at higher opioid dosages.” The CDC also states that “there is an increased risk for opioid use disorder, respiratory depression, and death at higher dosages.” That is why the CDC advises doctors to “avoid increasing dosages” above 90 morphine milligram equivalents per day.

82. The 2016 CDC Guideline reinforces earlier findings announced by the FDA. In 2013, the FDA acknowledged “that the available data do suggest a relationship between increasing opioid dose and risk of certain adverse events.” For example, the FDA noted that studies “appear to credibly suggest a positive association between high-dose opioid use and the risk of overdose and/or overdose mortality.”

83. PURDUE and ENDO’ deceptive marketing of the so-called abuse-deterrent properties of some of their opioids has created false impressions that these opioids can curb addiction and abuse. Indeed, in a 2014 survey of 1,000 primary care physicians, nearly half reported that they believed abuse-deterrent formulations are inherently less addictive.<sup>20</sup>

84. More specifically, PURDUE and ENDO have made misleading claims about the ability of their so-called abuse-deterrent opioid formulations to deter abuse. For example, ENDO’s advertisements for the 2012 reformulation of Opana ER claimed that it was designed to be crush resistant, in a way that suggested it was more difficult to abuse. This claim was false. The FDA warned in a 2013 letter that there was no evidence ENDO’s design “would provide a reduction in oral, intranasal or intravenous abuse.” Moreover, ENDO’s own studies, which it failed to disclose, showed that Opana ER could still be ground and chewed.

85. In a 2016 settlement with the State of New York, ENDO agreed not to make statements in New York that Opana ER was “designed to be, or is crush resistant.” The State

found those statements false and deceptive because there was no difference in the ability to extract the narcotic from Opana ER. Similarly, the 2016 CDC Guideline states that “[n]o studies” support the notion that “abuse-deterrent technologies [are] a risk mitigation strategy for deterring or preventing abuse,” noting that the technologies – even when they work – “do not prevent opioid abuse through oral intake, the most common route of opioid abuse, and can still be abused by nonoral routes.”

86. These numerous, longstanding misrepresentations of the risks of long-term opioid use spread by PURDUE and ENDO successfully convinced doctors and patients to discount those risks.

## **2. PURDUE and ENDO grossly overstated the benefits of chronic opioid therapy.**

87. To convince doctors and patients that opioids should be used to treat chronic pain, PURDUE and ENDO also had to persuade them that there was a significant upside to long-term opioid use. But as the 2016 CDC Guideline makes clear, there is “insufficient evidence to determine the long-term benefits of opioid therapy for chronic pain.” In fact, the CDC found that “[n]o evidence shows a long-term benefit of opioids in pain and function versus no opioids for chronic pain with outcomes examined at least 1 year later (with most placebo-controlled randomized trials  $\leq$  6 weeks in duration)” and that other treatments were more or equally beneficial and less harmful than long-term opioid use. The FDA, too, has recognized the lack of evidence to support long-term opioid use. In 2013, the FDA stated that it was “not aware of adequate and well-controlled studies of opioids use longer than 12 weeks.” Despite this, PURDUE and ENDO falsely and misleadingly touted the benefits of long-term opioid use and falsely and misleadingly suggested that these benefits were supported



by scientific evidence. Not only have PURDUE and ENDO failed to correct these false and deceptive claims, they continue to make them today.

88. For example, PURDUE and ENDO falsely claimed that long-term opioid use improved patients' function and quality of life. Some illustrative examples are described below:

- a. ENDO distributed advertisements that claimed that the use of Opana ER for chronic pain would allow patients to perform demanding tasks like construction work or work as a chef and portrayed seemingly healthy, unimpaired subjects.
- b. PURDUE ran a series of advertisements for OxyContin in 2012 in medical journals entitled "Pain vignettes," which were case studies featuring patients with pain conditions persisting over several months and recommending OxyContin for them. The ads implied that OxyContin improves patients' function.
- c. *Responsible Opioid Prescribing* (2007), sponsored and distributed by ENDO and PURDUE, among other taught that relief of pain by opioids, by itself, improved patients' function. The book remains for sale online.
- d. PURDUE co-sponsored APF's *Treatment Options: A Guide for People Living with Pain* (2007), which counseled patients that opioids "give [pain patients] a quality of life we deserve." The guide was available online until APF shut its doors in 2012.
- e. ENDO's NIPC website *painknowledge.com* claimed in 2009 that with opioids, "your level of function should improve; you may find you are now able to participate in activities of daily living, such as work and hobbies, that you were not able to enjoy when your pain was worse." Elsewhere, the website touted improved quality of life (as well as "improved function") as benefits of opioid therapy. The grant request that ENDO approved for this project specifically indicated NIPC's intent to make misleading claims about function, and ENDO closely tracked visits to the site.
- f. ENDO was the sole sponsor, through NIPC, of a series of CMEs titled *Persistent Pain in the Older Patient*, which claimed that chronic opioid therapy has been "shown to reduce pain and improve depressive symptoms and cognitive functioning." The

CME was disseminated via webcast.

- g. PURDUE sponsored the development and distribution of APF's *A Policymaker's Guide to Understanding Pain & Its Management*, which claimed that "multiple clinical studies" have shown that opioids are effective in improving daily function, psychological health, and health-related quality of life for chronic pain patients." The Policymaker's Guide was originally published in 2011 and is still available online today.
- h. PURDUE's and ENDO's sales representatives have conveyed and continue to convey the message that opioids will improve patient function.

89. These claims find no support in the scientific literature. The FDA and other federal agencies have made this clear for years. Most recently, the 2016 CDC Guideline approved by the FDA concluded that "there is no good evidence that opioids improve pain or function with long-term use, and . . . complete relief of pain is unlikely." (Emphasis added.) The CDC reinforced this conclusion throughout its 2016 Guideline:

- "No evidence shows a long-term benefit of opioids in pain and function versus no opioids for chronic pain with outcomes examined at least 1 year later . . ."
- "Although opioids can reduce pain during short-term use, the clinical evidence review found insufficient evidence to determine whether pain relief is sustained and whether function or quality of life improves with long-term opioid therapy."
- "[E]vidence is limited or insufficient for improved pain or function with long-term use of opioids for several chronic pain conditions for which opioids are commonly prescribed, such as low back pain, headache, and fibromyalgia."

90. The CDC also noted that the risks of addiction and death "can cause distress and inability to fulfill major role obligations." As a matter of common sense (and medical evidence), drugs that can kill patients or commit them to a life of addiction or recovery do not improve their function and quality of life.

91. The 2016 CDC Guideline was not the first time a federal agency repudiated PURDUE and ENDO' claim that opioids improved function and quality of life and in 2008, the FDA noted "that [the claim that] patients who are treated with the drug experience an improvement in their overall function, social function, and ability to perform daily activities . . . has not been demonstrated by substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience."

92. PURDUE and ENDO also falsely and misleadingly emphasized or exaggerated the risks of competing products like NSAIDs, so that doctors and patients would look to opioids first for the treatment of chronic pain. Once again, these misrepresentations by PURDUE and ENDO contravene pronouncements by and guidance from the FDA and CDC based on the scientific evidence. Indeed, the FDA changed the labels for ER/LA opioids in 2013 and IR opioids in 2016 to state that opioids should only be used as a last resort "in patients for which alternative treatment options" like non-opioid drugs "are inadequate." And the 2016 CDC Guideline states that NSAIDs, not opioids, should be the first-line treatment for chronic pain, particularly arthritis and lower back pain.

93. In addition, PURDUE misleadingly promoted OxyContin as being unique among opioids in providing 12 continuous hours of pain relief with one dose. In fact, OxyContin does not last for 12 hours – a fact that PURDUE has known at all times relevant to this action. According to PURDUE's own research, OxyContin wears off in under six hours in one quarter of patients and in under 10 hours in more than half. This is because OxyContin tablets release approximately 40% of their active medicine immediately, after which release tapers. This triggers a powerful initial response, but provides little or no pain relief at the end of the dosing period, when less medicine is released. This phenomenon is known as "end of dose" failure, and the FDA found in 2008 that a "substantial number" of chronic pain patients taking

OxyContin experience it. This not only renders PURDUE 's promise of 12 hours of relief false and deceptive, it also makes OxyContin more dangerous because the declining pain relief patients experience toward the end of each dosing period drives them to take more OxyContin before the next dosing period begins, quickly increasing the amount of drug they are taking and spurring growing dependence.

94. PURDUE 's competitors were aware of this problem. For example, ENDO ran advertisements for Opana ER referring to "real" 12-hour dosing. Nevertheless, PURDUE falsely promoted OxyContin as if it were effective for a full 12 hours. Indeed, PURDUE's sales representatives continue to tell Indiana doctors that OxyContin lasts a full 12 hours.

95. Front Groups supported by PURDUE likewise echoed these representations. For example, in an amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court of Indiana by the American Pain Foundation, the National Foundation for the Treatment of Pain and the Indiana Pain Initiative in support of PURDUE , those amici represented:

Oxycontin is particularly useful for sustained long-term pain because it comes in higher, compact pills with a slow release coating. OxyContin pills can work for 12 hours. This makes it easier for patients to comply with dosing requirements without experiencing a roller-coaster of pain relief followed quickly by pain renewal that can occur with shorter acting medications. It also helps the patient sleeps though the night, which is often impossible with short-acting medications. For many of those serviced by Pain Care Amici, Oxycontin has been a miracle medication.<sup>22</sup>

### **3. PURDUE and ENDO also engaged in other unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent misconduct.**

96. PURDUE also unlawfully and unfairly failed to report or address illicit and unlawful prescribing of its drugs, despite knowing about it for years. PURDUE 's sales representatives have maintained a database since 2002 of doctors suspected of inappropriately prescribing its drugs. Rather than report these doctors to state medical boards or law

enforcement authorities (as PURDUE is legally obligated to do) or cease marketing to them, PURDUE used the list to demonstrate the high rate of diversion of OxyContin – the same OxyContin that PURDUE had promoted as less addictive – in order to persuade the FDA to bar the manufacture and sale of generic copies of the drug because the drug was too likely to be abused. In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times*, PURDUE’s senior compliance officer acknowledged that in five years of investigating suspicious pharmacies, PURDUE failed to take action – even where PURDUE employees personally witnessed the diversion of its drugs. The same was true of prescribers; despite its knowledge of illegal prescribing, PURDUE did not report until years after law enforcement shut down a Los Angeles clinic that prescribed more than 1.1 million OxyContin tablets and that PURDUE’s district manager described internally as “an organized drug ring.” In doing so, PURDUE protected its own profits at the expense of public health and safety.

97. The State of New York’s settlement with PURDUE specifically cited the company for failing to adequately address suspicious prescribing. Yet, on information and belief, PURDUE continues to profit from the prescriptions of such prolific prescribers.

98. Like PURDUE, ENDO has been cited for its failure to set up an effective system for identifying and reporting suspicious prescribing. In its settlement agreement with ENDO, the State of New York found that ENDO failed to require sales representatives to report signs of abuse, diversion, and inappropriate prescribing; paid bonuses to sales representatives for detailing prescribers who were subsequently arrested or convicted for illegal prescribing; and failed to prevent sales representatives from visiting prescribers whose suspicious conduct had caused them to be placed on a no-call list.

## **G. PURDUE and ENDO Targeted Susceptible Prescribers And Vulnerable Patient Populations.**

99. As a part of their deceptive marketing scheme, PURDUE and ENDO identified and targeted susceptible prescribers and vulnerable patient populations in the U.S., including Indiana. For example, PURDUE and ENDO focused their deceptive marketing on primary care doctors, who were more likely to treat chronic pain patients and prescribe them drugs, but were less likely to be educated about treating pain and the risks and benefits of opioids and therefore more likely to accept PURDUE and ENDO' misrepresentations.

100. PURDUE and ENDO also targeted vulnerable patient populations like the elderly and veterans, who tend to suffer from chronic pain. PURDUE and ENDO targeted these vulnerable patients even though the risks of long-term opioid use were significantly greater for them. For example, the 2016 CDC Guideline observes that existing evidence shows that elderly patients taking opioids suffer from elevated fall and fracture risks, greater risk of hospitalization, and increased vulnerability to adverse drug effects and interactions. The Guideline therefore concludes that there are “special risks of long-term opioid use for elderly patients” and recommends that doctors use “additional caution and increased monitoring” to minimize the risks of opioid use in elderly patients. The same is true for veterans, who are more likely to use anti-anxiety drugs (benzodiazepines) for post-traumatic stress disorder, which interact dangerously with opioids.

#### **H. Although PURDUE and ENDO Knew That Their Marketing Of Opioids Was False And Deceptive, They Fraudulently Concealed Their Misconduct.**

101. PURDUE and ENDO, both individually and collectively, made, promoted, and profited from their misrepresentations about the risks and benefits of opioids for chronic pain even though they knew that their misrepresentations were false and deceptive. The history of opioids, as well as research and clinical experience over the last 20 years, established that

opioids were highly addictive and responsible for a long list of very serious adverse outcomes. The FDA and other regulators warned PURDUE and ENDO of this, and PURDUE and ENDO had access to scientific studies, detailed prescription data, and reports of adverse events, including reports of addiction, hospitalization, and deaths – all of which made clear the harms from long-term opioid use and that patients are suffering from addiction, overdoses, and death in alarming numbers. More recently, the FDA and CDC have issued pronouncements based on the medical evidence that conclusively expose the known falsity of PURDUE and ENDO’ misrepresentations, and ENDO and PURDUE have recently entered agreements prohibiting them from making some of the same misrepresentations described in this Complaint in New York.

102. Moreover, at all times relevant to this Complaint, PURDUE and ENDO took steps to avoid detection of and to fraudulently conceal their deceptive marketing and unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent conduct. For example, PURDUE and ENDO disguised their own role in the deceptive marketing of chronic opioid therapy by funding and working through third parties like Front Groups and KOLs. PURDUE and ENDO purposefully hid behind the assumed credibility of these individuals and organizations and relied on them to vouch for the accuracy and integrity of PURDUE and ENDO’ false and deceptive statements about the risks and benefits of long-term opioid use for chronic pain. PURDUE and ENDO also never disclosed their role in shaping, editing, and approving the content of information and materials disseminated by these third parties. PURDUE and ENDO exerted considerable influence on these promotional and “educational” materials in emails, correspondence, and meetings with KOLs, Front Groups, and public relations companies that were not, and have not yet become, public. For example, [painknowledge.org](http://painknowledge.org), which is run by the NIPC, did not

disclose ENDO's involvement. Other such as PURDUE and Janssen, ran similar websites that masked their own direct role.

103. Finally, PURDUE and ENDO manipulated their promotional materials and the scientific literature to make it appear that these items were accurate, truthful, and supported by objective evidence when they were not. PURDUE and ENDO distorted the meaning or import of studies they cited and offered them as evidence for propositions the studies did not support. The lack of support for PURDUE and ENDO' deceptive messages was not apparent to medical professionals who relied upon them in making treatment decisions, nor could it have been detected by the State.

104. Thus, PURDUE and ENDO successfully concealed from the medical community, patients, and health care payers facts sufficient to arouse suspicion of the claims that the State now asserts. The State of Indiana, in general, and SCOTT COUNTY in particular did not know of the existence or scope of PURDUE and ENDO' industry-wide fraud and could not have acquired such knowledge earlier through the exercise of reasonable diligence.

### **I. By Increasing Opioid Prescriptions And Use, PURDUE and ENDO' Deceptive Marketing Scheme Has Fueled The Opioid Epidemic And Devastated Indiana Communities.**

105. PURDUE and ENDO' misrepresentations deceived doctors and patients about the risks and benefits of long-term opioid use. Studies also reveal that many doctors and patients are not aware of or do not understand these risks and benefits. Indeed, patients often report that they were not warned they might become addicted to opioids prescribed to them. As reported in January 2016, a 2015 survey of more than 1,000 opioid patients found that 4 out of 10 were not told opioids were potentially addictive.

106. PURDUE and ENDO' deceptive marketing scheme caused and continues to



cause doctors in Indiana to prescribe opioids for chronic pain conditions such as back pain, headaches, arthritis, and fibromyalgia. Absent PURDUE and ENDO' deceptive marketing scheme, these doctors would not have prescribed as many opioids. PURDUE and ENDO' deceptive marketing scheme also caused and continues to cause patients to purchase and use opioids for their chronic pain believing they are safe and effective. Absent PURDUE and ENDO' deceptive marketing scheme, fewer patients would be using opioids long-term to treat chronic pain, and those patients using opioids would be using less of them.

107. PURDUE and ENDO' deceptive marketing has caused and continues to cause the prescribing and use of opioids to explode. Indeed, this dramatic increase in opioid prescriptions and use corresponds with the dramatic increase in PURDUE and ENDO' spending on their deceptive marketing scheme. PURDUE and ENDO' spending on opioid marketing totaled approximately \$91 million in 2000. By 2011, that spending had tripled to \$288 million.

108. The escalating number of opioid prescriptions written by doctors who were deceived by PURDUE and ENDO' deceptive marketing scheme is the cause of a correspondingly dramatic increase in opioid addiction, overdose, and death throughout the U.S. and Indiana. In August 2016, then-U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy published an open letter to be sent to physicians nationwide, enlisting their help in combating this "urgent health crisis" and linking that crisis to deceptive marketing. He wrote that the push to aggressively treat pain, and the "devastating" results that followed, had "coincided with heavy marketing to doctors . . . [m]any of [whom] were even taught – incorrectly – that opioids are not addictive when prescribed for legitimate pain."

109. Scientific evidence demonstrates a strong correlation between opioid

prescriptions and opioid abuse. In a 2016 report, the CDC explained that “[o]pioid pain reliever prescribing has quadrupled since 1999 and has increased in parallel with [opioid] overdoses.” Patients receiving prescription opioids for chronic pain account for the majority of overdoses. For these reasons, the CDC concluded that efforts to rein in the prescribing of opioids for chronic pain are critical “to reverse the epidemic of opioid drug overdose deaths and prevent opioid-related morbidity.”

110. Contrary to these misrepresentations, most opioid addiction begins with legitimately *prescribed* opioids, and therefore could have been prevented had PURDUE and ENDO’ representations to prescribers been truthful. In 2011, 71% of people who abused prescription opioids got them through friends or relatives, not from pill mills, drug dealers or the internet. Numerous doctors and substance abuse counselors note that many of their patients who misuse or abuse opioids started with legitimate prescriptions, confirming the important role that doctors’ prescribing habits have played in the opioid epidemic.

111. PURDUE and ENDO’ deceptive marketing scheme has also had a significant detrimental impact on children in Indiana in a number of ways. First, the overprescribing of opioids for chronic pain has made the drugs more accessible to school-aged children, who come into contact with opioids after they have been prescribed to friends or relatives in the same household. The overprescribing of opioids for chronic pain caused by PURDUE and ENDO’ deceptive marketing scheme has also resulted in a dramatic rise in the number of infants in Indiana, in general, and SCOTT COUNTY in particular who are born addicted to opioids due to prenatal exposure and suffer from neonatal abstinence syndrome. These infants face painful withdrawal and may suffer long-term neurologic and cognitive impacts. Babies with NAS typically require more extensive hospital stays as they withdraw than non NAS infants. The average inpatient stay and bill for NAS infants was longer and higher than

for NAS infants. Opioid addiction is now the primary reason for which substance abuse treatment is sought. PURDUE and ENDO' creation, through false and deceptive advertising and other unlawful and unfair conduct, of a virtually limitless opioid market has significantly harmed communities throughout Indiana. PURDUE and ENDO' success in extending the market for opioids to new patients and chronic pain conditions has created an abundance of drugs available for non-medical and criminal use and fueled a new wave of addiction and injury. It has been estimated that 60% of the opioids that are abused come, directly or indirectly, through doctors' prescriptions.

112. Law enforcement agencies have increasingly associated prescription drug abuse with violent and property crimes. Despite strict federal regulation of prescription drugs, local law enforcement agencies are faced with increasing diversion from legitimate sources for illicit purposes, including: doctor shopping, forged prescriptions, falsified pharmacy records, and employees who steal from their place of employment. The opioid epidemic has prompted a growing trend of crimes against pharmacies including robbery and burglary. In fact, a 2005 study by The Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University revealed that, by that time, 20.9% of pharmacies nationwide had stopped stocking certain medications such as OxyContin and Percocet, in order to protect themselves from robbery. This ongoing diversion of prescription narcotics creates a lucrative marketplace.

113. The number of criminal possession charges for opioid drugs has also increased across the County.

114. PURDUE and ENDO knew and should have known about these harms that their deceptive marketing has caused. PURDUE and ENDO closely monitored their sales and

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the habits of prescribing doctors. Their sales representatives, who visited doctors and attended

CMEs, knew which doctors were receiving their messages and how they were responding. PURDUE and ENDO also had access to and watched carefully government and other data that tracked the explosive rise in opioid use, addiction, injury, and death. They knew – and, indeed, intended – that their misrepresentations would persuade doctors to prescribe and patients to use their opioids for chronic pain.

115. PURDUE and ENDO’ actions are not permitted nor excused by the fact that their drug labels may have allowed or did not exclude the use of opioids for chronic pain. FDA approval of opioids for certain uses did not give PURDUE and ENDO license to misrepresent the risks and benefits of opioids. Indeed, PURDUE and ENDO’ misrepresentations were directly contrary to pronouncements by and guidance from the FDA based on the medical evidence and their own labels.

116. Nor is PURDUE and ENDO’ causal role broken by the involvement of doctors. PURDUE and ENDO’ marketing efforts were ubiquitous and highly persuasive. Their deceptive messages tainted virtually every source doctors could rely on for information and prevented them from making informed treatment decisions. PURDUE and ENDO also were able to harness and hijack what doctors wanted to believe – namely, that opioids represented a means of relieving their patients’ suffering and of practicing medicine more compassionately.

### **G. PURDUE and ENDO’ Fraudulent Marketing Has Led To Record Profits.**

117. While the use of opioids has taken an enormous toll on the State of Indiana and its residents, PURDUE and ENDO have realized blockbuster profits. In 2014 alone, opioids generated \$11 billion in revenue for drug companies like PURDUE and ENDO. Indeed, financial information indicates that each Defendant experienced a material increase in sales, revenue, and profits from the false and deceptive advertising and other unlawful and

unfair conduct described above.

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

**PUBLIC NUISANCE  
INDIANA COMMON LAW**

118. SCOTT COUNTY realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully alleged herein.

119. This action is brought by SCOTT COUNTY pursuant to Indiana common law to seek damages and abate the public nuisance created by the PURDUE and ENDO.

120. PURDUE and ENDO, individually and in concert with each other, have contributed to, and/or assisted in creating and maintaining a condition that is harmful to the health of citizens of SCOTT COUNTY and interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life in violation of Indiana law.

121. The public nuisance created by PURDUE and ENDO' actions is substantial and unreasonable – it has caused and continues to cause significant harm to the community and the harm inflicted outweighs any offsetting benefit. The staggering rates of opioid use resulting from PURDUE and ENDO' marketing efforts have caused harm to the community that includes, but is not limited to:

- a. High rates of lawful use have led to unnecessary opioid abuse, addiction, overdose, injuries, and deaths.
- b. Children too have been harmed by opioids. They have been exposed to medications prescribed to family members or others, resulting in injury, addiction, and death. Easy access to prescription opioids has made opioids a recreational drug of choice among Indiana teenagers; opioid use among teenagers is only outpaced by marijuana use. Even infants have been born addicted to opioids due to prenatal exposure, causing severe withdrawal symptoms and lasting developmental impacts.

- c. Citizens of SCOTT COUNTY who have never taken opioids also have suffered the costs of PURDUE and ENDO' public nuisance. Many have endured both the emotional and financial costs of caring for loved ones addicted to or injured by opioids, and the loss of companionship, wages, or other support from family members who have used, abused, become addicted to, overdosed on, or been killed by opioids.
- d. More broadly, opioid use and misuse have driven Citizens of SCOTT COUNTY' health care costs higher.
- e. Employers have lost the value of productive and healthy employees who suffered from adverse consequences from opioid use.
- f. PURDUE and ENDO' success in extending the market for opioids to new patients and chronic conditions has also created an abundance of drugs available for criminal use and fueled a new wave of addiction, abuse, and injury. PURDUE and ENDO' scheme created both ends of a new secondary market for opioids – providing both the supply of narcotics to sell and the demand of addicts to buy them.
- g. This demand also has created additional illicit markets in other opiates, articularly heroin. The low cost of heroin has led some of those who initially become addicted to prescription opioids to migrate to cheaper heroin, fueling a new heroin epidemic in the process.
- h. The diversion of opioids into the secondary, criminal market and the increase in the number of individuals who abuse or are addicted to opioids has increased the demands on emergency services and law enforcement in SCOTT COUNTY and the State.
- i. All of this has caused significant harm to the community – in lives lost; addictions endured; the creation of an illicit drug market and all its concomitant crime and costs; unrealized economic productivity; and broken families and homes.
- j. These harms have taxed the human, medical, public health, law enforcement, and financial resources of SCOTT COUNTY and the State.
- k. PURDUE and ENDO' interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life of a substantial number of people is entirely unreasonable because there is little social utility to opioid use

and any potential value is outweighed by the gravity of the harm inflicted by PURDUE and ENDO' actions.

122. PURDUE and ENDO knew or should have known that their promotion of opioid use would create a public nuisance.

- a. PURDUE and ENDO have engaged in massive production, promotion, and distribution of opioids for use by the citizens of SCOTT COUNTY and the State.
- b. PURDUE and ENDO' actions created and expanded the market for opioids, promoting its wide use for pain management.
- c. PURDUE and ENDO misrepresented the benefits of opioids for chronic pain and fraudulently concealed, misrepresented, and omitted the serious adverse effects of opioids, including the addictive nature of the drugs.
- d. PURDUE and ENDO knew or should have known that their promotion would lead to addiction and other adverse consequences and that the larger community would suffer as a result.

123. PURDUE and ENDO' actions were, at the least, a substantial factor in opioids becoming widely available and widely used. PURDUE and ENDO' actions were, at the least, a substantial factor in doctors and patients not accurately assessing and weighing the risks and benefits of opioids for chronic pain. Without PURDUE and ENDO' actions, opioid use would not have become so widespread, and the enormous public health hazard of opioid overuse, abuse, and addiction that now exists would have been averted.

124. The health and safety of the citizens of the State, including those who use, have used or will use opioids, as well as those affected by users of opioids, is a matter of great public interest and of legitimate concern to the State's citizens and residents.

125. The public nuisance created, perpetuated, and maintained by PURDUE and ENDO can be abated and further reoccurrence of such harm and inconvenience can be prevented.

126. PURDUE and ENDO' conduct has affected and continues to affect a

considerable number of people within SCOTT COUNTY and the State is likely to continue to cause significant harm to chronic pain patients who take opioids, their families, and the community at large.

127. Each Defendant created or assisted in the creation of the epidemic of opioid use and injury, and each Defendant is jointly and severally liable for abating it.

## **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

### **INDIANA DECEPTIVE CONSUMER SALES ACT (“DECA”) I.C. 24-5-0.5 *et seq.***

128. SCOTT COUNTY realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully alleged herein.

129. This Cause of Action is brought in the public interest under the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act (“DECA”), I.C. 24-5-0.5, *et seq.*, and seeks a declaratory judgment that PURDUE and ENDO have violated the DECA, an injunction enjoining PURDUE and ENDO’ misrepresentations described in this Complaint, restitution to Indiana consumers who paid for opioid prescriptions for chronic pain and therefore have been damaged by Manufacturing Defendants’ conduct, and civil penalties. Between 2006 and 2016, Indiana consumers spent million on Manufacturing Defendants’ opioids.

130. The DECA prohibits, in connection with consumer transactions, unfair, deceptive or unconscionable consumer sales practices that mislead consumers about the nature of the product they are receiving. Specifically, the DECA prohibits sellers from representing that the subject of a consumer transaction has sponsorship, approval, performance characteristics, accessories, uses, or benefits that it does not have.



131. In addition, DECA prohibits any deceptive act or practice which would cause a reasonable consumer to believe statements are true, where in fact they are false and misleading.

132. Further, under DECA the following would be deemed to be deceptive pursuant:

- Making any express or implied statement in connection with the marketing or advertisement of any product that is false, or has the capacity, tendency or effect of deceiving or misleading consumers; or omitting any material information such that the express or implied statement deceives or tends to deceive consumers.
- Making any representation, in connection with the marketing or advertising of a product, about research that has been performed, including but not limited to any representation that a product has been clinically tested unless at the time the claim is made, competent and reliable scientific evidence exists substantiating such claim.
- Making, in connection with the marketing or advertising of a product . . . any statements or representations concerning a product that materially contradict or conflict with any other statements or representations the Manufacturing Defendants made about such Product and render such statements or representations misleading and/or deceptive.
- Making, or causing to be made, any written or oral claim that is false, misleading or deceptive.
- Representing that any product has any sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities, or qualities that it does not have.
- Representing that any product has any sponsorship, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, quantities, or qualities that it does not have. .
- Making in a promotional context an express or implied representation, not approved or permitted for use in the labeling or under the FDCA, that a product is better, more effective, useful in a broader range of conditions or patients, safer, has fewer, or less incidence of, or less serious side effects or contraindications than has been demonstrated by competent and reliable scientific evidence, whether or not such express or implied representation is

made by comparison with another drug or treatment, and whether or not such a representation or suggestion is made directly or through use of published or unpublished literature, a quotation, or other reference.

- Presenting information from a study in a way that implies that the study represents larger or more general experience with a product than it actually does. .
- Misleadingly presenting favorable information or conclusion(s) from a study that is inadequate in design, scope, or conduct to furnish significant support for such information or conclusion(s) for information that may be material to an HCP prescribing decision when presenting information about a clinical study regarding a product.
- Making, or causing to be made, any written or oral claim, directly or by promotional speakers, that is false, misleading, or deceptive regarding any FDA- approved product, including, but not limited to, any false, misleading, or deceptive claim when comparing the efficacy or safety of two products.
- Making any claim, directly or by promotional speakers, comparing the safety or efficacy of a product to another product when they claim is not supported by substantial evidence.
- Making any claim, directly or by promotional speakers, that contradicts or minimizes a precaution, warning, or adverse reaction that is described in product labeling.

133. As alleged herein, each Defendant, at all times relevant to this Complaint, violated the DCSP by making deceptive representations about the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain. Each Defendant also omitted or concealed material facts and failed to correct prior misrepresentations and omissions about the risks and benefits of opioids. Each Defendant's omissions rendered even their seemingly truthful statements about opioids deceptive.

134. Defendant PURDUE made and/or disseminated deceptive statements, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Creating, sponsoring, and assisting in the distribution of patient education materials distributed to Indiana consumers that contained deceptive statements;
- Creating and disseminating advertisements that contained deceptive statements concerning the ability of opioids to improve function long-term and concerning the evidence supporting the efficacy of opioids long-term for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain;
- Disseminating misleading statements concealing the true risk of addiction and promoting the deceptive concept of pseudoaddiction through PURDUE 's own unbranded publications and on internet sites PURDUE operated that were marketed to and accessible by consumers;
- Distributing brochures to doctors, patients, and law enforcement officials that included deceptive statements concerning the indicators of possible opioid abuse;
- Sponsoring, directly distributing, and assisting in the distribution of publications that promoted the deceptive concept of pseudoaddiction, even for high-risk patients;
- ENDOrsing, directly distributing, and assisting in the distribution of publications that presented an unbalanced treatment of the long-term and dose-dependent risks of opioids versus NSAIDs;
- Providing significant financial support to pro-opioid KOL doctors who made deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;

- Providing needed financial support to pro-opioid pain organizations that made deceptive statements, including in patient education materials, concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Assisting in the distribution of guidelines that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain and misrepresented the risks of opioid addiction;
- ENDOrsing and assisting in the distribution of CMEs containing deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Developing and disseminating scientific studies that misleadingly concluded opioids are safe and effective for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain and that opioids improve quality of life, while concealing contrary data;
- Assisting in the dissemination of literature written by pro-opioid KOLs that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Creating, ENDOrsing, and supporting the distribution of patient and prescriber education materials that misrepresented the data regarding the safety and efficacy of opioids for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain, including known rates of abuse and addiction and the lack of validation for long-term efficacy;
- Targeting veterans by sponsoring and disseminating patient education marketing materials that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Targeting the elderly by assisting in the distribution of guidelines that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain and misrepresented the risks of opioid addiction in this population;
- Exclusively disseminating misleading statements in education materials to Indiana hospital doctors and staff while purportedly educating them on new pain standards;

- Making deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non- cancer pain to Indiana prescribers through in-person detailing; and
- Withholding from Indiana law enforcement the names of prescribers PURDUE believed to be facilitating the diversion of its products, while simultaneously marketing opioids to these doctors by disseminating patient and prescriber education materials and advertisements and CMEs they knew would reach these same prescribers.

135. Defendant ENDO made and/or disseminated deceptive statements, including,

but not limited to, the following:

- Creating, sponsoring, and assisting in the distribution of patient education materials that contained deceptive statements;
- Creating and disseminating advertisements that contained deceptive statements concerning the ability of opioids to improve function long-term and concerning the evidence supporting the efficacy of opioids long-term for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain;
- Creating and disseminating paid advertisement supplements in academic journals promoting chronic opioid therapy as safe and effective for long term use for high- risk patients;
- Creating and disseminating advertisements that falsely and inaccurately conveyed the impression that ENDO's opioids would provide a reduction in oral, intranasal, or intravenous abuse;
- Disseminating misleading statements concealing the true risk of addiction and promoting the misleading concept of pseudoaddiction through ENDO's own unbranded publications and on internet sites ENDO sponsored or operated;
- ENDORSing, directly distributing, and assisting in the distribution of publications that presented an unbalanced treatment of the long-term and dose-dependent risks of opioids versus NSAIDs;
- Providing significant financial support to pro-opioid KOLs, who

made deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;

- Providing needed financial support to pro-opioid pain organizations – including over \$5 million to the organization responsible for many of the most egregious misrepresentations – that made deceptive statements, including in patient education materials, concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Targeting the elderly by assisting in the distribution of guidelines that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain and misrepresented the risks of opioid addiction in this population;
- ENDOrsing and assisting in the distribution of CMEs containing deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Developing and disseminating scientific studies that deceptively concluded opioids are safe and effective for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain and that opioids improve quality of life, while concealing contrary data;
- Directly distributing and assisting in the dissemination of literature written by pro-opioid KOLs that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain, including the concept of pseudoaddiction;
- Creating, ENDOrsing, and supporting the distribution of patient and prescriber education materials that misrepresented the data regarding the safety and efficacy of opioids for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain, including known rates of abuse and addiction and the lack of validation for long-term efficacy; and
- Making deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non- cancer pain to Indiana prescribers through in-person detailing.

### **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **COMMON LAW FRAUD**

136. The SCOTT COUNTY realleges and incorporates by reference each of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully alleged herein.

137. As alleged herein, Manufacturing Defendants engaged in false representations and concealments of material fact regarding the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain.

138. Defendant PURDUE made and/or disseminated deceptive statements, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Creating, sponsoring, and assisting in the distribution of patient education materials distributed to Indiana consumers that contained deceptive statements;
- Creating and disseminating advertisements that contained deceptive statements concerning the ability of opioids to improve function long-term and concerning the evidence supporting the efficacy of opioids long-term for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain;
- Disseminating misleading statements concealing the true risk of addiction and promoting the deceptive concept of pseudoaddiction through PURDUE 's own unbranded publications and on internet sites PURDUE operated that were marketed to and accessible by consumers;
- Distributing brochures to doctors, patients, and law enforcement officials that included deceptive statements concerning the indicators of possible opioid abuse;
- Sponsoring, directly distributing, and assisting in the distribution of publications that promoted the deceptive concept of pseudoaddiction, even for high-risk patients;

- Endorsing, directly distributing, and assisting in the distribution of publications that presented an unbalanced treatment of the long-term and dose-dependent risks of opioids versus NSAIDs;
- Providing significant financial support to pro-opioid KOL doctors who made deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Providing needed financial support to pro-opioid pain organizations that made deceptive statements, including in patient education materials, concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Assisting in the distribution of guidelines that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain and misrepresented the risks of opioid addiction;
- Endorsing and assisting in the distribution of CMEs containing deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Developing and disseminating scientific studies that misleadingly concluded opioids are safe and effective for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain and that opioids improve quality of life, while concealing contrary data;
- Assisting in the dissemination of literature written by pro-opioid KOLs that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Creating, endorsing, and supporting the distribution of patient and prescriber education materials that misrepresented the data regarding the safety and efficacy of opioids for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain, including known rates of abuse and addiction and the lack of validation for long-term efficacy;
- Targeting veterans by sponsoring and disseminating patient education marketing materials that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Targeting the elderly by assisting in the distribution of guidelines



that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain and misrepresented the risks of opioid addiction in this population;

- Exclusively disseminating misleading statements in education materials to Indiana hospital doctors and staff while purportedly educating them on new pain standards;
- Making deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non- cancer pain to Indiana prescribers through in-person detailing; and
- Withholding from Indiana law enforcement the names of prescribers PURDUE believed to be facilitating the diversion of its products, while simultaneously marketing opioids to these doctors by disseminating patient and prescriber education materials and advertisements and CMEs they knew would reach these same prescribers.

139. Defendant ENDO made and/or disseminated deceptive statements, including,

but not limited to, the following:

- Creating, sponsoring, and assisting in the distribution of patient education materials that contained deceptive statements;
- Creating and disseminating advertisements that contained deceptive statements concerning the ability of opioids to improve function long-term and concerning the evidence supporting the efficacy of opioids long-term for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain;
- Creating and disseminating paid advertisement supplements in academic journals promoting chronic opioid therapy as safe and effective for long term use for high- risk patients;
- Creating and disseminating advertisements that falsely and inaccurately conveyed the impression that ENDO's opioids would provide a reduction in oral, intranasal, or intravenous abuse;
- Disseminating misleading statements concealing the true risk of addiction and promoting the misleading concept of pseudoaddiction through ENDO's own unbranded publications and on internet sites

ENDO sponsored or operated;

- Endorsing, directly distributing, and assisting in the distribution of publications that presented an unbalanced treatment of the long-term and dose-dependent risks of opioids versus NSAIDs;
- Providing significant financial support to pro-opioid KOLs, who made deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Providing needed financial support to pro-opioid pain organizations – including over \$5 million to the organization responsible for many of the most egregious misrepresentations – that made deceptive statements, including in patient education materials, concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Targeting the elderly by assisting in the distribution of guidelines that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain and misrepresented the risks of opioid addiction in this population;
- Endorsing and assisting in the distribution of CMEs containing deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain;
- Developing and disseminating scientific studies that deceptively concluded opioids are safe and effective for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain and that opioids improve quality of life, while concealing contrary data;
- Directly distributing and assisting in the dissemination of literature written by pro-opioid KOLs that contained deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non-cancer pain, including the concept of pseudoaddiction;
- Creating, endorsing, and supporting the distribution of patient and prescriber education materials that misrepresented the data regarding the safety and efficacy of opioids for the long-term treatment of chronic non-cancer pain, including known rates of abuse and addiction and the lack of validation for long-term efficacy; and

- Making deceptive statements concerning the use of opioids to treat chronic non- cancer pain to Indiana prescribers through in-person detailing.

## H. Damages Caused by Manufacturing Defendants' Conduct

140. The Defendants' violations of law and their pattern of illegal marketing and diversionary activity have directly and proximately caused SCOTT COUNTY and its citizens, to be injured in their business, property, and person.

141. SCOTT COUNTY seeks to recover the economic damages it has and continues to sustain as a result the widespread opioide crisis and resulting HIV epidemic adversely affecting SCOTT COUNTY, all of which has and continues to cause budgetary stress, decreasing *ad valorous* tax revenues at the same time increasing its costs and, thus its ability to provide adequate, essential and necessary governmental services, including but not limited to police protection, enforcement, and detention, EMS services, medical treatment facilities, estimated to be in the range of thirty percent (30%) or more,

142. But for the misstatements made by Manufacturing Defendants, the Front Groups and the KOLs, the scheme employed by the Opioids Marketing Enterprise, and diversionary conduct of the Pharmacy Defendants and Dealer Defendants as described above, SCOTT COUNTY citizens and residents would not have paid for opioid prescriptions for chronic pain, been exposed to addictive, life-destroying drugs, unable to maintain employment and other general and economic damages.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays:

- a. That the acts alleged herein be adjudged and decreed to be unlawful in violation of State statutory and common law and that the Court enter a judgment declaring them to be so;
- b. That Manufacturing Defendants be enjoined from, directly or indirectly through KOLs, Front Groups or other third parties, continuing to misrepresent the risks and benefits of the use of opioids for chronic pain, and from continuing to violate Indiana law;
- c. That Plaintiff recover all measures of damages allowable under the State statutes identified herein and the common law, and that judgment be entered against Defendants in favor of Plaintiff;
- d. That Plaintiff recover restitution on behalf of SCOTT COUNTY consumers who paid for opioids for chronic pain;
- e. That Plaintiff receive an award of civil penalties for Manufacturing Defendants' deceptive acts ;
- f. That Plaintiff recover the costs and expenses of suit, pre- and post judgment interest, and reasonable attorneys' fees as provided by law;
- g. That Manufacturing Defendants be ordered to abate the public nuisance that they created in violation of Indiana common law;
- h. That the Manufacturing Defendants be ordered such punitive and treble damages as are allowed by law; and

- i. That the Court award such further relief as is appropriate under the premises.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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