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## **Approximately 100 Los Angeles City Workers Sue the City of Los Angeles Over Vaccine Mandate**

*Attorneys with the Law Offices of Pelayes & Yu allege “the religious exemption and testing provisions of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate enacted by The City requiring vaccination of city workers against COVID-19 violates the U.S. Constitution.”*

On March 15, 2022, the attorneys of the Law Offices of Pelayes & Yu, on behalf of their clients, RollCall4Freedom, LLC., (“RC4F”) filed a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles to challenge the unlawful religious exemption and testing protocols within Ordinance No. 187134, requiring all Los Angeles City employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The only exceptions to vaccination are: (1) approval of a religious vaccine exemption; or (2) approval of a medical vaccine exemption. Those with “approved” or “in-process” vaccine exemptions are to test once weekly, as per the ordinance with PPS Health’s Bluestone Safe testing company. PPS Health lists Pedram Salimpour as the Director, who is also a Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension Commissioner, appointed by Mayor, Eric Garcetti.

Despite the speculation surrounding the City’s contracted testing company, the bigger issue here is the discrimination between those with and without exemptions; and those with and without vaccination. RC4F’s attorney’s noted, “the purpose of the religious exemption and testing scheme is not to provide exemptions for sincerely held religious beliefs, but to force employees holding such beliefs to abandon them or to forfeit employment with the City”; and according to prevailing U.S. Supreme court precedent, “such a scheme is neither neutral toward all religions nor generally applicable.”

Additionally, the members of RC4F contend that they are entitled to seek an exemption to the vaccine ordinance on the grounds that they do not give their informed consent to participate in an experimental vaccine trial. And, that requiring them to participate as a condition of employment violates their rights to bodily integrity, autonomy and medical choice.

Because these workers are being faced with an imminent threat to their employment with the City of Los Angeles, the goal of this filing is to preserve the jobs of those employees who submitted exemptions; and those who do not give their informed consent to participate in an experimental vaccine trial, by allowing them an exemption form to “opt out” of the trial.

