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Petitioner purports that he is deeply religious, however, he forces the notion that the wife's sole duty is to be subservient to her husband's needs. Through this belief, I have been continuously subjected and dehumanized through exorcisms performed by him, as well as abusive insults such as "whore," "Jezebel," and "demon-possessed." He exempts his emotional, verbal, and physical abuse towards me under religious immunity. Every four days or so, he would attack me physically either push, pin, drag, or intimidate, and the most traumatic being strangled. His assertion for the physical abuse that was inflicted upon me is buttressed by his notion that under God's will being the "head of the house" is permissive for his tyrannical behavior. Petitioner has been arrested twice for domestic violence (7/2013 & 4/2014.) Another event to address is one of the medical visits to the emergency room where the doctor questioned whether I thought my surgeon husband may have poisoned me. I turned the Novato police officer away from Novato Community Hospital on two occasions.

Petitioner regulated all avenues of my life and any autonomy that I possessed. Throughout this marriage, the multifactorial abuse destroyed my confidence, my self-esteem, and my ability to leave the toxicity. We originally met at the Catholic church and married happily, but, as time passed, I began to recognize the radicalness to the extent of his religious principles. The only solace I had was in my neighbors who provided support as they overheard Petitioner's daily abuse and my children who witnessed his abuse. My two adult children, and I, concluded that my life and health were in danger in the marriage. I have decided to go forth with the domestic violence charges against Petitioner.

Prior to the marriage, Petitioner knew I had no source of income other than the child support arrearages from my ex husband of over 10 years prior. He also was aware of my physical disabilities. During the marriage, I was expected to remain a stay home wife/step-mom. Any professional

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development was prohibited. I maintained the home and tended to Petitioner's children as if they were my own. The children would confide in me for comfort as they adjusted to Petitioner's constant screaming and religious berates towards me and them.

With the relentless screaming, neighbors continually complained to our landlord and called the police as the abuse escalated and persisted. Each of the neighbors specifically pointed out Petitioner being the only and central perpetrator to the disruption. I was not allowed to speak to the officers lest I receive backlash. Presently, Petitioner is being evicted due to innumerable complaints the landlord received from these neighbors. See "Exhibit A" attached- letter of complaint from a neighbor.

Petitioner's allegations about me hacking into his personal business computer are inaccurate. The fact is that there is a family PC in which all members of the family have access to use, myself included. This PC mentioned had originally been my son's computer, which Petitioner purchased from my adult son, (from our "family household account just under my husband's name,) with the intent that this PC acted as the family computer, which primarily used by Petitioner's children and myself included. Whereas, Petitioner had a personal laptop where he conducted business. I am accused of hacking into his business email account; yet, I have not, and cannot, access nor have I ever accessed Petitioner's medical practice accounts. The 119 "home office computer" (the family computer) is not a secure computer and with the entire family authorized to use it. Both my husband and myself have had access to each other's emails for various reasons.

Petitioner's assertions of stalking, harassment and hacking are accusations with the intent to divert Petitioner's physical, emotional, and verbal abuse that he manifested in the marriage.

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Apart from this, Petitioner granted me access to allocate our household bank account for monthly bills, expenses, and household needs/wants. I am accused of theft of \$30,000; however, this amount that Petitioner is alluding to is our mutual and agreed upon household expenses.

Petitioner's assertion that he "voluntarily agreed to the county Mankind program" is aggrandized. He did so after his SECOND arrest for DV under the compulsion of the District attorney's citation procedure, AND my lack of cooperation to prosecute him. He did this to avoid the charges being formally filed

The alleged triggers for outburst (which he readily admits) are spurious and misleading. The splitting incident occurred when he attacked me and pushed me against a wall while pinning my hands above my head, his face inches from mine. The only protection presented was to spit. The "throwing" of household items during one of his violent outburst described in Petitioner's declaration was imprecise. After he assaulted me by pulling my hair and left the room, I broke down and threw grapes at the kitchen wall, never at him. His accusations of me punching him are untrue. I categorically deny EVER punching him with a closed fist in the face. My 14 year old step-daughter, has witnessed my husband over me, and has threatened to call 911 if he did not stop. I have ever threatened "to extort" him. That is another tactic to divert the domestic violence that surrounds this case. When the home was not maintained due to his economical abuse and power over the funds, I was subjected to even more abuse by not upholding his notion of a "good" housewife.

On August 28, 2016, the landlord wanted us out of our home, due to yet another police visit earlier that day, that left my husband fleeing the scene on foot. As far as requesting the kids not spend the weekend after that, I believe I was acting in the best interest of the children when I didn't want them to come home from school to find the house not as "homey" as usual that

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following Friday. In fact, my husband instructed me to pick the children up from school aftercare the very day he filed this wrongful DV-TRO against me. . The assertion that I am trying to put a wedge between Petitioner and the children is utterly nonsensical.

CPS showed up at our door the last week in July 2016, just one day before I was scheduled for a intercostal spine injection (due to an abuse incident.) I was reluctant to allow the case worker in because I could not get a hold of my husband or the biological mother. I made a judgement call to allow CPS in to interview all three of my step-children, but did not engage her questions about allegations of me being a battered wife. I received terrible backlash for allowing CPS in our home. On August 8, 2016, a process server came to the door and served my husband a lawsuit brought on by his ex-wife, Brigid Norton. Ms. Norton had attached a few texts messages between she and I as exhibits. I was put in additional harms way do to Ms. Norton's Declaration. I left to go to the hotel, but only after my husband threatened to blow up our Pacheco Valle home with the 30 gallons of gasoline he had stored on the side of our home for the End Times Prophecy, as well as physical assault on me.

I was not living separate and apart for the month of August. While I was staying overnights at a hotel, I would return every day when I knew Petitioner would be at work and complete all the normal household chores and maintenance, and greet the children home from school (often picking them up). All of my belongings remained in the home. I would leave the premise before Petitioner returned home to ensure my self-protection. Constructive desertion perhaps. I was hoping to somehow save this marriage by forcing him into some type of counseling. (I had filed legal separation in October 2013, but dismissed the matter because he promised to seek counseling.)

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Petitioner's reasons for asking for a protective order are made up of whole cloth and do not merit the issuance of same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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