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11 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY**
 12 **OF LOS ANGELES**
 13 **NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT - CHATSWORTH COURTHOUSE**

14 **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF**
 15 **PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUREAU OF**
 16 **CANNABIS CONTROL,**

17 **Plaintiffs,**

18 **v.**

19 **VERTICAL BLISS, INC.,**
 20 **KUSHY PUNCH, INC.,**
 21 **CONGLOMERATE MARKETING, LLC,**
 22 **MORE AGENCY, INC.,**
 23 **RUBEN KACHIAN AKA RUBEN CROSS,**
 24 **ARUTYUN BARSAMYAN,**
 25 **KEVIN HALLORAN,**
 26 **MIKE A. TOROYAN,**
 27 **and DOES 1 through 30, inclusive,**

28 **Defendants**

Case No. 20CHCV00560

STIPULATION TO SUBSTITUTION OF
PARTIES AND ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Dept: F49
 Judge: The Honorable Stephen P.
 Pfahler

Trial Date: June 13, 2022
 Action Filed: September 23, 2020

STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES

26 **Plaintiffs California Department of Public Health and the Bureau of Cannabis Control and**
 27 **Defendants Vertical Bliss, Inc., Kushy Punch Inc., Conglomerate Marketing, LLC, More Agency,**
 28 **Inc., Ruben Kachian, Arutyun Barsamyan, Kevin Halloran, and Mike A. Toroyon (collectively**

1 Defendants) have jointly prepared and hereby jointly stipulate to the following:

2 1. The above entitled Complaint was originally filed jointly by the California
3 Department of Public Health and the Bureau of Cannabis Control against the Defendants and
4 does 1-30, on September 23, 2020;

5 2. Assembly Bill 141 (AB 141) was signed into law and took effect on July 12, 2021.
6 Among the changes wrought by the bill was the consolidation of state agencies regulating
7 commercial cannabis activity under a single agency entitled the Department of Cannabis Control;

8 3. Section 8 of AB 141, specifically, Business and Professions Code section 26010.7,
9 subdivision (d), states that “[a]ny action by or against Bureau of Cannabis Control [or] the State
10 Department of Public Health . . . pertaining to matters vested in the Department of Cannabis
11 Control by this section shall not abate but shall continue in the name of the Department of
12 Cannabis Control, and the name of the Department of Cannabis Control shall be substituted for
13 the Bureau of Cannabis Control . . . by the Court where in the action is pending.”

14 4. Under Business Professions Code section 26012, all duties and functions formerly
15 vested in the California Department of Public Health – Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch
16 and the Bureau of Cannabis Control and their officers and employees are now carried out by the
17 Department of Cannabis Control and its officers and employees.

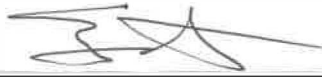
18 5. Now therefore, the parties stipulate and agree that the proper Plaintiff in this action
19 is the Department of Cannabis Control, and that this party should be substituted in for the
20 Plaintiffs identified in the above entitled Complaint.

21 Dated: January 21, 2022



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26 Vertical Bliss, Inc.,
27 Kushy Punch Inc.,
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3 Dated: January 21, 2022



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14 **~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER**

15 In accordance with Business and Professions Code section 26010.7, and the foregoing
16 stipulation, the California Department of Public Health and the Bureau of Cannabis Control, shall
17 be substituted out of this case and replaced by their successors in interest. The Plaintiff in this
18 matter shall be identified in all future pleadings and orders in this matter as The Department of
19 Cannabis Control.

20 It is so Ordered,

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22 Dated: 02/08/2022





Hon. Judge Stephen P. Pfahler
Stephen P. Pfahler / Judge

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY E-MAIL

Case Name: **California Department of Public Health, et al. v. Vertical Bliss, Inc., et al.**
Case No.: **20CHCV00560**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter.

On January 21, 2022, I served the attached **STIPULATION TO SUBSTITUTION OF PARTIES AND[PROPOSED]ORDER** by transmitting a true copy via electronic mail to the following addresses:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on January 21, 2022, at Sacramento, California.

Natalie Y. Quinonez
Declarant


Signature