UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMMUNITY ARTS ADVOCATES, INC. and STEPHEN H. BAIRD, Plaintiffs,)))
v.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-11618-NG
CITY OF BOSTON, Defendant.)) _)

DECLARATION OF BOBBY BISHOP

- I, Bobby Bishop, declare and state as follows upon personal knowledge:
- 1. I am a U.K. citizen, now residing in Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts. Together with my partner Terelle Brown (also of Jamaica Plain, a student at Berklee College of Music) we try to perform reggae, soul and blues music in public spaces in Boston, including MBTA platforms, as well as Boston area clubs. We have been afraid to play before but after hearing about Stephen Baird's free expression activity we tried to play on Boston Common on Friday, June 24, 2005. We use a drum loop recording and we play electric guitar and electric bass.
- 2. A park ranger came up to us and said we could not use amplification on Boston Common but he would let us play if we4 kept it low.
- 3. Even without special measures to keep it low we do not go above regular noise levels of Boston Common on a sunny weekday. We didn't know what would satisfy the ranger or the standards, if any. We stayed for a while, but faced with the uncertainty we left. We are afraid to try it again without some clarification.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, this the 27th day of June, 2005.

Bobby Bishop	