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NOTICE OF TORT CLAIM

TO: City of Boise Council Office;
City of Boise Attorney, Jamie Sullivan;
City of Boise Office of Community Engagement
City of Boise Special Events Team

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this notice of tort claim is hereby presented on behalf of Richard Ratto and Daryl Ratto as the parents and natural guardians of I.R., a minor under the Idaho Tort Claims Act (hereafter "ITCA"), I.C. § 6-901, *et seq.* Claimants state and give notice to the agencies, entities, and individuals named above and herein (collectively, "Respondents"), and all others as follows pursuant to I.C. § 6-907:

1. Conduct and circumstances which brought about the injury or damage.

On January 1, 2026, I.R., a minor, was severely injured by glass and debris following a firework explosion during the event known as the "Idaho Potato Drop". The "Idaho Potato Drop" is hosted on city property in front of the state capitol in downtown Boise and required a special event permit that was issued by Respondents to Idaho New Years Commission, LLC and The New Years Eve Idaho Potato Drop, an assumed business name. A special event permit was also issued to Sirjag Productions, LLC for the fireworks show performed during the event.

Publicly available records concerning meetings and permitting of previous events between respondents and representatives of Idaho New Years Commission, LLC show that since at least 2018, respondents have had numerous concerns with the event planning and execution done by Idaho New Years Commission, including numerous instances of the setup of the event and resources not following the actual planning documents that were submitted to obtain the special events permit. These records reflect a pattern where respondents knew Idaho New Years Commission, LLC would consistently fail to submit adequate information and would fail to abide by the planning documents submitted to obtain the special event permit but allowed the event to continue despite clear violations

2. Description of the injury or damage.

Respondents' conduct resulted in serious injuries to I.R., a minor. Claimant's damages include, but are not limited to: (1) the reasonable cost of necessary medical care and expenses incurred for treatment of injuries; (2) expenses associated with medical, psychological, and counseling care and expenses; (3) general damages including but not limited to pain and suffering and mental anguish; Claimant reserves the right to seek the recovery of all damages available under applicable law.

3. The time and place the injury occurred.

The incident set forth herein occurred on January 1, 2026, at midnight mountain standard time on N. 6th Street / W. Bannock Street during the "Idaho Potato Drop".

4. Names of all persons involved, if known.

Claimant named herein.

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Boise Police Officer Shane Mesch

Boise Police Officer John Hahn

Boise Police Officer Ken Mossi

Daryl Ratto

Richard Ratto

Jon Galane

Dylan Kline

5. The amount of damages claimed.

At this time and without the benefit of formal discovery, Claimant assert that their damages are \$10,000,000.00 against each Respondent individually or such other amount as may be proven at trial, if litigation of this matter is necessary.

6. Claimants' actual residences at present and for prior six (6) months.

4541 N. Elsinore Ave
Meridian, ID 83646

16555 N. Amtrust Street, Apt 202
Nampa, ID 83687

DATED: This 9th day of June, 2026.

MEYER INJURY LAWYERS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Meyer', written over a horizontal line.

Eric S. Meyer, Esq.
Attorney for Claimants