

Exhibit 9

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND DIVISION**

<p>SIERRA CLUB and SOUTHERN BORDER COMMUNITIES COALITION,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Plaintiffs,</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States, in his official Capacity; PATRICK M. SHANAHAN, Acting Secretary of Defense, in his official Capacity; KIRSTJEN M. NIELSEN, Secretary of Homeland Security, in her official Capacity; AND STEVEN MNUCHIN, Secretary of the Treasury, in his official Capacity,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Defendants.</i></p>	<p>Case No.: 4:19-cv-00892-HSG</p> <p>Declaration of Roy Armenta Sr.</p>
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My name is Roy Armenta Sr., and I declare:

1. I am over 18 years old. The information in this declaration is based on my personal experience and my review of publicly available information. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to these facts. Any opinions contained in this declaration reflect my personal opinion and judgment.
2. My primary residence is 729 Grant Street, Calexico, CA 92231. I have lived in Calexico for most of life, and I am over 80 years old.
3. I joined the Sierra Club earlier this year. I support the Sierra Club's mission to explore, enjoy and protect the planet; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment.

4. I'm very familiar with the area between the towns of Calexico and Ocotillo, in which the "El Centro Project 1" is planned. As I understand it, the government is proposing to replace approximately 15 miles of existing vehicle barrier with new pedestrian fencing and is planning to install lighting there.
5. As a child, I used to visit the border areas between Calexico and Ocotillo with my family. When I was raising my own children, I took them to these same places. We would often go at dawn or at dusk to get the best views. At these hours, you can see everything and the breeze is blowing. In the spring and fall you can see ocotillo plants flowering. You can't walk in these areas too much because there are rattlesnakes. I appreciate the wildlife here, but I have noticed fewer and fewer animals present over my lifetime because of the infrastructure build up along the border. I used to visit these areas to admire the landscape every couple of weeks. Now I go about once a month or every two months. The idea of having a wall here is a big and unwelcome change for me, my family, and many of the people who live here.
6. In the El Centro project area, Highway 98 runs parallel to the border on the U.S. side and Federal Highway 2D runs along the border on the Mexico side. I have driven along these highways and the smaller roads directly off of them countless times. I often stop to take in the natural beauty of this landscape. The lands south of Highway 98 are beautiful, with a particular vegetation that demands you stop and take it in. It's especially beautiful in the spring with wonderful cacti flowers and wildflowers of all kinds. There is an extraordinary beauty in the desert—it's not a forest, but you enjoy it for the peace that takes over you when you're in it. I am very concerned that a border wall and its construction would destroy this beauty and the interesting parts of the desert. The

unimpeded views, in all directions, are centrally important to my enjoyment of this landscape. A wall will make us feel like we're in a prison, incarcerated in our own lands.

7. I am aware that President Trump declared a national emergency on February 15, 2019 in order to construct a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. It is my understanding that the Secretary of Defense has recently authorized funding, and imminently plans to construct, El Centro Project 1. I am concerned that the border wall and its construction will destroy the natural beauty of this landscape; if it proceeds, the El Centro Project will significantly decrease my ability to enjoy it.
8. For all of these reasons, the proposed wall construction in the El Centro Sector will injure me aesthetically and morally. An order halting the wall's construction would remedy those injuries.

9. My son, Roy Armenta Jr, has translated this declaration from English into Spanish for me, and I have authorized him to sign it on my behalf.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the United States that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: May ²⁹__, 2019

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Roy Armenta Sr.", written over a horizontal line.

Roy Armenta Sr. (by Roy Armenta Jr.)