

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Plaintiff,

And

CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY AND
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Intervenor-Plaintiff,

v.

METRO GREEN RECYCLING
THREE, LLC, et al.

Defendant.

Civil Action File No. 20-CV-5610-10

ORDER GRANTING CHASE'S MOTION TO STRIKE COUNTERCLAIMS

This matter comes before the Court on Intervenor-Plaintiff Citizens for a Healthy and Safe Environment's ("CHASE") Motion to Strike Counterclaims under Georgia's anti-SLAPP statute, O.C.G.A. § 9-11-11.1, filed on March 1, 2021. Upon considering the record and the arguments presented at the hearing, the Court hereby finds as follows:

CHASE's *Motion to Strike Metro Green's Counterclaims* are properly filed under Georgia's anti-SLAPP statute, O.C.G.A. § 9-11-11.1. To this end, Metro Green has not met its burden to prove its claims for slander, libel, and tortious interference can survive against CHASE.

Therefore, the Court finds that Metro Green's claims for libel, slander, and tortious interference shall be struck because CHASE's conduct arising from said claims are protected by the First Amendment and Georgia's anti-SLAPP statute. The Court's full Order is forthcoming.

IT IS SO ORDERED 11/12/2021 .



HONORABLE TANGELA M. BARRIE, JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

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