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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
14 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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16 **MITCH NOYES, *et al.*,**

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 **GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official**  
20 **capacity as the Governor of California,**  
21 ***et al.*,**

22 Defendants.  
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2:25-cv-11480-SPG-PVC

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE OF RELATED CASE  
(DKT. NO. 6) AND REQUEST  
FOR A THREE-JUDGE COURT  
(DKT. NO. 30)**

1 On December 2, 2025, Plaintiffs filed a Notice of Related Cases, indicating that  
2 the above-captioned action is related to another action within this District, *Tangipa, et*  
3 *al. v. Newsom, et al.*, No. 2:25-cv-10616-JLS-WLH-KKL, filed on November 5, 2025  
4 (“*Tangipa*”). Dkt. No. 6.

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6 In the *Tangipa* matter, a three-judge court was convened pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
7 2284(a), an evidentiary hearing was conducted from December 15 to December 17, 2025,  
8 and the three-judge court has taken the *Tangipa* plaintiffs’ motion for preliminary  
9 injunction under submission. *See Tangipa* Dkt. Nos. 36, 179-180, 183.

10 On December 22, 2025, Plaintiffs requested that a three-judge court be convened  
11 to determine this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2284(b)(1). Dkt. No. 30.

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13 Defendants Gavin Newsom, in his official capacity as Governor of California, and  
14 Shirley Weber, in her official capacity as California Secretary of State, agree with  
15 Plaintiffs that this matter is related to the *Tangipa* case. *See* Dkt. No. 6.

16 Defendants accordingly request that this matter be reassigned to the Honorable  
17 Josephine L. Staton, who presides over *Tangipa*, and that the same three-judge court that  
18 was convened for the *Tangipa* case be convened for this matter.  
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