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The Honorable Jorge E. Navarrete  
Clerk and Executive Officer  
Supreme Court of California  
350 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, California, 94102

Re: *Cervantes et al. v. Bianco et al.*- Case No. S295866

Dear Clerk Navarrete:

Pursuant to California Rules of Court 8.254(a) and 8.520(d)(1), Petitioners Clarissa Cervantes, Oscar Ortiz, Rebecca Robinson, and Nathan Kempe (“Petitioners”) submit this letter to inform the Court of the following recent authority published after Petitioners filed their Petition for Writ of Mandate on March 26, 2026.

The Petition filed in this proceeding referenced a recording of Respondent Bianco claiming that the judge who issued a search warrant allowing Bianco to seize ballots, also required the appointment of a “special master.” *See* Pet. at ¶ 32. New information published late yesterday, reveals that, in fact, a special master has not been appointed. (*See* Nick Corasaniti, Sheriff in California Seizes More Ballots, Ignoring State Attorney General, New York Times, March 26, 2026, <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/03/26/us/politics/california-sheriff-ballots-attorney-general.html>.) Therefore, even that insufficient protection is not in place.

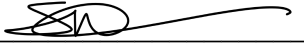
Also, the same reporting reveals that Respondent Bianco has **seized 426 boxes of new election materials** from the Riverside County Registrar just this Tuesday. (*See id.*)

These evolving events are irreparably harming the integrity of the electoral process and serve to dissuade the public from having confidence in their

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elections. Petitioners respectfully request the Court assert its jurisdiction over these events.

Sincerely,

By   
Sonni Waknin

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

Case Name: **Clarissa Cervantes, et.al. v. Riverside  
County Sheriff Chad Bianco, and Riverside  
County Registrar of Voters Art Tinoco**

No.: **S295866**

I, Sonni Waknin, declare am 18 years of age or older, and am not a party to this matter. My business address is 3250 Public Affairs Building, Ste. 6226, Los Angeles, CA 90095.

On March 27, 2026, I caused to be served the following document: **LETTER PURSUANT TO CRC 8.254** via electronic service by transmitting a true copy via this Court’s TrueFiling system or via U.S. Mail as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 27th day of March, at Los Angeles, California.

/s/Sonni Waknin  
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