

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 6

24STCV06193

October 13, 2025

RAUL GUTIERREZ, et al. vs LOS ANGELES COUNTY

10:00 AM

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Judge: Honorable Elihu M. Berle
Judicial Assistant: P. Herrera
Courtroom Assistant: M. Molinar

CSR: Michelle G. Cooper, CSR # 13572
ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiff(s): No Appearances

For Defendant(s): No Appearances

Other Appearance Notes: See appearances below.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Status Conference; Order to Show Cause Re: Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel's Failure to Appear on September 3, 2025

APPEARANCES:

Counsel for Plaintiff(s): Richard Carter; Jon Drucker; Brent Buchsbaum via LACC; Christy Granieri via LACC; Hoanh Robinson via LACC; Mike Baltaxe via LACC; Emily Barbour via LACC; Christopher Goodrich via LACC; Pola Bernabe via LACC; Michael Justice via LACC; and Stephen Counts via LACC;

Counsel for Defendant(s): Victoria J. Ramirez via LACC; Oscar Bustos via LACC; Lindsey Rene Hagen via LACC; and Jamil M. Aslam;

The matters are called for hearing along with related cases.

Pursuant to Government Code sections 68086, 70044, California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, and the stipulation of appearing parties, Michelle G. Cooper, CSR # 13572, certified shorthand reporter is appointed as an official Court reporter pro tempore in these proceedings, and is ordered to comply with the terms of the Court Reporter Agreement. The Order is signed and filed this date. The Court Reporter is appearing remotely via LA Court Connect.

The Court has reviewed and considered the Notice of Related Case filed on October 9, 2025 by Defendant County of Los Angeles.

The Court finds that the following cases, 24STCV06193 and 25STCV23051, are related within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.300(a). 24STCV06193 is the lead case. For good cause shown, said cases are assigned to Judge Elihu M. Berle in Department 6 at Spring Street Courthouse for all purposes.

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All hearings in cases other than the lead case are advanced and taken off calendar. This order is made without prejudice to the parties making a motion to consolidate in the newly assigned department. The moving party is ordered to serve notice of this order (including hearings vacated, if necessary) by mail forthwith on all interested parties within ten (10) days of the receipt of this minute order.

The Court has further reviewed and considered the Joint Report filed on October 6, 2025.

The Court and counsel confer as to the status of the cases.

In case no. 25STCV02388-Scarborough, there is currently a Motion to Sever scheduled for December 1, 2025.

The Court encourages parties to meet and confer to try and resolve the discovery disputes and proceed with the depositions.

Status Conference is scheduled for 12/17/2025 at 11:00 AM in Department 6 at Spring Street Courthouse.

The parties are ordered to meet and confer and file a joint status report by December 10, 2025, advising the Court of the following:

1. Status of discovery;
2. Identity of mediator, and proposed date for mediation;
3. Status of any mediation efforts.

All related cases are subject to the Case Management Order.

Defendant is directed to give notice and post a copy of same on the parties' electronic service website.