

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 6

24STCV06193

RAUL GUTIERREZ, et al. vs LOS ANGELES COUNTY

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

March 17, 2026

10:00 AM

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

CSR: Vienna Nguyen, CSR # 13137
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; Informal Discovery Conference (IDC)

APPEARANCES:

Counsel for Plaintiff(s) in person: Richard D. Carter, Bina Ahmad, and Santiago Villegas

Counsel for Plaintiff(s) via LACC: Christopher Goodrich, Diem Ha, Nancy Doumanian, Arnold P. Peter, Christy Granieri, Brent Buchsbaum, Preetpal S. Toor, Jenkins, C. Genevieve, Stephen Counts, Grace Ramsey, Emily Barbour, Michael Baltaxe, Michael Yee, and Rachael Talento

Counsel for Defendant(s) in person: Zachary A. Sarnoff

Counsel for Defendant(s) via LACC: Michael B. Atkins, Katrina Torrealba, Lindsey Hagen, Laurie DeYoung, Jack Nick, Benjamin Haeck, and Victoria Ramirez

The matters are called for hearing.

Pursuant to Government Code sections 68086, 70044, California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, and the stipulation of appearing parties, Vienna Nguyen, CSR # 13137, 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 Joint Report filed on March 10, 2026.

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

The Court finds that the following cases, 24STCV06193 and 25STCV38670, are related within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.300(a). 24STCV06193 is the lead case. For

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good cause shown, said cases are assigned to Judge Elihu M. Berle in Department 6 at Spring Street Courthouse for all purposes.

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 matter is called for hearing.

The Court has reviewed and considered the Joint Request for Informal Discovery Conference Re: Uniform Initial Fact Sheet filed on February 20, 2026.

Informal Discovery Conference (IDC) is held.

The Court orders the parties to meet and confer to finalize the fact sheet.

Status Conference is scheduled for 06/30/2026 at 09:00 AM in Department 6 at Spring Street Courthouse.

The parties are ordered to meet and confer and file a joint status report by June 22, 2026, advising the Court of the following:

1. Status of mediation;
2. Proposals for going forward on all cases;
3. Discovery deadline;
4. Setting cases for trial.

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