

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Department 85

24STCP03551

**PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, et al. vs CITY
OF NORWALK, et al.**

February 18, 2025

9:30 AM

Judge: Honorable James C. Chalfant
Judicial Assistant: J. De Luna
Courtroom Assistant: C. Del Rio

CSR: D. Taylor, CSR #12335 (Pro Tempore)
ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

APPEARANCES:

For Petitioner(s): John M. Natalizio (X)

For Respondent(s): Christy Garcia (X)

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Hearing on Demurrer to Petition; Trial Setting Conference

Pursuant to Government Code sections 68086, 70044, and California Rules of Court, rule 2.956, Danielle V. Taylor, CSR#12335, 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's tentative ruling is published to all parties via posting on the court's website.

The matters are called for hearing.

After argument of counsel, the court rules in accordance with its tentative ruling which is filed and adopted as the final ruling of the court and incorporated herein by reference.

Summary of the court's ruling:

Respondents/Defendants City of Norwalk ("City"), its City Council, and Jesus M. Gomez ("Gomez") demur to the Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory/Injunctive Relief filed by Petitioners People of the State of California ("State") and Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") (collectively, "State").

The court has read and considered the moving papers, opposition, and reply, and renders the following decision.

The demurrer is sustained without leave to amend as to the City Council and overruled on the remaining grounds. The City has 30 days to answer only.

Court and counsel confer regarding the status of the case.

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Respondent indicates that it will forgo the administrative record and will produce evidence.
Counsel may stipulate to admissibility of documents.

Trial Setting Conference is continued to 04/10/2025 at 09:30 AM in Department 85 at Stanley
Mosk Courthouse.

Notice is waived.