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By P. Banks, Deputy Clerk

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

No. SSC-24-2

**STANDING ORDER OF THE
SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT**

ORDER: ELECTION WRITS

BY ORDER OF THIS COURT AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. All petitions for writ of mandate which qualify as a priority election matter (Elections Code § 13314, Government Code § 83121, or Code of Civil Procedure § 460.7) must include the language, “**PRIORITY ELECTION MATTER**” on the right side of the caption on the Petition and any amended Petitions, and must include a citation to the applicable legal authority qualifying the particular petition as a priority election matter. The Court shall refer to these matters as “Election Writs” for the remainder of this order.
2. If the petitioner files the petition for an Election Writ via the Court’s electronic filing system, referred to as eCourt, the petitioner must select the document title “Petition for Writ of Election.” A failure to select this option will result in a delay of processing.

1 3. Beneath the designation of “**PRIORITY ELECTION MATTER**” the caption of any petition
2 for an Election Writ must also contain the deadline imposed by the applicable statute or agency
3 (such as the Secretary of State, Sacramento County Office of the Registrar of Voters, etc.) by
4 which the Court must take **final action** on the merits of the petition.

5 For example:

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7 VOTER SMITH,

8 Petitioner,

9 v.

10 GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE,
11 in her official capacity as Government
12 Representative of the State of California

13 Respondent.
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Case No. _____

VERIFIED PETITION FOR
WRIT OF MANDATE

PRIORITY ELECTION MATTER
(Cal. Elec. Code § 13314)

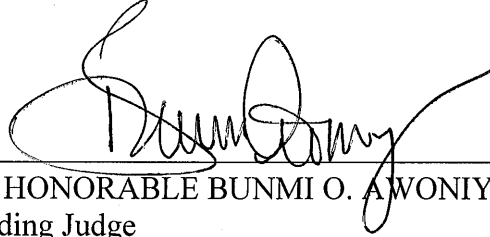
ACTION REQUIRED BY:
January 1, 2024

- 15 4. Immediately upon filing a petition for an Election Writ, the petitioner must contact the clerk of
16 the assigned department (either by phone or by email), to notify the clerk that an Election Writ
17 has been assigned to the department. The petitioner must also inform the department clerk of the
18 deadline imposed by the applicable statute or agency (such as the Secretary of State, Sacramento
19 County Office of the Registrar of Voters, etc.) by which the Court must take final action on the
20 merits of the petition.
- 21 5. The department clerk will provide the parties with a hearing date and time. The parties may not
22 select their own hearing date and/or time.
- 23 6. Absent a showing of good cause, which may be established by declaration filed concurrently
24 with the verified petition, the Court **will not set a merits hearing** for an Election Writ on less
25 than **four court days’ notice to the respondent(s) and any real party(ies) in interest**. (For
26 example, if a petition is filed on Monday, the earliest the Court will hear the merits of the
27 petition is that Friday, and such a hearing will occur *only if* the petitioner provides proper service
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1 of summons as well as notice of the hearing to the respondent and any real party in interest by
2 close of business on Monday.)

3 This order shall remain in effect until such time as it may be modified or revoked.

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6 DATED: 6-27, 2024

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8 THE HONORABLE BUNMI O. AWONIYI
9 Presiding Judge

