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24 SOUTH BAY UNITED  
25 PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, a California  
26 nonprofit corporation, and BISHOP  
27 ARTHUR HODGES III, an individual,

28 Plaintiffs,

v.

GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official capacity  
as the Governor of California, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:20-cv-00865-AJB-MDD

***Ex Parte* Application to Modify  
the Briefing Schedule on  
Plaintiffs' Application for a  
Temporary Restraining Order**

Judge: Anthony J. Battaglia  
Courtroom: 4A

1 **TO: THE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF**  
2 **RECORD:**

3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs South Bay United Pentecostal  
4 Church and Bishop Arthur Hodges III, by and through counsel, will and hereby do  
5 apply to this Court to set a modified briefing schedule on their Application for  
6 Temporary Restraining Order, and Order to Show Cause re: Preliminary Injunction.


7 This Application is made on the grounds that the underlying application for a  
8 temporary restraining order is quite complex, and as such, the proposed briefing  
9 schedule would likely assist the Court.

10 Good cause exists to issue the requested Order because Plaintiffs only need  
11 relief by the weekend of May 16–17, 2020, and so there is time to set a briefing  
12 schedule. This Application is supported by the accompanying Memorandum of  
13 Points and Authorities, by the declaration of Jeffrey M. Trissell, Esq., and all exhibits  
14 attached thereto, and by such further argument and evidence that may be adduced at  
15 any hearing on this matter.

16 Counsel for all parties participated in a conference call on May 11, 2020, in  
17 which the relief sought by this *ex parte* application was discussed. The parties mostly  
18 agreed, but had minor disagreements as to the briefing schedule. This Application  
19 followed. All papers relating to this Application will be delivered by email to the  
20 Defendants’ counsel immediately after they are filed.

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Dated: May 11, 2020

By: LiMANDRI & JONNA LLP  
  
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Jeffrey M. Trissell  
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1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES**

2 This Court’s Chambers’ Rules provide that “[a]fter receipt, moving and  
3 opposing *ex parte* papers will be reviewed and a decision will be made without a  
4 hearing. If the Court requires a hearing, the parties will be contacted to set a date and  
5 time.” Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia, U.S. District Judge, Civ. Case Proc., § III.2. (Oct.  
6 1, 2017). “After service of the *ex parte* motion, opposing counsel will ordinarily be  
7 given until 5:00 p.m. on the next business day to respond. If more time is needed,  
8 opposing counsel must call the law clerk to modify the schedule.” *Id.*

9 “Parties requesting a . . . briefing schedule, or any other procedural change,  
10 must meet and confer prior to contacting the Court.” *Id.* at § II.C. “If the parties are  
11 unable to reach an agreement, the requesting party must file an *ex parte* motion  
12 satisfying the applicable legal standard, with a particular focus on the diligence of the  
13 party seeking delay and any prejudice that may result therefrom. In addition, the *ex*  
14 *parte* motion must state: (1) the original date; (2) the number of previous  
15 continuances and requests that have been made; (3) whether previous requests were  
16 granted or denied; and (4) opposing counsel’s position with regard to their  
17 opposition.” *Id.*

18 Here, on Monday, May 11, 2020, Plaintiffs filed an *ex parte* application for a  
19 temporary restraining order, seeking relief by the weekend of May 16–17, 2020. Dkt.  
20 12. On that same day, at 1:00 p.m., all counsel participated in a conference call to  
21 discuss the relief sought by that *ex parte* application, and also to discuss the potential  
22 of requesting a modified briefing schedule from the Court. The parties then also  
23 exchanged several rounds of emails regarding that briefing schedule. (See Trissell  
24 Decl., Exs. 1-3.)

25 On the call, all parties were in agreement that a deadline beyond Tuesday, May  
26 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. would be preferable for the Defendants’ opposition briefs. On  
27 the call, Plaintiffs proposed Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., and counsel for  
28 both the County and the State appeared to agree. As a result, that deadline was

1 included in the draft Joint Motion that Plaintiffs circulated. (See Trissell Decl.,  
2 Ex. 1.) Following further meet and confer, counsel for the State confirmed in writing  
3 that they agreed to a Wednesday deadline. Although, counsel for the County did not  
4 confirm this in writing, Plaintiffs understand they are agreeable to a Wednesday  
5 deadline based on the telephone call. No Defendant agreed to request leave for  
6 Plaintiffs to file a reply, or to request oral argument. (Trissell Decl., Ex. 3.)

7 In any event, there is good cause to grant the present *ex parte* application. All  
8 parties agree that the complexity of the legal issues in the underlying *ex parte*  
9 application mean that the Court would benefit from the fuller and clearer briefing  
10 that would result from permitting Defendants more time to prepare their opposition  
11 briefs. As for a reply and a hearing, Plaintiffs respectfully propose that a short five-  
12 page reply brief could help crystallize the issues in dispute in this complex  
13 constitutional case. Plaintiffs would also request brief oral argument if the Court  
14 thinks it would be helpful.


15 Pursuant to this Court's Chambers' Rules at Section II.C, Plaintiffs  
16 specifically note that (1) the original date for Defendants' opposition briefs is May 12,  
17 2020, at 5:00 p.m., and there is no original date for a reply brief or hearing; (2) there  
18 have been no prior briefing schedule modifications, or requests for same; (3) as a  
19 result, none have been granted or denied; and (4) opposing counsel's position is that  
20 their briefs should be due on May 13, and that no reply brief or hearing should  
21 forthcoming.

- 22 ○ Monday, May 11, 2020: Plaintiffs Filed their *Ex Parte* Application, seeking to  
23 resume worship services on the weekend of May 16-17, 2020.
- 24 ○ Wednesday, May 13, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.: Defendants' opposition to *ex parte*  
25 application is due.
- 26 ○ Thursday, May 14, 2020, by 3:00 p.m.: Plaintiffs' reply papers in support of *ex*  
27 *parte* application are due (five pages or less).
- 28 ○ Friday, May 15, 2020: Telephonic hearing per the Court's calendar.

1 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court set a  
2 modified briefing schedule on Plaintiffs' application for a temporary restraining  
3 order, including—if helpful to the Court—a deadline for a reply brief and a time for a  
4 telephonic hearing.

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**Declaration of Jeffrey M.  
Trissell, Esq. in Support of *Ex  
Parte* Application to Modify the  
Briefing Schedule on Plaintiffs’  
Application for a Temporary  
Restraining Order**  
Judge: Anthony J. Battaglia  
Courtroom: 4A

1 I, Jeffrey M. Trissell, Esq., declare and state as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice in the State of California  
3 and in the Southern District of California, and am counsel for Plaintiffs South Bay  
4 United Pentecostal Church and Bishop Arthur Hodges III. As such, I have personal  
5 knowledge of the matters set forth below and could and would testify thereto if called  
6 upon to do so.

7 2. On Friday, May 8, 2020, Plaintiffs filed their complaint seeking  
8 declaratory and injunctive relief for violations of their constitutional rights. (Dkt. 1.)  
9 On the same day, Plaintiffs filed an *ex parte* application for a temporary restraining  
10 order permitting them to hold worship services on the weekend of May 16–17, 2020.

11 3. On Monday, May 11, 2020, Plaintiffs decided to file a First Amended  
12 Complaint omitting Mayor Faulconer and Police Chief Nisleit, and including the  
13 County of San Diego’s May 10, 2020, health order. (Dkt. 11.) As a result, the only  
14 remaining Defendants are those affiliated with the County of San Diego and the State  
15 of California—not the City of San Diego. That same day, Plaintiffs filed an amended  
16 *ex parte* application for a temporary restraining order permitting them to hold worship  
17 services on the weekend of May 16–17, 2020. (Dkt. 12.)

18 4. On Monday, May 11, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., counsel for Plaintiffs held a  
19 meet and confer conference call with counsel for the County-affiliated Defendants  
20 (Timothy White) and counsel for the State-affiliated Defendants (Lisa Plank and  
21 Todd Grabarsky). On the call, the parties discussed the possibility of a stipulated  
22 briefing schedule for the TRO application. Those discussions continued in several  
23 rounds of emails. Those emails are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1, 2, and 3**.

24 5. On the call, all parties were in agreement that a deadline beyond  
25 Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. would be preferable for the Defendants’  
26 opposition briefs. On the call, Plaintiffs proposed Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 5:00  
27 p.m., and counsel for both the County and the State appeared to agree. As a result,  
28 that deadline was included in the draft Joint Motion that Plaintiffs circulated. (Ex. 1.)

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3 confirm this in writing, Plaintiffs understand they are agreeable to a Wednesday  
4 deadline based on the telephone call. No Defendant agreed to request leave for  
5 Plaintiffs to file a reply, or to request oral argument. (Ex. 3.)

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7 application. All parties agree that the complexity of the legal issues in the underlying  
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12 constitutional case. Plaintiffs would also request brief oral argument if the Court  
13 thinks it would be helpful.

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15 specifically note that (1) the original date for Defendants' opposition briefs is May 12,  
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18 result, none have been granted or denied; and (4) opposing counsel's position is that  
19 their briefs should be due on May 13, and that no reply brief or hearing should  
20 forthcoming.

21       8. Plaintiffs respectfully propose the following schedule:


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23           seeking to resume worship services on the weekend of May 16-  
24           17, 2020.
- 25           □ Wednesday, May 13, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.: Defendants' opposition  
26           to *ex parte* application is due.
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28           support of *ex parte* application are due (five pages or less).



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□ Friday, May 15, 2020: Telephonic hearing per the Court's calendar.

I declare until penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 11, 2020.

  
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Jeffrey M. Trissell, Esq.

**EXHIBIT 1**

**From:** [Jeff Trissell](#)  
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Tim, Lisa, and Todd,

Attached is a draft Joint Motion to Set a Briefing Schedule. If this is acceptable, please sign and return. If not, please make any changes in track changes.

Thank you,

Jeff

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Thank you all for responding. Here is the dial-in information for our call today at 1:00pm.

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Sincerely,

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1pm works for me as well, if you can please circulate a conference call dial in number/instructions.  
Thanks.  
Tim

P.S. Just as an fyi, I have been working from home since mid-March due to pandemic, and unfortunately my work number does not forward to my cell #. So the fastest way to reach me or set up a call is by email. Thanks a lot.

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I can be available for a call at 1pm today.

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Counsel,

Pursuant to Judge Battaglia's Chambers Rules, we are seeking to hold a meet and confer call with all counsel this afternoon at 12:00 or 1:00 p.m. concerning the relief sought by our ex parte application for a temporary restraining order, which you received. In light of the County's and State's positions in previous cases, we believed such efforts would be fruitless. However, this morning we called Mr. Grabarsky for the State, and he requested a meet and confer call with all counsel. We also called Mr. White for the County, who has already filed a document in this case, and left a voicemail. For the City, as indicated below, we sent the documents via email to the general mailbox, and to Chief Deputy City Attorney Travis Phelps. Hopefully someone from the City will be able to join the call.

Sincerely,

Jeff

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Counsel,

Our temporary restraining order papers are available at the below hyperlink:

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Counsel,

Please be advised that today my office has filed in the Southern District of California a complaint and



a request for a temporary restraining order. The complaint alleges that the State of California's, the County of San Diego, and the City of San Diego's COVID-19 related executive orders and restrictions infringe on my clients' constitutional rights.

We are seeking a temporary restraining order permitting my clients to resume their worship services during the weekend of May 16-17, 2020, so long as they adhere to the County of San Diego's Social Distancing and Sanitation Protocol.

For Defendants Newsom, Becerra, and Angell, I am sending this email to Deputy A.G. Todd Grabarsky because I understand that he is handling the *Gish* and *Cross Culture* cases.

For Defendants Wooten and Robbins-Meyer, I am sending this email to County Counsel Timothy White because I understand that he is handling the *Abiding Place* case.

For Defendants Gore, Faulconer, and Nisleit, I am sending this email to the address listed online ([cityattorney@sandiego.gov](mailto:cityattorney@sandiego.gov)), as well as Chief Deputy City Attorney Travis Phelps,

The ex parte papers will follow today in another email.

Sincerely,

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Tim and Lisa – did you receive the proposed joint motion Jeff sent earlier (attached)?

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Lisa – I would be agreeable to that briefing schedule. All, I would note that Judge Battaglia's procedures for civil cases does not appear to contemplate or permit reply briefs for ex parte motions.

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Thank you,

Lisa

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Thanks Jeff. That's fine with me if it works for Tim.

Thank you,

Lisa

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Lisa and Tim,

I have prepared an ex parte application. I think the best course would be to simply include the below email, letting the Court know that an extension from Tuesday to Wednesday is agreed upon by all, and that a reply and a hearing is solely requested by Plaintiffs. Tim, do you agree to a Wednesday deadline?

Jeff

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Thank you Paul. Please know that my intention was not to be contrary. We'll agree to your proposed due date of Wed. at 5:00 p.m. for Defendants' Opposition. We think the Court will want to make the call on the other subjects. Please let me know how Plaintiffs will proceed.

Thank you,

Lisa

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Thanks Lisa. My understanding from our call was that you would not agree to the joint motion. Thus, we're preparing a separate application to the Court with our proposed briefing schedule. However, it would be great to agree on the briefing schedule. Our proposal gives you an extra day for the opposition, and I think the Court would appreciate a short reply brief given the complexity of the issues, as well as brief oral argument.

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22 ARTHUR HODGES III, an individual,

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23 v.

24 GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official capacity  
25 as the Governor of California, et al.,

26 Defendants.  
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Case No.: 3:20-cv-00865-AJB-MDD

**[PROPOSED] ORDER  
REGARDING BRIEFING  
SCHEDULE**

1 Having reviewed Plaintiffs South Bay United Pentecostal Church and Bishop  
2 Arthur Hodges III's *Ex Parte* Application to Modify the Briefing Schedule on  
3 Plaintiffs' Application for a Temporary Restraining Order, and good cause appearing,  
4 the application is hereby **GRANTED**.

5 Below is the briefing schedule on said Application:

- 6 ○ Monday, May 11, 2020: Plaintiffs Filed their Ex Parte Application, seeking to  
7 resume worship services on the weekend of May 16-17, 2020.
- 8 ○ Wednesday, May 13, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.: Defendants' opposition to ex parte  
9 application is due.
- 10 ○ Thursday, May 14, 2020, by 3:00 p.m.: Plaintiffs' reply papers in support of  
11 ex parte application are due (five pages or less).
- 12 ○ Friday, May 15, 2020: The Court will hold a telephonic hearing on Friday,  
13 May 15, 2020, at \_\_\_\_\_.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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17 Hon. Anthony J. Battaglia  
18 United States District Judge  
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