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2 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
3 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

4 ASIAN AMERICAN LIBERATION
5 NETWORK, a California non-profit
6 public benefit association; KHURSHID
7 KHOJA, an individual; ALFONSO
8 NGUYEN, an individual,

9 Petitioners/Plaintiffs,

10 v.

11 SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL
12 UTILITY DISTRICT; PAUL LAU, in
13 his official capacity as the Chief
14 Executive Officer of the Sacramento
15 Municipal Utility District; CITY OF
16 SACRAMENTO; KATHERINE
17 LESTER, in her official capacity as
18 Chief of Police of the City of
19 Sacramento Police Department,

20 Respondents/Defendants.

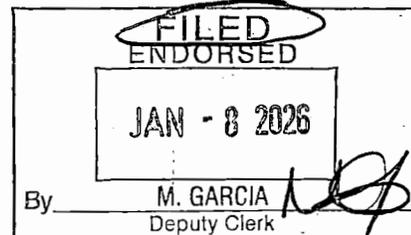
Case No.: 34-2022-80004019


21 **[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT**
22 **GRANTING IN PART AND**
23 **DENYING IN PART PEREMPTORY**
24 **WRIT OF MANDATE**

25 Judge: Hon. Shelleyanne W. L.
26 Chang

27 Dept.: 21

28 Action Filed: September 21, 2022



1 This matter came on regularly for a hearing on October 10, 2025 in Department
2 21 of the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, 720 9th Street,
3 Sacramento, California. F. Mario Trujillo, Aaron Mackey, Adam Schwartz, and Monty
4 Agarwal appeared on behalf of Petitioners ASIAN AMERICAN LIBERATION
5 NETWORK, KHURSHID KHOJA, and ALFONSO NGUYEN. David Kim appeared on
6 behalf of Respondents CITY OF SACRAMENTO and KATHERINE LESTER. John
7 Poulos and Jeffrey Schultz appeared on behalf of Respondents SACRAMENTO
8 MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (“SMUD”) and PAUL LAU.

9 The Court reviewed the record of proceedings, the briefs and evidence submitted
10 by counsel, the arguments of counsel, and submitted the matter on October 10, 2025.
11 As set forth in the Court’s November 20, 2025 Order Ruling on Submitted Matter
12 (“Order”), attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, the Court granted in part and denied in part
13 the Petition for Writ of Mandate filed by Petitioners. The Court found Petitioner
14 Asian American Liberation Network failed to establish standing, and thus the grant of
15 relief is only as to Petitioners Khurshid Khoja and Alfonso Nguyen.

16 Accordingly, the Order granted Petitioners’ Writ of Mandate with respect to
17 Respondents SMUD and LAU under Petitioners’ second cause of action (Public
18 Utilities Code § 8381).

19 As set forth in the Order, the Court denies Petitioners’ Writ of Mandate with
20 respect to Respondents CITY OF SACRAMENTO and LESTER.

21 As set forth in the Order, the Court denies the Petition with respect to
22 Petitioners’ first cause of action (Art. 1, § 13 of the California Constitution).

23 **JUDGMENT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows:

- 24 1. In favor of Petitioners Khurshid Khoja and Alfonso Nguyen on
25 Petitioners’ Second Cause of Action against Respondents SMUD and LAU, in his
26 official capacity, pursuant to the Court’s November 20, 2025 Order as set forth in
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1 Exhibit 1. Specifically, the Court finds that SMUD violated its obligations of
2 maintaining confidentiality imposed by Public Utilities Code section 8381 when it
3 produced customer information (including names, addresses, and electrical
4 consumption data) to law enforcement in response to a request that both: (1) was made
5 on a SMUD drafted form with a pre-printed “ongoing investigation” assertion; and (2)
6 was a zip-code based request made on a cyclical basis.

7 2. A peremptory writ of mandate directed to Respondents SMUD and LAU,
8 in his official capacity, shall issue by this Court, ordering: Respondents SMUD and
9 LAU to cease producing zip code-based customer information (including names,
10 addresses, and electrical consumption data) to law enforcement agencies under the
11 auspices of Government Code section 7927.410, subdivision (c) in the absence of an
12 “ongoing investigation.”

13 3. In complying with the Writ of Mandate, the Court does not direct
14 Respondents SMUD and LAU to exercise their discretion in any particular way.

15 4. The Court retains jurisdiction pursuant to California Code of Civil
16 Procedure § 1085 *et seq*, by way of the return to the Writ of Mandate, which
17 Respondents SMUD and LAU shall file no later than sixty (60) days after the date of
18 the issuance of the Peremptory Writ of Mandate confirming that Respondents SMUD
19 and LAU have complied therewith.

20 5. In favor of Respondents SMUD and LAU on Petitioners’ First Cause of
21 Action against Respondents SMUD and LAU, pursuant to the Court’s November 20,
22 2025 Order.

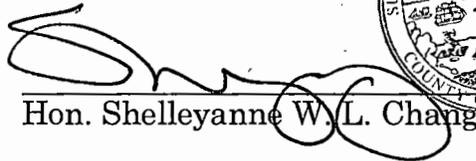
23 6. In favor of Respondents CITY OF SACRAMENTO and LESTER with
24 respect to Petitioners’ First and Second Causes of Action against CITY OF
25 SACRAMENTO and LESTER, pursuant to the Court’s November 20, 2025 Order.

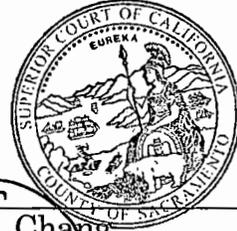
26 7. The Court retains jurisdiction to determine costs pursuant to applicable
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1 law and rules of court.

2 8. The Court retains jurisdiction to hear any motions or applications for an
3 award of attorney's fees and determine entitlement to, and amount of, such fees, if
4 any, pursuant to applicable law and rules of court.

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6 DATED: January 8, 2026


Hon. Shelleyanne W. L. Chang



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