

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

2260 N Street, Merced
627 W. 21st Street, Merced
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Thursday, April 02, 2026

Tentative rulings are provided for the following courtrooms and assigned Judicial Officers with scheduled civil matters:

Courtroom 8 – Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson

Courtroom 9 – Commissioner David Foster

Courtroom 12 – Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble

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The tentative rulings for specific calendars follow:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Civil Law and Motion Tentative Rulings
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Thursday, April 02, 2026
8:15 a.m.

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Case No. Title / Description

22CV-03950 Dignity Health vs Premier Surgical Group Corporation, et al.

Order to Show Cause Re: Sanctions

Appearance required. The Court has reviewed the declaration filed by Andrew B. Goodman on March 27, 2026, regarding the delays in bringing the corporate defendant, Premier Surgical Group Corporation, back into good standing. Appear to address any objections to the additional 15 to 30 days requested in the declaration.

Case Management Conference

Appearance required.

23CV-04572 Lilia Arroyo vs Estate of Jose M. Arroyo, et al.

Trial Setting Conference

Appearances required. Appear to select trial dates.

24CV-01107

Israel Araiza vs Vander Woude Dairy, et al.

Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal - Notice of Settlement

DROPPED FROM CALENDAR. This matter was dismissed at the request of the Plaintiff and by signed order of this Court on March 19, 2026.

24CV-06561

Jesus Heredia, et al. vs General Motors, LLC.

Demurrer

Defendant's demurrer to Plaintiffs' fifth cause of action is SUSTAINED WITH LEAVE TO AMEND, on the basis of failure to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

Plaintiffs do not allege enough facts to support a fraudulent inducement concealment cause of action. For example, although the complaint states the vehicle was acquired from "Thompson Chevrolet Buick BMC" and calls the dealership "GM's authorized dealer" (FAC ¶ 6) the complaint (1) fails to allege the details of the transaction or any interactions Plaintiffs had when acquiring the subject vehicle, (2) contains insufficient facts regarding any alleged inducement or reliance on any alleged omissions or concealment, and (3) does not sufficiently allege Defendant intended to deceive Plaintiffs by concealing the known defects. (See, e.g., *Dhital v. Nissan North America, Inc.* (2022) 84 Cal.App.5th 828.)

Plaintiff is ordered to file an amended complaint within ten (10) days of this court's order.

Motion to Strike Punitive Damages

Defendant's motion to strike paragraph "g" on page 11, line 8, of the complaint is GRANTED WITH LEAVE TO AMEND, on the basis of failure to state facts sufficient to support punitive damages.

25CV-00710

Madeline Lerma vs. Karen Lerma

Trial Setting Conference

Appearances required. If a settlement has not been reached, appear to select a date for a contested evidentiary hearing to determine whether good cause exists for the issuance of a civil harassment restraining order.

25CV-04215

Maria Martinez Correa vs Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., et al.

Order to Show Cause re: Dismissal

This matter is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE. On March 2, 2026, the Court granted Defendant's motion to strike and sustained Defendant's demurrer the complaint. Plaintiff

was ordered to file her amended complaint within 10 days. The Court on its own motion takes judicial notice of the court file and notes that no amended complaint has been filed as of April 1, 2026. The Court has also reviewed the unrebutted declaration filed by Kenneth L. Ely III on March 27, 2026, indicating that Plaintiff has not served an amended complaint on Defendants.

All future hearing dates are VACATED.

26CV-00720 Petition of: Yuridia Bello

Order to Show Cause Re: Name Change

Appearance required. Proof of publication was filed April 1, 2026. Appear to address status of service of the petition to change a minor's name on the non-petitioning parent.

26CV-00743 Petition of: Gabriela Barriga Revuelta

Order to Show Cause Re: Name Change

Appearance required. Proof of timely personal service of the petition to change a minor's name on the non-petitioning parent was filed February 25, 2026. Appear to address proof of publication and any objections to the petition.

26CV-00761 Petition of: Jessica Casares Velasquez

Order to Show Cause Re: Name Change

Appearance required. Appear to provide documentation discussed at the hearing on April 1, 2026.

26CV-00766 Petition of: Jazlene Navarro

Order to Show Cause Re: Name Change

Proof of publication was filed March 20, 2026. The Court completed its own background check showing no grounds to deny the petition. No objections having been filed with the court, the petition for name change will be GRANTED.

26CV-01297 Leanne Edwards vs John Bone

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. No proof of service of the notice of hearing and temporary restraining order on Respondent was filed with the court.

26CV-01353

Laura Cienfuegos vs. Fernando Echevarria

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required. Proof of timely personal service of the notice of hearing and temporary restraining orders on Respondent was filed on March 19, 2026.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Limited Civil
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

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10:00 a.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
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23CV-01021	Serafin Ayala Rocha, et al. vs. Hector Perez.
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Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal for Delay in Prosecution

Appearance required. Plaintiffs are required to appear to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for delay in prosecution pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 583.420, subdivision (a)(2). The Court notes that one of the two plaintiffs appeared at the case management conference on February 7, 2025, but that neither plaintiff appeared at the subsequent case management conference on May 9, 2025, or at the two following court hearings. The Court notes that court notices mailed to Plaintiffs since October 2025 have been returned undeliverable with no forwarding address and that Plaintiffs have not provided the court with an updated mailing address.

25CV-04117	[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]
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Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal - Notice of Settlement

DROPPED from calendar. Plaintiff filed a request for dismissal on March 30, 2026.

Motion for Order Deeming Admitted Requests for Admissions

The hearing on the motion was continued from March 25, 2026. On March 25, Defendant appeared and stated that he had served responses to Plaintiff's requests for admission but indicated that he had not notified Plaintiff that he intended to appear to contest the Court's tentative ruling. The Court, on its own motion, continued the hearing and directed the clerk's office to send notice to Plaintiff. For the continued hearing, Defendant is required to show that he served a proposed response to Plaintiff's requests for admission prior to the original March 25 hearing date that substantially comply with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure section 2033.220. (See Code Civ. Proc., § 2033.280, subd. (c).)

The Court's original tentative ruling for March 25, 2026, stated:

Plaintiff's unopposed motion for an order deeming admitted the truth of any matters specified in Plaintiff's Requests for Admission, Set One, served on defendant Gabriel Medrano is GRANTED. (Code Civ. Proc., § 2033.280, subd. (b).) It is undisputed that defendant Gabriel Medrano has not served a response to plaintiff's requests for admission. The Court notes that Plaintiff did not request an award of monetary sanctions.

The Court will sign the proposed order submitted with the moving papers.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Ex Parte Application Calendar
Commissioner David Foster
Courtroom 9

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Thursday, April 02, 2026
1:15 p.m.

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Case No.	Title / Description
26CV-01018	[Parties' names withheld pursuant to CCP § 1161.2(a)(1)]
	Ex Parte Application for Order Vacating Default Judgment
	Appearance required.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Restraining Orders
Hon. Jennifer Trimble
Courtroom 12

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Thursday, April 02, 2026
11:00 am

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25CV-01363 Darla Fagundes vs Franklin Silva

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required.

26CV-00730 Lissette Riojas vs Carlos Gradillas

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required.

26CV-01153 Jose Garcia Andrade vs. Jose LunaRomero

Order to Show Case: Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required.

26CV-01120

Armando Vega vs. Mariah Martinez

Order to Show Case: Re: Restraining Order

Appearance required.
