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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 IN RE:

11 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC
12 EMERGENCY

13 ORDER CONCERNING PHASED
14 REOPENING OF THE COURT

} GENERAL ORDER NO. 21-03

} (Supersedes General Order No. 20-
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16 WHEREAS, the Court has adopted the Plan for Phased Resumption of
17 Operations (“Reopening Plan”), which consists of three phases: Phase 1 (return of
18 certain staff to the courthouses to prepare for limited in-court hearings); Phase 2
19 (reopening courthouses for limited in-court hearings); and Phase 3 (resumption of jury
20 trials);

21 WHEREAS, the Court has adopted gating criteria designed to assess local
22 COVID-19 exposure risks based on 14-day trends of facility exposure, community
23 spread, and community restrictions;

24 WHEREAS, the Court has delegated authority to the Executive Committee to
25 determine when the Court should transition between phases of the Court’s Reopening
26 Plan per the gating criteria; and

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6. The courthouses of the Central District of California are open to persons with court business and subject to all posted restrictions.
 7. Judges will determine when their chambers staff will return to work at the courthouses during each phase of reopening. The District Court Executive/Clerk of Court will determine when and which Clerk's Office and Probation and Pretrial Services Office staff will return to the courthouses during each phase of reopening.

9 This Order shall take effect on March 22, 2021.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

15 *Date of Approval by the Court:* March 18, 2021

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