1 2 3 FILED CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT 4 March 13, 2020 5 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 BY: Matalie L. Calkins DEPUTY 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-02 IN RE: 11 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC 12 **EMERGENCY** 13 ORDER CONCERNING JURY TRIALS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS 14 15 16 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has declared a public 17 health emergency throughout the State in response to the spread of COVID-19, also 18 known as "Coronavirus;" and 19 20 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public 21 health authorities have advised the taking of precautions to reduce the possibility of 22 exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease; 23 24 With the concurrence of a majority of all of the District Judges of the Court, in 25 order to protect public health, and in order to reduce the size of public gatherings and 26 reduce unnecessary travel, the Court orders as follows:

The United States Courthouses in Los Angeles, Santa Ana, and Riverside

will remain open for business, subject to the following limitations.

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- 2. Effective immediately, the Court will not call in jurors for service in civil or criminal jury trials until April 13, 2020 or otherwise ordered by the Court. All civil and criminal jury trials in the Central District of California scheduled to begin during this time period are continued pending further order of the Court. The Court may issue other orders concerning future continuances as necessary and appropriate.
- 3. All courtroom proceedings and filing deadlines will remain in place unless otherwise ordered by the presiding Judge.
- 4. The time period of any continuance entered as a result of this order shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking that action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial. Absent further order of the Court or any individual judge, the period of exclusion shall be from March 13, 2020, to April 13, 2020. The Court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances may warrant.
- 5. Individual judges may continue to hold hearings, conferences, and bench trials in the exercise of their discretion, consistent with this Order.
- 6. Criminal matters before Magistrate Judges, such as initial appearances, arraignments, detention hearings, and the issuance of search warrants, shall continue to take place in the ordinary course.
- 7. Grand juries shall continue to meet pending further order of the Court.

8. The Clerk's Office, Probation and Pretrial Services Office, the Bankruptcy Court, and all other Court services shall remain open pending further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date of Approval by the Court: March 13, 2020

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