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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

LOS ANGELES HOMELESS
SERVICES AUTHORITY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official
capacity as President of the United
States of America, *et al.*,

Defendants.

No. 2:26-cv-07056-DOC-AJR

**JOINT STATUS REPORT ON
NEGOTIATIONS ON STIPULATED
PROPOSED ORDER MAINTAINING
THE STATUS QUO**

Honorable David O. Carter
United States District Judge

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

I. Introduction

On July 2, 2026, the Court ordered the Parties to submit, by no later than July 16, 2026, “a Stipulated Proposed Order maintaining the status quo with respect to LAHSA’s provision of services until the Court has the opportunity to rule on the preliminary injunction.” Dkt. 33. On July 10, 2026, the Parties, through their counsels of record conferred by videoconference to discuss terms of a draft Stipulated Proposed Order that had been provided by LAHSA on the prior day. Between July 14 and 16, 2026, the Parties exchanged additional drafts of the Stipulated Proposed Order.

As of the end of business on July 16, 2026, the Parties have not yet reached a final stipulation. The Parties therefore submit their current positions.

II. Plaintiff’s Position

LAHSA believes that the Court intends to issue an order preserving the *status quo ante* (that is, the *status quo* as it existed prior to the June 11 Letter) “with respect to LAHSA’s provision of services,” (Dkt. 21 at 2) and asked the parties to stipulate to the specifics of such an order. HUD’s position, as it explains below, is that it can continue “to give full effect” to its June 11 and June 18 Letters, which would include continuing to alter the *status quo* in its own unfettered discretion. HUD has in fact taken steps to do so, by just today issuing a new FY ’26 NOFO permitting a “direct-to-HUD application process” for Los Angeles County. This was not discussed during the meet-and-confer process and is inconsistent with the June 18 letter permitting LAHSA an opportunity to respond to the “proposed remedy.”

HUD’s proposed order is wholly consistent with HUD’s views that it can continue to act in furtherance of the June 11 and 18 letters; accordingly, what HUD has proposed as to a form of order does not maintain the *status quo* at all (either prior to June 11, or even post-June 11); it merely repeats HUD’s interpretation of the scope of the suspension, including reiterating HUD’s purported power to continue to alter the *status quo* (a power it clearly intends to use, in that it announced today that it would finalize the

1 new FY '26 NOFO within the next 7 days). LAHSA intends to submit its own *status quo*
2 proposed order and will do so no later than July 17.

3 **III. Defendants' Position**

4 Defendants contend the Court's limited Order directed the Parties to confer on a
5 stipulation directed at preserving the status quo relating to LAHSA's provision of
6 services that are unaffected by the June 11 and June 18 Letter actions currently under
7 review. Defendants do not read the Court's Order to affect their ability to give full effect
8 to the June 11 and June 18 Letters' actions during the pendency of the litigation, given
9 the Court's acknowledgment in its Order that entering a temporary restraining order was
10 inappropriate before the parties had a chance to present their positions in a preliminary
11 injunction hearing. Defendants respectfully state that the Court has not yet completed its
12 preliminary injunction analysis pursuant to *Winter v. Nat. Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 555
13 U.S. 7 (2008), and therefore, Defendants should not be enjoined from enforcing the
14 suspension or taking further agency action.

15 Defendant's counsel is willing to confer further with LAHSA's counsel, and the
16 Parties are still exchanging drafts as of the filing of this Status Report. Defendants
17 therefore respectfully request a continuance of the Court's deadline until Friday July 24,
18 2026, to either (1) submit a Stipulated Proposed Order, or else in the alternative (2)
19 submit a second joint status report summarizing their negotiations and positions on this
20 issue.

21 Defendants intend to file a response to LAHSA's unilateral *status quo* proposed
22 order after it is lodged.
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