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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 CHRISTOPER KOHLS,
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14 Plaintiff,
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16 v.
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18 ROB BONTA, ET AL.,
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20 Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
CONSOLIDATING CASES**

Judge: John A. Mendez

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THE BABYLON BEE, LLC, ET AL.
Plaintiffs,
v.
ROB BONTA, ET AL.
Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD

STIPULATION

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2 1. This Court recognized that the above-entitled actions are related within the
3 meaning of Local Rule 123. Dkt. 44.

4 2. Plaintiffs in both above-entitled actions challenge the same two California
5 statutes: AB 2839 (Cal. Elec. Code § 20012) and AB 2655 (Cal. Elec. Code § 20510).

6 3. Plaintiffs in both above-entitled actions bring the same or similar
7 constitutional claims against the same Defendants: California Attorney General Rob
8 Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber.

9 4. All parties in the above-entitled matters consent to consolidation of these
10 actions.

11 NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby STIPULATE that:

12 5. The above-entitled actions shall be consolidated.

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14 DATED: October 22, 2024

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14 v.

15 ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as
16 Attorney General of the State of
17 California, and SHIRLEY N. WEBER, in
18 her official capacity as California
19 Secretary of State,

20 Defendants.

21 THE BABYLON BEE, LLC, and KELLY
22 CHANG RICKERT,

23 Plaintiffs,

24 v.

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26 Attorney General of the State of
27 California, et al.,

28 Defendants.

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ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD

1 Before the Court is Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert,
2 Plaintiff Christopher Kohls, and Defendants Rob Bonta and Shirley N Weber's
3 stipulation to consolidate *The Babylon Bee, LLC v. Bonta*, No. 2-24-cv-2787-JAM-CKD,
4 with *Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD. Good cause appearing, the Court
5 makes the following orders:

6 1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42, the actions denominated as Kohls v. Bonta,
7 et al. Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD and The Babylon Bee, LLC, et al v. Feldstein
8 Soto, et al., Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD are hereby **CONSOLIDATED**;

9 2. Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD is designated as the "master file;"

10 3. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to add all complaints and answers
11 filed in Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD to the master file;

12 4. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to **ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE**
13 Case No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD; and

14 5. The parties are **DIRECTED** to file all future pleadings, motions and other
15 filings **ONLY** in Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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18 Dated: October 24, 2024

/s/ John A. Mendez

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THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MENDEZ
20 SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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