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 9 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 10 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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 13 **PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY, et al.,**
 14 Plaintiffs,
 15 v.
 16 **DR. SHIRLEY N. WEBER, CALIFORNIA**
 17 **SECRETARY OF STATE,**
 18 Defendant.
 19 **CALIFORNIANS TO DEFEND THE OPEN**
 20 **PRIMARY and INDEPENDENT VOTER**
 21 **PROJECT,**
 22 Intervenor-Defendants.

3:24-cv-08308-MMC

JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Case Management Conference
 Date: February 27, 2026
 Time: 10:30 a.m.
 Courtroom: Via Zoom
 Judge: The Honorable Maxine M. Chesney

Trial Date: None set
 Action Filed: November 21, 2024

1 Plaintiffs Peace and Freedom Party Libertarian Party of California, Green Party of
2 California, American Solidarity Party of California, Gail Lightfoot, Joe Dehn, Sean Dougherty,
3 William Patterson, Aaron Reveles, Shannel Pettman, Defendant Secretary of State Shirley Weber,
4 in her official capacity, and Intervenor-Defendants Californians to Defend the Open Primary and
5 Independent Voter Project (collectively, the “Parties”) submit this Joint Case Management
6 Statement in accordance with this Court’s October 15, 2025 Order Continuing Case Management
7 Conference, ECF No. 50.

8 The Parties have no updates to their previous Joint Case Management Statement filed on
9 October 15, 2025, ECF No. 49. Defendant and Defendant-Intervenors have filed motions to
10 dismiss the operative First Amended Complaint and those motions are still under submission.
11 The Parties believe that the resolution of these motions will help define the scope and timeline for
12 any discovery, dispositive motions, and trial in this case. The Parties therefore ask the Court to
13 continue the Case Management Conference currently set for February 27, 2026, and reset it for a
14 date after the motions to dismiss have been resolved. The Parties would be willing to submit an
15 updated Case Management Statement prior to that continued conference.

1 Dated: February 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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10 Dated: February 20, 2026

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FILER’S ATTESTATION

I, Gabrielle D. Boutin attest in accordance with Local Rule 5-1(i)(3) that each of the other signatories to this document have concurred in the filing of the document.

Dated: February 20, 2026

s/ Gabrielle D. Boutin
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Case Name: **Peace and Freedom Party, et al.** No. **3:24-cv-08308-MMC**
v. Dr. Shirley N. Weber

I hereby certify that on February 20, 2026, I electronically filed the following documents with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system:

JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

I certify that **all** participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service will be accomplished by the CM/ECF system.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on February 20, 2026, at Los Angeles, California.

Gabrielle D. Boutin

Declarant

/s/ Gabrielle D. Boutin

Signature