No. 23-___

IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

CHARLES NICHOLS,

Petitioner,

v.

GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official capacity as governor of California and ROB BONTA in his official capacity as attorney general of California,

Respondents.

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari Before Judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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