

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, *et al.*,  
*Petitioners,*

v.

GAVIN NEWSOM, *et al.*,  
*Respondents.*

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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**BRIEF IN OPPOSITION FOR THE STATE RESPONDENTS**

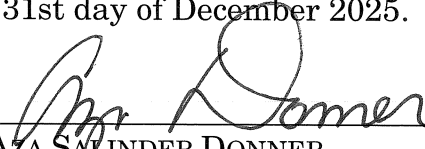
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