

No.

In the Supreme Court of the United States

JOHN DE LIGHT,

Petitioner,

v.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, et al.,

Respondents.

APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

JOHN DE LIGHT

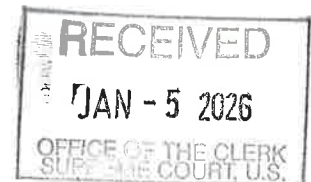
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To the Honorable Elena Kagan, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Ninth Circuit:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Petitioner John De Light respectfully applies for an extension of time of **60 days** to file a petition for a writ of certiorari.

1. **Jurisdictional Basis.** Applicant intends to seek review under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a) of the California Court of Appeal's order/decision in Case No. **E086627**. Discretionary review (and related stay relief) was denied by the California Supreme Court in Case No. **S292479** on **October 1, 2025**.
2. **Judgment Sought to Be Reviewed; Current Due Date:** Because the Court of Appeal's judgment is subject to discretionary review by the California Supreme Court, the petition is due 90 days after the October 1, 2025 order denying discretionary review, i.e., December 30, 2025.
3. **Extension Requested; New Due Date.** Petitioner requests a **60-day** extension. If granted, the petition would be due on **February 28, 2026**.
4. **Extraordinary Circumstances Explaining Why This Application Is Filed Less Than 10 Days Before the Due Date.** Applicant files this application on the due date because, after completing a final full read-through of the petition, he identified a material defect in the petition's federal framing and presentation—specifically, deficiencies in the Statement of the Case and Questions Presented that would cause the petition to appear as factbound error correction rather than a focused Fourteenth Amendment due-process challenge. Applicant identified this defect on December 29, 2025, leaving insufficient time before the December 30, 2025 deadline to responsibly rewrite the petition and complete the necessary legal research. Correcting that defect requires substantial restructuring of the petition's narrative, record-based citations, and articulation of the federal questions, as well as **additional, targeted legal research** to ensure the petition accurately states the governing federal standards, relies on appropriate Supreme Court precedent, and cites only authorities properly supporting the revised framing.

In addition, Petitioner is proceeding pro se and has been required to reconstruct accurate record citations and a coherent chronology from multiple state-court orders and writ-related filings in proceedings that generated no court-reporter transcript and no readily reviewable record. The absence of a transcript and the emergency/ex parte posture of the challenged restraints significantly increased the time necessary to ensure that the petition's factual statements are accurate, properly supported, and presented in a manner consistent with this Court's certiorari standards.

Finally, Petitioner has been concurrently preparing two other appellate briefs due in the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, on **January 7, 2026**, which materially limited the time available to complete the petition and **the associated legal research**.

Good Cause for Extension. Good cause exists because Petitioner requires additional time to correct the above-described material defect and submit a petition that accurately and responsibly presents

the federal questions for review. Specifically, Petitioner needs time to:

- a. revise the Statement of the Case to accurately present the July 10–16, 2025 sequence reflected in the writ materials (noticed hearing continued with no new orders; subsequent off-calendar ex parte orders; enforcement escalation; and rejection of Petitioner’s timely written opposition due to a fee-waiver technicality);
- b. revise the Questions Presented and Reasons for Granting the Writ to ensure they are tightly focused on minimum procedural due process and meaningful reviewability, and to avoid a presentation that could be misconstrued as seeking custody reweighing or routine error correction;
- c. conduct **targeted legal research** to identify and properly integrate the most relevant Supreme Court authorities and due-process standards supporting the revised framing, and to confirm that all cited statutes and cases are accurately stated and directly support the propositions for which they are cited; and
- d. assemble a compliant appendix containing the relevant orders and related materials necessary for this Court’s review

5. **Appendix / Attachments.** Attached are:

Exhibit 1: California Supreme Court order denying discretionary review (Oct. 1, 2025).

Exhibit 2: California Court of Appeal order/decision (Aug. 8, 2025).

Note: Statement regarding rehearing; No petition for rehearing was filed (or entertained), and no order respecting rehearing exists.

6. **Service.** Applicant has served this application on all respondents/counsel of record as shown in the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 30, 2025



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**En Banc**

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v.

SUPERIOR COURT OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, Respondent;

LAURA DE LIGHT, Real Party in Interest.

The petition for review and application for stay are denied.

GUERRERO

Chief Justice

Exhibit 2: California Court of Appeal order/decision (Aug. 8, 2025).

COURT OF APPEAL -- STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOURTH DISTRICT
DIVISION TWO

ORDER

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Real Party in Interest.

E086627

(Super.Ct.No. RID1302119)

The County of Riverside

THE COURT

The petition for writ of mandate and request for immediate stay are DENIED.

MENETREZ

Acting P. J.

Panel: Menetrez

Ramirez

Miller

cc: See attached list

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on December 30, 2025, I served a true and correct copy of this Application to Extend Time to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, together with its attachments, on each respondent (or counsel for respondent) at the addresses below by [USPS first-class mail / priority mail/ FEDEX], postage prepaid.

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