

February 26, 2025

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*And Parties, Interested Parties, and Interested Persons (See Mailing List)*

**Re: Notice of Complete Test Claim Amendment, Schedule for Comments, and  
Notice of Tentative Hearing Date**

*Elections: Ballot Label, 24-TC-01*

Statutes 2022, Chapter 751, Section 5 (AB 1416); Elections Code Section 9151  
County of Los Angeles, Claimant

Dear Mr. Hill, Mr. Lemus, and Mr. Valdez:

On February 10, 2025, the County of Los Angeles (claimant) amended Test Claim *Elections: Ballot Label, 24-TC-01*. Upon review, Commission staff finds that this amended Test Claim is complete and that it retains the original filing date of February 10, 2025, in accordance with section 1183.1(f) of the Commission's regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 2).

Specifically, the amendment consists of a test claim form, narrative, declarations, and attachments which have replaced in their entirety, the test claim form, narrative, declarations, and attachments originally filed on September 23, 2024. The amendment replaces Elections Code section 9170 with Elections Code section 9151 and it retains the original filing date of September 23, 2024 pursuant to Government Code section 17557(e).<sup>1</sup>

The Commission is now requesting parties, interested parties, and interested persons to comment on the amended Test Claim as specified below.

**Review of Test Claim Amendment**

Parties, interested parties, and interested persons receiving this letter are requested to analyze the merits of the Test Claim and to file written comments not later than **5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2025** in accordance with sections 1183.2 and 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations. Oral or written representations of fact offered by any person shall be under oath or affirmation and signed under penalty of perjury by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and must be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information or belief. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.2 and 1187.5.) If representations of fact are made, they must be supported with documentary evidence

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<sup>1</sup> A test claim shall be submitted on or before June 30 following a fiscal year in order to establish eligibility for reimbursement for that fiscal year. The claimant may thereafter amend the test claim at any time, but before the test claim is set for a hearing, without affecting the original filing date as long as the amendment substantially relates to the original test claim (Government Code section 17557(e)).

filed with the comments on the test claim. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.2 and 1187.5.) The Commission's ultimate findings of fact must be supported by substantial evidence in the record.<sup>2</sup> Hearsay evidence (such as declarations not based on personal knowledge but on information and belief alone) may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.<sup>3</sup>

### **Claimants' Rebuttal**

Written rebuttals to written comments concerning this Test Claim may be filed and served in accordance with section 1181.3 of the Commission's regulations not later than 5:00 p.m. 30 days from service of the written comments. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 § 1183.3.) Oral or written representations of fact offered by any person shall be under oath or affirmation and signed under penalty of perjury by persons who are authorized and competent to do so and must be based on the declarant's personal knowledge, information or belief. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.3 and 1187.5.) If new representations of fact are made, they must be supported with documentary evidence filed with the rebuttal. (Cal. Code. Regs., tit. 2 §§ 1183.3 and 1187.5.) The Commission's ultimate findings of fact must be supported by substantial evidence in the record.<sup>4</sup> Hearsay evidence (such as declarations not based on personal knowledge but on information and belief alone) may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.<sup>5</sup>

### **Process for Filing Comments**

The Commission's regulations require that written materials filed with the Commission be electronically filed (e-filed) in an unlocked legible and searchable PDF file, using the Commission's Dropbox. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, 1181.3(c)(1).) Refer to <https://www.csm.ca.gov/dropbox.shtml> on the Commission's website for electronic filing instructions. If e-filing would cause the filer undue hardship or significant prejudice, filing may occur by first class mail, overnight delivery or personal service only upon prior approval of a written request to the executive director. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, 1181.3(c)(2).)

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<sup>2</sup> Government Code section 17559(b), which provides that a claimant or the state may commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure to set aside a decision of the Commission on the ground that the Commission's decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

<sup>3</sup> Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 1187.5.

<sup>4</sup> Government Code section 17559(b), which provides that a claimant or the state may commence a proceeding in accordance with the provisions of section 1094.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure to set aside a decision of the Commission on the ground that the Commission's decision is not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

<sup>5</sup> Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 1187.5.

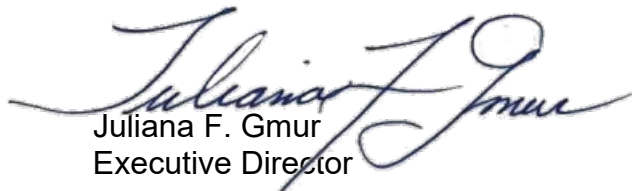
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If you would like to request an extension of time, please refer to section 1187.9(a) of the Commission's regulations.

**Tentative Hearing Date**

The public hearing on this amended Test Claim remains tentatively scheduled for **September 26, 2025**. The Draft Proposed Decision will be issued for comment at least eight weeks prior to the public hearing.

Very truly yours,



Juliana F. Gmur  
Executive Director

## DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On February 26, 2025, I served the:

- **Current Mailing List dated February 26, 2025**
- **Notice of Complete Test Claim Amendment, Schedule for Comments, and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date issued February 26, 2025**
- **Test Claim Amendment filed by County of Los Angeles on February 10, 2025**

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by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on February 26, 2025 at Sacramento, California.



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**Matter:** Elections: Ballot Label

**Claimant:** County of Los Angeles

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Each commission mailing list is continuously updated as requests are received to include or remove any party or person on the mailing list. A current mailing list is provided with commission correspondence, and a copy of the current mailing list is available upon request at any time. Except as provided otherwise by commission rule, when a party or interested party files any written material with the commission concerning a claim, it shall simultaneously serve a copy of the written material on the parties and interested parties to the claim identified on the mailing list provided by the commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.3.)

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