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County of Imperial hereby joins the Response of Defendant County of Alameda to Order to Show Cause. Specifically, County of Imperial joins in the position that the requirements of permissive joinder of Defendants in this matter has not been satisfied. Rush v. Sport Chalet, Inc., 779 F.3d 973, 974 (9th Cir. 2015) Dated: April 11, 2023 SCHWARTZ SEMERDJIAN CAULEY & **EVANS LLP** Bv: <u>/s/ John A. Schena</u> Dick A. Semerdjian John A. Schena Chad M. Thurston Attorneys for Defendant COUNTY OF IMPERIAL