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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL COURIS, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,  
v.  
KRISTINA D. LAWSON, et al.,  
Defendants.

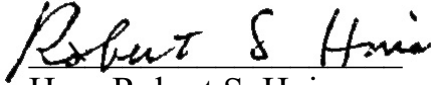
Case No.: 22-CV-1922-RSH-JLB  
**ORDER STAYING CASE**

Pending before the Court is Plaintiffs’ Motion for a Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 6), currently set for hearing on February 2, 2023. The issues presented in Plaintiffs’ Motion are identical to those in a case currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, *McDonald v. Lawson*, Case No. 8:22-cv-1805-FWS-ADS. In *McDonald*, the District Court on December 28, 2022, denied a similar request for a preliminary injunction. That denial is currently on appeal, which has been assigned docket number 22-56220. A ruling on the merits by the U.S. Court of Appeals in *McDonald* will very likely dispose of the issues presented by Plaintiffs’ Motion in this case. The identity of issues between this case and *McDonald* is reflected in the Parties’ briefing; Plaintiffs’ reply brief principally argues that *McDonald* was incorrectly decided and does not seek to distinguish that ruling. *See* ECF No. 15.

1 In the interests of judicial economy, the Court therefore **ORDERS** that this case be  
2 **STAYED** pending a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Case No. 22-56220, or until  
3 further Order of this Court. Following a dispositive ruling in that case, the Parties are  
4 directed to meet and confer and shall file a joint status report within thirty (30) days of the  
5 ruling. The hearing set for February 2, 2023 is hereby **VACATED**.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

7 Dated: January 23, 2023

  
8 Hon. Robert S. Huie  
9 United States District Judge

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