

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**



In the matter of	)	
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<b>PROCEEDINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY</b>	)	<b>Order of the Chief Judge No. 40</b>
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On March 17, 2020, the Chief Judge issued Order of the Chief Judge (OCJ) 18, declaring a judicial emergency for a period of 30 days under 18 U.S.C. § 3174 and setting forth Emergency Orders for the Southern District of California due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. That Order was subsequently amended and modified by OCJs 18-A and 22. On April 2, 2020, the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit ratified the judicial emergency declared in OCJ 18, and extended it for an additional period of up to one year. The Chief Judge has subsequently extended the Emergency Orders five times with OCJs 24 (April 15, 2020), 27 (May 15, 2020), 30 (June 11, 2020), 33 (July 14, 2020), 34 (August 14) respectively.

Many of the circumstances giving rise to the judicial emergency have not abated since July 14, 2020. And while the Court has implemented measures to protect the public, counsel, litigants, and Court staff, a state of public health emergency continues in the nation, the State of California, and the City of San Diego. In consideration of the factors outlined in OCJ 18, and to protect the public safety and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Chief Judge, after seeking the recommendations of the Southern District of California planning group, hereby extends the judicial emergency for an additional period of 30 days and extends the Emergency Orders set forth in OCJ 18, as modified in OCJs 18-A and 26, and extended by OCJs 24, 27, 30, 33, 34. Notwithstanding renewal of this order, OCJ 31-A, ordering all guilty plea and sentencing proceedings be conducted in person, remains in effect. The Chief Judge further finds this extension serves the ends of justice under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

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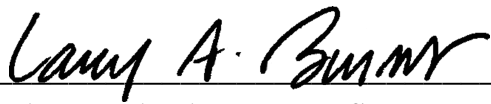
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This Order is effective immediately and will remain in place until October 14, 2020, absent further order of the Court.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 14, 2020

  
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LARRY ALAN BURNS,  
Chief United States District Judge