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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, FRESNO DIVISION
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12 CHI THANH NGO,
13 Plaintiff,
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15 v.

16 FRESNO POLICE OFFICER
MANUEL ROMERO FRESNO
POLICE OFFICER REY MEDELES;
17 FRESNO POLICE OFFICER
GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ; THE CITY
18 OF FRESNO; UNKNOWN LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
19 Defendants.
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Case No. 1:24-cv-00472-KES-BAM
District Judge Kirk E. Sherriff
Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF
SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL
FOR DEFENDANTS AND
[PROPOSED ORDER]**

Complaint Filed: April 21, 2024

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22 **TO ALL PARTIES AND THE COURT:**

23 Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Local Rule 182(g), subject to approval
24 by the Court, James Weakley of Weakley & Arendt is substituting in as counsel of
25 record for Defendant REY MEDELES in place of Mildred K. O’Linn, Lynn L.
26 Carpenter, and Maya Sorensen of Manning Kass. The contact information for new
27 counsel is as follows:

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8 **The following consent to the above substitution:**

9 DATED: July 15, 2024

MANNING KASS

10 By: /s/ Mildred K. O'Linn

11 Mildred O'Linn
12 Attorneys for Defendants,
13 REY MEDELES

14 DATED: July 15, 2024

WEAKLEY & ARENDT

15 By: /s/ James Weakley

16 James Weakley
17 Attorneys for Defendants, REY
18 MEDELES

19 **Parties Represented by Withdrawing Counsel**

20 I consent to the withdrawal of counsel and substitution of counsel as specified
21 above.

22 DATED: July 15, 2024

By: /s/ Rey Medeles

23 REY MEDELES

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1 **FEDERAL COURT PROOF OF SERVICE**
2 Ngo v. Fresno Police Officer Rey Medeles, et al.
3 USDC/Eastern District Case No. 1:24-cv-00472-KES-BAM

4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

5 At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to the action.
6 My business address is 801 S. Figueroa St., 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071. I
7 am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction
8 the service was made.

9 On June ____, 2024, I served the following document(s): REQUEST FOR
10 APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT REY
11 MEDELES

12 I served the documents on the following persons at the following addresses
13 (including fax numbers and e-mail addresses, if applicable):

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28 The documents were served by the following means:

29 (BY COURT'S CM/ECF SYSTEM) Pursuant to Local Rule, I electronically
30 filed the documents with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system,
31 which sent notification of that filing to the persons listed above.

32 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of
33 America and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

34 Executed on July ____, 2024, at Los Angeles, California.

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36 /s/
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1 **ORDER**

2 On July 15, 2024, Defendant Ray Medeles filed a Proposed Substitution of
3 Attorney, attempting to substitute counsel James Weakley of Weakley & Arendt as
4 counsel of record in place of counsel Mildred K. O’Linn, Lynn L. Carpenter, and
5 Maya Sorensen of Manning & Kass Ellrod Ramirez Trester LLP. (Doc. 12.) The
6 proposed order was only signed by Defendant Medeles, counsel James Weakley,
7 and counsel Mildred K. O’Linn, and did not include the signatures of counsel Lynn
8 L. Carpenter and Maya Sorensen who are listed as withdrawing on the Proposed
9 Order. (*Id.*) Nevertheless, the Court will construe the Proposed Substitution of
10 Attorney as withdrawing counsel Mildred K. O’Linn, Lynn L. Carpenter, and Maya
11 Sorensen of Manning & Kass Ellrod Ramirez Trester LLP. Accordingly, the
12 Proposed Substitution of Attorney is GRANTED.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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15 Dated: July 29, 2024

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE