

1 Victim Compensation Program. Plaintiff names as defendants the City of Hawthorne; the City of
2 Hawthorne former chief of police, Michael Heffner; the City of Hawthorne City Attorney, Alison
3 Stevens; and the California Victim Compensation Program. It is unclear exactly what legal
4 claims are asserted. (See generally ECF No. 1.)

5 Because the City of Hawthorne is located in Los Angeles County, the events at issue in
6 this action took place in the Central District of California, and all of the defendants involved in
7 the acts alleged in the complaint are located in the Central District of California. As such, the
8 action should be transferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

9 The court notes that the head office for defendant California Victim Compensation
10 Program is located in Sacramento, California. However, the complaint fails to allege any specific
11 wrongful acts committed by the California Victim Compensation Program, and it is unclear why
12 it is even named as a defendant. Nevertheless, even assuming that venue were not technically
13 improper in this district, the action should nonetheless be transferred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
14 1404(a). As noted above, the events at issue in the action took place in the Central District of
15 California, all defendants directly involved in the acts alleged in the complaint are located in the
16 Central District of California, and plaintiff himself resides in the Central District of California.
17 As such, the vast majority, if not all, of the potential witnesses and evidence are located in the
18 Central District of California. Finally, the court notes plaintiff already has an action pending in
19 the Central District of California against the California Victim Compensation Program and
20 Michael Heffner. See Thomas v. California Victim Compensation Program, et al., CV 16-5924-
21 JLS (RAO).¹

22 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 23 1. The Clerk of Court shall transfer this action, including the pending motion to proceed
24 *in forma pauperis*, to the United States District Court for the Central District of
25 California.

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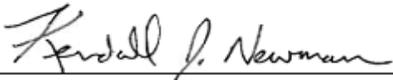
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28 ¹ The court leaves it to the Central District of California to determine whether the actions should
be related or whether they are potentially duplicative.

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2. The Clerk of Court shall close this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 11, 2016


KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE