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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

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14 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,**

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

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18 **ROBERT ANTHONY LASTRA, JR., SAM
JEFFREY GROCOTT, AND JERAD
19 DYLAN HILL,**

20 Defendants.

Case Nos. 20F-06361

**PEOPLE'S NOTICE OF APPEAL OF
DECEMBER 11, 2020 ORDER
RECUSING SAN LUIS OBISPO
COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE**

Dept.: 10
Judge: The Hon. Jesse J. Marino,

21 **TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE**
22 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:**

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24 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Attorney General of the State of California appeals,
25 pursuant to Penal Code section 1424, subdivision (a)(1) and (2), and in accordance with
26 sections 1235, subdivision (b) and 1238, subdivision (a)(11), to the Court of Appeal of the State
27 of California, Second Appellate District, from the Court's December 11, 2020 order recusing the
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1 San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Office made and entered in case number 20F-06361
2 (*People v. Robert Anthony Lastra, Jr., Sam Jeffrey Grocott, and Jerad Dylan Hill*).

3 The recusal order appealed from was jointly made and entered by the Superior Court in
4 case numbers 20F-06361 (*People v. Robert Anthony Lastra, Jr., Sam Jeffrey Grocott, and Jerad*
5 *Dylan Hill*) and 20M-03225 (*People v. Tianna Arratawentworth, Marcus Lee Montgomery,*
6 *Arman Asfil Asfaw, and Joshua Powell*). The Attorney General has contemporaneously filed a
7 notice of appeal in case number 20M-05512 to the Appellate Division of the San Luis Obispo
8 Superior Court. Thus, under the circumstances of a jointly made and entered order in the two
9 cases, transfer of the appeal in case number 20M-05512 from the Appellate Division to the Court
10 of Appeal and consolidation with this instant appeal in case number 20F-05512, is necessary to
11 secure uniformity of decision. Therefore, in the event that the Appellate Division declines to
12 exercise its sua sponte authority to certify the appeal in 20M-05512 for transfer to the Court of
13 Appeal (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.1005(a)(1)), or the Court of Appeal were to decline to
14 exercise its sua sponte authority to transfer that appeal to it for disposition with the appeal in 20F-
15 06361 (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.1002(3)), the Attorney General will petition the Appellate
16 Division to do so pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.1005(a) and (b).

17 Dated: January 8, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Case Name: ***People v. Robert Anthony Lastra, Jr., Sam Jeffrey Grocott, and Jerad Dylan Hill***

No.: **20F-06361**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter; my business address is: 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

On January 8, 2021, I served the attached **PEOPLE'S NOTICE OF APPEAL OF DECEMBER 11, 2020 ORDER RECUSING SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on January 8, 2021, at Los Angeles, California.

Lici Garcia
Declarant

/s/ Lici Garcia
Signature