

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Jesus Garcia v. Galaxy Party and Decors LLC, et al.

Garcia v. Galaxy Party · No. CV 25-10499-MWF(SKx) · Decided December 11, 2025

SUMMARY

The court issued an order to show cause questioning whether it should exercise supplemental jurisdiction over the plaintiff’s Unruh Civil Rights Act and other state-law claims in an action involving alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The order requires the plaintiff to provide the amount of Unruh Act damages sought and declarations addressing whether the plaintiff or counsel qualifies as a high-frequency litigant under California law, with a response due December 29, 2025.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Michael W. Fitzgerald
JURISDICTION	United States District Court
DECIDED	December 11, 2025
DOCKET	CV 25-10499-MWF(SKx)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The district court issued an order to show cause requiring Plaintiff to explain why the court should exercise supplemental jurisdiction over the Unruh Civil Rights Act claim and other state-law claims.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; civil minutes order to show cause

TOPICS

- subject matter jurisdiction
- civil procedure
- federalism
- ada / disability
- public accommodations discrimination

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil procedure
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Supplemental jurisdiction
- California Unruh Civil Rights Act

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should exercise supplemental jurisdiction over the Unruh Civil Rights Act claim and the other state-law claims.
2. Whether the court should obtain information regarding the statutory damages sought and Plaintiff's or counsel's potential status as a high-frequency litigant before deciding whether to exercise supplemental jurisdiction.

HOLDINGS

1. The court recognized that it has a sua sponte obligation to confirm that subject matter jurisdiction exists and may raise the issue at any time while the action is pending.
2. The court recognized that it may decline to exercise supplemental jurisdiction for the reasons identified in 28 U.S.C. § 1367(c), including the substantial federal-state comity concerns identified by the Ninth Circuit for ADA-based Unruh Act claims.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“a court may raise the question of subject matter jurisdiction, sua sponte, at any time during the pendency of the action” (Order to Show Cause)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The complaint alleges a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and seeks injunctive relief. It also asserts a claim for damages under the California Unruh Civil Rights Act and other state-law claims, with supplemental jurisdiction identified as the sole basis for federal jurisdiction over those claims. The court requested information concerning the amount of Unruh Act statutory damages and whether Plaintiff or counsel qualifies as a high-frequency litigant under California law.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Plaintiff filed a complaint asserting an ADA claim for injunctive relief, an Unruh Civil Rights Act claim for damages, and other state-law claims. The court sua sponte questioned its supplemental jurisdiction and ordered Plaintiff to submit a written response by December 29, 2025, warning that failure to respond could result in dismissal without prejudice or declining supplemental jurisdiction over the state-law claims.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Arroyo v. Rosas, 19 F.4th 1202, 1211-14 (9th Cir. 2021)
- Nevada v. Bank of Am. Corp., 672 F.3d 661, 673 (9th Cir. 2012)
- Snell v. Cleveland, Inc., 316 F.3d 822, 826 (9th Cir. 2002)

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