

Newsom files for restraining order

Hearing on emergency motion set for June 12

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A judge scheduled a June 12 hearing on California Gov. Gavin Newsom's emergency motion seeking a temporary restraining order against President Donald Trump and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth after the president deployed Marines and the National Guard to Los Angeles.

Newsom's June 10 motion came a day after Trump doubled the National Guard presence in Los Angeles to 4,000 and deployed 700 Marines as Angelinos continued to protest Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids. Bryn MacDonnell, a special assistant to the secretary of defense, said the cost to the Pentagon was \$134 million.

"The federal government is turning the military against American citizens," Newsom said in a post on X. "This is unprecedented and threatens the very core of our democracy."

Trump has insisted that he had no choice but to increase the level of force in response to growing unrest over his immigration crackdown. He remained all in, posting, "if we didn't send out the National Guard - Los Angeles would be burning right now!"

The protests began June 6 after ICE sweeps resulted in more than 40 arrests. Officers have had running confrontations with protesters as people watched from balconies. LAPD officers and Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies fired tear gas and flash bangs that boomed through side streets. Authorities announced more than 120 arrests from the protests.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass said damage was limited to a small area downtown but noted that the graffiti was "extensive" - requiring a large response as the city prepares to host the 2026 World Cup.

While the vast majority of protesters have been peaceful, a small number have defaced buildings, sidewalks and streets with anti-Trump slogans, criti-



Police officers hold nonlethal weapons during a demonstration following federal immigration operations in Los Angeles on June 9. RINGO CHIU/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

cism of ICE and police and exhortations to resist fascism, which contractors were painting over June 10.

Another rally was planned for that afternoon but it was not expected to be as large, said Bass, who blamed "fringe groups" for the violence.

Protests have also sprung up in at least a dozen other cities, including New York, Philadelphia and Atlanta.

Bass said she believes her city is "an experiment."

"If you can do this to the nation's second-largest city, maybe the administration is hoping this will be a signal to everybody everywhere to fear them - that your federal government that historically has protected you can come in and take over," she told reporters in a news conference June 10.

At one point in the standoff with California officials, Trump said "it would be a great thing" if his border czar Tom Homan arrested Newsom. Asked June 10 whether he agreed, House Speaker Mike Johnson said, "He ought to be tarred and feathered," continuing, "He's standing in the way of the administration and the carrying out of federal law."

Newsom quickly shot back on social media: "Good to know we're skipping the arrest and going straight for the 1700's style forms of punishment. A fitting threat given the (Republicans) want

to bring our country back to the 18th Century."

California filed a lawsuit against the Trump administration June 9 alleging that the president's deployment of National Guard troops was unnecessary and unlawful.

Several national civil rights groups agreed in an open letter, describing the National Guard deployment as a "deeply disturbing" overreach of power.

"It is not lost on us that no such show of force was deployed in advance of the January 6 insurrection at our nation's capital despite the clear threat to democracy. The contrast is alarming," wrote groups including the NAACP, the National Urban League, the National Council of Negro Women and the Legal Defense Fund.

Although Trump has legal authority to take control of California's Guard troops through a process called "federalization," federalized Guards cannot directly participate in civilian law enforcement unless the president invokes the Insurrection Act, which he has not done.

"If there's an insurrection, I would certainly invoke it," Trump said June 10 during an event in the White House. "We'll see. But I can tell you, last night was terrible. The night before that was terrible."

Musk's posts might reveal new stance toward Trump

Shows support for actions on LA protests

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In the aftermath of a public standoff last week with the president, the richest man in the world is trying to reposition himself and work his way back into Donald Trump's good graces.

Billionaire Elon Musk, in a series of reshapes and posts on X over the weekend, expressed support for Trump's actions supporting ICE raids in Los Angeles and the president's attempts to squelch protests by deploying the National Guard.

That was in stark contrast to his vocal online criticism of the president that went from professional to personal in a matter of days.

Not long after the president's laudatory Oval Office send-off for Musk on May 30, the first buddy-turned-nemesis duelled with his former boss in a spectacular public spat on social media. Musk criticized the president's so-called "Big, Beautiful Bill," a tax and policy package making its way through Congress, calling it a "disgusting abomination" that would burden Americans with "crushing debt" and agreeing with a post that called for Trump's impeachment.

Then Musk went nuclear. "Time to drop the really big bomb: @realDonaldTrump is in the Epstein files," he wrote on X on June 5 to his more than 220 million followers. "That is the real reason they have not been made public. Have a nice day, DJT!"

That Trump had crossed paths with Jeffrey Epstein, a disgraced financier who died while in jail awaiting prosecution on sex trafficking charges, has been public knowledge for years. In 2019, Trump said he'd had a "falling out" with Epstein, whom he described as a "Palm Beach fixture," in the mid-2000s.

Now, days after he'd dropped the bomb, the mercurial billionaire appears to be rethinking those allegations.

In less than 48 hours, Musk deleted

the Epstein post on X.

Then, over the weekend, Musk's reshared post calling for Trump's impeachment disappeared.

Instead, Musk highlighted Trump's Truth Social post criticizing California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass for failing to rein in unruly immigration protests in Los Angeles following ICE raids.

"Governor Gavin Newsom and Mayor Bass should apologize to the people of Los Angeles for the absolutely horrible job that they have done, and this now includes the ongoing LA riots," Trump wrote.

"These are not protesters; they are troublemakers and insurrectionists. Remember, No Masks!"

While Musk has differences with Trump about the spending bill, he has consistently supported Trump's aggressive push to deport undocumented immigrants.

Hours after Trump's controversial decision to deploy California National Guard troops to respond to anti-ICE protests in Los Angeles, Musk posted an image of a man in face paint standing on top of a burning car waving a Mexican flag.

"This is not ok," Musk said in his post on X on June 8.

He also reposted Vice President JD Vance's post sharing Trump's Truth Social post saying the "president will not tolerate rioting and violence."

The reason for Musk's shift in tone is not clear, although he seemed to voice some regret hours after the big social media fight, after mutual friends of Musk and the president, including hedge fund billionaire Bill Ackman and rapper Kanye West, urged the duo to make peace.

"I support @realDonaldTrump and @elonmusk and they should make peace for the benefit of our great country. We are much stronger together than apart," Ackman wrote in a post on June 5.

Musk responded with a simple: "You're not wrong."

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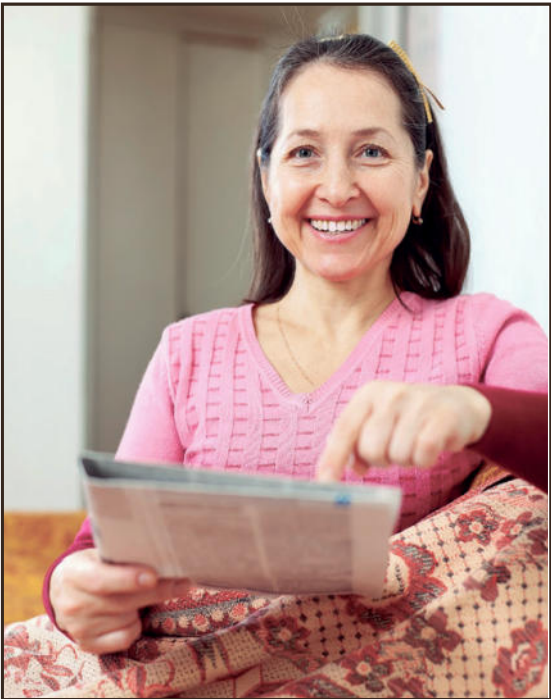
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