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## Summary of Cases Accepted and Related Actions During Week of March 16, 2026

*[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The statement of the issue or issues in each case set out below does not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]*

**#26-44 *Environmental Democracy Project v. Rael, Inc.*, S294668.** (A170385; 116 Cal.App.5th 1272; Alameda County Superior Court; 22CV019973.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed the judgment in a civil action. This case presents the following issue: Does the California Organic Food and Farming Act (COFFA) (Health & Saf. Code, § 110810 et seq.; Food & Agr. Code, § 46000 et seq.) apply to personal care products marketed as organic?

**#26-45 *Gilliland v. City of Pleasanton*, S294539.** (A170666; 116 Cal.App.5th 138; Alameda County Superior Court; RG18924833.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed the judgment in a civil action and remanded with directions. This case presents the following issue: Does the definition of “pursuit” within a public agency’s vehicle pursuit policy determine whether a driver believes they are being “pursued” by a peace officer employed by that entity for purposes of determining immunity under Vehicle Code section 17004.7, subdivision (b)(1)?

**#26-46 *People v. Avila*, S295202.** (B340656; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PA074535-01.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed an order granting in part and denying in part a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

**#26-47 *People v. Cuadro*, S295154.** (B339363; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; PA074182-01.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed an order granting in part and denying in part a post-judgment motion in a criminal matter.

The court ordered briefing in *Avila* and *Cuadro* deferred pending decision in *People v. Eaton*, S289903 (#25-129), which presents the following issue: May a trial court reimpose a previously imposed upper term sentence under Penal Code section 1172.75, subdivision (d)(4) where the facts underlying one or more aggravating circumstances were neither stipulated to by the defendant nor found true beyond a reasonable doubt at trial by the jury or by the judge in a court trial (cf. Pen. Code, § 1170, subd. (b)(2); *id.*, § 1172.75, subd. (d)(2))?

### DISPOSITIONS

Review in the following cases, which were granted and held for *People v. Emanuel* (2025) 17 Cal.5th 867, was dismissed:

<b>#25-61 <i>People v. Chase</i>, S288985</b>	(B325424; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; MA064957)
<b>#25-89 <i>People v. Davis</i>, S289056</b>	(B331013; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; A086503)
<b>#23-198 <i>People v. Eastland</i>, S281708</b>	(B320193; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA453067)
<b>#24-13 <i>People v. Liva</i>, S282493</b>	(B325320; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; NA007529)
<b>#24-31 <i>People v. Lopez</i>, S283198</b>	(B318535; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; KA060104)
<b>#23-257 <i>People v. Perez</i>, S282462</b>	(B308495; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; BA445427)
<b>#23-258 <i>People v. Yi</i>, S282399</b>	(B319845; nonpublished opinion; Los Angeles County Superior Court; KA081781)

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