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In light of the public controversy surrounding my involvement in this case, I have concluded that there is a manifest necessity to declare a mistrial. I recuse myself from further participation in the case and will ask the chief judge of the district court to reassign it to another judge.

Alex Kozinski *

^{*} The Honorable Alex Kozinski, United States Chief Judge for the Ninth Circuit, sitting by designation pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 291(b).