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10 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
11 **COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

12 MAURY BLACKMAN, an individual,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

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16 SUBSTACK, INC., a Delaware  
Corporation; AMAZON WEB SERVICES,  
17 INC., a Delaware Corporation; JACK  
POULSON, an individual; TECH  
18 INQUIRY, INC., a Delaware corporation;  
DOES 1-25, inclusive,

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20 Defendants.

Case No.: CGC-24-618681

~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER DENYING  
DEFENDANT SUBSTACK, INC.'s MOTION  
TO SEAL

DATE: January 6, 2025

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

DEPT: 301

Judge: Hon. Joseph M. Quinn

Action Filed: October 3, 2024

1 Having considered the arguments of the parties, the Court finds, as follows:

2 Defendants Substack, Inc. Amazon Web Services, Inc. and Tech Inquiry, Inc's motions to seal are  
3 DENIED. From their reply briefs, the court understands Defendants have abandoned their motions.

4 The parties are ordered to meet and confer in person or by videoconference before filing any  
5 papers in which sealing may be at issue. The parties must make a good faith effort to coordinate and  
6 organize their filings and sealing motions sensibly. Four sealing motions at this time is demonstrably not  
7 sensible. At least two of these motions could have been avoided by meet and confer. Additionally, the  
8 filings would be in better shape if meet and confer had occurred. The parties must file declarations  
9 regarding their meet and confer with any subsequent sealing motion.

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13 DATED: Jan 7, 2025

  
14 Hon. Joseph M. Quinn  
15 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
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