Bernard Huang et al v. Ebay Inc. et al

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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11	BERNARD HUANG, an individual) Case No. CV 15-05722 DDP (AGRx) California resident, on)
12	behalf of themselves and all) ORDER DENYING EX PARTE others simlarly situated; ED) APPLICATION TO SHORTEN TIME TO
13	KIM, an individual) HEARING California resident, on)
14	behalf of themselves and all) [Dkt. No. 16] others simlarly situated,)
15) Plaintiffs,)
16) V.)
17	EBAY, INC., a Delaware)
18	corporation; INTUIT INC., a) Delaware corporation ,)
19	Defendants.)
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21	Defendants have filed a properly noticed motion to change
22	venue, set for hearing on Sept. 14, 2015, on the ground that there
23	is a similar case pending in the Northern District of California.
24	(Dkt. No. 13.) Defendants have now filed an ex parte application
25	to shorten the time to the hearing. (Dkt. No. 16.) They propose a
26	briefing schedule as follows: Motion to be heard on Aug. 24;
27	Plaintiff's opposition due on Aug. 14; Defendant's reply due Aug.
28	20. (<u>Id.</u>)

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An ex parte application will only be granted for good cause, 1 2 and only if the evidence shows that "the moving party's cause will be irreparably prejudiced if the underlying motion is heard 3 according to regular noticed motion procedures," and that "the 4 moving party is without fault in creating the crisis that requires 5 ex parte relief, or that the crisis occurred as a result of 6 7 excusable neglect." Mission Power Eng'g Co. v. Cont'l Cas. Co., 883 F. Supp. 488, 492 (C.D. Cal. 1995). 8

9 Here, Defendants have not made the case that their cause will be irreparably prejudiced if the motion to change venue is not 10 heard until Sept. 14. Defendants assert that they will soon file a 11 motion to dismiss and that it would be a duplication of effort and 12 13 a waste of judicial resources for the Court to consider a motion to 14 dismiss when the case might be transferred soon. However, 15 Defendants have not yet filed the motion to dismiss, and any motion 16 they do file will not be set for hearing until after the motion to 17 change venue. The Court's resources will therefore be conserved; 18 if the motion to change venue is successful, the Court will not consider the motion to dismiss. 19

20 21 Defendants' ex parte application is DENIED.

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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 Dated: August 20, 2015

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DEAN D. PREGERSON United States District Judge