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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 14 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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16 ANTHONY LUNA, an individual,
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 18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

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 21 RICOH USA, INC., a corporation; and
 22 DOES 1 to 20, inclusive,
 23 Defendants.

16 CASE NO.: 2:17-cv-244 PSG (AGR_x)

17 **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

18 *[Filed with [Proposed] Order]*

19 Complaint filed: May 16, 2016
 20 Removal Date: January 12, 2017

1 **A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

2 Discovery in this court is likely to involve production of confidential,
3 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public
4 disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may
5 be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the court to
6 enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this
7 Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to
8 discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends
9 only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment
10 under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth
11 in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to
12 file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the
13 procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a
14 party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

15 **B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT**

16 This Action is likely to involve trade secrets, internal business information,
17 and other valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical and/or
18 proprietary information for which special protection from public disclosure and
19 from use for any purpose other than prosecution of this Action is warranted. Such
20 confidential and proprietary materials and information consist of, among other
21 things, confidential business or financial information; information regarding
22 confidential business practices, or other confidential research, development, or
23 commercial information (including information implicating privacy rights of third
24 parties); confidential settlement agreements; and information otherwise generally
25 unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected from
26 disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common
27 law.

1 One specific need for this Stipulated Protective Order is that Plaintiff
2 Anthony Luna’s medical records will be produced. This Stipulated Protective
3 Order will cover the production of Plaintiff Luna’s sensitive medical information.

4 Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt
5 resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately
6 protect information the Parties are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the
7 Parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in preparation for
8 and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of the litigation, and
9 serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information is justified in this
10 matter. It is the intent of the Parties that information will not be designated as
11 CONFIDENTIAL for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated without a
12 good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public manner,
13 and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of this case.

14 **2. DEFINITIONS**

15 2.1 “Action” means the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Anthony Luna, an
16 individual, on or about May 16, 2016 in the Superior Court of California, County
17 of Los Angeles, under Case No. BC620578 and removed to United States District
18 Court, Central District of California under Case No. 2:17-cv-244 PSG (AGRx) on
19 January 12, 2017.

20 2.2. “Challenging Party” means a Party or Non-Party that challenges the
21 designation of information or items under this Order.

22 2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items means information (regardless
23 of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for
24 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in
25 the Good Cause Statement.

26 2.4 “Counsel” means Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as
27 well as their support staff).
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1 2.5 “Designating Party” means a Party or Non-Party that designates
2 information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
3 “CONFIDENTIAL.”

4 2.6 “Disclosure” or “Discovery Material” means all items or information,
5 regardless of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained
6 (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are
7 produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

8 2.7 “Expert” means a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a
9 matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to
10 serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

11 2.8 “House Counsel” means attorneys who are employees of a party to this
12 Action. House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other
13 outside counsel.

14 2.9 “Non-Party” means any natural person, partnership, corporation,
15 association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this Action.

16 2.10 “Outside Counsel of Record” means attorneys who are not employees
17 of a Party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this
18 Action and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated
19 with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support
20 staff.

21 2.11 “Party” means any party to this Action, including all of its officers,
22 directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record
23 (and their support staffs).

24 2.12 “Producing Party” means a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure
25 or Discovery Material in this Action.

26 2.13 “Professional Vendors” means persons or entities that provide litigation
27 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or
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1 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)
2 and their employees and subcontractors.

3 2.14 “Protected Material” means any Disclosure or Discovery Material that
4 is designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.”

5 2.15 “Receiving Party” means a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
6 Material from a Producing Party.

7 **3. SCOPE**

8 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only
9 Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or
10 extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or
11 compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or
12 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

13 Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by the orders of the
14 trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material at trial.

15 **4. DURATION**

16 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations
17 imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees
18 otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be
19 deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action,
20 with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and
21 exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,
22 including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of
23 time pursuant to applicable law.

24 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

25 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.
26 Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under
27 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that
28 qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for

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1 protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written
2 communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents,
3 items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept
4 unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

5 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations
6 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper
7 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to
8 impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the
9 Designating Party to sanctions.

10 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it
11 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must
12 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

13 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in
14 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise
15 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection
16 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or
17 produced.

18 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

19 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic
20 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial
21 proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend
22 "CONFIDENTIAL" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend"), to each page
23 that contains protected material. If only a portion or portions of the material
24 on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly
25 identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the
26 margins).

27 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection
28 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has

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1 indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the
2 inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for
3 inspection shall be deemed “CONFIDENTIAL.” After the inspecting Party
4 has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing
5 Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for
6 protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents,
7 the Producing Party must affix the “CONFIDENTIAL legend” to each page
8 that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material
9 on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also must clearly
10 identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the
11 margins).

12 (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the
13 Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the
14 deposition all protected testimony.

15 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for
16 any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place
17 on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is
18 stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL.” If only a portion or portions of the
19 information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent
20 practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

21 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent
22 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive
23 the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such
24 material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make
25 reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the
26 provisions of this Order.

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1 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

2 6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a
3 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s
4 Scheduling Order.

5 6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute
6 resolution process under Local Rule 37.1 et seq.

7 6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on
8 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper
9 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other
10 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating
11 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall
12 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is
13 entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the Court rules on the
14 challenge.

15 **7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

16 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is
17 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this
18 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such
19 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the
20 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a
21 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL
22 DISPOSITION).

23 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a
24 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons
25 authorized under this Order.

26 7.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless
27 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
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1 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated

2 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

- 3 (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well
4 as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably
5 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;
- 6 (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the
7 Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;
- 8 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
9 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
10 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);
- 11 (d) the court and its personnel;
- 12 (e) court reporters and their staff;
- 13 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional
14 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who
15 have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit
16 A);
- 17 (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a
18 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;
- 19 (h) during their depositions, witnesses ,and attorneys for witnesses, in the
20 Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the
21 deposing party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit 1
22 hereto; and (2) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential
23 information unless they sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be
24 Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or
25 ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to
26 depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the
27 court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under
28 this Stipulated Protective Order; and

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1 (i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,
2 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement
3 discussions.

4 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED
5 IN OTHER LITIGATION

6 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation
7 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as
8 “CONFIDENTIAL,” that Party must:

- 9 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall
10 include a copy of the subpoena or court order;
- 11 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to
12 issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the
13 subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall
14 include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and
- 15 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued
16 by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

17 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served
18 with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in
19 this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” before a determination by the court from which
20 the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s
21 permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking
22 protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions
23 should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action
24 to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

25 9. A NON-PARTY’S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE
26 PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION

27 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-
28 Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL.” Such information

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1 produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the
2 remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be
3 construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

4 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to
5 produce a Non-Party’s confidential information in its possession, and the Party is
6 subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party’s
7 confidential information, then the Party shall:

8 (1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party
9 that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality
10 agreement with a Non-Party;

11 (2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated
12 Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably
13 specific description of the information requested; and

14 (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the
15 Non-Party, if requested.

16 (c) If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14
17 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party
18 may produce the Non-Party’s confidential information responsive to the discovery
19 request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall
20 not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the
21 confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.
22 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and
23 expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

24 **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

25 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has
26 disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized
27 under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a)
28 notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its

1 best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform
2 the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms
3 of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the
4 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit
5 A.

6 **11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE**
7 **PROTECTED MATERIAL**

8 When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain
9 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other
10 protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal
11 Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify
12 whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for
13 production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence
14 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure
15 of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work
16 product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated
17 protective order submitted to the court.

18 **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

19 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any
20 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

21 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this
22 Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
23 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in
24 this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on
25 any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective
26 Order.

27 12.3 Filing Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any
28 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material

1 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the
2 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material
3 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information
4 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

5 12.4 Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all
6 appropriate measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or
7 monetary sanctions.

8 **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

9 After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in paragraph 4, within
10 60 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must
11 return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As
12 used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts,
13 compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the
14 Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the
15 Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if
16 not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that
17 (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was
18 returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any
19 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or
20 capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel
21 are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial,
22 deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition
23 and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert
24 work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival
25 copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this
26 Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

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1 14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate
2 measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary
3 sanctions.
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5 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.
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7 DATE: March 17, 2017 LAW OFFICE OF DONALD POTTER
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10 By: Milan Moore
11 Donald Potter
12 Milan Moore
13 Attorneys for Plaintiff,
14 ANTHONY LUNA, an individual

15 DATE: March 17, 2017 REED SMITH LLP
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18 By: /s/ Rafael N. Tumanyan
19 Tiffany Renee Thomas
20 Rafael N. Tumanyan
21 Attorneys for Defendant,
22 RICOH USA, INC.
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25 IT IS SO ORDERED.
26 DATED: 3/20/2017
27 Alicia G. Rosenberg
28 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of
_____ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury
that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that
was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California
on [date] in the case of _____ [**insert formal name of the case and the
number and initials assigned to it by the court**]. I agree to comply with and to be
bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and
acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and
punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in
any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective
Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this
Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for
the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this
Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after
termination of this action. I hereby appoint _____ [print
or type full name] of _____ [print or
type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of
process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of
this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the instant action. My business address is: LAW OFFICE OF DONALD POTTER, 776 East Green Street, Suite 210, Pasadena, California 91101.

On March 17, 2017, I served the following document(s) described as:

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

on the interested parties in this action, by placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

Tiffany R. Thomas, Esq.
Rafael N. Tumanyan, Esq.
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Attorneys for Defendants

_____ (BY FACSIMILE) to _____; and,

_____ (BY PERSONAL SERVICE) I caused such envelope(s) to be delivered by hand to the above addressee(s).

_____ (BY ELECTRONIC MAIL) I caused said document(s) to be transmitted to the email address(es) of the addressee(s) designated

(BY MAIL) and personally placing such envelope with postage fully prepaid for collection and mailing on the above-referenced date following the ordinary practices of this office. I am readily familiar with our office's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In the ordinary course of business, correspondence, including said envelope, will be deposited with the United States Postal Service at Pasadena, CA on the above referenced date.

I declare, under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct under the laws of the State of California. Executed March 17, 2017 at Pasadena, California.



Jessica Parra

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