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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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 12 ERIKA SEPULVEDA, for herself and
 on behalf of her minor children,
 13 MELODY PATRICIO, ERNESTO
 PATRICIO, AND MARIA CARMEN
 14 SARATE ANGELES

15 Plaintiffs,

16 vs.

17 CITY OF WHITTIER, OFFICER
 HAUSE, OFFICER CABRAL,
 18 OFFICER MEDINA, DOLLAR
 FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. DFC
 19 GLOBAL CORP., DOLLAR
 FINANCIAL CORP., AND
 20 MONETARY MANAGEMENT OF
 CALIFORNIA, INC., JOSE LOPEZ,
 21 DON MORTON, and DOES 1 to 20,
 inclusive

22 Defendants.
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Case No. 17-cv-4457 JAK (KSx)

*Assigned to the Hon. John A. Kronstadt,
 United States District Judge, and the
 Hon. Karen L. Stevenson, United States
 Magistrate Judge*

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
 ORDER**

1 Pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and based
2 on the parties' Stipulated Protective Order ("Stipulation") filed on November
3 15, 2017, the terms of the protective order to which the parties have agreed are
4 adopted as a protective order of this Court (which generally shall govern the
5 pretrial phase of this action) except to the extent, as set forth below, that those
6 terms have been modified by the Court's amendments: deleting text from
7 paragraph 10, subparagraph a, that would limit the handling of confidential
8 information by court employees; and incorporating the good cause statement
9 from a separate document supplied by the parties in a separate document
10 entitled, "STIP-Protective Order," into the instant Protective Order.

11 The Court's additions to the terms of the proposed protective order are
12 indicated in bold typeface. Deletions indicated by strikethrough.

13 **AGREED TERMS OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER AS ADOPTED AND**
14 **MODIFIED BY THE COURT**

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16 Pursuant to Rule 26(c), Defendants CITY OF WHITTIER, OFFICER
17 HAUSE, OFFICER CABRAL, and OFFICER MEDINA ("Whittier
18 Defendants"), Defendants DOLLAR FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., DFC
19 GLOBAL GROUP, DFC GLOBAL CORPORATION (formerly doing
20 business as DOLLAR FINANCIAL CORPORATION), DOLLAR
21 FINANCIAL CORP., MONETARY MANAGEMENT OF CALIFORNIA,
22 INC. dba MONEY MART, JOSE LOPEZ, and DON MORTON ("Dollar
23 Defendants"), and Plaintiffs ERIKA SEPULVEDA, for herself and on behalf
24 of her minor children, MELODY PATRICIO, ERNESTO PATRICIO, AND
25 MARIA CARMEN SARATE ANGELES (collectively "the Parties"), by their
26 undersigned counsel, agree to be bound to the terms of the following Protective
27 Order. The Parties represent that pre-trial discovery in this case may include
28 matters that are confidential and privileged and may require the discovery of

1 and/or production of documents pertaining to the Whittier Police
2 Department's on-going investigation of the underlying third party criminal
3 activities alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint in the present litigation, as well as
4 peace officer personnel file information and/or documents which the Parties
5 agree includes: (1) Personal data, including marital status, family members,
6 educational and employment history, home addresses, or similar information;
7 (2) Medical history; (3) Election of employee benefits; (4) Employee
8 advancement, appraisal, or discipline; and (5) Complaints, or investigations of
9 complaints, if any, concerning an event or transaction in which a peace officer
10 participated, or which a peace officer perceived, and pertaining to the manner
11 in which the peace officer performed his or her duties. The Whittier
12 Defendants contend that such information is privileged as official information.
13 *Sanchez v. City of Santa Ana*, 936 F.2d 1027, 1033 (9th Cir. Cal. 1990); *see also*
14 *Kerr v. United States Dist. Ct. for N.D. Cal.*, 511 F.2d 192, 198 (9th Cir.1975),
15 *aff'd*, 426 U.S. 394, 96 S.Ct. 2119, 48 L.Ed.2d 725 (1976). Further, discovery
16 may require depositions, written discovery and/or the production of certain
17 Whittier Police Department Policies and Procedures and peace officer training
18 information the public disclosure of which could comprise officer safety,
19 and/or raise security issues. Additionally, the Whittier Defendants contend
20 that that public disclosure of such material and information poses a
21 substantial risk of embarrassment, oppression and/or physical harm to peace
22 officers whose Confidential Information is disclosed. The Parties further agree
23 that the risk of harm to peace officers is greater than with other government
24 employees due to the nature of their profession. Finally, the Defendants
25 contend that the benefit of public disclosure of Confidential Information is
26 minimal while the potential disadvantages are great.

27 Peace officer personnel file information, discovery and documents
28 related to training, documents and/or other discovery related to the on-going

1 investigation into the underlying third party criminal activities alleged in
2 Plaintiff's complaint, and/or documents and discovery of security-sensitive
3 policies and procedures are hereinafter referred to as "Confidential
4 Information".

5 Accordingly, good cause exists for entry of this Protective Order to
6 facilitate pre-trial disclosure while assuring the safety of these sensitive
7 disclosures. *See Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 26(c)*

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9 **PROTECTIVE ORDER**

10 PER THE STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES AND GOOD CAUSE
11 APPEARING, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the terms and conditions of this
12 Protective Order shall govern the handling of Discovery Materials containing
13 Confidential Information in matter of *Sepulveda et al v. City of Whittier, et al*
14 *USCD Case No. 17-cv-4457 JAK (KSx)* ("the Litigation"):

15 1. **Applicability of Order:** This Order does not and will not govern any
16 trial proceedings in this Litigation, but will otherwise be applicable to and govern
17 the handling of documents, depositions, deposition exhibits, interrogatory
18 responses, responses to requests for admissions, responses to requests for
19 production of documents, and all other discovery obtained pursuant to the Federal
20 Rules of Civil Procedure by Plaintiffs and Dollar Defendants in connection with the
21 Litigation (this information hereinafter referred to as "Discovery Material").

22 2. **Designation of Material:** Whittier Defendants may designate
23 Discovery Material that is in their possession, custody or control to be produced to
24 the other parties as "Confidential Information" under the terms of this Order if the
25 Whittier Defendants in good faith reasonably believe that such Discovery Material
26 contains non-public, confidential material as defined in section 4 below.

27 Nothing in this Protective Order shall be construed to limit a party's use of
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1 information already in its possession prior to the litigation, provided that use
2 complies with all other legal requirements.

3 **3. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for**
4 **Protection:** When designating Discovery Material for protection as Confidential
5 Information under this Order, Whittier Defendants must take care to limit any such
6 designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. Mass,
7 indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are
8 shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose
9 (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber or retard the case development process or to
10 impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Whittier
11 Defendants to sanctions.

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

15 **4. Confidential Information:** For purposes of this Order, Confidential
16 Information is any information and/or documents that Whittier Defendants believe
17 in good faith to be pertaining to the on-going investigation into the underlying third
18 party criminal activities alleged in Plaintiff's complaint, as well as Peace Officer
19 Personnel File Information and/or Documents including but not necessarily limited
20 to: (1) Personal data, including marital status, family members, educational and
21 employment history, home addresses, or similar information, (2) Medical history,
22 (3) Election of employee benefits, (4) Employee advancement, appraisal, or
23 discipline, and (5) Complaints, or investigations of complaints, if any, concerning
24 an event or transaction in which a peace officer participated, or which a peace
25 officer perceived, and pertaining to the manner in which the peace officer
26 performed his or her duties. Confidential Information is also any Whittier Police
27 Department Policies and Procedures and training information the public disclosure
28 of which could comprise officer safety, raise security issues, and/or impede

1 investigations.

2 **5. Designating Confidential Information:** The designation of
3 Discovery Material as Confidential Information for purposes of this Order shall be
4 made in the following manner:

5 a. Documents: In the case of documents or other materials (apart from
6 depositions or other pre-trial testimony), designation shall be made by
7 stamping “Confidential” to each page containing any Confidential
8 Information. Any such stamp shall not overwrite or otherwise obscure
9 the text or images of any page. If only a portion or portions of the
10 material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also
11 must clearly identify the protected portion(s) . .

12 b. Deposition and Other Proceedings: In the case of depositions or other
13 pre-trial testimony, designation of the portion of the transcript
14 (including exhibits) which contains Confidential Information shall be
15 made (i) by a statement to such effect on the record during the
16 proceeding in which the testimony is received, or (ii) by written notice
17 served on counsel of record in this Litigation within thirty (30)
18 business days after the receipt of the draft transcript of such deposition
19 or other pre-trial proceeding. However, before such thirty (30) day
20 period expires, all testimony, exhibits and transcripts of depositions or
21 other testimony shall be treated as Confidential Information.
22 Thereafter, only those portions properly designated shall be deemed
23 Confidential Information.

24 Transcripts containing Confidential Information shall have an obvious
25 legend on the title page that the transcript contains Confidential
26 Information, and the title page shall be followed by a list of all pages
27 (including line numbers as appropriate) that have been designated as
28 Confidential Information. The Designating Party shall inform the court

1 reporter of these requirements.

2 c. Non-Written Materials: Any non-written Confidential Information
3 (e.g., videotape, audio tape, computer disk, etc.) may be designated as
4 such by labeling the outside of such non-written material designated as
5 “Confidential”. In the event Plaintiffs and/or Dollar Defendants
6 generate any “hard copy” transcription or printout from any such
7 designated non-written materials, the person who generates such “hard
8 copy” transcription shall take reasonable steps to maintain the
9 confidentiality of such materials.

10 d. Written Discovery: In the case of written discovery responses,
11 designation shall be made by stamping “Confidential” to each page
12 containing any Confidential Information. Any such stamp shall not
13 overwrite or otherwise obscure the text or images of any page.

14 **6. Inadvertent Disclosure:** If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to
15 designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the
16 Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material.
17 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable
18 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this
19 Order. Plaintiffs and Dollar Defendants shall exercise good faith efforts to ensure
20 that copies they make of Confidential Information produced to them, and copies
21 made by others who obtained such Confidential Information directly or indirectly
22 from the Plaintiffs and Dollar Defendants include the appropriate confidentiality
23 legend, to the same extent that the Confidential Information has been marked with
24 the appropriate confidentiality legend by the Whittier Defendants.

25 **7. No Waiver of Privilege:** Inadvertent disclosure of Confidential
26 Information or otherwise privileged information shall not constitute a waiver of, or
27 estoppel as to any claim of privilege. This Order is intended to provide the full
28 protection afforded by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d).

1 **8. Claw-Back:** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5),
2 upon learning it may have produced Confidential or otherwise privileged
3 Information, Whittier Defendants shall, within ten (10) days of such discovery,
4 request the return of such Information in writing by identifying the Confidential or
5 otherwise privileged Information and stating the basis on which the Information
6 should be withheld from production. After being notified, Plaintiffs and/or Dollar
7 Defendants must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the Confidential or
8 otherwise privileged Information and any copies, must not use or disclose the
9 Information until the claim is resolved and must take reasonable steps to retrieve
10 the Confidential or otherwise privileged Information if he disclosed the Information
11 before being notified. If Plaintiffs and/or Dollar Defendants dispute Whittier
12 Defendants' claim of confidentiality or privilege; they shall notify the Whittier
13 Defendants claiming confidentiality of the dispute and the basis therefore in writing
14 within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request for the return of the Confidential or
15 otherwise privileged Information. Plaintiffs and/or Dollar Defendants and the
16 Whittier Defendants shall meet and confer in good faith regarding the disputed
17 claim within thirty (30) days. In the event that the Plaintiffs and/or Dollar
18 Defendants and the Whittier Defendants do not resolve their dispute, either party
19 may bring a motion for a determination of whether a privilege applies. If such a
20 motion is made, the Whittier Defendant shall submit to the Court for in camera
21 review under seal a copy of the disputed Information in connection with its motion
22 papers. The submission to the Court shall not constitute a waiver of any privilege or
23 protection. The Parties must preserve the Information claimed to be privileged or
24 otherwise protected until the claim is resolved.

25 **9. Notes of Confidential Information:** Any notes, lists, memoranda,
26 indices, compilations prepared or based on an examination of Confidential
27 Information that quote from or paraphrase, Confidential Information with such
28 specificity that the Confidential Information can be identified, or by reasonable

1 logical extension can be identified, shall be accorded the same status of
2 confidentiality as the underlying Confidential Information from which they are
3 made and shall be subject to all of the terms of this Order.

4 **10. Persons Authorized To Receive Confidential Information:**

5 Discovery Material designated “Confidential” may be disclosed, summarized,
6 described, characterized or otherwise communicated or made available in whole or
7 in part only to the following persons:

- 8 a. The Court, persons employed by the Court ~~who are necessary for the~~
9 ~~handling of the Litigation~~, and court reporters transcribing the
10 testimony or argument at a hearing, trial or deposition in this Litigation
11 or any appeal there from;
- 12 b. Counsel of record in this Litigation, as well as paralegals, technical,
13 administrative and clerical employees working under the direct
14 supervision of such counsel, and plaintiffs under the supervisor of their
15 counsel and after agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions set
16 forth in the “Agreement Concerning Information Covered by
17 Protective Order” attached hereto as Exhibit "A" prior to the time such
18 information is disclosed;
- 19 c. Experts or consultants assisting any counsel of record in this
20 Litigation, provided such experts and consultants agree to be bound by
21 the terms and conditions set forth in the “Agreement Concerning
22 Information Covered by Protective Order” attached hereto as Exhibit
23 "A" prior to the time such information is disclosed; and
- 24 d. Any other person, only upon order of the Court or upon stipulation of
25 the Parties, and who agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions
26 set forth in the “Agreement Concerning Information Covered by
27 Protective Order” attached hereto as Exhibit "A" prior to the time such
28 Information is disclosed. However, under no circumstances shall

1 personal identification information including but not limited to home
2 addresses or telephone numbers of individual Defendants be provided
3 to Plaintiffs or Dollar Defendants.

4 **11. Use of Confidential Discovery Material:** Discovery Material
5 containing Confidential Information shall be used solely for purposes of the
6 Litigation, including any appeal and re-trial. Any person or entity in possession of
7 Discovery Material designated Confidential shall maintain those materials in
8 accordance with Paragraph (storage) below.

9 **12. Storage Of Confidential Information:** The recipient of any
10 Confidential Information that is provided under this Protective Order shall maintain
11 such information in a reasonably secure and safe manner that ensures that access is
12 limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

13 **13. Filing of Confidential Information:** Plaintiffs and Dollar Defendants
14 may not file in the public record in this action any Confidential Information .except
15 under seal in compliance with Local Rule 79-5.

16 **14. No Prejudice:** Agreeing to be bound by this Protective Order,
17 agreeing to and/or producing or receiving Confidential Information or otherwise
18 complying with the terms of this Order shall not:

- 19 a. Prejudice in any way the rights of Whittier Defendants to object to the
20 production of documents it considers not subject to discovery, nor
21 operate as an admission by Whittier Defendants that the restrictions
22 and procedures set forth herein constitute adequate protection for any
23 particular information deemed by Whittier Defendants to be
24 Confidential Information;
- 25 b. Prejudice in any way the rights of Whittier Defendants to object to the
26 authenticity or admissibility into evidence of any document, testimony
27 or other evidence subject to this Order;
- 28 c. Prejudice in any way the rights of Whittier Defendants to seek a

1 determination by the Court whether any Confidential Information
2 should be subject to the terms of this Order.

3 **15. Challenging Designation of Information:** Plaintiffs or Dollar
4 Defendants may challenge the propriety of a Confidential Information designation
5 by providing to the Whittier Defendants a writing which briefly: (i) identifies with
6 reasonable particularity the documents and/or information which are the subject of
7 the challenge; and (ii) describes the basic legal or factual grounds for the challenge.
8 Once a challenge is made, the Whittier Defendants will bear the burden of initiating
9 and conducting a sufficient meet and confer (per Local Rule 37-1); and, if
10 necessary, the Whittier Defendants will bear the burdens of proof and persuasion in
11 moving for a Protective Order (per Local Rule 37-2) to uphold the challenged
12 Confidential Information designation(s). Until the Court rules on the timely filed
13 Motion for Protective Order, all parties shall continue to afford the material in
14 question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Whittier
15 Defendants' designation.

16 **16. Additional Parties or Attorneys:** In the event additional parties join
17 or intervene in this action, the newly joined party(ies) shall not have access to
18 Confidential Information until its counsel has executed an agreement to be fully
19 bound by this Order. If any additional attorneys make appearances in this
20 Litigation, those attorneys shall not have access to Confidential Information until
21 they execute the "Agreement Concerning Information Covered by Protective
22 Order" attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

23 **17. Protective Order Remains In Force:** This Protective Order shall
24 remain in force and effect until modified, superseded, or terminated by consent of
25 the Parties or by order of the Court made upon reasonable written notice. Unless
26 otherwise ordered, or agreed upon by the parties, this Protective Order shall survive
27 the termination of this action. The Court retains jurisdiction even after termination
28 of this action to enforce this Protective Order and to make such amendments,

1 modifications, deletions and additions to this Protective Order as the Court may
2 from time to time deem appropriate.

3 **18. Conclusion of Litigation:** Within ninety (90) days after receiving
4 notice of the entry of an order, judgment or decree finally disposing of this
5 Litigation, all persons having received Confidential Information shall either return
6 such material and all copies thereof to the counsel of the Defendant who designated
7 the information as Confidential or destroy all such Confidential Information
8 including the Confidential Information Plaintiff provided to other persons. In either
9 case, counsel for Plaintiffs and Dollar Defendants must certify that fact to the
10 counsel of the Whittier Defendants.

11 **19. Redaction Allowed:** Whittier Defendants may redact Confidential
12 Information from documents and things produced to the extent that such
13 information consists of personal identifying information of peace officers or their
14 family members, such as i.d. numbers, phone numbers, addresses, or medical
15 history which is unrelated to any claim or defense raised in the instant action.
16 Whittier Defendants shall mark each thing where matter has been redacted with a
17 legend stating "REDACTED," as appropriate, or a comparable notice.

18 **20. Violations of Protective Order:** In the event that any person or party
19 should violate the terms of this Protective Order, the aggrieved party should apply
20 to the Court obtain relief against any such person or party violating or threatening
21 to violate any of the terms of this Protective Order.

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In the event that the aggrieved party seeks injunctive relief, it must petition the District Judge for such relief, which may be granted at the sole discretion of the District Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Dated: November 17, 2017

THE HON. KAREN L. STEVENSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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**AGREEMENT CONCERNING
INFORMATION COVERED BY
STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

16 1. I, _____, hereby acknowledge that
17 I have received a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order entered in this Litigation
18 (Case No: 17-cv-4457 JAK (KSx)) by the United States District Court for the
19 Central District of California (hereinafter, "the Protective Order").

20 2. I have either read the Protective Order or have had the terms of the
21 Protective Order explained to me by my attorney.

22 3. I understand the terms of the Protective Order and agree to comply
23 with and to be bound by such terms.

24 4. If I receive documents or information designated as Confidential
25 Information (as that term is defined in the Protective Order), I understand that such
26 Information is provided to me pursuant to the terms and restrictions of the
27 Protective Order.
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5. I agree to hold in confidence and not further disclose or use for any purpose (other than is permitted by the Protective Order) any Confidential Information disclosed to me pursuant to the terms of the Protective Order.

6. I hereby submit myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for resolution of any matters pertaining to the Protective Order.

My address is: _____

My present employer is: _____

Dated: _____, 2017

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____