

1 Turning to Plaintiff's request for leave to depose Defendants, Plaintiff has a right to depose
2 Defendants without court permission. However, Plaintiff must bear the cost of the taking of such
3 deposition, must bear the cost of transcription if he intends to use the deposition as evidence in a
4 proceeding, and must arrange for an officer to conduct the deposition. Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b). To the
5 extent Plaintiff is seeking leave of court to depose Defendants without complying with any of these
6 requirements, Plaintiff's motion is denied. Furthermore, Plaintiff is advised that Defendants are not
7 required to be present at the taking of his own deposition, as the proceeding will be conducted by
8 defense counsel only.

9 Plaintiff also seeks an extension of time to serve supplemental responses to Defendants'
10 discovery requests. Good cause having been presented to the Court, it is HEREBY ORDERED that
11 Plaintiff shall serve supplemental responses to Defendants' discovery requests on or before January 5,
12 2018-which is approximately thirty days after the filing of Plaintiff's motion on December 8, 2017.

13 On the basis of good cause, the Court will extend the deadline for filing an exhaustion-based
14 motion for summary judgment to February 23, 2018.

15 Based on the foregoing, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 16 1. Plaintiff's motion to postpone the taking of his deposition is denied as moot;
- 17 2. Plaintiff's request to depose Defendants' is denied; and
- 18 3. Plaintiff's request for an extension of time to serve supplemental responses to
19 Defendants' discovery requests is granted and such responses shall be served on or before January 5,
20 2018;
- 21 4. The deadline to file an exhaustion-based motion for summary judgment is extended to
22 February 23, 2018.

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24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: December 21, 2017


26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE