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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 GIGI FAIRCHILD-LITTLEFIELD,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 R. AMEZCUA, et al.,

15 Defendants.
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1:20-cv-00799-JLT-GSA-PC

**ORDER REQUIRING DEFENDANT TO
NOTIFY COURT WHETHER A
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WOULD
BE BENEFICIAL**

THIRTY-DAY DEADLINE

17 **I. BACKGROUND**

18 On November 10, 2022, Plaintiff filed a request for the court to schedule a settlement
19 conference for this case. (ECF No. 43 at 4:9-13.)

20 **II. SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES**

21 The Court is able to refer cases for mediation before a participating United States
22 Magistrate Judge. Settlement conferences are ordinarily held in person at the Court or at a prison
23 in the Eastern District of California. Defendant shall notify the Court whether Defendant
24 believes, in good faith, that settlement in this case is a possibility and whether Defendant is
25 interested in having a settlement conference scheduled by the Court.¹
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28 ¹ The parties may wish to discuss the issue by telephone in determining whether they
believe settlement is feasible.

1 Defendant's counsel shall also notify the Court whether there are security concerns. If
2 security concerns exist, counsel shall notify the Court whether those concerns can be adequately
3 addressed, especially if Plaintiff is transferred for settlement only and then returned to prison
4 thereafter for housing.

5 **II. CONCLUSION**

6 Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that within **thirty (30) days** from
7 the date of service of this order, Defendant shall file a written response to this order.²

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: November 17, 2022

/s/ Gary S. Austin
11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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² The issuance of this order does not guarantee referral for settlement, but the Court will make every reasonable attempt to secure the referral should both parties desire a settlement conference.