



1 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules may be grounds for dismissal, judgment by  
2 default, or other appropriate sanctions. Local Rule 110 provides that failure to comply with the  
3 Local Rules “may be grounds for imposition by the Court of any and all sanctions authorized by  
4 statute or Rule or within the inherent power of the Court.” *See also Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d  
5 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (“Failure to follow a district court’s local rules is a proper ground for  
6 dismissal.”). Pro se litigants are bound by the rules of procedure, even though pleadings are  
7 liberally construed in their favor. *King v. Atiyeh*, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987).

8 Accordingly, good cause appearing, it is hereby ORDERED that:

9 1. The hearing on defendant’s motion for judgment on the pleadings (ECF No. 50) is  
10 continued to January 18, 2017.

11 2. Plaintiff shall show cause, in writing, no later than January 4, 2017, why sanctions  
12 should not be imposed for failure to timely file an opposition or a statement of non-opposition to  
13 the pending motion.

14 3. Plaintiff shall file an opposition to the motion, or a statement of non-opposition thereto,  
15 no later than January 4, 2017.

16 4. Failure of to file an opposition to the motion will be deemed a statement of non-  
17 opposition thereto, and may result in a recommendation that this this action be dismissed for lack  
18 of prosecution and/or for failure to comply with court orders and this court’s Local Rules. *See*  
19 *Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b)*.

20 5. Defendant may file a reply to plaintiff’s opposition, if any, on or before January 11,  
21 2017.

22 6. The Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference previously set for January 18, 2017, is  
23 continued to April 26, 2017. The parties shall file status reports in compliance with the court’s  
24 January 6, 2016 order (ECF No. 8) on or before April 12, 2017.

25 DATED: December 14, 2016.

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27 EDMUND F. BRENNAN  
28 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE