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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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## FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 GREGORY LEE,

No. 2:16-cv-0838 JAM AC

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

PROTECTIVE ORDER14 BLUESTEM BRANDS, INC., d/b/a/  
15 FINGERHUT,

16 Defendants.

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18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties' Amended Stipulated Protective Order (ECF  
19 No. 13), is APPROVED and INCORPORATED herein.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

21 1. Requests to seal documents shall be made by motion before the same judge who will  
22 decide the matter related to that request to seal.

23 2. The designation of documents (including transcripts of testimony) as confidential  
24 pursuant to this order does not automatically entitle the parties to file such a document with the  
25 court under seal. Parties are advised that any request to seal documents in this district is governed  
26 by E.D. Cal. R. ("Local Rule") 141. In brief, Local Rule 141 provides that documents may only  
27 be sealed by a written order of the court after a specific request to seal has been made. Local  
28 Rule 141(a). However, a mere request to seal is not enough under the local rules. In particular,

1 Local Rule 141(b) requires that “[t]he ‘Request to Seal Documents’ shall set forth *the statutory or*  
2 *other authority for sealing*, the requested duration, the identity, by name or category, of persons  
3 to be permitted access to the document, and all relevant information.” Local Rule 141(b)  
4 (emphasis added).

5 3. A request to seal material must normally meet the high threshold of showing that  
6 “compelling reasons” support secrecy; however, where the material is, at most, “tangentially  
7 related” to the merits of a case, the request to seal may be granted on a showing of “good cause.”  
8 Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Grp., LLC, 809 F.3d 1092, 1096-1102 (9th Cir.), cert. denied,  
9 137 S. Ct. 38 (2016); Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-80 (9th  
10 Cir. 2006).

11 4. Nothing in this order shall limit the testimony of parties or non-parties, or the use of  
12 certain documents, at any court hearing or trial – such determinations will only be made by the  
13 court at the hearing or trial, or upon an appropriate motion.


14 5. With respect to motions regarding any disputes concerning this protective order which  
15 the parties cannot informally resolve, including any disputes regarding inadvertently produced  
16 materials under Fed. R. Evid. 502, the parties shall follow the procedures outlined in Local  
17 Rule 251. Absent a showing of good cause, the court will not hear discovery disputes on an *ex*  
18 *parte* basis or on shortened time.

19 6. The parties may not modify the terms of this Protective Order without the court’s  
20 approval. If the parties agree to a potential modification, they shall submit a stipulation  
21 and proposed order for the court’s consideration.

22 7. Pursuant to Local Rule 141.1(f), the court will not retain jurisdiction over enforcement  
23 of the terms of this Protective Order after the action is terminated.

24 8. Any provision in the parties’ stipulation (ECF No. 13) that is in conflict with anything  
25 in this order is hereby DISAPPROVED.

26 DATED: January 26, 2017

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28 ALLISON CLAIRE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE