

1 such as the public interest in understanding the judicial
2 process.” Id. at 1178-79 (citation omitted). In ruling on a
3 motion to seal, the court must balance the competing interests of
4 the public and the party seeking to keep the records secret. Id.
5 at 1179.

6 Exhibits A, B, C, D, and E to defendant’s Motion for
7 Summary Judgment are business records associated with two Chase
8 bank accounts in the name of defendant Rich Holiday.¹ Exhibit F
9 is a copy of Chase’s check acceptance policy in force between
10 November 20, 2014 and September 7, 2017. Exhibit G contains
11 excerpts from the deposition of Jeffrey Wanic, and Exhibit H is a
12 document titled “Holiday Diverted Check Summary” produced by
13 plaintiff Sustainable Pavement Technologies, LLC.

14 Though it asks this court to seal thousands of pages of
15 documents, Chase devotes just two pages to rebutting the
16 presumption in favor of public access to judicial records. It
17 supports its request primarily with general assertions about the
18 potential harm that the release of these documents could present
19 Chase or its clients. These vague and nonspecific concerns do
20 not constitute “good cause” to rebut the presumption in favor of
21 public access. See Kamakana, 447 F.3d 1172.

22 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that defendant Chase’s request
23 to seal Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H to its Motion for
24 Summary Judgment be, and the same hereby is, DENIED without
25 prejudice. The court may consider a request to seal exhibits

26 ¹ One of the bank accounts is in the name of Richard W
27 Holiday dba Sustainable Product Testing and the other appears to
28 be a joint account in the names of Richard W. Holiday and a non-
litigant.

1 containing only those pages specifically referenced in the Motion
2 for Summary Judgment, or a request to redact specified portions
3 of the documents identifying of non-litigants.

4 Dated: November 9, 2018



5 WILLIAM B. SHUBB
6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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