UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JULIE CAMPANELLI, et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

V.

ORDER RE DEFENDANT'S MOTION
TO STRIKE OPT-IN PLAINTIFFS
THE HERSHEY COMPANY,

Defendant(s).

Before me is defendant's motion to strike the following four opt-in plaintiffs from this collective action: Robert Beasley, Conni Smith, Michael Bain, and Sheryl Paxton (Docket No. 304). IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- The Court finds no need for argument at this time and
 VACATES the hearing set for February 2, 2011.
- 2. Defendant's motion as to Beasley, is **DENIED AS MOOT.**On January 21, 2011, based on a stipulation by the parties,
 Beasley was dismissed with prejudice from this lawsuit (Docket No. 336).
- 3. Defendant's motion as to Smith and Bain, is **DENIED**.

 Assuming that defendant's motion to strike is the proper procedural mechanism to dismiss these plaintiffs from this

collective action, defendant's concerns about Smith and Bain's inconsistent declarations are properly addressed through cross-examination at trial. Defendant's request to strike Paxton from this collective action is taken under submission so that plaintiffs' counsel may have additional time to contact their client. Plaintiffs' counsel shall supplement their opposition with respect to Paxton by February 10, 2011. 9. Dated: January 25, 2011

Bernard Zimmerman United States Magistrate Judge

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