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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WENYING LI, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
MICHAEL CHERTOFF, et al.,
Defendants

No. C-08-3540 MMC

**ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO
INFORM COURT WHETHER THEY
CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE
FOR ALL PURPOSES**

In cases initially assigned to a district judge, the parties may consent at any time to reassignment of the case to a magistrate judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. See Civil L.R. 73-1(b).

Accordingly, the parties are hereby DIRECTED to advise the Court, no later than October 10, 2008, as to whether they consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the instant action.¹ For the parties' convenience, a consent form is attached hereto; forms are also available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>, in the "Forms" section. The parties are further advised that they may jointly request assignment to a specific magistrate judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 29, 2008


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge

¹Normally, the Court would direct the parties to so inform the Court in their Joint Case Management Statement filed in connection with a case management conference. Because the instant complaint seeks issuance of a writ of mandamus regarding immigration benefits, a case management conference has not been scheduled. See General Order No. 61.