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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS  
OF SONOMA COUNTY, et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

No. C 08-4220 PJH

v.

**ORDER RE PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

COUNTY OF SONOMA, et al.,

Defendant(s).

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Plaintiffs' motion for protective order first heard on January 28, 2009, was followed by meet and confer efforts of counsel in view of the court's concerns expressed at the hearing. After further discussion at the hearing on April 22, 2009, the court GRANTS the motion in part and DENIES the motion in part. The court rejects both new protective orders proposed by plaintiffs and county defendants for the reasons stated on the record. With regard to the original protective order proposed by plaintiffs, the court finds good cause to limit defendants' discovery of information pertaining to the immigration status of plaintiffs' witnesses in this matter (this finding does not apply to the three individual plaintiffs as the defendants already have information about their immigration status). Accordingly, defendants may not attempt to elicit from witnesses in discovery, the following information: 1) immigration status, 2) citizenship or place of birth, 3) whether, when, where or how a witness has ever left or entered the United States or otherwise traveled, and 4)

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1 applications, if any, to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (or its successor agency)  
2 of witnesses or their family members. Plaintiffs' request to similarly bar inquiry into other  
3 designated subjects is denied. The parties are free to negotiate any further terms that they  
4 wish, and submit a stipulation to the court.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: April 24, 2009



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PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON  
United States District Judge

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