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**RE: Rochin v. City of Concord, et al;  
United States District Court Case No. C09-00758 JL**

Dear Judge Larson:

I am plaintiff's counsel in the above entitled matter that was recently reassigned to you for trial and all further proceedings. This case was initially ordered to Mediation by Judge Armstrong on May 21, 2009. However, the assignment of James Hodgkins as Mediator was not mailed to the parties until June 26, 2009.

Counsel had a telephone conference with the mediator today to discuss scheduling the mediation. Based on the original order referring the case to mediation the parties must complete mediation by August 19, 2009. Due to the vacation and trial schedules of counsel discovery will not be completed by the current mediation deadline. Counsel has discussed their desire to postpone the mediation for 90 days with the mediator and he has no objection extending the mediation deadline to November 19, 2009 subject to your approval and order. The extension will allow the parties additional time to complete initial discovery and then participate in a meaningful mediation.

Please give this matter your consideration and let us know if you would be willing to extend the mediation deadline to November 19, 2009. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

BENNETT & JOHNSON LLP

  
William C. Johnson

SO ORDERED

  
JAMES LARSON  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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