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Hon. Joseph C. Spero
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 U.S. District Court
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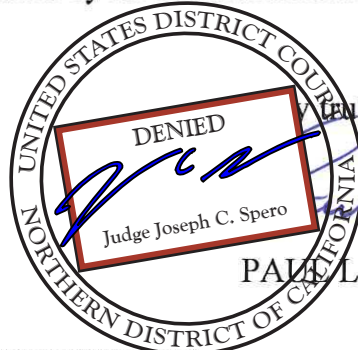
Re: Robert Cruz v. Starbucks Corporation; 4096 18th Street, LLC; Michael G. Dotterweich; Margaret F. Dotterweich, et al.
 United States District Court, Northern District of California
 Case No. C10-01868 JCS
 Objection to Defendants' Request for Appearance by Phone

Dear Magistrate Judge Spero:

Plaintiff respectfully objects to defense counsel Shane Singh's efiled request to appear at the April 27th Case Management Conference by phone. There was no prior "meet and confer" regarding this, so we have no idea what Mr. Singh's basis was for his request. Mr. Singh's request did not advise the Court of any hardship basis. Further, both parties have indicated an intent to file motions: Plaintiff has requested that Mr. Singh's clients be held in contempt of court for failing to comply with this Court's September 21, 2011 Consent Decree Order, and Mr. Singh's request indicated his request to be relieved from his clients' violation of the Court Order (which Order required removal of all access barriers by February 29, 2012, now long past).

I would respectfully request that, in light of these major issues, personal appearances by all counsel should be required.

Dated: 4/25/12



Sincerely yours,

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