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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GILBERT GOMEZ,

No. C12-6385 EMC

Plaintiff,

v.

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

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,

Defendant.

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. 73-19(b).

Accordingly, the parties are hereby DIRECTED to advise the Court, within 3 weeks from the date of this order, as to whether they consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the instant action. 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 special magistrate judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 10, 2013


EDWARD M. CHEN
United States District Judge