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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
10 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

11 JOAQUIN GOMEZ, and RITA  
12 CONTRERAS,

13 Plaintiffs,

14 v.

15 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., REGIONAL  
16 SERVICE CORPS, and DOES 1 through 20  
17 Inclusive,

18 Defendants.

Case No. 14-cv-02056 NC

**ORDER REFERRING CASE TO  
ADR UNIT FOR ASSESSMENT  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

19 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the Court refers this  
20 foreclosure-related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a telephone  
21 conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference.

22 Plaintiffs' counsel and counsel for Wells Fargo must participate in a telephone conference,  
23 to be scheduled by the ADR Unit as soon as possible but no later than June 13, 2014.

24 Plaintiffs' counsel and counsel for Wells Fargo must be prepared to discuss the  
25 following subjects:

- 26 (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents.  
27 (2) Prospects for loan modification.  
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UNIT

1 (3) Prospects for settlement.

2 The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone  
3 conference.

4 In preparation for the telephone conference, Plaintiffs' counsel must do the  
5 following:

6 (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine  
7 whether they have merit.

8 (2) If Plaintiffs are seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the  
9 claims, Plaintiffs must prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the  
10 information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification request.

11 Further, Plaintiffs' counsel must immediately notify counsel for Wells Fargo of the request  
12 for a loan modification.

13 (3) Provide counsel for Wells Fargo with information necessary to evaluate the  
14 prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or  
15 application customarily used by financial institutions.

16 (4) Arrange for Plaintiffs to participate in the telephone conference.

17 In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for Wells Fargo must do the  
18 following:

19 (1) If Wells Fargo is unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving  
20 notice of Plaintiffs' request, counsel for Wells Fargo must promptly notify Plaintiffs'  
21 counsel to that effect.

22 (2) Arrange for a representative of Wells Fargo with full settlement authority to  
23 participate in the telephone conference.

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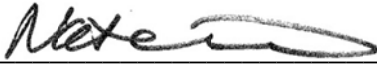
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1 The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time the telephone conference  
2 will be held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the Court of its  
3 recommendation for further ADR proceedings.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Date: May 12, 2014

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8 Nathanael M. Cousins  
9 United States Magistrate Judge  
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