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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

### SAN FRANCISCO

DENNIS M. LORENZ, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SAFEWAY INC., SAFEWAY BENEFIT PLANS COMMITTEE, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:16-cv-04903-JST

JOINT STIPULATION TO CONTINUE DEADLINE TO FILE DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS; <del>[PROPOSED]</del> ORDER

Assigned to Hon. Jon S. Tigar

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Plaintiff, Dennis M. Lorenz ("Plaintiff"), and Defendants, Safeway Inc. ("Safeway") and Safeway Benefit Plans Committee ("Benefit Plans Committee"), collectively ("Defendants"), through their counsel, hereby stipulate and agree that:

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed a complaint against Defendants and Great-West Financial RPS LLC ("Great-West") on August 25, 2016;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint on September 16, 2016 (Docket No. 7); WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint on November 21, 2016 (Docket No. 31);

WHEREAS, the Court dismissed the claims against Great-West with prejudice and consequently removed Great-West as a defendant in this action on March 13, 2017 (Docket No. 58);

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed a Third Amended Complaint on March 31, 2017 (Docket No. 66):

WHEREAS, after the Court found this matter to be related to the case of Maria Karla Terraza v. Safeway Inc., et al. (No. 16-cv-03994-JST) (see Docket No. 26), the Parties in this matter and Terraza streamlined their discovery process;

WHEREAS, the Parties Stipulated to Continue Case Deadlines, and this Court has entered orders continuing case deadlines on December 18, 2017 (Dkt. 79), February 21, 2018 (Dkt. 84), and April 27, 2018 (Dkt. 92);

WHEREAS, the Parties have exchanged initial disclosures, engaged in written discovery and exchange of documents, and taken 21 fact witness depositions;

WHEREAS, the Parties are in the expert discovery phase of this litigation and in the process of preparing and taking depositions of seven expert witnesses on or before the current deadline to complete expert witness on June 20, 1018;

WHEREAS, although the Parties have been working diligently and cooperatively in the discovery process and in preparing this case for trial, the Parties believe that their most recent stipulation (Dkt. 92), which the Court entered prior to the deadline for expert disclosures, does not provide adequate time to complete expert discovery and file a dispositive motion. The current schedule only provides seven days between the deadline to complete expert discovery and the

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deadline to file a dispositive motion. The Parties therefore respectfully request that the Court 2 continue the deadline for filing dispositive motions from June 28, 2018 to July 6, 2018 with the 3 opposition due on July 20, 2018, reply due on July 26, 2018, and the hearing on August 9, 2018; WHEREAS, the Parties have previously made three requests to extend the deadlines for 4 5 completing discovery and filing dispositive motions, and the pretrial and trial dates (Dkts. 79, 84, and 92); 6 WHEREAS, the Parties do not propose any change in the trial schedule or the remainder of 7 8 the pretrial schedule; 9 NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties, through their respective counsel, hereby stipulate, subject 10 to the approval of the Court, to continue the deadline to file dispositive motions from June 28, 2018 11 to July 6, 2018 with the opposition due on July 20, 2018, reply due on July 26, 2018, and the 12 hearing on August 9, 2018. 13 IT IS SO STIPULATED. DATED: June 19, 2018 TRUCKER **→** HUSS 14 15 By: /s/R. Bradford Huss R. Bradford Huss 16 Attorneys for Defendants SAFEWAY INC. and SAFEWAY BENEFIT 17 PLANS COMMITTEE 18 DATED: June 19, 2018 SCHNEIDER WALLACE COTTRELL KONECKY WOTKYNS, LLP 19 By: /s/Jason H. Kim 20 Jason H. Kim Attorneys for Plaintiff 21 I attest that my firm has obtained concurrence in the filing of this document from Jason H. 22 Kim. 23 DATED: June 19, 2018 24 TRUCKER **→** HUSS 25 By: /s/R. Bradford Huss 26 R. Bradford Huss Attorneys for Defendants 27 SAFEWAY INC. and BENEFIT PLANS

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# [PROPOSED] ORDER

Good cause exists for an order continuing the deadlines to file dispositive motions from June 28, 2018 to July 6, 2018 with the opposition due on July 20, 2018, reply due on July 26, 2018, and the hearing on <u>August 16, 2018</u>, if the Court determines that oral argument is appropriate.

DATED: June 22, 2018

Hor. Jon S. Tigar United States District