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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 Northern District of California 9 10 Oakland Division 11 GREGORY HALL, et al., No. C 08-03447 LB 12 Plaintiffs, ORDER STRIKING DOCKET ENTRY #111 AND DIRECTING PARTIES TO v. 13 FILE JOINT DISCOVERY LETTER APARTMENT INVESTMENT AND **BY OCTOBER 15, 2010** 14 MANAGEMENT, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 The district court referred the current discovery dispute and all further discovery to this Court on 17 18 August 12, 2010. ECF No. 96 at 1. On August 17, 2010, this Court denied without prejudice 19 Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel and directed the parties to follow Judge Beeler's Standing Order 20 regarding discovery disputes. ECF No. 97 at 1. The Court granted the parties permission to meet 21 and confer via telephone. 22

The Standing Order requires that if a meet and confer does not resolve the outstanding issues, "the parties shall file a *joint* letter instead of a formal motion." Judge Beeler's Standing Order, ECF No. 97-1 at 2 (emphasis added). Although the Standing Order requires the parties to file a *joint* letter, on September 21, 2010, the parties in this matter filed *separate* letters regarding the pending discovery dispute. ECF No. 111. Because they failed to comply with this Court's Standing Order, docket entry 111 and its attachment are **HEREBY STRICKEN** and will not be considered by the Court. Lead trial counsel for all parties shall submit a joint letter by October 15, 2010. If lead trial

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counsel are unable to submit a joint letter by that time, the Court will require the parties to meet and confer in person. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: September 29, 2010 LAUREL BEELER United States Magistrate Judge