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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION

TODD ASHKER, *et al.*,
Plaintiffs,
v.
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, *et al.*,
Defendants.


Case No.: 4:09-cv-05796-CW
CLASS ACTION
**ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFFS' ADMINISTRATIVE
MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL**
Honorable Robert M. Illman

1 The Court has received Plaintiffs' Administrative Motion to File Under Seal, and the
2 Declaration of Carmen E. Bremer in support of the same. Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(a),
3 Plaintiffs have shown that the portions of the documents to be sealed are entitled to protection
4 under the law because they contain confidential information that Defendants claim could harm
5 CDCR institutional safety and security if disclosed. *See Dugan v. Lloyds TSB Bank, PLC*, No.
6 12-cv-02549-WHA (NJV), 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 51162, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 9, 2013)
7 (finding that good cause may exist to seal records "if disclosure of the information might harm
8 a litigant's competitive standing"). Plaintiffs have met the "good cause" standard for sealing
9 portions of Plaintiffs' Reply in Support of their Motion Regarding Inadequate RCGP
10 Verification Reviews ("Plaintiffs' Reply"), together with Exhibits A and B to the Declaration of
11 Carmen E. Bremer in support thereof, because Plaintiffs have shown that they contain
12 confidential information that Defendants claim would harm institutional safety and security,
13 and would further compromise ongoing investigations of alleged prison gang activity if
14 disclosed. *See Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006).

15 Having considered Plaintiffs' Administrative Motion to File Under Seal and the
16 Declaration of Carmen E. Bremer in support of same, and good cause appearing therefor,
17 Plaintiffs' Motion is hereby GRANTED.

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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21 Dated: February 13, 2018

22 By: 
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24 Honorable Robert M. Illman
25 United States Magistrate Judge

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