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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

6 **ANTON A. RIVERA AND DENISE A. RIVERA,**

7 Plaintiffs,

8 v.

9 **JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., et al.,**

10 Defendants.
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Case No. 16-cv-00636 YGR

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

12 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the Court hereby refers this
13 foreclosure-related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a telephone
14 conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. Plaintiffs'
15 and defendants' counsel shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by the ADR
16 Unit as soon as possible but no later than March 18, 2016.

17 Plaintiffs' and defendants' counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

- 18 (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents.
19 (2) Prospects for loan modification.
20 (3) Prospects for settlement.

21 The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone
22 conference.

23 In preparation for the telephone conference, plaintiffs shall do the following:

- 24 (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether
25 they have merit.
26 (2) If plaintiffs are seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims,
27 plaintiffs shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the
28 information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification

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request. Further, plaintiffs shall immediately notify defendants' counsel of the request for a loan modification.

- (3) Provide counsel for defendants with information necessary to evaluate the prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or application customarily used by financial institutions.
- (4) In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for defendants shall do the following.
- (5) If defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving notice of plaintiffs' request, counsel for defendants shall promptly notify plaintiffs to that effect.
- (6) Arrange for a representative of each defendant with full settlement authority to participate in the telephone conference.

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 22, 2016


YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE