1 BRIAN STRETCH United States Attorney 2 DEBORAH STACHEL Acting Regional Chief Counsel, Region IX 3 Social Security Administration MARCELO ILLARMO (MABN 670079) 4 Special Assistant United States Attorney 5 160 Spear Street, Suite 800 San Francisco, California 94105 6 Telephone: (415) 977-8944 7 Facsimile: (415) 744-0134 E-Mail: Marcelo.Illarmo@ssa.gov 8 Attorneys for Defendant 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 SAN JOSE DIVISION 12 CASE NO.: 5:15-CV-6047-PSG 13 JULIE ASHE, Plaintiff, 14 STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER VS. 15 CAROLYN W. COLVIN, 16 Acting Commissioner of Social Security, Defendant. 17 18 19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties, through their assigned counsel, subject to the Court's approval, that plaintiff be awarded attorney fees and expenses under the Equal 20 21 Access to Justice Act, (EAJA) in the amount of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE 22 DOILLARS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTS (\$2,553.73), and costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920 in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00). This amount represents compensation for all legal 23 24 services counsel rendered on behalf of Plaintiff in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 25 28 U.S.C. §§ 2412(d), 1920. 26 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will consider the 27 matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560

U.S. 586, 598 (2010), the ability to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to

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any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees and expenses shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees approved to be made directly to Plaintiff's counsel, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff may have relating to EAJA attorney fees and expenses in connection with this action.

This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 1, 2016 /s/ Andrew Shaffer

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**ORDER** APPROVED AND SO ORDERED: Both Lalen heeman Dated: <u>CE \* \* • of OFF</u> United States FkmkevJudge