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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

MARK VASQUEZ PAJAS, et al., Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF MONTEREY, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 16-cy-00945-BLF

ER DENYING PLAINTIFFS' ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL

[Re: ECF 153]

Plaintiffs have filed an administrative motion requesting that Exhibit 234 in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Partial Summary Adjudication be sealed, as well as those portions of Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Adjudication which refer to Exhibit 234. Plaintiffs state that they bring the sealing motion "out of an abundance of caution" because, although Defendant County did not designate Exhibit 234 as confidential pursuant to the protective order entered in this case, the County produced Exhibit 234 to Plaintiffs with a prior stamp of "Confidential" on it.

Where the moving party requests sealing of documents because they have been designated confidential by another party, the burden of establishing compelling reasons for sealing is placed on the designating party. Civ. L.R. 79-5(e). "Within 4 days of the filing of the Administrative Motion to File Under Seal, the Designating Party must file a declaration . . . establishing that all of the designated material is sealable." Civ. L.R. 79-5(e)(1). "If the Designating Party does not file a responsive declaration . . . and the Administrative Motion to File Under Seal is denied, the Submitting Party may file the document in the public record no earlier than 4 days, and no later than 10 days, after the motion is denied." Civ. L.R. 79-5(e)(2).

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Defendants did not file a declaration addressing Exhibit 234 and the time to do so has expired. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' administrative sealing motion is DENIED. Plaintiffs may file Exhibit 234, as well as their Motion for Partial Summary Adjudication, in the public docket without redaction no earlier than 4 days, and no later than 10 days, after the date of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 10, 2018

BETH LABSON FREEMAN United States District Judge