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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 Paul Hupp,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 Kamala Harris, Secretary,

15 Respondent.
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Case No.: 16-cv-00767-GPC-BGS

ORDER

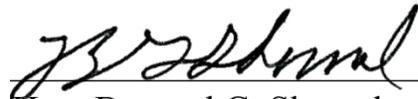
17 Pursuant to the Southern District of California Local Rules, parties are not to engage
18 in ex parte communications with Chambers. See CivLR 83.9 (“parties to any action or
19 proceeding must refrain from writing letters to the judge, or otherwise communicating with
20 the judge unless opposing counsel is present”); see also Judge Skomal’s Chambers’ Rules
21 (“Telephone calls to chambers are permitted only for matters such as calendaring or
22 addressing discovery disputes. Court personnel are prohibited from giving legal advice or
23 discussing the merits of a case on an ex parte basis.”).

24 Accordingly, **attempts to engage in telephonic ex parte communications with**
25 **chambers’ staff will not be tolerated.** If Petitioner wishes to lodge a request with the
26 Court, he must do so by filing a written request. See CivLR 83.9 (“All matters to be called
27 to a judge’s attention should be formally submitted.”).
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1 Future violation of this Order could result in sanctions. CivLR 83.1 (“failure of
2 counsel or of any party to comply with . . . any order of the court may be grounds for
3 imposition by the court of any and all sanctions authorized by statute or rule or within the
4 inherent power of the court”); CivLR 83.11 (“Any person appearing propria persona is
5 bound by these rules of court and by the Fed. R. Civ. P. or Fed. R. Crim. P., as appropriate.
6 Failure to comply therewith may be ground for dismissal or judgment by default.”).

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

8 Dated: February 8, 2018

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10 Hon. Bernard G. Skomal
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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