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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 DEARL POWELL, CHRISTINA GAST,
12 ELIJHA GONZALEZ, as individuals and
13 on behalf of all others similarly situated,

14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 WALMART, INC., et al.,

17 Defendants.
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Case No.: 20cv2412-BEN-LL

**SCHEDULING ORDER
REGULATING DISCOVERY
AND OTHER PRE-TRIAL
PROCEEDINGS**

19 On April 9, 2021, the Court held an Early Neutral Evaluation Conference (“ENE”)
20 in the above-entitled action. Settlement of the case could not be reached during the ENE
21 and the Court therefore conducted a Case Management Conference pursuant to Rule
22 16.1(d) of the Local Rules. After consulting with the attorneys of record for the parties
23 and being advised of the status of the case, and good cause appearing, **IT IS HEREBY**
24 **ORDERED:**

25 1. The parties must file a joint motion for a protective order, which includes the
26 terms of their agreement for handling confidential documents and information no later than
27 **April 23, 2021.**

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1 2. Any motion to join other parties, to amend the pleadings, or to file additional
2 pleadings shall be filed by **June 8, 2021**.

3 3. On **June 17, 2021** at **11:30 a.m. PST**, the magistrate judge will hold a
4 telephonic, attorneys-only settlement conference to discuss the status of settlement
5 negotiations and discovery. The Court will host the conference call. Counsel shall use the
6 dial-in information that will be filed by the Court as a separate notice on the docket. The
7 notice will be restricted to case participants only (i.e., counsel of record).

8 4. Any motion for class certification must be filed on or before
9 **October 12, 2021**. Counsel for the moving party must obtain a motion hearing date from
10 the law clerk of the judge who will hear the motion. Failure of counsel to timely request a
11 motion hearing date may result in the motion not being heard.

12 5. The Parties are ordered to contact the chambers of Judge Lopez within three
13 days of the Court's ruling on the motion for class certification to request an order setting
14 the remainder of the pretrial schedule.

15 6. The parties must review the chambers' rules for the assigned district judge
16 and magistrate judge.

17 7. The dates and times set forth herein will not be modified except for good cause
18 shown.

19 8. Briefs or memoranda in support of or in opposition to any pending motion
20 shall not exceed twenty-five (25) pages in length without leave of a district court judge.
21 No reply memorandum shall exceed ten (10) pages without leave of a district court judge.
22 Briefs and memoranda exceeding ten (10) pages in length shall have a table of contents
23 and a table of authorities cited.

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1 9. Plaintiff's counsel shall serve a copy of this order on all parties that enter this
2 case hereafter.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

4 Dated: April 9, 2021



Honorable Linda Lopez
United States Magistrate Judge

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