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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 VERONICA B. LOPEZ, individually, and  
12 on behalf of all others similarly situated,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 GENERAL DYNAMICS  
16 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, INC.,

17 Defendant.

Case No. 24-cv-01743-BAS-DEB

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT  
MOTION TO FILE FIRST  
AMENDED COMPLAINT (ECF No.  
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18 Presently before the Court is the parties' joint motion to grant Plaintiff leave to file  
19 a First Amended Complaint against General Dynamics Information Technology, Inc. (ECF  
20 No. 4.)


21 "In general, a court should liberally allow a party to amend its pleading." *Sonoma*  
22 *Cty. Ass'n of Retired Emps. v. Sonoma Cty.*, 708 F.3d 1109, 1117 (9th Cir. 2013) (citing  
23 Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)); *see also Owens v. Kaiser Found. Health Plan, Inc.*, 244 F.3d 708,  
24 712 (9th Cir. 2001) ("A district court shall grant leave to amend freely when justice so  
25 requires."). Further, a party may amend its pleading without a court order where the  
26 opposing party consents in writing. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2).

27 Here, considering (i) the broad policy favoring amendments to pleadings and (ii)  
28 the parties' joint motion, which indicates Defendant's consent to the amendment, the Court

1 **GRANTS** the joint motion for leave to file a First Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 4.)  
2 Plaintiff shall file her First Amended Complaint on or before **November 25, 2024**.  
3 Defendant shall file a responsive pleading on or before **December 9, 2024**.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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6 **DATED: October 24, 2024**

  
**Hon. Cynthia Bashant**  
**United States District Judge**