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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 10 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

11 SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a Nevada
 limited liability company,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE
 CORPORATION, a government entity;
 15 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, a foreign
 limited liability company; SANDRA SALAS, an
 16 individual; and DOES I through X; and ROE
 CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,
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18 Defendants.

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 20 FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE
 CORPORATION, a government entity; and
 21 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, a foreign
 limited liability company;

22 Counterclaimants,

23 v.

24 SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a Nevada
 limited liability company; DOES I through X;
 25 and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,
 inclusive,
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27 Counter-Defendants.
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Case No. 2:15-cv-00806-APG-NJK

ORDER GRANTING

**JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE PARTIES
 FROM REQUIREMENT OF HAVING
 ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD ATTEND
 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

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1 Pursuant to the Court's August 21, 2020 and September 10, 2020 orders regarding the
2 upcoming settlement conference, ECF No. 80 and ECF No. 83, Defendants/Counterclaimants
3 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (**Freddie Mac**) and Nationstar Mortgage LLC, and
4 Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC respectfully request the Court excuse the
5 parties from being required to have "all counsel of record" in attendance at the settlement conference
6 currently scheduled for November 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

7 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

8 **I. ARGUMENT.**

9 The Court's August 21, 2020 order requires "all counsel of record" to "appear for the duration
10 of the settlement conference." (ECF No. 80 at 1.) It also states, "[r]equests for an exception must be
11 supported by a compelling justification[.]" (Id. at 2.)

12 Freddie Mac and Nationstar collectively have more than one attorney appearing as counsel of
13 record on their behalf, as does SFR. The parties request that the Court only require them to each
14 have one attorney in attendance at the settlement conference. Melanie D. Morgan, Esq. plans to
15 attend the settlement conference on behalf of Freddie Mac and Nationstar and is prepared in good
16 faith to attend and negotiate a settlement on their behalf. Diana S. Ebron, Esq. plans to attend the
17 settlement conference and is prepared in good faith to attend and negotiate a settlement on behalf of
18 SFR. The parties respectfully request that all other counsel of record be excused from the attendance
19 requirement set forth in this court's August 21, 2020 order. (ECF No. 80).

20 The Court should find a compelling justification exists to excuse all other counsel of record
21 besides the two referenced above from attending the settlement conference. Each party has more
22 than one attorney¹ at their firms listed as counsel of record who have appeared and worked on this
23 matter either currently or previously. Many are not actively involved in preparing for the upcoming
24 settlement conference, and would not meaningfully contribute to settlement negotiations as a result².

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27 ¹ Nationstar currently has the following attorneys appearing as counsel of record on the docket: Melanie D.
28 Morgan, Esq. and Donna Wittig, Esq. SFR has the following attorneys appearing as counsel of record on the
docket: Howard C. Kim, Esq., Diana S. Ebron, Esq., Jacqueline A. Gilbert, Esq., and Karen L. Hanks, Esq.

1 Requiring 6 attorneys to be in attendance at the November 18, 2020 settlement conference would not
2 promote efficiency and is not proportional to the needs of the case.

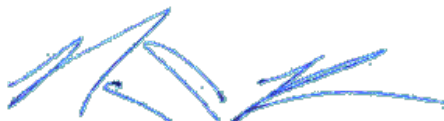
3 **II. CONCLUSION.**

4 For the foregoing reasons, Nationstar, Freddie Mac, and SFR respectfully request the Court
5 excuse all counsel other than Ms. Morgan and Ms. Ebron from attending the November 18, 2020
6 settlement conference.

<p>8 DATED: October 21, 2020.</p> <p>9 AKERMAN LLP</p> <p>10 /s/ Melanie D. Morgan</p> <p>11 MELANIE D. MORGAN, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 8215 DONNA M. WITTIG, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 11015 1635 Village Center Circle, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89134</p> <p>14 Attorneys for Nationstar Mortgage LLC and 15 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation</p>	<p>DATED: October 21, 2020.</p> <p>KIM GILBERT EBRON</p> <p>/s/ Diana S. Ebron</p> <p>DIANA S. EBRON ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10580 JACQUELINE A. GILBERT, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10593 KAREN L. HANKS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 9578 7625 Dean Martin Drive, Suite 110 Las Vegas, Nevada 89139</p> <p>Attorneys for SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC</p>
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17 **ORDER**

18 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
Case No. 2:15-cv-00806-APG-NJK

22 DATED: __ October 22, 2020 _____