

1 The defendant has listed several deposition transcripts it intends to use at trial, but it does
2 not designate the portions of those transcripts it will use, as required by Local Rule 16-3(b)(10).
3 This makes it impossible for the plaintiff to object as required by Local Rule 16-3(b)(11).

4 Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4 are designed to streamline trial preparation and presentation,
5 and to foster settlement. The parties cannot simply wait to make trial decisions until the eve of
6 trial. If they do, they cannot conduct effective settlement discussions. It is apparent from the
7 proposed Joint Pretrial Order that the parties ignored the spirit, purpose, and language of Local
8 Rule 16-3. The proposed order will be rejected. The parties shall submit a new proposed joint
9 order addressing these identified problems and complying with Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4.

10 IT IS ORDERED that the parties' Joint Pretrial Order (**ECF No. 37**) is **REJECTED**. The
11 parties shall personally confer as required in Local Rule 16-3, and submit a Joint Pretrial Order
12 that complies with Local Rule 16-4 by May 14, 2018.

13 DATED this 1st day of May, 2018.

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16 ANDREW P. GORDON
17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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