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7
 8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 LAUSTEVEION JOHNSON,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 JAMES DZURENDA; FRANK DREESEN;
 14 REGINA BARRETT; JOSEPH LEWIS;
 15 TIMOTHY KNATZ; DAVID WILLIS AND
 16 JO GENTRY,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:17-cv-01671-APG-EJY

**JOINT STIPULATION AND ORDER
 TO CONTINUE THE DEADLINE TO
 FILE A JOINT DISCOVERY PLAN
 AND SCHEDULING ORDER
 REGARDING REOPENING
 DISCOVERY**

(SECOND REQUEST)

17 Plaintiff, Lausteveion Johnson (“Plaintiff”), by and through his appointed counsel, Frank
 18 M. Flansburg, III, Esq., and Emily A. Ellis, Esq., of the law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck,
 19 LLP, and Defendants, James Dzurenda, Frank Dreesen, Regina Barrett, Joseph Lewis, Timothy
 20 Knatz, David Willis, and Jo Gentry (“Defendants”, and together with Plaintiff, the “Parties”) by
 21 and through their counsel Aaron D. Ford, Esq., and Austin T. Barnum, Esq., hereby submit this
 22 Joint Stipulation and Order to Continue the Deadline to file a Joint Discovery Plan and Scheduling
 23 Order Regarding Reopening Discovery (Second Request).

24 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

25 **I. RELEVANT BACKGROUND**

26 On August 2, 2022, this Court held a status conference in this matter (the “Status
 27 Conference”). During the Status Conference, the Parties informed the Court that they were working
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1 together to agree upon the reopening of discovery and the parameters of the same. In light of this,
2 the Court ordered the Parties to work together and file, on or before August 26, 2022, either (i) a
3 stipulation to reopen discovery, which would include a proposed revised discovery plan, or (ii) a
4 joint motion with competing proposals due. Following the Status Conference, the Parties worked
5 diligently to agree upon the terms of a stipulation to reopen discovery, including engaging in written
6 meet and confer efforts as well as lengthy personal telephonic conferences. As a result of these
7 good faith meet and confer efforts, the Parties have orally agreed to certain terms for reopening
8 discovery.

9 However, because the Parties had not had the opportunity to formalize the agreement and
10 prepare a stipulation by the Court ordered deadline, the Parties filed a Joint Stipulation and Order
11 to Continue the Deadline to file a Joint Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order Regarding Reopening
12 Discovery (First Request) (“First Stipulation”). (ECF No. 205.) As stated in the First Stipulation,
13 counsel for Defendants had recently received orders from the military that he would be deployed
14 for three weeks, starting August 26, 2022, during which time he would not be able to participate in
15 this case. Additionally, counsel for Plaintiff, Troy Domina, left the law firm of Brownstein Hyatt
16 Farber Schreck, LLP, with his last of August 26, 2022. Because of the foregoing, the Parties
17 required additional time to formalize the stipulation to reopen discovery and requested that the
18 Court extend such deadline to October 7, 2022. The Court granted the First Stipulation on August
19 30, 2022. (ECF No. 206.)

20 Thereafter, Plaintiff’s counsel worked to restaff the matter and Defendants’ counsel was
21 deployed, unable to work on the matter. Following Defendants’ counsel’s return, Plaintiff’s
22 counsel was able to restaff the matter and the Parties continued to discuss the terms for reopening
23 discovery. Counsel are currently working on the formal stipulation to reopen discovery, but have
24 been unable to finalize the same for submission by the October 7, 2022, deadline because of the
25 complexities and scope of the agreement, as well as scheduling issues. As such, the Parties file the
26 instant stipulation respectfully seeking one additional week to file the stipulation to reopen
27 discovery, up to and including, October 21, 2022.

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1 **II. LEGAL DISCUSSION**

2 **A. EXTENDING TIME.**

3 (1) In General. When an act may or must be done within a specified time, the
4 court may, for good cause, extend the time:

5 (A) with or without motion or notice if the court acts, or if a request
6 is made, before the original time or its extension expires; or

7 (B) on motion made after the time has expired if the party failed to act
8 because of excusable neglect.

9 Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(b)(1).¹

10 The United States Supreme Court has recognized, “Rule 6(b) gives the court *extensive*
11 *flexibility* to modify the fixed time periods found throughout the rules, whether the enlargement is
12 sought before or after the actual termination of the allotted time.” *Lujan v. Nat’l Wildlife Fed.*, 497
13 U.S. 871, 906 n. 7 (1990) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted) (emphasis added); *see*
14 *also Perez-Denison v. Kaiser Found. Health Plan of the Nw.*, 868 F. Supp. 2d 1065, 1079 (D. Or.
15 2012) (citing and quoting *Lujan*, 497 U.S. at 906). Further, this rule, like all the Federal Rules of
16 Civil Procedure is to be liberally construed to effectuate the general purpose of seeing that cases
17 are tried on the merits. *Ahanchian v. Xenon Pictures, Inc.*, 624 F.3d 1253, 1258 (9th Cir. 2010).
18 Regarding “good cause,” it is a non-rigorous standard that has been construed broadly across
19 procedural and statutory contexts. *Id.* (citing several circuits *Venegas–Hernandez v. Sonolux*
20 *Records*, 370 F.3d 183, 187 (1st Cir.2004); *Thomas v. Brennan*, 961 F.2d 612, 619 (7th Cir.1992);
21 *Lolatchy v. Arthur Murray, Inc.*, 816 F.2d 951, 954 (4th Cir.1987)).

22 Based on the foregoing, the Parties respectfully submit that good cause exists to grant the
23 requested extension. As such, the Parties hereby stipulate and request the Court grant them an
24 extension of the deadline for the parties to file a Joint Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order
25 Regarding Reopening Discovery to October 21, 2022.

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27 ¹ LR IA 6-1(a): “A motion or stipulation to extend time must state the reasons for the
28 extension requested and must inform the court of all previous extensions of the subject deadline the
29 court granted.” Further, a “stipulation or motion seeking to extend the time to file an opposition or
30 reply to a motion, or to extend the time fixed for hearing a motion, must state in its opening
31 paragraph the filing date of the subject motion or the date of the subject hearing.” LR IA 6-1(c).

1 **III. CONCLUSION**

2 For the reasons stated above, the Parties hereby stipulate and respectfully request the Court
3 continue the deadline to file a Joint Discovery Plan and Scheduling Order Regarding Reopening
4 Discovery to October 21, 2022.

<p>5 DATED this 7th day of October, 2022</p> <p>6 BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK, 7 LLP</p> <p>8 BY: <u>/s/ Emily A. Ellis, Esq.</u> FRANK M. FLANSBURG III, ESQ. EMILY A. ELLIS, ESQ.</p> <p>9 <i>Attorneys for Plaintiff Lausteveion Johnson</i></p>	<p>DATED this 7th day of October, 2022</p> <p>STATE OF NEVADA OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL</p> <p>BY: <u>/s/ Austin T. Barnum, Esq.</u> AARON D. FORD, Attorney General AUSTIN T. BARNUM, Deputy Attorney General</p> <p><i>Attorneys for Defendants</i></p>
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13 **ORDER**

14 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the
15 foregoing stipulation is approved and the deadline to file a Joint Discovery Plan and
16 Scheduling Order Regarding Discovery currently scheduled for October 7, 2022, is
17 VACATED and rescheduled for October 21, 2022.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 REYNA J. ZOUCHAK
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

22 DATE: October 11, 2022

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