

1 the deposition to be offered” so the other party can properly object to the specific testimony. The
2 defendant did not designate page and line numbers as required.

3 The parties stipulate into evidence the “Ohio Security Insurance Company policy, Bates
4 LMIC000001-85.” *Id.* at 3. Yet the defendant lists as a separate exhibit a Liberty Mutual
5 Insurance Company Policy No. BAS (15) 55530738 with the same Bates numbers as the Ohio
6 Security policy: LMIC000001-000085. *Id.* And the plaintiff objects to this document despite it
7 apparently being a stipulated exhibit. The parties need to clarify this exhibit.

8 Next, the plaintiff files one objection to all 54 exhibits listed by the defendant: “Plaintiff
9 objects to the foregoing as inadmissible due to lack of relevance, prejudice, undue waste of time
10 and lack of foundation.” *Id.* at 7. The defendant similarly files one objection to all 69 of the
11 plaintiff’s exhibits: “Defendant objects to the foregoing as inadmissible due to lack of
12 foundation, hearsay, relevance, improper opinions, and due to unfair prejudice and lack of timely
13 and proper production.” *Id.* at 11. Local Rule 16-3(b)(8) requires the parties to identify the
14 appropriate objection to each exhibit. This helps streamline resolution of the objection at or
15 before trial. General objections to all proposed exhibits are unhelpful.

16 The plaintiff identifies 45 witnesses to call at trial and the defendant identifies 30
17 witnesses. Yet the parties state that the trial will take only four to five days. That is nearly
18 impossible. The parties apparently have not seriously considered which witnesses they intend to
19 call at trial, but instead have listed everyone somehow connected to this case.

20 The only remaining claim is for breach of contract. The parties clearly have not seriously
21 considered the evidence and witnesses they need to offer at trial. Instead, they have simply listed
22 nearly every document and witness identified through discovery. Local Rule 16-3 requires the
23 parties to personally discuss these and other issues. The requirements in Local Rules 16-3 and

1 16-4 are designed to streamline the trial preparation and presentation, and to foster settlement.
2 The parties cannot simply wait to make trial decisions until the eve of trial. If they do, they
3 cannot fully participate in settlement discussions. It is apparent from the proposed Joint Pretrial
4 Order that the parties either ignored Local Rule 16-3, or did not properly conduct the required
5 conference in the spirit of the rule.

6 I ORDER that the parties' Joint Pretrial Order (**ECF No. 62**) is **REJECTED**. The
7 parties shall personally confer as required in Local Rule 16-3, and submit a Joint Pretrial Order
8 that complies with Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4 by December 9, 2020.

9 DATED this 9th day of November, 2020.



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11 ANDREW P. GORDON
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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