

1 which requires parties to state the ground for each objection to each exhibit. That way, the
2 parties and I can more easily resolve objections.

3 Similarly, the parties list what appears to be every witness identified during discovery.
4 The parties also list several “person[s] most knowledgeable” instead of actual names. The
5 parties should know by now who the actual witnesses will be. Any undisclosed witnesses will be
6 excluded from testifying at trial. LR 16-3(b)(12).

7 The proposed form of order does not comply with Local Rule 16-4.

8 Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4 are designed to streamline trial preparation and presentation,
9 and to foster settlement. The parties cannot wait until the eve of trial to make trial decisions.
10 Such tactics prevent full participation in settlement discussions and deprive the other side the
11 ability to efficiently prepare for trial. It is apparent from the proposed Joint Pretrial Order that
12 the parties ignored Local Rule 16-3.

13 I THEREFORE ORDER that the parties’ Joint Pretrial Order (**ECF No. 36**) is
14 **REJECTED**. The parties shall confer as required in Local Rule 16-3 and submit a Joint Pretrial
15 Order that complies with Local Rules 16-3 and 16-4 by January 31, 2022. Failure to do so may
16 result in sanctions against the parties and their attorneys, which may include fines and dismissal
17 of claims and defenses.

18 DATED this 10th day of January, 2022.

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21 ANDREW P. GORDON
22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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