

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 GURSHARAN LADDI, *et al.*,

CASE NO. C17-0287-JCC

10 Plaintiffs,

MINUTE ORDER

11 v.

12 SORAYA MOTOR CO., *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

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15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes come before this Court on the parties' stipulated motion to seal (Dkt.
18 No. 26).¹ The Court starts from the position that "[t]here is a strong presumption of public access
19 to [its] files." W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3); *see also Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc.*, 435
20 U.S. 589, 597 (1978). However, a particularized showing of good cause will suffice to warrant
21 sealing discovery documents attached to non-dispositive motions. *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of*
22 *Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1180 (9th Cir. 2006). The parties wish to seal Dkt. No. 17-2 because it
23 contains several months of birth and the first five digits of various Social Security Numbers. (*Id.*
24 at 2.) The Court, finding a particularized showing of good cause, GRANTS the motion and the

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26 ¹ The parties also stipulate that they will withdraw the pending, and not stipulated to, motion to seal (Dkt. No. 24).
(Dkt. No. 26 at 1.)

1 document, (Dkt. No. 17-2), shall remain sealed.

2 DATED this 11th day of April 2017.

3 William M. McCool
4 Clerk of Court

5 s/Paula McNabb
6 Deputy Clerk

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