

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A MAGISTRATE JUDGE
TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION AND APPEAL INSTRUCTIONS**

You are hereby notified in accordance with 28 U.S.C §636(c), F.R.Civ.P.73 and Local Rule 73–305, the United States Magistrate Judges sitting in Sacramento and Fresno are available to exercise the court's case dispositive jurisdiction and to conduct any or all case despositive proceedings in this action, including motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, a jury or nonjury trial, and entry of a final judgment. Exercise of this jurisdiction by a Magistrate Judge is however, permitted only if all parties voluntarily consent. You may, without adverse substantive consequences, withhold your consent, but this will prevent the court's case dispositive jurisdiction from being exercised by a Magistrate Judge.

Any appeal from a judgment entered by a Magistrate Judge is taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit or, where appropriate, for the Federal Circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a District Court.

Whether or not the parties consent to pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) the assigned Magistrate Judge will hear all motions except those case dispositive motions set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A).

A copy of the Form for "Consent to / Decline of Jurisdiction of United States Magistrate Judge" is attached hereto for pro per use and attorney information. This form is available in fillable .pdf format on the court's web site at www.caed.uscourts.gov for all attorney ECF filers. This form may be filed through CM/ECF or by pro se litigants at the appropriate Clerk's Office location.

Office of the Clerk
501 I Street, Room 4–200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Office of the Clerk
2500 Tulare Street , Suite 1501
Fresno, CA 93721

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IVAN PENA, ET AL.,
Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s),

vs.

CASE NO. 2:09-CV-01185-FCD-KJM

WILFREDO CID,
Defendant(s)/Respondents(s).

IMPORTANT

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO CONSENT OR DECLINE TO CONSENT TO JURISDICTION OF
A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE, CHECK AND SIGN THE APPROPRIATE
SECTION OF THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE.**

☐ **CONSENT TO JURISDICTION OF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C Sec. 636(c)(1), the undersigned hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment, with direct review by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in the event an appeal is filed.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

() Plaintiff/Petitioner () Defendant/Respondent

() Counsel for * _____

☐ **DECLINE OF JURISDICTION OF
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pursuant to Title 28, U.S.C. Sec 636(c)(2), the undersigned acknowledges the availability of a United States Magistrate Judge but hereby declines to consent.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

() Plaintiff/Petitioner () Defendant/Respondent

() Counsel for * _____

**If representing more than one party, counsel must indicate name of each party responding.*

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
VOLUNTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the findings and directives of Congress in 28 U.S.C. §§ 651 *et seq.*, and in recognition of the economic burdens and delay in the resolution of disputes that can be imposed by full formal litigation, Local Rule 16–271 governs the referral of certain actions to the Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program ("VDRP") at the election of parties. Plaintiff or removing party is to provide all other parties with copies of the notice at the time service is effected or, for parties already served, no more than fourteen (14) days after receiving notice from the Court. After filing of the original complaint or removal action, any party who causes a new party to be joined in the action shall promptly serve a copy of the notice on the new party.

It is the Court's intention that the VDRP shall allow the participants to take advantage of a wide variety of alternative dispute resolution methods. These methods may include, but are not limited to, mediation, negotiation, early neutral evaluation and settlement facilitation. The specific method or methods employed will be determined by the Neutral and the parties.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Local Rule 16–271, ***this Local Rule applies to*** all civil actions pending before any District Judge or Magistrate Judge in the District except that actions in the following categories are exempt from presumptive inclusion: (i) prisoner petitions and actions, including habeas corpus petitions, (ii) actions in which one of the parties is appearing *pro se*, (iii) voting rights actions, (iv) social security actions, (v) deportation actions, (vi) Freedom of Information Act actions, and (vii) actions involving the constitutionality of federal, state or local statutes or ordinances. The fact that a case falls in a category that is exempt from the presumptive applicability of this Local Rule neither (1) precludes the parties to such a case from agreeing to participate in an Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") process, nor (2) deprives the Court of authority to compel participation in an appropriate ADR proceeding.

Parties may elect Voluntary Dispute Resolution with the Court indicating that all parties to the action agree to submit the action to VDRP pursuant to Local Rule 16–271. Actions may not be assigned to VDRP over the objection of a party. (Copy of sample stipulation attached hereto.) **At the time of filing, a copy of the stipulation shall be provided to the VDRP Administrator designated below:**

Sacramento Cases

Voluntary Dispute Resolution
Program Administrator
United States District Court
501 "I" Street , Suite 4–200
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 930–4280

Fresno Cases

Voluntary Dispute Resolution
Program Administrator
United States District Court
2500 Tulare Street , Suite 1501
Fresno, CA 93721
(559) 499–5600

Attorney Identification
(include State Bar number)

Attorney(s) for:

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

IVAN PENA, ET AL.,
Plaintiff(s)

NO. ~~2:09-CV-01185-FCD-KJM~~

v.

STIPULATION TO ELECT
REFERRAL OF ACTION TO VOLUNTARY
DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM (VDRP)
PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 16-271

WILFREDO CID,
Defendant(s)

_____/

Pursuant to Local Rule 16-271, the parties hereby agree to submit the above-entitled action to
the Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program.

DATED: _____

Name:
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s)

Name:
Attorney(s) for Defendant(s)