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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
10	JAVIER F. OVANDO, )	Case No. CV 99-11629-GAF (AJWx)
11		Consolidated with CV 99-11835-GAF (AJWx)
12	) Plaintiff,	Notice to Counsel Re: Dispute Resolution
13	V. (	Procedure
14	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, et al.,	
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16	Defendant.	
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19	TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:	
20	The Court has adopted and is making available to the parties a procedure	
21	for dispute resolution for those interested in pursuing an early resolution of their	
22	cases. This procedure is not mandatory; it will be employed only in those cases	
23	where all parties agree to present the case for an early evaluation as set forth	
24	below. The following describes the program offered to the litigants.	
25	1. The case will be presented to a panel of three retired judges for	
26	purposes of conducting a one day (not to exceed seven hours) dispute resolution	
27	session. At this session, which plaintiff must attend, each side to the pending	
28	litigation will present evidence and argument to enable the mediators to make	
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an evaluation for purposes of monetary damages only of the plaintiff's claim
 against the City of Los Angeles.

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2. At the conclusion of the session, the mediators will make a unanimous written recommendation to counsel for both sides as to the settlement value of the pending lawsuit, including an award of attorney's fees. The mediators will deliver a copy of their recommendation to the plaintiff and will obtain a signed acknowledgment from the plaintiff that plaintiff has received a copy of the unanimous written recommendation.

9 3. Thereafter, each side will have fourteen days to accept or reject the
10 mediator's evaluation and recommendation by notifying the mediators in writing
11 of their position.

The mediators will forward the plaintiff's signed acknowledgment and
 each party's acceptance or rejection of the mediators' evaluation and
 recommendation, under seal, to United States District Judge Dickran Tevrizian,
 who will coordinate the settlement program for the District Court. Judge
 Tevrizian will hold the document under seal until the case is either settled or
 tried. In the case of a trial, the document will be forwarded to the trial judge,
 who will open it only after the trial has concluded.

19 5. In those cases where the parties wish to pursue settlement through20 this dispute resolution procedure, the parties are to adhere to the following:

(A) The parties are to notify Judge Tevrizian, through his
Courtroom Deputy Clerk, of their intention to pursue this form of
dispute resolution;

(B) The parties are to submit to Judge Tevrizian the names of two
retired judges — one from plaintiffs and one from defendants —
selected from the attached list.

- 27 (C) Judge Tevrizian will select a third judge from the list to28 complete the dispute resolution panel.
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1	(D) Judge Tevrizian will notify the three judges of their selection	
2	and the ground rules that apply in these cases. Thereafter, the	
3	parties will be responsible for arranging the date and time for the	
4	conference.	
5	6. The fees for the mediator's services with respect to these hearings	
6	shall be paid by the City of Los Angeles.	
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8	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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10	Dated: October 4, 2000	
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12	Garv Allen Feess	
13	Gary Allen Feess United States District Judge	
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