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WESTERN DIVISION
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID HUERTA,
Defendant.

Case No.: 2:25-CR-00841-SB

**JOINT STATUS REPORT
REGARDING PROPOSED
TRIAL DATES**

1 Pursuant to this Court's order (Dkt. 66), Defendant, David Huerta, by and
2 through his counsel of record, Marilyn E. Bednarski of McLane, Bednarski & Litt,
3 LLP and Abbe David Lowell and David A. Kolanksy of Lowell & Associates,
4 PLLC, and Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through its counsel of record,
5 the Acting United States Attorney for the Central District of California, Assistant
6 United States Attorney Neil Thakor and Chris Bulut, hereby submit this Joint Status
7 Report.

8 On January 15, 2026, the parties filed a stipulation to continue the trial now
9 set for February 17, 2026, to May 11, 2026, and to continue the pretrial conference
10 to April 28, 2026, and to reset the pretrial filing due dates accordingly. Dkt 64. The
11 stipulation was based on Defendant's contention that the government's discovery
12 production on January 13, 2026, and the government's filing of its omnibus
13 opposition to Defendant's pretrial motions warranted additional investigation,
14 discovery, and pretrial filings. Dkt. 64, ¶ 10b. The government did not object to the
15 request for a continuance. Dkt. 64, ¶ 10e. On January 16, 2026, Defendant filed an
16 Unopposed *Ex Parte* Application to Schedule a Brief Conference, or in the
17 Alternative, to Vacate the January 20 Pretrial Filing Dates. Dkt. 65.

18 This Court thereafter issued an order extending the filing of pretrial
19 documents to January 28, 2026 (as the Court did not know at that point whether it
20 would be able to accommodate the parties' continuance request) and ordering the
21 parties to file a joint status report by January 21, 2026 selecting, if possible, one of
22 two trial dates. Dkt. 66.

23 Counsel for the parties met and conferred on January 20, 2026 and were able
24 to agree to jointly propose to this Court that trial commence at the end of May or
25 beginning at the first opportunity thereafter available to this Court. Due to their
26 respective trial and other conflicts, the parties could not agree to the trial
27 commencing on March 30, 2026 or April 6, 2026 because of the following: counsel

1 for Mr. Huerta Abbe Lowell commences an approximate four week, postponed civil
2 trial in Boston, Massachusetts on March 2, 2026 in *Steiner et al. v. eBay Inc. et al.*,
3 No. 1:21-cv-11181-PBS (D. Mass.) (four defendants); counsel for the government
4 AUSA Neil Thakor commences a three to five day trial in the Central District of Los
5 Angeles (C.D. Cal.) on April 6, 2026 in *United States v. Kelly Boylan*, 5:24-CR-
6 00098-WLH (single defendant); and, counsel for Mr. Huerta Marilyn E. Bednarski
7 commences a two week trial in the C.D. Cal. on April 20, 2026 in *United States v.*
8 *Steven Lankford, et. al.*, CR 24-00077-WLH (four defendants). Additionally, the
9 week of April 6 falls in the middle of a religious holiday that is observed by both
10 Mr. Lowell and Mr. Kolansky.

11 Further, Government counsel advises that it intends to make an additional
12 production of discovery this week and is working on other outstanding discovery
13 requests made by Mr. Huerta's counsel on January 19, 2026.

14 The parties are aware that this Court is also engaged in a multiple defendant
15 trial estimated to last thirty days commencing on or about April 14, 2026 in *United*
16 *States v. Cruz Hernandez, et. al.*, CR 2:17-00117-SB.

17 To accommodate the Court's and their schedules, the parties agree they will
18 all be available to try this case at the end of May or at the first opportunity thereafter,
19 following conclusion of *Cruz Hernandez*, when this Court is available.

20 Finally, Mr. Huerta requests that if this Court resets the trial date, it should
21 reset the various pretrial filing dates (including those now set for January 28, 2026)
22 consistent with that new trial date. The government does not object to this request.

1 DATED: January 21, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

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3 McLANE, BEDNARSKI & LITT, LLP

4 By: /s/ Marilyn E. Bednarski
5 Marilyn E. Bednarski
6 Attorney for Defendant Huerta

7 DATED: January 21, 2026

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12 DATED: January 21, 2026

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