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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

8 Manuel de Jesus Ortega Melendres, on behalf
9 of himself and all others similarly situated; et
10 al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 Joseph M. Arpaio, in his individual and official
14 capacity as Sheriff of Maricopa County, AZ; et
al.,

15 Defendants.

NO. CV-07-02513-PHX-GMS

**DEFENDANTS MARICOPA
COUNTY AND ARPAIO'S REPLY
TO PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO
DEFENDANTS MARICOPA
COUNTY AND ARPAIO'S
REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE**

16 Defendants Maricopa County and Joseph M. Arpaio welcome Plaintiffs
17 willingness to meet and confer and will initiate and arrange for meetings to occur in
18 Phoenix, Arizona to not only discuss settlement options but to also explore whether or not
19 litigation issues between the parties may be resolved. The Defendants are not requesting
20 that settlement discussions delay the April court dates currently scheduled by the Court.

21 In addition to potential areas of settlement, there are also litigation issues
22 which should be addressed by the parties and absent resolution and stipulation, addressed
23 by the Court. Defendants, based upon plaintiffs response, have already reached out to
24 them in a good faith attempt to meet and confer on all pending issues before this court.

25 Defendants see no need to reply to those arguments raised on Lines 11
26 through 23 of Plaintiffs response. Those arguments can be made and addressed at the
27 April 2015 Evidentiary Hearing and add nothing to the defendants good faith attempt to
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1 explore areas of possible settlement.

2 Regardless of whether the discussions between the parties are successful,
3 the Defendants would, nonetheless, urge the Court to set a settlement conference in late
4 February 2015, so that the Plaintiffs and Defendants have an opportunity to meet and to
5 report to the Court on the progress of those settlement discussions and solicit the thoughts
6 and feelings of the Court on those disputed issues that would remain unresolved as of the
7 date of the settlement conference.

8 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 3rd day of February, 2015.

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