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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA—WESTERN DIVISION

OMAR VARGAS, ROBERT
BERTONE, MICHELLE HARRIS,
and SHARON HEBERLING
individually, and on behalf of a class
of similarly situated individuals,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY,

Defendant

Case No. CV12-08388 AB (FFMx)
Hon. Judge André Birotte Jr.
Crt Rm No. 790

CLASS ACTION

**[PROPOSED] ORDER SETTING
DATE FOR FINAL FAIRNESS
HEARING, SCHEDULE FOR
BRIEFING THEREON, AND
REAFFIRMING ORDER
GRANTING PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL**

1 The Court HEREBY orders as follows:

2 1. The case is hereby REOPENED.

3 2. The Order Granting Preliminary Approval (ECF No. 133), entered by
 4 the Court on April 25, 2017, remains valid and effective following the Ninth
 5 Circuit Court of Appeal’s opinion vacating the order granting final approval and
 6 remanding for a “more searching inquiry” in evaluating whether the Class Action
 7 Settlement should be finally approved. The Settlement Class as defined in the
 8 Order Granting Preliminary Approval remains certified and the opt-out and
 9 objection deadline of September 7, 2017 has not changed.

10 3. Plaintiffs, Defendant Ford Motor Company, Objectors Brenda
 11 Lott, Suzanne Lutz, Carlie Olivant, Gail Slomine, and Philip Woloszyn (the “Lott
 12 Objectors”) and Objector James DeBolt have agreed to participate in a mediation
 13 conducted by Professor Eric D. Green of Resolutions, LLC. The parties shall
 14 jointly report to the Court the results of any mediation relating to the proposed
 15 Class Action Settlement by January 15, 2020.

16 4. Following efforts to mediate the dispute, the parties and objectors¹
 17 shall comply with the following briefing schedule:

Due Date	Event/Filing
January 24, 2020	Renewed Motion(s) for Final Approval
January 24, 2020	Plaintiffs’ Renewed Motion for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Incentive Payments
<u>January 31, 2020</u>	Objectors’ Opposition(s) to Renewed Motion(s) for Final Approval and/or


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¹ Only Class Members who objected to the Class Action Settlement by September 5, 2017 may file an opposition to the Renewed Motion for Final Approval and Renewed Motion for Attorneys’ Fees.

	Renewed Motion for Attorneys' Fees.
February 7, 2020	Optional Reply Brief(s) in Support of Renewed Motion(s) for Final Approval and/or Motion for Attorneys' Fees
February 28, 2020 at 10:00 am	Final Fairness Hearing, at 350 West First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 - Courtroom 7B

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 22, 2019

By: 

Hon. André Birotte, Jr.
U.S. District Judge

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