

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE  
LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

PATRICK JOSEPH SORIA, et  
al.,

Defendants.

CV 18-3041 DSF (RAOx)

Order GRANTING Ex Parte  
Application to Withdraw  
Reference; Order GRANTING  
Ex Parte Application for Order  
to Show Cause re Contempt

The ex parte application to withdraw the reference in Defendant Patrick Soria's bankruptcy case, USBC Case No. 1-18-bk-11229-MT, is GRANTED. Good cause exists for permissive withdrawal of the reference because Soria essentially admits that the bankruptcy filing was done to avoid this Court's preliminary injunction and imposition of a receivership. It is a clear effort to forum shop and raises significant concerns that Soria seeks to buy time for further dissipation of assets -- and potentially -- destruction of evidence.<sup>1</sup> Some or all core proceedings may be re-referred to the bankruptcy court after this Court has determined whether the case should proceed by Receivership or Bankruptcy Trustee.

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<sup>1</sup> The Court is not suggesting that Soria's counsel is aware of Soria's intent or complicit in his conduct.

The Receiver is temporarily excused from compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 543 pending a motion under 11 U.S.C. § 543(c) or 11 U.S.C. § 305. Such a motion should be filed no later than June 4, 2018.

The ex parte application for an order to show cause re contempt is GRANTED. Patrick Soria, Steve Mehdian aka Steve Median, and Creativenote, Inc. are ordered to appear before this Court on May 30, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. and show cause why they should not be held in contempt of this Court for the alleged violations of this Court's orders described in the ex parte application. The hearing on the previous order to show cause re contempt is also advanced to May 30, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

**ALL PARTIES COVERED BY THE COURT'S PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ARE ORDERED TO CONTINUE COMPLIANCE UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 5/22/18



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Dale S. Fischer  
United States District Judge