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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In Re: KIA HYUNDAI VEHICLE  
THEFT MARKETING, SALES  
PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS  
LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No.: 8:22-ML-3052 JVS(KESx)

**Order No. 5: Appointing Mediator**

This document relates to:  
  
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1 This matter having come before the Court; and the Court having found that  
2 mediation would conserve the resources and be in the best interests of the Court and the  
3 parties;

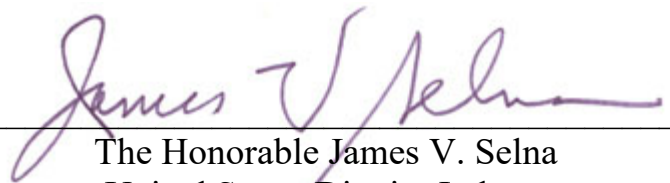
4 IT IS on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023,

5 ORDERED THAT:

- 6 1. Hon. Margaret M. Morrow (ret.), of Judicate West, shall be appointed mediator  
7 in this action (“Mediator”). The Court notes that this MDL potentially  
8 encompasses groups with separate claims and interests (consumers, municipal  
9 entities, insurers) and the Court recognizes the defendants and each of these  
10 groups might reasonably find it beneficial to conduct separate settlement  
11 discussions, and shall be permitted to do so at their discretion
- 12 2. In agreeing to serve as mediator in this matter, the Mediator has run a conflicts  
13 check and has concluded that nothing prevents her from serving in this matter  
14 without bias or prejudice.
- 15 3. The terms of the Mediator’s services, responsibilities, powers, and  
16 compensation shall be governed by separate agreement between the Mediator  
17 and the Parties.
- 18 4. The Court shall be permitted to contact the Mediator *ex parte* regarding the  
19 status of mediation, but not the merits of the case.
- 20 5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from  
21 the implementation of this Order.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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24 Dated: March 17, 2023

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26 The Honorable James V. Selna  
27 United States District Judge  
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