

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Sonya Cardenas v. ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan, et al.

Cardenas · No. 2:25-cv-10168-FMO-MAR · Decided January 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Central District of California dismissed the action without prejudice after counsel advised the court that the matter had settled. The court retained jurisdiction and allowed the parties 45 days to reopen the action for good cause if the settlement was not consummated.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Central District of California
DECIDED	January 20, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-10168-FMO-MAR
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The action was dismissed without prejudice after counsel advised the court that the action had settled.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Sonya Cardenas v. ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan, et al.

TOPICS

civil procedure remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the settled action should be dismissed without prejudice and without costs.
- Whether the court should retain jurisdiction and permit reopening if the settlement was not consummated.

HOLDINGS

1. The action was dismissed without costs and without prejudice based on counsel's representation that the action had settled.
2. The court retained full jurisdiction and allowed the action to be reopened for good cause shown within 45 days if the settlement was not consummated.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned action is hereby dismissed without costs and without prejudice to the right, upon good cause shown within 45 days, to re-open the action if settlement is not consummated.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Counsel informed the court that the parties had settled the action. The court conditioned dismissal on the settlement's consummation and preserved the parties' ability to seek reopening for good cause within 45 days.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Counsel advised the district court that the action had settled. The court dismissed the action without costs and without prejudice, while retaining jurisdiction and allowing reopening for good cause within 45 days if the settlement was not consummated.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 629-30 (1962)

OPINION

3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9
SONYA CARDENAS CASE NO: 2:25-cv-10168-FMO-MAR 10 Plaintiff(s), 11 v. ORDER
DISMISSING ACTION 12 ILWU-PMA WELFARE PLAN, et al. WITHOUT PREJUDICE 13 14
Defendant(s). 15 16 17 Having been advised by counsel that the above-entitled action has been
settled, 18 IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned action is hereby dismissed without costs 19
and without prejudice to the right, upon good cause shown within 45 days, to re-open the 20 action
if settlement is not consummated.

The court retains full jurisdiction 21 over this action and this Order shall not prejudice any party to
this action. Failure 22 to re-open or seek an extension of time to re-open the action by the deadline
23 set forth above shall be deemed as consent by the parties to dismissal of the 24 action without
prejudice. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); Link v. Wabash R.R.

Co., 25 370 U.S. 626, 629-30, 82 S.Ct. 1386, 1388 (1962). 26 27

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