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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by Plaintiffs Joe Alfaro and Yoni Israel Marin Romero, individually, and on behalf of the Class they represent, and Defendant Broadly, Inc., subject to the approval of the Court, that this class and representative action is settled pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth below in this Amended Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release Claims.

DEFINITIONS

- 1. "Action" means the class and representative action entitled Joe Alfaro and Yoni I. Marin, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated employees, Plaintiffs, v. Broadly, Inc and Does 1 through 100, Defendants, Case No. RG 19022174 pending in the Superior Court for the State of California, County of Alameda filed on June 7, 2019, and amended on May 27, 2020 by a First Amended Complaint.
- 2. "Administrator" means CPT Group, Inc., or such other entity which the Parties mutually agree shall serve as Administrator.
- 3. "Administration Payment" means the payment to the Administrator for the actual and direct costs reasonably charged by the Administrator for its services in administering the Settlement. The Administration Payment is estimated not to exceed \$10,000 which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.
- 4. "Agreement", "Settlement Agreement" or "Stipulation of Settlement" refers to this Amended Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of Claims.
- 5. "Attorneys' Fees and Costs Payment" means such payment of attorneys' fees and litigation costs as the Court may authorize to be paid to Class Counsel for the services they have rendered to Plaintiffs and the Class and expenses they have incurred in prosecuting the Action. The Attorneys' Fees and Costs Payment will be paid out of—and will not increase the Gross Settlement Amount. Any portion of the Attorneys' Fees and Costs Payment not awarded shall remain with the Gross Settlement Amount and be made available for payments to Participating Class Members.
 - 6. "Class" means the aggregate group of Class Members.
 - 7. "Class Counsel" means the law firms of Lebe Law, APLC and Cohelan Khoury

& Singer.

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- 8. "Class Member(s)" means all current and former employees that worked for Broadly, Inc., as a member of the sales team in California at any time during the period from June 7, 2015, and through May 1, 2020, and excluding any persons who opt-out.
 - 9. "Class Period" means June 7, 2015 through May 1, 2020, inclusive.
- 10. "Complaint" means the complaint filed in the Action, and subsequently amended on May 27, 2020 by a First Amended Complaint ("FAC"). The FAC alleges the following claims: (1) failure to pay minimum, regular and overtime wages (Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Order 4 §§ 3, 4; (2) failure to provide meal periods or compensation in lieu thereof (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and IWC Order 4, §11; (3) failure to authorize and permit rest periods or pay compensation in lieu thereof (Labor Code §§ 226.7, and IWC Order 4, §12 (4) failure to reimburse necessary business expenses (Labor Code § 2802, and IWC Order 4, §7; (5) failure to provide accurate wage statements (Labor Code § 226); (6) failure to timely pay wages at termination of employment (Labor Code §§ 201 - 203); (7) Unfair Business Practices (Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.); and (8) civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq., for the above-referenced Labor Code violations.
 - 11. "Court" means the Superior Court of the State of California County of Alameda.
 - 12. "Defendant" means Broadly, Inc.
 - 13. "Defendant's Counsel" means Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP.
- 14. "Employer Tax Obligations" means the employer's share of payroll taxes, including, but not limited to, FICA, Medicare, ETT, FUTA, and SUTA, etc., with respect to the portion of the Participating Class Member's allocated as wages. The Tax Obligations shall be paid by Defendant in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount.
- 15. "Effective Date of Settlement" means the date when the Settlement becomes Final.
 - 16. "Final" is defined as when the last of the following dates occurs:
 - If there is an objection to the Settlement, the date the Court enters a) judgment;

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- b) If an objection to the Settlement is made and Judgment entered, but no appeal is filed, the date the judgment is affirmed and is no longer subject to appeal;
- c) If Judgment is entered and a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the date the Judgment is affirmed and no longer subject to appeal
- 17. "Final Approval Order and Judgment" means an Order and Judgment issued by the Court in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit 4** approving the Settlement and this Agreement as binding upon the Parties and the Class Members.
- 18. "Gross Settlement Amount" (or "GSA") means the maximum amount Defendant shall pay under this Settlement. The GSA is \$875,000 and consists of the a) Attorneys' Fees and Costs Payment; b) the Class Representatives' Service Payment; c) LWDA Payment (75% of the PAGA Payment); d) PAGA Members' Payment (25% of the PAGA Payment); e) the Administration Expenses; and f) Class Members' Settlement Payments. The GSA is non-reversionary and no portion will revert to Defendant under any circumstances. The Parties agree, covenant, and represent that Defendant shall be required to pay only the Gross Settlement Amount and the Employer Tax Obligations.
- 19. "LWDA Payment" means the 75% portion of the PAGA Payment, i.e. \$18,750, to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), for all applicable civil penalties under the California Labor Code's Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2699 et seq.
- 20. "Net Settlement Amount" means the amount remaining after the Courtapproved deductions from the Gross Settlement Amount for the a) Attorneys' Fees and Costs Payment; b) the Class Representative Service Payments; c) the LWDA Payment; d) PAGA Member Payment (25% of the PAGA Payment), and e) the Administration Expenses.
- 21. "Notice" (or "Class Notice") means the Court-approved Notice of Class Action Settlement informing Class Members of the terms of the proposed Settlement, of their rights to object, to request exclusion from the Class, to dispute the information upon which their Settlement Payments are calculated, as well as the date set for the Final Approval Hearing,

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among other things, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1.

- 22. "Notice Packet" means collectively, the Court-approved Notice, Change of Address form (in a form substantially similar to **Exhibit 2)**, and a pre-printed return envelope to be mailed to all Class Members.
- 23. "PAGA Member", a subset of the Class, means all current and former employees that worked for Broadly, Inc., as a member of the sales team in California at any time during the PAGA Period.
- 24. "PAGA Member Payment" means the 25% of the PAGA Payment, i.e., \$6,250 to be distributed to PAGA Members based on the number of Pay Periods employed during the PAGA Period.
- 25. "PAGA Period" means the period of time from May 3, 2018 through May 1, 2020.
- 26. "PAGA Payment" means the allocation of \$25,000 from the Gross Settlement Amount of which 75% (\$18,750) will be paid to the California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), for all applicable civil penalties under the California Labor Code's Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2699 et seq., and of which 25% (\$6,250) will remain with the Gross Settlement Amount for distribution, on a proportionate basis to all PAGA Members.
- 27. "Participating Class Member" means a Class Member who did not return a valid and timely request for exclusion in the manner and by the Response Deadline as set forth in the Notice and this Agreement.
 - 28. "Parties" means Plaintiffs and Defendant.
 - 29. "Party" means any of said Parties.
- 30. "Pay Period" means any period during the Class Period in which Class Members were employed by Defendant. (Class Members were paid every 14 days). Defendant represents there are an aggregate of 3,137 Pay Periods worked by the estimated 154 Class Members during the Class Period.
 - 31. "Plaintiff", "Plaintiffs", or "Class Representatives" means Joe Alfaro and/or

Yoni Israel Marin Romero.

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- 32. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the order issued by the Court substantially in the form attached as **Exhibit 3**, that preliminarily approves the terms and conditions of this Settlement, approves the Notice of Class Action Settlement and method of dissemination, grants conditional certification of the Class, appoints Plaintiffs as the Class Representatives, their counsel as Class Counsel, and the Administrator, and setting of a Final Approval Hearing date.
- 33. "Released Claims" are defined as all claims, charges, complaints, liens, demands, causes of action, obligations, damages and liabilities, that each Class member had, now has, or may hereafter claim to have against Defendant, ("Releasee") and that were asserted in the Action, or that arise from or could have been asserted based on any of the facts, circumstances, transactions, events, occurrences, acts, disclosures, statements, omissions or failures to act alleged in the First Amended Class and Representative Action Complaint ("Operative Complaint") filed in the Action, regardless of whether such claims arise under state and/or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or common law, or other source of law ("the Released Claims"). The Released Claims specifically include, but are not limited to (1) Unpaid Wages; (2) Failure to Pay Meal Period Premium Pay; (3) Failure to Pay Rest Break Premium Pay; (4) Failure to Reimburse for Business Expenses; (5) Inaccurate Wage Statements; (6) Waiting Time Penalties; and (7) Unfair Competition. The enumeration of these specific statutes shall neither enlarge nor narrow the scope of res judicata based on the claims that were asserted in the Action or could have been asserted in the Action based on the facts and circumstances alleged in the Operative Complaint.
- 34. "Released Parties" means Defendant Broadly, Inc., and its parents, subsidiaries, officers, shareholders, members, directors, agents, attorneys, employees, and insurers.
- 35. "Response Deadline" means sixty (60) days after the initial mailing of the Notice Packet by the Administrator for Class Members to postmark and return a valid and timely request for exclusion or a dispute concerning the information upon which their Settlement Payment will be calculated. Written objections may be submitted by the Response

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- 36. "Service Payment" means the amount the Court authorizes to be paid to each Class Representative over and above his individual Settlement Payment in recognition of his work and efforts in obtaining the benefits of the Settlement for the Class, for undertaking the risk for payment of costs in the event this matter had not successfully resolved, and for providing a General Release of all claims against the Released Parties. Class Representatives, Plaintiff Joe Alfaro and Plaintiff Yoni Israel Marin Romero will request, and Defendant will not oppose, a Service Payment of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) each. The Service Payment shall be paid out of—and will not increase—the Gross Settlement Amount. The Service Payments will be in addition to their respective Settlement Payments.
- 37. "Settlement" or "Agreement" means the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement and Release of Class and Representative Claims.
- 38. "Settlement Payment" means the gross amount (including any taxes or other standard withholdings) each Participating Class Member is entitled to receive based on their number of Pay Periods during the Class Period, and their number of Pay Periods during the PAGA Period:

MEDIATION

39. With substantial investigation, research, discovery, and analysis of the voluminous data, and a Class-wide damage model extrapolated through the date of mediation, on April 6, 2021, the Parties attended mediation with Francis "Tripper" Ortman, an experienced and well-regarded wage and hour class action mediator facilitating the serious and informed arms'-length negotiations. An agreement could not be reached by the end of the day, and a Mediator's Proposal was tendered to the Parties. By June 3, 2021, the offer had been accepted.

PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS

40. Plaintiffs have claimed and continue to claim that the Released Claims and claims for civil penalties under the Private Attorney Generals Act on behalf of the Labor and

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Workforce Development Agency, have merit and gives rise to the Released Parties' liability. Neither this Agreement nor any documents referred to, or any action taken to carry out this Agreement is, or may be construed as or may be used as, an admission by or against the Class Members or Class Counsel or any Party or Counsel as to the merits or lack thereof of the claims asserted, except to show resolution of the Released Claims.

NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY

- 41. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of the Action. Neither this Agreement, nor any document referred to or contemplated, nor any action taken to carry out this Agreement may be construed as, or may be used as an admission, concession, or indication by or against Released Parties that Plaintiffs' claims in the Action have merit or that they have any fault, wrongdoing, or liability to Plaintiffs or the Class on those claims whatsoever, including any concession that certification of a class continues to be appropriate in this case.
- 42. This Agreement is made for the sole purpose of consummating settlement of all causes of action contained in the First Amended Class and Representative Action Complaint. By entering into this Agreement, the Parties do not admit the allegations or contentions of the other Party, and each Party is entering into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving this matter and avoiding the time and expense incident to protracted litigation. Released Parties specifically deny all of Plaintiffs' claims as to liability and remedies, as well as Plaintiffs' class and representative allegations, and expressly reserve all rights to challenge all such claims and allegations upon all procedural and substantive grounds, including the assertion of any and all defenses if the Court does not approve this Agreement and/or if the Settlement does not become effective as defined.

INADMISSIBILITY OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 43. Whether or not the Settlement is finally approved, neither the Settlement, nor any of its terms, nor any document, statement, proceeding, or conduct related to this Agreement, nor any reports or accounts thereof, shall in any event be:
 - Construed as, offered, or admitted in evidence as, received as, or deemed A.

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to be evidence for any purpose adverse to the Released Parties, including, but not limited to, evidence of a presumption, concession, indication, or admission by any of the Released Parties of any liability, fault, wrongdoing, omission, concession or damage; or

B. Disclosed, referred to or offered or received in evidence against any of the Released Parties, in any further proceeding in the Action, or in any other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding except for purposes of settling this Action pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or enforcing the release of the Released Claims.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLASS FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY

44. The Parties stipulate to certification of the Class only for purposes of the Settlement. If, for any reason, the Settlement is not finally approved, the stipulation to certify the Class will be void. The Parties further agree that certification for purposes of the Settlement is not an admission that class action certification is proper under the standards applied to contested certification motions and that this Agreement will not be admissible in this or any other proceeding as evidence that either: (a) a class action should be certified or (b) Defendant is liable to Plaintiffs or any Class Member, other than according to the Settlement's terms.

FAIRNESS AND BENEFITS OF SETTLEMENT TO THE CLASS

45. Plaintiffs recognize the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to continue the litigation against Defendant through trial and through any possible appeals. Plaintiffs have also taken into account the uncertainty and risk of the outcome of further litigation, and the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation, including those involved in the maintenance of class certification. Plaintiffs are also aware of the burdens of proof necessary to establish liability for the claims asserted in the Action, Defendant's defenses, and the difficulties in establishing damages for the Class. Plaintiffs have also considered the lengthy and significant negotiations facilitated by Mr. Ortman at mediation on April 6, 2021, and through such time as the mediator's proposal was accepted on June 3, 2021, and beyond to reach agreement on all terms of this Agreement and exhibits. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defendant's Counsel have determined that the Settlement set forth in this Agreement, and its terms, are fair, adequate, equitable and

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best interests of all Class Members.

reasonable, the product of good faith, arms-length negotiations between the Parties, are consistent with public policy, and fully comply with applicable provisions of law, and in the

RELEASE AS TO ALL CLASS MEMBERS

46. Plaintiffs do, and all Participating Class Members will, agree that upon the Effective Date, they shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Approval Order and Judgment shall have, released the Released Parties from the Released Claims. The Settlement Payments shall be paid to Participating Class Members specifically in exchange for the release of the Released Parties from the Released Claims.

RELEASE AS TO THE LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

- 47. Pursuant to the requirements of Labor Code sections 2698, et seq., Plaintiff Alfaro is the designated agent of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), and is proceeding as a private attorney general, by bringing this enforcement action to recover civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code sections 201-203, 204, 205.5, 218.5, 226, 226.2, 226.7, 256, 510, 512, 558, 558.1, 1174.5, 1182.2, 1194, 1194.5, 1193.6, 1197, 1197.1, 1194, 1194.2, 1194.5, 1198, 2802, on behalf of the LWDA and for the group of aggrieved employees herein defined as PAGA Member(s).
- 48. The Parties agree, and Plaintiff agrees, that upon the Effective Date, the LWDA shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Approval Order and Judgment shall have, released the Released Parties from any claim for civil penalties arising out of the Released Claims or specifically enumerated in the proceeding paragraph.
- 49. As consideration for this release, the LWDA shall receive 75% of the PAGA Payment, consistent with the requirements of the Labor Code sections 2698, et seq.
- 50. PAGA Members shall receive 25% of the PAGA payment consistent with the requirements of the Labor Code sections 2698, et seq.

GENERAL RELEASE BY PLAINTIFFS

51. Plaintiffs will give upon the execution of this Agreement and Effective Date of Settlement, in addition to the Released Claims given by Participating Class Members, a general

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release of all claims, known or unknown, based on any fact, condition, or incident occurring prior to the date of this Agreement against Defendant, including a waiver of rights under California Civil Code section 1542, which states:

> A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Plaintiffs agree to release the Released Parties from all wage and hour claims, including, but not limited to, unpaid overtime or minimum wages, meal and rest period violations, untimely payment of wages, wage statement violations, penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act and all other Released Claims, "Plaintiffs' Released Claims".

FUNDING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

- 52. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the Effective Date of Settlement, Defendant shall deliver, or caused to be delivered the Gross Settlement Amount and the Employer Tax Obligations to the Administrator.
- 53. Following the anticipated Court-approved deductions for the Attorneys' Fees Payment (\$291,666.67), and Litigation Costs (up to \$17,500), Service Payment to Class Representative Joe Alfaro (\$10,000), Service Payment to Class Representative Yoni I. Marin Romero (\$10,000), LWDA Payment (\$18,750), the PAGA Member payment (\$6,250), and Administration Expenses (up to \$10,000), the remaining sum, the Net Settlement Amount estimated at \$510,833.33 will be distributed to all Participating Class Members on a proportionate basis, using the Class Member's aggregate number of Pay Periods employed during the Class Period in relation to the aggregate number of Pay Periods employed by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period.
- 54. PAGA Members will receive a share of the \$6,250 PAGA Payment based on the number of Pay Periods employed during the PAGA Period.
- 55. Within 15 days of the Administrator's receipt of the GSA, the Administrator shall distribute the Settlement Payments to Participating Class and PAGA Members, LWDA Payment to the LWDA, the Court-approved Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Costs to Class

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NOTICE/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND

SETTLEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

- 56. As part of this Settlement, the Parties agree to the following procedures for obtaining Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, and providing notice of the Settlement to the Class:
- Preliminary Approval Hearing. Class Counsel shall notice a hearing A. before the Court to request Preliminary Approval of the Settlement. In conjunction with this hearing, Class Counsel will submit this Agreement (including all exhibits) which set forth the terms of this Settlement. The proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, in a form substantially similar to Exhibit 3 will be submitted together with such motion.
- В. Information Regarding Class. Within 30 calendar days of Preliminary Approval, Defendant shall provide the Administrator with a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet containing for each member of the Class, the following: full name, most current mailing address, telephone numbers, social security number, dates of employment, the number of Pay Periods during the Class Period, and the number of Pay Periods during the PAGA Period, (the "Class List and Data").
- C. Notice to Class Members. The Administrator shall mail the Courtapproved Notice Packet, (Notice of Class Action Settlement, Change of Address form, and preprinted return envelope, Exhibits 1 and 2) by U.S. First Class Mail to all Class Members identified by Defendant's records to be Class Members and contained in the Class List and Data.
- D. Administrator. The Administrator shall be responsible (a) for printing and mailing the Notice of Class Action Settlement, Change of Address Form, and preprinted return envelope ("Notice Packet") as directed by the Court; (b) for updating mailing addresses on receipt of the Class List and Data, and performing subsequent skip-traces on undelivered

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Notice Packets; (c) establishing a toll-free number and post-office box for receipt of Class Member communications; (d) receiving and reviewing all communications from Class Members and others seeking information on eligibility as a Class Member; (e) consulting with counsel for the Parties as necessary concerning the data, resolution of disputed claims, and status of the settlement process, and weekly status reports; (f) receiving and tracking Class Member communications and requests for exclusion, objections, and disputes; (g) calculating and informing Defendant, prior to the Funding Date, of the Employer Tax Obligations; (h) calculating all Settlement Payments, including applicable taxes and withholdings; (i) distributing Settlement Payments to Participating Class and PAGA Members and to others as Ordered by the Court; (i) submitting tax documents to applicable taxing authorities; (k) handling uncashed checks; (m) cooperating with counsel for the Parties as necessary to prepare declarations in support of the motion for preliminary and/or final approval of the Settlement, and final accounting; and (1) for such other tasks as the Parties set forth in this Agreement or as the Parties mutually agree or the Court orders the Administrator to perform. The Parties each represent they do not have any financial interest in the Administrator or otherwise have a relationship with it that could create a conflict of interest. The Parties agree to cooperate in the settlement administration process and to make all reasonable efforts to control and minimize the Settlement Administration Payment.

CLASS NOTICE

- 57. The Parties agree to the following procedures for giving notice of this Settlement to the Class:
- On receipt of the Class List and Data, and after conducting a National A. Change of Address ("NCOA") database search of all Class Member addresses and making the address corrections indicated, the Administrator shall mail within ten (10) business days of receipt of the Class List and Data, the Notice Packet to all Class Members. The envelope containing the Notice Packet shall include on the exterior, front side, the following language:

IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT

You may get Money from a Class Action Settlement; your prompt reply to correct a BAD address is required.

B. Notice Packets returned to the Administrator with a forwarding address shall be re-mailed by the Administrator within three (3) business days of receipt of the returned Notice Packet. All Notice Packets returned to the Administrator as undelivered shall be researched by the Administrator using the Class Member's social security number to determine any possible new address. If an updated address is located, the Notice Packet shall be remailed immediately. Class Members who are re-mailed Notice Packets shall have their Response Deadline extended fifteen (15) calendar days from the original Response Deadline. If a Notice Packet belonging to a currently employed Class Member is returned as undelivered, the Administrator will notify the Parties and Defendant shall then confirm the most recent address they have and provide same to the Administrator for remailing of the Notice Packet no later than three (3) business days of receipt of the updated address.

C. Class Members will be responsible for keeping the Administrator apprised of any changes of address to ensure receipt of their Settlement Payment checks. A Change of Address form and pre-printed return envelope will be included in the Notice Packet.

PROCEDURE FOR OBJECTING TO OR REQUESTING EXCLUSION FROM THE SETTLEMENT

- 58. Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement or to exclude themselves from the Class shall use the following procedures:
- A. <u>Procedure for Objecting</u>. All Class Members shall have the right to submit objections to the Settlement. The Class Notice shall indicate that any Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement may return to the Administrator, a written statement that includes the specific reasons for the objection(s) on or before the Response Deadline. Class Members may also appear at the time of the Final Approval Hearing without first submitting a written objection.
- B. <u>Procedure for Requesting Exclusion from the Class.</u> Class Members must return a written statement (as directed by the Notice) no later than the Response Deadline 13 -

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stating their intention to opt out of the Class. The written request for exclusion must contain the Class Member's full name, address, telephone number, last four digits of their social security number, and be signed by that Class Member. Any Class Member who properly opts out of the Class using this procedure will no longer be a Class Member, will not be entitled to any Settlement Payment, and will not be bound by the Settlement or have any right to object, appeal, or comment thereon. Because there is no right to request exclusion from a settlement brought pursuant to the PAGA, Class Members who successfully exclude themselves, who are eligible PAGA Members, will receive their proportionate share of the \$6,250 (25% of the \$25,000 PAGA Payment) based on the number of Pay Periods they were employed during the PAGA Period. For this payment, each will release all PAGA claims alleged in the Action.

Class Members who do not return a valid and timely request for exclusion in the manner described in the Class Notice and in this paragraph, will remain in the Class and shall receive their proportionate share of the NSA (Settlement Payment) and shall be bound by all terms of the Settlement and any Judgment entered in this Action if the Settlement is approved by the Court, regardless of whether they ineffectively or untimely request exclusion from the Settlement, or do not cash their Settlement Payment checks.

C. Option to Reject the Settlement. No later than five (5) business days after the close of the regular or extended Response Deadline, whichever is later, the Administrator shall provide to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel a complete list of all persons who have timely requested exclusion from the Class, and the number of their Pay Periods. If Class Members representing more than five (5) percent of the aggregate number of Pay Periods for the Class submit valid and timely requests for exclusion, either Party will have the option at their discretion, of rejecting the Settlement in its entirety.

Counsel for the Party opting to reject the Settlement, shall make such election to reject the Settlement in a writing and served on the other Party no later than ten (10) business days following the issuance of the Administrator's notification of the number of Class Members who validly requested exclusion from the Class. If Defendant makes this election, they will assume full responsibility for the payment of the Administrator's fees and costs

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D. Plaintiffs' Right to Terminate Agreement. The GSA was negotiated based on Defendant's records which reflected 154 Class Members who worked 3,137 Pay Periods during the period from June 7, 2015 through May 1, 2020. If it is determined, following receipt of the Class List and Data by the Administrator and prior to the mailing of the Notice of Class Action Settlement, that the number of Pay Periods are more than five (5) percent greater, the Parties will agree to a good-faith renegotiation of the GSA. Plaintiffs shall have the right to declare the Settlement null and void if the renegotiation of the GSA is unsuccessful.

NO SOLICITATION OF SETTLEMENT OBJECTIONS OR EXCLUSIONS

59. The Parties agree to use their best efforts to carry out the terms of this Agreement. At no time shall any of the Parties or their counsel or agents (or the Administrator) seek to solicit or otherwise encourage anyone to submit written objections to the Settlement or requests for exclusion from eligible Class Members, or encourage anyone to appeal from the Court's Judgment.

CALCULATION OF SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS AND TAX OBLIGATIONS PAYMENT

60. The Administrator shall have the authority and obligation to calculate the amounts of the Settlement Payments in accordance with the methodology set forth in this Agreement and orders of the Court. Each Participating Class Member will be eligible to receive a Settlement Payment based upon the total number of his/her Pay Periods employed during the Class Period in relation to the aggregate number of Pay Periods employed by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period, e.g.

NSA (x) **Settlement Payment = Class Member's Total Number of Pay Periods** All Participating Class Members Pay Periods

If the Class Member also worked during the PAGA Period, he or she would be eligible to receive a proportionate share of the PAGA Payment allocated to them, e.g.:

PAGA Member Payment = \$ 6,250 (x) the PAGA Member's Number of Pay Periods All PAGA Members' Number of Pay Periods

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- 61. The Parties agree that the formulas for allocating the Settlement Payments to the Class is reasonable and that the payments are designed to provide a fair settlement to the Class, despite the uncertainties of the compensation and penalties alleged to be owed to the Class and the calculation of them.
- 62. The Parties agree that twenty (20) percent of each Settlement Payment shall be deemed wages for which the Administrator shall make all ordinary deductions for local, state, and federal taxes and withholdings or any other applicable payroll deductions, and for which an IRS W-2 Form will be issued. The Parties further agree that sixty (60) percent of each Settlement Payment will be deemed the payment of civil penalties, and twenty (20) percent deemed interest for which IRS 1099 Forms shall be issued. If the Class Member is also an eligible PAGA Member, the portion representing the civil penalties will be reported as penalties, and reported on an IRS Form 1099. The IRS W-2 and 1099 Forms shall be provided to the Participating Class and PAGA Members, and the applicable governmental authorities by the Administrator.
- 63. Each Participating Class Member will be responsible for paying all applicable local, state, and federal taxes on Settlement Payments paid under the terms of this Settlement, as described above. Each Participating Class Member shall cooperate with Defendant and the Administrator and provide documentation as requested to demonstrate such payment should any taxing authority challenge the allocation of the Settlement Payments.
- 64. It shall be the responsibility of the Administrator or its designee to timely calculate and withhold from the Settlement Payments all Participating Class Member tax obligations on the portion allocated as wages; to timely calculate and withhold from the Gross Settlement Amount the appropriate payroll deductions; to calculate and report to Defendant the necessary Employer Tax Obligations, and to prepare and deliver the necessary tax documentation for signature by all necessary parties and, thereafter, to cause the appropriate deposits of withholding taxes and informational and other tax return filing to occur. Once received from Defendant, the Administrator shall pay the Employer Tax Obligations arising out of the Settlement Payments to the appropriate taxing authorities within thirty (30) days of

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65. Defendant makes no representations as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments called for hereunder, and Plaintiffs and Participating Class Members are not relying on any statement or representation by Defendant in this regard. Plaintiffs and Participating Class Members understand and agree that except for Defendant's payment of the Employer's Tax Obligation, they will be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties assessed on the payments described herein.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS PAYMENT AND SERVICE PAYMENT

- 66. Subject to Court approval, Class Counsel shall be paid up to one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount, \$291,666.67, as Attorneys' Fees, and up to \$17,500 as reimbursement of their litigation costs. Class Counsel shall not be permitted to petition the Court for, or accept, any additional payments for fees or costs. The amounts paid in fees and costs shall be for all claims for attorneys' fees, expenses, or costs past, present, and future incurred in litigating the Action. Defendant shall not oppose Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Costs Payment request in these amounts.
- 67. The Attorneys' Fees and Costs Payment to Class Counsel shall constitute full satisfaction of any obligation to pay any amounts to any person, attorney, or law firm for attorneys' fees, expenses, or costs in the Action incurred by any attorney on behalf of the Plaintiffs and the Class, and shall relieve Released Parties of any other claims or liability to any other attorney or law firm for any attorneys' fees, expenses, and/or costs to which any of them may claim to be entitled on behalf of the Plaintiffs and/or the Class.
- 68. Subject to Court approval, Plaintiff Joe Alfaro and Plaintiff Yoni I. Marin Romero, as Class Representatives shall be paid up to \$10,000 each as Service Payments for having initiated this Action, work performed in furtherance of the Action, and the risks associated with the payment of attorneys' fees and costs in the event this matter had not successfully concluded, for the substantial benefits conferred upon the Class, and a General Release of all claims. Defendant shall not oppose the Service Payment requests in this amount. The Service Payment approved by the Court shall be a part of, and paid from, the

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Gross Settlement Amount. This payment shall not have any state or federal taxes withheld, and shall be reported on an IRS Form 1099 and provided to the Plaintiffs and applicable governmental authorities by the Administrator. Plaintiffs shall be responsible for characterizing this payment for tax purposes and for paying any taxes owing.

69. Plaintiffs' Service Payment will be paid in addition to their respective Settlement Payments.

PAGA PAYMENT

70. The Parties have allocated Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to settle the claims of the Class under Labor Code § 2699. Labor Code § 2699(i) requires any settlement under this section be distributed 75% to the California's Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") for enforcement of labor laws and education of employers, and 25% to the PAGA Members. Accordingly, \$18,750 will be issued and paid to the LWDA, and the remaining \$6,250 will be distributed on a proportional basis to all PAGA Members.

DEFENDANT'S LEGAL FEES

71. All of Defendant's own legal fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the Action as well as the employment related taxes normally paid by an employer shall be borne by Defendant.

FINAL APPROVAL HEARING AND ENTRY OF ORDER AND JUDGMENT

72. Following the Response Deadline, and on a date set by the Court as reflected in the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the Court shall conduct a Final Approval Hearing. The Parties shall present the Final Approval Order and the Judgment to the Court, in a form substantially similar to **Exhibit 4**, for its approval and entry.

PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT OF SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS

- 73. Following Final Approval, and solely for purposes of this Agreement, the Settlement Payments shall be distributed in accordance with the following eligibility requirements:
- Participating Class and PAGA Members. All Participating Class and A. PAGA Members shall receive a Settlement Payment under the plan of allocation and will be

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bound by the terms of the Settlement and any order or judgment entered by the Court approving this Settlement.

- B. Class Members Who Request Exclusion. Those Class Members who return valid and timely requests for exclusion will no longer be a member of the Class, are not Participating Class Members, are not entitled to any Settlement Payment, and will not be bound by this Settlement or any order or judgment entered by the Court approving this Settlement. However, if the Class Member is also an eligible PAGA Member, he or she shall receive a proportionate share of the \$6,250 PAGA Payment and will release all PAGA Claims alleged in the Action because PAGA Members, under the law, have no right to opt out of a PAGA Settlement.
- 74. Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members shall be paid pursuant to the formula and at the times set forth in this Agreement. The Administrator's determination of eligibility for, and the calculations of, any Settlement Payments under the terms of this Agreement, shall be conclusive, and binding on all Parties, including all Class Members, subject to the Court's final determination.
- 75. Any Settlement Payment checks issued to Participating Class Members shall remain valid and negotiable until 180 calendar days after the date of issuance of the Settlement Payment checks, and will thereafter be canceled if not cashed within that time. However, 30 calendar days after the issuance of the Settlement Payment checks, the Administrator will mail a postcard to all member of the Class, who have not by that date, cashed their checks reminding them of the void date. All sums represented by uncashed and voided checks will be transmitted, in equal parts, to two nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations providing free legal services: (1) Bet Tzedek, (www.Bettzedek.org), and (2) California Rural Legal Assistance, (www.CRLA.org). Counsel for the Parties have no interest in, or affiliation with these two designated nonprofit entities.
- 76. No person shall have any claim against the Released Parties, Defendant's Counsel, the Plaintiffs, the Class, Class Counsel, or the Administrator based on mailings, calculations, distributions and payments made in accordance with or pursuant to this

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NULLIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

77. In the event: (a) the Court does not enter any Order as requested; (b) the Court does not finally approve the Settlement; (c) the Court does not enter a Judgment which becomes final as a result of the occurrence of the Effective Date of Settlement; or (d) the Settlement does not become effective for any other reason, including either Parties' election to reject the Settlement in the event that Class Member representing more than five percent (5%) of the Class' Pay Periods timely request exclusion, or an objection which is sustained in the trial court and on all appeals, or Plaintiffs elect to rescind the Settlement in the event that the Pay Periods are exceeded by five (5) percent as set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null and void and any order or judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this Settlement shall be treated as withdrawn or vacated by stipulation of the Parties. In such a case, the Parties shall be returned to their respective statuses as of the date and time immediately before the execution of this Agreement, and the Parties shall proceed in all respects as if this Agreement had not been executed. In the event an appeal is filed from the Court's Judgment, or any other appellate review is sought prior to the Effective Date, administration of the Settlement shall be stayed pending final resolution of the appeal or other appellate review.

NOTIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION BY ADMINISTRATOR

78. The Administrator shall keep Counsel for the Parties apprised of all distributions of Settlement Payments and upon completion of administration of that portion of the Settlement, the Administrator shall provide written certification of progress of such completion to counsel for all Parties and the Court as requested.

NO EFFECT ON EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

79. The Settlement Payments issued and paid to Participating Class Members and the Service Payments issued and paid to Plaintiffs shall be deemed not to be "pensionable" earnings and shall not have any effect on the eligibility for, accrual of, or calculation of, any of the employee benefits (*e.g.* vacations, holiday pay, retirement plans, 401K, Employee Stock

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Purchase Plan, etc.) of the Plaintiffs or Participating Class Members. The Parties agree that any Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members and the Service Payments under the terms of this Agreement do not represent any modification of Participating Class Members' previously credited hours of service or other eligibility criteria under any employee stock purchase plan, employee pension benefit plan, or employee welfare benefit plan sponsored by Defendant. Further, any Settlement Payments or Service Payments shall not be considered 'compensation" in any year for purposes of determining eligibility for, or benefit accrual within, an employee stock purchase plan, employee pension benefit plan, or employee welfare benefit plan sponsored by Defendant.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 80. Exhibits. The terms of this Agreement include the terms included in Exhibits 1-4, which are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth. Any exhibits to this Agreement are an integral part of the Settlement. Any changes to exhibits following preliminary approval by the Court, shall be approved by all Parties, but shall not be resubmitted to the Court if changes are minor, clerical, and do not materially alter the originally submitted documents.
- 81. The descriptive headings of any paragraphs or sections of this Headings. Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 82. Interim Stay of Proceedings. The Parties agree to hold all proceedings in the Action, except such proceedings necessary to implement and complete the Settlement, in abeyance pending the Final Approval Hearing to be conducted by the Court.
- 83. Amendment or Modification. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by counsel for all Parties or their successors-in-interest.
- 84. Entire Agreement. This Agreement and any attached Exhibits constitute the entire agreement among these Parties, and no oral or written representations, warranties, inducements, or covenants have been made to any Party concerning this Agreement or its Exhibits other than the representations, warranties, inducements, and covenants contained and

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memorialized in such documents. All prior or contemporaneous negotiations, agreements, understandings, and representations, whether written or oral, are expressly superseded and are of no further force and effect. Each of the Parties acknowledges that it has not relied on any promise, representation, or warranty, express or implied, not contained in this Agreement.

- 85. Authorization to Enter Into Settlement Agreement. Counsel for all Parties warrant and represent that they are expressly authorized by the Parties whom they represent to negotiate this Agreement and to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to effectuate the implementation of the Settlement. In the event the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement the Settlement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement, the Parties may seek the assistance of the Mediator or the Court to resolve such disagreement.
- 86. Binding Agreement. Subject to the limitations in Paragraph 82, the Parties intend that this agreement shall be fully enforceable and binding on all Parties, including Participating Class Members, and that it shall be admissible and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms, notwithstanding the mediation confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under federal or state law. The Parties further agree that this Agreement is enforceable pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.
- 87. Binding on Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the heirs, beneficiaries, or successors of the Parties.
- 88. Assignment. None of the rights, commitments, or obligations recognized under this Agreement may be assigned by any Party, Class Member, or Counsel for the Parties without the express written consent of each other Party and their respective counsel. The representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in this Agreement are for the sole benefit of the Parties under this Agreement, and shall not be construed to confer any right or any remedy to any other person.

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- 89. California Law Governs. All terms of this Agreement and the Exhibits shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.
- 90. Venue. Any adjudicated dispute regarding the interpretation or validity of or otherwise arising out of this Agreement, or relating to the Action or the Released Claims, shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court in which the Parties seek approval of this Settlement, and the Plaintiffs, Class Members, and Defendant agrees to submit to the personal and exclusive jurisdiction and venue of that Court.
- 91. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
- 92. Facsimile and Electronic Signatures. A signed facsimile or electronic version of this Agreement shall have the same force and effect as a signed original of this Agreement.
- 93. <u>Jurisdiction of the Court</u>. The Court shall retain jurisdiction solely with respect to the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement and all orders and judgments entered in connection with the Agreement, and the Parties and their counsel submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of interpreting, implementing, and enforcing this Agreement and all related orders and judgments entered in connection. In the event judicial intervention or enforcement is necessary, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to an award or attorneys' fees, costs and interest.
- 94. Cooperation and Drafting. Each of the Parties has cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement; and the drafting of this Agreement shall not be construed against any of the Parties.
- 95. Invalidity of Any Provision. The Parties request that before declaring any provision of this Agreement invalid, the Court shall first attempt to construe all provisions valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents.
- 96. Plaintiffs' Waiver of Right to be Excluded and Object. Plaintiffs agree to sign this Agreement and by signing this Agreement are bound by the terms stated and further agree not to request to exclusion from the Class and agree not to object to any of the terms of this Agreement. Any such request for exclusion or objection shall be void and of no force or effect.

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