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20	VS.	STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE		
21	ALCLEAR, LLC; DOES 1-100			
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STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE:

This Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release ("Agreement," "Settlement," or "Stipulation of Settlement") is made and entered into by and between Plaintiffs SEANTELLE AMELIA PERUCH and JYNELLE PANGELINAN ("Plaintiffs" or "Class Representatives") on the one hand, as individuals and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and Defendant ALCLEAR, LLC ("Defendant") on the other hand, and is subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the approval of the Court. Plaintiffs and Defendant are referenced collectively herein as the "Parties."

Subject to approval of the Court, this Stipulation of Settlement shall be binding on Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class and Defendant and Released Parties (as defined in Paragraph 33 herein), and any individual or entity which could be jointly liable with Defendant, and its respective counsel, subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the approval of the Court.

RECITALS

1. On or around June 6, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a putative class action complaint in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case Number BC708534, captioned *Seantelle Amelia Peruch, Jynelle Pangelinan v Alclear, LLC* ("the Action"). The Action sought to represent:

[A] class of Defendant's ambassadors in California in a statutory period going back four years from the date this lawsuit was filed for the Third Cause of Action, three years for First Cause of Action, because the class was not paid the correct overtime and/or double time rates due to commissions, and one year for the Second Cause of Action, because the classes' pay stubs do not comply with California Labor Code Section 226. The class consists of ambassadors whose paystubs are not comprehensible, and violate various sections of California Labor Code Section 226 and/or failed to pay the right rate of overtime and/or double time on their paystubs. Class definition: Defendant's nonexempt California ambassadors whose paystubs have their total hours wrongfully reported, their overtime and/or double time rates were reported wrong, the number of hours reported on the paystubs do not match time records, the paystubs fail to specify the correct number of piece rates and amounts per piece in the breakdown for commission pay, their overtime and/or double time rates were reported at the wrong hourly rates of pay which created violations

for failure to pay the correct overtime and/or do[u]ble time rates, and for California Labor Code Section 203 penalties if their employment ended and they were not paid for all overtime and/or double time worked and/or not paid for it at the correct hourly rates within the time periods designed by California Labor Code Sections 201 and 202. Complaint, ¶ 6.

The Complaint alleged causes of action for: (1) California overtime/double time violations; (2) California Labor Code section 226 violations; (3) California Business & Professions Code section 17200 violations; and (4) California Labor Code section 203 penalties.

- 2. On or around August 9, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a first amended putative class action complaint which alleged the four causes of action asserted in the original complaint, plus a newly asserted cause of action for California Labor Code section 2699 (PAGA penalties).
- 3. Defendant denies all material allegations set forth in the Action. Notwithstanding, in the interest of avoiding further costly and protracted litigation, Defendant desires to fully and finally settle the Action and all Released Claims.
- 4. Plaintiffs' counsel, Employment Lawyers Group ("Class Counsel") in the Action, diligently investigated the claims asserted against Defendant, including any and all applicable defenses and the applicable law. The investigation included, *inter alia*, the exchange of information pursuant to informal discovery methods.
- 5. On September 24, 2018, the Parties participated in private mediation before Jeffrey Krivis, Esq. (the "Mediator"), a highly respected mediator of wage and hour class actions. After a full day of negotiation, the Parties were unable to reach a resolution. However, the mediation allowed the Parties to better assess their respective strengths and weaknesses in the Action, and Mr. Krivis' supervision of the mediation and negotiations was critical in managing the expectations of the Parties and providing a useful and neutral analysis of the issues and risks to both sides. At the conclusion of mediation on September 24, 2018, the Mediator provided a Mediator's Proposal. On October 19, 2018, the Mediator confirmed the Parties accepted his proposal.
- 6. At all times during the Action, both during and after mediation, the settlement discussions were conducted at arm's-length, and this Stipulation of Settlement is the result of an informed and detailed

analysis of both Parties' potential risks associated with continued litigation.

- 7. Based on the information produced pursuant to informal discovery, as well as Class Counsel's own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel believes the settlement with Defendant, for the consideration and on the terms set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement, is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the Settlement Class in light of all known facts and circumstances.
- 8. This Stipulation of Settlement is made and entered into by and between Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and Defendant, and is subject to the terms and conditions hereof, and to the Court's approval. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this Stipulation of Settlement Agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of compromising materially disputed claims and that nothing herein is an admission of liability or wrongdoing by Defendant. If for any reason this Stipulation of Settlement is not approved, it will be of no force or effect, and the Parties shall be returned to their original respective positions.

DEFINITIONS

As used in all parts of this Stipulation of Settlement (including any exhibits which are incorporated as part of the Stipulation of Settlement), the following terms have the meanings and definitions specified below, unless otherwise specified, and those meanings and definitions which are contained elsewhere in this Stipulation of Settlement will also be effective:

- 9. "Action" means the above-referenced matter, Seantelle Amelia Peruch, Jynelle Pangelinan v Alclear, LLC, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case Number BC708534.
- 10. "Attorneys' Fees and Costs" means attorneys' fees approved by the Court for Class Counsel's litigation and resolution of this Action, and all costs and expenses incurred and to be incurred by Class Counsel in the Action, including, but not limited to, costs and expenses associated with preparing the Settlement, securing the Court's approval of the Settlement, administering the Settlement, obtaining entry of a final order and judgment in this Action, and expenses for any experts. Class Counsel will collectively request attorneys' fees not to exceed Thirty Three and One Third (33 1/3%) of the Maximum Settlement Amount, or up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). Class Counsel will also request reimbursement of the costs and expenses associated with Class Counsel's litigation and settlement of the Action, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Defendant has agreed not to oppose Class

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27 28 Counsel's request for Attorneys' Fees and Costs, as set forth above. Any portion of the Attorneys' Fees and Costs not awarded to Class Counsel will be included with the Net Settlement Amount, to be distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

- "Class Counsel" means Employment Lawyers Group. 11.
- "Class List" means a complete list of all Settlement Class Members that Defendant will 12. diligently and in good faith compile from its records and provide only to the Settlement Administrator within thirty (30) calendar days of the Court's Preliminary Approval of this Stipulation of Settlement. The Class List will be formatted in a readable Microsoft Office Excel spreadsheet and will include each Settlement Class Member's full name, last known mailing address, Social Security Number, and pertinent dates of employment with Defendant.
 - 13. "Class Notice" means the Notice of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release.
- "Class Period" means the period from June 6, 2014 to the date on which the Court grants 14. Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- "Class Representatives" or "Plaintiffs" means Seantelle Amelia Peruch and Jynelle 15. Pangelinan.
- "Class Representative Service Awards" means the amounts to be paid to Class 16. Representatives in recognition of their effort and work in prosecuting the Action. Specifically, Plaintiffs will request that Peruch be paid Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Pangelinan be paid Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), subject to Court approval, from the Maximum Settlement Amount for their services on behalf of the Settlement Class. Any portion of the Class Representative Service Awards not awarded to Class Representatives will be included with the Net Settlement Amount, to be distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
 - 17. "Court" means the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.
 - "Defendant" means Alclear, LLC. 18.
 - 19. "Defendant's Counsel" means Jackson Lewis P.C.
- "Effective Date" means the date on which the settlement embodied in this Stipulation of 20. Settlement shall become effective after all of the following events have occurred: (i) all Parties, Class Counsel, and Defendants' Counsel have executed this Stipulation of Settlement; (ii) the Court has entered

a Preliminary Approval Order, preliminarily approving this Stipulation of Settlement; (iii) the Settlement Administrator has mailed the Class Notice to Settlement Class Members providing them with notice of their rights to object to the terms of the Settlement or opt out of the Settlement; (iv) the Court has held a Final Approval Hearing and entered a final Order and Judgment certifying the Settlement Class and approving this Stipulation of Settlement; (v) sixty-five (65) calendar days have passed since the Court has entered a final Order and Judgment certifying the Settlement Class and approving the Stipulation of Settlement; and (vi) in the event there are Notices of Objection filed prior to the Final Approval Hearing, which are not later withdrawn or denied, the later of the following events: (a) five (5) business days after the period for filing any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding opposing Court's final Order and Judgement approving this Stipulation of Settlement has lapsed without any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding having been filed; or (b) if any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding opposing the Court's final Order and Judgement approving the Stipulation of Settlement has been filed, five (5) business days after all appeals, writs or other appellate proceedings opposing the final Order and Judgement have been finally and conclusively adjudicated leaving no further appeals, writs or other appellate proceedings available as remedy or relief without any material changes to this Agreement.

- 21. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the payment to each PAGA Class Member for his or her share of the PAGA Settlement Amount.
- 22. "Individual Settlement Payment" means the payment to each Settlement Class Member for his or her share of the Net Settlement Amount (i.e. Settlement Share), reduced by the employer's and employee's share of payroll taxes.
- 43. "Maximum Settlement Amount" means the maximum settlement amount of up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$450,000.00) to be paid by Defendant to fully and finally settle and resolve the Action and Released Claims, which includes all Individual Settlement Payments to Settlement Class Members, the PAGA Settlement Amount, the Class Representative Service Awards to Plaintiffs, Settlement Administration Costs to the Settlement Administrator, employee's and employer's share of payroll taxes and other withholdings, and the Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Class Counsel. This Maximum Settlement Amount has been agreed to by Plaintiffs and Defendant based on analysis and assessment of the value of the claims of the Settlement Class. In no event will Defendant be liable for

more than the Maximum Settlement Amount under this Settlement.

- 24. "Net Settlement Amount" means the portion of the Maximum Settlement Amount remaining after deduction of the Court-approved Class Representative Service Awards, Settlement Administration Costs, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and the PAGA Settlement Amount. The Net Settlement Amount will be distributed to Settlement Class Members, in accordance with the terms set forth herein.
- 25. "Notice of Objection" means a Settlement Class Member's valid and timely written objection to this Settlement. For the Notice of Objection to be valid, it must be in writing and include: (a) the objector's full name, signature, address, telephone number, and last four numbers of his or her Social Security number, (b) the case name and number of the Action, (c) a written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by any legal support for such objection, (d) a statement of whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing and whether he or she is represented by counsel, and (e) copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based. The Notice of Objection must be filed with the Court and copies thereof must also be mailed to the Settlement Administrator, on or before the Response Deadline, as judged by the file-stamp date on the filing and postmark date on the copies submitted to the Settlement Administrator.
- 26. "PAGA Class" or "PAGA Class Members" shall consist of all allegedly aggrieved employees defined in the Complaint, specifically all Settlement Class Members who were employed by Defendant during the time period between June 4, 2017, and the date on which the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement. Besides the PAGA Class, there are two additional classes based upon the class definition defined in Paragraph 1 of the Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release. One class are those California nonexempt ambassadors employed "by Defendant from June 6, 2014 to June 5, 2017" who shall be referred to as the "\$5.00 Class," and the second class are those employed by Defendant at any time from June 6, 2017 through the date of preliminary approval who shall be referred to as the "226 Class." Accordingly there are three sub-classes; two of which intermix.
- 27. "PAGA Period" means the period from June 4, 2017 to the date on which the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 28. "PAGA Settlement Amount" means the portion of the Maximum Settlement Amount that the Parties have agreed to allocate to Plaintiffs' Labor Code § 2698, *et seq.* claims as PAGA civil penalties.

Specifically, the Parties have agreed that a total of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) shall be allocated as civil penalties under PAGA, of which Seventy Five Hundred (\$7,500.00 or seventy-five percent (75%) will be paid to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA Payment"), and Twenty Five Hundred (\$2,500.00 or twenty-five percent (25%) shall be paid on a *pro rata* basis to the PAGA Class Members, pursuant to PAGA and in accordance with Paragraph 51 of this Agreement.

- 29. "PAGA Workweeks" means the number of weeks of employment that each PAGA Class Member worked as an hourly-paid or non-exempt employee for Defendant within the State of California during the PAGA Period. The Settlement Administrator will calculate the number of PAGA Workweeks based on the number of Workweeks attributed to each PAGA Class Member.
 - 30. "Parties" means Plaintiffs and Defendant, collectively.
- 31. "Preliminary Approval" or "Preliminary Approval Order" means the Court order granting preliminary approval of this Stipulation of Settlement.
- 32. "Released Claims" means all allegations, claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action of any nature and description, against Defendant and Released Parties (as defined in Paragraph 33 herein), under state, federal, or local law, whether statutory, constitutional, contractual, common law, and administrative law claims, made or which could have been made in the Action, based on the allegations in the Complaint, and amendments thereto, from June 6, 2014 through the date the Court grants Preliminary Approval, including the following claims and any corresponding or related claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act: California overtime/double time violations; California Labor Code section 226 violations; California Business & Professions Code section 17200 violations, including, but not limited to, injunctive relief, penalties of any nature, interest, fees, and costs; California Labor Code section 203 penalties; and California Labor Code section 2699 (PAGA penalties).
- 33. "Released Parties" means Defendant and any of its current and former parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, successors, assigns, and officers, directors, employees, and shareholders thereof, if any.
- 34. "Request for Exclusion" means a written statement submitted by a Settlement Class Member indicating a request to be excluded from the Settlement. The Request for Exclusion must be in writing, signed, and contain: (a) the Settlement Class Member's full name, signature, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number; (b) the case name and number of the Action; and (c)

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a clear statement that the Settlement Class Member does not wish to be included in the Settlement. The Request for Exclusion must be returned by fax or mail to the Settlement Administrator at the address and/or facsimile number specified in the Class Notice, and, must be postmarked or fax-stamped on or before the Response Deadline. The date of the fax-stamp or postmark on the return mailing envelope will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. A Settlement Class Member who does not request exclusion from the Settlement will be deemed a Settlement Class Member and will be bound by all terms of the Settlement, if the Court grants final approval of the Settlement.

- "Response Deadline" means the deadline by which Settlement Class Members must fax or 35. postmark Requests for Exclusion, Notice of Objection, or Work Week Dispute to the Settlement Administrator, by which Settlement Class Members must fax or mail copies of the Notice of Objection or Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator, and by which Settlement Class Members must fax or postmark any Workweek Disputes to the Settlement Administrator. The Response Deadline will be forty-five (45) calendar days from the initial mailing of the Class Notice by the Settlement Administrator, unless the 45th day falls on a Sunday or Federal holiday, in which case the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the U.S. Postal Service is open. The deadline to submit a Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator, to file a Notice of Objection, or Work Week Dispute with the Settlement Administrator, or submit a Workweek Dispute to the Settlement Administrator will be extended the later of (a) fifteen (15) calendar days or (b) the Response Deadline for any Settlement Class Member who is re-mailed a Class Notice by the Settlement Administrator, unless the 15th day falls on a Sunday or Federal holiday, in which case the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the U.S. Postal Service is open. The Response Deadline may also be extended by express agreement between Class Counsel and Defendant. Under no circumstances, however, will the Settlement Administrator have the authority to extend the deadline for Settlement Class Members to submit a Request for Exclusion, Notice of Objection, or Workweek Dispute.
- "Settlement Administrator" means CPT Group or any other third-party class action 36. settlement administrator agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Court for purposes of administering this settlement. The Parties represent that they do not have any financial interest in the Settlement Administrator or otherwise have a relationship with the Settlement Administrator that could

create a conflict of interest. The Parties have agreed to use CPT Group as to administer this settlement. The Settlement Administrator's fee of \$12,000.00 will be paid – separately from the attorneys' costs and fees – from the Maximum Settlement Amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$450,000.00). The Maximum Settlement Amount shall be delivered to the Settlement Administrator no later than thirty (30) calendar days after final settlement approval unless there is an objector at the time of final approval, in which case, the Maximum Settlement Amount will be paid no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the deadline to appeal expires or any filed appeal is fully and finally resolved.

- 37. "Settlement Administration Costs" means the costs payable from the Maximum Settlement Amount to the Settlement Administrator for administering this Settlement, including, but not limited to, printing, distributing, and tracking documents for this Settlement, calculating estimated Settlement Shares for each Settlement Class Member, calculating Individual PAGA Payments for each PAGA Class Member, tax reporting, distributing the appropriate payments due under the Settlement, providing necessary reports and declarations, and other duties and responsibilities set forth herein to process this Settlement, including those requested by the Parties and the Court. The Settlement Administration Costs will be paid from the Maximum Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administration Costs are currently estimated not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) and to the extent actual Settlement Administration Costs are greater than this amount, such excess amount will be deducted from the Maximum Settlement Amount, subject to approval by the Court.
- 38. "Settlement Class" or "Settlement Class Member" means all Settlement Class Members who do not submit timely and valid, or otherwise accepted, Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement to the Settlement Administrator.
- 39. "Settlement Share" means the gross *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Amount, calculated based on Workweeks, that a Settlement Class Member may be eligible to receive under the terms of this Settlement.
- 40. "Workweeks" means the number of weeks of employment that each Settlement Class Member worked as an hourly-paid or non-exempt employee for Defendant within the State of California during the Class Period. The Settlement Administrator will calculate the number of Workweeks based on the

pertinent dates of employment for each Settlement Class Member.

41. "Workweek Dispute" means a written statement that a Settlement Class Member disputes the number of Workweeks or, if applicable, PAGA Workweeks, listed on his or her Class Notice. Any such Workweek Dispute must be faxed or mailed to the Settlement Administrator by the Response Deadline described in Paragraph 35. A valid Workweek Dispute must be in writing, signed, and contain: (a) the Settlement Class Member's full name, signature, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number; (b) the case name and number of the Action; and (c) the number of Workweeks and/or PAGA Workweeks the Settlement Class Member contends is correct and any evidence supporting his or her contention. The dispute procedure is outlined in Paragraph 60 below.

CLASS CERTIFICATION

- 42. Solely for purposes of settling the Action, and not for purposes of class certification should the matter not be fully and finally settled for any reason, the Parties stipulate that the requisites for establishing class certification with respect to the Settlement Class have been met and are met. More specifically, the Parties stipulate and agree that:
- a. The Settlement Class is ascertainable and so numerous as to make it impracticable to join all Settlement Class Members;
- b. There are common questions of law and fact including, but not limited to, the following:
 - i. Whether Defendant properly compensated its employees;
 - ii. Whether Defendant failed to provide meal and rest breaks;
 - iii. Whether Defendant failed to pay penalties for missed meal and/or rest breaks;
 - iv. Whether Defendant failed to keep the requisite wage statements;
 - v. Whether Defendant failed to provide its employees with compliant wage statements;
 - vi. Whether Defendant failed to timely pay its employees during employment;
 - vii. Whether Defendant failed to timely pay its employees their final wages;
 - viii. Whether Defendant reimbursed it employees for business expenses;

ix.	Whether	Defendant	engaged	in	unfair	business	practices	affecting	the
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- x. Whether the Class Representatives and the Settlement Class they purport to represent are entitled to injunctive and/or declaratory relief.
- 43. Class Representatives and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class; should this Settlement not be approved or be terminated, this stipulation shall be null and void and shall not be admissible for any purpose whatsoever.
- 44. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Settlement Class would create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct; should this Settlement not be approved or be terminated, this stipulation shall be null and void and shall not be admissible for any purpose whatsoever.
- 45. With respect to the Settlement Class, Class Representatives believe that questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting any individual member in such Settlement Class, and a class action is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy: should this Settlement not be approved or be terminated, this stipulation shall be null and void and shall not be admissible for any purpose whatsoever.
- 46. The Class Representatives' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Settlement Class; should this Settlement not be approved or be terminated, this stipulation shall be null and void and shall not be admissible for any purpose whatsoever.
- 47. Should this Settlement not be approved or be terminated, these stipulations shall be null and void and shall not be admissible for any purpose whatsoever. The Parties will undertake good faith efforts to reach a settlement that will be approved, if satisfactory, by the Court.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements set forth herein, the Parties agree, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:

48. <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u>. Defendant agrees not to oppose or impede any application or motion by Class Counsel for Attorneys' Fees and Costs, as follows: attorneys' fees of not more than Thirty Three and One Third Percent (33 1/3%) of the Maximum Settlement Amount or up to One Hundred Fifty

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Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) plus the reimbursement of costs and expenses associated with Class Counsel's litigation and settlement of the Action, not to exceed Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00), both of which will be paid from the Maximum Settlement Amount. Any portion of the Attorneys' Fees and Costs not awarded to Class Counsel shall be included with the Net Settlement Amount, to be distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

- 49. Class Representative Service Awards. In recognition of their effort and work in prosecuting the Action on behalf of Settlement Class Members, Defendant agrees not to oppose or impede any application or motion for Class Representative Service Awards Service Award, in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to Peruch and in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to Pangelinan, totaling Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Class Representative Service Awards, which will be paid from the Maximum Settlement Amount, will be in addition to Plaintiffs' Individual Settlement Payments paid pursuant to the Settlement. Plaintiffs agree to a separate waiver and release of all claims against the Released Parties, including a waiver of California Civil Code § 1542, and to a waiver of reemployment by the Released Parties in exchange for these payments, as set forth in Paragraphs 85 and 86. The Settlement Administrator will issue an IRS Form 1099 for the Class Representative Service Awards to Plaintiffs, and Plaintiffs shall be solely and legally responsible for correctly characterizing this compensation for tax purposes and for paying any taxes on the amounts received. Plaintiffs agree to indemnify and hold Defendant harmless from any claim or liability for taxes, penalties, or interest arising as a result of the Class Representative Service Awards. Should the Court approve the Class Representative Service Awards to Plaintiffs in an amount less than that set forth above, the difference between the lesser amount approved by the Court and the approved Class Representative Service Awards will be added to the Net Settlement Amount, to be distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 50. <u>Settlement Administration Costs</u>. The Settlement Administrator, CPT Group, will be paid for the reasonable costs of administration of the Settlement and distribution of payments from the Maximum Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00). The Settlement Administration Costs, which will be paid from the Maximum Settlement Amount, will include, *inter alia*, the required tax reporting with respect to payments under the Settlement; the issuing of 1099 and W-2 IRS Forms; distributing the Class Notice to Settlement Class Members;

 calculating Settlement Shares for Settlement Class Members and Individual Settlement Payments for Settlement Class Members; calculating Individual PAGA Payments for PAGA Class Members; distributing the Class Representative Service Awards, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, PAGA Settlement Amount, and Net Settlement Amount; and providing necessary reports and declarations. Any portion of the Settlement Administration Costs not awarded to Settlement Administrator will be added to the Net Settlement Amount, to be distributed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

- 51. <u>Individual PAGA Payments</u>. The portion of the PAGA Settlement Amount to be paid to PAGA Class Members as Individual PAGA Payments –Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or twenty-five percent (25%) of the total PAGA Settlement Amount will be allocated to PAGA Class Members, as follows:
 - a. The Settlement Administrator will calculate the total number of PAGA Workweeks of each individual PAGA Class Member ("Individual PAGA Workweeks") and the total number of PAGA Workweeks worked by all PAGA Class Members ("Total PAGA Workweeks").
 - b. To determine each PAGA Class Member's Individual PAGA Payment, the Settlement Administrator will use the following formula: Individual PAGA Payment = (\$2,500.00÷ Total PAGA Workweeks) x Individual PAGA Workweeks.

The remaining portion of the PAGA Settlement Amount – Seven Thousand Five Dollars (\$7,500.00 or seventy-five percent (75%) of the total PAGA Settlement Amount – will be paid by the Settlement Administrator to the LWDA.

- 52. <u>Net Settlement Amount.</u> The Net Settlement Amount will be paid to Settlement Class Members in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If any Settlement Class Members submit timely and valid, or otherwise accepted, Requests for Exclusion, the Settlement Administrator will proportionately increase the Settlement Share of each Settlement Class Member to ensure that the entire Net Settlement Amount is distributed to Settlement Class Members.
- 53. <u>Calculation of Settlement Shares</u>. The Net Settlement Amount will be apportioned to PAGA Class Members based the formula described in Paragraph 51. The Net Settlement Amount will be apportioned to the "\$5.00 Class" by distributing a total flat sum of \$5.00 to each member of that class. Specific calculations

of Settlement Shares and Individual Settlement Payments for the, "226 Class" will be made as follows:

- a. The Settlement Administrator will calculate the total number of Workweeks worked by each individual Settlement Class Member during the relevant time frame and the total number of Workweeks worked by all Settlement Class Members ("Class Workweeks").
- b. To determine each Class Member's estimated Settlement Share, the Settlement Administrator will use the following formula: estimated Settlement Share = (Net Settlement Amount ÷ Class Workweeks) x Workweeks.
- c. If any Settlement Class Members submit timely and valid, or otherwise accepted,
 Requests for Exclusion, the Settlement Administrator will proportionately increase
 the Settlement Share of each Settlement Class Member to ensure that the entire Net
 Settlement Amount is distributed to Settlement Class Members.
- d. The Settlement Share will be reduced by any required deductions for each Settlement Class Member as set forth herein, including the employer's and employee's share of payroll taxes or withholdings with respect to the wage portion of the Settlement Share. The amount that results is the "Individual Settlement Payment."
- Settlement Awards Do Not Trigger Additional Benefits. Any amounts paid to Settlement Class Member under this Settlement shall be deemed to be paid to such Settlement Class Member solely in the year in which such payments are issued to the Settlement Class Member. It is expressly understood and agreed that the receipt of such payments will not entitle any Settlement Class Member to additional compensation or benefits under any company bonus, contest or other compensation or benefit plan or agreement in place during the period covered by the Settlement, nor will it entitle any Settlement Class Member to any increased retirement, 401K benefits or matching benefits, or deferred compensation benefits. It is the Parties' intent that the Individual Settlement Payments provided for in this Settlement are the sole payments to be made by Defendant to the Settlement Class Members, under this Settlement, and that the Settlement Class Members are not entitled to any new or additional compensation or benefits as a result of having received the Individual Settlement Payments (notwithstanding any contrary language

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or agreement in any benefit or compensation plan document that might have been in effect during the period covered by this Settlement).

- 55. <u>Settlement Administration Process</u>. The Parties agree to cooperate in the administration of the Settlement and to make all reasonable efforts to control and minimize the costs and expenses incurred in administration of the Settlement.
- 56. <u>Delivery of the Class List</u>. Within thirty (30) calendar days of Preliminary Approval, Defendant will provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator.
- 57. <u>Notice to the Settlement Class Members</u>. Within forty-five (45) calendar days of the Court's Preliminary Approval, the Settlement Administrator will mail a Class Notice to all Settlement Class Members via First-Class U.S. Mail, using the most current, known mailing addresses identified in the Class List and after a search for updated addresses (as described in Paragraph 59 below).
- 58. Confirmation of Contact Information in the Class List. Prior to mailing the Class Notice, the Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database or any other similar services available, such as provided by Experian, for information to update the Class List and correct for any known or identifiable address changes. Any Notices returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-deliverable on or before the Response Deadline will be sent promptly via regular First-Class U.S. Mail to the forwarding address affixed thereto and the Settlement Administrator will indicate the date of such re-mailing on the Notice. If no forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator will promptly attempt to determine the correct address using a skip-trace search, and will then perform a single re-mailing indicating the date of the re-mailing on the Notice. Those Settlement Class Members who receive a re-mailed Notice (as a result of the Settlement Administrator locating an updated address by way of skip-trace search, forwarding address provided by the post office, or request from the Parties or Settlement Class Members), will have the later of (a) an additional fifteen (15) calendar days or (b) the Response Deadline to fax or postmark a Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator or file a Notice of Objection with the Court and mail copies of Notice of Objection to the Settlement Administrator.
- 59. <u>Class Notice</u>. All Settlement Class Members will be mailed a Class Notice. Each Class Notice will provide: (a) information regarding the nature of the Action; (b) a summary of the Settlement's

- Workweek Dispute. Settlement Class Members will have an opportunity to dispute the Workweeks and PAGA Workweeks (if applicable) credited to them, as reflected in their Class Notices by submitting a Workweek Dispute to the Settlement Administrator by the Response Deadline. To the extent Settlement Class Members dispute the number of Workweeks or PAGA Workweeks (if applicable) to which they have been credited, Settlement Class Members are required to produce written credible evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that such information is inaccurate. The Settlement Administrator will confer with the Parties regarding the Workweek Dispute, and the Parties will evaluate the evidence submitted by the Settlement Class Member and will make a mutually agreed upon final decision as to the number of Workweeks and/or PAGA Workweeks (if applicable) that should be applied. Absent written and credible evidence rebutting Defendant's records, Defendant's records will be presumed determinative. In the event the Parties are unable to agree, the Court will decide the Workweek Dispute.
- 61. <u>Defective Submissions</u>. If a Settlement Class Member's timely submitted Request for Exclusion, Notice of Objection, or Work Week Dispute is defective as to the requirements listed herein, that Settlement Class Member will be given an opportunity to cure the defect(s). The Settlement Administrator will mail the Settlement Class Member a cure letter within three (3) business days of receiving the defective submission to advise the Settlement Class Member that his or her submission is defective and that the defect must be cured to render the Request for Exclusion, Notice of Objection, or Work Week Dispute valid. The Settlement Class Member will have until the later of (a) the applicable Response Deadline or (b) fifteen (15) calendar days from the date the cure letter is mailed, whichever date

is later, to postmark or fax a revised Request for Exclusion, Notice of Objection, or Work Week Dispute. If a Settlement Class Member responds to a cure letter by submitting a defective revised Request for Exclusion, Notice of Objection, or Work Week Dispute then the Settlement Administrator will have no further obligation to give notice of a need to cure. If the revised Request for Exclusion is not postmarked or received by fax within the Response Period or any applicable cure period, it will be deemed untimely.

- 62. Request for Exclusion Procedures. Any Settlement Class Member wishing to opt out from this Stipulation of Settlement must sign and postmark or fax a written Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator within the Response Deadline as specified in Paragraph 34. The date of fax-stamp or the postmark on the return mailing envelope will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. All Requests for Exclusion will be submitted to the Settlement Administrator, who will certify jointly to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel all valid and timely Requests for Exclusion.
- 63. <u>Settlement Terms Bind All Settlement Class Members</u>. Any Settlement Class Member who does not affirmatively opt out of this Stipulation of Settlement by submitting a timely and valid Request for Exclusion will be part of the Settlement Class and be bound by all of the terms of the Settlement, including those pertaining to the release of Released Claims against the Released Parties, as well as any judgment that may be entered by the Court if it grants final approval to the Settlement.
- Objection Procedures. To object to the Settlement, a Settlement Class Member must state in writing and sign the following: (a) the Settlement Class Member's full name, signature, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number; (b) the case name and number of the Action; and (c) a clear statement that the Settlement Class Member is objecting. The Objection must be returned by fax or mail to the Settlement Administrator at the address and/or facsimile number specified in the Class Notice, and, must be postmarked or fax-stamped on or before the Response Deadline. The date of the fax-stamp or postmark on the return mailing envelope will be the exclusive means to determine whether an Objection has been timely submitted. The Notice of Objection must be signed by the Settlement Class Member and contain all information required by this Stipulation of Settlement. The date of filing and postmark date on the mailing envelope will be deemed the exclusive

means for determining that the Notice_of Objection is timely. At no time will any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Settlement Class Members to submit written Notices of Objection to this Stipulation of Settlement or appeal from the Final Approval Order and Judgment. The Settlement Administrator shall promptly forward all copies of Notices of Objections that it receives, to counsel for the Parties, and shall also attach copies of the Notices of Objection as an exhibit to its declaration to be filed in connection with final approval of the Settlement. The Parties shall have the option to respond to any Notices of Objection at or before the Final Approval Hearing. Any Settlement Class Member who has submitted a timely and valid, or otherwise accepted, Request for Exclusion will be foreclosed from making any objections and seeking any adjudication or review, whether by appeal or otherwise, to this Stipulation of Settlement.

- Oefendant's counsel and Class Counsel a weekly report which certifies: (a) the total number of Settlement Class Members for whom the Settlement Administrator received data from Defendant, (b) the total number of Settlement Class Members to whom Class Notices were mailed, (c) the number of Settlement Class Members who have submitted valid Requests for Exclusion; (d) whether any Settlement Class Member has disputed the Workweeks credited to them, and (e) the number of Settlement Class Members who have submitted Notices of Objection. Additionally, the Settlement Administrator will provide to counsel for both Parties any updated reports regarding the administration of this Stipulation of Settlement as needed or requested.
- 66. <u>Employer Payroll Taxes</u>. The employer's share of payroll taxes shall be included in the Maximum Settlement Amount. Each Settlement Share will be reduced for employee and employer's side of payroll taxes with respect to the wage portion of the Settlement Share. It is estimated that the employer's share of payroll taxes will be \$26,950.00.
- 67. <u>Uncashed Checks</u>. Any Individual Settlement Payment checks issued by the Settlement Administrator to Settlement Class Members and Individual PAGA Payment checks issued by the Settlement Administrator to PAGA Class Members will be valid and negotiable for at least one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after they are issued. Those funds represented by settlement checks returned as undeliverable and those settlement checks that have not been cashed or deposited for more than one hundred eighty (180)

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calendar days after issuance (together, "Unused Funds"), will be tendered in conformity with California Code of Civil Procedure section 384. The Parties have agreed to donate any amount remaining under this paragraph to Bet Tzedek Legal Services. The Settlement Administrator shall prepare a report regarding the distribution of the Unused Funds pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 384, as ordered by the Court. The Court shall set a date by which the Parties' counsel shall report to the Court the total amount that was actually paid to the Settlement Class Members. Thirty (30) days after the final report is filed with the Court, the Parties' counsel shall prepare and file a stipulation and proposed order and Proposed Amended Judgment. The stipulation and proposed order shall include, inter alia, the amount of the distribution of Unused Funds, the amount of interest accrued thereon, and any other information required to be set forth pursuant to Government Code Section 68520, as incorporated into CCP Section 384.5. The stipulation shall be signed by counsel for the class, defendant's counsel, and counsel for Bet Tzedek, and shall include a statement to the effect that all interested persons are in accord with the proposed amended judgment and have no objection to the entry of an amended judgment. If there are any objections by any party, class counsel shall immediately notify the Court and the matter will be set for further hearing. Thereafter, the Court shall amend the Final Approval and Judgment to direct Defendant to pay the sum of the Unused Funds, plus any interest that has accrued thereon, to Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

- 68. <u>Certification of Completion</u>. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator will provide a written declaration under oath to certify such completion to the Court and counsel for all Parties.
 - 69. Tax Treatment of Individual Settlement Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.
 - a. For purposes of this Stipulation of Settlement, all Individual Settlement Payments will be allocated as follows: Twenty Five Percent (25%) of each Individual Settlement Payments will be allocated as alleged unpaid wages; Twenty Five Percent (25%) will be allocated as alleged unpaid interest; and Fifty Percent (50%) will be allocated as alleged unpaid penalties and alleged non-taxable damages. The portion allocated to alleged unpaid wages will be reported on an IRS Form W-2 and subject to reduction for the employer's and employee's share

of payroll taxes and withholdings, and the portions allocated to alleged unpaid interest, penalties, and non-taxable damages will be reported on an IRS Form-1099 by the Settlement Administrator (and will be paid without reduction for any taxes or withholdings).

- For purposes of this Stipulation of Settlement, all Individual PAGA Payments
 will be allocated as alleged unpaid penalties and will be reported on an IRS
 Form-1099 by the Settlement Administrator (and will be paid without reduction
 for any taxes or withholdings).
- 70. Administration of Taxes by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to Class Representatives, Settlement Class Members, PAGA Class Members, and Class Counsel any W-2, 1099, or other tax forms as may be required by law for all amounts paid pursuant to this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator will also be responsible for forwarding all taxes, withholdings, and penalties, provided for by this Agreement, to the appropriate government authorities.
- 71. Tax Liability. Defendant makes no representation as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments called for hereunder, and Class Representatives, Settlement Class Members, and PAGA Class Members are not relying on any statement, representation, or calculation by Defendant, Class Counsel, or by the Settlement Administrator in this regard. Class Representatives, Settlement Class Members, and PAGA Class Members understand and agree that except for Defendant's payment of the employer's portion of any payroll taxes on any amounts allocated to wages, they will be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties assessed on the payments described herein.
- THIS SECTION, THE "ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY" AND EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE "ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY" AND EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT OTHER THAN THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY, ANY "OTHER PARTY") ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT (1) NO PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE BETWEEN OR AMONG THE PARTIES OR THEIR ATTORNEYS AND OTHER ADVISERS, IS OR WAS INTENDED TO BE, NOR WILL ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTE OR BE CONSTRUED OR BE RELIED UPON AS, TAX ADVICE WITHIN THE MEANING OF UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CIRCULAR 230 (31 CFR PART 10, AS AMENDED); (2) THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY (A) HAS RELIED EXCLUSIVELY UPON HIS, HER OR ITS OWN, INDEPENDENT LEGAL AND TAX COUNSEL FOR ADVICE (INCLUDING TAX ADVICE) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT, (B) HAS NOT ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF ANY OTHER PARTY OR ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR TO ANY OTHER PARTY, AND (C) IS NOT ENTITLED TO RELY UPON ANY COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE BY ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY OTHER PARTY TO AVOID ANY TAX PENALTY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY; AND (3) NO ATTORNEY OR ADVISER TO ANY OTHER PARTY HAS IMPOSED ANY LIMITATION THAT PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY SUCH ATTORNEY'S OR ADVISER'S TAX STRATEGIES (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LIMITATION IS LEGALLY BINDING) UPON DISCLOSURE BY THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY OF THE TAX TREATMENT OR TAX STRUCTURE OF ANY TRANSACTION, INCLUDING ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

- 73. <u>No Prior Assignments</u>. The Parties and their counsel represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or right herein released and discharged.
 - 74. Release of Claims by Settlement Class Members.
 - a. Upon the Effective Date, Class Representatives, and each Settlement Class Member who has not submitted a timely and valid Request for Exclusion (i.e. Settlement Class Members) will be deemed to have fully, finally and forever released, settled, compromised, relinquished, and discharged all Released Claims with respect to all of the Released Parties.
 - b. Only those Settlement Class Members who cash, deposit, or otherwise negotiate their Individual Settlement Payment checks will be deemed to have opted in for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and to have, thereby, released the Released Parties of the Released Claims which arise under the FLSA. Individual Settlement

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Payment checks will state the following statement, or something substantially similar that is agreed to by the Parties: "If you cash, deposit, or otherwise negotiate this check, you will be deemed to have opted in for purposes of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and to have, thereby, released the Released Parties of the Released Claims which arise under the FLSA." \

75. Waiver of Claims by Plaintiffs.

In addition to the release of Released Claims against the Released Parties made by the Settlement Class Members as set forth herein, Plaintiffs, each in their individual capacity and with respect to their individual claims only, agree to release the Released Parties from any and all claims, known and unknown, under federal, state and/or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, common law, or other source of law, arising as of the date of execution of this Agreement including but not limited to claims arising from or related to their employment with Defendant and their compensation while an employee of Defendant ("Class Representatives' Released Claims"). Class Representatives' Released Claims include, but are not limited to, all claims arising from or related to the Action. Class Representatives' Released Claims include all of the Released Claims and any other claims arising under the California Labor Code; any claim arising out of the California common law of contract; the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., and federal common law. Class Representatives' Released Claims also include all claims for lost wages and benefits, emotional distress, retaliation, punitive damages, and attorneys' fees and costs arising under federal, state, or local laws for discrimination, harassment, and wrongful termination, including but not limited to, 42 U.S.C. section 1981, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; California Labor Code, and the law of contract and tort. This release excludes the release of claims not permitted by law.

Class Representatives' Released Claims include all claims, whether known or unknown. Even if Plaintiffs discover facts in addition to or different from those that they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of Class Representatives' Released Claims, those claims will remain released and forever barred. Furthermore, pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, and solely with respect

to the Released Claims, Plaintiffs expressly waive any rights or benefits available to them under the provisions of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR."

- 76. Waiver of Reemployment by Plaintiffs. In addition to the releases made by Plaintiffs, as set forth in Paragraphs 85 and 86, Plaintiffs acknowledge that, because of circumstances unique to Plaintiffs, *inter alia*, irreconcilable differences, Plaintiffs shall not apply in the future for employment or re-employment with any of the Released Parties. Plaintiffs further agree that the Released Parties shall not be liable for any damages now or in the future because one of them refuses to employ any of the Plaintiffs for any reason whatsoever.
- 77. <u>Duties of the Parties Prior to Court Approval</u>. The Parties shall promptly submit this Stipulation of Settlement to the Court in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval and determination by the Court as to its fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness. The Parties shall apply to the Court for the entry of an order scheduling a Final Approval Hearing on the question of whether the Settlement, including Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Class Representative Service Awards, the PAGA Settlement Amount, and Individual Settlement Payments to Settlement Class Members, should be finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate as to the members of the Settlement Class. As part of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval, Plaintiff shall also apply to the Court for the entry of an order as follows:
 - a. Conditionally certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only;
 - b. Preliminarily appointing Plaintiffs as Class Representatives;
 - c. Preliminarily appointing Employment Lawyers Group as Class Counsel;
 - d. Approving, as to form and content, the proposed Class Notice;
 - e. Approving the manner and method for Settlement Class Members to request exclusion from or object to the Settlement, as contained herein and within the Class Notice;
 - f. Directing the mailing of the Class Notice in accordance with this Agreement;

- g. Preliminarily approving the Settlement subject only to the objections of Settlement Class Members and final review by the Court; and
- h. Enjoining Plaintiffs and any Settlement Class Member from filing or prosecuting any claims, suits or administrative proceedings regarding the Released Claims unless and until such Settlement Class Members have filed valid and timely Requests for Exclusion with the Settlement Administrator.
- 78. <u>Duties of the Parties Following Final Approval.</u> Following final approval by the Court of the Settlement provided for in this Stipulation of Settlement, Class Counsel will submit a proposed Final Approval Order and Judgment as follows:
 - a. Approving the Settlement, adjudging the terms thereof to be fair, reasonable and adequate, and directing consummation of its terms and provisions;
 - b. Certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only;
 - c. Approving Class Counsel's application for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs;
 - d. Approving the Class Representative Service Awards;
 - e. At the option of the Court, setting a date when the Parties are to report to the Court the total amount that was actually paid to the Settlement Class Members; and
 - f. Entering judgment in this Action consistent with this Agreement and California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769.
- 79. <u>Nullification of Stipulation of Settlement</u>. In the event that: (a) the Court does not finally approve the Settlement as provided herein; or (b) the Settlement does not become final for any other reason, then this Stipulation of Settlement, and any documents generated to bring it into effect, will be null and void. Any order or judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this Stipulation of Settlement will likewise be treated as void from the beginning.
- 80. <u>Preliminary Approval Hearing</u>. Plaintiffs will obtain a hearing before the Court for their Motion for Preliminary Approval of this Stipulation of Settlement, and Plaintiffs shall seek the entry of a Preliminary Approval Order for: (a) conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, (b) Preliminary Approval of the proposed Stipulation of Settlement, and (c) setting a date and time for the Final Approval Hearing. The Preliminary Approval Order will provide for the Class Notice to be sent

to all Settlement Class Members as specified herein. In conjunction with the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Plaintiffs will submit this Stipulation of Settlement, which sets forth the terms of this Settlement, and will include the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement document. Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting all documents necessary to obtain Preliminary Approval, but will provide drafts of all documents to Defendant's counsel at least two (2) business days prior to filing with the Court. Defendant agrees not to oppose the Motion for Preliminary Approval so long as it is consistent with the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement.

- Final Approval Hearing and Entry of Judgment. Upon expiration of the Response Deadline, 81. and with the Court's permission, a Final Approval Hearing will be conducted to determine whether Final Approval should be granted of this Stipulation of Settlement along with the amounts properly payable for (a) Individual Settlement Payments to Settlement Class Members; (b) the PAGA Settlement Amount; (c) the Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Class Counsel; (d) the Class Representative Service Awards; and (e) all Settlement Administration Costs. The Final Approval Hearing will not be held earlier than thirty (30) calendar days after the Response Deadline. Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting all documents necessary to obtain final approval of the Settlement, but will provide drafts of all documents to Defendant's counsel at least two (2) business days prior to filing with the Court. Class Counsel will also be responsible for drafting the application for attorneys' fees and costs to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing.
- 82. Termination of Settlement. Termination of the Settlement, under the terms otherwise set forth herein, shall have the following effects:
 - The Stipulation of Settlement shall be terminated and shall have no force or effect, a. and no Party shall be bound by any of its terms;
 - b. In the event the Settlement is terminated, Defendant shall have no obligation to make any payments to any party, Settlement Class Member or attorney, except that the terminating Party shall pay the Settlement Administrator for services rendered up to the date the Settlement Administrator is notified that the Settlement has been terminated:
 - The Preliminary Approval Order and any order of class certification, shall be c. vacated;

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- d. The Stipulation of Settlement and all negotiations, privileged statements and proceedings relating thereto shall be without prejudice to the rights of any of the Parties, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action prior to this Stipulation of Settlement
- e. Neither this Stipulation of Settlement, nor any ancillary documents, actions, statements or filings in furtherance of this Stipulation of Settlement (including all matters associated with the mediation) shall be offered into evidence in the Action or any other action for any purpose whatsoever.
- 83. Recitals, Definitions, and Exhibits Incorporated by Reference. The terms of this Agreement include the terms set forth in the Recitals, Definitions, any attached Exhibits, which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein, and which are integral parts of this Stipulation of Settlement.
- 84. Confidentiality. The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not issue any press releases, initiate any contact with the press, respond to any press inquiry, or have any communication with the press about the fact, amount, or terms of the Settlement unless so ordered by the Court. In addition, the Parties and their counsel agree that they will not engage in any advertising or distribute any marketing materials relating to the Settlement of this case prior to the Settlement unless so ordered by the Court, including but not limited to any postings on any websites maintained by Class Counsel. Any communication about the Settlement to Settlement Class Members prior to the Settlement being preliminarily approved by the Court will be limited to a statement that a settlement has been reached and the details will be communicated in a forthcoming Court-approved notice. Nothing set forth herein, however, shall prohibit the Parties from providing this Agreement to the Court and undertaking submission to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency in compliance with the PAGA statute, in connection with the Parties' efforts to seek the Court's approval of this Settlement. Neither Plaintiffs nor Class Counsel shall publicize this Settlement, including but not limited to communications through any social media, by holding a press conference, or by otherwise seeking to affirmatively contact the media about the Settlement, unless so ordered by the Court. If contacted by the media regarding the Settlement, Class Counsel will state "a settlement has been reached and the details will be communicated in a forthcoming Court-approved notice to the Settlement Class." Additionally, neither Plaintiffs nor Class Counsel will disparage the Settlement. A copy of this Agreement shall, if required by

the Court, be available to Class Members on the Class Administrator's website.

- 85. Entire Agreement. This Stipulation of Settlement and any attached Exhibits constitute the entirety of the Parties' settlement terms. No other prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements may be deemed binding on the Parties. The Parties expressly recognize California Civil Code section 1625 and California Code of Civil Procedure section 1856(a), which provide that a written agreement is to be construed according to its terms and may not be varied or contradicted by extrinsic evidence, and the Parties agree that no such extrinsic oral or written representations or terms will modify, vary or contradict the terms of this Agreement.
- 86. <u>Amendment or Modification</u>. This Stipulation of Settlement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by counsel for all Parties or their successors-in-interest, and subject to approval by the Court.
- 87. Authorization to Enter Into Stipulation of Settlement. Counsel for all Parties warrant and represent they are expressly authorized by the Parties whom they represent to negotiate this Stipulation of Settlement and to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Stipulation of Settlement to effectuate its terms and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to implement the Settlement. If 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 Court to resolve such disagreement.
- 88. Signatories. It is agreed that because the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous, it is impossible or impractical to have each member of the Settlement Class execute this Stipulation of Settlement. The Notice of Class Action and PAGA Settlement will advise all Settlement Class Members of the binding nature of the release, upon final approval of the Settlement and as of the Effective Date, with respect to those Settlement Class Member who do not affirmatively opt out of this Settlement by submitting a timely and valid Request for Exclusion, and the release of Released Claims against the Released Parties will have the same force and effect as if this Stipulation of Settlement were executed by each member of the Settlement Class.

- 89. <u>Binding on Successors and Assigns</u>. This Stipulation of Settlement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties hereto, as previously defined.
- 90. <u>California Law Governs</u>. All terms of this Stipulation of Settlement and Exhibits hereto will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.
- 91. <u>Execution and Counterparts</u>. This Stipulation of Settlement is subject only to the execution of all Parties. However, the Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them, including facsimile and scanned copies of the signature page, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument.
- 92. Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable. The Parties believe this Stipulation of Settlement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Settlement after arm's-length negotiations and in the context of adversarial litigation, taking into account all relevant factors, present and potential. The Parties further acknowledge that they are each represented by competent counsel and that they have had an opportunity to consult with their counsel regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Agreement. In addition, the Mediator may execute a declaration supporting the Settlement and the reasonableness of the Settlement and the Court may, in its discretion, contact the Mediator to discuss the Settlement and whether or not the Settlement is objectively fair and reasonable.
- 93. <u>Invalidity of Any Provision</u>. Before declaring any provision of this Stipulation of Settlement invalid, the Court will first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents so as to define all provisions of this Stipulation of Settlement valid and enforceable.
- 94. <u>Plaintiffs' Waiver of Right to Be Excluded</u>. Plaintiffs agree to this Stipulation of Settlement and, by signing this Stipulation of Settlement, are hereby bound by the terms herein. For good and valuable consideration, Plaintiffs further agree that they will not request to be excluded from this Stipulation of Settlement. Any such request for exclusion by Plaintiffs will be void and of no force or effect.
- 95. <u>Non-Admission of Liability</u>. The Parties enter into this Agreement to resolve the dispute that has arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense and risk of continued litigation. In entering into this Agreement, Defendant does not admit, and specifically denies, it has violated any federal, state, or local law; violated any regulations or guidelines promulgated pursuant to any statute or any other applicable laws,

regulations or legal requirements; breached any contract; violated or breached any duty; engaged in any misrepresentation or deception; or engaged in any other unlawful conduct with respect to its employees. Neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by Defendant of any such violations or failures to comply with any applicable law. Except as necessary in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement, this Agreement and its terms and provisions shall not be offered or received as evidence in any action or proceeding to establish any liability or admission on the part of Defendant or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or a non-compliance with, federal, state, local or other applicable law.

- 96. <u>Captions</u>. The captions and section numbers in this Agreement are inserted for the reader's convenience, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 97. <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any condition or covenant contained in this Agreement or failure to exercise a right or remedy by any of the Parties hereto will be considered to imply or constitute a further waiver by such party of the same or any other condition, covenant, right or remedy.
- 98. Continuing Jurisdiction and Enforcement Actions. Notwithstanding the entry of judgment, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769(h) and California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6, the Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction for purposes of interpreting, implementing, and enforcing the terms of this Agreement and all orders and judgment entered in connection therewith. In the event that one or more of the Parties institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other Party or Parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement, the successful Party or Parties will be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness fees incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.
- 99. <u>Mutual Preparation</u>. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement will not be construed more strictly against one party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arms-length negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this Agreement.

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- Representation By Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by 100. counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Agreement, and that this Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel, and reviewed in full. Further, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel warrant and represent that there are no liens on this Stipulation of Settlement.
- All Terms Subject to Final Court Approval. All amounts and procedures described in this 101. Stipulation of Settlement herein will be subject to final Court approval.
- Notices. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, all notices, demands or other communications given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

To Counsel for Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class:

To Counsel for Defendant:

Karl Gerber, Esq.

EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS GROUP 13418 Ventura Boulevard Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Elizabeth H. Murphy, Esq. Anna Choi, Esq. JACKSON LEWIS P.C. 725 South Figueroa, Suite 2500 Los Angeles, CA 90017

- Cooperation and Execution of Necessary Documents. All Parties will cooperate in good faith and execute all documents to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Stipulation of Settlement. If changes are necessary the Parties' counsel may execute on their behalf.
- 104. Integration Clause. This Stipulation of Settlement contains the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the settlement and transaction contemplated hereby, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral or written and whether by a party or such party's legal counsel, are merged herein. No rights hereunder may be waived except in writing.
- 105. Binding Agreement. The Parties warrant that they understand and have full authority to enter into this Agreement, and further intend that this Agreement will be fully enforceable and binding on all parties, and agree that it will be admissible and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms, notwithstanding any mediation confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under federal or state law.

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