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SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF VENTURA

MICHAEL UGUCCIONI, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

VS

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CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, a California Non-Profit Corporation,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 56-2021-00560166-CU-OE-VTA

[PROPOSED] ORDER AND JUDGMENT GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Date: June 21, 2023 Time: 8:20 a.m.

Dept.: 40

Reservation # 2715642, 2715643

[Proposed] Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement – Case No. 56-2021-00560166-CU-OE-VTA

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement and Motion for Approval of Attorneys' Fees and Costs and Class Representative's Enhancement Award. The Motions, having been fully considered by the Court, are ruled upon as follows:

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- The Class Action Settlement Agreement, and two Amendments thereto (collectively, "Settlement Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibits 1-3, is fully and finally approved and is hereby incorporated by reference and all defined terms therein shall have the same meaning in this Order as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769(d), this Court makes final the 2. conditional class certification contained in the Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, and thus certifies the class for the purposes of this settlement defined as: all individuals employed by California Lutheran University in California from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2022 who worked remotely.
- 3. Plaintiff is appointed and designated, for all purposes, as the Class Representative, and HammondLaw, P.C., is appointed and designated as counsel for the Class. The Court finds that attorneys for the Class are experienced class action litigators and have expressed the view that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, which further supports approval of the Settlement.
- The Court hereby finds that Class Notice has been sent to Class Members as previously ordered by the Court, and that such Notice fairly and adequately described the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement, the manner in which Class Members could object to or opt-out of the settlement; was the best notice practicable under the circumstances; and complied fully with California Rule of Court 3.769, and all other applicable laws.
- 5. In response to the Notice, seven Class Member opted out: Elizabeth Brown, Kathleen Braafladt, Timothy Dynice, John Crenshaw, Juli Rundgren, Sara McNeil, and Margaret Whealon.
- 6. The Court finds that a full and fair opportunity has been afforded to Class Members to participate in the proceedings convened to determine whether the proposed Settlement Agreement should be given final approval. Accordingly, the Court hereby determines that all Class Members who did not file a timely and proper request to be excluded from the settlement shall be deemed to have released the Released Parties from all Released Claims.
- In response to the Notice, two Class Members objected. The Court finds that the objection has no merit and overrules it in its entirety.
- The Court hereby finally and unconditionally approves the Settlement Agreement, enters judgment, and specifically:

- a. Approves the Gross Settlement of \$1,197,105;
- b. Approves the application for Class Representative's service award of \$7,500;
- c. Approves Class Counsels' request for an award of \$399,035, representing 1/3 of the Gross Settlement Amount, as reasonable attorneys' fees;
- d. Approves Class Counsel's hourly rates as reasonable, and within the range of market rates that attorneys with similar levels of skill, experience and reputation for handling matters of similar complexity; and finds that the fees' request is justified under the lodestar/multiplier analysis.
- e. Approves Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of litigation costs of \$15,839.20;
- f. Approves payment to CPT, Inc., the Settlement Administrator, of \$13,000.00 as costs of settlement administration; and
- g. Approves the allocation of \$25,000 as payment for penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorney Generals Act ("PAGA"), and further approves of payment of \$18,750 to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for its portion of the PAGA penalties;
- h. Approves the payment from the Net Settlement of amounts determined by the Settlement Administrator to be due to the Class Members;
 - i. Approves the Releases contained in the Settlement Agreement; and
- j. Approves the Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families as the designated cy pres beneficiary, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 384.
- 9. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 384, on or before January 25, 2024, the parties shall submit a report to the court including total amount paid to the Class, and an amended judgment directing payment of the sum of the uncashed checks, plus any interest that has accrued thereon, to the designated *cy pres* beneficiary.
- 10. Pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.769(h), the Court retains exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over the litigation to enforcing the terms of the judgment, and supervising, implementing, interpreting, and enforcing this Final Approval Order and the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED

Date: <u>8/23</u>, 202

Judge of the Superior Court