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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA**

ROBERTO OROZCO, an individual, on behalf
of himself, the State of California, as a private
attorney general, and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CLEARWATER SENIOR LIVING, LLC, a
California Limited Liability Company; CSL
BERKSHIRE OPERATING COMPANY, LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company; and DOES
1 TO 50,

Defendants.

Case Number: 56-2022-00568082-CU-OE-VTA

**~~[Proposed]~~ Order Granting Preliminary
Approval of Class Action Settlement**

Hearing Date: April 22, 2026
Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m.
Dept.: 44
Judge: Hon. Charmaine H. Buehner

VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT

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~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

This matter came for hearing on April 22, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., regarding Plaintiff's unopposed *Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement* (the "Motion") on the terms set forth in the parties' *Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement* (the "Settlement Agreement") attached as **Exhibit A**. Having considered the Settlement Agreement, all papers and proceedings held herein, and having reviewed the entire record in this action, the Court hereby finds and orders:

1. The Court grants Plaintiff leave file the overlength brief attached to the Motion.
2. All terms used in this order shall have the same meaning as defined in the Motion.
3. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement and the "Class" (as that term is defined in the Motion) based on the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement, except for the Class Period which shall be defined as July 18, 2018 through February 21, 2026 and the PAGA Period which shall be defined as July 7, 2021 through January 24, 2026. The cy pres beneficiary shall also be changed to the Ventura County Legal Aid non-profit, as agreed by the Parties during the preliminary approval hearing and in accordance with the tentative ruling.
4. The resolution set forth in the Settlement Agreement appears to be fair, adequate, and reasonable to the Class, including the payment of the non-reversionary gross settlement amount of **\$1,100,000.00** ("Gross Settlement Amount") by Defendant.
5. The Settlement Agreement, including the Gross Settlement Amount, falls within the range of reasonableness and is presumptively valid, subject only to any objections that may be raised at the final fairness hearing and final approval by this Court.
6. A final fairness hearing on the question of whether the proposed Settlement Agreement, the attorneys' fees and costs to Plaintiff's counsel, and Plaintiff's service awards should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to the members of the Class is scheduled in this department on the date and time set forth in the implementation schedule below.
7. This Court approves, as to form and content, the proposed class notice attached as Exhibit 1 to **Exhibit A** the Settlement Agreement ("Class Notice") and the proposed class share form attached as Exhibit 2 to **Exhibit A** the Settlement Agreement ("Share Form") to be distributed to the Class Members pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in substantially the same form. The Court

1 approves the procedure for Class Members to participate in, to opt out of, and to object to the settlement
2 as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

3 8. The Court directs the mailing of the Class Notice by first class mail in English and in
4 Spanish to the Class Members in accordance with the implementation schedule set forth below. The
5 Court finds the dates selected for the mailing and distribution of the Class Notice, as set forth in the
6 implementation schedule, meet the requirements of due process and constitute the best notice
7 practicable under the circumstances and due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto.

8 9. The Court preliminarily certifies the Class, as defined in the Motion, for settlement
9 purposes.

10 10. The Court confirms Plaintiff Roberto Orozco ("Plaintiff") as class representative.

11 11. The court confirms Jonathan Melmed, Meghan N. Higday, and Emily G. Horrigan of
12 Melmed Law Group P.C. as class counsel.

13 12. The Court appoints CPT Group, Inc. as the settlement administrator.

14 13. To facilitate administration of the Settlement Agreement pending final approval, the
15 court hereby enjoins Plaintiff and all Class Members from filing or prosecuting any claims, suits, or
16 administrative proceedings (including filing claims with the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement
17 of the California Department of Industrial Relations) regarding the claims to be released by the
18 Settlement Agreement, unless and until such Class Members have filed valid requests for exclusion
19 with the Settlement Administrator and the time for filing claims with the Settlement Administrator has
20 elapsed.

21 14. The Court orders the following implementation schedule for further proceedings:

22 a.	Deadline for Defendant to Submit Class List to the Settlement Administrator	[Within twenty-one (21) calendar days of this order.]
23 b.	Deadline for Settlement Administrator to Mail Notice Packets to all Class Members	[Within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Class Data from Defendants.]
24 c.	Deadline for Class Members to Postmark Workweeks Challenges	[Within forty-five (45) calendar days after mailing of the Class Notice.]
25 d.	Deadline for Class Members to Postmark Requests for Exclusion	[Within forty-five (45) calendar days after mailing of the Class Notice.]

e.	Deadline for Class Members to Submit Any Objections to Settlement	[Within forty-five (45) calendar days after mailing of the Class Notice.]
f.	Deadline for Settlement Administrator to Provide Class Counsel with Declaration of Due Diligence	[At least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the filing deadline for the Motion for Final Approval.]
f	Final Approval and Fairness Hearing	November 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

15. If any of the dates in this implementation schedule fall on a weekend, bank or court holiday, the time to act shall be extended to the next business day.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 05/13/2026



HON. CHARMAINE H. BUEHNER

Judge of the Superior Court, County of Ventura