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9	FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO	
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11	ANTHONY QUINTERO, JASON PARMITER, and JOSE FRANCISCO PENA,	Case No.: CIVSB2115731 (Consolidated with CIVSB2220246)
12	individually, and on behalf of other members of	ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO
13	the general public similarly situated, and as aggrieved employees pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA")	JUDGE JOSEPH T. ORTIZ, DEPT. S17
14	Plaintiff,	JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE
15	VS.	AND I AGA SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE
16	JC RESORTS LLC, a California limited liability	Trial Date: None Set
17	company; JC RESORTS MANAGEMENT LLC, a California limited liability company;	Complaint Filed: May 28, 2021
18	BCR MANAGEMENT, INC., a California corporation; KSC MANAGEMENT, INC., a	
19	California corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,	
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This Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release ("Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Plaintiffs Anthony Quintero, Jason Parmiter, and Jose Francisco Pena ("Plaintiffs" or "Class Representatives"), as individuals and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and Defendants JC Resorts LLC; JC Resorts Management LLC; BCR Management, Inc.: and KSC Management, Inc. ("Defendants") (collectively with Plaintiffs, the "Parties").

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to this Settlement Agreement. Definitions contained elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement will also be effective:

- 1. "Action" means Anthony Quintero, et al. v. JC Resorts LLC., et al., No. CIVSB2115731 (San Bernardino County Superior Court).
- 2. "Attorneys' Fees and Costs" means attorneys' fees agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the Court for Class Counsel's litigation and resolution of the Action, and all out-of-pocket costs incurred and to be incurred by Class Counsel in the Action, including but not limited to expert/consultant fees, investigation costs, and costs associated with documenting the Settlement, providing any notices required as part of the Settlement or Court order, securing the Court's approval of the Settlement, and administering the Settlement. Class Counsel will request attorneys' fees not in excess of one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount, or Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$523,333). The Attorneys' Fees and Costs will also mean and include the additional reimbursement of any costs and expenses associated with Class Counsel's litigation and settlement of the Action, up to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), subject to the Court's approval. Neither Class Counsel nor any other counsel shall be entitled to any amount of attorneys' fees or costs separate and apart from the Attorneys' Fees and Costs allowable under this Agreement in connection with this Settlement and the releases contained herein. Defendants have agreed not to oppose Class Counsel's request for fees and reimbursement of costs as set forth above. In the event the Court awards any different or further Attorneys' Fees and/or Costs to Class Counsel or any other counsel as a result of this Settlement or the claims released by this Settlement, such amounts must be paid from the Gross

Settlement Amount and cannot increase the overall amount Defendants must pay.

- 3. "Class Counsel" means Capstone Law APC, Moon Law Group, PC, and Rastegar Law Group, APC.
- 4. "Class List" means a complete confidential list of all Class Members that Defendants will diligently and in good faith compile from their records and provide to the Settlement Administrator within twenty (20) calendar days after Preliminary Approval of this Settlement. The Class List will be formatted in Microsoft Office Excel and will include each Class Member's full name; most recent mailing address; Social Security number; dates of employment; the respective number of Workweeks that each Class Member worked during the Class Period; the respective number of pay periods during which each PAGA Member worked during the PAGA Period; and any other relevant information needed to calculate settlement payments. The Settlement Administrator shall safeguard this confidential settlement Class List and use it only for purposes of administering this Settlement Agreement in accordance with this Agreement and the Court's orders. Because the confidential Class List contains private information regarding Class Members, the Settlement Administrator shall not disclose the settlement Class List to anyone without Defendants' express written permission or as otherwise ordered by the Court.
- 5. "Class Member(s)" or "Settlement Class" means all persons who were employed by Defendants in the State of California at any location other than at a stand-alone golf course and classified as non-exempt at any time during the Class Period.
- 6. "Class Notice" means the Notice of Class Action Settlement, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A.
- 7. "Class Period" means the period from May 28, 2017 through the earlier of the date of Preliminary Approval or the date the total Workweeks reached the agreed-upon Escalator; i.e., Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-One (230,351) Workweeks.
- 8. "Class Representative Enhancement Payments" means the amounts to be paid to Plaintiffs in recognition of their effort and work in prosecuting the Action on behalf of Class Members, and for their general release of claims. Subject to the Court granting final approval of this Settlement Agreement and subject to the exhaustion of any and all appeals, Plaintiffs will request Court approval of

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Class Representative Enhancement Payments of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), each.

- 9. "Complaint" or "complaint" means the operative Third Amended Complaint filed in this Action.
 - 10. "Court" means the San Bernardino County Superior Court.
- 11. "Defendants" means Defendants JC Resorts LLC; JC Resorts Management LLC; BCR Management, Inc.: and KSC Management, Inc.
- 12. "Effective Date" means the date by which this Settlement Agreement is finally approved as provided herein and the Court's Final Approval Order becomes binding. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the Final Approval Order becomes binding upon the later of: (a) the last day by which a notice of appeal to the California Court of Appeal of the Final Approval Order and/or of an order rejecting any motion to intervene may be timely filed, and none is filed (i.e., 60 days after the notice of an order granting final approval of the Settlement is served, provided there have been no appeals or other challenges filed within that time); (b) if such an appeal is filed, and the appeal is finally resolved and results in affirmation of the Final Approval Order, the day after the last date for filing a request for further review of the California Court of Appeals' decision passes and no further review is requested; (c) if further review of the California Court of Appeal's decision is requested, the day after the request for review is denied with prejudice and/or no further review of the decision can be requested, or (d) if review is accepted, the day after the California Supreme Court affirms the Final Approval Order. The Effective Date cannot occur, and Defendant will not be obligated to fund this Settlement, until and unless there is no possibility of an appeal or further appeal that could potentially prevent this Settlement Agreement from becoming final and binding in accordance with its terms.
- 13. "Final Approval" means the date on which the Court enters an order granting final approval in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- 14. "Gross Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount of One Million Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$1,570,000), to be paid by Defendants in full satisfaction of all Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims, which includes all Individual Settlement Payments, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, the Class Representative Enhancement Payments, the PAGA Settlement Amount, and Settlement Administration Costs. Aside from employer-side taxes due on the wage

periods); (4) Labor Code sections 226.7, 516, and 1198 (failure to authorize and permit rest periods); (5)

Labor Code sections 226.7, 516, and 1198 (failure to provide recovery periods) (6) Labor Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), and 1198 (non-compliant wage statements and failure to maintain payroll records); (7) Labor Code sections 201 and 202 (wages not timely paid upon termination); (8) Labor Code section 204 (failure to timely pay wages during employment); (9) Labor Code sections 551, 552, and 558 (failure to provide one day's rest in seven); (10) Labor Code section 2802 (unreimbursed business expenses); (11) California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.* (unlawful business practices); and (12) California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, *et seq.* (unfair business practices).

- 28. "Released PAGA Claims" means all claims for civil penalties under California Labor Code sections 2698, *et seq.*, that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts alleged in the operative Complaint and/or Plaintiffs' PAGA Notices during the PAGA Period.
- 29. "Released Parties" means Defendants, their past or present officers, directors, employees, partners, shareholders, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, consultants, insurers and reinsurers, and their respective successors and predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents and attorneys, if any.
- 30. "Request for Exclusion" means a timely letter submitted by a Class Member indicating a request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. The Request for Exclusion must: (a) set forth the name, address, telephone number and last four digits of the Social Security Number or Employee ID Number of the Class Member requesting exclusion; (b) be signed by the Class Member; (c) be returned to the Settlement Administrator; (d) clearly state that the Class Member does not wish to be included in the Settlement; and (e) postmarked on or before the Response Deadline.
- 31. "Response Deadline" means the deadline by which Class Members must postmark to the Settlement Administrator Requests for Exclusion, postmark disputes concerning the estimated calculation of Individual Settlement Payments, or postmark Notices of Objection 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 forty-fifth (45th) calendar day falls on a Sunday or State holiday, in which case the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the U.S. Postal Service is open.
 - 32. "Settlement Administration Costs" means the costs payable from the Gross Settlement

employer's share of payroll taxes within five (5) business days after the Effective Date ("Funding Date").

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- 36. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Defendants agree not to oppose or impede any application or motion by Class Counsel for Attorneys' Fees and Costs of not more than Five Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$523,333), plus the reimbursement of all out-of-pocket costs and expenses associated with Class Counsel's litigation and settlement of the Action (including expert/consultant fees, investigations costs, etc.), not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000), both of which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Attorneys' Fees and Costs paid as a result of this Settlement and the releases of the Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims, will come entirely out of the Gross Settlement Amount. Neither Class Counsel nor any other counsel shall be entitled to any amount of attorneys' fees or costs separate and apart from the Attorneys' Fees and Costs in connection with this Settlement and the releases contained herein. In the event the Court awards any different or further Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Class Counsel, or any other counsel as a result of this Settlement, or the claims released by this Settlement, such amounts must be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and cannot increase the overall amount Defendants must pay. Further, if the Court awards less Attorneys' Fees and Costs than requested, the remaining amount will be added to the Net Settlement Fund to be paid to Participating Class Members. The Court's award of attorneys' fees will be divided as follows: (a) Fifty-Four Percent (54%) to Capstone Law APC; (b) Thirty-Six Percent (36%) to Moon Law Group, PC; and (c) Ten Percent (10%) to Rastegar Law Group, APC.
- 37. Class Representative Enhancement Payment. In exchange for a general release, and in recognition of their effort and work in prosecuting the Action on behalf of Class Members, Defendants agree not to oppose or impede any application or motion for Class Representative Enhancement Payments of up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), each, to Plaintiffs. The Class Representative Enhancement Payments will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and will be in addition to Plaintiffs' Individual Settlement Payment paid pursuant to the Settlement. Plaintiffs will be solely and legally responsible to pay any and all applicable taxes on the Class Representative Enhancement Payments. Plaintiffs understand and agree that this Settlement Agreement shall remain in full force and effect even if the full amount of Class Representative Enhancement Payments sought by Plaintiffs is not ultimately awarded by the Court. If the Court does not award the full amount of the Class Representative Enhancement Payments requested by Plaintiffs, the remaining amounts with will be added to the Net

38. <u>Settlement Administration Costs</u>. The Settlement Administrator will be paid for the reasonable costs of administration of the Settlement and distribution of payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$19,900). These costs, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, will include, *inter alia*, the required tax reporting on the Individual Settlement Payments, the issuing of 1099 and W-2 IRS Forms, distributing Class Notices, drafting a Spanish translation of the Class Notice, calculating and distributing the Gross Settlement Amount, providing necessary reports and declarations, and other administration duties as specified by the Parties and/or the Court.

- 39. <u>PAGA Settlement Amount.</u> Subject to Court approval, the Parties agree that the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the Gross Settlement Amount will be designated for satisfaction of Plaintiffs' PAGA claim. Pursuant to PAGA, Seventy-Five Percent (75%), or Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), of this sum will be paid to the LWDA and Twenty-Five Percent (25%), or Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000), will be paid to PAGA Members in proportion to the number of Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period as specified below.
- 40. No Right to Exclusion or Objections to the PAGA Settlement. Because this Settlement resolves claims and actions brought pursuant to PAGA by Plaintiffs acting as proxies and as Private Attorneys General of, and for, the State of California and the LWDA, the Parties agree that no PAGA Member has the right to exclude himself or herself from the release of the Released PAGA Claims, and all PAGA Members will receive their shares of the PAGA Fund. The Parties also agree that no PAGA Member has the right to object to the Settlement of the Released PAGA Claims and that all PAGA Members will be bound by the Released PAGA Claims regardless of whether they opt out of the Settlement of the class action claims.
- 41. <u>Net Settlement Fund</u>. The entire Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Participating Class Members. No portion of the Net Settlement Fund will revert to or be retained by Defendants.
- 42. <u>PAGA Fund</u>. The entire PAGA Fund will be distributed to all PAGA Members. No portion of the PAGA Fund will revert to or be retained by Defendants.
 - 43. <u>Individual Settlement Payment Calculations</u>. Individual Settlement Payments will be

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calculated and apportioned from the Net Settlement Fund and PAGA Fund based on the number of Workweeks a Class Member worked during the Class Period, and Pay Periods a PAGA Member worked during the PAGA Period. Specific calculations of Individual Settlement Payments will be made as follows:

Payments from the Net Settlement Fund. Defendants will calculate the total number of Workweeks worked by each Class Member during the Class Period (rounding up to the nearest Workweek) and the aggregate total number of Workweeks worked by all Class Members during the Class Period. To determine each Participating Class Member's "Individual Settlement Payment" from the Net Settlement Fund, the Settlement Administrator will use the following formula: The Net Settlement Fund will be divided by the aggregate total number of Workweeks, resulting in the "Workweek Value." Each Class Member's "Individual Settlement Payment" will be calculated by multiplying each individual Class Member's total number of Workweeks by the Workweek Value. The Individual Settlement Payment will be reduced by any required deductions for each Participating Class Member as specifically set forth herein, including employee-side tax withholdings or deductions. The entire Net Settlement Fund will be disbursed to all Class Members who do not submit timely and valid Requests for Exclusion (i.e., Participating Class Members). For preparing the Class Notice, the Settlement Administrator will calculate the estimated Individual Settlement Payments each Class Member will receive if s/he does not opt out based on the assumptions that all Class Members will choose to participate and all requested amounts for attorneys fees, costs, administration fees, enhancement payments, etc., in this Agreement are fully approved by the Court.

Payments from the PAGA Fund. Defendants will calculate the total number of Pay Periods worked by each PAGA Member during the PAGA Period

(rounding up to the nearest Pay Period) and the aggregate total number of Pay Periods worked by all PAGA Members during the PAGA Period. To determine each PAGA Member's estimated "Individual Settlement Payment" from the PAGA Fund, the Settlement Administrator will use the following formula: The PAGA Fund will be divided by the aggregate total number of Pay Periods, resulting in the "PAGA Pay Period Value." Each PAGA Member's "Individual Settlement Payment" will be calculated by multiplying each individual PAGA Member's total number of Pay Periods during the PAGA Period by the PAGA Pay Period Value. The entire PAGA Fund (i.e., the 25% of the total PAGA Settlement Amount available to PAGA Members) will be disbursed to all PAGA Members.

- A4. No Credit Toward Benefit Plans. The Individual Settlement Payments made to Participating Class Members under this Settlement, as well as any other payments made pursuant to this Settlement, will not be utilized to calculate any additional benefits under any benefit plans to which any Class Members may be eligible, including, but not limited to profit-sharing plans, bonus plans, 401(k) plans, stock purchase plans, vacation plans, sick leave plans, PTO plans, and any other benefit plan. Rather, it is the Parties' intention that this Settlement Agreement will not affect any rights, contributions, or amounts to which any Class Members may be entitled under any benefit plans.
- 45. <u>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.
- 46. <u>Delivery of the Class List</u>. Within twenty (20) calendar days of Preliminary Approval, Defendants will provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator.
- 47. <u>Notice by First-Class U.S. Mail</u>. Within ten (10) calendar days after receiving the Class List from Defendants, the Settlement Administrator will mail a Class Notice to all Class Members via regular First-Class U.S. Mail, using the most current, known mailing addresses identified in the Class List.
 - 48. <u>Confirmation of Contact Information in the Class Lists</u>. Prior to mailing, the Settlement

Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database for information to update and correct for any known or identifiable address changes. Any Class 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 Class Notice. If no forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator will promptly attempt to determine the correct address using a skip-trace, or other search using the name, address and/or Social Security number of the Class Member involved, and will then perform a single re-mailing. Those Class Members who receive a re-mailed Class Notice prior to the Response Deadline, whether by skip-trace or by request, will have either (a) an additional fifteen (15) calendar days or (b) until the Response Deadline, whichever is later, to submit a Request for Exclusion or an objection to the Settlement.

- 49. <u>Class Notices</u>. All 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 principal terms; (c) the Settlement Class and PAGA Member definitions; (d) the total number of Workweeks each respective Class Member worked for Defendants during the Class Period; (e) the total number of Pay Periods each respective PAGA Member worked for Defendants during the PAGA Period; (f) each Class Member's and PAGA Member's estimated Individual Settlement Payment and the formula for calculating Individual Settlement Payments; (g) the dates which comprise the Class Period and PAGA Period; (h) instructions on how to submit Requests for Exclusion or Notices of Objection; (i) the deadlines by which the Class Member must postmark or fax Request for Exclusions, or postmark Notices of Objection to the Settlement; and (j) the claims to be released.
- 50. <u>Disputed Information on Class Notices</u>. Class Members will have an opportunity to dispute the information provided in their Class Notices. To the extent Class Members dispute their employment dates or the number of Workweeks on record, Class Members may produce evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that such information is inaccurate. Defendants' records will be presumed correct, but the Settlement Administrator shall contact the Parties regarding the dispute and the Parties will work in good faith to resolve it. All disputes must be submitted by the Response Deadline, and will be decided by the Settlement Administrator within ten (10) business days after the Response

- 51. <u>Defective Submissions</u>. If a Class Member's Request for Exclusion is defective as to the requirements listed herein, that Class Member will be given an opportunity to cure the defect(s). The Settlement Administrator will mail the Class Member a cure letter within three (3) business days of receiving the defective submission to advise the Class Member that his or her submission is defective and that the defect must be cured to render the Request for Exclusion valid. The Class Member will have until (a) the Response Deadline or (b) fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of a cure letter sent out on or before the Response Deadline), whichever date is later, to postmark or fax a revised Request for Exclusion. If the revised Request for Exclusion is not postmarked or received by fax within that period, it will be deemed untimely.
- 52. Request for Exclusion Procedures. Any Class Member wishing to opt-out from the Settlement Agreement must sign and mail a written Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator within the Response Deadline. The postmark date on the Requests for Exclusion mailed to the Settlement Administrator will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. As noted above, Class Members who are also PAGA Members can exclude themselves only from the class action portion of the Settlement, but cannot exclude themselves from the Settlement of the Released PAGA Claims.
- 53. Option to Void. Defendants have the option to withdraw from the Settlement if the number of Class Members who opt out exceeds three percent (3%) of the total number of Class Members. Defendants shall provide written notice of such withdrawal to Class Counsel. In the event that Defendant elects to so withdraw, the withdrawal shall have the same effect as a termination of this Agreement and the Agreement shall become null and void and the Parties will return to the same position they were in prior to having executed this Agreement. In the event that Defendant exercises this option, it will be solely responsible for any Settlement Administrator's costs associated with settlement administration duties up to and following Defendant's notice of election to withdraw.
- 54. <u>Escalator Clause/Option</u>: The Parties agree that if the total number of Workweeks worked by Class Members during the Class Period is greater than Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-One (230,351) total Workweeks ("Escalator"), Defendants will have the option to either:

- (a) proportionally increase the Gross Settlement Amount according to the following formula—Proportionally Increased Gross Settlement Amount = Total Number of Workweeks during the Class Period \div 230,351 \times \$1,570,000; or (b) elect to have the Class Period, PAGA Period, and resulting release dates cutoff at the last date the total Workweeks for Class Members were at or below 230,351.
- 55. Settlement Terms Bind All Class Members Who Do Not Opt-Out. Any Class Member who does not affirmatively opt-out of the Settlement Agreement by submitting a timely and valid Request for Exclusion prior to the Response Deadline will be bound by all of its terms, including those pertaining to the Released Class Claims, as well as any Judgment that may be entered by the Court if it grants final approval to the Settlement.
- 56. Releases by Participating Class Members. Upon the Funding Date, each Participating Class Member, together and individually, on their behalf and on behalf of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, and attorneys, shall fully and forever release and discharge Defendants and all of the Released Parties, or any of them, from each of the Released Class Claims during the Class Period.
- 57. Releases by PAGA Members. Upon the Funding Date, each PAGA Member, together and individually, on their behalf and on behalf of their respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, and attorneys, shall fully and forever release and discharge Defendants and all of the Released Parties, or any of them, from each of the Released PAGA Claims during the PAGA Period.
- objection Procedures. To object to the Settlement Agreement, a Class Member may either postmark a valid Notice of Objection to the Settlement Administrator on or before the Response Deadline, and/or appear in person at the Final Approval Hearing. Class Members who fail to object either by submitting a valid Notice of Objection or appearing in person at the Final Approval Hearing, or both, will be deemed to have waived all objections to the Settlement and will be foreclosed from making any objections, whether by appeal or otherwise, to the Settlement Agreement. At no time will any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members to submit objections to the Settlement Agreement or appeal from the final approval order and judgment consistent with the terms of this Settlement. Class Counsel will not represent any Class Members with respect to any such objections to this Settlement. A Class Member who objects to this settlement has no right to opt out of the

Settlement (i.e., submit a valid Request for Exclusion.) If a Class Member timely submits both a Notice of Objection and a Request for Exclusion, the Request for Exclusion will be given effect and considered valid, the Notice of Objection shall be rejected, the Class Member shall not participate in or be bound by the Settlement, and the Class Member will have no right to object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing or otherwise. Furthermore, if a Class Member timely objects to this Settlement, either through a written Notice of Objection and/or in person at the Final Approval Hearing, and the Court overrules the objection and approves the Settlement, the objecting Class Member(s) will be bound by this Settlement similar to all other Participating Class Members, including all releases contained herein.

- 59. Certification Reports Regarding Individual Settlement Payment Calculations. The Settlement Administrator will provide Defendants' counsel and Class Counsel a weekly report that certifies the number of Class Members who have submitted valid Requests for Exclusion or objections to the Settlement, and whether any Class Member has submitted a challenge to any information contained in their Class Notice. Additionally, the Settlement Administrator will provide to counsel for both Parties any updated reports regarding the administration of the Settlement Agreement as needed or requested.
- 60. <u>Distribution Timing of Individual Settlement Payments</u>. Within ten (10) calendar days of the Funding Date, the Settlement Administrator will issue the Court-approved payments to: (a) Participating Class Members and PAGA Members; (b) the LWDA; (c) Plaintiffs; and (d) Class Counsel. The Settlement Administrator will also issue a payment to itself for Court-approved services performed in connection with the Settlement.
- 61. <u>Un-cashed Settlement Checks</u>. Funds represented by Individual Settlement Payment checks returned as undeliverable and Individual Settlement Payment checks remaining un-cashed for more than one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days after issuance will be tendered to Worksafe. The Parties do not have a connection to or a relationship with Worksafe that could reasonably create the appearance of impropriety as between the selection of Worksafe as the recipient of the unclaimed residuals and the interests of the class.
- 62. <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.

- 63. Treatment of Individual Settlement Payments. All Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members from the Net Settlement Fund will be allocated as follows: (a) Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of each Individual Settlement Payment will be allocated as wages for which IRS Forms W-2 will be issued; and (b) Seventy-Five Percent (75%) will be allocated as non-wages (i.e., for alleged claims for penalties and interest) for which IRS Forms 1099-MISC will be issued. Payments issued to PAGA Members from the PAGA Fund will be treated as non-wages (i.e., for alleged PAGA penalties) for which IRS Forms 1099-MISC will be issued.
- 64. Administration of Taxes by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to Plaintiffs, Participating Class Members, PAGA 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 Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will also be responsible for calculating and forwarding all required taxes for all Parties arising from this Settlement to the appropriate government authorities and for delivering the LWDA's portion of the PAGA Settlement Amount to the LWDA.
- 65. <u>Tax Liability</u>. Defendants make no representation 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, representation, or calculation by Defendants or by the Settlement Administrator in this regard.
- 66. <u>Circular 230 Disclaimer</u>. EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE "ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY" AND EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT OTHER THAN THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY, AN "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

Members as specified herein. In conjunction with the Preliminary Approval hearing, Plaintiffs will

submit this Settlement Agreement, which sets forth the terms of this Settlement, and will include the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement, attached as Exhibit A. Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting all documents necessary to obtain preliminary approval.

- 70. Final Settlement Approval Hearing and Entry of Judgment. Upon expiration of the deadlines to postmark Requests for Exclusion or objections to the Settlement Agreement, and with the Court's permission, a final fairness hearing will be conducted to determine the Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement along with the final Court-approved amounts payable for: (a) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; (b) the Class Representative Enhancement Payments; (c) Individual Settlement Payments; (d) the LWDA Payment; and (e) all Settlement Administration Costs. The final fairness 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. Class Counsel will also be responsible for drafting the attorneys' fees and costs application to be heard at the final approval hearing.
- 71. <u>Judgment and Continued Jurisdiction</u>. Upon final approval of the Settlement by the Court or after the final fairness hearing, the Parties will present the Judgment to the Court for its approval. After entry of the Judgment, the Court will have continuing jurisdiction solely for purposes of addressing: (a) the interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement, (b) Settlement administration matters, and (c) such post-Judgment matters as may be appropriate under court rules or as set forth in this Settlement Agreement. A copy of the Judgment will be posted to the Settlement Administrator's website.
- 72. General Release by Plaintiffs. Upon the Funding Date, in addition to the claims being released by all Participating Class Members, Plaintiffs will release and forever discharge Defendants and the Released Parties, to the fullest extent permitted by law, of and from any and all claims, known and unknown, asserted and not asserted, which Plaintiffs have or may have against the Released Parties as of the date of execution of this Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to all claims alleged in the Complaint and all claims related to or arising from their employment with, or separation from, Defendants. This release extends to the maximum extent permitted by law and Plaintiffs expressly waive any and all rights and benefits conferred upon them by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code or similar provisions of applicable law which are as follows:

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.

- 77. <u>Binding on Successors and Assigns</u>. This Settlement Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties hereto, as previously defined.
- 78. <u>California Law Governs</u>. All terms of this Settlement Agreement and Exhibits hereto will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.
- 79. Execution and Counterparts. This Settlement Agreement is subject only to the execution of all Parties. However, the Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them, including electronic (e.g., DocuSign), facsimile, and scanned copies of the signature page, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument. All executed copies of this Agreement, and photocopies thereof (including facsimile, PDF, or email copies of the signature pages), shall have the same force and effect and shall be as legally binding and enforceable as the original.
- 80. Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable. The Parties believe this Settlement Agreement is a fair, adequate and reasonable settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Settlement after extensive 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 Settlement.
- 81. <u>Invalidity of Any Provision</u>. Before declaring any provision of this Settlement Agreement 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 Settlement Agreement valid and enforceable.
- 82. <u>Waiver of Certain Appeals</u>. The Parties agree to waive appeals and to stipulate to class certification for purposes of this Settlement only; except, however, that Plaintiffs or Class Counsel may appeal any reduction to the Attorneys' Fees and Costs below the amount they request from the Court, and either party may appeal any court order that materially alters the Settlement Agreement's terms.

- 83. <u>Class Action Certification for Settlement Purposes Only</u>. The Parties agree to stipulate to class action certification for purposes of the Settlement only. If, for any reason, the Settlement is not approved, the stipulation to certification 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 Settlement Agreement will not be admissible in this or any other proceeding as evidence that either (a) a class action should be certified or (b) Defendants are liable to Plaintiffs or any Class Member, other than according to the Settlement's terms.
- 84. Non-Admission of Liability. The Parties enter into this Settlement to resolve the dispute that has arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense and risk of continued litigation. In entering into this Settlement, Defendants do not admit, and specifically deny, that they 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 their employees. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it, can be construed as an admission or concession by Defendants or the Released Parties of any such violations or failures to comply with any applicable law. Except as necessary in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Settlement, this Settlement Agreement and its terms and provisions will not be offered or received as evidence in any action or proceeding to establish any liability or admission on the part of Defendants or the Released Parties or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or a non-compliance with, federal, state, local or other applicable law.
- 85. No Public Comment: Plaintiffs and their counsel agree not to otherwise publicize this Settlement, including, but not limited to, issuing press releases or responding to press inquiries, posting summaries online, or otherwise speaking to the press regarding the terms of this Settlement. If Plaintiffs and their counsel are contacted by members of the press, they will respond only that the lawsuit exists and has been resolved. However, for the limited purpose of allowing Class Counsel to prove their adequacy as class counsel in other actions, or for purposes of seeking court approval of other wage and hour settlements, Class Counsel may disclose in court filings information available in the public record

about the Action and this Settlement.

- 86. <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any condition or covenant contained in this Settlement 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.
- 87. <u>Enforcement Actions</u>. 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, if any, incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.
- 88. <u>Mutual Preparation</u>. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, this Settlement 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 Settlement Agreement.
- 89. <u>Representation By Counsel</u>. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Settlement Agreement, and that this Settlement Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel. Further, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel warrant and represent that there are no liens on the Settlement Agreement.
- 90. <u>All Terms Subject to Final Court Approval</u>. All amounts and procedures described in this Settlement Agreement herein will be subject to final Court approval.
- 91. <u>Cooperation and Execution of Necessary Documents</u>. All Parties will cooperate in good faith and execute all documents to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
- 92. <u>LWDA Notice</u>. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699(1), Class Counsel will provide a copy of this Settlement Agreement to the LWDA concurrently with Class Counsel's filing of the motion for preliminary approval. Class Counsel will also file a declaration in support of Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval confirming that Class Counsel has submitted the Settlement Agreement to the LWDA in compliance with California Labor Code section 2699(1).

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