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21		AMENDED STIPULATION AND	
22	Plaintiffs,	AGREEMENT FOR CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT	
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25	a California Corporation; and DOES 1-20		
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RECITALS

- A. This Stipulation and Agreement for Class Action Settlement (the "Settlement") is made for the sole purpose of consummating settlement in the above-captioned matter on a class-wide basis and is made in compromise of disputed claims. Because this is a putative class action, the Settlement must receive preliminary and final approval by the Court.
- B. On August 15, 2014, Plaintiff Carlos Galvez individually and on behalf of similarly situated employees of Defendant Ray Tech Professional Painting ("Defendant") filed a complaint in the Superior Court for the County of Alameda styled Carlos Galvez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Ray Tech Professional Painting, et al, Case No. RG14737391.
- C. The Class Representative is Plaintiff Carlos Galvez. The Class Representative and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."
- D. The Parties enter into the Settlement on a conditional basis. In the event the Court does not enter an Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement, or in the event that such Order Granting Final Approval does not become final for any reason, the Settlement shall be deemed null and void, and will be of no force or effect whatsoever, and will not be referred to or utilized for any purpose whatsoever.
- E. Defendant denies all of Plaintiff's claims as to liability and damages as well as the class action allegations, and does not waive, but rather expressly reserves, all rights to challenge all such claims and allegations upon all legal, procedural and factual grounds should the Settlement not become final. The Settlement reflects a compromise reached to end litigation. The signing by Defendant of the Settlement will not be deemed to be an admission of any wrongdoing or unlawful action by Defendant.
- F. Based on the documents provided by Defendant, and their own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel are of the opinion that the settlement with Defendant for the consideration and on the terms set forth in the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and is in the best interest of the putative class members in light of all known facts and

circumstances, including the risk of significant delay and uncertainty associated with litigation, various defenses asserted by Defendant, and numerous potential appellate issues.

G. The Parties stipulate and agree to the following terms of the Settlement with the intent that the Settlement fully and finally dispose of the Class Action.

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

DEFINITIONS

- A. The terms "Agreement," "Settlement Agreement," and "Settlement" mean this Stipulation and Agreement for Class Action Settlement, which the Parties acknowledge sets forth all material terms and conditions of the settlement between them, and which is subject to Court approval.
- B. "Action" means the class action lawsuit herein, generally known as Carlos Galvez, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Ray Tech Professional Painting, et al, Case No. RG14737391.
- C. "Class Counsel" means Ron Makarem and Gene Williams of Makarem & Associates.
- D. "Class List" means the list of names, last known residential addresses, and social security numbers of Class Members for whom Defendant possesses such information at the time of entry of the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval. The Class List will indicate, for each Class Member, the Class Member's date of hire at and termination from Defendant, if applicable, such that the Settlement Administrator may calculate the number of weeks worked by each Class Member.
- E. "Class Member(s)" and "Class" means all current and former non-exempt employees employed by Defendant in California at any point during the period from August 19, 2010 until the date the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement. The Class is estimated to contain approximately 225 Class Members.

- F. "Class Notice" means a notice entitled "Notice of Class Action Settlement and Estimated Individual Settlement Payment" in the form substantially similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- G. "Class Period" means the period from August 19, 2010 until the date the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- H. "Class Representative," "Named Plaintiff," and "Representative Plaintiff" means Carlos Galvez.
 - I. "Court" means the Alameda County Superior Court.
- J. "Effective Settlement Date" means the later of the following: (a) if no one objects to the Settlement, then the Effective Settlement Date shall be the date the Court enters the Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; (b) if someone objects to the Settlement, then the date upon which the time to seek an appeal, review or writ from the Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement has passed; or (c) if an appeal, review or writ from the Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement is sought, the day the Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement is affirmed or the appeal, review or writ is dismissed or denied, and the Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement is no longer subject to further appellate challenges or procedures.
- K. "Enhancement Award" means the portion of the Common Fund awarded by the Court and paid to the Class Representative for his service in connection with being the Class Representatives/Representative Plaintiffs.
- L. "Exclusion Deadline" is sixty (60) days after the date the Notice Packet is first mailed by the Settlement Administrator to the Class Members.
- M. "Final Approval Hearing" means a hearing set by the Court, pursuant to class action procedures and requirements, for the purpose of determining the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the Settlement.
- N. "Gross Settlement Amount" means the amount of \$125,000, which amount will be all-inclusive, including Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members, any

Enhancement award to the Class Representative as awarded by the Court, attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel as approved by the Court, payment to the Settlement Administrator to administer the Settlement, and the employee's portion of payroll tax burdens on such sums paid out as wages under the Settlement. The employer portion of payroll taxes shall be paid separately by Defendant outside of the common fund. The Settlement is a cash, non-reversionary settlement. The Settlement is not a claims-made settlement.

- O. "Individual Settlement Payment" means the gross amount paid to each Class

 Member who does not timely opt out of the Settlement.
- P. "LWDA PAGA Allocation" means the amount payable from the Gross Settlement
 Amount to the State of California's Labor Workforce Development Agement.
- Q. "Net Settlement Amount" means the portion of the Gross Settlement allocated for payment of Individual Settlement Payments to Class Members.
- R. "Notice Packet" means a mailing from the Settlement Administrator to Class Members which contains the Class Notice, Request for Exclusion Form, and Objection Form.
- S. "Objection Form" means a form which Class Members may utilize if the desire to object to the Settlement, in the form substantially similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- T. "Order Granting Final Approval" means an order executed and filed by the Court granting final approval to the Settlement and entering judgment thereon.
- U. "Order Granting Preliminary Approval" means an order executed and filed by the Court granting preliminary approval to the settlement.
- V. "Participating Class Member" means any Class Member who does not timely opt out of the Settlement, as provided in Section V(E) below.
- W. "Preliminary Approval Date" means the date on which the Court enters the Order Granting Preliminary Approval.
- X. "Released Claims" means all claims arising out of the claims and causes of action alleged in the Action or that could have been alleged in the Action, including but not limited to

violations of Labor Code Sections 201-204, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1174, 1194, 2802, and 2699 et seq. (the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA")); and violations of Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq., against the Released Parties.

- Y. "Released Parties" means Ray Tech Professional Painting, Inc., as well as any parent, subsidiary, affiliate, shareholder, predecessor or successor, and all agents, employees, officers, directors, and attorneys thereof.
- Z. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's completed Request for Exclusion form to opt out of the Settlement in the form substantially similar to that attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- AA. "Settlement Administrator" means any third-party class action settlement administrator approved by the Court for the purposes of administering this settlement. The Parties each 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.
- BB. "Settlement Administration Costs" means the costs payable from the Gross Settlement to the Settlement Administrator for administering this Settlement, including, but not limited to, printing, distributing, and tracking documents for this Settlement, calculating estimated settlement amounts per Class Member, performing the required tax reporting on the settlement payments, issuance of applicable IRS Form(s) 1099 and W-2, distributing the Class Notice Packet, calculating and distributing the Net Settlement Amount and Class Counsel's Fees and Expenses, providing necessary reports and declarations, and other duties and responsibilities set forth herein to process this Settlement, and as requested by the Parties. The Settlement Administration Costs shall be paid from the Gross Settlement, including, if necessary, any such costs in excess of the amount represented by the Settlement Administrator as being the maximum costs necessary to administer the Settlement. The Settlement Administration Costs are currently estimated to be approximately \$10,000. To the extent actual Settlement Administrations Costs are greater than

the estimate and mutually determined by the Parties, such excess amount shall be paid from the Gross Settlement unless otherwise ordered by the Court and based upon extremely unusual and extraordinary circumstances.

II. <u>SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS</u>

The following settlement chart is intended solely for the convenience of the Court:

Common Fund Allocation

Gross Settlement	\$125,000
Settlement Administration Costs	\$ 10,000 (estimated)
Enhancement to Named Plaintiff (as awarded by the Court)	\$7,500
Attorneys' Fees and Costs (as awarded by the Court)	\$43,750 (Attorney's Fees) \$5,000 (Costs)
LWDA Portion of PAGA Payment	\$7,500
Net Settlement (Payments to the Class & Employee Payroll Taxes) (Estimated)	\$51,250

Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, and after all conditions precedent have occurred as set forth in this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will cause to be made all disbursements required by the Settlement in accordance with its terms.

A. The Gross Settlement

The Gross Settlement is \$125,000, which amount will be all-inclusive, including Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members, any Enhancement award to the Class Representative as awarded by the Court, attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel as awarded by the Court, payment to the Settlement Administrator for mailing of Notice Packet and administration of the settlement, and the employee portion of payroll tax burdens on such sums that are paid out as wages under the Settlement.

B. Net Settlement

- 1. The Net Common Fund is estimated to be \$51,250. The employer's portion of FICA, FUTA, and any other employer-paid standard tax withholdings for the portion of each payment to a Participating Class Member classified as wages will be paid to the Settlement Administrator outside the Net Settlement and reimbursed to the Settlement Administrator by Defendant.
- 2. Individual Settlement Payments will be paid from the Net Settlement to Participating Class Members based on the number of weeks worked during the Class Period by the Participating Class Member as a percentage of the total weeks worked during the Class Period by all Class Members.
- 3. The Individual Settlement Payment for each Participating Class Member reflects negotiated amounts for payments for alleged unpaid wages or overtime, non-compliant meals and/or rest periods, wage statement violations, waiting time penalties, PAGA penalties, other statutory penalties and liquidated damages, and all other claims as described more fully above as Released Claims.
- 4. For purposes of calculating Individual Settlement Payments, each Participating Class Member will be credited with the total workweeks worked by the individual Class Member during the Class Period, as determined by the start and end dates of employment with Defendant, with no deduction for leaves of absence or vacation periods.
- 5. Each Individual Settlement Payment will be subject to withholdings and deductions for the Participating Class Member's portion of required tax withholdings. The Settlement Administrator will issue to each Participating Class Member a Form W-2 and a Form 1099 for each Individual Settlement Payment, reflecting all deductions and withholdings as required by law. Such payments will not count as earnings or compensation with respect to any benefit plan (e.g. 401(k) plan, retirement plan, etc.) available to Defendant's employees. Each

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Individual Settlement Payment will be allocated one-third (1/3) to wages (Form W-2), and twothirds (2/3) to interest and penalties (Form 1099).

The Individual Settlement Payment checks will be void after one hundred 6. eighty (180) days from the date of issuance. The Settlement is a cash, non-reversionary settlement. Any uncashed Individual Settlement Payment checks will escheat to the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Unclaimed Wage Fund for the benefit of the employee.

Class Representative Enhancements C.

- In conjunction with the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, Class 1. Counsel will request a Class Representative Enhancement award for Plaintiff Carlos Galvez in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500). The Enhancement is to compensate the Class Representative for his service and risk in connection with being a Class Representative.
- Any Enhancement awarded by the Court will not be treated as wages. The 2. Class Representative will receive an individual Form 1099 relating to such payment. The Class Representative will be solely liable for and pay any and all taxes, costs, interest, assessments, penalties, or damages by reason of payment of his individual Enhancement award. Enhancement will not count as earnings or compensation for purposes of any benefit plans (e.g. 401(k) plan, retirement plan, etc.) available to Defendant's employees.
- Defendant and its counsel will not object to a request for approval of such 3. Enhancement, provided the requested Enhancement does not exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500). Any portion of the Enhancement not approved by the Court will revert to the Net Settlement and be distributed to Participating Class Members.
- The Enhancement is in addition to the Individual Settlement Payment 4. allocated to the Class Representative under the Settlement. The Class Representative agrees that he will not opt out of, or object to, the Settlement.
- By operation of the Order Granting Final Approval, the Class 5. Representative will be deemed to have generally released all claims against the Released Parties,

including any and all obligations, debts, claims, liabilities, demands, and causes of action of every kind, nature and descriptions whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or claimed, which he ever had, now has or may hereafter acquire, by reason of any matter, cause, event or thing whatsoever occurring or arising at any time before the Order Granting Final Approval is entered. In addition, the Class Representative will have expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the provisions, rights, and benefits of section 1542 of the California Civil Code. Civil Code section 1542 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.

D. Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Costs

- 1. In conjunction with the Motion for Final Approval, Class Counsel will request an award of attorneys' fees and costs to be paid from the Common Fund in an amount not to exceed Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$43,750) for attorneys' fees and not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) in costs. Such application will be set for hearing concurrently with the Motion for Final Approval.
- 2. Defendant and its counsel will not object to Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and costs, provided the requested amounts do not exceed the amounts stated above. Any attorneys' fees/costs that are not approved by the Court will revert to the Net Settlement and be distributed to Participating Class Members.
- 3. As a condition of the Settlement, Class Counsel agree to pursue their attorneys' fees and costs only in the amount and manner reflected herein.

E. <u>LWDA PAGA Allocation</u>

The Parties agree that \$10,000 of the Gross Settlement Amount shall be allocated to the PAGA claims in the action. 75% of that allocation (or \$7,500) shall be paid to the California

LWDA, with the remaining 25% (\$2,500) being paid to the Participating Class Members as part of the Net Settlement Amount.

III. RELEASES BY PARTICIPATING CLASS MEMBERS

In exchange for the consideration under the Settlement, and upon the Order Granting Final Approval, all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their current, former, and future heirs, executors, administrators, attorneys, agents, and assigns, will and hereby do forever release, waive, acquit, and discharge the Released Parties of the Released Claims.

IV. CONDITIONAL CLASS CERTIFICATION

The Parties stipulate and agree to the certification of the Class Action solely for the purposes of the Settlement. Should, for whatever reason, the Settlement not become final, the fact that the Parties stipulate and agree to the certification as part of the Settlement will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, the issue of class certification and the fact that the Court has previously denied class certification. Should the Settlement not be approved by the Court, or not become final for any reason, the parties agree that the Court's prior denial of class certification shall remain binding on the parties.

V. SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES

A. Request for Preliminary and Final Approval

The Parties will cooperate fully in requesting preliminary and final approval of the Settlement by the Court, including a determination by the Court that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. The Parties will also cooperate fully in promptly requesting that, as provided for by the Settlement, the Court approve the proposed forms of notices, orders, and other documents necessary to implement the Settlement. Should the Court require or suggest edits to any documents in the Notice Packet, the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval, or the Proposed Order granting Final Approval, the Parties will work cooperatively to edit the document(s) accordingly and obtain the Court's approval.

 1. Within ten (10) business days of the latter of preliminary approval of this Settlement or court approval of Settlement Class Notice to the class, Defendant will provide the Settlement Administrator with the names and last known contact information for the Settlement Class members, as well as the total number of weeks that each Settlement Class Member worked for Defendant during the Class Period.

- Administrator, shall be treated as confidential and shall not be used by the Settlement Administrator for any purpose other than as permitted by the Settlement. Further, the Settlement Administrator shall use commercially reasonable efforts to secure the data provided by Defendant at all times so as to avoid inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure or use of such data other than as permitted by the Settlement. At no time during the Settlement process will any Class Member's full social security number be filed by the Parties or the Settlement Administrator with the Court, except under seal as may be ordered by the Court. The Settlement Administrator shall ensure that the Class Notice and any other communications to Class Members shall not include the Class Members' social security number, except for the last four digits, if necessary.
- 3. Any dispute or issues regarding whether an individual should be deleted from or added to the Class List shall be resolved by mutual agreement of Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel. In the event counsel are unable to reach an agreement, either Party may request that the Court make a final decision. Any such changes to the Class List shall be reflected in the total weeks worked for the entire Class.
- 4. The Settlement is entered into based upon a total current estimate of 169
 Settlement Class Members as of March 21, 2018 (the "Preliminary Estimate.")

C. Notice of Class Action

1. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the Class List, the Settlement Administrator will send Class Members, by first-class mail, at their last known address, the

 following documents: (a) the Notice of Class Action and Estimated Individual Settlement Payment [Exhibit A]; (b) the Request for Exclusion Form [Exhibit B]; and (c) the Objection Form [Exhibit C]. The envelope that the Notice Packet is mailed will clearly state in English and Spanish that it concerns a class action and that the recipient could be entitled to a settlement payment. The documents in the Notice Packet shall be sent in English and Spanish. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for translating the documents in the Notice Packet from English to Spanish.

- 2. Within ten (10) days of receiving notice of a returned or undeliverable Notice Packet, the Settlement Administrator will make reasonable efforts to locate Class Members through skip-tracing services offered by publicly-available databases, and will re-send the Notice Packets to the best available address after performing the skip-tracing. It will be conclusively presumed that a Class Member's Notice Packet was received if the Notice Packet has not been returned within sixty (60) days of the original mailing (or re-mailing) of the Notice Packet to the Class Member.
- 3. In the event the procedures set forth herein are followed and the intended recipient of a Notice Packet still does not receive the Notice Packet, the intended recipient will be a Participating Class Member and will be bound by all terms of the Settlement and the Order Granting Final Approval entered by the Court. The Individual Settlement Payment will be mailed to that Class Member's last known address. If returned, the Settlement Administrator will use reasonable efforts to locate a better address and re-mail, if possible.
- 4. Each Settlement Class member will have sixty (60) days from the date the Notice Packet is mailed to postmark a dispute to the Settlement or a Request for Exclusion from the Settlement. The procedures regarding disputes or opting out of the Settlement are set forth below.

D. <u>Dispute Procedures - Regarding Weeks of Employment or Termination</u>

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- 1. Each Class Member will receive an Estimated Individual Settlement Payment [Exhibit A], which will include a statement of the number of weeks worked by the Class Member to whom the Notice is sent, based on Defendant's available records.
- 2. Class Members will be entitled to dispute their number of weeks worked as reported on their Notice of Estimated Individual Settlement Payment. If a Class Member does not challenge the information set forth in the Class Notice, the Class Member need not do anything further and payment shall be made to that Class Member based on the statement of the workweeks and the plan for allocation of the Gross Settlement Amount set forth herein.
- 3. Any Class Member challenging the calculation of the number of workweeks as set forth in the Class Notice shall submit a challenge to the workweeks in writing, which shall (a) specify their dates of employment and number of weeks worked; (b) print their name, address, and last four digits of their social security number; (c) be dated and signed by the Class Member; and (d) include any supporting documents. The challenge must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator at the address provided on the Class Notice by the Response Deadline. No challenge shall be timely if postmarked after the Response Deadline.
- 4. Within five (5) calendar days from the date the Settlement Administrator receives a challenge to the workweeks, the Settlement Administrator shall send to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel a copy of challenge and any documentation submitted in connection with that dispute. Within five (5) calendar days from the date counsel receive that documentation, Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel shall meet and confer and make one or more recommendations to the Settlement Administrator, which shall thereafter make a final and binding determination without hearing or right to appeal, and communicate that determination to the Class Member, Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel. Class Members shall be advised that the Settlement Administrator's determination as to the number of workweeks shall be final and binding.

5. Class Members will have sixty (60) days after the date the Notice Packet was mailed by the Settlement Administrator to mail to the Settlement Administrator a dispute concerning the number of weeks worked and/or the Class Member's termination status, including any supporting evidence the Class Member may have. The date of the postmark of the return mailing envelope shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a dispute has been timely submitted to the Settlement Administrator.

6. Upon resolution of all disputes regarding weeks worked by the Class, the Settlement Administrator will prepare and circulate to all counsel an updated Class List. Any changed to a Class Member's weeks worked will be reflected in the total weeks worked for the entire Class on the updated Class List.

E. Opt-Out Procedures - Request for Exclusion

themselves from the Class Settlement. Any Class Member (other than the Plaintiff) who wishes to opt out of the Settlement must submit a completed Request for Exclusion Form to the Settlement Administrator on or before the Exclusion Deadline. To be valid, the Request for Exclusion Form must: (a) reference the name, address, and telephone number of the person requesting exclusion; (b) be dated and signed by the person requesting exclusion; (c) include the last four digits of the person's social security number; and (d) be postmarked no later than the Response Deadline. The date of the postmark on the return mailing envelope shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a Request for Exclusion Form has been timely submitted.

2. Any Class Member who mails a valid and timely Request for Exclusion Form will, upon receipt thereof by the Settlement Administrator, no longer be a Participating Class Member, and will receive no benefit from the Settlement, nor shall he or she be bound by the terms of the Settlement. Any Class Member who timely and properly requests to be excluded from the Class shall have no right to object to the Settlement or appeal from the entry of the Final Order

 and Judgment, and none of his or her claims, causes of action or rights will be released by virtue of the Settlement.

- 3. Failure to timely submit a completed Request for Exclusion Form will result in a Class Member being conclusively deemed a Participating Class Member fully bound by the terms of the Settlement.
- 4. If a Class Member submits a timely dispute concerning his or her weeks worked as reflected in his or her Notice of Estimated Individual Settlement Payment, and submits a timely Request for Exclusion Form, the Request for Exclusion Form will be invalid (unless postmarked later than the date the Class Member submits his or her dispute as to the number of workweeks on the Class Notice) and such Class Member will be considered a Participating Class Member.

F. Objection Procedures - Objections to the Settlement

The Class Notice will explain to Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement may mail the Settlement Administrator an Objection Form. If a Class Member chooses to remain a Class Member, but desires to object to the Settlement and wants the Court to consider his or her objection at the Final Approval Hearing, the Class Member may (a) complete and mail the Objection Form, and/or (b) appear (in person or through an attorney) and object at the Final Approval Hearing. If the Class Member chooses to object to the Settlement by submitting the Objection Form, the Class Member should: (1) follow all of the instructions specified on the Objection Form; and (2) mail the completed Objection Form to the Settlement Administrator so that it is postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days after the Class Notice was mailed (or remailed) to the Class Member. The address of the Settlement Administrator shall be specified on the Objection Form. If the Class Member submits an Objection Form, the Class Member is not required to (but may) appear in Court at the Final Approval Hearing. Any Class Member objecting to the Settlement who declines to complete the Objection Form may appear and be heard at the Final Approval Hearing. If a Class Member objects to the Settlement, but the Court approves the

Settlement, such Class Members will still be entitled to receive an Individual Settlement Payment. Class Members who fail to timely make objections in the manner specified herein shall be deemed to have waived any objections and shall be foreclosed from making any objections (whether by appeal or otherwise) to the Settlement.

G. Verification of Dissemination of Notice of Class Action

The Settlement Administrator will verify, in writing, that the Notice Packets have been disseminated in accordance with the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval, and will provide such verification to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Final Approval Hearing.

H. Reporting

The Settlement Administrator will provide written notice to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel of all disputes regarding weeks worked, Requests for Exclusions, and Objections to the Settlement that the Settlement Administrator receives, within five (5) days of receiving such items

I. Not Encouraging Class Members to Opt Out or Object

No Party will directly or indirectly, through any person or entity, encourage any Class Member not to participate in, or object to, the Settlement.

J. Final Approval Hearing

On the date set forth in the Class Notice (or as continued by the Court in its discretion), a Final Approval Hearing will be held before the Court in order to: (1) review the Settlement and determine whether the Court should give it final approval; and (2) consider any timely objections to the Settlement and all responses by the Parties to such objections. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Parties will ask the Court to approve the Settlement and to enter judgment accordingly.

K. <u>Listing of Individual Settlement Amounts</u>

Within twenty (20) business days after the Effective Settlement Date, the Settlement Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel a Proceeds List showing the Individual Settlement Payment for each Participating Class Member who will receive settlement

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L. Dates and Methods of Payment of the Net Settlement Amount

- 1. Defendant will deposit with the Settlement Administrator the Gross Settlement Amount, as set forth in the Proceeds List to be provided by the Settlement Administrator to Defendant within ten (10) business days of the Effective Settlement Date. This date shall be referred to as the "Funding Date." Ten (10) business days after the Funding Date will be known as the "Payment Date."
- On the Payment Date, the Settlement Administrator will prepare and mail a 2. settlement check to each Participating Class Member (defined as all Class Members who did not validly opt out of the Settlement) in the amount of his or her Individual Settlement Payment. The checks will indicate on their face that they are void if not cashed within one hundred and eighty (180) days of their issuance. The checks will further indicate that by cashing the check, the Class Member is agreeing to release the Released Claims. In the event a settlement check is returned to the Settlement Administrator with a forwarding address, the settlement check will be forwarded by the Settlement Administrator to the forwarding address. In the event a settlement check is returned to the Settlement Administrator without a forwarding address or is otherwise undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator will use reasonable efforts to locate an updated address and re-mail the returned check, if possible. If the Settlement Administrator is unable to locate an updated address, neither the Settlement Administrator, Defendant, nor Class Counsel shall be required to take further action to achieve delivery of the check to the Class Member. If within the 180-day period the Participating Class Member contacts the Settlement Administrator, or if Class Counsel does so on behalf of the Participating Class Member, the settlement check will be re-issued and mailed to the address provided by the Participating Class Member (or Class Counsel on his/her behalf). Any such reissued settlement checks will indicate on their face that they are void if not cashed within one hundred and eighty (180) days of their issuance.

3. The proceeds of any Individual Settlement Payments that are not cashed within 180 days shall be distributed pursuant to CCP Section 384, as set forth in paragraph II(B)(6) above.

M. Dates and Methods of Other Payments

- 1. On the Funding Date, Defendant will pay to the Settlement Administrator the Class Representative Enhancement Awards authorized by the Court, which amount is included in the Gross Settlement Amount. On the Payment Date, the Settlement Administrator will pay from the Gross Settlement Amount the Class Representative Enhancement Award as authorized by the Court to the Class Representative. The payment will be made by sending to Class Counsel a check payable to Carlos Galvez, in the amount of the Court-approved Enhancement Award.
- 2. On the Funding Date, Defendant will pay to the Settlement Administrator the attorneys' fees and costs awarded by the Court, which amounts are included in the Gross Settlement Amount. On the Payment Date, the Settlement Administrator will pay from the Gross Settlement Amount to Class Counsel its Court-approved attorneys' fees and costs. Such payment is conditioned upon Class Counsel providing the Settlement Administrator with a completed Form W-9.
- 3. On the Funding Date, Defendant will pay to the Settlement Administrator the \$10,000 allocated to the LWDA PAGA claims. On the Payment Date, the Settlement Administrator will pay \$7,500 from this amount to the LWDA, and the remaining \$2,500 will be distributed to Participating Class Members as part of the Net Settlement Amount.

N. Deadlines

If any deadline specified in the Settlement falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or State Court holiday, the deadline will be automatically extended to the next regular business day. Unless otherwise specified herein, all references to "days" shall mean calendar days.

VI. ENFORCEMENT AND CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rules 3.769 and 3.771, the Settlement will be approved by the Court and will be enforceable by the Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6. Even after the Order Granting Final Approval is entered, and notwithstanding it, the Court will have and retain continuing jurisdiction over the Class Action and over the Parties and Class Members, to the fullest extent necessary or convenient to enforce and effectuate the terms and intent of the Settlement and all matters provided for in it, and to interpret it.

VII. MUTUAL, FULL COOPERATION

The Parties will fully cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of the Settlement, including, but not limited to, execution of such documents and taking such other action as may be reasonably necessary or convenient to implement it.

VIII. <u>NO ADMISSIONS</u>

The Parties have entered into this Settlement to resolve the disputes that have arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense and risk of continued litigation. In entering into this Settlement, Defendant does not admit, and specifically deny that they have 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 or collective bargaining agreement; violated or breached any duty; engaged in any misrepresentation or deception; or engaged in any other unlawful or wrongful conduct with respect to its employees or operations, and does not admit that class certification is appropriate in the Action. Neither this Settlement, 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 or any Released Party of any such violation(s) or failure(s) to comply with any applicable law and/or that class certification was or is appropriate in this Action. Except as necessary in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Settlement, this Settlement 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 any

Released Party, or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or noncompliance with, federal, state, local or other applicable law, or to support any contention that class certification is appropriate in this Action or any other action or proceeding against any Released Party. The Parties intend this Settlement to be contingent upon the preliminary and final approval of this Settlement; and the Parties do not waive, and instead expressly reserve, their respective rights to prosecute and defend this Action as if this Settlement never existed in the event that the Settlement is not fully and finally approved as set forth herein. Nothing in the Settlement will constitute or be considered an admission by or on behalf of Defendant, or any of the Released Parties, of any wrongdoing or liability or of the accuracy of any allegation made in connection with the Action, or as to the appropriateness of class certification.

IX. WITHDRAWAL, NULLIFICATION, INVALIDATION

A. Effective Date of Defendant's Obligation Under the Settlement

Defendant's obligations under the Settlement will become final and effective only upon occurrence of all of the following events:

- Execution and filing by the Court of an Order Granting Preliminary
 Approval;
 - 2. Conditional Certification of the Class for settlement purposes only;
 - 3. The Court conducting a Final Approval Hearing;
 - 4. Execution and filing by the Court of an Order Granting Final Approval; and
 - 5. Occurrence of the Effective Settlement Date.

In the event that any of the conditions specified in the Settlement are not satisfied, or in the event that the Settlement does not obtain final approval of the Court for any reason, all matters covered by the Settlement will be null and void. In such event, neither the Settlement nor any negotiations leading to the Settlement will be used or construed by or against any Party or Released Party as a determination, admission, or concession of any issue of law or fact in the Action, and the Parties hereto do not waive, and instead expressly reserve, their respective rights regarding the prosecution and defense of the Action, including all available defenses and affirmative defenses,

 and challenging any claim that the Action could be certified as a class action, as if the Settlement never existed.

B. Withdrawal

- 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Defendant retains the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, to nullify the settlement within thirty (30) days after expiration of the opt out period, if ten percent (10%) or more of Class Members opt out of this Settlement. All signatories and their counsel must not encourage opt-outs. Class Counsel and Defendant specifically agree not to solicit opt-outs, directly or indirectly, through any means.
- 2. Defendant must provide notice of any such intent to withdraw from the Settlement in writing to Class Counsel prior to the date set for the Final Approval Hearing. In the event Defendant elects to withdraw, it will not be responsible for paying any settlement amounts, Service Award, or attorneys' fees or costs. Defendant and Class Counsel will each pay one-half of any Settlement Administrator Costs incurred as of the date of the withdrawal. In the event Defendant elects to withdraw pursuant to this Section, such withdrawal shall have the same effect as would non-approval of the Settlement by the Court.

C. Nullification

If: (1) the Court should for any reason fail to enter the Order Granting Final Approval; or (2) the Court's Order Granting Final Approval be reversed, then: (a) the Settlement will be considered null and void; (b) neither the Settlement nor any of the related negotiations or proceedings will be of any force or effect; and (c) Defendant and Class Counsel will each pay one-half of any Settlement Administrator Costs.

D. Invalidation

Invalidation of any material term of the Settlement will invalidate the Settlement in its entirety unless the Parties subsequently agree in writing that the remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.

E. Defendant's Duty to Augment Settlement

The Settlement is based, in part, on Defendant's representation regarding the number Settlement Class members who worked for Defendant during the Class Period. Defendant estimated that as of July 12, 2018 the total number of Class Members was 225. The Parties understand and agree that the total number of Class Members will naturally increase between the date of mediation and the date of final approval of the Settlement, and the Parties will therefore allow for an increase in the number of Class Members of 15%, or 35 Class Members However, to the extent the total number of Class Members exceeds the 225 figure by more than 15%, Defendant agrees to increase the Gross Settlement Amount by the same percentage that the total number of Class Members at the date of final approval is 20% higher than the 225 figure, then Defendant agrees to increase the Gross Settlement Amount by 5%).

X. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Entire Agreement

The Settlement constitutes the entire integrated agreement between the Parties relating to the Class Action, and no oral representations, warranties or inducements have been made to any Party concerning the Settlement other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in the Settlement.

B. Authorization to Act

Class Counsel warrant and represent that they are authorized by the Class Representative, and counsel of record for Defendant warrants that they are authorized by Defendant, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to the Settlement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of the Settlement.

C. Modification Only In Writing

The Settlement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by the Parties or their successors in interest. However, Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel may agree

to, and are hereby authorized to, amend or modify the contents of the Notice Packet, the Proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval, and/or the Proposed Order Granting Final Approval, to conform to any edits requested or recommended by the Court, without further signatures of the Parties, to the extent consistent with the terms of this Settlement.

D. Binding on Successors

The Settlement is binding upon, and will inure to the benefit of the Parties, as well as their respective heirs, attorneys, and past, present, and future predecessors, successors, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, trustees, representatives, administrators, fiduciaries, assigns, insurers, executors, partners, parent corporations, subsidiaries, and related or affiliated entities.

E. No Prior Assignments

Plaintiff and the Participating Class Members will be deemed by operation of the Order Granting Final Approval to 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, cause of action or rights herein released.

F. Governing Law

All terms of the Settlement will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.

G. Counterparts

The Settlement may be executed in one or more counterparts. Signatures provided electronically, by pdf or facsimile shall have the same force and effect as original "wet" signatures. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument. Counsel for the Parties will exchange among themselves signed counterparts.

H. Headings for Convenience Only

The descriptive headings of any paragraphs or sections of the Settlement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not constitute a part of the Settlement.

I. Construction of the Settlement

The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of the Settlement are the result of armslength negotiations between the Parties and that the Settlement will not be construed in favor or
against a Party by reason of the extent to which any Party, or his or its counsel participated in the
drafting of the Settlement. The Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.
Except as expressly provided herein, the Settlement has not been executed in reliance upon any
other oral or written representations or terms and no such extrinsic oral or written representations
or terms will modify, vary, or contradict the terms of the Settlement. In entering the Settlement,
the Parties explicitly 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. The Plaintiff, Class Counsel
and Defendant and its counsel participated in the negotiation and drafting of the Settlement and
had available to them the advice and assistance of independent counsel. As such, neither the
Plaintiff, nor any Participating Class Member, nor Defendant may claim that any ambiguity in the
Settlement should be construed against the other.

J. Corporate Signatories

Any person executing the Settlement or any related document on behalf of a corporate signatory hereby warrants and promises for the benefit of the Parties that such person has been duly authorized by such corporation to execute the Settlement or any related document.

K. Representation by Counsel

The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel throughout all negotiations which preceded the execution of the Settlement and that the Settlement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel.

L. Attorneys' Fees and Costs

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Parties will bear responsibility for their own attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them or arising out of the Action and will not seek reimbursement thereof from any Party to the Settlement. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel covenant

not to pursue claims for attorneys' fees and costs, or any Class Representative Service Award, for 1 dollar amounts above those stated in the Settlement. 2 3 M. Miscellaneous The Parties acknowledge and agree that nothing in the Settlement, nor in any written 4 communication or disclosure between or among them or their counsel, is or was intended to be, 5 nor shall any such communication or disclosure constitute or be construed or be relied upon as, 6 tax advice within the meaning of United States Treasury Circular 230 (31 CFR part 10, as 7 amended.) 8 The Parties may not disclose the Settlement or the terms of the Settlement to any outside third 9 party (except to the Settlement Administrator) in any manner until the date of the filing of the 10 Motion for Preliminary Approval. Thereafter and continuing, Plaintiff and Class Counsel may not 11 disclose the Settlement or the terms of the Settlement on the Internet, or on any website (including 12 the website of Class Counsel), blog or twitter or to any periodical or legal publication, except as 13 necessary to obtain final approval of the Settlement or as ordered by the Court. Notwithstanding 14 the foregoing, in other class action court filings, Class Counsel may refer to the Action by case 15 name and case number only. 16 17 IT IS SO AGREED. 18 19 20 Carles Lon Cooleer 21 22 23 DEFENDANT RAY TECH PROFESSIONAL PAINTING 24 25 26 27 28 STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

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