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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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10 CANDICE THOMPSON and ELIZBETH
11 MUNIZ, on behalf of themselves and on
12 behalf of all others similarly situated,

12 PLAINTIFFS,

13 v.

14 SUNOIL RETAIL GROUP, INC. DBA V-
15 RED, INC., a California Corporation; and
16 DOES 1 to 10, inclusive,

16 DEFENDANTS.

Case No. 22STCV22173

REVISED [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER
GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Date: July 13, 2023
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Dept.: 12
Judge: Honorable Carolyn B. Kuhl

1 TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNSEL OF RECORD:

2 The Motion for Preliminary Approval of a Class Action Settlement came before this Court, the
3 Honorable Carolyn B. Kuhl presiding. The Court having considered the papers submitted in support
4 of the application of the parties, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

5 1. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement and the Class based upon the
6 terms set forth in the Amended Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Amended Settlement
7 Agreement”). All terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Amended
8 Settlement Agreement. The settlement set forth in the Amended Settlement Agreement appears to be
9 fair, adequate and reasonable to the Class.

10 2. The Settlement including the Gross Settlement Amount of \$180,000 for approximately
11 170 Class Members falls within the range of reasonableness and appears to be presumptively valid,
12 subject only to any objections that may be raised at the final fairness hearing and final approval by
13 this Court.

14 3. A final fairness hearing on the question of whether the proposed Settlement, the Class
15 Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment, the amount of PAGA Penalties, and the
16 Class Representative Service Payments should be finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate as
17 to the members of the Class is scheduled in Department 12 on the date and time set forth in the
18 implementation schedule in Paragraph 9 below.

19 4. This Court approves, as to form and content, the Court Approved Notice of Class
20 Action Settlement and Hearing Date for Court Approval (the “Class Notice”), in substantially the form
21 *col* attached to the Amended Settlement Agreement as Exhibit A ~~and attached hereto as Exhibit 1~~. The
22 Court approves the procedure for Class Members to participate in, to opt out of, and to object to, the
23 Settlement as set forth in the Amended Settlement Agreement.

24 5. The Court directs the mailing of the Class Notice by first class United States mail to
25 the Class Members in accordance with the Implementation Schedule set forth below. The Court finds
26 the dates selected for the mailing and distribution of the Class Notice, as set forth in the
27 Implementation Schedule, meet the requirements of due process and provide the best notice
28 practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled

1 thereto.

2 6. It is ordered that the Class is conditionally certified for settlement purposes only for
3 purposes of C.C.P. section 382.

4 7. The Court appoints Plaintiffs Candice Thompson and Elizabeth Muniz as Class
5 Representatives, and Craig J. Ackermann and Avi Kreitenberg of Ackermann & Tilajef, P.C. as Class
6 Counsel.

7 8. The Court appoints CPT Group, Inc. as the Settlement Administrator.

8 9. The Court orders the following **Implementation Schedule** for further proceedings:

10 a.	Deadline for Defendant to Submit Class Data to Settlement Administrator	[Not later than 30 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement] S.A. ¶ 4.1
11 b.	Deadline for Settlement Administrator to mail Class Notice to Class Members	[Not later than 14 days after the Settlement Administrator receives the Class Data] S.A. ¶ 8.4.2
12 c.	Deadline for Class Members to Object or Request to be Excluded from Settlement	[60 days after the Settlement Administrator mails the Class Notice to Class Members] S.A. ¶ 1.43
13 d.	Deadline for Class Counsel to file Motion for Final Approval of Settlement, including Request for Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and Service Payment	[16 court days prior to the Final Approval and Fairness Hearing]
14 e.	Final Approval and Fairness Hearing	<i>Jan. 17</i> , ²⁰²⁴ 2023 at 10:30 a.m./p.m.

15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

16 Dated: *July 13, 2023*

17 *Carolyn B. Kuhl*
18 HON. CAROLYN B. KUHL
19 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT