# CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS/PAGA NOTICE

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between plaintiff Dennis Herrera ("Plaintiff") and defendant Signature Flight Support LLC ("Signature" or "Defendant"). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as "Parties," or individually as "Party."

# 1. **DEFINITIONS**.

- 1.1. "State Action" means the Plaintiff's representative action lawsuit, currently alleging wage and hour violations brought under the California Private Attorney's General Act of 2004 (hereinafter, "PAGA"), Cal. Lab. Code sections 2698, et seq., against Defendant, captioned Dennis Herrera v. Signature Flight Support LLC, Case No. 22STCV18367, initiated on June 3, 2022 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles. "Federal Action" means the Plaintiff's class action lawsuit, currently alleging wage and hour violations and brought as a putative class action, against Defendant, captioned Dennis Herrera v. Signature Flight Support LLC, Case No. 2:22-cv-03082-SSS-AGR, initiated on March 16, 2022 and pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California
- 1.2. "Administrator" means CPT Group, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. "Administration Expenses Payment" means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator's "not to exceed" bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4. "Aggrieved Employee" means all non-exempt individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the PAGA Period. An Aggrieved Employee shall not be entitled to object to or exclude themselves from the PAGA components of the Settlement.
- 1.5. "Class" means all non-exempt individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant in California during the Class Period.
- 1.6. "Class Counsel" means Zachary M. Crosner, Jamie K. Serb, and Sepideh Ardestani of Crosner Legal, P.C.
- 1.7. "Class Counsel Fees Payment" and "Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment" mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the State Action and Federal Action.
- 1.8. "Class Data" means Class Member identifying information in Defendant's possession including the Class Member's name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.

- 1.9. "Class Member" or "Settlement Class Member" means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).
- 1.10. "Class Member Address Search" means the Administrator's investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.
- 1.11. "Class Notice" means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.12. "Class Period" means the period from March 16, 2018 through the date of Preliminary Approval.
- 1.13. "Class Representative" means the named Plaintiff in the operative complaint in the State Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.
- 1.14. "Class Representative Service Payment" means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Federal Action and providing services in support of the Federal Action and State Action.
- 1.15. "Court" means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.16. "Defendant" means Defendant Signature Flight Support LLC.
- 1.17. "Defense Counsel" means David L. Cheng and Grace K. Kim of Ford Harrison.
- 1.18. "Effective Date" means the date by when both of the following have occurred:

  (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the class action component of the Settlement and if the LWDA does not object to the PAGA components of the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the class action component of the Settlement or if the LWDA objects to the PAGA components of the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment, in accordance with the California Code of Civil Procedure; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur, in accordance with the California Code of Civil Procedure.
- 1.19. "Final Approval" means the Court's order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.20. "Final Approval Hearing" means the Court's hearing on the Motion for Final

Approval of the Settlement.

- 1.21. "Final Judgment" means the Judgment entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement, which shall be entered separately from the Court's Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22. "Gross Settlement Amount" means \$1,185,840 which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administration Expenses Payment.
- 1.23. "Individual Class Payment" means the Participating Class Member's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked by the Participating Class Member during the Class Period.
- 1.24. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by the Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period.
- 1.25. "Judgment" means the judgment separately entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.26. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- 1.27. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.28. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.29. "Non-Participating Class Member" means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion. A Non-Participating Class Member may still be entitled to an Individual PAGA Payment if they are an Aggrieved Employee.
- 1.30. "PAGA Pay Period" means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.31. "PAGA Period" means the period from March 16, 2021 through the date of Preliminary Approval.
- 1.32. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).

- 1.33. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's March 16, 2022 letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.34. "PAGA Penalties" means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees and the 75% to LWDA pursuant to Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i), in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.35. "Participating Class Member" means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.36. "Plaintiff" means Dennis Herrera, the named plaintiff in the State Action and Federal Action.
- 1.37. "Preliminary Approval" means the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.38. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.39. "Released Class Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 6.2 below.
- 1.40. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 6.3 below.
- 1.41. "Released Parties" means: Defendant and its past and present corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, parents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, divisions, related entities, divested businesses and business units, and, the board members, officers, members, employees, agents, representatives, insurer and attorneys of any of above-referenced entities.
- 1.42. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's submission of a written request to be excluded from the class components of the Settlement, prepared in accordance with Paragraph 8.5.1 below and signed by the Class Member.
- 1.43. "Response Deadline" means 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the class components of the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the class components of the Settlement. Class Members to whom Class Notices are re-sent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.44. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.45. "Class Period Workweek" means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day, during the Class Period.

## 2. RECITALS.

- 2.1. On March 16, 2022, Plaintiff commenced the Federal Action by filing a putative class action seeking recovery under the following causes of action: (i) for unpaid minimum wages and liquidated damages; (ii) for unpaid overtime wages; (iii) for failure to provide meal periods or full compensation in lieu of meal periods; (iv) for failure to provide rest periods or full compensation in lieu of rest periods; (v) for failure to furnish accurate itemized wage statements; (vi) for failure to reimburse business expenses; (vii) for unfair competition, based on the above-referenced causes of action and for the failure to provide or fully pay for all paid sick leave, kincare or other forms of paid time off due. The Federal Action not only sought the recovery of unpaid wages, but also for penalties (including wage statement and waiting time penalties), expense reimbursements, interest, and other forms of recovery. The Federal Action was subsequently removed to federal court on May 6, 2022. On June 3, 2022, Plaintiff subsequently commenced the State Action by filing a representative complaint seeking penalties pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") for the same theories alleged in the Federal Action, along with additional theories for: record-keeping violations pursuant to California Labor Code sections 1174, 1198, 1199 and section 7 of all applicable Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Orders; the failure to produce records in violation of California Labor Code sections 226, 1198.5, 432 and/or the applicable IWC Wage Orders; standard conditions of labor violations in violation of Part 4, Chapter 1, of the California Labor Code, including California Labor Code sections 1174, 1197, 1198, 1199 and the IWC Wage Orders; refusal to make payment in violation of California Labor Code section 216; statutory wage violations in violation of California Labor Code section 223; untimely payment of wages in violation of California Labor Code sections 201-204, 210, 256; and background check violations/unlawful agreements/unlawful inquiries into criminal history in violation of the California Labor Code – specifically, California Labor Code sections 432.5, 432.7 and/or 1024.5 – and which are also premised on violations of the Investigative Consumer Reporting Agencies Act, California Civil Code sections 1786, et seq., the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. sections 1681, et seq., the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. Subject to and contingent on the Court's approval of the Settlement, Plaintiff will amend his State Action complaint to include all causes of action and his class allegations in the Federal Action, and will file a stipulation seeking to stay the Federal Action pending the Court's approval of the Settlement. The amended complaint filed in the State Action is the operative complaint for purposes of Settlement (the "Operative Complaint"). Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.2. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.3. On May 16, 2023, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Todd A. Smith, Esq. The mediation resulted in a mediator's proposal which was accepted by both Parties.

- 2.4. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through formal and informal discovery, documents and information. Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4<sup>th</sup> 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").
- 2.5. The Court has not granted class certification.
- 2.6. Except for the Federal Action, which the Parties expect that the claims therein shall be released entirely following Final Approval and Judgment in the State Action, the Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

## 3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant promises to pay One Million One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars and zero cents (\$1,185,840.00) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer-side payroll taxes. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount or any payroll taxes prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.
- 3.2. <u>Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount</u>. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
  - 3.2.1. To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$10,000, in addition to any Individual PAGA Payment if he is entitled to receive as an Aggrieved Employee, and to any Individual Class Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.
  - 3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 33.33%,

which is currently estimated to be Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars and zero cents (\$395,280.00) and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than Thirteen Thousand Dollars and zero cents (\$13,000.00). Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that the requests do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

- 3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$13,500 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$13,500, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.
- 3.2.4. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$100,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$75,000) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$25,000) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.
  - 3.2.4.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each respective Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.
  - 3.2.4.2. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.
- 3.2.5. <u>To Each Participating Class Member</u>: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Class Period Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Class Period Workweeks.

Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of non-PAGA claims and shall be allocated to interest and penalties which are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of non-PAGA claims and shall be allocated to wages which are subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS W2 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

3.2.5.1. <u>Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments</u>. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

#### 4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

- 4.1. <u>Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods</u>. Based on a review of its records as of April 16, 2023, Defendant estimates there are 1,108 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 98,820 Class Period Workweeks, and 653 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total 25,287 PAGA Pay Periods.
- 4.2. Class Data. Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement and the Court's entry of a protective order governing the disclosure of confidential information, Defendant will simultaneously deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, and produced subject to a protective order entered in the State Action. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Accordingly, the Administrator shall agree to the terms of the protective order entered in the State Action as a condition to Defendant's production of the Class Data to the Administrator. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data
- 4.3. <u>Funding of Gross Settlement Amount</u>. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendant's share of employer-side payroll taxes, as set forth herein, into a QSF established by the Settlement Administrator.

- 4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.
  - 4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members and Individual PAGA Payments to Aggrieved Employees and send them via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.
  - 4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.
  - 4.4.3. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b). The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the intended Cy Pres Recipient.
  - 4.4.4. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional

payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

- **6. RELEASES OF CLAIMS**. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Class Members, the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:
  - Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff and his respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences arising from or under his employment with Defendant, including, all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained, in the Operative Complaint or ascertained during the Action and released under 6.2, below. ("Plaintiff's Release.") Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, or workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.
    - 6.1.1 <u>Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542</u>. For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

- Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the Class Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and ascertained in the course of the Federal Action or State Action. Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (with the exception of any California Labor Code claims premised on a violation thereof), unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.
- 6.3 Release by Aggrieved Employees and LWDA: The California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, and all Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the

Operative Complaint and ascertained in the course of the Federal Action or State Action. Aggrieved Employees do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (with the exception of any California Labor Code claims premised on a violation thereof), unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the PAGA Period.

- 7. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") that complies with the Court's current checklist for Preliminary Approvals.
  - 7.1 <u>Defendant's Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval</u>. Within 15 days of the full execution of this Agreement, Defendant will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed Declaration from Defendant and Defense Counsel disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. In their Declarations, Defense Counsel and Defendant shall aver that, except for the Federal Action, they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.
  - 7.2 <u>Plaintiff's Responsibilities</u>. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for preliminary approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator; (v) a signed declaration from Class Counsel attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(2)); and all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest that Plaintiff or Class Counsel may have with Class Members or the Administrator; and (vi) a redlined version of the parties' Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Agreement ready for filing with the Court. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel's Declaration shall aver that, except for the Federal Action, they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

- 7.3 <u>Responsibilities of Counsel</u>. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

#### 8. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 8.1 <u>Selection of Administrator</u>. Following a competitive bidding process, the Parties have jointly selected CPT Group to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, CPT Group will agree to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 8.2 <u>Employer Identification Number</u>. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.
- 8.3 <u>Qualified Settlement Fund</u>. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

# 8.4 Notice to Class Members.

- 8.4.1 No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, Class Period Workweeks, and PAGA Pay Periods in the Class Data.
- 8.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently

estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

- Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.
- 8.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members' written objections to the class components of the Settlement, challenges to Class Period Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 60 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.
- 8.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendant or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, which ever are later.

# 8.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

- 8.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is remailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.
- 8.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator

can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

- 8.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraph 6.2 of this Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.
- 8.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement.
- 8.5.5 Because PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, all Aggrieved Employees, regardless of whether they are a Participating Class Member or a Non-Participating Class Member, are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 6.3 of this Agreement, and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.
- 8.6 Challenges to Calculation of Class Period Workweeks or PAGA Pay Periods. Each Class Member and Aggrieved Employee shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is remailed) to challenge the number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Class Period Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Class Period Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Class Period Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges.

# 8.7 Objections to Settlement.

8.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees

- Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.
- 8.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).
- 8.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.
- 8.7.4 Aggrieved Employees have no right to object to any of the PAGA components of the Settlement.
- 8.8 <u>Administrator Duties</u>. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.
  - 8.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.
  - 8.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).
  - 8.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Class Period Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods received

and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments ("Weekly Report"). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator's assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

- 8.8.4 <u>Class Period Workweek and/or PAGA Pay Period Challenges</u>. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Class Period Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods. The Administrator's decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 8.8.5 Administrator's Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.
- 8.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.
- **9. DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 10% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than seven days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
- 10. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL. Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code

section 2699, subd. (I), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

- 10.1 <u>Response to Objections</u>. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
- 10.2 <u>Duty to Cooperate</u>. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

In the event however, that the Court does not grant Final Approval and the Parties are unable to revise the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval, the Parties shall fully cooperate with one another to return the Parties to their respective positions prior to them entering into this Agreement, which shall include, without limitation: (i) decertification of the Class; (ii) amendment of the State Action that dismisses the Operative Complaint and reinstates the original complaint in the State Action; and (iii) the lifting of the stay in the Federal Action.

- Dismissal of Federal Action Following Entry of Judgment; Compliance with Labor Code Section 2699(l)(3); and Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, the State Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law. Additionally, the Parties agree that, after the Judgment becomes final as described in Paragraph 1.18, herein, Plaintiff shall dismiss with prejudice and with a waiver for fees and costs, the Federal Action. Additionally, Plaintiff and Class Counsel agree that, after entry of Judgment, they will inform the LWDA of the Judgment in compliance with California Labor Code section 2699(l)(3) and shall prepare and file a declaration to the Court confirming that they have complied with California Labor Code section 2699(l)(3).
- 10.4 <u>Waiver of Right to Appeal</u>. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the

Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

- 10.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged. In the event however, that the Judgment does not become final as described in Paragraph 1.18, herein, and the Parties are unable to revise the Agreement as necessary to obtain a Judgment that is final, the Parties shall fully cooperate with one another to return the Parties to their respective positions prior to them entering into this Agreement, which shall include, without limitation: (i) de-certification of the Class; (ii) amendment of the State Action that dismisses the Operative Complaint and reinstates the original complaint in the State Action; and (iii) the lifting of the stay in the Federal Action.
- 11. AMENDED JUDGMENT. If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit a proposed amended judgment.

## 12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the State Action or Federal Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the State Action or Federal Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the State Action or Federal Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection

with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

- 12 2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.3 <u>No Solicitation</u>. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.4 <u>Integrated Agreement</u>. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 12.5 <u>Attorney Authorization</u>. By execution of this Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, authorize Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 12.6 <u>Cooperation.</u> The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.

- 12.7 <u>No Prior Assignments</u>. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 12.8 <u>No Tax Advice</u>. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.9 <u>Modification of Agreement</u>. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 12.10 <u>Agreement Binding on Successors</u>. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 12.11 <u>Applicable Law.</u> All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 12.12 <u>Cooperation in Drafting</u>. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 12.13 <u>Confidentiality</u>. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Federal Action, State Action, and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 12.14 <u>Use and Return of Class Data</u>. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendant unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant makes a written request to Plaintiff and Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.
- 12.15 <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 12.16 <u>Calendar Days</u>. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement

shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.

12.17 <u>Notice</u>. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and shall be by either United States mail or e-mail. Such notice shall be deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email, addressed as follows:

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12.18 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (e.g. DocuSign or other electronic signature), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

12.19 <u>Stay of Litigation</u>. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation in both the Federal Action and the State Action shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

Dated: 07 / 13 / 2023	PLAINTIFF
	Dennis Herrera
Dated:	DEFENDANT
	Name: For Defendant Signature Flight Support, LLC
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