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| 20 | Included Actions: | Date: December 5, 2024 |
| 21 | Medina et al. v. Target Corporation San Bernardino Superior Court, Case No. | Time: 8:30 a.m. Place: Department S-32 |
| 22 | CIVSB2209126 | Assigned for All Purposes To: Hon. Wilfred J. Schneider, Jr. |
| 23 | Torres v. Target Corporation Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34- | Complaint Filed: September 22, 2022 |
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| 3 | California. I am employed in the County of San Diego, State of California. I am over the age of |
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| 17 18 | the Labor Workforce Development Agency via online process at the PAGA Filing website in accordance with the procedure imposed by the LWDA. |
| 19 | X (State): I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. |
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Plaintiffs Gustavo Medina, Janira Perez, Sergio Garcia, Alicia Torres, Zachary Lomely, Angel Carter, Denise Cardenas, Brian Mena, Jimmy Perez, Emily Porcho, Sheemal Narayan, Juan Morales, Joaldi Gonzalez, and Martha Franco, individually, and on behalf of each of the Participating Class Members, the State of California, and the PAGA Affected Employees, has filed a motion for final approval of the Parties' Stipulation Regarding Class and Private Attorneys General Act Settlement and Release ("Agreement") in the above-referenced action. Plaintiffs' motion for final approval came on regularly for hearing on December 5, 2024, in Department S-32

of the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Bernardino, located at 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, California 92415, before the Honorable Wilfred J. Schneider, Jr. Plaintiffs and the Participating Class Members were represented by their counsel, James Hawkins APLC, Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP, and Haines Law Group, APC ("Class Counsel"). Defendant Target Corporation ("Defendant") was represented by its counsel, DLA Piper LLP (US).

The Court has: (1) reviewed and considered the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement; (2) reviewed and considered the results of the Notice of Settlement mailed to Class Members in accordance with the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class and Private Attorneys General Act Settlement and Notice Procedures entered on July 22, 2024 (the "Preliminary Approval Order"); (3) reviewed and considered the application for Class Counsel Fees Award, Class Counsel Costs Award, and Service Awards; (4) held a Final Approval Hearing; (5) taken into account the presentations and other proceedings at the Final Approval Hearing; and (6) considered the Settlement in the context of all prior proceedings had in this Action.

Based thereon, the Court enters the following **FINDINGS** and **CONCLUSIONS**:

- A. Capitalized terms used in this Order that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Agreement.
- B. The Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over the Action and all acts within the Action, and over all the Parties to the Action, including Plaintiffs, Defendant, the State of California, Participating Class Members, and PAGA Affected Employees.
- C. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order and according to the Declaration of Madely Nava, the court-appointed Settlement Administrator, Apex Class Action LLC, mailed by First Class U.S. Mail a Notice of Settlement in the form attached as Exhibit A to the Agreement to all Class Members. The Notice of Settlement fairly and adequately advised Class Members of the terms of the proposed Settlement, of the preliminary approval of the proposed Settlement, of their right to receive their shares of the Settlement, of the scope and effect of the Released Class Claims, of their rights and obligations relating to opting out of or objecting to the Settlement, of the date of the Final Approval Hearing, and of their right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing. Class

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27 28 Members had adequate time to consider this information and to use the procedures identified in the Notice of Settlement. The Court finds and determines that this notice procedure afforded adequate protections to Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an informed decision regarding approval of the Settlement based on the responses of Class Members. The Court finds and determines that the Notice of Settlement provided to Class Members was the best notice practicable, which satisfied the requirements of law and due process.

- D. The Court finds that Plaintiffs' notice of the proposed Settlement submitted to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") was sufficient and valid pursuant to former California Labor Code section 2699(*l*). The LWDA has not filed any document related to this Action with the Court.
- E. The Settlement is in all respects fair, reasonable, adequate, and proper, and in the best interests of the Participating Class Members. In reaching this conclusion, the Court considered a number of factors, including: (1) the strength of Plaintiffs' claims; (2) the risk, expense, complexity, and likely duration of further litigation; (3) the amount offered in settlement; (4) the extent of discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings; (5) the experience and views of Class Counsel and Defense Counsel; and (6) the reaction of the Class Members to the proposed Settlement. The Court finds that the Settlement offers significant monetary recovery to all Participating Class Members, and finds that such recovery is fair, reasonable, and adequate when balanced against the risk of further litigation related to damages issues. The Court further finds that counsel for the Parties engaged in sufficient investigation, research, and formal and informal discovery such that Class Counsel and Defense Counsel were able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions at the time of settlement. The Court finds that the Settlement will avoid substantial additional costs by all Parties, as well as avoid the risks and delay inherent to further prosecution of the Action. The Court further finds that the Settlement has been reached as the result of serious and non-collusive arms-length negotiations. The Court further finds that the relief provided for under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") is genuine, meaningful, and consistent with PAGA's underlying purpose of benefiting the public. Thus, the Court finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Agreement and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects,

fair, reasonable, and adequate. Accordingly, the Court directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms.

F. In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court conditionally certified the Released Class Claims on behalf of the Class Members for settlement purposes. In response to the Notice of Settlement, zero Class Members objected to the Settlement and eleven Class Members requested exclusion from the Settlement. The Court deems the response to the Notice of Settlement to be an endorsement of the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the Settlement.

On the basis of the foregoing findings and conclusions, as well as the submissions and proceedings referred to above, **NOW THEREFORE**, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED**:

- 1. Plaintiffs' motion for final approval of the Settlement is **GRANTED**. The Settlement is hereby approved as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Participating Class Members, and the requirements of due process have been satisfied. The Parties are ordered and directed to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms.
- 2. The Court, having found that each of the elements of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 are satisfied, certifies the following Participating Class Members regarding the Class Claims: all individuals employed by Target at one or more Target distribution centers in the State of California in non-exempt positions at any time during the Class Period, *i.e.*, March 21, 2019, through and including December 10, 2023, who did not opt out of the Settlement.
- 3. Participating Class Members shall be subject to all of the provisions of the Agreement, and this Final Approval Order and Judgment to be entered by the Clerk of the Court, as set forth herein, including with respect to the Released Class Claims.
- 4. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby confirms the appointment of Apex Class Action LLC as the Settlement Administrator to administer the Settlement as more specifically set forth in the Agreement, and further finally approves Settlement Administration Costs, as fair and reasonable, of \$85,000.
- 5. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby confirms the appointment of Plaintiffs as the Class Representatives for the Participating Class

Members. The Court finally approves the Service Awards, as fair and reasonable, to Plaintiffs in the amount of \$10,000 each. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator to distribute the Service Awards to Plaintiffs in accordance with this Order and the provisions of the Settlement.

- 6. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby appoints James Hawkins APLC, Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP, and Haines Law Group, APC, to represent the Participating Class Members. The Court finally approves the payment of Class Counsel Fees Award in the amount of \$2,128,500 to Class Counsel as fair and reasonable. The Class Counsel Fees Award shall be allocated among Class Counsel as follows: \$1,085,535 to James Hawkins APLC; \$723,690 to Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP; and \$319,275 to Haines Law Group, APC. The Class Counsel Fees Award shall fully satisfy all legal fees for all attorneys representing Plaintiffs in the Action. No other attorneys or law firms shall be entitled to any award of attorneys' fees from Defendant in any way connected with the Action. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator to distribute the Class Counsel Fees Award to Class Counsel, in accordance with the provisions of this Order and the Agreement.
- 7. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court finally approves the payment of Class Counsel Costs Award in the amount of \$46,582.91 to Class Counsel as fair and reasonable. The Class Counsel Costs Award shall be allocated among Class Counsel as follows: \$24,886.93 to James Hawkins APLC; \$19,443.63 to Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP; and \$2,252.35 to Haines Law Group, APC. The Class Counsel Costs Award shall fully satisfy all litigation costs incurred by the attorneys representing Plaintiffs in the Action. No other attorneys or law firms shall be entitled to any award of costs from Defendant in any way connected with the Action. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator to distribute the Class Counsel Costs Award to Class Counsel, in accordance with the provisions of this Order and the Agreement.
- 8. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby approves the PAGA Distribution Amount in the amount of \$129,000 as fair and reasonable. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, seventy-five percent (75%) of the PAGA Distribution Amount (*i.e.*, \$96,750) shall be distributed to the LWDA, and twenty-five percent (25%) of the PAGA

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- 9. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby approves the Class Member Payments in the aggregate amount of \$3,920,917.09 as fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator to distribute the Class Member Payments to Participating Class Members in accordance with the provisions of this Order and the Agreement.
- 10. Any checks issued to Participating Class Members or PAGA Affected Employees shall remain valid and negotiable for one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the date of their issuance and then shall become void on the 181st day after mailing, i.e., the Void Date. Any re-mailed or re-issued check shall remain valid and negotiable for one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the date the original check was mailed. Any unclaimed funds resulting from Class Members' failure to cash Class Member Payment checks and/or PAGA Affected Employee Payment checks by the Void Date shall be transmitted by the Settlement Administrator to the Cy Pres Recipient, Legal Aid at Work, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Void Date. The Court approves the Cy Pres Recipient as an appropriate recipient of these funds. Any refunded employeeside payroll taxes corresponding to the wage component of any uncashed Class Member Payment checks shall be transmitted by the Settlement Administrator to the Cy Pres Recipient within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Settlement Administrator's receipt of the refunded employee-side payroll taxes. Any refunded employer-side payroll taxes corresponding to the wage component of any uncashed Class Member Payment checks shall be returned to Defendant within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Settlement Administrator's receipt of the refunded employer-side payroll taxes.
- 11. Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiffs shall be deemed to have provided a Complete and General Release to the Released Parties in accordance with Paragraph 3.5.4 of the Settlement Agreement.

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12. Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiffs - individually and on behalf of the State of California and PAGA Affected Employees – shall be deemed to have fully and irrevocably released the Released Parties from the Released PAGA Claims, as defined in the Agreement, which are any and all claims, rights, demands, and liabilities of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, for civil penalties that were asserted or that could have been asserted based on the facts alleged in the Second Amended Consolidated Class Action and PAGA Complaint that arose during the PAGA Period, including, but not limited to, claims for civil penalties for alleged violations of California Labor Code sections 201-204, 204b, 204.1, 204.2, 204.11, 205, 205.5, 210, 216, 218.5, 218.6, 221-224, 225.5, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 246, 510, 512, 516, 558, 1024.5, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1195, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.5, 1198, and 2802, violations of California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11000, et seq., and violations of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s), and by incorporation any and all of the alleged conduct included in the defined Class Claims. The Released PAGA Claims do not include other PAGA claims, underlying wage and hour claims, claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, unemployment insurance, disability and worker's compensation, and claims outside of the PAGA Period. Plaintiffs, the State of California, and PAGA Affected Employees will release such Released PAGA Claims for the PAGA Period, i.e., the release of PAGA Claims will run from February 23, 2021, through and including December 10, 2023. Plaintiffs, the State of California, and PAGA Affected Employees may discover facts in addition to or different from those they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released PAGA Claims, but upon the Effective Date and contingent upon full funding, they shall be deemed to have – and by operation of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, they shall have - fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all of the Released PAGA Claims. On behalf of the State of California and all PAGA Affected Employees, Plaintiffs agree that, as of the Effective Date and contingent upon full funding, Plaintiffs, the State of California, and all PAGA Affected Employees are hereby forever barred and enjoined from prosecuting the Released PAGA Claims against the Released Parties.

13. Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiffs and each of the Participating Class Members shall be deemed to have fully and irrevocably released

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when due or at the correct regular rate of pay; unlawful deductions from wages in violation of in violation of California Labor Code section 221; failure to provide accurate wage statements in violation of California Labor Code section 226; failure to reimburse business expenses in violation of California Labor Code section 2802; failure to pay wages when due in violation of California Labor Code sections 201-204; attorneys' fees and costs incurred to prosecute the Action on behalf of Class Members; and any other derivative remedies, penalties, and interest available under the law based on the facts alleged in the Second Amended Consolidated Class Action and PAGA Complaint. Except as expressly set forth in the Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period. Participating Class Members will release such Released Class Claims for the Class Period, i.e., the release of PAGA Claims will run from March 21, 2019, through and including December 10, 2023. Plaintiffs and Participating Class Members may discover facts in addition to or different from those they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Class Claims, but upon the Effective Date and contingent upon full funding, they shall be deemed to have – and by operation of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, they shall have – fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all of the Released Class Claims. On behalf of all Participating Class Members, Plaintiffs agree that, as of the Effective Date and contingent upon full funding, Plaintiffs and all Participating Class Members are hereby forever barred and enjoined from prosecuting the Released Class Claims against the Released Parties.

14. The terms of the Agreement, and this Final Approval Order and Judgment, are binding on Plaintiffs, the State of California, Participating Class Members, and the PAGA Affected Employees, and those terms shall have, to the fullest extent permitted by law, *res judicata* and other preclusive effect in all pending and future claims, lawsuits, or other proceedings maintained by or on behalf of Participating Class Members, the State of California, and PAGA Affected Employees, to the extent those claims, lawsuits or other proceedings fall within the scope of Released Class Claims and/or Released PAGA Claims as set forth in the Agreement.

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- 15. Neither this Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Agreement, nor any document referred to herein, nor any action taken to carry out the Agreement is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission by or against Defendant or any of the other Released Parties of any fault, wrongdoing, or liability whatsoever. Nor is this Final Approval Order and Judgment a finding of the validity of any of the Released Class Claims or Released PAGA Claims or of any wrongdoing by Defendant or any of the other Released Parties. The entering into or carrying out of the Agreement, and any negotiations or proceedings related thereto, shall not in any event be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission or concession with regard to the denials or defenses by Defendant or any of the other Released Parties and shall not be offered in evidence against Defendant or any of the Released Parties in any action or proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal for any purpose whatsoever other than to enforce the provisions of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Agreement, or any related agreement or release. Notwithstanding these restrictions, any of the Released Parties may file in the above-captioned action or in any other proceeding this Final Approval Order and Judgment, the Agreement, or any other papers and records on file in the Action as evidence of the Settlement and to support a defense of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, waiver, or other theory of claim preclusion, issue preclusion, or similar defense.
- 16. In the event that the Settlement does not become final and effective in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, then this Final Approval Order and Judgment and all orders entered in connection herewith, shall be rendered null and void and be vacated. Moreover, any funds tendered by Defendant shall be returned and/or retained by Defendant consistent with the terms of the Settlement.
- 17. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction as to all matters relating to the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.
- 18. Within ten (10) days of this Final Approval Order and Judgment, Plaintiffs shall submit a copy of this Final Approval Order and Judgment to the LWDA.