

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiffs Arlen F. Alcantar and David Chiang (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Kidango, Inc. (“Defendant” or “Kidango”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiffs and Defendant collectively as “the Parties,” or individually as “the Party.”

Excluded from this Settlement Agreement is a separately agreed to individual settlement of the Action entitled *Arlen F. Alcantar v. Kidango, Inc.* (Case No. 24CV436493) filed in Santa Clara Superior Court by Plaintiff Alcantar involving alleged wrongful termination in violation of public policy, and alleged violations of California Labor Code §§ 98.6, 1102.5, 232.5, and Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et seq* (“Individual Action”).

This Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the Court, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769(c), (d) and (e), and is made for the sole purpose of attempting to consummate settlement of the Action on a class-wide basis subject to the following terms and conditions. As detailed below, in the event the Court does not enter an order granting final approval of the Class Settlement, as defined below, or the conditions precedent are not met for any reason, this Agreement is void and of no force or effect whatsoever.

1. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below. To the extent terms or phrases used in this Agreement are not specifically defined below, but are defined elsewhere in this Agreement, they are incorporated by reference into this definition section.

1.1 “Action” means Plaintiff Alcantar and Chiang’s class and PAGA representative action against Defendant entitled *Arlen F. Alcantar et al. v. Kidango Inc.* (Case No. 23CV424964) (“Alcantar Action”) pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara.

1.2 “Administrator” means Apex Class Action LLC, 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, which are anticipated to not exceed \$14,500.00.

1.4 “Aggrieved Employees” means all individuals employed as non-exempt, hourly employees by Defendant within the State of California during the PAGA Period.

1.5 “Class” means all individuals employed as non-exempt, hourly employees by Kidango, Inc. within the State of California during the Class Period.

1.6 “Class Counsel” means Emil Davtyan, David Yeremian, Alvin Lindsay, Enoch J. Kim, and Arianna Razi of D.Law, Inc. and Norman B. Blumenthal, Kyle R. Nordrehaug, Aparajit Bhowmik, Nicholas J. De Blouw, Jeffrey S. Herman, Sergio J. Puche, and Trevor G. Moran of Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP (“BNBD”).

1.7 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” means the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the 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, start and end dates of active employment as a non-exempt employee of Defendant in the State of California, number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (or sufficient information to calculate the number of such workweeks), and any other information required by the Administrator in order to effectuate the terms of the Settlement.

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 and PAGA Action Settlement, to be mailed to Class Members, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.12 “Class Period” means the period commencing on October 30, 2019 and continuing through the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement, or an earlier date that Kidango selects pursuant to the escalation option.

1.13 “Class Representative(s)” means Arlen F. Alcantar and David Chiang, the named Plaintiffs in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as Class Representatives.

1.14 “Class Representative Service Payments” mean the payments to the Class Representatives for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.

1.15 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara.

1.16 “Defendant” means named Defendant Kidango, Inc.

1.17 “Defense Counsel” means Barbara A. Cotter, Terry A. Wills and Karina Sandoval Martinez of Cook Brown, LLP.

1.18 “Effective Date” will be the later of the following: (a) sixty-five days after the date upon which the Court enters Final Approval; (b) the date for filing an appeal and no such appeal being filed; or (c) if any timely appeals are filed, the date of the resolution (or withdrawal) of any such appeal in a way that does not alter the terms of the Settlement.

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.

1.22 “Gross Settlement Amount” means One Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$1,990,000.00) which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 8, below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Employee’s Taxes and Required Withholdings, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Class Representative Service Payments, and the Settlement Administration Expenses Payment. The Gross Settlement Amount does not include employer’s share of payroll taxes which will be paid by Defendant in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount.

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 Class Workweeks worked during the Class Period, less Employee’s Taxes and Required Withholding.

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 during the PAGA Period.

1.25 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.

1.26 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

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 funds available for payments to the Class members on a pro-rata basis, which shall be the amount remaining after the following amounts are deducted from the Gross Settlement Amount: (1) Class Counsel Fees Payment, (2) Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, (3) Settlement Administration Costs, (4) Class

Representative Service Payments; and (5) PAGA Penalties to be paid to the LWDA and PAGA Members.

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.

1.30 “Operative Complaint” means the operative Second Amended Complaint filed in Santa Clara Superior Court on March 21, 2025, which added the parties and claims pending in the Chiang Class Action and Chiang PAGA Action to the Alcantar Action.

1.31 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.).

1.32 “PAGA Notice(s)” means Plaintiff Alcantar’s October 30, 2023 letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a), and Plaintiff Chiang’s January 5, 2024 letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a).

1.33 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$17,500.00) and 75% to the LWDA (\$52,500.00) in settlement of PAGA claims.

1.34 “PAGA Period” means the period from October 30, 2022 and continuing through the date of preliminary approval of the Settlement.

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 “Pay Period” means any pay period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.

1.37 “Plaintiff(s)” means Arlen F. Alcantar and David Chiang, the named Plaintiffs in the Actions.

1.38 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

1.39 “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of the Settlement.

1.40 “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.

1.41 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.

1.42 “Released Parties” means: Defendant Kidango, Inc. and its past, present, and/or future, direct and/or indirect, officers, directors, members, managers, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, insurers, reinsurers, partners, investors, shareholders, administrators, parent companies, subsidiaries, sectors, affiliates, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, and joint venturers.

1.43 “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.

1.44 “Response Deadline” means 45 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional fourteen (14) calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1.45 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

1.46 “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 October 30, 2023, Plaintiff Alcantar filed a Class Action Complaint in the Santa Clara Superior Court (Case No. 23CV424964) against Defendant, alleging the following wage and hour violations: (1) Failure to Pay Minimum Wages; (2) Failure to Pay Wages and Overtime Under Labor Code § 510; (3) Meal Period Liability Labor Code § 226.7; (4) Rest-Break Liability Labor Code § 226.7; (5) Violation of Labor Code § 226; (6) Violation of Labor Code § 221; (7) Violation of Labor Code § 204; (8) Violation of Labor Code § 203; (9) Failure to Maintain Records Required under Labor Code §§ 1174, 1174.5; (10) Failure to Produce Requested Records under §§ 226 and 1198; (11) Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses under Labor Code § 2802; and (12) Violation of Business & Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.* On January 4, 2024, Plaintiff Alcantar filed a First Amended Complaint adding a cause of action under PAGA. On January 5, 2024, Plaintiff Chiang filed a Class Action complaint entitled *David Chiang v. Kidango, Inc.* in the Alameda County Superior Court of California (Case No. 24CV058779) (“Chiang Class Action”) and alleged the same wage and hour violations in the Alcantar Action. On March 21, 2024, Plaintiff Chiang filed a separate representative action complaint entitled *David Chiang v. Kidango, Inc.* in the Santa Clara County Superior Court of California (Case No. 24CV433628) (“Chiang PAGA Action”) and alleged one cause of action for civil penalties under PAGA for various wage and hour violations. In May 2024, Plaintiffs and their counsel engaged in Joint Prosecution and Fee and Cost Sharing Agreement (“JPA”) to collectively represent the Plaintiffs in the prosecution and litigation. All Parties subsequently agreed to mediate the Plaintiffs’ Class and PAGA claims.

2.2 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a), Plaintiff Alcantar gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending her PAGA Notice on October 30, 2023, and Plaintiff Chiang gave his PAGA Notice on January 5, 2024.

2.3 Prior to mediation, Plaintiffs obtained, through informal discovery, documents, and information pertaining to their wage and hour claims, including, but not limited to, wage and hour policy and procedure documents, adequate sampling of employee time and payroll records, and the exchanges of relevant data points pertaining to the Class and PAGA claims. Plaintiffs' investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").

2.4 On October 21, 2024, the Parties participated in a full-day mediation with Hon. Howard R. Broadman (Ret.), which led to this Agreement to settle the Action and the Parties' agreement to amend the Alcantar Action pending in the Santa Clara County Superior Court of California to add the parties and claims pending in the Chiang Class Action and Chiang PAGA Action, and subsequently dismiss the separate Chiang actions without prejudice.

2.5 On March 21, 2025, Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Class Action Complaint in the Alcantar Action adding the parties and claims that were pending in the Chiang Class Action and Chiang PAGA Action. Subsequently, on April 1, 2025, the Santa Clara County Superior Court of California subsequently granted Plaintiff Chiang's request to dismiss the separate Chiang PAGA Action without prejudice. On April 8, 2025, the Alameda County Superior Court of California granted Plaintiff Chiang's request to dismiss the separate Chiang Class Action without prejudice.

2.6 Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint, and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged. Defendant further denies that, for any purpose other than settling this Action, these claims are appropriate for class or representative treatment.

2.7 The Parties agree that this Agreement is for settlement purposes only and if, for any reason, the Agreement is not approved, the Agreement will be of no force or effect. In such event, nothing in this Agreement shall be used or construed by or against any party as a determination, admission, or concession of any issue of law or fact in the Action; and the Parties do not waive, and instead expressly reserve, their respective rights with respect to the prosecution and defense of this Action as if this Agreement never existed.

2.8 The Court has not granted class certification.

2.9 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.

2.10 The Agreement set forth herein intends to achieve the following: (1) an entry of an order approving the Settlement; (2) entry of judgment of the Action; (3) discharge of Released Parties from liability for any and all of the Released Claims; and (4) discharge of Defendant from liability for any and all claims arising out of the Action.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 8 below, Defendant promises to pay One Million Nine Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$1,990,000.00) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all Employer Taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. 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 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. 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 Plaintiffs: A Class Representative Service Payment to each Class Representative of \$10,000.00 (\$20,000.000 total) (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representatives are entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Defendant will not oppose Plaintiffs' request for Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the Final Approval motion, Plaintiffs will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payment no later than sixteen (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 allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payments using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiffs assume 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 one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount which is currently estimated to be \$663,333.33, allocated 70% to D.Law Inc. and 30% to BNBD, and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$45,000.00. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that the requests do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment no later than sixteen (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 of 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 \$14,500.00 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 \$14,500.00, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4 To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment is calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.

3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. Twenty percent (20%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The Parties agree that the Employee's Taxes and Required Withholdings with respect to the wage portion of the Individual Class Payment will be withheld from the Individual Class Payment. Eighty percent (80%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to the settlement of claims for interest and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will allocate amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments to the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro-rata basis.

3.2.5 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees. PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$70,000.00 are to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$52,500.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$17,500.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1. Calculation of Individual PAGA Payment. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (\$17,500.00) by the total number of Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2. 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.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1 Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee PAGA Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records, Defendant estimates approximately 882 Class Members collectively worked a total of 100,944 Workweeks and approximately 652 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 18,798 Pay Periods.

4.2 Class Data. Not later than fourteen (14) days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will simultaneously deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. 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. Class Counsel shall not receive a copy of the Class Data or any content thereof. 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 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendant's share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date. At least five (5) business days prior to Defendant's deadline for funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator shall calculate the total Employer Taxes due on the wage portion of the Individual Class Payments and issue Defendant instructions and the amount of the Employer Taxes.

4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within fourteen (14) days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks and/or wire payment for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members 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 seven (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 and who requests a check before the void date.

4.4.3 For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and canceled after the void date, within ten (10) calendar days of the check void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the State of California State Controller's Office, in the Class Member's name to be held as unclaimed property for the Class Member.

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.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all the employer's share of payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Class Members (including the Class Representatives) and Aggrieved Employees will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 Plaintiffs' Release. Plaintiff Chiang and his representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences that occurred during the Class Period, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on the facts contained in the Operative Complaint; (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint and Plaintiffs' PAGA Notices; and (c) all claims for lost wages and benefits, emotional distress, retaliation, punitive damages, and attorneys' fees and costs arising under federal, state, or local laws for discrimination, harassment, and wrongful termination, such as by way of example only, (as amended) 42 U.S.C. section 1981, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act;

the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 *et seq.*; federal common law; and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.*; and the law of contract and tort (“Plaintiff Chiang’s Release”). Plaintiff Chiang’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, workers’ compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the Class Period. Plaintiff Chiang acknowledges that he may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that he now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff Chiang’s Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or his discovery of them. Moreover, Plaintiff Alcantar will provide a Section 1542 waiver in a separate individual agreement along with a general release that separately releases all her claims encompassed under the Operative Complaint and in her separate Individual Action against Defendant, including (1) Violation of Labor Code § 98.6, (2) violation of Labor Code 1102.5, (3) Violation of Labor Code § 232.5; (4) Wrongful Termination in Violation of Public Policy; and (5) Unfair Competition (Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 1700 *et seq.*).

5.1.1 Plaintiff Chiang’s Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiffs’ Release, subject to applicable carve out listed above, Plaintiff Chiang 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.

5.2 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 the Released Parties from all claims, rights, demands, liabilities, and causes of action that are alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged based on the facts asserted in the Operative Complaint that occurred during the Class Period, including the following claims: (1) Failure to Pay Minimum Wages; (2) Failure to Pay Wages and Overtime Under Labor Code§ 510; (3) Meal Period Liability Labor Code§ 226.7; (4) Rest-Break Liability Labor Code§ 226.7; (5) Violation of Labor Code§ 226; (6) Violation of Labor Code§ 221; (7) Violation of Labor Code§ 204; (8) Violation of Labor Code§ 203; (9) Failure to Maintain Records Required under Labor Code §§ 1174, 1174.5; (10) Failure to Produce Requested Records under §§ 226 and 1198; (11) Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses under Labor Code§ 2802; (12) Violation of Business & Professions Code§ 17200, *et seq.*; (13) claims under Labor Code Section 246 *et seq.* and related laws for Paid Sick Leave violations; and (14) all claims under the Wage Orders, including suitable seating claims (collectively “Released Class Claims”). Expressly excluded from the release are all other claims,

including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, retaliation, discrimination, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers compensation, and Class claims outside the Class Period.

5.3 Release by Aggrieved Employees: All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for the recovery for civil penalties, attorneys' fees and costs permissible under PAGA which Plaintiffs and/or the Aggrieved Employees had, or may claim to have, against Released Parties, which were alleged or were based on the facts in the Operative Complaint and/or the PAGA Notices submitted in connection with the *Alcantar* and *Chiang* Actions, including failure to pay overtime compensation, failure to pay minimum wages, failure to provide compliant meal and rest breaks, failure to pay meal and rest period premiums, failure to pay all wages owed at discharge or resignation; failure to timely pay wages during employment; failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; failure to keep complete and accurate payroll records; failure to provide one day's rest from seven; failure to reimburse necessary business-related expenses; failure to provide suitable seating, and violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 221, 226(a), 226.3, 226.7, 246, *et seq.*, 510, 512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2698, *et seq.* (collectively "Released PAGA Claims"). This release is limited to claims arising during the PAGA Period, and expressly excludes other PAGA claims, claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, discrimination, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, and worker's compensation, and PAGA claims outside of the PAGA Period.

The Settlement shall release and bar all Released PAGA Claims by or on behalf of Plaintiffs and all Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period, regardless of whether Plaintiffs and/or an Aggrieved Employee negotiates (cashes) their/his/her settlement checks sent pursuant to this Settlement. The Parties agree that there is no statutory right for any Aggrieved Employee to opt-out or otherwise exclude himself or herself from the PAGA settlement and the associated release of claims and rights under PAGA. The Parties also agree that Aggrieved Employees do not have a right to intervene in or object to the Settlement, or to require a court to receive and consider objections to the Settlement, and that Aggrieved Employees do not have a right to move to vacate a judgment entered in the Action. As such, an individual Aggrieved Employee opting out of the Class has no impact as to his/her standing and/or inclusion in the PAGA settlement assuming they/he/she qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee. Class Counsel agrees to provide timely notice of the Settlement to the LWDA as required under PAGA. Any Aggrieved Employees who submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion are still entitled to their Individual PAGA Payment and have no right or ability to opt out of the portion of this Settlement releasing the Released PAGA Claims.

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** Plaintiffs will prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval").

6.1 Plaintiffs' Responsibilities. Plaintiffs will prepare 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 approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of Class and PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) 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. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2))).

6.2 Defendant's Responsibilities. Within 14 days of the full execution of this Agreement, Defendant will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed Declaration disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. In the Declaration, Defendant shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement. Defendant shall also confer the number of Class Members and the number of Workweeks for the Class during the Class Period.

6.3 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel is responsible 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 Order to the Administrator.

6.4 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.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Apex Class Action to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Apex Class Action agrees 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.

7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.

7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

7.4 Notice to Class Members.

7.4.1 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, PAGA Members, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.

7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than fourteen (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. Concurrently with the mailing of the Class Notice, the Administrator will also post a copy of the Class Notice on its website at least until the date of the Final Approval Hearing. 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 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.

7.4.3 Not later than three (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. Other than verifying that Defendant does not have any additional information to locate or send the Class Notice, 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.

7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members’ written objections, Challenges to Workweeks, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional fourteen (14) days beyond the 45 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.

7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendant, or Class Counsel are 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 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 fourteen (14) days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever are later.

7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

7.5.1 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 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). 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.

7.5.2 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, though the Court may make a final determination of any dispute. 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, except by the Court.

7.5.3 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 of Released Class Claims, under Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4 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. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the Released PAGA Claims, identified in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement, and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks and Pay Periods. Each Class Member shall have 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class 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 Workweeks and 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 Workweeks and 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 Workweeks and Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and redacted copies to Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination of the challenges. The Administrator will provide similar copies of challenges to Class Counsel after redacting Class Member identifying information, including but not limited to name, address, social security number, email address, and phone number.

7.7 Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1 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 Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

7.7.2 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 45 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

7.8 Administrator Duties. 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.

7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain 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, and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses 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. If Final Approval is granted, the Administrator will post the above-listed information of interest for at least 180 days after the date of mailing Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

7.8.2 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 five (5) days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to: (a) Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”), along with copies of all valid and timely Requests for Exclusion; (b) Defense Counsel containing the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion, along with copies of all invalid or untimely Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted.

7.8.3 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 Workweeks received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must provide the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide Defense Counsel the names and identifying information of Class Members whose Class Notices have been returned as undeliverable for the purpose of determining if Defendant can provide any additional information to successfully mail the Class Notice.

7.8.4 Workweek and Pay Period Challenges. 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 Workweeks and Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.8.5 Employer’s Share of Payroll Taxes. The Administrator shall handle all tax document preparation and reporting, including W-2 and/or 1099 Forms, and any other state and federal tax forms. The Administrator shall calculate the amount of the Employer’s Taxes and shall remit and report the applicable portions of the payroll tax payment to the appropriate taxing authorities in a timely manner.

7.8.6 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than fourteen (14) days before the date by which Plaintiffs are 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.

7.8.7 Posting of Final Judgment. Within ten (10) days after the Court has held a Final Approval Hearing and entered the Judgment certifying the Class for settlement purposes

only and approving the Settlement, the Administrator will give notice of judgment to Class Members pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.771(b) by posting a copy of said Judgment on its website at a web address to be included in the Class Notice.

7.8.8 **Final Report by Settlement Administrator.** Within ten (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 fifteen (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.

8. **CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES AND ESCALATOR CLAUSE.** Defendant represented that 882 Class Members have worked 100,944 Workweeks during the Class Period. The Parties further agree that if the final Workweeks during the Class Period, which formed the basis of the Settlement, increases by more than ten (10) percent above 100,994 Workweeks (e.g., to greater than 111,038 Workweeks), Defendant at its sole discretions shall either: (1) establish the end date of the Settlement period as the 111,038th Workweek; or (2) pay additional money to the Gross Settlement Amount for the additional release period commensurate with the number of Workweeks that will exceed 111,038 at the same Workweek rate as before. If this provision is triggered and the Gross Settlement Amount is increased, the Parties agree that the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount allocated to attorneys' fees will increase proportionally such that the total amount of the Class Counsel Fees Payment remains one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount after the upward adjustment required by this provision is implemented.

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 to, 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 sixteen (16) court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs 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. (1), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiffs shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than two (2) calendar 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 Response to Objections. 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 Duty to Cooperate. 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 Payments, 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.

10.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, 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.

10.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. 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 as 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 Payments 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.

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.

12.1 No Effect on Employee Benefit Plans. Neither this Agreement nor any amounts paid under the Settlement will modify any previously credited hours, days, or weeks of service under any employee benefit plan, policy, or bonus program sponsored by Defendant. Such amounts will not form the basis for additional contributions to, benefits under, or any other monetary entitlement under Defendant's sponsored benefit plans, policies, or bonus programs. The payments made under the terms of this Settlement shall not be applied retroactively, currently, or on a going-forward basis, as salary, earnings, wages, or any other form of compensation for the purposes of any of Defendant's benefit plan, policy, or bonus program. Defendant retains the right to modify the language of its benefits plans, policies, and bonus programs to effect this intent and to make clear that any amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement are not for "weeks worked," "weeks paid," "weeks of service," or any similar measuring term as defined by applicable plans, policies and bonus programs for purpose of eligibility, vesting, benefit accrual, or any other purpose, and that additional contributions or benefits are not required by this Settlement. Defendant does not consider the Individual Class Payments "compensation" for purposes of determining eligibility for, or benefit accrual within, any benefit plans, policies, or bonus programs, or any other plan sponsored by Defendant.

12.2 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 Plaintiffs that Defendant's defenses in the 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 not 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 Action, and Plaintiffs reserve 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 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).

12.3 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiffs, 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 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 Administrator and 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 the other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiffs, 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, with any 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.

12.4 No Solicitation. 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.

12.5 Integrated Agreement. 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.

12.6 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiffs and Defendant, 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.

12.7 Cooperation. 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.

12.8 No Prior Assignments. 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 any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Agreement.

12.9 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this

Agreement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

12.10 Modification of Agreement. 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.

12.11 Authority of Signatories. The respective signatories to the Agreement represent that they are fully authorized to enter into this Agreement and bind the respective Parties to its terms and conditions.

12.12 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

12.13 Applicable Law. 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.

12.14 Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, each party shall bear their own attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, taxable or otherwise, incurred by them or arising out of the Action and shall not seek reimbursement thereof from any other party in this Agreement. In any suit or court action to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

12.15 Cooperation in Drafting. 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.

12.16 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.

12.17 Use and Return of Class Data. 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, Plaintiffs 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 Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Class Data.

12.18 Headings. 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.

12.19 Calendar Days. 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.

12.20 Notice. All notices, demands, or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

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12.21 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), 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.

12.22 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation 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.

ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS

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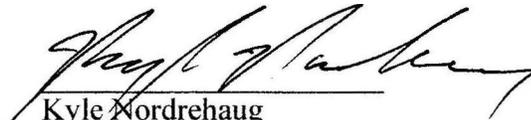
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