

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Historic Court House

Hearing on Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement Notice Of Motion For
Preliminary Approval Of Class Action And Paga Settlement

08/20/2025

8:30 AM

Department 1

CVRI2402625

SERRANO vs DELUXE AUTO CARRIERS, INC.

Honorable Harold W. Hopp, Judge

E. Escobedo, Courtroom Assistant

Court Reporter: None

APPEARANCES:

SERRANO, RAUL [PLA] Represented by Johnny Nitti appearing remotely in Court.

DELUXE AUTO CARRIERS, INC. [DEF] Represented by Curtis Graham appearing remotely in Court.

At 08:47 AM, the following proceedings were held:

Motion by Plaintiff regarding Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement is called for hearing.

Appearances requested to discuss:

1. No declaration from plaintiff's or defense counsel about whether there are other cases in which similar class, collective or representative claims are made.
2. How was Apex selected as settlement administrator? Was there a bidding process and was Apex the low bidder?
3. Confirm that employer's share of payroll taxes will be paid separately from gross settlement.
4. Need to attach notice, opt-out, and objection forms to proposed order. Need to add to notice the court's web and street addresses (www.riverside.courts.ca.gov and 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA) and the full title and date of filing of document to which the settlement agreement is attached (Declaration of Sydney Castillo-Johnson filed July 24, 2025 as Exhibit 1). Need to clarify in notice that objection and exclusion forms are to be returned to the administrator and date by which they must be returned. Need to add to proposed order that administrator will file a declaration authenticating any opt-out and objection forms received.
5. No declaration from defendant concerning likely age, education, experience and fluency in English of recipients of notice.
6. Need to select date for hearing of motion for final approval.

Counsel presents argument.

Court makes the following order(s):

Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement is granted.

Hearing re: Final Approval set 01/08/2026 at 08:30 AM in Department 1

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Moving papers for the motion for final approval to be filed at least 16 court days before the hearing date.

Plaintiff to file a revised proposed order for signature.

Continue (future hearing) 08/20/2025 08:30 AM Case Management Conference - Complex to
01/08/2026 at 08:30 AM in Department 1.

Notice waived.