

## CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiff Julio Miranda (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and Defendant John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company (“JA” or “Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

### 1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1 “Action” means the Plaintiff’s lawsuit entitled *Julio Miranda v. John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company* alleging wage-and-hour violations against Defendant, initiated on June 18, 2024, in the County of Riverside and pending in Superior Court of the State of California (Case No. CVRI2403409).
- 1.2 “Administrator” means Apex Class Action (“Apex”), the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3 “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4 “Aggrieved Employee” means Any Class Member who worked during the PAGA limitations period (the “PAGA Period”).
- 1.5 “Class” all persons currently or formerly employed by Defendant in California as a non-exempt driver during the Class Period.
- 1.6 “Class Counsel” means Shegerian & Associates, Inc., including Carney R. Shegerian, Anthony Nguyen, and Erik Dos Santos.
- 1.7 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action, subject to the Court’s approval.
- 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 employment, and number of workweeks and/or pay periods worked during the Class Period.
- 1.9 “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means all persons currently or formerly employed by Defendant in California as a non-exempt driver during the Class Period, including Participating Class Members and Non- Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees.

- 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” and/or “Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English with a Spanish translation, in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.12 “Class Period” means the period from June 18, 2020 to July 4, 2025.
- 1.13 “Class Representative” means Plaintiff Julio Miranda, the named plaintiff in the operative complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.
- 1.14 “Class Representative Service Payment” means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.15 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside.
- 1.16 “Defendant” and/or “JA” means named defendant John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company.
- 1.17 “Defense Counsel” means Mayall Hurley, P.C., including Jenny D. Baysinger and Vladimir J. Kozina.
- 1.18 “Effective Date” means the date that is sixty-five (65) calendar days after entry of judgment, if no appeal is filed. If an appeal is filed, the settlement shall not become effective and final until fifteen (15) days after either (1) the appeal is dismissed with prejudice, or (2) the judgment is affirmed on appeal or is otherwise no longer subject to appeal.
- 1.19 “Final Approval” and/or “Final Approval Order” 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 \$167,380.00, which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement, except as provided in Paragraphs 3.1 and 9 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class

Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administration Expenses Payment.

- 1.23 “Individual Class Payment” means a Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks during the Class Period.
- 1.24 “Individual PAGA Payment” means an Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Workweeks during the PAGA Period.
- 1.25 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon granting Final Approval.
- 1.26 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled to a share of the PAGA Penalties pursuant to 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 Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is the Net Settlement Amount to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.29 “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.30 “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee was employed by Defendant for at least one day during that Pay Period in the PAGA limitations Period.
- 1.31 “PAGA Period” means the period from April 14, 2023 to July 4, 2025.
- 1.32 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.33 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s December 21, 2023, Notice of Labor Code Violations notice(s) to Defendant, and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.34 “PAGA Penalties” means the \$10,000 total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount of \$167,380.00, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$2,500) and the 75% to the LWDA (\$7,500) in settlement of PAGA claims.

- 1.35 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.36 “Plaintiff” means Julio Miranda, the named Plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.37 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.38 “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.39 “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.40 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 1.41 “Released Parties” means: Defendant and each of its former and present parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors or successors, including but not limited to John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company, and all agents, employees, officers, directors and attorneys thereof.
- 1.42 “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s timely submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.43 “Response Deadline” means 60 calendar days after the Administrator mails the 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 their Objection to the Settlement. Any Class Member to whom a Class Notice must be re-mailed after having been returned to the Administrator as undeliverable shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the expiration of the Response Deadline.
- 1.44 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.45 “Settlement Payment Check” means the payment of the Individual Settlement Payment to Class Members and Individual PAGA Payment to aggrieved employees.
- 1.46 “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member performed work for Defendant for at least one day during the Class Period.

## 2. RECITALS.

- 2.1 This Settlement is made and entered into by and between Plaintiff and Defendant, and is subject to the terms and conditions hereof, and to the Court’s approval. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this Agreement is entered into solely for the

purpose of compromising significantly disputed claims and that nothing herein is an admission of liability or wrongdoing by Defendant.

- 2.2 On June 18, 2024, Julio Miranda filed a civil complaint in Riverside County Superior Court asserting the following causes of action: (1) Failure to Pay Minimum Wages; (2) Failure to Furnish Timely and Accurate Wage Statements; (3) Failure to Maintain Required Records; (4) Failure to Reimburse Necessary, Business-Related Expenses; (5) Failure to Pay All Wages Owed Upon Separation; (6) Violations of California's Unfair Competition Law; and (7) Civil Penalties for Violations of PAGA. On August 19, 2024 Plaintiff filed a first amended complaint asserting the following causes of action: (1) Failure to Pay Minimum Wages; (2) Failure to Furnish Timely and Accurate Wage Statements; (3) Failure to Reimburse Necessary, Business-Related Expenses; (4) Failure to Pay All Wages Owed Upon Separation; (5) Violations of California's Unfair Competition Law; and (6) Civil Penalties for Violations of PAGA. The First Amended Complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the "Operative Complaint"). 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 maintains that it complied in good faith with all applicable wage-and-hour laws and has timely and accurately paid Plaintiff and putative class members/aggrieved employees all sums owing and has otherwise complied with relevant legal obligations.
- 2.3 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff gave timely and sufficient written notice to Defendant and the LWDA of alleged violations giving rise to the PAGA cause of action.
- 2.4 On May 5, 2025, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel participated in an all-day mediation with David Phillips, Esq. of Signature Resolution.
- 2.5 Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, time records, pay records, and information relating to the size and scope of the Class, as well as data permitting Plaintiff to fully understand the nature and scope of the allegations in the Complaint, the number of weeks employed during the Class Period, including that Plaintiff's counsel received and analyzed an approximately 33% sampling of time and wage records. The Parties agree that the above-described investigation and evaluation, as well as the information exchanged during the settlement negotiations, 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*").
- 2.6 The Court has not granted class certification.
- 2.7 The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are aware of a newly filed class action titled *Villatoro v. John Aguilar & Company, Inc.*, San Joaquin County Case No. STK-CV-UOE-2025-10683, which was initiated after the resolution in

principle of this matter and asserts claims that overlap with the claims asserted and to be released by this Settlement. Counsel for Plaintiff in *Villatoro* has already been advised of the instant action and that a proposed settlement has been reached.

- 2.8 In consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements set forth herein, Plaintiff and Defendant agree, subject to the Court's approval, that this case and any claims, damages, or causes of action arising out of the disputes which are subject to this case, be settled and compromised as between the Settlement Class and Defendant, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

### 3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraphs 4.3 and 9 below, Defendant promises to pay a total of \$167,380.00, and no more, as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer payroll 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 and such obligation is subject to Paragraph 9 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 Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$7,500.00 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative receives). Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.
- 3.2.2 To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third, which is currently estimated to be \$55,235.40, and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$14,000. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed

these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than sixteen (16) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. These amounts will cover any and all work performed and any and all costs incurred in connection with this litigation, including without limitation: all work performed and all costs incurred to date; and all work to be performed and costs to be incurred in connection with obtaining the Court's approval of this Settlement, including any objections raised and any appeals necessitated by those objections. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3 The Settlement Administrator: The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for administering the Settlement. Among other things, the Settlement Administrator will be responsible for sending notices to Settlement Class members, calculating Settlement Awards and preparing all checks and mailings, posting the Judgment to its website, and other duties as described in this Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will maintain acceptable electronic and physical security protocols to adequately protect and safeguard private employee information it will have access to as a result of the claims process. The fees and expenses of the Administrator, up to a maximum amount of \$6,750.00, for work done shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administrator shall be authorized to pay itself from the Gross Settlement Amount only after Settlement Payment Checks have been mailed to Participating Class Members.

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

3.2.4.1 Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 10% 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 other 90% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest and penalties, including but not limited to the Individual PAGA Payments (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 retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in 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 \$10,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% \$7,500 allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% \$2,500 allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties \$2,500 by the total number of Workweeks of all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks of each Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period. 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 Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records, Defendant estimates that as of the date of the Parties' mediation, there were approximately 116 Class Members who collectively worked a total of approximately 16,738 Workweeks.

4.2 Class Data. Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will 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. 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 for the wage portion of the settlement by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 60 calendar days after the Effective Date, on the condition that the administrator has provided such amounts to Defendant, and if the Administrator fails to do so, within 21 days of their providing such calculations, if after the 60<sup>th</sup> day.
- 4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.
- 4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments 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, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.4.3 For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

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 EMPLOYER PAYROLL TAXES OWED ON THE WAGE PORTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL CLASS PAYMENTS, PLAINTIFF, CLASS MEMBERS, AND CLASS COUNSEL WILL RELEASE CLAIMS AGAINST ALL RELEASED PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

5.1 Plaintiff's General Release. As of the Effective Date and Defendant's payment of the GSA, Plaintiff and his respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, known and unknown, asserted and unasserted, that he has or may have had against Defendant and any of the Released Parties. Such claims include, but are not limited to: breaches of contract, whether written, oral or implied; violations of any public policy; tort claims, including but not limited to intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligent infliction of emotional distress, defamation, misrepresentation, and fraud; retaliation claims; common law claims; any other claims for damages, costs, fees, or other expenses, including attorneys' fees; and any violations of the following statutes, laws, and regulations: Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 200, *et seq.*, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; The Civil Rights Act of 1991; Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended; The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended; The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended; the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act; the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; the Occupational Safety and Health Act, as amended; the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended; the Fair Labor Standards

Act; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act – Cal. Gov’t Code § 12900 *et seq.*; the California Family Rights Act – Cal. Gov’t Code § 12945.2 *et seq.*; the California Unruh Civil Rights Act – Civ. Code § 51 *et seq.*; the California Whistleblower Protection Law – Cal. Lab. Code § 1102.5; the California Occupational Safety and Health Act, as amended – Cal. Lab. Code § 6300 *et seq.*, and any applicable regulations thereunder; the California Business and Professions, Civil, Government and Labor Code; the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 – Cal. Lab. Code § 2698 *et seq.*; and any other federal, state, or local civil employment law, statute, regulation, or ordinance capable of being released by them. (“Plaintiff’s General Release.”) Plaintiff’s General 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 claims that cannot be released as a matter of law. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff’s General Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff’s discovery of them.

5.1.1 Plaintiff’s Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiff’s General Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads: **A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.**

5.2 Class Member Release: Class Members, except those who opt out, will release all claims, debts, rights, demands, damages, obligations, liabilities, and causes of action, in law or in equity for damages, premiums, penalties, liquidated damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, litigation costs, restitution, or equitable relief against Defendant and the Released Parties arising during the Class Period and alleged in the Action, or which could have been alleged based on the facts pled in the Action, specifically including claims relating to: (i) the alleged failure to pay minimum wage (ii) the alleged failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; (iii) the alleged failure to timely pay all wages owed to employees who quit or are terminated; (iv) the alleged failure to reimburse reasonably necessary business expenses; and (v) alleged violations of California’s Unfair Competition Law arising out of the facts asserted in the Action. Except as set forth in Section 5.3, 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.

5.3 PAGA Release: Plaintiff and the State of California will release all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based

on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Action and the PAGA Notice filed by Plaintiff. Plaintiff does not release any aggrieved employee's claim for wages or damages through this PAGA Release.

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** PLAINTIFF SHALL PREPARE AND FILE A MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL (“MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL”) THAT COMPLIES WITH THE COURT’S CURRENT CHECKLIST FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVALS. DEFENDANT SHALL BE PROVIDED THE OPTION TO REVIEW THE MOTION BEFORE FILING AND PLAINTIFF SHALL COOPERATE IN GOOD FAITH WITH DEFENDANT ON ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MOTION.

6.1 Plaintiff’s Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its “not to exceed” bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator; (vi) a signed declaration from Class Counsel attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(2)); (vi) a redlined version of the parties’ Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Agreement ready for filing with the Court; and (vii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall identify any other pending matter of action asserting claims that may be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel is responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than thirty (30) days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court’s Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

6.3 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 to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Apex agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

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 with Spanish translation substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using both the National Change of Address database and an Accurint or substantially similar skip trace method.

- 7.4.3 Not later than three (3) days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.
- 7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional fourteen (14) days beyond the sixty (60) days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.
- 7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendant, Defendant's Counsel or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, 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 from (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator by mail, email, or fax a timely, compliant, and signed written Request for Exclusion not later than sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely sent by mail, email, or fax by the deadline set forth herein. The Request for Exclusion must: (1) contain the Settlement Class member's name, address, telephone number, and last four digits of their Social Security number or employee identification number; (2) reasonably communicate that the Settlement Class member wishes to be excluded from the Settlement; (3) be signed by the Settlement Class member; and (4) be sent by the Response Deadline to the Settlement Administrator at the address, email address, or fax number specified in the Class Notice. The date of the postmark on the Request for Exclusion shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. Any Settlement Class member who excludes himself from the Settlement Class will not be

entitled to any recovery under this Settlement, will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement, and will not have any right to object, appeal, or comment thereon. The Settlement Administrator will provide the Parties with weekly updates regarding the number of Requests for Exclusion received.

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. 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.

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 under Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless 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.

7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have sixty (60) 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 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/or 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/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges.

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 Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service 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 sixty (60) 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 and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.
- 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. No later than five (5) days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

- 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, number of Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received (but not the identity of those Class Member(s)), objections received (but not the identity of any objectors, unless the court requires for final approval), challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved (without identifying the Class Members, unless the court requires for final approval), and number of checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion.
- 7.8.4 Workweek and/or 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/or Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. No later than fourteen (14) days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the number of 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.
- 7.8.6 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 REPRESENTS THAT THERE ARE NO MORE THAN 16,738 WORKWEEKS WORKED BY CLASS MEMBERS THROUGH MAY 5, 2025. IN THE EVENT THE**

NUMBER OF WORKWEEKS WORKED DURING THE CLASS PERIOD INCREASES TO MORE THAN 18,412 WORKWEEKS (OR AN ADDITIONAL 1,674 WORKWEEKS), THEN DEFENDANT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EITHER: (I) INCREASE THE GROSS SETTLEMENT AMOUNT PROPORTIONALLY BY THE PERCENTAGE DIFFERENCE OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF CLASS MEMBERS BEYOND 10% (I.E. IF THE NUMBER OF WORKWEEKS INCREASES BY 11%, THE GSA WILL INCREASE BY 1%); OR (II) ADJUST THE END DATE OF THE CLASS PERIOD TO THE DATE WHERE THE WORKWEEKS IN THE CLASS PERIOD DOES NOT EXCEED 18,412.

9. **DEFENDANT’S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** IF THE NUMBER OF VALID REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION IDENTIFIED IN THE EXCLUSION LIST EXCEEDS 10% OF THE TOTAL OF ALL CLASS MEMBERS, DEFENDANT MAY, BUT IS NOT OBLIGATED, ELECT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SETTLEMENT AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION. 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 (7) DAYS AFTER THE ADMINISTRATOR SENDS THE FINAL EXCLUSION LIST TO DEFENSE COUNSEL; LATE ELECTIONS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT. IN THE EVENT DEFENDANT ELECTS TO WITHDRAW HEREUNDER, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT TO CLASS CERTIFICATION WILL BE INADMISSIBLE AND WILL HAVE NO EFFECT IN THIS MATTER OR IN ANY CLAIMS BROUGHT ON THE SAME OR SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS, AND THE PARTIES SHALL REVERT TO THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS THEY HELD PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO THE SETTLEMENT..
  
10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than sixteen (16) court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, plaintiff will file in court, a motion for final approval of the settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under labor code section 2699, subd. (1), a proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively “motion for final approval”). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to defense counsel not later than seven (7) 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 (5) 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 Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.
- 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 set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.
- 10.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

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 AND A PROPOSED AMENDED JUDGMENT.

12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- 12.1 No Pending Claims with any Administrative Agency. Other than the Class Action and PAGA Action, Plaintiff represents that he has no claims pending with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Civil Rights Division, the Department of Labor, the National Labor Relations Board, and/or the Department of Labor Standards Enforcement, or any other federal, state, or local equivalent against Defendant or any of the Released Parties.
- 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 Plaintiff 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 and agree that certification for purpose of settlement is not an admission that class certification is proper under Section 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure in a non-settlement context. 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 Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the 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). Pursuant to California Evidence Code § 1152, this Settlement is inadmissible in any proceeding, except a proceeding to approve, interpret, or enforce this Settlement. If Final Approval does not occur, the Parties agree that this Settlement is void, but remains protected by California Evidence Code § 1152.
- 12.3 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of

the Motion for Preliminary Approval, with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that “the matter was resolved,” or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel’s communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel’s ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

- 12.4 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 Plaintiff 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 and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 12.9 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 12.10 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 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 12.12 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.
- 12.13 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.
- 12.14 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.
- 12.15 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, Plaintiff 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 destructions, of Class Data.
- 12.16 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.
- 12.17 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.
- 12.18 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, to the other Party's respective counsel of record.
- 12.19 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.

12.20 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.

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Dated: November 17, 2025

**JULIO MIRANDA**

  
Julio Miranda (Nov 17, 2025 13:43:24 PST)

Dated: 11/25/2025, 2025

**JOHN AGUILAR & COMPANY, INC.  
DBA VERNON TRANSPORTATION  
COMPANY**

Signed By:  


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By: Gregg Wilson

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:**

Dated: November 17, 2025

**SHEGERIAN & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

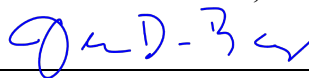


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Dated: November 25, 2025

**MAYALL HURLEY, P.C.**



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COMPANY, INC. DBA VERNON  
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY*

**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING  
DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

JULIO MIRANDA V. JOHN AGUILAR & COMPANY, INC. DBA VERNON  
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, CASE NO. CVRI2403409

*The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!*

*It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.*

**You may be eligible to receive money** from an employee class action lawsuit (“Action”) entitled Julio Miranda v. John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company for alleged wage-and-hour violations. The Action was filed by a former John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company employee (“Plaintiff”) and seeks payment of back wages (unpaid minimum wages), sick pay, penalties for failure to timely pay wages upon separation of employment, for unreimbursed employment-related expenditures, failing to maintain accurate records, for inaccurate wages statements, and unfair business practices for a class of hourly, non-exempt drivers (“Class Members”) who worked for John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company in California during the Class Period (at any time between June 18, 2020 through July 4, 2025) , and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”) for all hourly, non-exempt drivers who worked for John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company during the PAGA Period April 14, 2023 to July 5, 2025, (“Aggrieved Employees”). For the purposes of this Notice, John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company shall be referred to here as the “Company.” The Company denies any and all liability for these claims and maintains that it complied with all applicable laws. Nothing in this Notice should be imputed as an admission of liability.

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring the Company to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring the Company to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on the Company’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED] (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED]**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to the Company’s records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on the Company’s records showing that **you worked for [REDACTED] workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked for [REDACTED] pay periods** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked for more workweeks/pay periods during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval and has only determined that there

is sufficient evidence to suggest that the settlement might be fair, adequate, and reasonable. A final determination will be made at the Final Approval Hearing. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires the Company to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against the Company.

If you worked for the Company during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

- (1) **Do Nothing.** You don't have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against the Company.
- (2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out). If you wish to opt-out of the Class Settlement, you must send the Administrator by mail, email, or fax a timely written Request for Exclusion not later than sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed).

To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely sent by mail, email, or fax by the deadline set forth by the Administrator. The Request for Exclusion must: (1) contain your name, address, telephone number, and last four digits of your Social Security number or employee identification number; (2) reasonably communicate that you wish to be excluded from the Settlement; (3) be signed by you; and (4) be sent by the Response Deadline to the Settlement Administrator at the address, email address, or fax number specified in the Class Notice. The date of the postmark on the Request for Exclusion shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted.

If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be entitled to any recovery under this Settlement, will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement, and will not have any right to object, appeal, or comment on the Settlement.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

**The Company will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.**

## SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

<p><b>You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement</b></p>	<p>If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against the Company that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).</p>
<p><b>You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement</b></p> <p><b>The Opt-out Deadline is [REDACTED]</b></p>	<p>If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice.</p> <p>You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. The Company must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).</p>
<p><b>Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement</b></p> <p><b>Written Objections Must be Submitted by [REDACTED]</b></p>	<p>All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.</p>
<p><b>You Can Participate in the [REDACTED] Final Approval Hearing</b></p>	<p>The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on [REDACTED]. You don't have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.</p>
<p><b>You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods</b></p> <p><b>Written Challenges Must be Submitted by [REDACTED]</b></p>	<p>The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number of Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Company's records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by [REDACTED]. See Section 4 of this Notice.</p>

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## 1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former non-exempt driver. The Action accuses the Company of violating California labor laws by failing to pay minimum wages, wages owed upon separation, reimburse necessary business-related expenses, and failing to furnish timely and accurate wage statements. Based on the same claims, and on additional facts/contentions, Plaintiff has also asserted claims for unfair business practices and for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) (“PAGA”).

The Company strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

## 2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

The Court has not made a determination whether the Company violated the law or that Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and the Company hired an experienced, neutral mediator to help negotiate the Action (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. Following the mediation, Plaintiff and the Company came to a mutually agreeable resolution. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and the Company have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, the Company does not admit it violated any laws, that a class could be certified, or that any of the facts alleged by Plaintiff are true.

Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because: (1) the Company has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

## 3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

- (a) The Company Will Pay \$167,380.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). The Company has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel’s attorney’s fees and expenses, the Administrator’s expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Company will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 60 calendar days after the Effective Date of Judgment entered by the Court. The Effective Date is the date that is sixty-five (65) calendar days after entry of Judgment, if no appeal is filed. If an appeal is filed, the Effective Date will be fifteen (15) calendar days after either (1) the appeal is dismissed with prejudice, or (2) the judgment is affirmed on appeal or is otherwise no longer subject to appeal.

- (b) Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
- (i) Up to \$55,235.40 (one-third of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$14,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
  - (ii) Up to \$7,500 as a Class Representative Award to Plaintiff for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
  - (iii) Up to \$6,750 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
  - (iv) Up to \$10,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

- (a) Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.
- (b) Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. The Settlement shall be broken down as follows: 10% ("Wage Portion") of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages and 90% ("Non-Wage Portion") to penalties and interest. The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. The Company will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portion, assuming the above is approved by the Court. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms. Such breakdown is a condition precedent to this Agreement.

Although Plaintiff and the Company have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

- (a) Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If the monies represented by your check are sent to the Controller's Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

- (a) Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you exclude yourself from the Class Settlement by filling out the attached Request for Exclusion Form (**Attached as Exhibit A**) not later than sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely sent by mail, email, or fax by the deadline set forth by the Administrator. The Request for Exclusion must: (1) contain your name, address, telephone number, and last four digits of your Social Security number or employee identification number; (2) reasonably communicate that you wish to be excluded from the Settlement; (3) be signed by you; and (4) be sent by the Response Deadline to the Settlement Administrator at the address, email address, or fax number specified in the Class Notice. The date of the postmark on the Request for Exclusion shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against the Company.
- (b) You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against the Company based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.
- (c) The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline to enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and the Company have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: the Company will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against the Company.

- (d) Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company Apex Class Action, LLC (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
- (e) Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and the Company has fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Company or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

- 12.21 Class Members, except those who opt out, will release all claims, debts, rights, demands, damages, obligations, liabilities, and causes of action, in law or in equity for damages, premiums, penalties, liquidated damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, litigation costs, restitution, or equitable relief against Defendant and the Released Parties arising during the Class Period and alleged in the Action, or which could have been alleged based on the facts pled in the Action, specifically including claims relating to: (i) the alleged failure to pay minimum wage (ii) the alleged failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; (iii) the alleged failure to timely pay all wages owed to employees who quit or are terminated; (iv) the alleged failure to reimburse reasonably necessary business expenses; and (v) alleged violations of California’s Unfair Competition Law arising out of the facts asserted in the Action. Except as set forth in Section 5.3, 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.
- (f) Aggrieved Employees’ PAGA Release. After the Court’s judgment is final, and the Company has paid the Gross Settlement (and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes), all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against the Company, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against the Company or its related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The PAGA Release is as follows:

Plaintiff and the State of California will release all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Action and the PAGA Notice filed by Plaintiff. Plaintiff does not release any aggrieved employee's claim for wages or damages through this PAGA Release.

#### 4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

- (a) Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of weeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of weeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.
- (b) Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing [SAMOUNT] by the total number of Pay Periods of all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Pay Periods by each individual Aggrieved Employee.
- (c) Workweek Challenges. Your number of Workweeks during the Class Period and the and PAGA Period, as recorded in the Company's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until the deadline provided by the Administrator to challenge the number of weeks you were employed credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.
- (d) You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept the Company's calculation of Workweeks based on the Company's records as accurate, unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve challenges to the number of Workweeks weeks based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and the Company's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

#### 5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

- (a) Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.
- (b) Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

**Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.**

## **6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?**

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Julio Miranda v. John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company*, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by [REDACTED], or it will be invalid. Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

## **7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?**

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and the Company are asking the Court to approve. At least [REDACTED] days before the [REDACTED] Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website [REDACTED].

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is [REDACTED]. Participating Class Members can object by filling out the attached Objection Form **(Attached as Exhibit B)**. Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action *Julio Miranda v. John Aguilar & Company, Inc. dba Vernon Transportation Company* and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for the Company and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

**8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?**

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on [redacted] at [redacted] in Department 1 of the Riverside Superior Court (Historic Court House), located at 4050 Main Street, Riverside, California 92501. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via either personally or virtually via **Zoom or telephone** (<https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/general-information/remote-appearances/remote-appearance-meeting-numbers>.) Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website [redacted] beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

**9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

The Agreement sets forth everything that the Company and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read is by viewing the document entitled "CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE" or by looking at Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Erik A. Dos Santos In Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval, dated **November X, 2025** at the Administrator's website at [redacted], or on the Court's Website, which is listed below.

You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to <https://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/online-services/search-court-records-public-access> ) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. CVRI2403409.

**DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT. PLEASE CONTACT THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR WITH QUESTIONS.**

**The Contact information for the Settlement Administrator is as follows:**

**Apex Class Action LLC**  
**Email Address:**  
**Mailing Address:**  
**Telephone:**  
**Fax Number:**

**The addresses for the Parties' counsel are as follows:**

<b>Class Counsel</b>	<b>Counsel for Defendant</b>
Erik Dos Santos	Jenny Baysinger

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**10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?**

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

**11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?**

You should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.