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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

STEPHANIE IMMINGS, an individual, on behalf
of herself, and on behalf of all persons similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

GREAT SUBS SC II, LLC, a California limited
liability company; H & H WEST, LLC, a
California limited liability company; GREAT
SUBS, LLC, a California limited liability company;
GREAT SUBS SC I, LLC, a California limited
liability company; GREAT SUBS SC IV, LLC, a
California limited liability company; GREAT
SUBS SC III, LLC, a California limited liability
company; J & H WEST, LLC, a California limited
liability company; GREAT SUBS SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA, LLC, a California limited liability
company; GREAT SUBS SC V, LLC, a California
limited liability company; and DOES 1-50,
Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 30-2024-01408266-CU-OE-CXC

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

Date: August 17, 2026

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Reservation No. 74760709

Judge: Hon. David A. Hoffer

Dept.: CX103

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

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DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court

BY: M. NEVAREZ, DEPUTY

1 This matter having come before the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the
2 County of Orange, on August 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., with Shani O. Zakay, Esq. of Zakay Law Group,
3 APLC, and Jean-Claude Lapuyade, Esq., of JCL Law Firm, APC as counsel for Plaintiff STEPHANIE
4 IMMINGS, and Ian Wieland, Esq. and Justin G. Donner, Esq. as counsel for Defendants Great Subs
5 SCII, LLC; H & H West, LLC; Great Subs, LLC; Great Subs SC I, LLC; Great Subs SC IV, LLC; Great
6 Subs SC III, LLC; J & H West, LLC; Great Subs Southern California, LLC; and Great Subs SC V, LLC
7 (collectively, "Defendants"). The Court, having carefully considered the briefs, argument of counsel and
8 all the matters presented to the Court, and good cause appearing, hereby GRANTS Plaintiffs' Motion for
9 Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement.

10 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

11 1. The Court preliminarily approves the Stipulation of Settlement of Class and PAGA Action
12 Claims and Release of Claims ("Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement"), a true and correct copy of
13 which is attached to the Declaration of Shani O. Zakay, Esq. as **Exhibit "1"**. This is based on the
14 Court's determination that the Settlement Agreement is within the range of possible final approval,
15 pursuant to the provisions of Section 382 of the California Code of Civil Procedure and California Rules
16 of Court, Rule 3.769.

17 2. This Order incorporates by reference the definitions in the Agreement, and all terms
18 defined therein shall have the same meaning in this Order as set forth in the Agreement.

19 3. Subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Gross Settlement Amount that
20 Defendant shall pay is One Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,000,000.00). It appears to the Court on
21 a preliminary basis that the settlement amount and terms are fair, adequate, and reasonable as to the
22 entire Class, when balanced against the probable outcome of further litigation relating to certification,
23 liability, and damages issues. It further appears that investigation and research have been conducted
24 such that counsel for the Parties are able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions. It further
25 appears to the Court that settlement at this time will avoid substantial additional costs by all Parties, as
26 well as avoid the delay and risks that would be presented by the further prosecution of the litigation. It
27 further appears that the Settlement has been reached as the result of intensive, serious, and non-collusive
28 arms-length negotiations.

1 4. The Court preliminarily finds that the Settlement appears to be within the range of
2 reasonableness of a settlement that could ultimately be given final approval by this Court. The Court has
3 reviewed the monetary recovery that is being granted as part of the Settlement and preliminarily finds
4 that the monetary settlement awards made available to the Settlement Class are fair, adequate, and
5 reasonable, when balanced against the probable outcome of further litigation relating to certification,
6 liability, and damages issues.

7 5. The Agreement specifies an award of Attorneys' Fees not to exceed one-third of the Gross
8 Settlement Amount currently estimated to be Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred
9 Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$333,333.33) *and* Attorneys' Expenses supported by
10 declaration not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$25,000.00), and a proposed
11 Service Award to the Class Representative, Stephanie Immings, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.
12 While these awards appear to be within the range of reasonableness, the Court will not approve the Class
13 Counsel Award or Service Awards until the Final Approval Hearing.

14 6. The Court recognizes that Plaintiffs and Defendant stipulate and agree to certification of
15 a class for settlement purposes only. This stipulation will not be deemed admissible in this or any other
16 proceeding should this Settlement not become final. For settlement purposes only, the Court
17 conditionally certifies the following Class:

18 "All persons who are or previously were employed by one or more of the
19 Defendants (defined collectively as Great Subs SC II, LLC; H & H West, LLC;
20 Great Subs, LLC; Great Subs SC I, LLC; Great Subs SC IV, LLC; Great Subs SC
21 III, LLC; J & H West, LLC; Great Subs Southern California, LLC; and Great Subs
22 SC V, LLC) in California and classified as non-exempt employees, who performed
23 work during the period from June 20, 2020 through July 30, 2025 (the "Class
24 Period").

25 7. The Court concludes that, for settlement purposes only, the Class meets the requirements
26 for certification under section 382 of the California Code of Civil Procedure in that: (a) the Class is
27 ascertainable and so numerous that joinder of all members of the Class is impracticable; (b) common
28 questions of law and fact predominate, and there is a well-defined community of interest amongst the

1 Class with respect to the subject matter of the litigation; (c) the claims of the Class Representative are
2 typical of the claims of the Class; (d) the Class Representative will fairly and adequately protect the
3 interests of the Class; (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the efficient
4 adjudication of this controversy; and (f) Class Counsel are qualified to act as counsel for the Class
5 Representative in his individual capacity and as the representative of the Class Members.

6 8. For settlement purposes only, the Court provisionally appoints Plaintiffs Stephanie
7 Immings as the representative of the Class.

8 9. The Court provisionally appoints Jean-Claude Lapuyade, Esq., of the JCL Law Firm,
9 A.P.C., and Shani O. Zakay, Esq., of the Zakay Law Group, APLC, as Class Counsel for the Class.

10 10. The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the Proposed Notice of Pendency of
11 Class and Representative Action Settlement and Final Hearing Date ("Class Notice") attached to the
12 Settlement Agreement as Exhibit "A". The Court finds the Notice appears to fully and accurately inform
13 the Class and Aggrieved Employees of all material elements of the proposed Settlement, including right
14 of any Class member to be excluded from the Settlement Class by submitting a written request for
15 exclusion, and of each Class member's right and opportunity to object to the Settlement. The Court
16 further finds that the distribution of the Class Notice, substantially in the manner and form set forth in
17 the Agreement and this Order, meets the requirements of due process, is the most reasonable notice
18 under the circumstances, and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto.
19 The Court orders the mailing of the notice by first class mail, pursuant to the terms set forth in the
20 Agreement.

21 11. The Court hereby appoints Apex Class Action LLC, as Settlement Administrator. No
22 later than fifteen (15) business days after the Preliminary Approval Date, Defendants shall provide the
23 Settlement Administrator with the Class Data for purposes of preparing and mailing Notice Packets to
24 the Class Members. The Class Data means information regarding Class Members that Defendants will
25 in good faith compile from its records and provide to the Settlement Administrator. It shall be formatted
26 as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and shall include: each Class Member's full name; last known address;
27 Social Security Number; and the start dates and end dates of employment in which the individual was
28 classified as a non-exempt employee. No later than twenty-one (21) calendar days after receiving the

1 Class Data, the Settlement Administrator shall mail copies of the Notice Packet to all Class Members
2 via regular First-Class U.S. Mail. The Settlement Administrator shall exercise its best judgment to
3 determine the current mailing address for each Class Member. The address identified by the Settlement
4 Administrator as the current mailing address shall be presumed to be the best mailing address for each
5 Class Member.

6 12. Any Class Member may individually choose to opt out of and be excluded from the
7 Settlement as provided in the Notice by following the instructions for requesting exclusion from the
8 Settlement of the Released Claims that are set forth in the Notice. All requests for exclusion must be
9 postmarked or received by the Response Deadline which is forty-five (45) calendar days after the
10 Settlement Administrator mails Notice Packets to Class Members or, in the case of a re-mailed Class
11 Notice, not more than fourteen (14) calendar days after the original Response Deadline. Any Class
12 Member who requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class will not be entitled to an Individual
13 Settlement Payment and will not be otherwise bound by the class portion of the Settlement or have any
14 right to object, appeal or comment thereon. However, any Class Member that submits a timely request
15 for exclusion that is also a member of the Aggrieved Employees will still receive his/her pro rata share
16 of the PAGA Payment, as specified below, and in consideration, will be bound by the Release by the
17 Aggrieved Employees as set forth herein. Settlement Class Members who fail to submit a valid and
18 timely written request for exclusion on or before the Response Deadline shall be bound by all terms of
19 the Settlement and any final judgment entered in this Action if the Settlement is approved by the Court.
20 At no time shall any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage members of
21 the Class to submit requests for exclusion from the Settlement.

22 13. The Notice of Class Action Settlement contained in the Notice Packet shall state that Class
23 Members who wish to object to the Settlement may submit to the Settlement Administrator a written
24 statement of objection ("Notice of Objection") by the Response Deadline. The postmark date of mailing
25 shall be deemed the exclusive means for determining that a Notice of Objection was served timely. The
26 Notice of Objection, if in writing, must be signed by the Settlement Class Member and state: (1) the
27 case name and number; (2) the name of the Settlement Class Member; (3) the address of the Settlement
28 Class Member; (4) the last four digits of the Settlement Class Member's Social Security number; (5) the

1 basis for the objection; and (6) if the Settlement Class Member intends to appear at the Final
2 Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing. Settlement Class Members who fail to make objections in
3 writing in the manner specified above may still make their objections orally at the Final
4 Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing with the Court's permission. Settlement Class Members will
5 have a right to appear at the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing to have their objections heard
6 by the Court regardless of whether they submitted a written objection. At no time shall any of the Parties
7 or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members to file or serve written objections
8 to the Settlement or appeal from the Order and Final Judgment. Class Members who submit a written
9 request for exclusion may not object to the Settlement. Class Members may not object to the PAGA
10 Payment.

11 14. A hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement
12 and Plaintiff's Motion for Class Counsel Award and Service Award shall be held before this Court on
13 February 22, 2027 at 1:30 AM / PM in Department CX-103 of the Orange County
14 Superior Court to determine all necessary matters concerning the Settlement, including: whether the
15 proposed settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in the Agreement is fair,
16 adequate and reasonable and should be finally approved by the Court; whether an Order Granting Final
17 Approval should be entered herein; whether the plan of allocation contained in the Agreement should
18 be approved as fair, adequate and reasonable to the Class; and to finally approve the Class Counsel
19 Award, Service Award, and the Settlement Administration Costs. Class Counsel and Plaintiff shall use
20 best efforts to file with the Court a Motion for Order Granting Final Approval and Entering Judgment,
21 within twenty-eight (28) days following the expiration of the Response Deadline, which motion shall
22 request final approval of the Settlement and a determination of the amounts payable for the Service
23 Award, the Class Counsel Award, the PAGA Payment, and the Settlement Administration Costs.

24 15. Neither the Settlement nor any exhibit, document, or instrument delivered thereunder shall
25 be construed as a concession or admission by Defendants in any way, and shall not be used as evidence
26 of, or used against Defendants as, an admission or indication in any way, including with respect to any
27 claim of any liability, wrongdoing, fault or omission by Defendants or with respect to the truth of any
28 allegation asserted by any person. Whether or not the Settlement is finally approved, neither the

1 Settlement, nor any exhibit, document, statement, proceeding or conduct related to the Settlement, nor
2 any reports or accounts thereof, shall in any event be construed as, offered or admitted in evidence as,
3 received as, or deemed to be evidence for any purpose adverse to the Defendants, including, but not
4 limited to, evidence of a presumption, concession, indication or admission by Defendants of any
5 liability, fault, wrongdoing, omission, concession or damage.

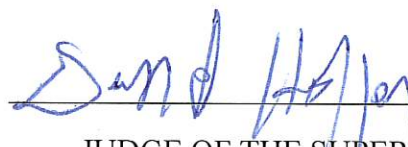
6 16. In the event the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the
7 Agreement, or the Settlement is not finally approved, or is terminated, canceled or fails to become
8 effective for any reason, this Order shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated, and the Parties
9 shall revert to their respective positions as of before entering into the Agreement. In such an event, the
10 Court's orders regarding the Settlement, including this Preliminary Approval Order, shall not be used
11 or referred to in litigation for any purpose. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to alter the terms of the
12 Settlement Agreement with respect to the effect of the Settlement Agreement if it is not approved.

13 17. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, the Class
14 Representative and all members of the Class are barred and enjoined from filing, commencing,
15 prosecuting, intervening in, instigating or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution
16 of any lawsuit, action, arbitration, administrative or regulatory proceeding, or any other proceeding,
17 in any forum, asserting any claims that are, or relate in any way to the Released Class Claims, unless
18 and until they submit a timely request for exclusion pursuant to the Agreement.

19 18. The Court reserves the right to adjourn or continue the date of the final approval hearing
20 and all dates provided for in the Agreement without further notice to the Class and retains jurisdiction
21 to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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24 DATED: 8/21/26

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26 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
27 DAVID HOFFER
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