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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

JOSE SALDANA, individually, and on
behalf of other members of the general
public similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

vs.

INTERNATIONAL E-Z UP INC., a
California corporation; and DOES 1
through 100, inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No.: RIC1902873

Honorable Craig G. Riemer
Department 1

CLASS ACTION

DECLARATION OF JESSICA MUÑOZ

[Notice of Motion and Motion for Preliminary
Approval of Class Action Settlement;
Declarations of Proposed Class Representatives
(Jose Saldana and Thomas Johns); Declaration
of Proposed Class Counsel (Edwin Aiwarzian);
Declaration of Proposed Settlement
Administrator (Michael Bui); and [Proposed]
Order filed concurrently herewith]

Complaint Filed: May 10, 2019
Trial Date: None Set

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2 **DECLARATION OF JESSICA MUÑOZ**

3 I, Jessica Muñoz, declare:

4 1. I am the Executive Director for Voices for Children's Court Appointed Special
5 Advocate (CASA) program serving Riverside County. I have personal knowledge of the facts
6 herein, and if called as a witness I could and would competently testify to them.

7 2. Voices for Children is a nonprofit organization and has been provided tax-exempt
8 status by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

9 3. Voices for Children is the local child advocate program as defined by Cal. Rules of
10 Court § 5.655. Voices for Children is the only organization in Riverside County authorized by
11 the Superior Court's Juvenile Division to recruit, train and support CASA volunteers to advocate
12 for children in the juvenile dependency (foster care) system.

13 4. CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of their assigned child or sibling
14 group in court hearings, school, and the community. CASA volunteers develop one-on-one
15 relationships with the children for whom they advocate and, in many cases, become the only
16 caring, consistent adult the child has ever known. CASAs leverage their special knowledge of
17 their children to provide beneficial information to the court and case professionals.

18 5. Voices for Children has served Riverside County since 2015 and San Diego
19 County since 1980. Voices for Children stepped in to serve as the CASA program in Riverside
20 County at the request of the Court and the Judicial Council when the previous nonprofit
21 organization to serve in that capacity closed in 2014.

22 6. Voices for Children's Riverside County program has served more than 390
23 children this fiscal year and aims to serve 450 children by June 30, 2021.

24 7. Individual volunteers based in Riverside County have received awards for their
25 outstanding service that include the UNITY Collaborative's Community Service Award, the
26 HOPE Collaborative's Child and Family Advocate Award, and the Association of Fundraising
27 Professionals – Inland Empire Chapter's Volunteer of the Year Award.
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8. Voices for Children is a private, nonprofit organization and relies on the charitable contributions of individuals, foundations, corporations, and local governments to raise the funds necessary to recruit and screen volunteers, provide pre- and in-service training as required by law, and support and supervise volunteers in all aspects of their advocacy.

9. Upon receipt by Voices for Children, any unpaid residual monies would be devoted exclusively to fund costs associated with recruiting, training, and supporting CASA volunteers to advocate for children who are dependents of Riverside County.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 2nd day of March, 2021, at Riverside, California.


Jessica Muñoz