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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

10 JOSE CORTEZ, as an aggrieved employee
pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act
11 (“PAGA”), on behalf of the State of California
and other aggrieved employees,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.
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15 B & V ENTERPRISES, INC., a California
corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

16 Defendants.
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County of Los Angeles

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David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

By: A. Rodriguez Deputy

Case No. 20STCV44113

Assigned to the Hon. Wendy Chang

**[AMENDED PROPOSED] ORDER
GRANTING MOTION FOR COURT
APPROVAL OF THE PARTIES’ PAGA
SETTLEMENT AND JUDGMENT**

Date: August 13, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Place: Department 36

Filing Date: November 16, 2020

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1 finding of the validity of any allegations or of any wrongdoing by Defendant. Neither this Order and
2 Judgment, the Settlement, nor any document referred to herein, nor any action taken to carry out the
3 Settlement, may be construed as, or may be used as, an admission of any fault, wrongdoing, omission,
4 concession, or liability whatsoever by or against Defendant.

5 8. The Court hereby awards \$366,667 in attorneys' fees and \$33,025.24 costs to Plaintiffs'
6 Counsel. The award of attorneys' fees and costs will be divided as follows: (a) \$205,333.52 in attorneys'
7 fees and \$19,943.35 in litigation costs to Capstone Law APC; (b) \$88,000.08 in attorneys' fees and
8 \$2,017.35 in litigation costs to Lavi & Ebrahimi LLP; and (c) \$73,333.40 in attorneys' fees and
9 \$11,064.54 in litigation costs to Lawyers *for* Justice, PC.

10 9. The Court approves Service Awards of \$10,000, each, to Jose Cortez, Carla Aguilar, and
11 Zakiya Sun Ellis.

12 10. The Court appoints CPT Group, Inc. to serve as the Settlement Administrator, and
13 approves Settlement Administration Costs of \$20,000.

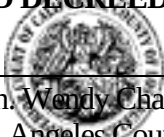
14 11. Plaintiffs shall file a declaration from the Settlement Administrator regarding the
15 completion of settlement administration activities no later than June 3, 2025.

16 12. This Judgment shall be binding on all Aggrieved Employees and the State of California,
17 who are hereby barred by the doctrine of res judicata from re-litigating the Settled Claims during the
18 Settlement Period, as those terms are defined by the Settlement. *See Arias v. Superior Court*, 46 Cal. 4th
19 969, 986 (2009) (holding that a judgment in a representative action brought by an aggrieved employee
20 under PAGA is binding not only on the named employee plaintiff but also on state labor law
21 enforcement agencies and any aggrieved employee not a party to the proceeding).

22 13. Without affecting the finality of the Order and Judgment, the Court shall retain exclusive
23 and continuing jurisdiction under California Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6, over the above-captioned
24 action and the parties for purposes of enforcing the terms of the Judgment and the Settlement. This
25 document shall constitute a judgment under California Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.

26 **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED.**

27 Date 08/13/2024

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Hon. Wendy Chang
Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge
Wendy Chang / Judge