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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE – CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER

ALESSANDRO JAMES HICKEY,
individually, and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICES OF
ORANGE COUNTY, INC., a California
corporation; and DOES 1 through 10,
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2020-01168166-CU-OE-CXC

[Assigned to Hon. William Claster, Dept. CX-104]

**JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION
AND PAGA REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Complaint filed: November 2, 2020
Trial date: Not set

1 **JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

2 This Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement (“Joint Stipulation of Settlement” or
3 “Settlement” or “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between Plaintiff ALESSANDRO JAMES
4 HICKEY, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, (“Plaintiff” or “Class
5 Representative”), and Defendant FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICES OF ORANGE COUNTY,
6 INC. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as “the Parties.”

7 THE PARTIES STIPULATE AND AGREE as follows:

8 **DEFINITIONS**

9 1. For purposes of this Settlement, “Complaint” refers to the operative complaint at the time
10 the Court grants Preliminary Approval of this Settlement.

11 2. For purposes of this Settlement, this matter, entitled *Hickey v. Florence Crittenton*
12 *Services Of Orange County, Inc.*, Case No. 30-2020-01168166-CU-OE-CXC, is referred to herein as the
13 “Action.”

14 3. For purposes of this Settlement, the “Class Period” is November 2, 2016 through the date
15 on which the Court grants preliminary approval.

16 4. For purposes of this Settlement, the “Class” or “Class Members” consist of: All non-
17 exempt employees of Defendant who worked for Defendant in California during the Class Period, and
18 who were classified as non-exempt prior to January 1, 2022. “Settlement Class Members” are those Class
19 Members who do not submit timely exclusion requests to the Settlement Administrator. Defendant’s best
20 estimate is that the Class included approximately 823 individuals as of August 13, 2021.

21 5. For purposes of this Settlement, “Class Counsel” means MOON & YANG, APC.

22 6. For purposes of this Settlement, “Covered Workweeks” means the number of weeks a
23 Class Member worked at Defendant’s locations in California during the Class Period.

24 7. For purposes of this Settlement, “Response Deadline” means the date sixty (60) days after
25 the Settlement Administrator initially mails the Notice to Settlement Class Members and the last date on
26 which Settlement Class Members may submit a request for exclusion or written objection to the
27 Settlement. In the case of a re-mailed Notice, the Response Deadline will be the later of 60 calendar days
28 after initial mailing or 14 calendar days from re-mailing. The Response Deadline may be extended only as

expressly described herein.

8. For purposes of the Settlement, “Defendant’s Counsel” means GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI, LLP.

9. For purposes of this Settlement, “PAGA Allocation” means the amount that the Parties have agreed to pay to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) in connection with the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*, “PAGA”). The Parties have agreed that the PAGA Allocation will be \$60,000 from the Gross Settlement Amount. Pursuant to PAGA, Seventy Five Percent (75%), or \$45,000, of the PAGA Penalty Payment will be paid to the LWDA (“PAGA Penalty Payment”), and Twenty Five Percent (25%), or \$15,000, of the LWDA Payment will be included in the Net Settlement Amount for PAGA Employees (“PAGA Settlement Payment”).

10. For purposes of this Settlement, “PAGA Period” means the period between November 2, 2019 through t the date on which the Court grants preliminary approval.

11. For purposes of this Settlement, “PAGA Employee” means all Class Members that worked during the PAGA Period, and who were classified as non-exempt prior to January 1, 2022. It is stipulated by the Parties that, for purposes of this Settlement, all PAGA Employees are “aggrieved employees” as defined pursuant to PAGA.

12. For purposes of this Settlement, “PAGA Pay Periods” means the number of pay periods each PAGA Employee worked during the PAGA Period.

13. For purposes of this Settlement, “PAGA Representative” means Plaintiff.

14. For purposes of this Settlement, “Released PAGA Claims” means all claims asserted through California Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*, that arise out of or are related to the Released Claims set forth below, and are subject to assertion through PAGA based on the content of notice letter submitted to the LWDA by Plaintiff.

15. For purposes of this Settlement, “Released PAGA Claims Period” means the period between November 2, 2019 through the date on which the Court grants preliminary approval.

16. For purposes of this Settlement, “Settlement Payments” means all of the payments to Settlement Class Members (the “Settlement Class Payments”) and all of the payments to PAGA

Employees (the “PAGA Settlement Payment”).

STIPULATED BACKGROUND

17. On November 2, 2020, Plaintiff filed a putative Class Action alleging the following causes of action: (1) Failure to Pay Minimum and Straight Time Wages [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197]; (2) Failure to Pay Overtime Compensation [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194 and 1198]; (3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512]; (4) Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Breaks [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7]; (5) Failure to Timely Pay Final Wages at Termination [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-203]; (6) Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements [Cal. Lab. Code § 226]; and (7) Unfair Business Practices [Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.]. (The “Action.”) In the Complaint, Plaintiff sought to represent all persons that worked for Defendant in California as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee at any time during the period beginning four years before the filing of the initial complaint and ending when Notice to the Class is sent.

18. Plaintiff satisfied the administrative exhaustion requirement that is a prerequisite to filing a claim for Civil Penalties under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 [Lab. Code § 2699, et seq.] (“PAGA”). On January 19, 2021, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint adding a cause of action for Civil Penalties under PAGA [Cal. Lab. Code § 2699, et seq.].

19. Solely for purposes of settling this case, the Parties and their respective counsel stipulate and agree that the requisites for establishing class certification with respect to the Class Members have been met and are met. More specifically, the Parties stipulate and agree that:

- (a) The Class is ascertainable and so numerous as to make it impracticable to join all Class Members.
- (b) There are common questions of law and fact including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1) Whether or not Defendant paid proper wages to the Class;
 - 2) Whether or not Defendant provided meal periods to the Class;
 - 3) Whether or not Defendant provided rest periods to the Class;
 - 4) Whether or not Defendant paid compensation timely upon separation of employment to former Class Members;

- 1 5) Whether or not Defendant paid compensation timely throughout Class
2 Members' employment;
- 3 6) Whether or not Defendant provided accurate itemized statements to the
4 Class;
- 5 7) Whether or not waiting-time penalties are available to the Class for
6 violation of California Labor Code § 203;
- 7 8) Whether or not Defendant maintained requisite records;
- 8 9) Whether or not Defendant paid proper meal period pay or rest period pay to
9 the Class; and,
- 10 10) Whether or not Defendant engaged in unlawful or unfair business practices
11 affecting the Class in violation of California Business and Professions
12 Code §§ 17200-17208.
- 13 (c) Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class Members.
- 14 (d) Plaintiff and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the
15 Class.
- 16 (e) The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would
17 create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, which would establish
18 incompatible standards of conduct.
- 19 (f) With respect to the Class, questions of law and fact common to the members of the
20 Class predominate over any questions affecting any individual member in such
21 Class, and that a class action is superior to other available means for the fair and
22 efficient adjudication of the controversy.

23 20. Should, for whatever reason, the Settlement not become effective, the fact that the Parties
24 were willing to stipulate to certification as part of the Settlement shall have no bearing on, and shall not be
25 admissible in connection with, the issue of whether the Class Members and/or the Class Claims should be
26 certified in a non-Settlement context in this Action or in any other lawsuit. Defendant expressly reserves
27 its right to oppose claim or class certification in this or any other action should this Settlement not become
28 effective.

1 21. Defendant denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever associated with the
2 claims alleged in the Complaint, and Defendant further denies that, for any purpose other than settling this
3 lawsuit, the action is appropriate for class or representative treatment. With respect to Plaintiff's claims,
4 Defendant contends, among other things, that Plaintiff and the Class Members have been paid proper
5 wages, have been provided compliant meal periods, have been provided compliant rest periods, have been
6 paid timely wages upon separation of employment, and have been provided with accurate itemized wage
7 statements. Defendant contends, among other things, that it has complied at all times with the California
8 Labor Code and the applicable Wage Orders of the Industrial Welfare Commission. Furthermore, with
9 respect to all claims, Defendant contends that it has complied at all times with the California Business and
10 Professions Code.

11 22. It is the desire of the Parties to fully, finally, and forever settle, compromise, and discharge
12 all disputes and claims arising from or related to the Complaint.

13 23. Class Counsel has conducted a thorough investigation into the facts of this Action,
14 including an extensive review of relevant documents, and has diligently pursued an investigation of the
15 claims of the Class against Defendant. Based on its own independent investigation and evaluation, Class
16 Counsel is of the opinion that the Settlement with Defendant for the consideration and on the terms set
17 forth in this Joint Stipulation of Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the
18 Class in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay, the risk the
19 Class will not be certified by the Court, defenses asserted by Defendant, and numerous potential appellate
20 issues. Defendant and Defendant's Counsel also agree that the Settlement is fair and in the best interest of
21 the Class.

22 24. The Parties agree to cooperate and take all steps necessary and appropriate to obtain
23 preliminary and final approval of this Settlement.

24 25. The Parties agree to stay all proceedings in the Action, except such proceedings necessary
25 to implement and complete the Settlement, pending the Final Approval hearing to be conducted by the
26 Court.

27 **PRIMARY TERMS OF SETTLEMENT**

28 26. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements

set forth herein, the Parties agree, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:

- (a) It is agreed by and among the Class and Defendant that this case and any claims, damages, or causes of action arising out of the disputes which are the subject of this case, be settled and compromised as between the Class and Defendant, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement and the approval of the Court.
- (b) Effective Date: The terms of settlement embodied in this Settlement shall become effective when all of the following events have occurred: (i) this Joint Stipulation of Settlement has been executed by all Parties and their respective counsel; (ii) the Court has given preliminary approval to the Settlement; (iii) the Notice has been given to the Class, providing them with an opportunity to dispute information contained in the Notice, to opt out of the Settlement, or to object to the Settlement; (iv) the Court has held a final approval hearing and entered a final order and judgment certifying the Class and approving this Settlement; and (v) the later of the following events: (a) the date final approval is granted if there are no objections to the settlement; (b) sixty-five (65) days following notice of entry of the Court's final order approving the Settlement if there are any objections by any Class Member; (c) or if any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding opposing this Settlement has been filed within sixty-five (65) days following notice of entry of the Court's final order approving the Settlement, then twenty (20) days after when any appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding opposing the Settlement has been resolved finally and conclusively with no right to pursue further remedies or relief. In this regard, it is the intention of the Parties that the Settlement shall not become effective until the Court's order approving the Settlement is completely final, and there is no further recourse by an appellant or objector who seeks to contest the Settlement.
- (c) Gross Settlement Amount: Defendant's maximum total payment under the Settlement, including all attorney's fees and costs, the Service Payment to the named Plaintiff, the costs of settlement administration, the PAGA Allocation, and

any other payments provided by this Settlement, is \$750,000.00 (“Gross Settlement Amount”), subject to the Escalator Clause and except that, to the extent that any portions of the Class Members’ Settlement Payments constitute wages, Defendant will be separately responsible for any employer payroll taxes required by law, including the employer FICA, FUTA, and SDI contributions.

(d) Escalator Clause: If it is later determined that the number of Class Members is more than 20% greater than 823 individuals at the time the class data is delivered to the Settlement Administrator to prepare the Notice, the Gross Settlement Amount shall be increased by one percent for each percent over twenty percent that the true number of Class Members exceeds the estimated number of Class Members (the “Escalator Clause”). The Gross Settlement Amount will not be reduced for any reason.

(e) Non-reversionary Settlement: No portion of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.

(f) No Claims Required: Class Members will not be required to submit a claim to receive their Settlement payment.

(g) Net Settlement Amount: The Net Settlement Amount shall be calculated by deducting from the Gross Settlement Amount (\$750,000.00) the following sums, subject to approval by the Court: (1) attorney’s fees (not to exceed 33 1/3% of the Gross Settlement Amount, or \$250,000.00); (2) reasonable litigation costs (not to exceed \$15,000.00); (3) the Service Payment (not to exceed \$5,000.00 to the named Plaintiff); (4) the PAGA Penalty Payment in the amount of \$45,000.00 (which is 75% of the PAGA Allocation); and (5) costs of settlement administration (estimated not to exceed \$15,000). Settlement Payments to the Class Members will be calculated by the Settlement Administrator and paid out of the Net Settlement Amount as set forth below.

(h) Payroll Taxes and Required Withholdings: To the extent that any portions of the Settlement Class Members’ Settlement Payments constitute wages, Defendant will

1 be separately responsible for any **employer** payroll taxes required by law,
2 including the employer FICA, FUTA, and SDI contributions. Except for any
3 employer payroll taxes, it is understood and agreed that Defendant's maximum
4 total liability under this Settlement shall not exceed the Gross Settlement Amount.
5 The Settlement Administrator will calculate and submit the Defendant's employer
6 share of payroll taxes after advising Defendant of the total amount owed, in
7 aggregate, as employer-side payroll taxes and receiving a lump sum payment from
8 Defendant in that amount when the Gross Settlement Amount is delivered to the
9 Settlement Administrator.

10 (i) Settlement Class Payments (Excludes PAGA Payments): Settlement Class
11 Payments will be paid out of the Net Settlement Amount. Each Settlement Class
12 Member will be paid a pro-rata share of the Net Settlement Amount (less the
13 PAGA Settlement Payments), as calculated by the Settlement Administrator. The
14 pro-rata share will be determined by comparing the individual Settlement Class
15 Member's Covered Workweeks employed during the Class Period in California to
16 the total Covered Workweeks of all the Settlement Class Members during the
17 Class Period as follows:
$$\frac{[\text{Workweeks worked by a Settlement Class Member}]}{[\text{Sum of all Covered Workweeks worked by all Settlement Class Members}]} \times [\text{Net Settlement Amount} - \text{all PAGA Settlement Payments}] = \text{individual Settlement Payment for a Settlement Class Member.}$$

18 Settlement Class Payments in the
19 appropriate amounts will be distributed by the Settlement Administrator by mail to
20 the Settlement Class Members. Un-cashed, unclaimed or abandoned checks, shall
21 be transmitted to the California Controller's Office, as set forth below.

22 (j) PAGA Payments: PAGA Settlement Payments will be paid out of the Net
23 Settlement Amount. Each PAGA Employee will be paid a pro-rata share of the
24 PAGA Employees' PAGA Settlement Payment, as calculated by the Settlement
25 Administrator. Class Members will not be permitted to exclude themselves from
26 this portion of the Settlement. The pro-rata share will be determined by comparing
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1 the individual PAGA Employees' PAGA Pay Periods during the PAGA Period to
2 the total PAGA Pay Periods of all the PAGA Employees during the PAGA Period
3 as follows: [PAGA Pay Periods worked by a PAGA Employee] ÷ [Sum of all
4 PAGA Pay Periods worked by all PAGA Employees] × [PAGA Settlement
5 Payment] = individual PAGA Employee's portion of the PAGA Settlement
6 Payment. PAGA Settlement Payments to PAGA Employees in the appropriate
7 amounts will be distributed by the Settlement Administrator by mail to the PAGA
8 Employees at the same time Settlement Class Payments issue to the Settlement
9 Class. Un-cashed, unclaimed or abandoned checks, shall be transmitted to the
10 California Controller's Office, as set forth below. The LWDA's PAGA Penalty
11 Payment will issue to the LWDA at the same time Settlement Payments issue to
12 the Settlement Class.

13 (k) Allocation of Settlement Payments: The Parties have agreed that Settlement Class
14 Payments will be allocated as follows: 20% to wages and 80% to penalties and
15 interest. The PAGA Settlement Payment shares to PAGA Employees will be
16 entirely allocated to penalties. Appropriate federal, state and local withholding
17 taxes will be taken out of the wage allocations, and each Class Member will
18 receive an IRS Form W-2 with respect to this portion of the Settlement Payment.
19 The employer's share of payroll taxes and other required withholdings will be paid
20 as set forth above, including but not limited to the Defendant's FICA and FUTA
21 contributions, based on the payment of claims to the Class Members. IRS Forms
22 1099 will be issued to each Class Member reflecting the payments for penalties and
23 interest. Class Members are responsible to pay appropriate taxes due on the
24 Settlement Payments they receive. To the extent required by law, IRS Forms 1099
25 and W-2 will be issued to each Class Member with respect to such payments.

26 (l) Settlement Payments Do Not Give Rise to Additional Benefits: All Settlement
27 Payments to individual Class Members shall be deemed to be paid to such Class
28 Member solely in the year in which such payments actually are received by the

1 Class Member. It is expressly understood and agreed that the receipt of such
2 Settlement Payments will not entitle any Class Member to additional compensation
3 or benefits under any company bonus, contest or other compensation or benefit
4 plan or agreement in place during the period covered by the Settlement, nor will it
5 entitle any Class Member to any increased retirement, 401(k) benefits or matching
6 benefits or deferred compensation benefits. It is the intent that the Settlement
7 Payments provided for in this Settlement are the sole payments to be made by
8 Defendant to the Class Members, and that the Class Members are not entitled to
9 any new or additional compensation or benefits as a result of having received the
10 Settlement Payments (notwithstanding any contrary language or agreement in any
11 benefit or compensation plan document that might have been in effect during the
12 period covered by this Settlement).

- 13 (m) Attorney's Fees and Costs: Subject to approval by the Court, Defendant will not
14 object to Class Counsel's application for attorney's fees not to exceed 33 1/3% of
15 the Gross Settlement Amount (\$250,000.00) and reimbursement of litigation costs
16 and expenses not to exceed \$15,000.00.
- 17 (n) Service Payment: Subject to Court approval, and in exchange for a general release,
18 Defendant will not object to Class Counsel's application for an additional payment
19 of up to \$5,000.00 to Plaintiff for his service as a Class Representative ("Service
20 Payment"). It is understood that the Service Payment is in addition to the individual
21 Settlement Payment to which a Class Representative is entitled to along with the
22 other Class Members. In exchange, Plaintiff has agreed to release all claims,
23 whether known or unknown, under federal law or state law against the
24 Releasees, to the extent permitted by law, through the Class Period ("Plaintiff's
25 Released Claims"). Plaintiff understands that this release includes unknown
26 claims and that they are, as a result, waiving all rights and benefits afforded by
27 Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides:

28 **A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor**

1 or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or
2 her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if
3 known by him or her, would have materially affected his or
4 her settlement with the debtor or released party.

5 Specifically excluded from Plaintiff's Released Claims are any claims for workers'
6 compensation benefits. The Service Payment will issue at the same time all
7 Settlement Payments are mailed to the Settlement Class.

8 (o) Defendant or the Settlement Administrator will issue an IRS Form 1099 for the
9 Service Payment to the Plaintiff. The Plaintiff will be individually responsible for
10 correctly characterizing this compensation on personal income tax returns for tax
11 purposes and for paying any taxes on the amounts received. Should the Court
12 approve a Service Payment in an amount less than that set forth above, the
13 difference between the lesser amount(s) approved by the Court and the Service
14 Payment amount(s) set forth above shall be added to the Net Settlement Amount.
15 Plaintiff agrees not to opt out or object to the Service Payment as the Class
16 Representative.

17 (p) Settlement Administrator: The Settlement Administrator will be ILYM Group,
18 Inc., or such Settlement Administrator as may be mutually agreeable to the Parties
19 and approved by the Court. Settlement Administration Costs are estimated not to
20 exceed \$15,000. The costs of the Settlement Administrator for work done shall be
21 paid regardless of the outcome of this Settlement.

22 (q) Funding of Settlement Account: Defendant will fund the settlement account within
23 seven calendar days of the Effective Date of the Settlement provided that the
24 Settlement Administrator has provided the Parties with an accounting of the
25 amounts to be paid by Defendant pursuant to the terms of this Settlement.

26 (r) Mailing of Settlement Payments: The Settlement Administrator shall cause the
27 Settlement Payments to be mailed to the Class Members within 7 calendar days of
28 receipt thereof.

(s) Notice of Settlement: Each Class Member will be mailed a notice setting forth the

1 material terms of the proposed Settlement, along with instructions about how to
2 object or request exclusion from the proposed class action Settlement (“Notice”).
3 For each Class Member, there will be pre-printed information on the mailed
4 Notice, based on Defendant’s records, stating the Class Member’s Covered
5 Workweeks during the Class Period and the estimated total Settlement Payment
6 under the Settlement, including the Settlement Class Payment and the PAGA
7 Settlement Payment that will be distributed irrespective of any exclusion request.
8 The pre-printed information based on Defendant’s records shall be presumed to be
9 correct. A Class Member may dispute the pre-printed information on the Notice as
10 to his or her Covered Workweeks during the Class Period. Class Members must
11 submit any dispute regarding the information on the Notice as to his or her
12 Covered Workweeks within the Response Deadline.

13 (t) Settlement Notice Language: The Notice will issue in English and Spanish.

14 (u) Class Members Cannot Exclude Themselves from the Released PAGA Claims:
15 Class Members submitting an “Exclusion Form”(attached hereto as Exhibit B) will
16 nevertheless receive their pro-rata share of the PAGA Settlement Payment. If the
17 Court approves the compromise of the PAGA Claim, all Class Members are bound
18 by the Court’s resolution of that Claim. Plaintiff shall serve a notice of settlement
19 on the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency at or before the time
20 Plaintiff files the motion for preliminary approval.

21 (v) Resolution of Workweek Disputes: If a Class Member submits a “Work Week
22 Dispute Form” (attached hereto as Exhibit C) enclosed with the Class Notice,
23 disputing the accuracy of Defendant’s records used to calculate Covered
24 Workweeks, and the Parties’ counsel cannot resolve the dispute informally, the
25 matter will be referred to the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement
26 Administrator will review Defendant’s records and any information or documents
27 submitted by the Class Member. The parties should file with the Court all disputes
28 submitted by class members, the evidence submitted, and the resolution of those

1 disputes. The Court shall have the right to review any decision made by the
2 settlement administrator regarding a claim dispute. The Class Member must submit
3 information or documents supporting his or her position to the Settlement
4 Administrator prior to the expiration of the Response Deadline. Information or
5 documents submitted after the expiration of the Response Deadline will not be
6 considered by the Settlement Administrator, unless otherwise agreed to by the
7 Parties.

8 (w) Right of Class Member to Request Exclusion from the Settlement: Any Class
9 Member may request to be excluded from the Class by mailing an “Exclusion
10 Form” enclosed with the Class Notice within the Response Deadline. Any such
11 request must be made in accordance with the terms of the Notice, and the Notice
12 will advise Class Members of these requirements. Any Class Member who timely
13 requests exclusion in compliance with these requirements (i) shall not have any
14 rights under this Settlement other than a right to receive a pro-rata share of the
15 portion of the PAGA payment allocated to the Class Members if the Class Member
16 is also a PAGA Employee; (ii) shall not be entitled to receive any Settlement
17 Payments under this Settlement other than as stated in (i) in this paragraph; and (iii)
18 shall not be bound by this Settlement or the Court’s Order and Final Judgment
19 other than as it applies to the PAGA Claim.

20 (x) Right of Settlement Class Member to Object to The Settlement: Any Class
21 Member may object to the Settlement. To object, the Class Member may (1)
22 appear in person at the Final Approval Hearing to explain any objection, (2) have
23 an attorney object for the Class Member, *or* (3) submit a simple written brief or
24 statement of objection to the Settlement Administrator. If any Class Member
25 chooses to submit a written objection, the written objection should contain
26 sufficient information to confirm the identity of the objector and the basis of the
27 objection, including (1) the full name of the Settlement Class Member; (2) the
28 signature of the Settlement Class Member; (3) the grounds for the objection; and

(4) be postmarked within the Response Deadline to permit adequate time for processing and review by the Parties of the written statement or objection. Class Counsel shall ensure that any written objections are transmitted to the Court for the Court's review (either by Class Counsel or as an attachment to declaration from the Settlement Administrator). Regardless of the form, an objection alone will not satisfy the requirement that a Settlement Class Member must either make a timely complaint in intervention before final judgment or by file a motion to set aside and vacate the class judgment under Code of Civil Procedure § 663 to have standing to appeal entry of judgment approving this Settlement, as is required under the California Supreme Court decision of *Hernandez v. Restoration Hardware*, 4 Cal. 5th 260 (2018). A Class Member who does not object prior to or at the Final Approval Hearing, will be deemed to have waived any objections and will be foreclosed from making any objections (whether at the Final Approval Hearing, by appeal, or otherwise) to the Settlement. If the objecting Class Member does not formally intervene in the action or move to set aside any judgment and/or the Court rejects the Class Member's objection, the Class Member will still be bound by the terms of this Agreement. Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel may, at least five (5) calendar days (or some other number of days as the Court shall specify) before the final approval hearing, file responses to any written objections submitted to the Court.

(y) Opt-in to Release Under Fair Labor Standards Act: Settlement Class Members will be advised that they will opt into a settlement of claims for unpaid compensation under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") by cashing or otherwise depositing the check for their Settlement Class Payment. Settlement Class Members who timely exclude themselves from the Settlement do not opt into a settlement of claims for unpaid compensation under the FLSA when they cash or otherwise deposit their PAGA Settlement Payment. This will be set forth in the Notice.

1 **THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR'S PRIMARY DUTIES**

2 27. Subject to the Court's approval, and subject to reconsideration by the Parties after a
3 competitive bidding process, the Parties have agreed to the appointment of ILYM Group, Inc. to perform
4 the customary duties of Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will mail the Notice, in
5 both English and Spanish, to the Class Members.

6 28. The Settlement Administrator will independently review the Covered Workweeks
7 attributed to each Class Member and will calculate the estimated amounts due to each Class Member and
8 the actual amounts due to each Settlement Class Member in accordance with this Settlement. The
9 Settlement Administrator shall report, in summary or narrative form, the substance of its findings. The
10 Settlement Administrator shall be granted reasonable access to Defendant's records in order to perform its
11 duties.

12 29. In accordance with the terms of this Settlement, and upon receipt of Gross Settlement
13 Amount from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator will issue and send out the Settlement Payment
14 checks to the Class Members. Tax treatment of the Settlement Payments will be as set forth herein, and in
15 accordance with state and federal tax laws. All disputes relating to the Settlement Administrator's
16 performance of its duties shall be referred to the Court, if necessary, which will have continuing
17 jurisdiction pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6 over the terms and conditions of this
18 Settlement until all payments and obligations contemplated by this Settlement have been fully carried out.

19 **ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS**

20 30. In consideration for resolving this matter and in exchange for the release of all claims by
21 the Class Members, including Plaintiff, and subject to approval by the Court, Defendant will not object to
22 Class Counsel's application for attorney's fees not to exceed 33 1/3% of the Gross Settlement Amount
23 (\$250,000.00 of \$750,000.00) and litigation costs not to exceed \$15,000.00. The amounts set forth above
24 will cover all work performed and all fees and costs incurred to date, and all work to be performed and all
25 fees and costs to be incurred in connection with the approval by the Court of this Settlement and
26 administration of the Settlement. Should Class Counsel request a lesser amount and/or the Court approve
27 a lesser amount(s) of attorney's fees and/or attorneys' costs, the difference between the lesser amount(s)
28 and the maximum amount set forth above shall be added to the Net Settlement Amount. As with the

1 Settlement Payments to the Settlement Class, the attorney's fees and costs approved by the Court shall be
2 paid to Class Counsel, within 7 calendar days of receipt thereof. In the event that the Court awards less
3 than 25% of the Gross Settlement Amount for attorney's fees, Class Counsel shall retain the right to appeal
4 that portion of any Final Approval Order and Judgment.

5 **THE NOTICE PROCESS**

6 31. A Notice in approximately the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and as approved by the
7 Court, shall be sent by the Settlement Administrator to the Class Members by first class mail. The Notice
8 shall be translated into Spanish so that Spanish and English language versions of the Notice are included in
9 the mailing. Any returned envelopes from this mailing with forwarding addresses will be utilized by the
10 Settlement Administrator to forward the Notices to the Class.

11 (a) Within 7 calendar days from the date of preliminary approval of this Settlement by
12 the Court, Defendant shall provide to the Settlement Administrator a class database
13 containing the following information for each Class Member: (1) name; (2) last
14 known address; (3) social security number; and (5) dates of employment at
15 Defendant's locations in California. This database shall be based on Defendant's
16 payroll and other business records and shall be provided in a format acceptable to
17 the Settlement Administrator. Defendant agrees to consult with the Settlement
18 Administrator prior to the production date to ensure that the format will be
19 acceptable to the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will run
20 a check of the Class Members' addresses against those on file with the U.S. Postal
21 Service's National Change of Address List; this check will be performed only once
22 per Class Member by the Settlement Administrator.

23 (b) Within 14 calendar days after the Class database is provided to the Settlement
24 Administrator, the Settlement Administrator will mail the Notices to the Class
25 Members by First Class United States mail.

26 (c) Notices returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-deliverable on or before
27 the initial Response Deadline shall be resent to the forwarding address, if any, on
28 the returned envelope. A returned Notice will be forwarded by the Settlement

1 Administrator any time that a forwarding address is provided with the returned
2 mail. If there is no forwarding address, the Settlement Administrator will do a
3 computer search for a new address using the Class Member's social security
4 number or other information. In any instance where a Notice is re-mailed, that
5 Class Member will have until the extended Response Deadline as described above.
6 A letter prepared by the Settlement Administrator will be included in the re-mailed
7 Notice in that instance, stating the extended Response Deadline. Upon completion
8 of these steps by the Settlement Administrator, Defendant and the Settlement
9 Administrator shall be deemed to have satisfied their obligations to provide the
10 Notice to the affected Class Member. The affected Class Member shall remain a
11 member of the Settlement Class and shall be bound by all the terms of the
12 Settlement and the Court's Order and Final Judgment.

- 13 (d) Class Counsel shall provide to the Court, a declaration by the Settlement
14 Administrator of due diligence, number of exclusions, objections, disputes, and
15 confirming mailing of the Notices attached with the Motion for Final Approval.

16 **DISPOSITION OF SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS AND UNCASHED CHECKS**

17 32. As set forth above, each Class Member will have until the expiration of the applicable
18 Response Deadline to submit to the Settlement Administrator any challenge or dispute to the Class
19 Member's Covered Workweek information on the Notice. No disputes will be honored if they are
20 submitted after the Response Deadline, unless the Parties mutually agree to accept the untimely dispute.
21 Each Class Member is responsible for maintaining a copy of any documents sent to the Settlement
22 Administrator and a record of proof of mailing.

23 33. The Settlement Administrator shall cause the Settlement Payments to be mailed to the
24 Settlement Class Members and PAGA Employees as provided herein. Settlement Class Payments and
25 PAGA Payments may be combined into one check. Settlement Payment checks shall remain valid and
26 negotiable for 180 calendar days from the date of their issuance. Settlement Payment checks will
27 automatically be cancelled by the Settlement Administrator if they are not cashed by the Class Member
28 within that time, and the Class Member's relevant claims will remain released by the Settlement.

Settlement Payment checks which have expired will not be reissued.

34. Funds from un-cashed or abandoned Settlement Payment checks, based on a 180-day void date, shall be transmitted to the California State Controller's Office for Unclaimed Property in the name of each Class Member who failed to cash their Settlement Payment check prior to the void date.

35. Upon completion of its calculation of Settlement Payments, the Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel with a report listing the amounts of all payments to be made to Class Members (to be identified anonymously by employee number or other identifier). A Declaration attesting to completion of all payment obligations will be provided to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel and filed with the Court by Class Counsel.

RELEASE BY THE CLASS

36. Upon the final approval by the Court of this Settlement and Defendant's payment of all sums due pursuant to this Settlement, and except as to such rights or claims as may be created by this Settlement, the Class Representative, the Class and each Class Member who has not submitted a valid and timely request for exclusion as to claims other than the PAGA claim, will release claims as follows:

- (a) **Identity of Released Parties.** The released parties are Defendant, each of Defendant's current and former employees, managers, officers, and directors, and each of Defendant's current and former owners, shareholders, and/or members (collectively "Releasees").
- (b) **Date Release Becomes Active.** The Released Claims will be released upon the later of (1) the Settlement's Effective Date, or (2) the satisfaction of Defendant's obligation to provide to the Settlement Administrator a sum in the amount required to satisfy all required payments and distributions pursuant to this Settlement and the Order and Judgment of final approval. Class Members will not release the Released Claims or Released PAGA Claims until both the Effective Date of the Settlement has occurred, **and** Defendant has paid all amounts owing under the Settlement.
- (c) **Claims Released by Settlement Class Members.** Each and every Class Member, on behalf of himself or herself and his or her heirs and assigns, unless he or she has

submitted a timely and valid Exclusion Form (which will not effectuate an opt-out from the release of Released PAGA Claims), hereby releases Releasees from the following claims for the entire Class Period:

- 1) any and all claims stated in the Action, or that could have been stated based on the facts alleged in the Action, including but not limited to state wage and hour claims (including all claims under the California Labor Code) for unpaid wages, minimum wage, overtime, off-the-clock work, meal periods, rest periods, wage statement violations, interest, penalties, and attorneys' fees, waiting time penalties, withholding from wages and the related provisions of the Labor Code including but limited to Labor Code §§ 201-204, 210, 216, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 512.5, 558, 1194, 1194.2, 1198, derivative claims under California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 et seq., and all claims under the governing Wage Order ("Released Claims");
- 2) as to any Class Member who cashes their Settlement Payment, the signing and negotiation of that check shall serve as the Class Member's consent to join the action for purposes of releasing claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act that are related to the claims stated in the Action, and,
- 3) in addition, as to *all* Class Members employed during the Released PAGA Claims Period, whether requesting exclusion from the Settlement or not, claims arising during the PAGA Claims Period under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code § 2698 et seq., to the extent asserted in Plaintiff's administrative exhaustion letter submitted to the LWDA and any Complaint in this matter (i.e., the Released PAGA Claims).

EMPLOYMENT BY DEFENDANT

37. Employment of Plaintiff by Defendant is not consideration for, or a condition of, this Settlement.

1 **DUTIES OF THE PARTIES PRIOR TO COURT APPROVAL**

2 38. The Parties shall submit this Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement to the Court in
3 support of Plaintiff's unopposed motion for preliminary approval for determination by the Court as to its
4 fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness. Upon execution of this Joint Stipulation of Class Action
5 Settlement, the Parties shall apply to the Court for the entry of an order:

- 6 (a) Scheduling a final approval and fairness hearing on the question of whether the
7 proposed Settlement, including payment of attorney's fees and costs, and the Class
8 Representative's service payment, should be finally approved as fair, reasonable,
9 and adequate as to the members of the Class;
- 10 (b) Certifying a Class;
- 11 (c) Approving as to form and content the proposed Notice;
- 12 (d) Directing the mailing of the Notice;
- 13 (e) Preliminarily approving the Settlement subject only to the objections of Class
14 Members and final review by the Court;
- 15 (f) Conditionally appointing Plaintiff and Class Counsel as representatives of the
16 proposed Class Members; and,
- 17 (g) Appointing ILYM Group, Inc. as the Settlement Administrator, and order the
18 Settlement Administrator to issue Notices as outlined above.

19 **DUTIES OF THE PARTIES FOLLOWING FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

20 39. In conjunction with the hearing of a motion for final approval by the Court of the
21 Settlement provided for in this Joint Stipulation of Settlement, Class Counsel will provide to Defendant's
22 Counsel for review and approval and then submit to the Court a proposed final order and judgment
23 containing provisions sufficient to accomplish the following:

- 24 (a) Approving the Settlement, adjudging the terms thereof to be fair, reasonable and
25 adequate, and directing consummation of its terms and provisions;
- 26 (b) Approving Class Counsel's application for an award of attorney's fees and costs;
- 27 (c) Approving the Service Payment to the Class Representative;
- 28 (d) Adjudging the Settlement Administrator has fulfilled its initial notice and reporting

1 duties under the Settlement.

- 2 (e) Adjudging Plaintiff and Class Counsel may adequately represent the Final
3 Settlement Class for the purpose of entering into and implementing the Agreement;
4 (f) Entering a final judgment in the action;
5 (g) Adjudging that notwithstanding the submission of a timely request for exclusion,
6 Class Members are still bound by the settlement and release of the Released PAGA
7 Claims or remedies under the Judgment pursuant to *Arias v. Superior Court*, 46
8 Cal. 4th 969 (2009), as requests to be excluded from the Settlement do not apply to
9 the Released PAGA Claims, and further affirms that the State's claims for civil
10 penalties pursuant to PAGA are also extinguished;
11 (h) Directing the mailing of the final judgment directly to the Settlement Class
12 Members along with their payments.

13 Any revised final judgments will also be provided to Defendant's Counsel for review and approval before
14 they are submitted to the Court.

15 **NULLIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

16 40. This Settlement will be null and void if any of the following occur: (a) the Court should for
17 any reason fail to certify a class for settlement purposes; (b) the Court should for any reason fail to
18 preliminarily or finally approve of this Settlement in the form agreed to by the Parties, other than
19 adjustments made to the attorney's fees and costs or granting of Service Payments; (c) the Court should for
20 any reason fail to enter the final judgment; (d) the final judgment is reversed, modified, or declared or
21 rendered void; or (e) the Settlement does not become final for any other reason.

22 41. If 10% or more of the Class Members opt out of this Settlement, then Defendant in its sole
23 discretion may terminate, nullify and void this Settlement. The Settlement Administrator shall provide
24 Defendant's Counsel with the information necessary to effectuate this provision on a regular basis, but no
25 less frequently than on a monthly basis. To terminate this Settlement under this paragraph, Defendant's
26 Counsel must give Plaintiff's Counsel written notice, by facsimile, e-mail, or mail, no later than 10 court
27 days after the Settlement Administrator provides a final reporting of the total number of Class Members
28 who have exercised their right to opt out of the Settlement. If this option is exercised by Defendant,

Defendant shall be solely responsible for the costs incurred by the Settlement Administrator for the settlement administration.

42. In the event this Settlement is nullified or terminated as provided above: (i) this Settlement shall be considered null and void, (ii) neither this Settlement nor any of the related negotiations or proceedings shall have any force or effect and no party shall be bound by any of its terms, and (iii) all Parties to this Settlement shall stand in the same position, without prejudice, as if the Settlement had been neither entered into nor filed with the Court.

PARTIES' AUTHORITY

43. The signatories hereto hereby represent that they are fully authorized to enter into this Settlement and bind the Parties hereto to the terms and conditions thereof.

MUTUAL FULL COOPERATION

44. The Parties agree to fully cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of this Settlement including, but not limited to, execution of such documents and taking such other action as reasonably may be necessary to implement the terms of this Settlement. The Parties to this Settlement shall use their best efforts, including all efforts contemplated by this Settlement and any other efforts that may become necessary by order of the Court, or otherwise, to effectuate this Settlement and the terms set forth herein. As soon as practicable after execution of this Settlement, Class Counsel shall, with the assistance and cooperation of Defendant and Defendant's Counsel, take all necessary steps to secure the Court's preliminary and final approval of this Settlement.

NO PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS

45. The Parties and their respective counsel represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or rights herein released and discharged except as set forth herein.

NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY

46. Nothing contained herein, nor the consummation of this Settlement, is to be construed or deemed an admission of liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing on the part of Defendant. Defendant denies all the claims and contentions alleged by the Plaintiff in this case. The Defendant has

entered into this Settlement solely with the intention to avoid further disputes and litigation with the attendant inconvenience and expenses.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

47. In the event that one or more of the Parties to this Settlement institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other party or parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement, the successful party or parties shall be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful party or parties reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including expert witness fees incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.

NOTICES

48. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, all notices, demands or other communications given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

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CONSTRUCTION

49. The Parties hereto agree that the terms and conditions of this Settlement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms-length negotiations between the Parties, and this Settlement shall not be construed in favor of or against any party by reason of the extent to which any party or his, her or its counsel participated in the drafting of this Settlement.

CAPTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

50. Paragraph titles or captions contained herein are inserted as a matter of convenience and

1 for reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Settlement or any provision
2 hereof. Each term of this Settlement is contractual and not merely a recital.

3 **MODIFICATION**

4 51. This Settlement may not be changed, altered, or modified, except in writing and signed by
5 the Parties hereto, and approved by the Court. This Settlement may not be discharged except by
6 performance in accordance with its terms or by a writing signed by the Parties hereto.

7 **INTEGRATION CLAUSE**

8 52. This Settlement contains the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the
9 Settlement and transaction contemplated hereby, and all prior or contemporaneous agreements,
10 understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral or written and whether by a party or such
11 party's legal counsel, are merged herein. No rights hereunder may be waived except in writing.

12 **WAIVER OF APPEALS**

13 53. The Parties agree to waive appeals and to stipulate to class certification for purposes of
14 implementing this Settlement only, with the exception that Class Counsel retains the right to appeal the
15 amount awarded as attorney's fees in the event that the Court awards less than twenty-five percent of the
16 Gross Settlement Amount as attorney's fees.

17 **NO KNOWLEDGE OF RELATED CASES**

18 54. Neither the Parties nor their counsel are aware of any potentially related cases, or cases
19 with partially or completely overlapping class definitions.

20 **BINDING ON ASSIGNS**

21 55. This Settlement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and
22 their respective heirs, trustees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

23 **CLASS COUNSEL SIGNATORIES**

24 56. It is agreed that because the members of the Class are so numerous, it is impossible or
25 impractical to have each member of the Class execute this Settlement. The Notice will advise all Class
26 Members of the binding nature of the Released Claims and Released PAGA Claims, and the release shall
27 have the same force and effect as if this Settlement were executed by each member of the Class.
28

1 **COUNTERPARTS**

2 57. This Settlement may be executed in counterparts and by electronic or facsimile signatures,
3 and when each party has signed and delivered at least one such counterpart, each counterpart shall be
4 deemed an original, and, when taken together with other signed counterparts, shall constitute one
5 Settlement, which shall be binding upon and effective as to all Parties.

6 **CONFIDENTIALITY & PUBLIC COMMENT**

7 58. The Class Representative and Class Counsel agree they will not make any disparaging
8 comments about Defendant relating to this Settlement of this class action or disclose the negotiations of
9 the Settlement. The Class Representative and Class Counsel shall only disclose matters of public record
10 other than to Class Members, who may receive information about the Settlement that is not in the public
11 record after the Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement. Other than as to Class Members or as
12 expressly allowed below, the Parties and attorneys will keep the settlement confidential until the filing of
13 the motion for preliminary approval of the class settlement. Thereafter, the Parties agree to make no
14 comments to the media or otherwise publicize the terms of the Settlement, other than in court filings. To
15 the extent counsel for either Party wish to advertise this settlement, such advertising will be limited to a
16 statement that a matter was settled between a putative class and a “social services provider.” Any
17 communication about the Settlement to Class Members prior to the Court-approved mailing will be
18 limited to (1) a statement that a settlement has been reached, (2) a statement of any of the details that
19 would necessarily be included in any Court-approved Notice if a Class Member requests details about the
20 proposed Settlement, and (3) a warning that the terms of the proposed Settlement have not yet been
21 approved by the Court. Prior to preliminary approval, the Class Representative is prohibited from
22 discussing the terms or the fact of the settlement with third parties other than (1) a spouse, (2) accountants
23 or lawyers as necessary for tax purposes, or (3) Class Members. At all times, the Class Representative is
24 prohibited from communicating about the terms or the fact of the settlement on any form of social media
25 (“Social Media Bar”). In the event of a proven breach of the Social Media Bar, the violating Plaintiff shall
26 forfeit one-half of the class representative enhancement payment, as a form of liquidated damages. Class
27 Counsel will take all steps necessary to ensure the Class Representative are aware of, and will adhere to,
28 the restrictions against any public disclosure of the Settlement. Class Counsel will not include or use the

settlement for any marketing or promotional purposes other than as expressly allowed above.

FINAL JUDGMENT

59. The Parties agree that, upon final approval of the Settlement, final judgment of this Action will be made and entered in its entirety. The final judgment may be included in the Order granting Final Approval of the Settlement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement between Plaintiff and Defendant as set forth below:

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Plaintiff & Class Representative:

Dated: 6/10/2022

By:

DocuSigned by:

Alessandro Hickey

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ALESSANDRO JAMES HICKEY

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Dated: June 10, 2022

MOON & YANG, APC

By:

Kane Moon
Allen Feghali
Edwin Kamarzarian

Defendant:

Dated: June 28, 2022

FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICES OF
ORANGE COUNTY, INC.

By:

Greg Eubank, President & CEO

Name/Title

[Signature]

Signature

Defendant's Counsel:

Dated: June 28, 2022

GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI, LLP

By:

[Signature]
Gene F. Williams

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

James Hickey v. Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc.
Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange
Case No. 30-2020-01168166-CU-OE-CXC

To: all current and former non-exempt employees of Defendant Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc. (“Crittenton”) who worked in the State of California at any time between November 2, 2016 and [REDACTED], 2022, and who were classified as non-exempt prior to January 1, 2022 (the “Class”):

THIS NOTICE is of a proposed settlement of a class action lawsuit, and an announcement of a court hearing that you may choose to attend. Your rights may be affected by the legal proceedings in this action. The Court will conduct a hearing on [REDACTED], 2022 to address whether the proposed settlement should be approved (the “Final Approval Hearing”). You may be entitled to receive a payment under the terms of this class action settlement contained in the Settlement Agreement.

[IDENTIFYING INFORMATION]

You have been identified as a Class Member and may also have claims under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”) in the above lawsuit. You are a “PAGA Employee” if you worked for Crittenton on or after November 2, 2019, and you were classified a non-exempt prior to January 1, 2022. Under the terms of the proposed settlement you are estimated to receive approximately **\$INSERT AMOUNT** as your share of the Net Settlement Amount should the Court grant the settlement in full. Please note that this is only an estimate. Your actual share of the Net Settlement Amount may be more or less than this estimate. Your estimate is based on the number of eligible weeks you worked at Crittenton in California between November 2, 2016 and [REDACTED], 2021 (the “Class Period”). Your options and eligibility requirements for receiving payments are described below.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT	
DO NOTHING	If you want to receive your settlement payment, then no further action is required on your part. You will automatically receive your settlement payment from the Settlement Administrator if the Settlement receives final approval by the Court. You will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement and will give up your right to sue on the Released Claims described in Section IV.
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	If you do not wish to participate in the settlement, you may “opt-out” of the settlement. If you choose to opt-out, you must submit a Request for Exclusion by [REDACTED], 2022 (see Section V for more details on how to opt-out). If you opt-out, you will no longer be a Participating Class Member, and you will (1) <u>not</u> receive your portion of the class action Settlement Payment, but you will preserve your right to pursue the Released Claims described in Section IV subject to applicable statutes of limitations, and (2) be barred from filing an objection to the settlement. However, you <i>may not</i> exclude yourself from being a PAGA Employee. As such, if you are entitled to any payment under PAGA (as detailed on page you are releasing your PAGA Claims, and you will receive your portion of the PAGA Settlement Payment, even if you exclude yourself from being a Participating Class Member.
OBJECT	If you decide to object to the settlement because you find it unfair or unreasonable, you must submit an objection stating why you object to the settlement by [REDACTED], 2021 (see Section V for more details on how to object).
DISPUTE YOUR NUMBER OF WORK WEEKS	If you believe that your number of Work Weeks listed above is incorrect, you may contact the Settlement Administrator to dispute your Work Week calculation (see Section IV for more details on how to dispute your Work Weeks). Defendants’ records will be presumed correct, but you may provide evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that your Work Week calculation is inaccurate.

I. Why should I read this Notice?

The Court has granted preliminary approval of a proposed settlement (the “Settlement”) in *Hickey v. Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc.* Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2020-011681166-CU-OE-CXC (the “Lawsuit”). Because your rights may be affected by the Settlement, it is important that you read this notice carefully.

Crittenton’s records show that you were employed in California and classified as a non-exempt employee prior to January 1, 2022 (meaning you were paid hourly or otherwise eligible for overtime pay) at some point between November 2, 2016 and [REDACTED], 2022 (“Class Period”). The Court ordered this Notice be sent to you because you may be entitled to money under the Settlement and because the Settlement affects your legal rights.

NO ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO RECEIVE MONEY UNDER THE SETTLEMENT: If you were employed by Crittenton as a non-exempt employee in California at any time during the Class Period, you are automatically included in the Settlement and do not need to take any further action to receive a payment.

The purpose of this Notice is to provide you with a brief description of the Lawsuit, to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement, and to discuss your rights and options in connection with the Lawsuit and the Settlement.

II. What is this lawsuit about?

On November 2, 2020, Plaintiff and Class Representative Alessandro James Hickey, through his attorneys (“Class Counsel”), filed a class action complaint against Crittenton for alleged wage and hour violations on behalf of all current and former non-exempt employees who were employed by Crittenton in California at any time since November 2, 2016. Plaintiff alleges that Crittenton violated various Labor Code sections by failing to pay wages for all hours worked, provide all required meal and rest breaks, timely pay final wages, provide accurate and complete wage statements, and other related claims. On January 19, 2021, Plaintiff amended his complaint to allege penalties for the wage and hour violations under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”).

Crittenton has denied, and continues to deny, the factual and legal allegations in the Lawsuit and believes that it has valid defenses to Plaintiff’s claims. By agreeing to settle, Crittenton is not admitting liability on any of the factual allegations or claims in the case or that the case can or should proceed as a class action. Crittenton has agreed to settle the case as part of a compromise with Plaintiff and the Class Members.

The Court has not ruled on the merits of Plaintiff’s claims. And, by approving the Settlement and issuing this Notice, the Court is not suggesting which side would win or lose this case if it went to trial. However, to avoid additional expense, inconvenience, and risks of continued litigation, Crittenton and Plaintiff have concluded that it is in their respective best interests and the interests of the Settlement Class to settle the Lawsuit on the terms summarized in this Notice. After providing extensive information to Class Counsel, the Settlement was reached following an arm’s length mediation. In these negotiations, both sides recognized the substantial risk of the Court deciding against them at trial and determined that the Proposed Settlement was a good option to resolve the disputed claims.

The Class Representative and Class Counsel support this Settlement. Among the reasons for their support are the defenses to liability potentially available to Crittenton, the risk of denial of class certification, the inherent risk of trial on the merits, and the delays and uncertainties associated with litigation.

If you are still employed by Crittenton, this Settlement will not affect your employment. California law strictly prohibits unlawful retaliation. Further, Crittenton will not take any adverse action against or otherwise target, retaliate, or discriminate against any Class Member because of the Class Member’s participation or decision not to participate in this Settlement. If a Class Member does not participate, his/her share will be paid to those who do participate.

III. Who are the Class Members' attorneys?

Attorneys for the Class Members:

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IV. What are the terms of the Settlement?

On [PA DATE], the Court certified a class, for settlement purposes only, of all non-exempt employees employed by Crittenton in California at any time between November 2, 2016 and [REDACTED], 2022 (the "Settlement Class"). In order to be a part of the Settlement Class, you had to be classified as non-exempt prior to January 1, 2022. Individuals who do not opt out of the Settlement Class, pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Notice, ("Participating Class Members") will be mailed Settlement checks and in exchange be bound by the Settlement and release of certain wage and penalty claims against Crittenton.

Without admitting any wrongdoing, Crittenton has agreed to pay \$750,000 (the "Gross Settlement Amount") to fully resolve all claims in the Lawsuit. The Parties agreed to the following payments from the Maximum Settlement Amount:

Settlement Administration Costs. The Court has approved \$14,852.50 to act as the "Settlement Administrator," who is sending this Notice to you and will perform many other duties relating to the Settlement. Under the Settlement, a maximum of \$14,852.50 will be paid from the Maximum Settlement Amount to pay the Settlement Administration Costs.

Penalties to the California Labor Workforce and Development Agency. \$60,000 of the Total Maximum Settlement Amount will be allocated to Plaintiff's claim under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"). Of this amount, \$45,000 will be paid to the LWDA in satisfaction of the claims for penalties under PAGA, and the remaining \$15,000 will be included in the Net Settlement Amount to be divided between all Class Members.

Service Payment to Class Representative. Class Counsel will ask the Court to award Class Representative a Service Payment in the amount of \$5,000 to Alessandro James Hickey to compensate her for service and extra work provided on behalf of the Class Members and in exchange for a general release of claims. The Class Representative also may receive a share of the Settlement as a Class Member.

Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Class Counsel have been prosecuting the Lawsuit on behalf of the Class Members on a contingency fee basis (that is, without being paid any money to date) and have been paying all litigation costs and expenses. The Court will determine the actual amount awarded to Class Counsel as attorneys' fees, which will be paid from the Maximum Settlement Amount. Class Members are not personally responsible for any of Class Counsel's attorneys' fees or costs. Class Counsel will ask for fees of one-third (\$250,000) of the common fund Maximum Settlement Amount as reasonable compensation for the work Class Counsel performed and will continue to perform in this Lawsuit through finalization of the Settlement. Class Counsel also will ask for reimbursement of up to \$15,000 for the costs Class Counsel incurred in connection with the Lawsuit.

Calculation of Individual Settlement Payments to Class Members. After deducting the amounts above from the Maximum Settlement Amount, the balance will form the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members (who are Class Members who do not opt-out). The Net Settlement Amount will total approximately \$[REDACTED]. Compensable work weeks will be all Work Weeks that a Settlement Class Member worked in California during the Class Period. A Work Week includes any week in which a Class Member worked at least one shift/day during the week. To calculate each

Individual Settlement Payment, the Settlement Administrator will divide the total Work Weeks of all Settlement Class Members into the Net Settlement Amount to determine a per “Work Week Value”. The Work Week Value will be multiplied by the number of Work Weeks worked by each Settlement Class Member during the Class Period to determine the Individual Settlement Payment, prior to legal deductions, for each Settlement Class Member. If any Settlement Class Member opts-out of the Settlement, his/her Individual Settlement Payment will be distributed to all Participating Class Members (i.e., those who do not opt-out). Your estimated minimum settlement payment is <<Estimated Payment>>.

Calculation of Individual Settlement Payments to PAGA Employees. The PAGA Allocation (a total of \$60,000) will be distributed to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) and to the PAGA Employees. In accordance with California law, 75 percent of the PAGA Allocation (or \$45,000) will be paid to the LWDA and the remaining 25 percent of the PAGA Allocation (or \$15,000) will be paid to the PAGA Employees on a pro-rata basis (the “Individual PAGA Settlement Payments”) based on the number of pay periods each PAGA Employee worked for Defendant in California during the PAGA Period. Your estimated individual pay periods during the PAGA Period and estimated PAGA Settlement Payment are listed below:

You worked a total of <<PAGA Pay Periods>> workweeks in California during the PAGA Period. Based on your pay periods during the PAGA Period, your estimated PAGA Settlement Payment is approximately \$<<Est PAGA Settlement Payment>>.

Each PAGA Settlement Payment will be allocated as 100 percent miscellaneous income and reported to state and federal taxing authorities by the Settlement Administrator using Form 1099-MISC. Any taxes owed on the PAGA Settlement Payment will be the responsibility of the PAGA Employee receiving these payment.

For each Settlement Class Member, the Weeks Worked at Crittenton during the Class Period will be calculated from Crittenton’s records. Crittenton’s records indicate that you were classified as non-exempt prior to January 1, 2022 and worked for [TOTAL WORK WEEKS] Work Weeks in California during the Class Period of November 2, 2016, through _____, 2022. If you disagree with this number, you may submit the enclosed Work Week Dispute Form and all supporting evidence to the Settlement Administrator on or before _____, 2022, with documentation to establish the number of weeks you claim to have actually worked for Crittenton in California between November 2, 2016 and _____, 2022 (excluding any leaves of absence). **DOCUMENTATION SENT TO THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR WILL NOT BE RETURNED OR PRESERVED; DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS.** The Settlement Administrator will render a final decision.

Payments to Class Members. After the Court grants Final Approval of the Settlement and Judgment is entered, settlement checks will be mailed to all Participating Class Members who did not timely request to be excluded. Participating Class Members will have 180 days from the issuance of the last check to cash all of the checks. In the event that any Participating Class Member fails to timely cash a settlement check, a stop payment will be placed on the check and the funds will be paid to the California State Controller’s Office in the name of the Participating Class Member, so that the Participating Class Member can attempt to collect the funds at a later date.

Allocation and Taxes. Twenty percent (20%) of the Individual Settlement Payment distributed to each Participating Class Member will be considered and reported as wages (Form W-2 reporting). The remaining eighty percent (80%) will be considered and reported as interest and penalties (Form 1099 reporting). The Settlement Administrator shall take all usual and customary deductions from the Individual Settlement Payments that are distributed as wages, including, but not limited to, state and federal tax withholding, disability premiums, and unemployment insurance premiums. There will be no deduction taken from the interest and penalty distribution; however, it will be reported on IRS Form 1099 as income. Participating Class Members are responsible for the proper income tax treatment of the Individual Settlement Payments. The Settlement Administrator, Crittenton and its counsel, and Class Counsel cannot provide tax advice and make no representations as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the Individual Settlement Payments. Participating Class Members will be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties assessed on their Individual Settlement Payments. Accordingly, Participating Class Members should consult with their tax advisors concerning the tax consequences and treatment of payments they receive under the Settlement.

Release. Once the Court approves the proposed Settlement and enters Judgment, and Crittenton funds the Settlement, then the Settlement Agreement will bind all Class Members who have not opted out of the Settlement, and will bar them from bringing certain claims against Crittenton. Specifically, the Participating Class Members will fully release and discharge the Defendants and their past, present and/or future, direct and/or indirect, officers, directors, members, managers, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, insurers, partners, investors, shareholders, administrators, parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, predecessors, successors, assigns, and joint venturers, of all claims stated in the Complaint and those

based solely upon the facts in the Complaint, including: (a) failure to pay minimum wages, (b) failure to pay overtime wages, (c) failure to provide meal periods, (d) failure to provide rest breaks, (e) failure to reimburse business expenses, (f) failure to failure to timely pay wages each period and upon separation of employment, (g) failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, (i) unfair and unlawful competition, (j) claims for unpaid compensation under the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”), and (k) all other civil and statutory penalties, including those recoverable under the Private Attorneys General Act, Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.* based on the facts or claims alleged in the Complaint. All PAGA Employees mandatorily release Crittenton of only section (k), above. Participating Class Members are those who do not exclude themselves from the release, and thus release Crittenton from sections (a) – (k), above. The signing and negotiation of your settlement check shall serve as the your consent to join the action for purposes of releasing claims arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act that are related to the claims stated in the Action. These released claims and damages are hereinafter referred to as “Released Claims.” The time period governing these Released Claims shall be at any time from November 2, 2016 and [REDACTED], 2022 (“Release Period”).

Conditions of Settlement. This Settlement is conditioned upon the Court entering an order at or following the Final Approval Hearing finally approving the Settlement as fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class, and the entry of Judgment.

V. What options do I have?

- A. **Do Nothing and Participate in the Settlement.** Under the Settlement, you will automatically receive an Individual Settlement Payment unless you exclude yourself from the settlement by following the opt-out procedure set forth below. If you disagree with the number of Weeks Worked, as described in this Notice, you may dispute the allocation of the Settlement without excluding yourself or objecting, as described above. It is the responsibility of all Class Members to ensure that the Settlement Administrator has your current address on file, or you may not receive important information or an Individual Settlement Payment.

If you are a current employee, your decision as to whether or not to participate in this Settlement will not be considered by Crittenton and Crittenton will not take any adverse employment action against you based on your participation in the Settlement.

Exclude Yourself from the Settlement. If you **do not** wish to take part in the Settlement, you may exclude yourself by sending to the Settlement Administrator an “Exclusion Form” (enclosed herein) postmarked no later than [REDACTED], 2022 with your full name, address, telephone number, last four digits of your social security number or your date of birth, and signature. Send the Exclusion Form directly to the Settlement Administrator, [ADDRESS], **postmarked no later than [REDACTED], 2022.** Any person who files a timely Request for Exclusion from the Class Action Settlement, upon receipt: (1) will not have any rights under this Settlement, including the right to object, appeal or comment on the Settlement; (2) will not be entitled to receive a Settlement Class Payment under this Settlement; and (3) will not be bound by this Settlement, or the Judgment. All PAGA Employees will receive a PAGA Settlement Payment.

- B. **Object to Settlement.** You also have the right to object to the terms of the Settlement if you believe they are unfair or unreasonable. However, if the Court rejects your objection, you will still be bound by the terms of the Settlement. If you wish to object, you must submit a written objection stating your full name, address, telephone number, the case name and number, the name and address of your attorney(s) if you are represented, each specific reason in support of your objection, and any legal support for each objection. You must also include any documentation or evidence in support of the objection, if any. Objections must be in writing and mailed to the Settlement Administrator, [ADDRESS], **by no later than [REDACTED], 2022.** Objections that do not include all required information, or that are not submitted timely, will not be considered. **You need not object to the Settlement if you only dispute the number of Weeks Worked.**

If you choose to object to the Settlement, you may also appear at the Final Approval Hearing scheduled for [REDACTED], 2022, at [REDACTED] a.m. in Department CX-104 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at 751 West Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701. You have the right to appear either in person or through your own attorney at this hearing. All objections or other correspondence must state the name and number of the case. If you wish to appear at the Final Approval hearing, please contact Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator in advance of the scheduled hearing to ensure that the hearing has not been continued by the Court.

If you object to the Settlement, you will remain a Class Member, and if the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement in the same way as Participating Class Members who do not object. Submitting an objection does not preserve the right to appeal a final judgment. Rather, the right to appeal is preserved by becoming a party of record by timely and properly intervening or filing a motion to vacate the judgment before entry of judgment.

VI. What is the effect of the settlement?

Released Rights and Claims. The Settlement is intended to settle all claims against the Released Parties that were asserted or could have been asserted in the Lawsuit regarding the alleged violations of wage and hour laws. If you were employed by Crittenton in California at any time during the Class Period and do not elect to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will be deemed to have entered into this Release and to have released the above-described Released Claims. If the Settlement is not approved by the Court or does not become final for some other reason, the Lawsuit may continue and the releases will not take effect.

VII. What is the next step?

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on the adequacy, reasonableness, and fairness of the Settlement, and Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of documented litigation costs and the Service Payment to the Class Representative on [REDACTED], 2021 at [REDACTED] in Department CX-104 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at 751 West Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

You are not required to attend the Final Approval Hearing, although any Class Member is welcome to attend the hearing.

VIII. How can I get additional information?

This Notice is only a summary of the Lawsuit and the Settlement. For more information, you may inspect the Court's files and the Class Action Settlement Agreement (the Settlement Agreement) at Office of the Clerk, Orange County Superior Court, located at 751 West Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701, during regular court hours. You may also contact Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator using the contact information listed above for more information. Information about this case is also available online by inputting the case number at the Court's website <https://www.occourts.org/online-services/case-access/> under the "Civil Case and Document Access" link.

IX. Reminder as to time limits.

Class Members do not have to take any further action to participate in the Settlement. The deadline for submitting a Request for Exclusion is [REDACTED], 2022. The deadline for mailing an objection to the Settlement Administrator is [REDACTED], 2022. These deadlines will be strictly enforced.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SETTLEMENT**

EXHIBIT B

[COMPLETE THIS FORM *ONLY IF YOU*
CHOOSE TO
NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS SETTLEMENT AND
CHOOSE *NOT* TO RECEIVE A SETTLEMENT SHARE]

“EXCLUSION FORM”

JAMES HICKEY VS. FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICES OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.
ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CASE NO. 30-2020-01168166-CU-OE-CXC

INSTRUCTIONS: TO OPT-OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT, YOU MUST COMPLETE, SIGN AND MAIL THIS FORM BY FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL OR EQUIVALENT, POSTAGE PAID, POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE **[+60 DAYS FROM MAILING]**, ADDRESSED TO THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR AS FOLLOWS:

INSERT ADMINISTRATOR INFO

Please fill in all of the following information (type or print):

NAME (First, Middle, Last): _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home: _____ Work: _____

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU RETAIN PROOF OF MAILING
THIS FORM POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE **[DATE]**.**

I [insert your name] _____ wish to be excluded from the Settlement Class in the case of *James Hickey v. Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc., Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2020-01168155-CU-OE-CXC*.

I understand I will not receive money from the proposed class action settlement. However, if I am a PAGA Employee, I will automatically receive a PAGA Settlement Payment.

I further verify that the following is true: My name, address and other contact information are accurately set forth above. I received and had the opportunity to read the Class Notice and Settlement Information Form that were sent to me along with this Exclusion Form. I understand that by signing this side of the form, I voluntarily choose to exclude myself from the proposed settlement of this class action. **I understand that by excluding myself, I may not accept any money allocated for me in the proposed settlement and may not object to the settlement.** On the other hand, I also understand that if I wish to assert any claims related to those set forth in this lawsuit in my individual capacity, I shall have to do so separately. I understand that any such claims are subject to strict time limits, known as statutes of limitations, which restrict the time within which I may file any such action. I understand that I should consult with an attorney at my own expense if I wish to obtain advice regarding my rights with respect to this settlement or my choice to opt out of the settlement. Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc. has not encouraged me to opt out, and I choose to opt out of my own free will.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Last four digits of Social Security Number _____

EXHIBIT C

**[COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU
CHOOSE TO
DISPUTE THE WORK WEEKS IN THE CLASS NOTICE]**

“WORK WEEK DISPUTE FORM”

**JAMES HICKEY VS. FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICES OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.
ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, CASE NO. 30-2020-01168166-CU-OE-CXC**

INSTRUCTIONS: TO DISPUTE THE NUMBER OF WORK WEEKS CALCULATED FOR YOU AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT, YOU MUST COMPLETE, SIGN AND MAIL THIS FORM AND ALL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE BY FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL OR EQUIVALENT, POSTAGE PAID, POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE **[+60 DAYS FROM MAILING]**, ADDRESSED TO THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR AS FOLLOWS:

INSERT ADMINISTRATOR INFO

Please fill in all of the following information (type or print):

NAME (First, Middle, Last): _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home: _____ Work: _____

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU RETAIN PROOF OF MAILING
THIS FORM AND ALL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE **[DATE]**.**

I [insert your name] _____ wish to be dispute the number of Work Weeks calculated for me as part of the settlement in the case of *James Hickey v. Florence Crittenton Services of Orange County, Inc., Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2020-01168155-CU-OE-CXC*. Based on the evidence submitted with this form, the correct number of Work Weeks is _____.

I arrived at the above number of Work Weeks by relying on the following information and/or documents (please attach any records which support your contention that you worked more work weeks than those included in the Notice):

Please be advised the Court has approved the following method for resolving workweek disputes:

If you submit this form disputing the accuracy of Defendant’s records used to calculate Covered Workweeks, and the Parties’ counsel cannot resolve the dispute informally, the matter will be referred to the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will review Defendant’s records and any information or documents submitted by You. The parties should file with the Court all disputes submitted by class members, the evidence submitted, and the resolution of those disputes. The Court shall have the right to review any decision made by the

settlement administrator regarding a claim dispute. You must submit information or documents supporting your position to the Settlement Administrator prior to <<the expiration of the response deadline>>. Information or documents submitted after the expiration of the Response Deadline will not be considered by the Settlement Administrator, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Last four digits of Social Security Number _____