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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

RALPH CORONA, individually, and on
behalf of other aggrieved employees,

Plaintiffs,

v.

PJCA-5, LP, a limited partnership; PJCA-1,
LP, a limited partnership; PJCA-2, LP, a
limited partnership; PJCA-3, LP, a limited
partnership; PJCA-4, LP, a limited partnership;
PJCA-6, LP, a limited partnership; PCJA
Management Company, LP, a limited
partnership; RDL Capital Investments, Inc., a
corporation; RDL RE-1, LLC, a limited
liability company; Mark Catania, an individual;
and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 21STCV11472

[Assigned for all purposes to Honorable
Upinder S. Kalra, Dept. 51]

**~~PROPOSED~~ SETTLEMENT APPROVAL
ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

Complaint Filed: March 24, 2021
FAC Filed: October 1, 2021
Trial Date: April 25, 2023

1 **~~PROPOSED~~ SETTLEMENT APPROVAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

2 This matter came before this Court on Plaintiff Ralph Corona’s (“Plaintiff”) Motion for
3 Approval of the Parties’ Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”) Settlement and Release
4 Agreement (“Settlement” or “Settlement Agreement”) pursuant to California Labor Code § 2698 *et*
5 *seq.* (“PAGA”). The Court, having considered the Settlement, the papers filed in support of the
6 motion, and the arguments of counsel, has determined that the Settlement provides genuine and
7 meaningful relief under PAGA and is fair, adequate, and reasonable. Therefore, the Court hereby
8 ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES AS FOLLOWS:

9 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action and over all Parties
10 to the Action.

11 2. This Approval Order incorporates the Settlement Agreement agreed to between
12 Plaintiff, on behalf of himself, the State of California, and the Aggrieved Employees, on the one
13 hand, and Defendants PCJA-5, LP; PCJA-1, LP; PCJA-2, LP; PCJA-3, LP; PCJA-4, LP; PCJA-6,
14 LP; PCJA Management Company, LP; RDL Capital Investments, Inc.; and Mark Catania
15 (collectively, “Defendants”), on their own behalf and on behalf of the Released Parties, on the other
16 hand. Unless otherwise provided herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same
17 meaning as defined in the Settlement Agreement.

18 3. The Court hereby finds that Plaintiff notified the Labor and Workforce Development
19 Agency (“LWDA”) of the Settlement at the time he filed the Motion for Approval of PAGA
20 Settlement and in accordance with the notice requirements of California Labor Code section 2699(l).
21 The Court has received no response from the LWDA regarding the Settlement.

22 4. The Court finds that the Settlement has been reached as a result of serious and non-
23 collusive, arm’s-length negotiations. The Court has considered the nature of the claims, the
24 procedural history of this case, the amounts paid in settlement, and the allocation of settlement
25 proceeds among the LWDA and the Aggrieved Employees. The Court hereby finds the Settlement
26 involves the resolution of a bona fide dispute, was entered into in good faith, and provides genuine
27 and meaningful relief under PAGA. The Court therefore approves the Settlement as fair, adequate,
28 and reasonable and directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement according to the terms outlined in

1 the Settlement Agreement.

2 5. Defendants will not be required to pay any additional amounts to settle the Action
3 other than the Gross Settlement Amount of \$985,000.00, as specifically set forth in the Settlement
4 Agreement.

5 6. The Court awards the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment to PAGA Counsel in the total
6 amount of \$328,333.33. These attorneys' fees are to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount as
7 final payment for and complete satisfaction of any and all attorneys' fees incurred by Plaintiff, and
8 to be incurred by Plaintiff, to prosecute the Action and to administer the Settlement. The Court finds
9 that PAGA Counsel's request for attorneys' fees in the amount of \$328,333.33, which is one-third
10 of the Gross Settlement Amount, is reasonable under the lodestar method and as a percentage of the
11 common fund. The Court finds that the number of hours PAGA Counsel spent prosecuting this
12 Action is reasonable and PAGA Counsel's hourly rates are reasonable and in line with rates
13 prevailing in the community. The Court awards PAGA Counsel \$328,333.33 in attorneys' fees to
14 be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.

15 7. The Court awards the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment to PAGA
16 Counsel in the total amount of \$31,927.56. The Court finds that PAGA Counsel has incurred
17 \$31,927.56 in costs and expenses. Such costs and expenses were reasonably incurred in prosecuting
18 this Action on behalf of the Aggrieved Employees. These litigation costs are to be paid from the
19 Gross Settlement Amount as final payment for and complete satisfaction of any and all litigation
20 costs incurred by Plaintiff, and to be incurred by Plaintiff, to prosecute the Action and to administer
21 the Settlement.

22 8. The Court appoints CPT Group, Inc. to serve as the Administrator. The Court
23 concludes that an Administration Expenses in the amount of \$16,000 is reasonable and necessary to
24 administer the Settlement and shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.

25 9. The remaining Net Settlement Amount of \$610,239.11 shall be allocated as follows:
26 75% of the Net Settlement Amount, or \$457,679.33, will be paid to the LWDA, and the remaining
27 25%, or \$152,559.78, will be paid to all Aggrieved Employees pursuant to the calculation set forth
28 in the Settlement Agreement for calculating Individual PAGA Payments.

1 10. Upon the Effective Date, the terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Settlement
2 Approval Order and Judgment shall be binding on the Parties. Plaintiff, the State of California, and
3 PAGA Employees shall be bound by the releases set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Specifically:

- 4 a. Upon the date Defendants fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff will be
5 deemed to have provided a Complete and General Release to the Released Parties.
- 6 b. Upon the date Defendants fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff, on
7 behalf of himself, the State of California, and all Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of
8 themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys,
9 heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, will be deemed to have released the
10 Released Parties from any and all claims, rights, demands, and liabilities for civil
11 penalties under PAGA predicated on the California Labor Code violations that are
12 asserted in the LWDA Notice and operative complaint (or PAGA claims that could
13 have been asserted based on the alleged Labor Code violations as well as the facts
14 alleged in the operative LWDA Notice) which are for civil penalties pursuant to
15 Labor Code section 2699, et seq. for violations of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204,
16 206.5, 210, 218.6, 221-224, 225.5, 226, 226(a), 226(e), 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558,
17 1174, 1174(d), 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1199, and 2802, and the
18 applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders during the PAGA Period.
- 19 c. Upon the date Defendants fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, PAGA Counsel,
20 on behalf of its present and former attorneys, employees, agents, successors, and
21 assigns, will be deemed to have released the Released Parties from all claims for
22 PAGA Fees incurred in connection with the Operative Complaint and the PAGA
23 Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice.
- 24 d. The releases provided under the Settlement shall have *res judicata* effect on Plaintiff,
25 the State of California, and the Aggrieved Employees, as well as their heirs,
26 executors, administrators, successors, and assigns in all pending and future claims,
27 lawsuits, or other proceedings maintained by or on behalf of any such persons, to the
28 extent those claims, lawsuits, or other proceedings fall within the scope of claims

1 released as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

2 11. Neither this Approval Order, this Judgment, nor the Settlement Agreement (nor any
3 other document referred to herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Approval Order and
4 Judgment) are, may be construed as, or may be used as, an admission or concession by Defendants
5 or the Released Parties of the validity of any claim asserted by Plaintiff. The fact that Defendants
6 entered into, and took action to implement, the Settlement shall not be considered as, or be deemed
7 evidence of, an admission or concession of wrongdoing, fault, or liability as alleged in the Action.
8 Moreover, the fact that Defendants entered into and/or took action to implement the Settlement shall
9 not be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding against Defendants in any court,
10 administrative agency, or other tribunal for any purpose whatsoever, except to enforce the provisions
11 of this Approval Order, this Judgment and the Settlement Agreement; provided, however, that this
12 Approval Order, this Judgment, and the Settlement Agreement may be filed in any action against or
13 by Defendants or the Released Parties to support a defense of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel,
14 release, waiver, good-faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, full faith and credit, or any other
15 theory of claim preclusion, issue preclusion, or similar defense or counterclaim.

16 12. Neither Defendant nor any related persons or entities shall have any further liability
17 for costs, expenses, interest, attorney's fees, or for any other charge, expense, or liability, except as
18 provided in the Settlement Agreement. The Court reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction
19 over the Action for the purposes of supervising the implementation, enforcement, construction,
20 administration, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and this Settlement Approval Order
21 and Judgment pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6.

22 13. Within ten (10) calendar days after entry of this Judgment, Plaintiff shall submit a
23 copy of this Settlement Approval Order and Judgment to the LWDA pursuant to California Labor
24 Code section 2699(1)(3). Within seven (7) calendar days following Plaintiff's submission of this
25 Approval Order and Judgment to the LWDA, PAGA Counsel shall file a declaration confirming
26 that Plaintiff has complied with California Labor Code section 2699(1)(3).

27 14. The Court hereby enters judgment of the entire Action, with prejudice, for the reasons
28 set forth above and upon the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

1 15. This Judgment is intended to be a final disposition of the Action and is intended to
2 be immediately appealable.

3 ~~16. The Parties are to provide a final report and accounting by _____. A non-~~
4 ~~appearance case review hearing regarding submission of the final report is set for~~
5 _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

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

7 DATED: 12/18/2025
8 _____



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Upinder S. Kalra'.

HON. UPINDER S. KALRA
Upinder S. Kalra, Judge
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT