

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP, an unknown business entity;
"Additional Parties Attachment form is attached."

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

DARIONESHA JACKSON, individually, "Additional Parties
Attachment form is attached."

FOR COURT USE ONLY
(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

FILED
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT

JUN 01 2021

BY Nicole O'Dwyer
NICOLE O'DWYER, DEPUTY

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): State of California

San Bernardino Superior Court, San Bernardino Justice Center
247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, California 92415-0210

CASE NUMBER
(Número del Caso): CIV SB 2114474

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
Edwin Aiwazian; 410 West Arden Avenue, Suite 203, Glendale, California 91203; (818) 265-1020

DATE: JUN 01 2021
(Fecha)

Clerk, by NICOLE O'DWYER, Deputy
(Secretario) (Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

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NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

- ☐ as an individual defendant.
- ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

- ☐ on behalf of (specify):

under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)

☐ other (specify):

- ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

SHORT TITLE: Jackson vs. Highland AL-MC Group, LP, et al.	CASE NUMBER:
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- This form may be used as an attachment to any summons if space does not permit the listing of all parties on the summons.
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List additional parties (Check only one box. Use a separate page for each type of party.):

☒ Plaintiff
 ☐ Defendant
 ☐ Cross-Complainant
 ☐ Cross-Defendant

and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act;

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BRIGHTWATER SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC, an unknown business entity; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Edwin Aiwarzian (State Bar No. 232943) LAWYERS for JUSTICE, PC 410 Arden Avenue, Suite 203 Glendale, California 91203 TELEPHONE NO.: (818) 265-1020 FAX NO.: (818) 265-1021 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff Darionesha Jackson		FOR COURT USE ONLY FILED SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT MAY 05 2021	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Bernardino STREET ADDRESS: 247 West Third Street MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: San Bernardino 92415-0210 BRANCH NAME: San Bernardino Justice Center		COPY	
CASE NAME: Jackson vs. Highland AL-MC Group, LP, et al.			
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ☒ Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) ☐ Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)		Complex Case Designation ☐ Counter ☐ Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)	
		BY: <u>Nicole O'Dwyer</u> CASE NUMBER: CIV SB 2114475 JUDGE: DEPT:	

Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check **one** box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort ☐ Auto (22) ☐ Uninsured motorist (46) Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort ☐ Asbestos (04) ☐ Product liability (24) ☐ Medical malpractice (45) ☐ Other PI/PD/WD (23) Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort ☐ Business tort/unfair business practice (07) ☐ Civil rights (08) ☐ Defamation (13) ☐ Fraud (16) ☐ Intellectual property (19) ☐ Professional negligence (25) ☐ Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) Employment ☐ Wrongful termination (36) ☒ Other employment (15)	Contract ☐ Breach of contract/warranty (06) ☐ Rule 3.740 collections (09) ☐ Other collections (09) ☐ Insurance coverage (18) ☐ Other contract (37) Real Property ☐ Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) ☐ Wrongful eviction (33) ☐ Other real property (26) Unlawful Detainer ☐ Commercial (31) ☐ Residential (32) ☐ Drugs (38) Judicial Review ☐ Asset forfeiture (05) ☐ Petition re: arbitration award (11) ☐ Writ of mandate (02) ☐ Other judicial review (39)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403) ☐ Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) ☐ Construction defect (10) ☐ Mass tort (40) ☐ Securities litigation (28) ☐ Environmental/Toxic tort (30) ☐ Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Enforcement of Judgment ☐ Enforcement of judgment (20) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint ☐ RICO (27) ☐ Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition ☐ Partnership and corporate governance (21) ☐ Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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2. This case ☒ is ☐ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
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| a. ☐ Large number of separately represented parties
b. ☒ Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve
c. ☒ Substantial amount of documentary evidence | d. ☒ Large number of witnesses
e. ☐ Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
f. ☐ Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision |
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3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☒ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): One
5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: May 5, 2021

Edwin Aiwarzian

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you **must** complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) (*if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto*)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)
Asbestos Property Damage
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
Product Liability (*not asbestos or toxic/environmental*) (24)
Medical Malpractice (45)
Medical Malpractice—Physicians & Surgeons
Other Professional Health Care Malpractice
Other PI/PD/WD (23)
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress
Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (*not civil harassment*) (08)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)
Fraud (16)
Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
Legal Malpractice
Other Professional Malpractice (*not medical or legal*)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)
Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (*not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction*)
Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller Plaintiff (*not fraud or negligence*)
Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff
Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
Insurance Coverage (*not provisionally complex*) (18)
Auto Subrogation
Other Coverage
Other Contract (37)
Contractual Fraud
Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
Wrongful Eviction (33)
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
Mortgage Foreclosure
Quiet Title
Other Real Property (*not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure*)

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)
Residential (32)
Drugs (38) (*if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential*)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ—Administrative Mandamus
Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter
Writ—Other Limited Court Case Review
Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order
Notice of Appeal—Labor
Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims (*arising from provisionally complex case type listed above*) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment (*non-domestic relations*)
Sister State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award (*not unpaid taxes*)
Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)
Other Complaint (*not specified above*) (42)
Declaratory Relief Only
Injunctive Relief Only (*non-harassment*)
Mechanics Lien
Other Commercial Complaint Case (*non-tort/non-complex*)
Other Civil Complaint (*non-tort/non-complex*)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Other Petition (*not specified above*) (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
Election Contest
Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Civil Petition

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

DARIONESHA JACKSON, individually,
and on behalf of other aggrieved employees
pursuant to the California Private Attorneys
General Act;

Plaintiff,

vs.

HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP, an
unknown business entity; BRIGHTWATER
SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC, an
unknown business entity; and DOES 1
through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.:

CIV SB 2114474

**COMPLAINT FOR ENFORCEMENT
UNDER THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
GENERAL ACT, CALIFORNIA LABOR
CODE § 2698, ET SEQ.**

Violation of California Labor Code §
2698, et seq. (California Labor Code
Private Attorneys General Act of 2004)

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW, Plaintiff DARIONESHA JACKSON (“Plaintiff”), individually, and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act, and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This representative action is brought pursuant to the California Labor Code section 2698, et seq. The civil penalties sought by Plaintiff exceed the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial. The “amount in controversy” for the named Plaintiff, including claims for compensatory damages, restitution, penalties, wages, premium pay, and pro rata share of attorneys’ fees, is less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, Section 10, which grants the superior court “original jurisdiction in all other causes” except those given by statute to other courts. The statutes under which this action is brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.

3. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant because, upon information and belief, Defendant is a citizen of California, has sufficient minimum contacts in California, or otherwise intentionally avails itself of the California market so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

4. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendant maintains offices, has agents, and/or transacts business in the State of California, including the County of San Bernardino. The majority of the acts and omissions alleged herein relating to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees took place in the State of California, including the County of San Bernardino.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff DARIONESHA JACKSON is an individual residing in the State of California.

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6. Defendant HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP at all times herein mentioned, was and is, an employer whose employees are engaged throughout the State of California, including the County of San Bernardino.

7. Defendant BRIGHTWATER SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC, at all times herein mentioned, was and is, an employer whose employees are engaged throughout the State of California, including the County of San Bernardino.

At all relevant times, HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP and BRIGHTWATER SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC were the “employers” of Plaintiff within the meaning of all applicable state laws and statutes.

At all times herein relevant, HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP, BRIGHTWATER SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC, and DOES 1 through 100, and each of them, were the agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers, representatives, servants, employees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators and assigns, each of the other, and at all times relevant hereto were acting within the course and scope of their authority as such agents, partners, joint venturers, representatives, servants, employees, successors, co-conspirators and/or assigns, and all acts or omissions alleged herein were duly committed with the ratification, knowledge, permission, encouragement, authorization and/or consent of each defendant designated as a DOE herein.

8. The true names and capacities, whether corporate, associate, individual or otherwise, of defendants DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff who sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on that information and belief alleges, that each of the defendants designated as a DOE is legally responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, and unlawfully caused the injuries and damages to Plaintiff as alleged in this Complaint. Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to show the true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.

9. HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP, BRIGHTWATER SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC, and DOES 1 through 100 will hereinafter collectively be referred to as “Defendants.”

10. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants including the unknown defendants identified as DOES, directly or indirectly controlled or affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees so as to make each of said Defendants employers and employers liable under the statutory provisions set forth herein.

PAGA ALLEGATIONS

11. At all times herein set forth, PAGA was applicable to Plaintiff's employment by Defendants.

12. At all times herein set forth, PAGA provides that any provision of law under the California Labor Code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the LWDA for violations of the California Labor Code may, as an alternative, be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of herself and other current or former employees pursuant to procedures outlined in California Labor Code section 2699.3.

13. Pursuant to PAGA, a civil action under PAGA may be brought by an "aggrieved employee," who is any person that was employed by the alleged violator and against whom one or more of the alleged violations was committed.

14. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants and the alleged violation was committed against her during her time of employment and she is, therefore, an aggrieved employee. Plaintiff and the other employees are "aggrieved employees" as defined by California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are all current or former employees of Defendants, and one or more of the alleged violations were committed against them.

15. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699.3 and 2699.5, an aggrieved employee, including Plaintiff, may pursue a civil action arising under PAGA after the following requirements have been met:

- a. The aggrieved employee shall give written notice by online submission (hereinafter "Employee's Notice") to the Labor & Workforce Development Agency (hereinafter "LWDA") and by U.S. Certified

1 Mail to the employer of the specific provisions of the California Labor
2 Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to
3 support the alleged violations.

- 4 b. The LWDA shall provide notice (hereinafter "LWDA Notice") to the
5 employer and the aggrieved employee by certified mail that it does not
6 intend to investigate the alleged violation within sixty (60) calendar
7 days of the postmark date of the Employee's Notice. Upon receipt of
8 the LWDA Notice, or if the LWDA Notice is not provided within
9 sixty-five (65) calendar days of the postmark date of the Employee's
10 Notice, the aggrieved employee may commence a civil action pursuant
11 to California Labor Code section 2699 to recover civil penalties in
12 addition to any other penalties to which the employee may be entitled.

13 On March 1, 2021, Plaintiff provided written notice by online submission to the LWDA
14 and by U.S. Certified Mail to Defendant HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP and
15 BRIGHTWATER SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC of the specific provisions of the California
16 Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the
17 alleged violations. Plaintiff has not received an LWDA Notice within sixty-five (65) calendar
18 days of the date of Plaintiff's notice.

19 16. Therefore, Plaintiff has satisfied the administrative prerequisites under
20 California Labor Code section 2699.3(a) to recover civil penalties against Defendants, in
21 addition to other remedies, for violations of California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203,
22 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800 and 2802.

23 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

24 17. At all relevant times set forth herein, Defendants employed Plaintiff and other
25 aggrieved hourly-paid or non-exempt employees who worked for any of the Defendants in
26 the State of California (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "other aggrieved
27 employees").

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1 18. Defendants, jointly and severally, employed Plaintiff as an hourly-paid, non-
2 exempt employee from approximately March 2019 to approximately September 2019¹ in the
3 State of California, County of San Bernardino.

4 19. Defendants hired Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees, and failed to
5 compensate them for all hours worked, missed meal periods or rest breaks.

6 20. Defendants had the authority to hire and terminate Plaintiff and the other
7 aggrieved employees, to set work rules and conditions governing Plaintiff's and the other
8 aggrieved employees' employment, and to supervise their daily employment activities.

9 21. Defendants exercised sufficient authority over the terms and conditions of
10 Plaintiff's and the other aggrieved employees' employment for them to be joint employers of
11 Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees.

12 22. Defendants directly hired and paid wages and benefits to Plaintiff and the
13 other aggrieved employees.

14 23. Defendants continue to employ hourly-paid or non-exempt employees, within
15 the State of California.

16 24. Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees worked over eight (8) hours in a
17 day, and/or forty (40) hours in a week during their employment with Defendants.

18 25. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
19 engaged in a uniform policy and systematic scheme of wage abuse against their hourly-paid
20 or non-exempt employees. This scheme involved, *inter alia*, failing to pay them for all hours
21 worked and for missed (short, late, interrupted, and altogether missed) meal periods and rest
22 breaks in violation of California law.

23 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
24 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to
25 receive certain wages for overtime compensation and that they were not receiving wages for
26 overtime compensation.

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¹ Pursuant to the Emergency Rules Related to COVID-19, Rule 9(a), "the statutes of limitation and repose for civil causes of action that exceed 180 days are tolled from April 6, 2020, until October 1, 2020."

1 27. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
2 failed to provide Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees the required rest and meal
3 periods during the relevant time period as required under the Industrial Welfare Commission
4 Wage Orders and thus they are entitled to any and all applicable penalties.

5 28. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
6 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to
7 receive all meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other
8 aggrieved employee's regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, and they did not
9 receive all meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other
10 aggrieved employee's regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed.

11 29. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
12 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to
13 receive all rest periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other
14 aggrieved employees' regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, and they did not
15 receive all rest periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other
16 aggrieved employees' regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed.

17 30. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
18 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to
19 receive at least minimum wages for compensation and that they were not receiving at least
20 minimum wages for all hours worked.

21 31. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
22 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to
23 receive all wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation, including overtime and
24 minimum wages and meal and rest period premiums, and they did not, in fact, receive all
25 such wages owed to them at the time of their discharge.

26 32. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
27 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to
28 receive all wages owed to them during their employment. Plaintiff and the other aggrieved

employees did not receive payment of all wages, including overtime and minimum wages and meal and rest period premiums, within any time permissible under California Labor Code section 204.

33. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to receive complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with California law, but, in fact, they did not receive complete and accurate wage statements from Defendants. The deficiencies included, *inter alia*, the failure to include the total number of hours worked by Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees.

34. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants knew or should have known that Defendants had to keep complete and accurate payroll records for Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees in accordance with California law, but, in fact, did not keep complete and accurate payroll records.

35. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were entitled to reimbursement for necessary business-related expenses and costs.

36. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants knew or should have known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees pursuant to California law, and that Defendants had the financial ability to pay such compensation, but willfully, knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely represented to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees that they were properly denied wages, all in order to increase Defendants' profits.

37. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay overtime wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees. Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees were required to work more than eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40) hours per week without overtime compensation.

38. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to provide uninterrupted meal and rest periods to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees.

39. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees at least minimum wages for all hours worked.

40. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees all wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation.

41. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees' wages within any time permissible under California law, including, *inter alia*, California Labor Code section 204.

42. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to provide complete and accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees.

43. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to keep complete and accurate payroll records for Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees.

44. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees for necessary business-related expenses and costs.

45. At all material times set forth herein, Defendants failed to properly compensate Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees pursuant to California law in order to increase Defendants' profits.

46. California Labor Code section 218 states that noting in Article 1 of the Labor Code shall limit the right of any wage claimant to "sue directly . . . for any wages or penalty due to him [or her] under this article."

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of California Labor Code § 2698, et seq.

(Against HIGHLAND AL-MC GROUP, LP, BRIGHTWATER SENIOR LIVING GROUP LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)

47. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 46, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

48. PAGA expressly establishes that any provision of the California Labor Code which provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the LWDA, or any of its

1 departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies or employees for a violation of the
2 California Labor Code, may be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved
3 employee on behalf of himself or herself, and other current or former employees.

4 49. Whenever the LWDA, or any of its departments, divisions, commissions,
5 boards, agencies, or employees has discretion to assess a civil penalty, a court in a civil
6 action is authorized to exercise the same discretion, subject to the same limitations and
7 conditions, to assess a civil penalty.

8 50. Plaintiff and the other hourly-paid or non-exempt employees are “aggrieved
9 employees” as defined by California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are all current
10 or former employees of Defendants, and one or more of the alleged violations was committed
11 against them.

12 **Failure to Pay Overtime**

13 51. Defendants’ failure to pay legally required overtime wages to Plaintiff and the
14 other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or
15 unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198.

16 **Failure to Provide Meal Periods**

17 52. Defendants’ failure to provide legally required meal periods to Plaintiff and
18 the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or
19 unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

20 **Failure to Provide Rest Periods**

21 53. Defendants’ failure to provide legally required rest periods to Plaintiff and the
22 other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or
23 unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226.7.

24 **Failure to Pay Minimum Wages**

25 54. Defendants’ failure to pay legally required minimum wages to Plaintiff and
26 the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or
27 unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197 and 1197.1.

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Failure to Timely Pay Wages Upon Termination

55. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees upon termination in accordance with Labor Code sections 201 and 202 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment

56. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees during employment in accordance with Labor Code section 204 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 204.

Failure to Provide Complete and Accurate Wage Statements

57. Defendants' failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees in accordance with Labor Code section 226(a) constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226(a).

Failure to Keep Complete and Accurate Payroll Records

58. Defendants' failure to keep complete and accurate payroll records relating to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees in accordance with California Labor Code section 1174(d) constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 1174(d).

Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business-Related Expenses and Costs

59. Defendants' failure to reimburse Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees for necessary business-related expenses and costs in accordance with California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802.

60. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of all aggrieved employees, requests and is entitled to recover from Defendants and each of them, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code section 218.5, as well as all penalties pursuant to PAGA against Defendants, and each of them, including but not limited to:

- a. Penalties under California Labor Code section 2699 in the amount of a hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
- b. Penalties under California Code of Regulations Title 8 section 11010 et seq. in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
- c. Penalties under California Labor Code section 210 in addition to, and entirely independent and apart from, any other penalty provided in the California Labor Code in the amount of a hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation; and
- d. Any and all additional penalties and sums as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other statutes.

61. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699(i), civil penalties recovered by aggrieved employees shall be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for the enforcement of labor laws and education of employers and employees about their rights and responsibilities and twenty-five percent (25%) to the aggrieved employees.

62. Further, Plaintiff is entitled to seek and recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code sections 210, 218.5 and 2699 and any other applicable statute.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act, requests a trial by jury.

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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000):

As to the First Cause of Action

1. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f) and (g), costs/expenses, and attorneys' fees for violation of California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800 and 2802; and

2. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

DATED: May 5, 2021

LAWYERS for JUSTICE, PC

By: 
Edwin Aiwanian
Attorneys for Plaintiff

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Darionesha Jackson

Case No. CIV SB 2114474

vs.

CERTIFICATE OF ASSIGNMENT

Highland AL-MC Group, LP, et al.

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A civil action or proceeding presented for filing must be accompanied by this certificate. If the ground is the residence of a party, name and residence shall be stated.

The undersigned declares that the above-entitled matter is filed for proceedings in the San Bernardino District of the Superior Court under Rule 404 of this court for the checked reason:

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Nature of Action

Ground

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| ☐ 1 Adoption | Petitioner resides within the district. |
| ☐ 2 Conservator | Petitioner or conservatee resides within the district. |
| ☐ 3 Contract | Performance in the district is expressly provided for. |
| ☐ 4 Equity | The cause of action arose within the district. |
| ☐ 5 Eminent Domain | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 6 Family Law | Plaintiff, defendant, petitioner or respondent resides within the district. |
| ☐ 7 Guardianship | Petitioner or ward resides within the district or has property within the district. |
| ☐ 8 Harassment | Plaintiff, defendant, petitioner or respondent resides within the district. |
| ☐ 9 Mandate | The defendant functions wholly within the district. |
| ☐ 10 Name Change | The petitioner resides within the district. |
| ☐ 11 Personal Injury | The injury occurred within the district. |
| ☐ 12 Personal Property | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 13 Probate | Decedent resided or resides within the district or had property within the district. |
| ☐ 14 Prohibition | The defendant functions wholly within the district. |
| ☐ 15 Review | The defendant functions wholly within the district. |
| ☐ 16 Title to Real Property | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 17 Transferred Action | The lower court is located within the district. |
| ☐ 18 Unlawful Detainer | The property is located within the district. |
| ☐ 19 Domestic Violence | The petitioner, defendant, plaintiff or respondent resides within the district. |
| ☐ 20 Other _____ | |
| ☒ 21 THIS FILING WOULD NORMALLY FALL WITHIN JURISDICTION OF SUPERIOR COURT. | |

The address of the accident, performance, party, detention, place of business, or other factor which qualifies this case for filing in the above-designated district is:

Defendant/Place of Business

28807 Base Line St.

(NAME - INDICATE TITLE OR OTHER QUALIFYING FACTOR)

ADDRESS

Highland

California

92346

(CITY)

(STATE)

(ZIP CODE)

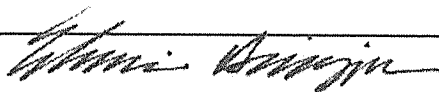
I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on

May 5, 2021

at

Glendale

, California



Signature of Attorney/Party