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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE**

RAEIGN VELASQUEZ, MIKAYLA ASEVO
and ERIC RIVAS on behalf of themselves and
on behalf of all persons similarly situated

Plaintiffs,

v.

TEAM BLAZE, a California Corporation;
GHOLAMREZA MEDALI, an individual; and
DOES 1 to 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 30-2021-01187932-CU-OE-CXC

[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. Melissa
R. McCormick, Dept. CX104]

**DECLARATION OF MIKAYLA ASEVO
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Date: May 8, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Dept.: CX104

Complaint Filed: March 9, 2021
Trial Date: Not set

1 I, Mikayla Asevo, hereby declare and state as follows:

2 1. I am an individual over the age of 18 years old, and reside in Los Angeles,
3 California. I am the named plaintiff in this matter. I have personal knowledge of the facts set
4 forth below, and if called to testify I could and would do so competently.

5 2. I was employed as an associate by Defendant Team Blaze at its location on 1 N.
6 Indian Hill Blvd, Claremont, CA 91711, from November of 2018 through October of 2020.
7 During my employment with Team Blaze, I allege that I worked more than 5 hours in a shift
8 without being provided with off-duty 30-minute meal breaks, and 3.5 hours without being
9 provided with off-duty 10-minute rest breaks. I also allege that I was not paid for the time when
10 I received text messages and calls outside of working hours about matters such as scheduling. I
11 was also not paid for the staff meetings I attended. I believe that the wage statements I received
12 were not accurate because they did not reflect all of the unpaid wages and meal and rest break
13 premium wages that I believe I should have been paid.

14 3. I was the first of Team Blaze's employees to contact the attorneys on this case
15 back in November of 2020, and I connected them to several other co-workers. During the
16 pendency of this lawsuit, I spent significant time assisting my attorneys. I spoke to them
17 numerous times, explaining Team Blaze's practices and answering their questions. I gathered
18 additional information requested by my attorneys and sent them supporting documentation.

19 4. Throughout this case, I have been continuously kept informed of the status of the
20 lawsuit. I have made myself available to answer further questions, gather further documents, and
21 prepare and review any written responses to my lawyers. I estimate that I spent around 40 hours
22 assisting my attorneys through the case.

23 5. I understand that the class claims alleged in this action were brought on behalf of
24 other employees employed by Defendants, and that I am acting as a representative for the Class.
25 As the class representative, I recognize that it is my responsibility to act in the Class's best
26 interest and not my own. I will not put my own interests ahead of that of the Class. I am not
27 aware of any conflicts that exist between my interest and the interests of the Class that would
28 impair or affect my ability to serve as representative for the Class.

6. I have been and continue to be willing to assist in the investigation of this matter as well as make myself available for trial or any further proceeding in this matter as required to represent the interests of the Class. I understand my duties and responsibilities to the proposed class and will carry out those duties as necessary.

7. Based on my understanding of the case, I am of the opinion that settlement for the amounts and on the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interests of the Class.

8. I was aware that in cases like mine, there is the risk that if I do not succeed on the case, then I could be liable for Defendants' costs. I also understood that filing this lawsuit is a public record and that is something that potential employers can look into, and which may cause a negative impact of my employment prospects.

9. I believe that the settlement is a positive result and that other Defendants' employees benefited from the actions taken by myself and the two other Class Representatives.

10. I understand that in addition to the claims that are being released by the proposed settlement, I agreed to provide a general release of claims, which I understand is a more expansive release than provided by the class members.

11. My estimated recovery as a class member is \$263.11, which I understand is based on the workweeks I worked during the Class Period, like all other class members and/or pay periods I worked during the PAGA Period. I am not anticipating or receiving any other compensation except for my \$257.55 in Individual Class Payment and \$5.56 for my Individual PAGA Payment and requested Service Award.

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

4/8/2025

Executed on ____, 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

Signed by:

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