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10 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
11 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – LONG BEACH COURTHOUSE**
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13 KEVIN PUGH, on behalf of himself and all
14 “aggrieved employees” pursuant to Labor
Code § 2698 *et seq.*,

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16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 THE AIRPORT COLLECTIVE, INC., a
California corporation, and DOES 1 through
19 10, inclusive,

20 Defendants.
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CASE NO: 21LBCV00333

*Assigned to the Honorable Mark C. Kim, Dept.
S27*

CLASS ACTION

**DECLARATION OF ALEX P. KATOFISKY
IN SUPPORT OF UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT AND
UNOPPOSED APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF ATTORNEYS’ FEES AND
COSTS, CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION
FEES, AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE’S
SERVICE PAYMENT**

DATE: January 12, 2023

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

DEPT.: S27

Action Filed: June 18, 2021

1 I, ALEX P. KATOFSKY, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney duly admitted to the practice of law in the State of California.
3 I am an associate of Gaines & Gaines, APLC, counsel for Plaintiff Kevin Pugh and Class
4 Counsel in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and if
5 called as a witness to testify to them, could and would do so competently.

6 2. I obtained my BA degree from the California State University Northridge
7 in 1993. I majored in Political Science.

8 3. Thereafter, I attended the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of
9 Law. At McGeorge, I was a member of the Governing Board of Community Legal
10 Services and was a student teacher of Appellate Advocacy. I also earned the American
11 Jurisprudence Award in Insurance Law. I earned my JD and became a member of the
12 California Bar in 1999.

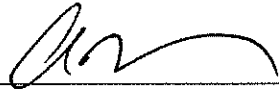
13 4. Since my admission to the Bar in 1999, I have devoted my practice to a
14 wide variety of matters, including business disputes, real estate litigation, and wage and
15 hour class action matters. I have substantial involvement in complex litigation like the
16 instant case, and have worked on more than twenty wage and hour class action cases with
17 Gaines & Gaines. Currently, over 85% of my practice is devoted to complex litigation
18 similar to the instant action.

19 5. Gaines & Gaines, APLC has represented employees in complex
20 employment matters such as this one, with an emphasis in wage and hour issues. I have
21 participated in and have been certified as class counsel in dozens of class action matters
22 that have been handled by Gaines & Gaines, ALPC over the past several years. An up-
23 to-date list of those cases is attached to the Declaration of Daniel F. Gaines as **Exhibit A**.

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

3 Executed on this 21st day of December, 2022 at Westlake Village, California.

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