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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

PRISCILLA LOPEZ,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

GEO SECURE SERVICES, LLC, a Florida
Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1-10,
inclusive,

Defendants.

AND ALL CONSOLIDATED LITIGATIONS.

Case No. ECU002060

**DECLARATION JULIE BRITNEY
CASTILLO IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
FINAL APPROVAL OF (1) CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT; (2)
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS; and (3)
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE AWARD**

Date: May 9, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Dept.: 5

Judge: Hon. Jeffrey B. Jones

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1 I, Julie Britney Castillo, hereby declare:

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3 1. I am the named Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter. I have personal knowledge of the
4 facts set forth in this declaration and if called to testify as a witness, I could and would do so. I
5 make this declaration in support of Plaintiff' Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of Class
6 Action Settlement, Attorneys Fees and Costs, and Class Representative Award

7 2. To my recollection, I personally met with my Attorneys (usually Mr. Sullivan, and
8 occasional Mr. Yaeckel) on at least 15 occasions. Several of those meetings lasted in excess of 2
9 hours.

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11 3. During these meetings, I would review and explain certain documents numerous documents
12 turned over by Defendants from my employment and explain my role (as well as others) during
13 work. I also helped my attorneys identify numerous other employees who could support the claims
14 I was making in this lawsuit. I contacted many of these individuals myself to verify their
15 willingness to participate.

16 4. I also spoke with my attorneys on the phone, on at least 20 other occasions.

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18 5. I agreed to have my deposition taken, and spent several hours prepping for it with my
19 attorneys. I sat for a full day of deposition on March 14, 2023. I also spent significant time
20 reviewing the settlement documentation and discussing the settlement with my attorneys.

21 6. In total, I estimate that I spent at least 85 hours related to the above mentioned tasks directly
22 working with my attorneys. I also spent at least another 8-10 hours of my own time gathering
23 evidence and outlining issues that I later shared with my attorneys.

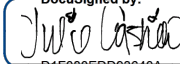
24 7. I was counseled by my attorneys, when I decided to move forward with this case, of the
25 potential stigma of being a Class Representative in a class action dispute, as this is a publicly filed
26 lawsuit.

1 8. I was also advised when I brought this case that had we lost, I could have been personally
2 liable for paying all of Defendants' costs. I was further advised this could be well into the tens of
3 thousands of dollars on this type of case.

4 9. Despite these risks I was committed to achieving a settlement that would benefit all
5 employees working for GEO.

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7 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
8 foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 16th day of April, 2024 at El Centro, California.

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