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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
 FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

RACHEL QUIJADA, as an individual and
 on behalf of aggrieved employees,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EXTRA SPACE MANAGEMENT, INC.,
 a Utah corporation; and DOES 1 through
 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 21CV385899

**DECLARATION OF RACHEL QUIJADA IN
 SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO
 APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
 PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
 GENERAL ACT**

Date: April 25, 2024
 Time: 1:30 p.m.
 Dept: 7

Complaint Filed: August 17, 2021
 Trial Date: None

1 I, RACHEL QUIJADA, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an individual over the age of 18 years old and am a resident of California. I
3 have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and if called to testify I could and would do
4 so competently.

5 2. I am one of the named plaintiffs in the above-referenced representative PAGA
6 action. I was employed by Defendant Extra Space Management, Inc. ("Extra Space") from on or
7 about February 22, 2021 to April 19, 2021. Throughout my employment with Extra Space I was
8 a non-exempt, hourly employee.

9 3. I understand that this PAGA action was brought on behalf of the State of
10 California and other employees of Extra Space. I have invested a lot of personal time and energy
11 into representing the interests of my co-workers and the State.

12 4. Throughout the case, I spent time looking for documents relevant to the case,
13 including wage statements, time records and employee handbooks. Additionally, I met with my
14 attorneys on multiple occasions to provide documents and information regarding Extra Space's
15 meal and rest period procedures, overtime policy and pre-shift work related activities. I also met
16 with my attorneys to discuss the status of the lawsuit and provide input on case documents, such
17 as the PAGA Notice and Complaint.

18 5. Before signing the Private Attorneys General Act Settlement Agreement
19 ("Settlement Agreement"), I discussed in detail the terms of the Agreement with my attorneys. I
20 believe that the terms of the Agreement are fair, adequate and reasonable.

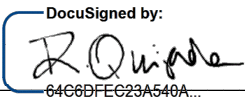
21 6. I did not make the decision to join this representative action lightly. I was
22 concerned by the attention a publicly filed lawsuit would attract. My name would be associated
23 with a lawsuit that I filed against my employer. Additionally, because the claims alleged by me
24 involved the payment of costs to the prevailing party, I could have possibly faced paying the fees
25 and costs of Extra Space, had I not prevailed in this action. I also understood that an individual
26 case would have resolved much faster than a representative action and involved much less
27 financial risk.

28 7. I respectfully request that the Court award a \$10,000 Service Award to me. I

1 believe this amount is fair compensation for my time and effort on this case, for helping to
2 prosecute this case, and the risks with respect to my current and future employment. In addition,
3 the Settlement requires that I enter into a general release, which I understand is broader than the
4 release that will bind other employees.

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

7 Executed on this Today's
date # day of February 2024, at _____, City _____, California.

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9 Rachel Quijada
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