

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiff Eric Ellis (“Plaintiff”) and defendant Warren Properties, Inc. (“Warren Prop.”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Warren Prop. collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s PAGA lawsuits alleging California Labor Code violations against Warren Prop. captioned *Eric Ellis v. Warren Properties, Inc.* (Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV26332, herein referred to as “the Individual Action”) and *Eric Ellis v. Warren Properties, Inc.* (Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 21STCV26336, herein referred to as “the Wage and Hour Action”) initiated on July 16, 2021 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means CPT Group, a neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement and approved by the Court.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid by Warren Prop., separate from the Gross Settlement Amount and an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with approval of this Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means a person employed by Warren Prop. in California and classified as an hourly employee who worked for Warren Prop. during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Warren Prop.’s possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.6. “Aggrieved Employee Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Aggrieved Employee mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Aggrieved Employees.
- 1.7. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.8. “Defense Counsel” means Thomas S. Ingrassia, Esq. and Christine Y. Dixon, Esq. of Pettit Kohn Ingrassia Lutz & Dolin PC.
- 1.9. “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Approving the PAGA Settlement and (b) the

Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) the day the Court enters Judgment.

- 1.10. “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$100,000, which is the total amount Warren Prop. agrees to pay under the Settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.
- 1.11. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods the Aggrieved Employee worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.12. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.13. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.14. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.15. “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Aggrieved Employees as Individual PAGA Payments.
- 1.16. “PAGA Counsel” means Shadie L. Berenji and Kristopher N. Tayyeb of the Berenji Law Firm, APC, the attorneys representing the Plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.17. “PAGA Counsel Fees Payment” and “PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to PAGA Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.18. “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Warren Prop. for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.19. “PAGA Period” means the period from July 16, 2020 to the last date upon which this Agreement is signed by the Parties.
- 1.20. “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*).
- 1.21. “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s two July 16, 2021 letters to Warren Prop. and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.22. “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid

from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$15,103.75) and the 75% to LWDA (\$45,311.25) in settlement of PAGA claims.

- 1.23. “Plaintiff” means Eric Ellis, the named plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.24. “Approval Order” means the proposed Court Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.25. “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released by the Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel and as described in Paragraph 5 below.
- 1.26. “Released Parties” means: Warren Prop. and each of its former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, employees, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, consultants, attorneys, insurers and reinsurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, and any individual entity that could be alleged to be jointly liable with Warren Prop.
- 1.27. “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.28. “Warren Prop.” means named Defendant Warren Properties, Inc.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1. On July 26, 2021, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing two Complaints alleging causes of action against Warren Prop. for: (1) failure to properly calculate and pay overtime compensation; (2) failure to pay accrued vacation wages upon termination; (3) failure to timely pay final wages upon termination; (4) failure to furnish accurate wage statements; (5) failure to reimburse necessary business expenses; and (6) retaliation in violation of California Labor Code sections 1102.5 and 6310. Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint in the Wage and Hour Action on October 18, 2021, as well as a First Amended Complaint in the Individual Action on December 28, 2021, to add causes of action seeking the recovery of civil penalties under PAGA. The First Amended Complaint in each respective Action are the operative complaints (the “Operative Complaints”). Warren Prop. denies the allegations in the Operative Complaints, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in in the Operative Complaints and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.2. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Warren Prop. and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.3. On August 2, 2022, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Mariam Zadeh, Esq. which led to this Agreement to settle the Wage and Hour Action. The Parties also agreed to a confidential settlement of Plaintiff’s non-PAGA claims alleged in the Individual Action (i.e, wrongful termination, race harassment and discrimination, retaliation).

- 2.4. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, the production Plaintiff's timekeeping and pay records, Warren Prop.'s wage and hour, timekeeping, and pay practices, a fifty percent sampling of the Aggrieved Employees time and payroll records, and the total number of applicable pay periods.
- 2.5. The Parties, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

- 3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Warren Prop. promises to pay \$100,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount, as well as the Administrator's fee in an amount that does not exceed \$10,000 and no more. Warren Prop. has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Warren Prop.
- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
- 3.2.1. To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third or 33.333% which is currently estimated to be \$33,333 and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$6,252. Warren Prop. will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel will file an application or motion for PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Litigation Expenses Payment. If the Court approves a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to PAGA Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any PAGA Counsel Fee Payment and/or PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. PAGA Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Warren Prop. harmless, and indemnifies Warren Prop., from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.
- 3.2.2. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$60,415 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$45,311.25) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$15,103.75) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (\$15,103.75) by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.2.1. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

3.2.3. Warren Prop.'s share of taxes, including statutory FICA, FUTA and California payroll withholding taxes arising from any payments to the Aggrieved Employees, shall be paid by Warren Prop. separately. The Administrator shall be responsible for making all necessary payments and filings in connection with such payments.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Warren Prop. estimates there are 44 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 1,313 PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2. Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 10 days of the Effective Date, Warren Prop. will simultaneously deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employee' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Warren Prop. has a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if it discovers that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Warren Prop. must send the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Aggrieved Employee Data.

4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Warren Prop. shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Warren Prop. funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail: (i) the Notice of PAGA Settlement (attached hereto as "Exhibit A") and checks for all Individual PAGA

Payments to the Aggrieved Employees; (ii) the LWDA PAGA Payment; (iii) the Administration Expenses Payment; and, (iv) the PAGA Counsel Expenses Payment. Disbursement of the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual PAGA Payments.

The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- 4.4.1. The Administrator must conduct an Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Aggrieved Employees whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to the void date.
- 4.4.2. For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee.
- 4.4.3. The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Warren Prop. to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to the Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Warren Prop. fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1 Plaintiff's Release. With the exception of Plaintiff's non-PAGA claims alleged in the operative Complaint in the Individual Action, Plaintiff and his respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys (including PAGA Counsel), heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice; and (b) all of Plaintiff's individual claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained in the Operative Complaint ("Plaintiff's Release"). Plaintiff's Release does

not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the PAGA Period. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

5.2 Release by Aggrieved Employees: All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA facts stated in the Operative Complaints, and the PAGA Notice. The released claims specifically include the following: (1) that Warren Prop. did not properly calculate the overtime wages of Plaintiff and the PAGA Class in violation of California Labor Code sections 510, 1194, and 1198; (2) that Warren Prop. did not pay Plaintiff and the PAGA Class their vested vacation wages upon termination of employment in violation of California Labor Code section 227.3; (3) that Warren Prop. failed to timely pay final wages at discharge in violation of California Labor Code sections 201, 201.3, and 202, and then failed to pay waiting time penalties pursuant to section 203 of the California Labor Code; (4) that Warren Prop. failed to provide accurate and compliant wage statements to Plaintiff and the PAGA Class in violation of California Labor Code sections 226; (5) that Warren Prop. violated the California Labor Code section 2802 in failing to indemnify Plaintiff and the PAGA Class for business expenses; (6) that Warren Prop. retaliated against Plaintiff and the PAGA Class in violation of California Labor Code sections 1102.5 and 6310; (7) that Warren Prop. owes penalties pursuant to the PAGA, premised on the alleged violations articulated above; and (8) that the Warren Prop. owes penalties, interest, attorney fees, or other damages arising out of the Warren Prop.'s alleged California Labor Code violations released herein.

5.3 Release by PAGA Counsel: Except as expressly provided herein (e.g., paragraphs 1.10, 3.2.1), PAGA Counsel release on behalf of their present and former attorneys, employees, agents, successors and assigns the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA Fees incurred in connection with the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice.

6. MOTION OR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file an application or motion for approval of this Settlement.

6.1 Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining approval of this Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)) including (i) a draft proposed Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement; (ii) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Aggrieved Employee

Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Aggrieved Employees or the LWDA; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel or Defense Counsel; (iii) a signed declaration from PAGA Counsel firm attesting to its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(2)); (iv) a redlined version of the parties' Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Agreement ready for filing with the Court; and (v) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and PAGA shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2 Responsibilities of PAGA Counsel. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement and, if necessary, obtaining a prompt hearing date for the motion and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the motion. PAGA Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

6.3 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed application or motion for approval of this Settlement and/or the supporting declarations and documents, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant the motion for approval of this Settlement or conditions its approval on any material change to this Agreement, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected CPT Group to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, CPT Group agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports state and federal tax authorities.

7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

7.4 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

8. AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES

Based on its records, Warren Prop. estimates that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, (1) there are 44 Aggrieved Employees who worked 1,313 Pay Periods during the PAGA Period.

9. **CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT**. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

9.1 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Parties, their respective counsel waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If another party appeals the Judgment, the Parties’ obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

10. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

10.1 No Admission of Liability or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Warren Prop. that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Warren Prop. has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Warren Prop.’s defenses in the Action have merit. In agreeing to this settlement, Plaintiff has taken into account the uncertainty and risk of further litigation, the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation, the relatively small size of the PAGA Class, the Warren Prop.’s efforts to improve its wage and hour policies and procedures following notification of Plaintiff’s claims, and Warren Prop.’s defenses to Plaintiff’s claims for recovery of civil penalties under PAGA. The Parties agree that representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does not approve this

Settlement, Warren Prop. reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to contest Warren Prop.'s defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

- 10.2 Attorney Fees and Costs. Except as expressly provided herein, Warren Prop. and Plaintiff shall each bear his/its own attorney fees and costs.
- 10.3 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 10.4 Attorney Authorization. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Warren Prop., respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 10.5 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 10.6 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 10.7 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, Warren Prop. nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 10.8 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 10.9 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

- 10.10 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 10.11 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 10.12 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 10.13 Use and Return of Aggrieved Employee Data. Information provided to PAGA Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the PAGA Data provided to PAGA Counsel by Warren Prop. in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the Administrator discharges its obligation to pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Aggrieved Employee Data received from Warren Prop. unless, prior to the Administrator's payment of all Settlement Funds, Warren Prop. makes a written request to PAGA Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Aggrieved Employee Data.
- 10.14 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 10.15 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 10.16 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

To Plaintiff:
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Berenji Law Firm, APC
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Beverly Hills, California 90211

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10.18 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

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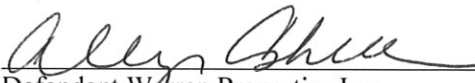
Dated: November __, 2022

Plaintiff Eric Ellis

Dated: November __, 2022

Shadie Berenji
Plaintiff's and PAGA Counsel

Dated: November 17, 2022



Defendant Warren Properties Inc.

By: Allyson Asbell

Dated: November 21, 2022



Christine Dixon
Defendant's Counsel

To Warren Prop.:
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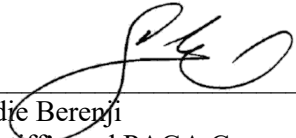
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Dated: November __, 2022

Plaintiff Eric Ellis

Dated: November 15, 2022



Shadie Berenji
Plaintiff's and PAGA Counsel

Dated: November __, 2022

Defendant Warren Properties Inc.

By: _____

Dated: November __, 2022

Christine Dixon
Defendant's Counsel

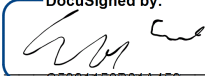
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Plaintiff's and PAGA Counsel

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Defendant Warren Properties Inc.

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Defendant's Counsel