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

ADRIANA MEZA individually, and on behalf of
other aggrieved employees pursuant to the
California Private Attorneys General Act;

Plaintiff,

vs.

VALLEY WEST CARE CENTER, an unknown
business entity, VALLEY WEST POST ACUTE
LLC, a California limited liability company; and
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2021-01222125-CU-OE-CXC

Honorable Melissa R. McCormick
Department CX-104

**DECLARATION OF ADRIANA MEZA IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
GENERAL ACT (CAL. LABOR CODE § 2698,
ET SEQ.) SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS,
GENERAL RELEASE FEE, AND
SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION COSTS**

Reservation ID: 74510372
Date: July 17, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Department: CX-104

Complaint Filed: September 17, 2021
Trial Date: None Set

DECLARATION OF ADRIANA MEZA

I, **Adriana Meza**, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age and a resident of California. I am the named plaintiff in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the facts and statements set forth in this declaration, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. I was employed by Valley West Post Acute, LLC and David Johnson (together, the “Defendants”) from approximately July 2017 to approximately July 2020 as a non-exempt, hourly-paid employee. I decided to seek legal advice about my work experiences with Defendants and about pursuing legal action. I contacted Lawyers *for* Justice, PC and spoke with attorneys there. I wanted to do whatever I could to make sure Defendants were held accountable for their practice of not properly compensating their employees for all hours worked and non-compliant meal and rest breaks. After speaking with the attorneys, I investigated representative action lawsuits on my own and did some research into the leading employment law firms in California. Thereafter, I consulted with the attorneys at Lawyers *for* Justice, PC discussing my situation, representative action lawsuits under the Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”), and what it means to bring a PAGA Action and be a PAGA representative.

3. I have spent many hours communicating with my attorneys regarding the case and fulfilling my responsibilities as a PAGA representative, which included gathering documents concerning my employment with Defendants, reviewing documents with my attorneys, providing information regarding the duties of aggrieved employees, and helping develop a strategy as to what documents and information to obtain from Defendants. I routinely checked in with my attorneys and their staff to make sure that they had all of my most current information and any additional information that I had obtained. As the case progressed, I was available to answer any questions my attorneys had and was available to speak and meet with my attorneys whenever they needed me. I responded to them as quickly as possible and gave them as much information and identified as many documents as I could. I spent many hours speaking with my attorneys about the case, identifying potential witnesses, providing my attorneys with documents and information concerning the case, and also describing policies, practices, and procedures of Defendants.

4. As far as the settlement is concerned, I was available to review documents and answer any questions my attorneys had. I spent several hours reviewing the settlement agreement, asking questions,

1 and discussing the potential settlement with my attorneys before signing the settlement agreement.

2 5. I believe that I have done everything that my attorneys have asked of me and have tried,
3 to the best of my ability, to seek relief for the aggrieved employees and the State of California. I think
4 my efforts helped to get the result obtained in this case.

5 6. For my broader individual waiver and release of claims with a California Civil Code
6 Section 1542 waiver (set forth in Section 8(b) of the Settlement Agreement), the Settlement provides for
7 a General Release Fee in the amount of up to \$5,000.00, to be paid out of the Total Settlement Amount,
8 subject to Court approval. I respectfully request that the Court award me full payment of the General
9 Release Fee.

10 7. I am not related to anyone associated with Lawyers *for* Justice, PC.

11 8. I have not entered into any undisclosed agreements, nor have I received any undisclosed
12 compensation in this case. The only compensation I will receive is whatever amount the Court awards
13 me for the General Release Fee, as well as my share of the settlement as an aggrieved employee.

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

16 03/06/2025

17 Executed this ___ day of March 2025, at Williams, California.

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