

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between plaintiffs Michael Sarivalas and Jessi Vergara (collectively, the “Plaintiffs”) and defendant RCP Block & Brick, Inc. . The Agreement refers to Plaintiffs and RCP Block & Brick, Inc. collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against RCP Block & Brick, Inc. captioned *Michael Sarivalas, et al. v. RCP Block & Brick, Inc.*, initiated on October 13, 2021, and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Diego (Case No. 37-2021-00043660-CU-OE-CTL).
- 1.2. “Administrator” means APEX Class Action Administrators, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement. The Parties agree to allocate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount for the Administration Expenses Payment. If the Parties actual Administration Expenses Payment exceed this estimate, this amount shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties and adjusted, and any difference shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. If the actual Administration Expenses Payments incurred are less than the Parties’ estimated amount, or if the Court reduces the settlement administration fees, the difference shall be returned to the Net Settlement Amount to be distributed pursuant to the remaining terms of the Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means a person employed by RCP Block & Brick, Inc. in California and classified as an hourly-paid non-exempt employee who worked for RCP Block & Brick, Inc. during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Class” means all persons employed by RCP Block & Brick, Inc. in California and classified as an hourly-paid non-exempt employee who worked for RCP Block & Brick, Inc. during the Class Period. Notably, the Class definition does not include employees of Defendant who are subject to any collective bargaining agreement, but only for the period of their employment during which they are covered by a collective bargaining agreement.
- 1.6. “Class Counsel” means Arrash T. Fattahi and Arman A. Salehi of Wilshire Law Firm, PLC.
- 1.7. “Class Counsel Fees” means the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of

reasonable attorneys' fees incurred to prosecute the Action, if approved by the Court, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Class Counsel Fees Payment. Class Counsel Fees Payment shall not exceed 35% of the Gross Settlement Amount, or Two Hundred and Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$245,000.00). Any Class Counsel Fees not approved by the Court shall revert to the Net Settlement Amount.

- 1.8. "Class Counsel Litigation Expenses" means the amount allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by Class Counsel to prosecute the Action, if approved by the Court, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and shall not exceed \$35,000.00. Any unused or unrecoverable funds of Class Counsel's Litigation Expenses Payment will revert to the Net Settlement Amount to be paid to participating Class Members.
- 1.9. "Class Data" means Class Member identifying information in RCP Block & Brick, Inc.'s possession including the Class Member's name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods. This Class Data shall not be shared with Class Counsel, but instead will be treated as confidential by the Administrator.
- 1.10. "Class Member" or "Settlement Class Member" means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non- Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).
- 1.11. "Class Member Address Search" means the Administrator's investigation and search for current Class Member 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 Class Members.
- 1.12. "Class Notice" means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English, with a Spanish translation, in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- 1.13. "Class Period" means the period from October 13, 2017 to May 15, 2025.
- 1.14. "Class Representatives" means Michael Sarivalas and Jessi Vergara.
- 1.15. "Class Representative Service Payments" means the payments approved by the Court to the Class Representatives for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action. The Class Representative Service Payments shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and shall not exceed \$15,000 to each Class Representative. Any portion of the Class Representative Service Payment not approved by the Court will revert to the Net Settlement Amount, and it shall be considered a material modification to this Agreement.
- 1.16. "Complaint" means the Complaint filed in the "Action" as defined above.

- 1.17. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.
- 1.18. “Day” means calendar day, unless expressly stated otherwise in this Agreement. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or Court holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 1.19. “Defendant” means RCP Block & Brick, Inc.
- 1.20. “Defense Counsel” means Elyssa Kulas and Scott H. Toothacre of Ferris & Britton, a Professional Corporation.
- 1.21. “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, or if an objection is filed but is withdrawn prior to the Court’s Final Approval Hearing, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the later of the following events: (i) the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment, if no appeal is filed; or (ii) if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, and is finally disposed of by ruling, dismissal, denial, or otherwise, the day after the last date for filing a request for further review of the Court of Appeal’s decision passes and no further review is requested; if further review of the Court of Appeal’s decision is requested, the day after the request for review is denied with prejudice and/or no further review of the order can be requested; or if further review of the Court of Appeal’s decision is accepted, the day the Supreme Court of the State of California affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.22. “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.23. “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.24. “Final Judgment” means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement, as described in 1.21.
- 1.25. “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$700,000.00 which is the total amount RCP Block & Brick, Inc. agrees to pay under the Settlement, except as provided in Paragraph 9 and 10 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payments, and the Administrator’s Expenses.
- 1.26. “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked by each Participating Class Member during the Class Period in proportion to

the aggregate number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members in the Class Period.

- 1.27. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by each Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period in proportion to the aggregate number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees in the PAGA Period.
- 1.28. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.29. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.30. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.31. “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, Class Representative Service Payments, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.32. “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.33. “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.34. “PAGA Period” means the period from October 13, 2020, to May 15, 2025.
- 1.35. “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.).
- 1.36. “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff Michael Sarivalas’ initial October 13, 2021, letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a), and his amended letter dated August 22, 2022, naming Plaintiff Jessi Vergara in the letter.
- 1.37. “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$2,500.00) and the 75% to LWDA (\$7,500.00) in settlement of PAGA claims asserted in the PAGA Notice and Action.
- 1.38. “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

- 1.39. "Parties" means Plaintiffs and Defendant, collectively, and "Party" shall mean either Plaintiff or Defendants, individually.
- 1.40. "Pay Period" means Defendant's standard pay periods during the PAGA Period.
- 1.41. "Plaintiffs" means Michael Sarivalas and Jessi Vergara, the named Plaintiffs in the Action.
- 1.42. "Preliminary Approval" means the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.43. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.44. "Released Class Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.
- 1.45. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.
- 1.46. "Released Parties" means: RCP Block & Brick, Inc. and each of its former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, employees, attorneys, agents, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates.
- 1.47. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.48. "Response Deadline" means 60 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.
- 1.49. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.50. "Wage Portion" means fifteen percent (15%) of the Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payments that is allocated towards the payment of wage claims and subject to employment and payroll taxes, and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form.
- 1.51. "Workweek" means any week during which a Class Member worked for RCP Block & Brick, Inc. for at least one day, during the Class Period.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1 On October 13, 2021, Plaintiff Michael Sarivalas commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against RCP Block & Brick, Inc. for failure to pay minimum and straight time wages, failure to pay overtime wages, failure to provide meal periods, failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to timely pay final wages at termination, failure to indemnify employees for expenditures, and unfair business practices. On August 23, 2022, Plaintiff Michael Sarivalas filed a First Amended Class & Representative Action Complaint, adding an additional cause of action for civil penalties under PAGA (which made Plaintiff Michael Sarivalas a representative of the State of California and other aggrieved persons) and naming Jessi Vergara as an additional class representative. On May 15, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Class & Representative Action Complaint, making Jessi Vergara a representative of the State of California and other aggrieved persons (the “Complaint”). RCP Block & Brick, Inc. denies the allegations in the Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.2 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiffs gave timely written notice to RCP Block & Brick, Inc. and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.
- 2.3 On May 15, 2025, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Hon. Ronald S. Prager (Ret.) which ultimately led to this Agreement to settle the Action after further settlement discussions took place between the Parties after the mediation.
- 2.4 Prior to mediation and negotiating the Settlement, Plaintiffs obtained, through informal discovery, a sample of RCP Block & Brick, Inc.’s timekeeping records, policies, and other information. Plaintiffs’ investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 (“*Dunk/Kullar*”).
- 2.5 At all times, Defendant has denied and continues to deny any wrongdoing and deny that it committed, or attempted to commit, any of the wrongful acts or violations of law or duty that are alleged in the Action, and instead contend that it has acted in accordance with the law. Defendant also denies that Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class are entitled to any form of damages, penalties, or any relief whatsoever based on the conduct alleged in the Action and PAGA Notice. In addition, Defendant maintains that it has meritorious defenses to the claims alleged in the Operative Complaint and was prepared to vigorously defend the Action. Nevertheless, taking into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in litigation, Defendant has concluded that defending the claims asserted in the Action would be burdensome and expensive, and that it is desirable and beneficial to fully and finally settle and terminate the Action in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- 2.6 The Court has not granted class certification.

- 2.7 The Parties, Class 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. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 8 below, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. promises to pay \$700,000.00 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. RCP Block & Brick, Inc. has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.2 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to RCP Block & Brick, Inc.
- 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 Plaintiffs: Class Representative Service Payments to the Class Representatives of not more than \$15,000.00 to each named plaintiff (totaling \$30,000.00) (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representatives are entitled to receive as Participating Class Members). RCP Block & Brick, Inc. reserves its rights to oppose any application by Plaintiffs regarding the Plaintiffs' request for Class Representative Service Payments. Any portion of the Class Representative Service Payment allocation not approved by the Court will revert to participating class members, which shall not be deemed a material modification to the Settlement Agreement. Neither Plaintiffs nor Class Counsel shall challenge the enforceability of this Agreement, or withdraw from the Settlement, due to the Court's modification or rejection of the Service Payments to Plaintiffs. As part of the Motion for Final Approval, Plaintiffs will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payments using IRS Form 1099s. Plaintiffs assume full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payments.
- 3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 35% of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be \$245,000.00 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$35,000.00. RCP Block & Brick, Inc. will not oppose requests for these payments provided that do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will file a Motion for Final Approval no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If

the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class 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 Class Counsel or any other Plaintiffs' Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds RCP Block & Brick, Inc. harmless, and indemnifies RCP Block & Brick, Inc., from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$15,000.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$15,000.00, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4. To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks during the Class Period.

3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. Fifteen percent (15%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The remaining eighty five percent (85%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for expense reimbursements, interest and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

3.2.4.2. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. If there are any valid and timely requests for exclusion, the Settlement Administrator shall proportionately increase the Individual Class Payment for each Participating Class Member according to the number of workweeks worked, so that the amount actually distributed to the Settlement Class equals 100% of the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.5. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$7,500.00)

allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$2,500.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

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

3.2.5.2. 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.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Class Data. Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. will simultaneously deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. RCP Block & Brick, Inc. has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which RCP Block & Brick, Inc. must send the Class Data to the Administrator, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, 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 Class Data.

4.2. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. RCP Block & Brick, Inc. shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay RCP Block & Brick, Inc.'s share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 30 days after the Effective Date.

4.3. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after RCP Block & Brick, Inc. funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payments. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service Payments shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

4.3.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments

and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members 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. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.3.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members 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 Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.3.3. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the San Diego County Bar Foundation www.sdcbf.org, a 501(c)(3) IRS tax-exempt entity granting funds to organizations providing legal services to the underserved and impoverished population in San Diego County. If the Court does not approve of such, the Parties will agree upon a Cy Pres recipient within the meaning of C.C.P. §384. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the intended Cy Pres Recipient. No later than two hundred ten (210) days from the date of mailing of the checks, the Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel with a declaration setting forth the total amount of any uncashed settlement checks and the cy pres. Settlement Class Members and Aggrieved Employees who fail to negotiate their check(s) in a timely fashion shall remain subject to the terms of the Settlement, the release of claims, and Final Approval Order and Final Judgment from the Court

4.3.4. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate RCP Block & Brick, Inc. to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when RCP Block & Brick, Inc. fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on

the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiffs, Participating Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 Plaintiffs' Release. Plaintiffs and their respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences that occurred during the Class Period, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained, in the Action or ascertained during the Action and released under 5.2, below ("Plaintiffs' Release."). Plaintiffs' 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 Class Period. Plaintiffs acknowledge that Plaintiffs may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiffs now know or believe to be true but agrees, nonetheless, to fully, finally and forever settle and release any and all claims against the Released Parties, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which exist or may exist on behalf of or against the other at the time of execution of this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any and all claims relating to or arising from Plaintiffs' employment with Defendant. The Parties further acknowledge, understand and agree that this representation and commitment is essential to the Agreement and that this Agreement would not have been entered into were it not for this representation and commitment.

5.1.1 Plaintiffs' Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542.

For purposes of Plaintiffs' Release, Plaintiffs expressly waive and relinquish the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

5.2 Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members who are also Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the Class Period facts stated in the Action and ascertained in the course of the Action including the failure to pay minimum and straight time wages, failure to pay overtime wages, failure to provide meal periods, failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to timely pay final wages at termination, failure to indemnify employees for expenditures, and unfair business practices and any other violations of the Labor Code related to any of the wage and hour violation which were alleged in the action; and (ii) any damages, premiums, penalties, liquidated damages, interest, punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or accounting based on the Action or PAGA

Notice and which occurred during the Class Period. Except as set forth in Sections 5.1 and 5.3 of this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

5.3 Release by Non-Participating Class Members Who Are Aggrieved Employees:

All Non-Participating Class Members who are 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 (i) all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Action and the PAGA Notice, and ascertained in the course of the Action including the failure to pay minimum and straight time wages, failure to pay overtime wages, failure to provide meal periods, failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to timely pay final wages at termination, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, and failure to indemnify employees for expenditures, and any other violations of the Labor Code related to any of the wage and hour violation which were alleged in the action; and (ii) and any damages, civil penalties, interest, punitive damages, costs, attorneys' fees, based on the Action or PAGA Notice and which occurred during the PAGA Period.

6. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL. Plaintiffs' Counsel will prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") that complies with the Court's current checklist for Preliminary Approvals, California Code of Civil Procedure, California Rules of Court, San Diego County Superior Court's Local Rules, and any other applicable rules.

6.1 RCP Block & Brick Inc.'s Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval. Within 30 days of the full execution of this Agreement, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed Declaration from RCP Block & Brick, Inc. disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. In its Declaration RCP Block & Brick, Inc. shall aver that it is not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement

6.2 Plaintiffs' Responsibilities. Plaintiffs will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel a reasonable time before the hearing for Preliminary Approval all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval; (iii) a signed declaration from each of the Plaintiffs confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members and the Administrator; (iv) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; 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. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)) and all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members and the Administrator; (v) a draft proposed Class Notice; (vi) 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 Class Data; and all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members and/or the proposed Cy Pres. In their Declarations, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel Declaration 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.

6.3 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class counsel must make a good faith attempt at reserving a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval within fifteen (15) days of full execution of this Agreement, and for filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval and related paperwork within sixteen (16) court days before the time appointed for the hearing. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court’s Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

6.4 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class 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 Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class 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 APEX Class Action Administrators to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, APEX Class Action Administrators 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 Notice to Class Members.

7.4.1 No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, PAGA Members, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.

7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice, with Spanish translation, substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

7.4.3 Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.

7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 60 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.

7.4.5 If the Administrator, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever are later.

7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

- 7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.
- 7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.
- 7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.
- 7.5.5 The Class Representatives shall not opt-out of the Settlement and shall not submit a Request for Exclusion. The Class Representatives agree, by signing this Agreement, that they are accepting the terms of this Agreement.
- 7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have 60 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any

contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination the challenges.

7.7 Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payments.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 60 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

7.7.4 The Parties agree to use their best efforts to carry out the terms of this Settlement. At no time shall any of the parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Settlement Class Members to submit either written objections to the Settlement or requests for exclusion from the Settlement, or to appeal from the Court's final judgment.

7.8 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.

7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval Order, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, and the Final Approval Order and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator

will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

- 7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.
- 7.8.4 Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 7.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiffs are required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator’s declaration(s) in Court.
- 7.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator’s declaration in Court.

8. **ESCALATOR CLAUSE.** Defendant represents that there are no more than 46,167 workweeks worked by the Class Members from October 13, 2017, to May 15, 2025 (the date of mediation). In the event the number of workweeks worked by the Class Members during the Class Period increases by more than 7.5%, then the GSA shall be increased proportionally by the workweeks worked in excess of 49,629 multiplied by the workweek value. The workweek value shall be calculated by dividing the GSA by the estimated 46,167 workweeks. The Parties agree that the workweek value is \$15.16 (\$700,000.00 / 46,167 workweeks).
9. **DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 8% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than fifteen (15) days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
10. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.** Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs will file in Court, a Motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.
 - 10.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
 - 10.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payments, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.
 - 10.3 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.

10.4 **Waiver of Right to Appeal.** Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, 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 an objector 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.

10.5 **Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment.** If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payments or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

11. AMENDED JUDGMENT. If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

12. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

12.1 **No Admission of Liability, Class Certification 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 RCP Block & Brick, Inc. that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that RCP Block & Brick, Inc. has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiffs that RCP Block & Brick, Inc.'s defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and RCP Block & Brick, Inc. reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiffs reserve the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest RCP Block & Brick, Inc.'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).

- 12.2 **Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval.** Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.3 **No Solicitation.** The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 12.4 **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.
- 12.5 **Attorney Authorization.** Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiffs and RCP Block & Brick, Inc., 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.
- 12.6 **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.

- 12.7 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.
- 12.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. 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.
- 12.9 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.
- 12.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 12.11 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.
- 12.12 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.
- 12.13 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.
- 12.14 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by RCP Block & Brick, Inc. 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 date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiffs shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from RCP Block & Brick, Inc. unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, RCP Block & Brick, Inc. makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.
- 12.15 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.

12.16 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.

12.17 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 Plaintiffs:

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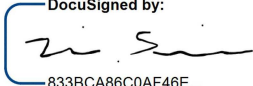
12.18 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

12.19 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.

12.20 Re-Open Proceedings. The Parties agree that, in the event the settlement is not approved by the Court, or if the settlement is terminated by either Party under the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties will request that the Court reopen proceedings within thirty (30) calendar days.

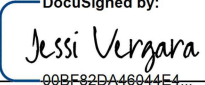
On Behalf of Plaintiff Michael Sarivalas:

Dated: 5/6/2026

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On Behalf of Plaintiff Jessi Vergara:

Dated: 5/8/2026

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On Behalf of Defendant RCP Block & Brick, Inc.:

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On Behalf of Plaintiff Michael Sarivalas:

Dated: _____

Michael Sarivalas, Plaintiff

On Behalf of Plaintiff Jessi Vergara:

Dated: _____

Jessi Vergara, Plaintiff

On Behalf of Defendant RCP Block & Brick, Inc.:

Dated: 5/14/20


Name: ERICA Tiedemann
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