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26 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

27 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

28 HAMZA KISSAM and ASIA
CRAWFORD, individuals, on behalf of
themselves and on behalf of all persons
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HAWTHORNE HYDROPONICS LLC, a
Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1
through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. CIVSB2203720

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION
FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF
CLASS SETTLEMENT**

Hearing Date: May 15, 2025

Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m.

(Hearing set at 1/31/25 hearing)

Judge: Hon. Joseph T. Ortiz

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on May 15, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., in

1 Department 17 of the above entitled Court before the Honorable Joseph T. Ortiz, Plaintiffs
2 Hamza Kissam and Asia Crawford (“Plaintiffs”) will move for an order: (1) preliminarily
3 approving the proposed settlement of this class action with Defendant Hawthorne
4 Hydroponics, LLC (“Defendant”); (2) for settlement purposes only, conditionally certifying
5 the Class, which is comprised of “all individuals who are or previously were employed by
6 Defendant Hawthorne Hydroponics, LLC who were classified as non-exempt in the State of
7 California at any time during the Class Period”, which is March 3, 2018 through December
8 12, 2024; (3) provisionally appointing Plaintiffs as the representatives of the Class; (4)
9 provisionally appointing Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP as Class
10 Counsel for the Class; (5) approving the form and method for providing notice to the Class
11 of the proposed settlement; (6) directing that notice of the proposed settlement be given to
12 the Class; (7) appointing ILYM Group, Inc. as the Administrator; and (8) scheduling a final
13 approval hearing date, proposed for October 2, 2025, to consider the Plaintiffs’ motion for
14 final approval of the settlement and for approval of attorneys’ fees, expenses and the service
15 awards.

16 This motion for preliminary approval of the class settlement is brought pursuant to
17 California Rules of Court, rule 3.769. Plaintiffs’ motion will be based on this notice of
18 motion and motion, the accompanying memorandum of points and authorities, the
19 Declaration of Kyle Nordrehaug, the Declarations of the Plaintiffs, the Memorandum of
20 Understanding (the “Agreement”) between the parties, and the complete files and records in
21 this action. Because all Parties have agreed to the proposed class settlement, this motion is
22 unopposed.

23 Respectfully submitted,

24 Dated: April 23, 2025

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27 Attorney for Plaintiffs
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