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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

MELISSA MERLOS; MARA SARHAJ
MORENO QUINONEZ, an individual, on
behalf of the State of California, as a private
attorney general,

PLAINTIFF,

v.

BISHOP GOLD GROUP, LLC; and DOES 1
thru 50, inclusive,

DEFENDANTS.

Case No. 22STCV07773

[Case Assigned for All Purposes to Hon. Rupert
A. Byrdsong, Department 28]

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
APPROVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Date: March 12, 2026

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Dept.: 28

Reservation: 965970159187

Complaint Filed: March 3, 2022

Trial Date: November 3, 2025

1 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2 The Motion for Approval of Representative Action Settlement (“Motion”) came before this
3 Court, the Honorable Rupert A. Byrdsong, presiding. The Court, having considered the papers
4 submitted in support of the motion of the parties, **HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:**

5 Having considered Plaintiff’s Motion, and all legal authorities and documents submitted
6 in support thereof, including the PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement” or
7 “Settlement”), attached to the Kingsley Declaration as Exhibit “1”, and good cause appearing,
8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff’s Motion is GRANTED, subject to the following
9 findings and orders:

- 10 1. The Court finds the Settlement is fair and reasonable.
- 11 2. The Court approves the PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$720,000.
- 12 3. The Court approves 75% of the PAGA Penalties being allocated to the LWDA in
13 the amount of \$329,727.47.
- 14 4. The Court directs that the remaining 25% of the PAGA Penalties, in the amount
15 of \$109,909.16 shall be allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.
- 16 5. The Court approves the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, in the amount of
17 \$250,000.00.
- 18 6. The Court approves the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, in the
19 amount of \$20,863.37.
- 20 7. The Court approves the Administrator Expenses Payment, in the amount of
21 \$4,500.00.
- 22 8. The Court approves the PAGA Representative Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff,
23 in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- 24 9. The Court approves Plaintiff’s Request for Dismissal without Prejudice as to
25 Plaintiff MELISSA MERLOS. Each party is to bear its own costs, expenses, and
26 attorneys’ fees associated with this action.
- 27 10. Pursuant to C.C.P §664.6, the Court shall have and retain continuing jurisdiction
28 over this action and the Parties and the PAGA Members including after the entry

1 of this Order, to the fullest extent necessary to interpret, enforce and effectuate
2 the terms and intent of the Settlement Agreement and this Order.
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4 **DATED:** _____
5 **JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**
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(PROOF OF SERVICE)
[CCP 1013(a)(3)]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 16133 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 1200, Encino, California 91436.

On December 17, 2025, I served all interested parties in this action the following documents described as: **[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF REPRESENTATIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT** by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed as follows:

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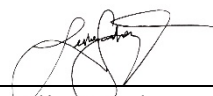
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[XX] BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE: I caused a true and correct copy thereof to be electronically filed using the Labor and Workforce Development Agency Electronic Filing (“EF”) System (<https://dir.tfaforms.net/432>) and service was completed by electronic means by transmittal of the documents referenced herein on the EF System.

[XX] BY ELECTRONIC MAIL TRANSMISSION: I caused the document to be send to the persons at the e-mail address(es) listed on the attached service list. I did not receive, within a reasonable time after the transmission, any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful. A pdf copy of which was sent via email to the below email address(es).

[XX] (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on December 17, 2025, at Chino, California.



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