

AMENDED CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Amended Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Amended Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiffs VINKO SAPINA, ROBERT LEAHY, TRISTEN RAMOS, DIEGO TOSCANO, RIZAIDA MAPA, and NORA PARADISE (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendants ALTO OPERATIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC and ALTO OPERATIONS CALIFORNIA HOLDINGS, LLC (“Alto” or “Defendants”). The Amended Agreement refers to Plaintiffs and Alto collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the following lawsuits filed by Plaintiffs alleging wage and hour violations against Alto as consolidated in accordance with the Joint Stipulation for Consolidation of Cases filed by the Parties on July 23, 2023: *Vinko Sapina, et al. vs. Alto Operations California, LLC, et al.* (LASC Case No. 22STCV12545, initiated on April 14, 2022, and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles—known as the “*Sapina Action*”); *Nora Paradise, et al. vs. Alto Operations California LLC, et al.* (LASC Case No. 22STCV27950, initiated on August 26, 2022, and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles—known as the “*Paradise Class Action*”); and *Nora Paradise, et al. vs. Alto Operations California LLC, et al.* (LASC Case No. 22STCV35933, initiated on November 14, 2022, and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles—known as the “*Paradise PAGA Action*”). In accordance with the Joint Stipulation for Consolidation of Cases, the Parties have agreed to file a consolidated complaint (the “Consolidated Complaint”) encompassing all claims in the Action that are subject to this Amended Agreement.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Phoenix Settlement 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.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means all non-exempt employees who worked as Drivers and were employed by Defendants in California at any time between February 10, 2021, through April 1, 2023 (the “PAGA Period”).
- 1.5. “Class” means all non-exempt employees who worked as drivers, lead drivers, driver trainees, personal drivers, and driver trainers (“Drivers”) and were employed by Defendants in California, at any time between April 14, 2018, through April 1, 2023 (“Class Period”).
- 1.6. “Class Counsel” means Robert W. Skripko, Jr. of Law Office of Robert W. Skripko, Jr., PC; Paul J. Denis and Ethan E. Rasi of Denis & Rasi, PC; and Kevin Mahoney and Raleigh Dixon of Mahoney Law Group, APC.

- 1.7. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.8. “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Alto’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, email address(es), telephone number(s), Social Security number, and the number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods worked by said Class Member.
- 1.9. “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).
- 1.10. “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.
- 1.11. “Class Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, in both English and Spanish translations, to be mailed to Class Members without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Amended Agreement.
- 1.12. “Class Period” means the period from April 14, 2018, to April 1, 2023.
- 1.13. “Class Representatives” mean the named Plaintiffs in the Consolidated Complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representatives.
- 1.14. “Class Representative Service Payments” means the payment to the Class Representatives for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.
- 1.15. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
- 1.16. “Defendants” or “Alto” means named Defendants ALTO OPERATIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC and ALTO OPERATIONS CALIFORNIA HOLDINGS, LLC.
- 1.17. “Defense Counsel” means Thomas E. Reddin of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP and Ryan McCoy of Baute Crochetiere Hartley & McCoy LLP.
- 1.18. “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, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.

- 1.19. “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.20. “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.21. “Final Judgment” means the Judgment is final and entered by the Court upon its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.22. “Gross Settlement Amount” means eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00) which is the total amount Alto agrees to pay under the Settlement. 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 Administration Expenses Payment.
- 1.23. “Individual Class Payment” means a Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked by the Participating Class Member during the Class Period.
- 1.24. “Individual PAGA Payment” means an Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked by the Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period.
- 1.25. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.26. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.27. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.28. “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.
- 1.29. “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.

- 1.30. “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Alto for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.31. “PAGA Period” means the period from February 10, 2021, to April 1, 2023.
- 1.32. “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.33. “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiffs Vinko Sapina, Robert Leahy, Tristen Ramos, Diego Toscano, and Rizaida Mapa’s February 10, 2022 letter to Alto and the LWDA, and Plaintiff Nora Paradise’s September 6, 2022 letter to Alto and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).
- 1.34. “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$10,000.00) and the 75% to LWDA (\$30,000.00) in settlement of PAGA claims.
- 1.35. “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.
- 1.36. “Plaintiffs” means Vinko Sapina, Robert Leahy, Tristen Ramos, Diego Toscano, Rizaida Mapa, and Nora Paradise, the named plaintiffs in the Action.
- 1.37. “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.38. “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.39. “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 6.2 below.
- 1.40. “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 6.3 below.
- 1.41. “Released Parties” means: ALTO OPERATIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC; ALTO OPERATIONS CALIFORNIA HOLDINGS, LLC; ALTO EXPERIENCE, INC.; and each of their past, present, and future subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors, affiliates, divisions, agents, managers, owners, members, officers, directors, partners, trustees, administrators, real or alleged alter egos, attorneys, and assigns.
- 1.42. “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.
- 1.43. “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 days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1.44. “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Amended Agreement and the Judgment.

1.45. “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Alto for at least one day, during the Class Period.

2. RECITALS.

2.1. On April 14, 2022, Plaintiffs Vinko Sapina, Robert Leahy, Tristen Ramos, Diego Toscano, and Rizaida Mapa commenced the *Sapina Action* by filing a Class/PAGA Action Complaint alleging causes of action against Alto for 1) Failure to Pay All Earned Wages (minimum/regular/overtime); 2) Failure to Authorize or Permit Rest Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); 3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); 4) Failure to Pay All Wages Upon Separation of Employment; 5) Failure to Provide Lawful Wage Statements; 6) Unfair Business Practices; and 7) Penalties Pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. On August 26, 2022, Plaintiff Nora Paradise commenced the *Paradise Class Action* by filing a Class Action Complaint alleging causes of action against Alto for 1) Violation of Labor Code §§ 204, 206, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1182.12 (Failure to Pay All Wages); 2) Violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512 (Meal Period Violations); 3) Violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7 (Rest Period Violations); 4) Violation of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203 (Failure to Pay Wages Due at Separation of Employment); 5) Violation of Labor Code §§ 226, subd. (a), (e), 226.3, 1174, 1174.5 (Failure to Issue Accurate Itemized Wage Statements); 6) Violation of Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et seq. (Unfair Business Practices). On November 14, 2022, Plaintiff Nora Paradise commenced the *Paradise PAGA Action* by filing a PAGA only Complaint alleging a cause of action under the PAGA (Labor Code section 2899, et seq.). Alto filed responsive pleadings denying the allegations contained in the *Sapina Action* Complaint, the *Paradise Class Action* Complaint, and the *Paradise PAGA Action* Complaint and denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in in those complaints and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

On July 23, 2023, in accordance with the Joint Stipulation for Consolidation of Cases, Plaintiffs filed the Consolidated Complaint, the operative pleading in this Action, in which they allege causes of action against Alto for: (1) Failure to Pay All Earned Wages (minimum/regular/overtime); (2) Failure to Authorize or Permit Rest Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); (3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); (4) Failure to Pay All Wages Upon Separation of Employment; (5) Failure to Provide Lawful Wage Statements; (6) Unfair Business Practices; (7) Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses; and (8) Penalties Pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. Alto denies the allegations in the Consolidated 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 Alto and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.

2.3. On February 3, 2023, the Parties participated in an initial all-day mediation in person in San Francisco presided over by Tripper Ortman. Thereafter, the Parties engaged in protracted settlement discussions mediated by Tripper Ortman and Hon. Mitchel R. Goldberg (Retired) (“Judge Goldberg”), a former bankruptcy judge in the Central District of California, which led to this Amended Agreement to settle the Action.

- 2.4. Prior to mediation and negotiating the Settlement, Plaintiffs obtained and reviewed, through informal and formal discovery, hundreds of thousands of payroll and time clock entries, as well as policies and practices for Alto, supplemented by information provided by the Plaintiffs in this Action. Additionally, Alto informally provided financial information to Plaintiffs and Judge Goldberg. Judge Goldberg will provide a declaration for the preliminary and final approval based on the financial information Alto provided to him in connection with the mediation and settlement discussions that culminated in this Amended Agreement. 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. The Court has not granted class certification, as the Parties participated in mediation before any such motion was pending before the Court.
- 2.6. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that, except for *Roberto Armando Ayon v. Alto Operations California, LLC* (LSAC Case No. 23STCV04241, initiated on February 24, 2023, pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles), 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. Alto promises to pay eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. Within five (5) business days of full execution of this Amended Agreement, Alto shall secure and provide an irrevocable letter of credit ("ILC"), issued by a FDIC insured lender, in the amount of eight hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$875,000.00) to the Administrator, who shall be designated the "Beneficiary" thereto, and is authorized to draw upon said ILC immediately, on behalf of Plaintiffs, the respective members of the putative Class and the Aggrieved Employees in the Action.. 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 Alto.
- 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 each of the Class Representatives of not more than \$5,000 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment each Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Alto will not oppose Plaintiffs' request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, 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 allocate the remainder to

the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payments using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiffs assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment.

- 3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one third which is currently estimated to be \$283,333.33 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). Alto will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment 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 plaintiff's 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 Alto harmless, and indemnifies Alto, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.
- 3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administration Expenses Payment not to exceed \$19,500 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 \$19,500, 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 individual Workweeks.
- 3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 20% 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. 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for 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. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

- 3.2.5. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$40,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$30,000) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$10,000) 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 (\$10,000) 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 individual PAGA Period 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 Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Alto estimates there are 1,627 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 21,918 Workweeks, and 1614 of Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 21, 694 PAGA Pay Periods.

- 4.2. Class Data. Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Alto will simultaneously deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Concurrent with the provision of the Class Data to the Administrator, Alto shall provide Class Counsel with a declaration from a qualified representative attesting to the completeness and accuracy of the Class Data so provided. 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 Amended Agreement. Alto 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 Alto must send the Class 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 Class Data.

- 4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Within five (5) business days of receipt of the ILC by the Administrator, the Administrator shall draw on the ILC and deposit the Gross Settlement Amount into an interest-bearing escrow account, maintained by the Administrator that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under

US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1. Alto shall also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Alto's share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 5 business days after the Effective Date.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 calendar days after the Effective Date, 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.

4.4.1. 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, where applicable. Before mailing any checks, the Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within seven (7) calendar 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. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or 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 Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.3. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Alto 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 Amended Agreement.

- 4.5. Payroll Taxes. Alto is responsible for separately funding any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. In accordance with Provision 4.3 hereinabove, the Administrator shall be responsible for remitting the employer payroll taxes to the applicable taxing authorities.
6. **RELEASES OF CLAIMS.** Upon the Administrator's remittance of 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 Class Representative Service Payments, Plaintiffs, Participating Class Members, and the Aggrieved Employees will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:
- 6.1 [Intentionally Left Blank]
- 6.2 Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, including, but not limited to Plaintiffs, 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 Consolidated Complaint, including: (1) Failure to Pay All Earned Wages (minimum/regular/overtime); (2) Failure to Authorize or Permit Rest Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); (3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); (4) Failure to Pay All Wages Upon Separation of Employment; (5) Failure to Provide Lawful Wage Statements; (6) Unfair Business Practices; and (7) Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses. Except as set forth in Section 6.3 of this Amended 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, civil penalties pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period. ("Released Class Claims")
- 6.3 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 Period facts stated in the Consolidated Complaint, and/or the PAGA Notice, including, but not limited to: (1) Failure to Pay All Earned Wages (minimum/regular/overtime); (2) Failure to Authorize or Permit Rest Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); (3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); (4) Failure to Pay All Wages Upon Separation of Employment; (5) Failure to Provide Lawful Wage Statements; (6) Unfair Business Practices; (7) Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses; and (8) Penalties Pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. ("Released PAGA Claims")
7. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") that complies with the Court's current checklist for Preliminary Approvals.
- 7.1 Alto's Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval. Within fourteen (14) days of the full execution of this Amended Agreement, Alto will prepare and deliver to Class

Counsel a signed Declaration from Alto and Defense Counsel disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. In their Declarations, Defense Counsel and Alto shall aver that, except for *Roberto Armando Ayon v. Alto Operations California, LLC* (LSAC Case No. 23STCV04241, initiated on February 24, 2023, pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles), they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

- 7.2 Plaintiffs' Responsibilities. Plaintiffs will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel 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 and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) 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; 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 Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiffs, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) signed declaration from Judge Goldberg; (vi) signed declarations 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/or the Administrator; (vii) signed declarations 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)), Consolidated Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Amended Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); (viii) a redlined version of the parties' Amended Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Amended Agreement ready for filing with the Court; and (ix) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members, the Administrator and/or the Cy Pres Recipient. In their Declarations, Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, and Defense Counsel shall aver that, except for *Roberto Armando Ayon v. Alto Operations California, LLC* (LSAC Case No. 23STCV04241, initiated on February 24, 2023, pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles), they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.
- 7.3 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 calendar days after the full execution of this Amended Agreement; 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 is responsible for delivering the Court's Order of Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- 7.4 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 Amended 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, in an attempt to modify the Amended Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

8. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 8.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Settlement Administrators to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix Settlement Administrators agrees to be bound by this Amended Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Amended 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.
- 8.2 Employer Identification Number. Alto shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 Notice to Class Members.
- 8.4.1 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.
- 8.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than fourteen (14) calendar 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 substantially in the form attached to this Amended Agreement as Exhibit A, in both English and Spanish translations. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and, where applicable, 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.
- 8.4.3 Not later than three (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.

- 8.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional fourteen (14) calendar days beyond the 60 calendar 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.
- 8.4.5 If the Administrator, Alto 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 Amended Agreement not later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever are later.

8.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

- 8.5.1 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 calendar 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.
- 8.5.2 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. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. 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.
- 8.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Amended Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' and Aggrieved

Employees' Releases under Paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of this Amended Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

8.5.4 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 6.3 of this Amended Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

8.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have sixty (60) calendar days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) calendar 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 shall 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 and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) 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 PAGA Pay Periods (if any) 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 PAGA Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination with respect to the challenges.

8.7 Objections to Settlement.

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

8.7.2 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 sixty (60) calendar days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) calendar days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

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

- 8.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Amended Agreement or otherwise.
- 8.8.1 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 Amended Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Class Representative Service Payments, Administration Expenses Payment, the Final Approval, 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.
- 8.8.2 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).
- 8.8.3 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.
- 8.8.4 Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Amended Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods. The Administrator’s decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge before the trial court.
- 8.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 calendar 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 Amended 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.

8.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within ten (10) calendar 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 Amended Agreement. At least 15 calendar 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 Amended Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

9. **CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES** Based on its records, Alto estimates there are 1627 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 21,918 Workweeks, and 1614 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 21,694 PAGA Pay Periods.

10. [this paragraph intentionally left blank].

11. **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"). Plaintiffs shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than two days prior to filing the 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.

11.1 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 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

11.2 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 Amended 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 Administration Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Amended Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

- 11.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. In accordance with California law, including, but not limited to, C.C.P. §664.6, 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 Amended Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 11.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Amended Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment as reflected and 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 Amended 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 Amended 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.
- 11.5 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 Amended Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Participating Class Members), this Amended Agreement shall be null and void at the option of either of the Parties. 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.
12. **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 a proposed amended judgment.
13. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**.
- 13.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Amended Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Amended Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Alto that any of the allegations in the Consolidated Complaint have merit or that Alto has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiffs that Alto'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, Alto reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Alto 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 Alto's defenses. The Settlement, this Amended 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 Amended Agreement).

- 13.2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Alto, 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 Amended 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 Amended 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 the other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Alto 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, with any third party regarding this Amended Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Amended Agreement except to effectuate the intent and purpose of the Settlement and/or Amended Agreement. In all other instances, Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Alto and Defense Counsel shall respond to any third party 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.

- 13.3 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.

- 13.4 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Amended Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral or written representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party. For avoidance of doubt, this Amended Agreement supersedes and replaces the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the Parties relating to this Action.

- 13.5 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiffs and Alto, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Amended Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Amended Agreement including any amendments to this Amended Agreement.

- 13.6Cooperation. 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, obtaining the declaration of Judge Goldberg (ret.) (which will be based the financial information Defendants provided to him in connection with the mediation and settlement discussions that culminated in this Amended Agreement), modifying the Amended 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 Amended Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 13.7No 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 any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 13.8No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Alto, 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.
- 13.9Modification of Amended Agreement. This Amended 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.
- 13.10 Amended Agreement Binding on Successors. This Amended Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 13.11 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Amended 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.
- 13.12 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Amended Agreement. This Amended Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 13.13 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during the Action and in this Amended Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Amended Agreement.
- 13.14 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 Alto 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 ninety (90) calendar 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 Alto unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Alto makes a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Class Data.

13.15 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Amended Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Amended Agreement.

13.16 Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Amended Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Amended Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.

13.17 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Amended 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:

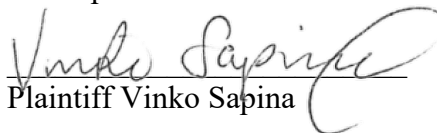
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13.18 Execution in Counterparts. This Amended Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Amended Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts 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 Amended Agreement.

13.19 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Amended Agreement the Action shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Amended Agreement. Pursuant to C.C.P. §583.330, the Parties further agree, upon the signing of this Amended Agreement, 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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Plaintiff Vinko Sapina

Dated: February 8, 2024


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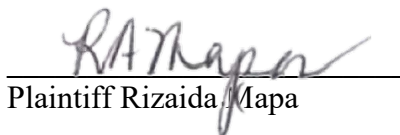
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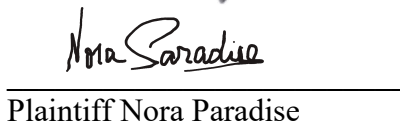
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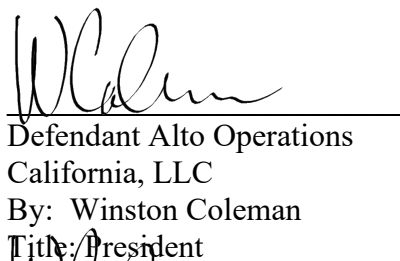
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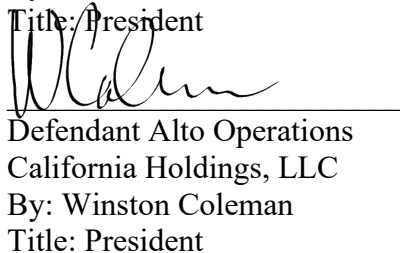
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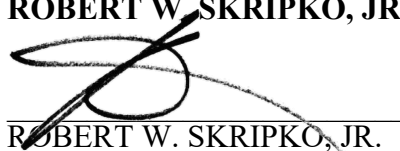
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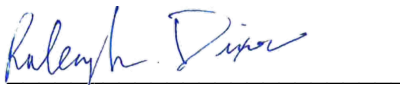
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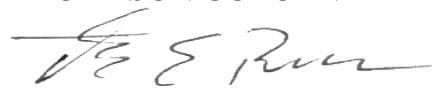
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COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL

Vinko Sapina, et al. vs. Alto Operations California, LLC, et al. (LASC Case No. 22STCV12545)

Nora Paradise, et al. vs. Alto Operations California LLC, et al. (LASC Case No. 22STCV27950)

Nora Paradise, et al. vs. Alto Operations California LLC, et al. (LASC Case No. 22STCV35933)
hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Consolidated Action”)

***The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
It’s not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.***

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit (the “Consolidated Action”) against Alto Operations California, LLC and Alto Operations Holdings, LLC (“Alto”) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Consolidated Action was filed by Alto employees Vinko Sapina, Robert Leahy, Tristen Ramos, Rizaida Mapa, Diego Toscano, and Nora Paradise (“Plaintiffs”) and seeks payment of (1) back wages and other relief for a class of all non-exempt employees (“Class Members”) who worked as drivers, lead drivers, driver trainees, personal drivers, and driver trainers (“Drivers”) for Alto during the Class Period (April 14, 2018 to April 1, 2023); and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”) for all non-exempt employees who worked as Drivers for Alto during the PAGA Period (February 10, 2021 to April 1, 2023) (“Aggrieved Employees”).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Alto to fund Individual Class Payments to Class Members, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Alto to fund Individual PAGA Payments to Aggrieved Employees and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on Alto’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED] (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED]**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Alto’s records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on Alto’s records showing that **you worked [REDACTED] Workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked [REDACTED] Pay Periods** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more Workweeks during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already given preliminarily approval of the proposed Settlement and has approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to issue final approval of the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to the Class Members, such as yourself, the Aggrieved Employees, Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs’ attorneys

(“Class Counsel”), the State of California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, and the Administrator. The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Alto to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Alto.

If you worked for Alto during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

- (1) **Do Nothing.** You don’t have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert certain Class Period wage claims (the “Released Class Claims”; defined in Section 3(i) below) and certain PAGA Period penalty claims (the “Released PAGA Claims”; defined in Section 3(j) below) against Alto.
- (2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Alto, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Alto will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don’t Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Alto that are covered by this Settlement (Released Class Claims). Further, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, you will give up your right to assert the civil penalty claims against Alto that are covered by this Settlement (Released PAGA Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is _____	If you don’t want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Alto must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released PAGA Claims (defined below).

Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by	All Class Members who do not opt-out (“Participating Class Members”) can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court’s decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiffs who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiffs, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiffs reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiffs if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.
You Can Participate in the _____ Final Approval Hearing	The Court’s Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on _____. You don’t have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court’s virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods Written Challenges Must be Submitted by _____.	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Alto’s records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by _____. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiffs are current and/or former Alto employees who worked as Drivers during the Class Period and seek to represent all Class Members in this Action. The Action accuses Alto of violating California labor laws by failing to pay overtime wages, minimum wages, and wages due upon termination; failing to provide meal periods, rest breaks and accurate itemized wage statements; and failing to reimburse business expenses. Based on the same allegations, Plaintiffs have also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) (“PAGA”). Plaintiffs are represented by attorneys in the Action: Paul J. Denis and Ethan E. Rasi of Denis & Rasi, PC; Robert W. Skripko, Jr. of the Law Office of Robert W. Skripko, Jr., PC; and Kevin Mahoney and Raleigh Dixon of Mahoney Law Group, APC (“Class Counsel.”)

Alto strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Alto or Plaintiffs are correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiffs and Alto hired a mediator, Tripper Ortman, as well as a retired judge,

Hon. Mitchel R. Goldberg, in an effort to resolve the Action, by negotiating an end to the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the risky, expensive, and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement (“Amended Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Amended Agreement, Plaintiffs and Alto have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s review and Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Alto does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiffs and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Alto has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Alto Will Pay \$850,000 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Alto has agreed to pay the Gross Settlement, which will be deposited into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payments, , Class Counsel’s attorney’s fees and expenses, the Administrator’s expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, the Judgment entered by the Court will become final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.
2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
 - A. Up to \$283,333.33 (33 - 1/3% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees and up to \$50,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
 - B. Up to \$5,000 Class Representative Awards for each Plaintiff for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. The Class Representative Awards will be the only monies Plaintiffs will receive from the Gross Settlement Amount other than Plaintiffs’ Individual Class Payments, any Individual PAGA Payments.
 - C. Up to \$19,500 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

- D. Up to \$40,000 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods and in accordance with applicable law.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the “Net Settlement”) by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks. The longer you worked for Alto during the Class Period, the greater share of the Net Settlement proceeds to which you are entitled.
4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiffs and Alto are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages (“Wage Portion”) and 80% to penalties and interest (“Non-Wage Portion.”). The Wage Portion is subject to tax withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Alto will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiffs and Alto have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes, if any on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of your proposed Payments.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don’t cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If the monies represented by your check are sent to the Controller’s Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money. (https://www.sco.ca.gov/search_upd.html)

6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than , that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member’s name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class

Payments but will preserve their rights to personally pursue the Released Class Claims against Alto.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert the Released PAGA Claims against Alto.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Should any of these events occur, Plaintiffs and Alto have agreed that the Settlement will be void, the Gross Settlement will be released and returned to Alto (Alto will not pay any money), and Class Members will not release any claims against Alto.
8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Settlement Administrators (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Members’ challenges over Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, mail and re- mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
9. Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Alto or related entities for the Released Class Claims and/or Released PAGA Claims..

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, 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 Consolidated Complaint, including, but not limited to, 1) Failure to Pay All Earned Wages (minimum/regular/overtime); 2) Failure to Authorize or Permit Rest Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); 3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); 4) Failure to Pay All Wages Upon Separation of Employment; 5) Failure to Provide Lawful Wage Statements; 6) Unfair Business Practices; 7) Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses; and 8) Penalties Pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. (the “Released Class Claims”) Except as set forth in Section 6.3 of this Amended 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.

10. Aggrieved Employees' PAGA Release. After the Court's judgment is final, all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting the PAGA claims against Alto in the Consolidated Complaint whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against Alto or its related entities based on the Released PAGA Claims.

The Aggrieved Employees' Release for Participating and Non-Participating Class Members are as follows:

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 Period facts stated in the Consolidated Complaint, the PAGA Notice, , including, but not limited to, 1) Failure to Pay All Earned Wages (minimum/regular/overtime); 2) Failure to Authorize or Permit Rest Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); 3) Failure to Provide Meal Periods (or compensation in lieu thereof); 4) Failure to Pay All Wages Upon Separation of Employment; 5) Failure to Provide Lawful Wage Statements; 6) Unfair Business Practices; 7) Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses; and 8) Penalties Pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. (the "Released PAGA Claims")

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member.
2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$10,000 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by each individual Aggrieved Employee.
3. Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Alto's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until _____ to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email, or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept Alto's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on Alto's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not

be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Alto's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and, where applicable, the Individual PAGA Payment.
2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as _____,

_____ and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. You must send your request to be excluded to **the Administrator by or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiffs and Alto are asking the Court to approve. At least sixteen court days before the _____ Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiffs will file with the Court: (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Awards stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiffs are requesting as a Class Representative Service Awards. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website _____ (url) or the Court's website _____ (url).

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Amended Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiffs are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is __.** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts and/or law that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action _____ and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of your employment with Alto and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts and/or law that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on _____ at ____ (time) in Department 17 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, located at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. At the Hearing, the Judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiffs, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel, and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via LACourtConnect (<https://www.lacourt.org/lacc/>). Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website _____ beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing. The Final Approval Hearing may be continued by the Court without further notice to you.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Amended Agreement sets forth everything Alto and Plaintiffs have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Amended Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to _____ (specify entity) 's website at _____ (url) _____. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (<http://www.lacourt.org/casesummary/ui/index.aspx>) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. _____. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse by calling (213) 830-0800.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void, you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund XXXXXX for instructions on how to retrieve the funds. (https://www.sco.ca.gov/search_upd.html)

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.