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

JOEL ARELLANO, individually, on a
representative basis, and on behalf of all
others similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

vs.

PACIFIC AWARD METALS, INC., a
California Corporation; and DOES 1 through
20, inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: 22STCV13489

*[Assigned to Hon. David S. Cunningham, III,
Dept 11, for all purposes]*

**DECLARATION OF KRISTINA BUI
CARLSON, ESQ., IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Complaint filed: April 22, 2022

I, Kristina Bui Carlson, state and declare:

1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of California and am an Associate at Lauby, Mankin & Lauby LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I am fully familiar with the facts of this case. The matters set forth herein are based upon my personal knowledge. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of this Class Action Settlement and, if called upon as a witness, I could and would give competent testimony with respect to the matters contained herein.

2. For the sake of brevity, this declaration does not discuss the settlement itself, the procedural background of the litigation, the claims and investigation by my firm and co-counsel, and why the settlement is fair and reasonable. Those topics are covered in detail in

1 the concurrently filed Declaration of Brian Mankin. This declaration simply provides
2 information requested by the court as to why I am adequate class counsel.

3 **QUALIFICATION OF COUNSEL**

4 3. I graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in May 2013 and
5 have been a member, in good standing, of the State Bar of California since December 2013. I
6 am licensed to practice before all courts of the State of California and am admitted to practice
7 in the United States District Court for the Central District of California and have litigated cases
8 in various courts and counties throughout California, including the Court of Appeal.

9 4. I began working at Fernandez & Lauby LLP (the predecessor of Lauby, Mankin
10 & Lauby LLP) in September 2015 and worked as in the firm's insurance defense department,
11 handling complex construction defect actions. In 2021, I transitioned to my current practice
12 that consists solely of representing employees. All of my current cases have been litigated as
13 class actions, representative PAGA actions, or a combination of the two.

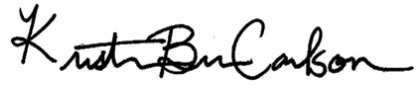
14 5. I have been the handling attorney on nearly two dozen class action and/or
15 representative PAGA actions. And, on these cases, myself and/or my firm have been
16 appointed Class Counsel and have helped negotiate settlements totaling millions of dollars for
17 our clients, the employees, and the State of California.

18 **CONCLUSION**

19 6. As set forth above, I have litigated nearly two dozen class and representative
20 actions, and have successfully resolved many of those cases, with many others still pending
21 that will resolve in the future.

22 7. For these reasons, as well as the facts and information presented in the
23 concurrently filed Declaration of Brian J. Mankin, it is respectfully requested that the Court:
24 (1) grant preliminary approval of the settlement as being fair, reasonable, and in the best
25 interests of the class, (2) appoint Plaintiff as the Class Representative, (3) appoint Brian J.
26 Mankin and Kristina Bui Carlson of Lauby, Mankin & Lauby LLP, as Class Counsel, and (4)
27 preliminarily approve the requested attorneys' fees, costs, and enhancement payment to the
28 Class Representative.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
2 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on August 16, 2023, at Riverside, California.

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4 By: 
5 Kristina Bui Carlson, Esq.
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