

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiffs Rodrigo Lopez Rojas and Enrique Guzman Orozco (“Plaintiffs”) and Defendant Hale Construction, Inc. (“Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiffs and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or individually as “Party”.

1. **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 “Actions” means the following two civil actions filed and pending in the San Joaquin County Superior Court: *Rodrigo Lopez Rojas v. Hale Construction, Inc.*, Case No. STK-CV-UOE-2022-0003667 (San Joaquin County Superior Court) (the “*Lopez Rojas Action*”), and *Enrique Guzman Orozco v. Hale Construction, Inc.*, Case No. STK-CV-UOE-2023-0008042 (San Joaquin County Superior Court) (the “*Guzman Orozco Action*”) (the *Lopez Rojas Action* and the *Guzman Orozco Action* are together the “Actions”).

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 current and former employees who worked for Defendant as non-exempt, hourly paid employees in the State of California at any time during the PAGA Period.

1.5 “Class” means all current and former employees who worked for Defendant as non-exempt, hourly paid employees in the State of California at any time during the Class Period.

1.6 “Class Counsel” means E&L, LLP and Brock & Gonzalez, LLP.

1.7 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” means the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Actions and the Consolidated Action.

1.8 “Class Data” means Class Member and Aggrieved Employees’ name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Class Period Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods in Defendant’s possession.

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 (i.e., 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, to be mailed to Class Members in English with a Spanish translation in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.12 “Class Representatives” means the named Plaintiffs in the complaints in the Actions seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.

1.13 “Class Representative Service Payments” means the payment to the Class Representatives for initiating the Actions and providing services in support of the Actions.

1.14 “Consolidated Action” means the consolidated class and representative action pursuant to Section 2.2.1 of this Agreement.

1.15 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin County.

1.16 “Defendant” means Defendant Hale Construction, Inc.

1.17 “Defense Counsel” means Buchalter, 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 in the Consolidated Action.

1.20 “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement in the Consolidated Action.

1.21 “Final Judgment” means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement in the Consolidated Action.

1.22 “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$994,000.00 which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 9 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses, the Class Representative Service Payments, and the Administration’s Expenses Payment.

1.23 “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.

1.24 “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.

1.25 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency referenced in Labor Code section 2699.

1.26 “LWDA PAGA Payment” means 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

1.27 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.

1.28 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, 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 Defendant within the State of California as a non-exempt, hourly paid employee, for at least one day during the PAGA Period.

1.31 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code § 2698, *et seq.*).

1.32 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff Lopez Rojas’s May 6, 2022 letter (and any amendments or supplements thereto) to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a).

1.33 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties (\$50,000.00) to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$12,500.00) and 75% to the LWDA (\$37,500.00) in settlement of the PAGA claims.

1.34 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

1.35 “Plaintiffs” means *Rodrigo Lopez Rojas* and *Enrique Guzman Orozco*, the named Plaintiffs in the *Lopez Rojas* Action and the *Guzman Orozco* Action.

1.36 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement in the Consolidated Action.

1.37 “Preliminary Approval Order” means the Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the settlement entered by the court in the Consolidated Action.

1.38 “Released Class Claims” mean the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.

1.39 “Released PAGA Claims” mean the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.

1.40 “Released Parties” mean: (i) Defendant (ii) each of Defendant’s respective past, present, and future parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, including, without limitation, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust, foundation, and non-profit entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control of Defendant; (iii) each of the Defendant’s past, present, and future shareholders, directors, officers, agents, employees, attorneys, insurers, members, partners, managers, contractors, agents, consultants, insurers, representatives, administrators, fiduciaries, benefit plans, transferees, predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of the foregoing; and (iv) any individual or entity that could be jointly liable with any of the foregoing.

1.41 “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.

1.42 “Response Deadline” means forty-five (45) 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 as undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional fourteen (14) calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1.43 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Actions and Consolidated Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

1.44 “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant within the State of California as a non-exempt, hourly paid employee for at least one day during the Class Period.

1.45 “Class Period” means the period beginning May 11, 2018 through October 17, 2025.

1.46 “PAGA Period” means the period beginning May 6, 2021 through October 17, 2025.

2. RECITALS

2.1 On May 11, 2022, Plaintiff Lopez Rojas commenced the Lopez Rojas Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendant for (1) failure to pay wages for all hours of work at the legal minimum wage rate in violation of Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1197; (2) failure to pay proper overtime wages for daily overtime worked in violation of Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1198; (3) failure to authorize or permit meal periods in violation of Labor Code §§ 512 and 226.7; (4) failure to authorize or permit rest periods in violation of Labor Code §226.7; (5) failure to indemnify employees for employment-related losses and expenditures in violation of Labor Code § 2802; (6) failure to timely pay earned wages during employment in violation of Labor Code § 204; (7) failure to timely pay all earned wages and final paychecks due at the time of separation of employment in violation of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203; (10) failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements in violation of Labor Code § 226; and (11) unfair business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*

2.1.1 On February 7, 2023, Plaintiff Lopez Rojas filed an Amended Complaint adding a cause of action and incorporating damages and restitution for civil penalties pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.

2.2 On July 28, 2023, Plaintiff Guzman Orozco filed a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendant for (1) failure to pay wages for all hours of work at the legal minimum wage rate in violation of Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1197; (2) failure to pay proper overtime wages for daily overtime worked in violation of Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1198; (3) failure to authorize or permit meal periods in violation of Labor Code §§ 512 and 226.7; (4) failure to authorize or permit rest periods in violation of Labor Code §226.7; (5) failure to timely pay earned wages during employment in violation of Labor Code § 204; (6) failure to timely pay all earned wages and final paychecks due at the time of separation of employment in violation of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203; (7) failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements in violation of Labor Code § 226; and (8) unfair business practices, in violation of Business and Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*

2.2.1 On _____, the Court granted the Parties' stipulation to consolidate the Lopez Rojas and Guzman Orozco Actions, and Plaintiffs' filed the operative consolidated class and representative action complaint on _____. The operative consolidated class and representative action complaint in the Consolidated Action is the "Operative Complaint."

2.3 Defendant denies the allegations in the Complaints filed in the Actions (including any Amended Complaints), the Operative Complaint, and the PAGA Notice, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Complaints filed in the Actions (including any Amended Complaints), the Operative Complaint, and the PAGA Notice, and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged therein.

2.4 On July 3, 2024, the Parties participated in a full-day mediation presided over by Henry Bongiovi. The Parties unfortunately were not able to resolve the matter.

2.5 On February 10, 2025, the Parties attended mediation with Hon. Amy D. Hogue (Ret.). The Parties unfortunately were not able to resolve the matter.

2.6 On October 16, 2025, the Parties participated in a half-day mediation presided over by Henry Bongiovi, Esq., which led to this Agreement to settle the Actions.

2.7 On May 6, 2022, pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a), Plaintiff Lopez Rojas gave written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.

2.8 Prior to mediation, Plaintiffs obtained through informal discovery, an approximate 25% sampling of time and pay data from Defendant, Plaintiff's time and payroll records, and information related to class size and composition. Plaintiff's 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, 129-30 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").

2.9 The Court has not granted class certification.

2.10 The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS

3.1 Gross Settlement Amount: Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 9 below, Defendant promises to pay \$994,000.00 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.

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 Final Approval:

3.2.1 To Plaintiffs: Class Representative Service Payments to the Class Representatives of not more than \$10,000.00 to each Class Representative (in addition to any Individual PAGA Payment and any Individual Class Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for the Class Representative Service Payments that do not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel 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 amount of the Class Representative Service Payments is not a material term of this Agreement and if the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payments less than the amount requested, it shall not result in the Agreement being void. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payments using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payments.

3.2.2 To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be \$331,333.33 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$35,000.00. Defendant 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 Counsel 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 of any Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation 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 Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments. In the event that the escalator clause described in Paragraph 8 herein is triggered and the Gross Settlement Amount is increased, Class Counsel may, at their discretion, increase the Class Counsel Fees Payment in order to remain One-Third of the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts.

3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administration Expenses Payment not to exceed \$15,000.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the

Administrator's expenses are less than \$15,000.00, or the Court approves an Administration Expenses Payment less than \$15,000.00, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount.

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

3.2.4.1 Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments: Twenty percent (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 withholdings and will be reported by the Administrator on an IRS W-2 Form. The remaining 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 by the Administrator on IRS 1099 Forms. The Administrator shall be responsible for issuing tax forms to the Participating Class Members. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment. Notwithstanding the treatment of the payments to each Participating Class Member, none of the payments called for in this Agreement, including the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments, are to be treated as earnings, wages, pay or compensation for the purposes of any applicable benefit or retirement plan, nor do any payments under this Agreement extend or alter Class Members' or Aggrieved Employees' period of employment for any purposes.

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 \$50,000.00 are to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$37,500.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$12,500.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments. Each Aggrieved Employee shall receive an Individual PAGA Payment regardless of whether the individual is a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member.

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 (\$12,500.00) by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period, and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2 If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. One-hundred percent (100%) of the PAGA Penalties are allocated as penalties and not as wages. The amount of the PAGA Penalties awarded by the Court is not a material term of this Agreement and if the Court approves an amount for PAGA Penalties less than the amount requested, or requests that the Parties allocate a greater amount of the Gross Settlement Amount toward the PAGA Penalties, it shall not result in the Agreement being void. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms. The Administrator shall be responsible for issuing tax forms to each Aggrieved Employee.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS

4.1 Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee PAGA Pay Periods: Based on a review of their records, Defendant estimate there were 404 Class Members who collectively worked a total of 52,991 Workweeks during the Class Period, and 343 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 30,639 PAGA Pay Periods during the PAGA Period as of October 17, 2025 (i.e., the date the Parties participated in mediation)

4.2 Class Data: Not later than 15 business days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement in the Consolidated Action, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access of the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant 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 Defendant 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 forty-five (45) business days of the Effective Date, Defendant will deposit money, in an amount equal to the Gross Settlement Amount and the employer's share of payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments, to pay (1) the Class Members per the terms of the Final Settlement Agreement, (2) court approved Attorneys' Fees and Costs, Settlement Administrator Expenses, and the Service Award, and (3) the PAGA Settlement Amount to be paid to the LWDA and the Aggrieved Employees into an interest-bearing account, through the Settlement Administrator. Any interest accrued will be distributed to the Class Members except that if Final Approval is reversed on appeal, then Defendant is entitled to prompt return of the principal and all interest accrued. Defendant's payment obligations with respect to the Gross Settlement Amount and the employer's share of payroll taxes shall be met upon initiating the electronic transfer of funds in the amounts provided for in this Settlement Agreement pursuant to the Settlement Administrator's instructions. In the event of an unsuccessful electronic transfer of funds, the Parties agree to cooperate in good faith to resolve the issues.

4.3.1 Until full payment is made by Defendant as provided herein, Defendant agrees not to sell, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of any substantial assets of Hale Construction Inc., or any of its subsidiaries, nor permit any such action, unless and until all obligations under this Agreement are fully satisfied, except in the ordinary course of business. Defendant further agrees not to authorize or permit any change in ownership or control of Hale Construction Inc. that would impair its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement. In the event of any sale, transfer, assignment, liquidation of assets, or change in control of Hale Construction Inc. occurring prior to the funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, Defendant, along with its owners, directors, and shareholders, shall be jointly and severally liable for the remaining balance due, and such unpaid amount shall become immediately due and payable. In the event that Hale Construction Inc. is dissolved, ceases operations, operates under a different entity, is sold, or shares profits with another individual or entity, this Agreement shall remain binding upon any successor entity or individual.

4.1 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount: Within fourteen (14) 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.

4.1.1 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 when the check will be voided, which shall be 180 days after the date of mailing. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees, including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.1.2 The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without a USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.1.3 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 Justice Gap Fund maintained by the State Bar of California.

4.1.4 The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

4.1.5 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Aggrieved Employees waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

4.1.6 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Aggrieved Employees), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Approval and Entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Costs reasonably incurred after

remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Enhancement Award or any payments to PAGA 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.

4.1.7 Amended Judgment. If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure §384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit a proposed amended judgment.

5. RELEASE OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiffs, Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 Plaintiffs' Release: In addition to the Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims described below, Plaintiffs each individually and on behalf of their respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, fully, forever, and irrevocably release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, lawsuits, complaints, wages, penalties, transactions, occurrences, demands, rights, liabilities and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, asserted or that might have been asserted, whether in tort, contract, or for violation of any state or federal statute, rule, law or regulation arising out of, relating to, or in connection with any act or omission of the Released Parties from the beginning of time through the date of full execution of this Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to any and all claims arising out of relating to Plaintiffs' employment with Defendant, the termination thereof and all claims that were pleaded or could have been pleaded in the Actions, the Operative Complaint, the Consolidated Action, and the PAGA Notice. ("Plaintiffs' Release"). Plaintiffs' Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to those rights that as a matter of law cannot be waived, including, but not limited to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, or workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time. Plaintiffs each acknowledge that Plaintiffs may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiffs now know or believe to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiffs' Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiffs' discovery of them.

5.1.1 Plaintiffs' Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code § 1542: For purposes of Plaintiffs' Release, Plaintiffs each expressly waive and relinquish the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

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

5.2 Released Class Claims by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, spouses, beneficiaries, administrators, successors, and assigns, fully, forever, and irrevocably release and discharge all Released Parties from any and all claims, lawsuits, complaints, demands, rights, liabilities, damages, legal theories, and causes of action that were pleaded or could have been pleaded based on the factual allegations set forth in the Complaints filed in the Actions (and Amended Complaints), the Operative Complaint, the Consolidated Action, and the PAGA Notice, including but not limited to, all claims under California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 1174,

1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800, 2802; the California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders; Cal. Code Regs., Title 8, sections 3395, 11010, and 11000, *et seq.*; California Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*; unpaid regular wages; unpaid or underpaid overtime; failure to pay straight time, overtime, or double time wages; failure to pay off-the-clock work; failure to pay minimum wages; failure to authorize and permit meal breaks and rest breaks; all claims relating to meal or rest and recovery periods; unpaid meal or rest and recovery premiums; underpaid meal or rest and recovery premiums; failure to timely pay all wages due during employment; failure to timely pay all wages due upon termination and separation of employment; failure to provide accurate and complete itemized wage statements; failure to keep complete and accurate payroll records; failure to reimburse business expenses and expenditures; untimely payment of wages; penalties of any nature based on any Released Claims, unfair competition based on the foregoing; unlawful business practices based on the foregoing; fraudulent business practices based on the foregoing; waiting time penalties based on the foregoing; interest; attorneys' fees; fees; costs; and any other claims that were or may have been raised in any and all Complaints, Amended Complaints, and PAGA Notices ("Released Claims"). Except as set forth in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside of the Class Period.

5.3 Release by the State of California and LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, the LWDA, and the State of California fully, forever, and irrevocably release and discharge the Released Parties of and from all claims were asserted and that could have been asserted under PAGA based on the facts alleged in the PAGA Notices provided to the LWDA and in the Complaints in the Actions (including any Amended Complaints, the Operative Complaint, the Consolidated Action ("Released PAGA Claims")). A copy of this Agreement will be provided to the LWDA concurrently with submission of the Preliminary Approval Motion. Eligible PAGA Members will receive their share of the employee portion of the PAGA Penalties and will be deemed to have released the Released PAGA Claims, regardless of whether they opt-out from the release of their Class claims.

6. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL. The Parties agree to cooperate in the preparation and filing of a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval").

6.1 No Potential Conflicts. Defendant and Defense Counsel are not aware of any potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. In addition, Defendant and Defense Counsel are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that would be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2 Defendant's Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval. Within thirty (30) days of the full execution of this Agreement, Defendant will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed Declaration from Defendant and Defense Counsel disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator. Defense Counsel and Defendant shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending action asserting Released Claims or Released PAGA Claims.

6.3 Plaintiffs' Responsibilities. Class Counsel will prepare 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 Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiffs confirming willingness and competency to serve as Class Representatives and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members and/or the Administrator; (vi) a signed declaration from Class Counsel attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(1)), and this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(2)); and (vii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.4 Responsibilities of Class Counsel. Class Counsel is responsible for finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval Order to the Administrator. Class Counsel will endeavor to file the Motion for Preliminary Approval and secure a hearing date in a reasonably timely fashion. The Parties agree that the Motion for Preliminary Approval will seek, *inter alia*, certification of a class, and that this certification is for purposes of the Settlement only. If, for any reason, the Settlement is not approved, the stipulation to certification of a class will have no force or effect. The Parties further agree that certification of a class for purposes of the Settlement is in no way an admission that class certification is proper under the standard applied to contested certification motions and that this Settlement will not be admissible in this or any other proceeding as evidence that (i) a class should be certified as Plaintiff proposed; or (ii) Defendants are liable to Plaintiff or the Class as Plaintiff alleged in the Actions or Consolidated Action; and/or (iii) that Plaintiffs and Class counsel will not argue waiver of any rights to compel individual arbitration, to strike the putative class claims, and to stay the Actions and Consolidated Action pending individual arbitration.

6.5 Duty to Cooperate. Class Counsel will share the draft Motion for Preliminary Approval and associated documents with Defense Counsel before they are filed. The Parties will cooperate in accordance with Paragraph 13.6. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns, provided, however, that the Parties are not obligated to accept a material change to the terms of this Agreement.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

7.1 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 Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for an Administration Expenses Payment, including without limitation, calculating the Individual Class Payments to be issued to Participating Class Members, Individual PAGA Payments to be issued to Aggrieved Employees, sending notices and translating the same to Spanish, preparing all checks and mailings, establishing a qualified settlement fund and holding the various payments from Defendant comprising the Gross Settlement Amount and employer payroll taxes. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise,

with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

7.2 Employer Identification Number and Tax Reporting. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to applicable local, state and federal tax authorities. The Administrator will be responsible for calculating the applicable taxes and withholdings, including the employer payroll taxes owed on the Individual Class Payments, and for paying all taxes and withholdings to the applicable taxing or governmental authorities with the necessary reports, and submitting copies to Defense Counsel. The Administrator shall issue Participating Class Members IRS W-2 Forms for the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments, IRS 1099 Forms for the Non-Wage Portions, and IRS 1099 Forms to Aggrieved Employees for Individual PAGA Payments, as described in this Agreement.

7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) under U.S. Code § 468B and U.S. Treasury Regulation § 468B-1.

7.4 Notice to Class Members.

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

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

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

7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members’ written objections, Challenges to Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 45 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.

7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendant, 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, by videoconference, or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and

the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of the Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever is later.

7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed as provided in this Settlement Agreement). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or the Class Member's representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address, and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. 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.

7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Release under Paragraph 5.2, *et seq.* and 5.3, *et seq.* of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will receive an Individual PAGA Payment and are barred from pursuing PAGA Penalties in accordance with Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement. Aggrieved Employees have no ability to opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement, and will be bound thereby if the Settlement is granted Court approval.

7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods. Each Class Member shall have 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed as provided in this Settlement Agreement) to challenge the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email, or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to the calculation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination to the challenges.

7.7 Objections to Settlement.

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

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 45 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed as provided in this Settlement Agreement).

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

7.7.4 Should a Participating Class Member submit both a Request for Exclusion (Opt-Out) and an Objection to Settlement, the Class Member will be treated as a Non-Participating Class Member who submitted only a Request for Exclusion.

7.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.8.1 Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, and 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, and emails.

7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than seven (7) 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"); and (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion.

7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments ("Weekly Report"). The Weekly Reports must provide the Administrator's assessment of the validity of the Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

7.8.4 Workweek and/or PAGA Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member

challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods. The Administrator's decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.8.5 Administrator's Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of the 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 the Settlement it received (both valid and invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.

7.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES AND ESCALATOR CLAUSE. Based on its records, Defendant estimates that, as of October 17, 2025 (i.e., the date the Parties participated in mediation), (1) there were 404 Class Members and 52,991 Workweeks during the Class period, and (2) there were 343 Aggrieved Employees who worked 30,639 Pay Periods during the PAGA Period. If the actual number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period by Class Members eligible to participate in the Settlement is greater than 10% of this estimate (i.e., greater than 58,290), then Defendant has the option to either: (1) agree to increase the Gross Settlement Amount on a proportional basis for the number of additional Workweeks above 10% (i.e., if there is an 11 % increase in the number of Workweeks during the Class Period, Defendant would agree to increase the Gross Settlement Amount by 1%); or (2) in lieu of paying an increase to the Gross Settlement Amount, elect to end the Class Period on an earlier date to limit the covered workweeks to no more than 10% of the estimate (or 58,290 workweeks). .

9. DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW. If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 10% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated to, withdraw from the Settlement within thirty (30) days after expiration of the opt-out period. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of their election to withdraw not later than 14 days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.

10. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL. Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court in the Consolidated Action, 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"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than 7 days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and

confer in person, by videoconference, or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

10.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

10.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any 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 and to determine whether the Agreement may be revised as necessary to obtain Final Approval. Neither Party is obligated to accept a material change to the Settlement. 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 change to the Agreement within the meaning of this Paragraph.

10.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of the Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Actions, Consolidated Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

10.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective Counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

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

11. AMENDED JUDGMENT. If any amended judgment is required under California Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit a proposed amended judgment, provided doing so does not represent a material change from the terms of the Agreement.

12. NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT TO LWDA. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall provide notice to the LWDA of the proposed settlement as required by California Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (l)(2), as well as any other information required by law to be provided to the LWDA to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.

13. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

13.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Complaints in the Action (including any Amended Complaints, the Operative Complaint, or the PAGA Notice have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiffs that Defendant's defenses in the Actions or Consolidated Actions have merit. Further, nothing in this Agreement should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations or facts in the Complaints in the Action (including any Amended Complaints, the Operative Complaint, or the PAGA Notice are accurate. 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, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Actions and Consolidated Action, and Plaintiffs reserve the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and the Parties' willingness to settle the Actions and Consolidated Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

13.2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify the other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant 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 Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This Paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

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 Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.

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

13.6 Cooperation. The Parties and their Counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Agreement (provided, however, that neither Party is required to accept a material change to the 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 that Plaintiff is required to prepare and file with the Court, Plaintiffs shall have the final right to submit such document to the Court, and Defendant shall have the right to file any objections if Defendant has a good faith basis to believe the document is not consistent with the terms of this Agreement or makes a misrepresentation.

13.7 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

13.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendant 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 U.S. Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

13.9 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court. After the Preliminary Approval Order is entered, such amendment, modification, change, or waiver also requires Court approval.

13.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This 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 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 Agreement. This 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 Actions and Consolidated Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.

13.14 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to California Evidence Code § 1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiffs shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendant unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant 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 Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.

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

13.17 Notice. All notices, demands or other communication between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by U.S. Mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

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13.18 Bankruptcy. In the event that the Defendant files for bankruptcy prior to the final disbursement of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiffs shall be permitted to file the claims asserted in the Actions in the bankruptcy proceedings, and such claims are not limited by the amount of the Gross Settlement Amount as set forth in this Settlement Agreement. If any settlement funds have been disbursed as provided in this Agreement as of the date Defendant files for bankruptcy, Defendant shall not be entitled to a return of such funds from the recipients. However, Defendant will be entitled to claim a credit for any previously disbursed funds in the bankruptcy proceedings.

13.19 Enforcement Action. The Parties agree this Agreement is final, binding, and enforceable pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6. The Parties further agree that the San Joaquin County Superior Court will have continuing jurisdiction over the Parties, the Actions, the Consolidated Action, and this Agreement, including following any entry of Judgment for purposes of enforcement, interpretation, settlement administration, and any post-Judgment issues that arise. The prevailing party in any litigation for enforcement of the Agreement shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as determined by the Court.

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

13.21 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement, the Actions and Consolidated Action shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under California Code of Civil Procedure § 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Plaintiff

Counsel for Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees
E&L, LLP

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Dated: _____

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Plaintiff

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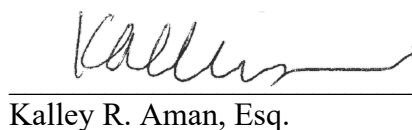
Dated: June 8, 2026

Defendant, Hale Construction, Inc.

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Dated: June 23, 2026

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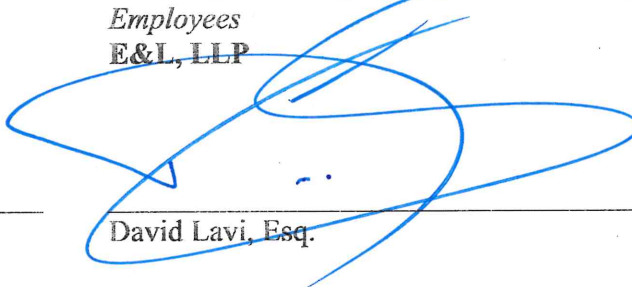
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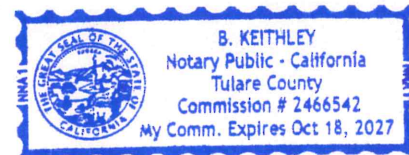
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