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

SUSANA CONTRERAS, ARMANDO FLORES, and ANTHONY GOSS, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

HAYNES BUILDING SERVICE, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 25STCV05262

*Assigned for all purposes to:  
 Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl, Dept. 12*

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT:**

1. Failure to Pay Minimum and Straight Time Wages (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, and 1197.1);
2. Failure to Pay Overtime Wages (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194 and 1198);
3. Failure to Provide Meal Periods (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512);
4. Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Periods (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7);
5. Failure to Timely Pay Final Wages at Termination (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-203);
6. Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements (Cal. Lab. Code § 226);
7. Failure to Indemnify Employees for Expenditures (Cal. Lab. Code § 2802);
8. Unfair Business Practices (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*); and
9. Civil Penalties Under PAGA (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*)

1 Plaintiffs Susana Contreras, Armando Flores, and Anthony Goss (“Plaintiffs”), on  
2 information and belief, alleges as follows:

3 **INTRODUCTION & PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

4 1. Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendants Haynes Building Service, L.L.C., and  
5 DOES 1 through 10 (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Defendants”) for California Labor  
6 Code violations and unfair business practices stemming from Defendants’ failure to pay for all  
7 hours worked (minimum, straight time, and overtime wages), failure to provide meal periods,  
8 failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to timely pay final wages, failure to furnish  
9 accurate wage statements, and failure to indemnify employees for expenditures.

10 2. Plaintiffs bring the First through Eighth Causes of Action individually and as a class  
11 action on behalf of Plaintiffs and certain current and former employees of Defendants (hereinafter  
12 collectively referred to as the “Class” or “Class Members,” and defined more fully below). The  
13 Class consists of Plaintiffs and all other persons who have been employed by any Defendant in  
14 California as an hourly-paid or non-exempt employee during the statute of limitations period  
15 applicable to the claims pleaded here.

16 3. Plaintiffs bring the Ninth Cause of Action as a representative action under the  
17 California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”) on behalf of themselves,  
18 on behalf of the State of California, and on behalf of potentially all other persons who worked for  
19 Defendants in California as a non-exempt or hourly-paid employee at any time within the  
20 applicable statutory period (hereinafter referred to as “Aggrieved Employees”).

21 4. Defendants own/owned and operate/operated an industry, business, and  
22 establishment within the State of California, including Los Angeles County. As such and based  
23 upon all the facts and circumstances incident to Defendants’ business in California, Defendants are  
24 subject to the California Labor Code, Wage Orders issued by the Industrial Welfare Commission  
25 (“IWC”), and the California Business & Professions Code.

26 5. Despite these requirements, throughout the statutory period, Defendants have, at  
27 times:

28 (a) Failed to pay some, but not necessarily all employees for all hours worked,

including all minimum, straight time, and overtime wages in compliance with the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders;

- (b) Failed to provide some, but not necessarily all employees with timely and duty-free meal periods in compliance with the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders, failed to maintain accurate records of all meal periods taken or missed, and failed to pay an additional hour's pay for each workday a meal period violation occurred;
- (c) Failed to authorize and permit some, but not necessarily all employees to take timely and duty-free rest periods in compliance with the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders, and failed to pay an additional hour's pay for each workday a rest period violation occurred;
- (d) Willfully failed to pay some, but not necessarily all employees all minimum wage, straight time wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages due within the time period specified by California law when employment terminates;
- (e) Failed to provide some, but not necessarily all employees with accurate, itemized wage statements containing all the information required by the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders; and
- (f) Failed to indemnify some, but not necessarily all employees for expenditures incurred in direct discharge of duties of employment.

6. On information and belief, Defendants were on actual and constructive notice of the improprieties alleged herein and intentionally refused to rectify their unlawful conduct. Defendants' violations, as alleged above, during all relevant times herein were willful and deliberate.

7. At all relevant times, Defendants were and are legally responsible for all of the unlawful conduct, policies, acts and omissions as described in each and all of the foregoing paragraphs as the employers of Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and the Class. Further, Defendants are responsible for each of the unlawful acts or omissions complained of herein under

the doctrine of “respondeat superior.”

## **THE PARTIES**

### **A. Plaintiffs**

8. Plaintiff Susana Contreras is a resident of Pomona, California who worked for Defendants in Los Angeles County, California as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee from approximately November 2023 to approximately October 2024.

9. Plaintiff Armando Flores is a resident of Phelan, California who worked for Defendants in Los Angeles County, California as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee from approximately May 2024 to approximately December 2024

10. Plaintiff Anthony Goss is a resident of San Gabriel, California who worked for Defendants in Los Angeles County, California as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee from approximately May 2024 to approximately December 2024.

11. Plaintiffs reserve the right to seek leave to amend this complaint to add new Plaintiffs, if necessary, in order to establish suitable representative(s) pursuant to *La Sala v. American Savings and Loan Association* (1971) 5 Cal.3d 864, 872, and other applicable law.

### **B. Defendants**

12. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based upon that information and belief alleges, that Defendant GDT Framing, Inc., is, and at all times herein mentioned, was:

- (a) A business entity conducting business in numerous counties throughout the State of California, including Riverside County; and,
- (b) The former employer of Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and the current and/or former employer of the putative Class because Defendant GDT Framing, Inc., suffered and permitted Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and the Class to work; and/or exercised control over their wages, hours, or working conditions; and/or engaged Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and the Class, thereby creating a common law employment relationship.

13. Plaintiffs do not know the true names or capacities of the persons or entities sued herein as Does 1-10, inclusive, and therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Each

1 of the Doe Defendants was in some manner legally responsible for the damages suffered by  
2 Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and the Class as alleged herein. Plaintiffs will amend this  
3 complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of these Defendants when they have been  
4 ascertained, together with appropriate charging allegations, as may be necessary.

5 14. At all times mentioned herein, the Defendants named as Does 1-10, inclusive, and  
6 each of them, were residents of, doing business in, availed themselves of the jurisdiction of, and/or  
7 injured Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and a significant number of the Class in the State of  
8 California.

9 15. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon alleges that at all relevant times each  
10 Defendant, directly or indirectly, or through agents or other persons, employed Plaintiffs,  
11 Aggrieved Employees, and the other employees described in the class definitions below, and  
12 exercised control over their wages, hours, and working conditions. Plaintiffs are informed and  
13 believe and thereon alleges that, at all relevant times, each Defendant was the principal, agent,  
14 partner, joint venturer, joint employer, officer, director, controlling shareholder, subsidiary,  
15 affiliate, parent corporation, successor in interest and/or predecessor in interest of some or all of  
16 the other Defendants, and was engaged with some or all of the other Defendants in a joint enterprise  
17 for profit, and bore such other relationships to some or all of the other Defendants so as to be liable  
18 for their conduct with respect to the matters alleged below. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and  
19 thereon alleges that each Defendant acted pursuant to and within the scope of the relationships  
20 alleged above, that each Defendant knew or should have known about, and authorized, ratified,  
21 adopted, approved, controlled, aided, and abetted the conduct of all other Defendants.

22 **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

23 16. Plaintiff Susana Contreras worked for Defendants in Los Angeles County,  
24 California as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee from approximately December 2024. During  
25 Plaintiff's employment for Defendants, Defendants paid Plaintiff an hourly wage and classified  
26 Plaintiff as non-exempt from overtime. Defendants repeatedly and frequently scheduled Plaintiff  
27 to work at least five days in a workweek and at least eight hours per day, but Plaintiff also worked  
28 more than eight hours in a workday and more than forty (40) hours in a workweek.

1           17. Plaintiff Armando Flores worked for Defendants in Los Angeles County, California  
2 as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee from approximately May 2024 to approximately  
3 December 2024. During Plaintiff's employment for Defendants, Defendants paid Plaintiff an  
4 hourly wage and classified Plaintiff as non-exempt from overtime. Defendants repeatedly and  
5 frequently scheduled Plaintiff to work at least five days in a workweek and at least eight hours per  
6 day, but Plaintiff also worked more than eight hours in a workday and more than forty (40) hours  
7 in a workweek.

8           18. Plaintiff Anthony Goss worked for Defendants in Los Angeles County, California  
9 as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee from approximately May 2024 to approximately  
10 December 2024. During Plaintiff's employment for Defendants, Defendants paid Plaintiff an  
11 hourly wage and classified Plaintiff as non-exempt from overtime. Defendants repeatedly and  
12 frequently scheduled Plaintiff to work at least five days in a workweek and at least eight hours per  
13 day, but Plaintiff also worked more than eight hours in a workday and more than forty (40) hours  
14 in a workweek.

15           19. Throughout Plaintiffs' employment, Defendants, at times, failed to pay Plaintiffs  
16 for all hours worked (including minimum, straight time, and overtime wages), failed to provide  
17 Plaintiffs with legally compliant meal periods, failed to authorize and permit Plaintiffs to take rest  
18 periods, failed to timely pay all final wages to Plaintiffs when Defendants terminated Plaintiffs'  
19 employment, failed to furnish accurate wage statements to Plaintiffs, and failed to indemnify  
20 Plaintiffs for expenditures.

21           20. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants, at times, failed to pay Plaintiffs,  
22 Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class for all hours worked,  
23 including minimum, straight time, and overtime wages. Defendants would, at times, manufacture  
24 time keeping records to falsely show that Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not  
25 necessarily all of, the Class took meal periods when in fact they worked "off-the-clock,"  
26 uncompensated. The effect is that Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not  
27 necessarily all of, the Class worked through meal periods "off-the-clock," and continued to work  
28 after they had clocked out for the workday. Defendants paid Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and

1 some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class less than all their work time. Some of this unpaid  
2 work should have been paid at the overtime rate. In failing to pay for all hours worked, Defendants  
3 also failed to maintain accurate records of the hours Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some  
4 of, but not necessarily all of, the Class worked.

5         21. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants wrongfully failed to provide Plaintiffs,  
6 Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class with legally compliant  
7 meal periods. Defendants required Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not  
8 necessarily all of, the Class to work in excess of five consecutive hours a day without providing a  
9 30-minute, uninterrupted, and duty-free meal period for every five hours of work, or without  
10 compensating Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class  
11 for all missed meal periods that were not provided by the end of the fifth hour of work or tenth  
12 hour of work. Instead, Defendants continued to assert control over Plaintiffs, Aggrieved  
13 Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class by requiring, pressuring, or  
14 encouraging them to perform work tasks which could not be completed without working in lieu of  
15 taking mandatory meal periods, or by denying Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but  
16 not necessarily all of, the Class permission to take a meal period. Defendants also failed, at times,  
17 to permit Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class to  
18 take a second meal period when they worked at least ten hours of work in a workday. As described  
19 above, Defendants would manufacture time keeping records to falsely show that Plaintiffs,  
20 Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class took meal periods by the  
21 fifth hour of work or took meal periods when in fact they worked “off-the-clock”, uncompensated.  
22 Accordingly, Defendants failed to provide meal periods to Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and  
23 some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class in compliance with California law.

24         22. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants have, at times, wrongfully failed to  
25 authorize and permit Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the  
26 Class to take legally compliant rest periods. Defendants required Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees,  
27 and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class to work in excess of four consecutive hours a day  
28 without Defendants authorizing and permitting them to take a 10-minute, uninterrupted, duty-free

1 rest period for every four hours of work (or major fraction of four hours), or without compensating  
2 Plaintiffs. Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class for rest periods  
3 that were not authorized or permitted. Instead, Defendants continued to assert control over  
4 Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class by requiring,  
5 pressuring, or encouraging them to perform work tasks which could not be completed without  
6 working in lieu of taking mandatory rest periods, or by denying Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees,  
7 and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class permission to take a rest period. Accordingly,  
8 Defendants failed to authorize and permit Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not  
9 necessarily all of, the Class to take rest periods in compliance with California law.

10 23. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants, at times, willfully failed and refused  
11 to timely pay Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class  
12 all final wages due at their termination of employment. In addition, Plaintiffs' final paycheck did  
13 not include payment for all expenditures, minimum wage, straight time wages, overtime wages,  
14 meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages owed to Plaintiffs by Defendants at  
15 the conclusion of Plaintiffs' employment. On information and belief, Defendants' failure to timely  
16 pay Plaintiffs' final wages when Plaintiffs' employment terminated was not a single, isolated  
17 incident, but was instead consistent with Defendants' practices that applied, at times, to Plaintiffs,  
18 Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class.

19 24. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants failed, at times, to furnish Plaintiffs,  
20 Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class with accurate, itemized  
21 wage statements showing all applicable hourly rates, and all gross and net wages earned (including  
22 correct hours worked, correct wages for meal periods that were not provided in accordance with  
23 California law, and correct wages for rest periods that were not authorized and permitted to take  
24 in accordance with California law). As a result of these violations of California Labor Code §  
25 226(a), the Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class  
26 suffered injury because, among other things:

- 27 (a) the violations led them to believe that they were not entitled to be paid  
28 minimum wage, straight time wages, overtime wages, meal period premium

wages, and rest period premium wages, even though some, but not necessarily all, of them were entitled;

(b) the violations led them to believe that they had been paid the minimum wage, straight time wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages, even though some, but not necessarily all of them had not been;

(c) the violations led them to believe they were not entitled to be paid minimum wage, straight time wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages at the correct California rate even though some, but not necessarily all of them were entitled;

(d) the violations led them to believe they had been paid minimum wage, straight time wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages at the correct California rate even though some, but not necessarily all of them had not been;

(e) the violations hindered them from determining the amounts of minimum wage, straight time wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages owed to some, but not necessarily all of them;

(f) in connection with their employment before and during this action, and in connection with prosecuting this action, the violations caused them to have to perform mathematical computations to determine the amounts of wages owed to some, but not necessarily all of them, computations they would not have to make if the wage statements contained the required accurate information;

(g) by understating the wages truly due to some, but not necessarily all of them, the violations caused some, but not necessarily all of them to lose entitlement and/or accrual of the full amount of Social Security, disability, unemployment, and other governmental benefits;

(h) the wage statements inaccurately understated the wages, hours, and wage rates to which Plaintiffs and some, but not necessarily all of the Class were entitled, and Plaintiffs and some, but not necessarily all of the Class were paid less than the wages and wage rates to which some, but not necessarily all of them were entitled.

Thus, Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some, but not necessarily all of the Class are owed the amounts provided for in California Labor Code § 226(e).

25. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants have wrongfully required Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some, but not necessarily all of the Class to pay expenses that they incurred in direct discharge of their duties for Defendants. Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some, but not necessarily all, of the Class paid out-of-pocket for necessary employment-related expenses.

26. Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of the Class incurred substantial expenses as a direct result of performing their job duties for Defendants, but Defendants failed to indemnify Plaintiffs, Aggrieved Employees, and some of the Class for these employment-related expenses.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

27. Plaintiffs bring certain claims individually, as well as on behalf of each and all other persons similarly situated, and thus, seek class certification under California Code of Civil Procedure § 382.

28. All claims alleged herein arise under California law for which Plaintiffs seek relief authorized by California law.

29. The proposed Class consists of and is defined as:

All persons who worked for any Defendant in California as an hourly-paid or non-exempt employee at any time during the period beginning four years before the filing of the initial complaint in this action and ending when notice to the Class is sent.

30. At all material times, Plaintiffs was a member of the Class.

31. Plaintiffs undertake this concerted activity to improve the wages and working

conditions of all Class Members.

32. There is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the Class is readily ascertainable:

- (a) Numerosity: The members of the Class (and each subclass, if any) are so numerous that joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impractical. The membership of the entire Class is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time; however, the Class is estimated to be greater than forty (40) individuals and the identity of such membership is readily ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' records.
- (b) Typicality: Plaintiffs are qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect the interests of each Class Member with whom there is a shared, well-defined community of interest, and Plaintiffs' claims (or defenses, if any) are typical of all Class Members' claims as demonstrated herein.
- (c) Adequacy: Plaintiffs are qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect the interests of each Class Member with whom there is a shared, well-defined community of interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiffs have no conflicts with or interests antagonistic to any Class Member. Plaintiffs' attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiffs have incurred, and throughout the duration of this action, will continue to incur costs and attorneys' fees that have been, are, and will be necessarily expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of each class member.
- (d) Superiority: A Class Action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, including consideration of:
  - 1) The interests of the members of the Class in individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions;
  - 2) The extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy

1 already commenced by or against members of the Class;

2 3) The desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of the  
3 claims in the particular forum; and,

4 4) The difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of a class  
5 action.

6 (e) Public Policy Considerations: The public policy of the State of California is  
7 to resolve the California Labor Code claims of many employees through a  
8 class action. Indeed, current employees are often afraid to assert their rights  
9 out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. Former employees are also fearful  
10 of bringing actions because they believe their former employers might  
11 damage their future endeavors through negative references and/or other  
12 means. Class actions provide the class members who are not named in the  
13 complaint with a type of anonymity that allows for the vindication of their  
14 rights at the same time as their privacy is protected.

15 33. There are common questions of law and fact as to the Class (and each subclass, if  
16 any) that predominate over questions affecting only individual members, including without  
17 limitation, whether, as alleged herein, Defendants have:

18 (a) Failed to pay Class Members for all hours worked, including minimum,  
19 straight time, and overtime wages;

20 (b) Failed to provide meal periods and pay meal period premium wages to Class  
21 Members;

22 (c) Failed to authorize and permit rest periods and pay rest period premium  
23 wages to Class Members;

24 (d) Failed to provide Class Members with timely final wages;

25 (e) Failed to provide Class Members with accurate wage statements;

26 (f) Failed to indemnify Class Members for expenditures; and

27 (g) Violated California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et. seq.* as a  
28 result of their illegal conduct as described above.

1           34.     This Court should permit this action to be maintained as a class action pursuant to  
2 California Code of Civil Procedure § 382 because:

- 3           (a)     The questions of law and fact common to the Class predominate over any  
4                   question affecting only individual Class Members;
- 5           (b)     A class action is superior to any other available method for the fair and  
6                   efficient adjudication of the claims of the Class Members;
- 7           (c)     The members of the Class are so numerous that it is impractical to bring all  
8                   members of the class before the Court;
- 9           (d)     Plaintiffs, and the other members of the Class, will not be able to obtain  
10                  effective and economic legal redress unless the action is maintained as a  
11                  class action;
- 12          (e)     There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and equitable  
13                  relief for the statutory violations, and in obtaining adequate compensation  
14                  for the damages and injuries for which Defendants are responsible in an  
15                  amount sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the Class for  
16                  the injuries sustained;
- 17          (f)     Without class certification, the prosecution of separate actions by individual  
18                  members of the Class would create a risk of:
- 19                  1)     Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual  
20                          members of the Class which would establish incompatible standards  
21                          of conduct for Defendants; and/or,
- 22                  2)     Adjudications with respect to the individual members which would,  
23                          as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members  
24                          not parties to the adjudications, or would substantially impair or  
25                          impede their ability to protect their interests, including but not  
26                          limited to the potential for exhausting the funds available from those  
27                          parties who are, or may be, responsible Defendants; and,
- 28          (g)     Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to

the Class, thereby making final injunctive relief appropriate with respect to the class as a whole.

35. Plaintiffs contemplate the eventual issuance of notice to the proposed members of the Class that would set forth the subject and nature of the instant action. The Defendants' own business records may be utilized for assistance in the preparation and issuance of the contemplated notices. To the extent that any further notices may be required, Plaintiffs contemplate the use of additional techniques and forms commonly used in class actions, such as published notice, e-mail notice, website notice, first-class mail, or combinations thereof, or by other methods suitable to the Class and deemed necessary and/or appropriate by the Court.

### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Pay Minimum and Straight Time Wages for All Hours Worked)**

36. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

37. "Hours worked" is the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer and includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so.

38. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Defendants, at times, knowingly failed to pay to Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class compensation for all hours they worked. By their failure to pay compensation for each hour worked as alleged above, Defendants willfully violated the provisions of California Labor Code § 1194, and any additional applicable Wage Orders, which require such compensation to non-exempt employees.

39. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class are entitled to recover minimum and straight time wages for all non-overtime hours worked for Defendants.

40. By and through the conduct described above, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class have been deprived of their rights to be paid wages earned by virtue of their employment with Defendants.

41. By virtue of the Defendants' unlawful failure to pay additional compensation to

1 Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class for their non-overtime hours worked  
2 without pay, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class suffered, and will continue  
3 to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown to Plaintiffs and the Class, and which  
4 will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

5 42. By failing to keep adequate time records required by California Labor Code §  
6 1174(d), Defendants have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of minimum wage  
7 compensation due Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class.

8 43. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1194.2, Plaintiffs and some of, but not  
9 necessarily all of, the Class are entitled to recover liquidated damages (double damages) for  
10 Defendants' failure to pay minimum wages.

11 44. California Labor Code § 204 requires employers to provide employees with all  
12 wages due and payable twice a month. Throughout the statute of limitations period applicable to  
13 this cause of action, Plaintiffs and the Class were entitled to be paid twice a month at rates required  
14 by law, including minimum and straight time wages. However, Defendants failed and refused to  
15 pay Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class all such wages due and failed to  
16 pay those wages twice a month.

17 45. Plaintiffs and the Class are also entitled to seek recovery of all unpaid minimum and  
18 straight time wages, interest, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor  
19 Code §§ 218.5, 218.6, and 1194(a).

## 20 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

### 21 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Pay Overtime Wages)**

22 46. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs  
23 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

24 47. California Labor Code § 510 provides that employees in California shall not be  
25 employed more than eight hours in any workday or forty (40) hours in a workweek unless they  
26 receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law.

27 48. California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1198 provide that employees in California shall  
28 not be employed more than eight hours in any workday unless they receive additional

1 compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law. Additionally, California  
2 Labor Code § 1198 states that the employment of an employee for longer hours than those fixed  
3 by the IWC is unlawful.

4 49. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the  
5 Class have, at times, worked more than eight hours in a workday and/or more than forty (40) hours  
6 in a workweek, as employees of Defendants.

7 50. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and some of, but not  
8 necessarily all of, the Class overtime compensation for the hours they have worked in excess of  
9 the maximum hours permissible by law as required by California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198.

10 51. By virtue of Defendants' unlawful failure to pay additional premium rate  
11 compensation to the Plaintiffs and some of, but necessarily all of, the Class for their overtime hours  
12 worked, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class have suffered, and will continue  
13 to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown to them, but which exceed the  
14 jurisdictional minimum of this Court and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

15 52. By failing to keep adequate time records required by Labor Code § 1174(d),  
16 Defendants have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of overtime compensation due to  
17 Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class.

18 53. Plaintiffs and the Class also request recovery of overtime compensation according  
19 to proof, interest, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code § 1194(a), as well  
20 as the assessment of any statutory penalties against Defendants, in a sum as provided by the  
21 California Labor Code and/or other statutes.

22 54. California Labor Code § 204 requires employers to provide employees with all  
23 wages due and payable twice a month. The Wage Orders also provide that every employer shall  
24 pay to each employee, on the established payday for the period involved, overtime wages for all  
25 overtime hours worked in the payroll period. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs and some of,  
26 but not necessarily all of, the Class with all compensation due, in violation of California Labor  
27 Code § 204.  
28

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Against All Defendants for Failure to Provide Meal Periods)**

55. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

56. Under California law, Defendants have an affirmative obligation to relieve the Plaintiffs and the Class of all duty in order to take their first daily meal periods no later than at the end of Plaintiffs and the Class' fifth hour of work in a workday, and to take their second meal periods no later than at the end of the tenth hour of work in the workday. California Labor Code § 512, and Section 11 of the applicable Wage Orders require that an employer provide unpaid meal periods of at least thirty (30) minutes for each five-hour period worked. It is a violation of California Labor Code § 226.7 for an employer to require any employee to work during any meal period mandated under any Wage Order.

57. Despite these legal requirements, Defendants, at times, failed to provide Plaintiffs and some, but not necessarily all of the Class with both meal periods as required by California law. By their failure to permit and authorize Plaintiffs and some, but not necessarily all of the Class to take all meal periods as alleged above (or due to the fact that Defendants, at times, made it impossible or impracticable to take these uninterrupted meal periods), Defendants willfully violated the provisions of California Labor Code § 226.7 and the applicable Wage Orders.

58. Under California law, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class are entitled to be paid one hour of additional wages for each workday they were not provided with all required meal period(s), plus interest thereon.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**(Against All Defendants for Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Periods)**

59. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

60. Defendants are required by California law to authorize and permit breaks of ten uninterrupted minutes for each four hours of work or major fraction of four hours (i.e. more than two hours). California Labor Code § 512, the applicable Wage Orders require that the employer

1 permit and authorize all employees to take paid rest periods of ten minutes each for each 4-hour  
2 period worked. Thus, for example, if an employee's work time is six hours and ten minutes, the  
3 employee is entitled to two rest breaks. Each failure to authorize rest breaks as so required is itself  
4 a violation of California's rest break laws. It is a violation of California Labor Code § 226.7 for an  
5 employer to require any employee to work during any rest period mandated under any Wage Order.

6 61. Despite these legal requirements, Defendants at times failed to authorize Plaintiffs  
7 and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class to take rest breaks, regardless of whether  
8 employees worked more than four hours in a workday. By their failure to permit and authorize  
9 Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of the Class to take rest periods as alleged above (or  
10 due to the fact that Defendants, at times, made it impossible or impracticable to take these  
11 uninterrupted rest periods), Defendants willfully violated the provisions of California Labor Code  
12 § 226.7 and the applicable Wage Orders.

13 62. Under California law, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class  
14 are entitled to be paid one hour of premium wages rate for each workday they were not provided  
15 with all required rest break(s), plus interest thereon.

### 16 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 17 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Pay Wages of Discharged Employees – Waiting Time** 18 **Penalties)**

19 63. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs  
20 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

21 64. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 provide that if  
22 an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due  
23 and payable immediately, and that if an employee voluntarily leaves his or her employment, his or  
24 her wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72) hours thereafter, unless  
25 the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours previous notice of his or her intention to quit, in  
26 which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

27 65. Within the applicable statute of limitations, the employment of many other members  
28 of the Class ended, i.e., was terminated by quitting or discharge, and the employment of others will

1 be. However, during the relevant time period, Defendants, at times, failed, and continue to fail, to  
2 pay some of, but not necessarily all of, the terminated Class Members, without abatement, all  
3 wages required to be paid by California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 either at the time of discharge,  
4 or within seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ. Plaintiffs do not allege that  
5 all of the Class Members were so harmed.

6 66. Defendants' failure to pay some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class members  
7 who are no longer employed by Defendants their wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge,  
8 or within seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ, is in violation of California  
9 Labor Code §§ 201 and 202.

10 67. California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay  
11 wages owed, in accordance with §§ 201 and 202, then the wages of the employee shall continue as  
12 a penalty wage from the due date, and at the same rate until paid or until an action is commenced;  
13 but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30) days.

14 68. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 203, some of the Class is entitled to recover  
15 from Defendants their additionally accruing wages for each day they were not paid, at their regular  
16 hourly rate of pay, up to thirty (30) days maximum.

17 69. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 218.5, 218.6 and 1194, the Class is also  
18 entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees, interest, expenses, and costs incurred in this  
19 action.

## 20 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### 21 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Provide and Maintain Accurate and** 22 **Compliant Wage Records)**

23 70. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs  
24 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

25 71. At all material times set forth herein, California Labor Code § 226(a) provides that  
26 every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate itemized wage statement in  
27 writing showing nine pieces of information, including: (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours  
28 worked by the employee, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate

1 if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made  
2 on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned,  
3 (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee  
4 and the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number  
5 other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the  
6 employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding  
7 number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

8 72. Defendants have, at times, intentionally and willfully failed to provide employees  
9 with complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include, among other things, the  
10 failure to correctly identify the gross wages earned by Plaintiffs and some of the Class, the failure  
11 to list the true “total hours worked by the employee,” and the failure to list the true net wages  
12 earned. Plaintiffs do not allege that all of the Class Members were so harmed.

13 73. As a result of Defendants’ violation of California Labor Code § 226(a), Plaintiffs  
14 and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily  
15 protected rights.

16 74. Specifically, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class have been  
17 injured by Defendants’ intentional violation of California Labor Code § 226(a) because Plaintiffs  
18 and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class were denied both their legal right to receive, and  
19 their protected interest in receiving, accurate, itemized wage statements under California Labor  
20 Code § 226(a).

21 75. Calculation of the true wage entitlement for Plaintiffs and some of, but not  
22 necessarily all of, the Class is difficult and time consuming. As a result of this unlawful burden,  
23 Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class were also injured as a result of having  
24 to bring this action to attempt to obtain correct wage information following Defendants’ refusal to  
25 comply with many of the mandates of California’s Labor Code and related laws and regulations.

26 76. Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class are entitled to recover  
27 from Defendants the greater of their actual damages caused by Defendants’ failure to comply with  
28 California Labor Code § 226(a), or an aggregate penalty not exceeding four thousand dollars

1 (\$4,000) per employee.

2 77. Plaintiffs and the Class are also entitled to injunctive relief, as well as an award of  
3 attorney's fees and costs to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code  
4 § 226(h).

5 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Indemnify Employees for Expenditures)**

7 78. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs  
8 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

9 79. As set forth above, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class were  
10 required to incur substantial necessary expenditures and losses in direct consequence of the  
11 discharge of their duties or of their obedience to directions of Defendants.

12 80. Defendants violated California Labor Code § 2802, by failing to pay and indemnify  
13 Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class for necessary expenditures and losses  
14 incurred in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties or of their obedience to directions  
15 of Defendants.

16 81. As a result, Plaintiffs and some of, but not necessarily all of, the Class were damaged  
17 at least in the amounts of the expenses they paid, or which were deducted by Defendants from their  
18 wages.

19 82. Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees, expenses, and costs  
20 of suit pursuant to California Labor Code § 2802(c) and interest pursuant to California Labor Code  
21 § 2802(b).

22 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

23 **(Against All Defendants for Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200,**  
24 **et seq.)**

25 83. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs  
26 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

27 84. Defendants, and each of them, are "persons" as defined under California Business  
28 & Professions Code § 17201.

85. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair, unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiffs, other Class members, and to the general public. Plaintiffs seeks to enforce important rights affecting the public interest within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

86. Defendants' activities, as alleged herein, are violations of California law, and constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

87. A violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* may be predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. All of the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the California Labor Code, are unlawful and in violation of public policy; and in addition are immoral, unethical, oppressive, fraudulent and unscrupulous, and thereby constitute unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

#### **Failure to Pay Minimum and Straight Time Wages**

88. Defendants' failure to pay minimum and straight time wages, and other benefits in violation of the California Labor Code constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

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#### **Failure to Pay Overtime Wages**

89. Defendants' failure to pay overtime compensation and other benefits in violation of California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1198 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

#### **Failure to Provide Meal Periods**

90. Defendants' failure to provide meal periods in accordance with California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

#### **Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Periods**

91. Defendants' failure to authorize and permit rest periods in accordance with California Labor Code § 226.7 and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

**Failure to Indemnify Business Expenses**

92. Defendants' failure to reimburse expenses incurred in accordance with California Labor Code § 2802, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

93. By and through their unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices described herein, Defendants, have obtained valuable property, money and services from Plaintiffs, and all persons similarly situated, and have deprived Plaintiffs, and all persons similarly situated, of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law, all to their detriment.

94. Plaintiffs and the Class Members suffered monetary injury as a direct result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.

95. Plaintiffs, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative Class, is entitled to, and does, seek such relief as may be necessary to disgorge money and/or property which the Defendants have wrongfully acquired, or of which Plaintiffs and the Class have been deprived, by means of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices. Plaintiffs and the Class are not obligated to establish individual knowledge of the wrongful practices of Defendants in order to recover restitution.

96. Plaintiffs, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative class, is further entitled to, and does, seek a declaration that the above-described business practices are unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent, and injunctive relief restraining the Defendants, and each of them, from engaging in any of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices in the future.

97. Plaintiffs, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative class, has no plain, speedy, and/or adequate remedy at law to redress the injuries which the Class Members suffered as a consequence of the Defendants' unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices. As a result of the unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices described above, Plaintiffs,

1 individually, and on behalf of members of the putative Class, has suffered and will continue to  
2 suffer irreparable harm unless the Defendants are restrained from continuing to engage in said  
3 unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices.

4 98. Plaintiffs also allege that if Defendants are not enjoined from the conduct set forth  
5 herein above, they will continue to avoid paying the appropriate taxes, insurance and other  
6 withholdings.

7 99. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, Plaintiffs and  
8 putative Class Members are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and retained by  
9 Defendants during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this complaint; a  
10 permanent injunction requiring Defendants to pay all outstanding wages due to Plaintiffs and Class  
11 Members; an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and  
12 other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

### 13 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### 14 **(Against All Defendants for Civil Penalties Under PAGA)**

15 100. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein paragraphs  
16 1 through 31 in this Complaint.

17 101. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants were subject to the Labor Code of the  
18 State of California and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Orders.

19 102. California Labor Code § 2699(a) specifically provides for a private right of action  
20 to recover penalties for violations of the Labor Code: "Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
21 any provision of this code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor  
22 and Workforce Development Agency or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards,  
23 agencies, or employees, for a violation of this code, may, as an alternative, be recovered through a  
24 civil action brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of himself or herself and other current or  
25 former employees pursuant to the procedures specified in Section 2699.3."

26 103. Plaintiffs gave written notice by online filing pursuant to California Labor Code §  
27 2699.3 to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and by certified mail to Defendants of  
28 the specific provisions of the Labor Code that Defendants have violated against Plaintiffs and

Aggrieved Employees, including the facts and theories to support the violations. Plaintiffs also paid the filing fee. Plaintiff's PAGA case number LWDA-CM-1075259-25 (*Melissa Moreno v. GDT Framing, Inc.*). The Labor and Workforce Development Agency has not indicated that it intends to investigate Defendants' alleged Labor Code violations set forth in the notice. Plaintiffs hereby commence a civil action to recover penalties under Labor Code § 2699 pursuant to § 2699.3 for the violations of the Labor Code described in this Complaint. These penalties include, but are not limited to, penalties under California Labor Code §§ 210, 226.3, 1174.5, 1197.1, and 2699.

104. Based on the conduct described in this Complaint, Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of civil penalties on behalf of herself, the State of California, and Aggrieved Employees. The exact amount of the applicable penalties, in all, is in an amount to be shown according to proof at trial. These penalties are in addition to all other remedies permitted by law.

105. In addition, Plaintiffs seek an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(g)(1), which states, "Any employee who prevails in any action shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs."

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Plaintiffs, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated only with respect to the class claims, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, as follows:

#### **Class Certification**

1. That this action be certified as a class action with respect to the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Causes of Action;
2. That Plaintiffs be appointed as the representative of the Class; and,
3. That counsel for Plaintiffs be appointed as Class Counsel.

#### **As to the First Cause of Action**

4. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code §§ 204 and 1194 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all minimum and straight time wages due;
5. For unpaid wages as may be appropriate;
6. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date

1 such amounts were due;

2 7. For penalties, restitution, and liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code  
3 § 1197.1;

4 8. For liquidated damages;

5 9. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to  
6 California Labor Code § 1194(a); and,

7 10. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

8 As to the Second Cause of Action

9 11. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated California  
10 Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all  
11 overtime wages due;

12 12. For unpaid wages at overtime wage rates as may be appropriate;

13 13. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing from  
14 the date such amounts were due;

15 14. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to  
16 California Labor Code § 1194(a); and,

17 15. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

18 As to the Third Cause of Action

19 16. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated California  
20 Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders;

21 17. For unpaid meal period premium wages as may be appropriate;

22 18. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date  
23 such amounts were due;

24 19. For reasonable attorneys' fees under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5,  
25 and for costs of suit incurred herein; and,

26 20. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

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As to the Fourth Cause of Action

21. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders;

22. For unpaid rest period premium wages as may be appropriate;

23. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;

24. For reasonable attorneys' fees under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, and for costs of suit incurred herein; and,

25. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Fifth Cause of Action

26. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time of termination of the employment;

27. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 203 for former employees who have left Defendants' employ;

28. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were due;

29. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and,

30. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Sixth Cause of Action

31. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated the record keeping provisions of California Labor Code § 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders, and willfully failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements thereto;

32. For all actual damages, according to proof;

33. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 226(e);

34. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code § 226(h);

35. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and,

36. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Seventh Cause of Action

37. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code § 2802 by willfully failing to indemnify employees for expenditures;

38. For unpaid wages or unreimbursed business expenses as may be appropriate;

39. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;

40. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and,

41. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Eighth Cause of Action

42. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* by failing to pay for all hours worked (minimum, straight time, and overtime wages), failing to provide meal periods, and failing to authorize and permit rest periods;

43. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiffs and all Class Members and prejudgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;

44. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all funds disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by Defendants as a result of violations of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*;

45. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5;

46. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*; and,

47. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Tenth Cause of Action

48. That the Court declare, adjudge, and decree that Defendants violated the California Labor Code by failing to pay wages for all hours worked (including minimum, straight time, and

overtime wages), failing to provide meal periods and pay the correct amount of meal period premium wages, failing to authorize and permit rest periods and pay the correct amount of rest period premium wages, failing to pay all earned wages twice per month, failing to maintain accurate records of hours worked and meal periods, failing to pay all final wages to terminated employees, failing to furnish accurate wage statements, and failing to indemnify employees for expenditures;

49. For all civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 2699, et seq., and all other applicable Labor Code provisions;

50. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699; and

51. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to all Causes of Action

52. For any additional relief that the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: May 2, 2025

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• **FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

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(X) **BY E-MAIL:** I hereby certify that this document was served from Irvine, California, by e-mail delivery on the parties listed herein at their most recent known email address or e-mail of record in this action.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 2, 2025, at Irvine, California.



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