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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT**

JOSE CASTRO, on behalf of himself and current
and former aggrieved employees

Plaintiff,

vs.

MILLENIUM GENERAL MAINTENANCE; and
DOES 1 to 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 25STCV21375

PAGA ACTION

**PLAINTIFF JOSE CASTRO'S
COMPLAINT FOR:**

- CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT
TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
GENERAL ACT OF 2004
("PAGA"), LABOR CODE
SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

COMES NOW Plaintiff JOSE CASTRO ("Plaintiff"), who alleges and complains against
Defendants MILLENIUM GENERAL MAINTENANCE; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive
(collectively "Defendants") as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is a Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*
("PAGA") representative action brought by Plaintiff on behalf of the State of California, himself
and other current and former aggrieved employees of Defendants who worked as hourly non-exempt
employees in California during the relevant time period seeking civil penalties associated with
Defendants' violation of the Labor Code based on Defendants' failure to pay wages for all hours

1 worked at minimum wage and all overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay; failure to
2 authorize or permit all legally required and/or compliant meal periods or pay meal period premium
3 wages; failure to authorize or permit all legally required and/or compliant rest periods or pay rest
4 period premium wages; statutory penalties for failure to timely pay earned wages during
5 employment; statutory penalties for failure to provide accurate wage statements; statutory waiting
6 time penalties in the form of continuation wages for failure to timely pay employees all wages due
7 upon separation of employment. Plaintiff seeks on a representative basis, following notice to the
8 Labor and Workforce Development Agency, civil penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to
9 Labor Code section 2699(g)(1) and costs brought on behalf of Plaintiff, the State of California, and
10 others aggrieved.

11 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

12 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims of Plaintiff and all other current and
13 former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees because Plaintiff's lawsuit seeks
14 civil penalties on behalf of herself, all other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
15 non-exempt employees, and the State of California in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars
16 (\$25,000); Defendants employed Plaintiff and all other current and former aggrieved California-
17 based hourly non-exempt employees; and the injuries to Plaintiff and all other current and former
18 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees occurred in locations throughout
19 California, including but not limited to Los Angeles County, at 2500 Broadway, Suite 200, Santa
20 Monica, CA 90404.

21 **III. PARTIES**

22 1. Plaintiff brings this action as a representative of the Labor and Workforce
23 Development Agency on behalf of himself and other current and former employees subject to
24 violations of the Labor Code. The named Plaintiff and the persons on whose behalf this action is
25 filed include current, former and/or future employees of Defendants who work, worked, or will work
26 for Defendants as direct employees as well as temporary employees employed through temp
27 agencies as hourly non-exempt employees in California. At all times mentioned herein, the currently
28 named Plaintiff is and was domiciled and a resident and citizen of California and was employed by

1 Defendants in an hourly position at Defendants' location in Los Angeles from in or around April 1,
2 2024, until on or about January 1, 2025.

3 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant MILLENIUM
4 GENERAL MAINTENANCE is authorized to do business within the State of California and is
5 doing business in the State of California and/or that Defendants DOES 1-50 are, and at all times
6 relevant hereto were persons acting on behalf of Defendant MILLENIUM GENERAL
7 MAINTENANCE in the establishment of, or ratification of, the aforementioned illegal wage and
8 hour practices or policies. Defendant MILLENIUM GENERAL MAINTENANCE operates in Los
9 Angeles County and employed Plaintiff and aggrieved employees in Los Angeles County, including
10 but not limited to, at 2500 Broadway, Suite 200, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

11 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES 1
12 through 50 are corporations, or are other business entities or organizations of a nature unknown to
13 Plaintiff that employed Plaintiff and aggrieved California non-exempt employees, permitted
14 Plaintiff and aggrieved employees to work, and exercised control over the wages, hours and working
15 conditions of employment of Plaintiff and aggrieved employees.

16 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES 51
17 through 100 are individuals unknown to Plaintiff. Each of the individual defendants is sued
18 individually and in his or her capacity as an agent, shareholder, owner, representative, manager,
19 supervisor, independent contractor and/or employee of each defendant who violated or caused to be
20 violated the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Labor Code and/or any provision of the
21 Industrial Welfare Commission's wage orders regulating hours and days of work.

22 5. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names of Defendants DOES 1 through 100. Plaintiff
23 sues said defendants by said fictitious names, and will amend this complaint when the true names
24 and capacities are ascertained or when such facts pertaining to liability are ascertained, or as
25 permitted by law or by the Court. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the fictitiously
26 named defendants is in some manner responsible for the events and allegations set forth in this
27 complaint.

28 6. Plaintiff makes the allegations in this complaint without any admission that, as to

any particular allegation, Plaintiff bears the burden of pleading, proving, or persuading and Plaintiff reserves all of Plaintiff's right to plead in the alternative.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

**CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF
2004, LABOR CODE SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

**(Against all Defendants by Plaintiff on behalf of Themselves, the State of California, and
Other Current and Former Aggrieved Employees)**

7. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

8. During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present, Plaintiff alleges Defendants violated Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226, 226.7, 227.3, 510, 512, 1194, 1197, 1198, 6401.7, 6401.9 and the applicable Wage Orders.

9. Specifically, Defendants have committed the following violations of California Labor Code:

10. **Failure to pay wages for all hours worked at the legal minimum wage:** Defendants employed many of their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt employees. In California, an employer is required to pay hourly employees for all "hours worked," which includes all time that an employee is under control of the employer and all time the employee is suffered and permitted to work. This includes the time an employee spends, either directly or indirectly, performing services which inure to the benefit of the employer.

11. Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 require an employer to compensate employees for all "hours worked" at least at a minimum wage rate of pay as established by the IWC and the Wage Orders.

12. In this case, Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees worked more minutes per shift than Defendants credited them with having worked. Specifically, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages at the applicable minimum wage for all hours worked due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to:

1 (a) "Rounding down" or "shaving down" Plaintiffs' and other current and former
2 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' total daily hours at the time of their
3 clock-ins and clock-outs, to the nearest quarter of an hour, to the benefit of Defendants and/or paying
4 employees based on scheduled hours rather than actual hours worked despite that the actual hours
5 worked went beyond the scheduled hours of Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
6 California-based hourly non-exempt employees.

7 (b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
8 non-exempt employees to remain on-duty during their off-the-clock meal breaks because Plaintiff
9 and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees were
10 required to keep their employer-issued radio on them at all times during their shift to monitor and
11 respond to calls from Defendant, including during their off-the-clock meal breaks.

12 13. Therefore, Defendants suffered, permitted, and required Plaintiff and other current
13 and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to be subject to Defendants'
14 control without paying wages for that time. This resulted in Plaintiff and other current and former
15 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees working time for which they were not
16 compensated any wages, in violation of Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 and the applicable
17 Wage Order.

18 14. **Failure to pay wages for overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay**
19 **and/or failure to pay overtime wages at the proper rate of pay:** Defendants employed many of
20 their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt employees. In California, an employer
21 is required to pay hourly employees for all "hours worked," which includes all time that an employee
22 is under control of the employer and all time the employee is suffered and permitted to work. This
23 includes the time an employee spends, either directly or indirectly, performing services that inure to
24 the benefit of the employer.'

25 15. Labor Code sections 510 and 1194 require an employer to compensate employees a
26 higher rate of pay for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday, in excess of forty (40)
27 hours in a workweek, and on any seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek:

28 Any work in excess of eight (8) hours in one workday, any work in excess of forty (40) hours
in any one (1) workweek, and the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of work in

any one (1) workweek, shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one-and-one-half (1.5) times the regular rate of pay for an employee. Any work in excess of twelve (12) hours in one (1) day shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay for an employee. In addition, any work in excess of eight (8) hours on any seventh day of a workweek shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay of an employee.

Labor Code section 510.

16. In this case, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees overtime wages for all overtime hours worked due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to:

(a) "Rounding down" or "shaving down" Plaintiffs' and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' total daily hours at the time of their clock-ins and clock-outs, to the nearest quarter of an hour, to the benefit of Defendants and/or paying employees based on scheduled hours rather than actual hours worked despite that the actual hours worked went beyond the scheduled hours of Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees.

(b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to remain on-duty during their off-the-clock meal breaks because Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees were required to keep their employer-issued radio on them at all times during their shift to monitor and respond to calls from Defendant, including during their off-the-clock meal breaks.

17. The foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in time during each workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees were under the control of Defendants but were not compensated. To the extent that the foregoing uncompensated time occurred when Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees worked more than eight (8) hours in a workday, more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, and/or seven (7) days in a workweek, Defendants failed to pay them at their overtime rate of pay for overtime hours worked, in violation of Labor Code sections 510, 1194 and 1198, and the applicable Wage Order.

18. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant meal periods and/or failure to**

1 **pay period premium wages:** Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
2 hourly non-exempt employees regularly worked shifts of more than five (5) hours in length and
3 shifts of more than ten (10) hours in length.

4 19. California law requires an employer to authorize or permit an employee an
5 uninterrupted meal period of no less than thirty (30) minutes in which the employee is relieved of
6 all duties and the employer relinquishes control over the employee's activities prior to the
7 employee's sixth hour of work. Labor Code sections 226.7, 512, and 1198; Wage Order 5 at §11;
8 *Brinker Rest. Corp. v. Super Ct. (Hohnbaum)* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1004. An employer may not employ
9 an employee for a work period of more than ten (10) hours per day without providing the employee
10 with a second such meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the eleventh
11 hour of work. *Id.* If the employee is not relieved of all duty during a meal period, the meal period
12 shall be considered an "on duty" meal period and counted as time worked. A paid "on duty" meal
13 period is only permitted when: (1) the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved
14 of all duty; and (2) the parties have a written agreement agreeing to on-duty meal periods.

15 20. If an employer fails to provide an employee a meal period in accordance with the
16 law, the employer must pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of pay
17 for each workday that a legally required and compliant meal period was not provided. Labor Code
18 sections 226.7 and 1198; Wage Order 5 at §11.

19 21. In this case, Defendants failed to authorize or permit legally required and compliant
20 meal periods to Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-
21 exempt employees due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures, including but not
22 limited to:

23 (a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
24 hourly non-exempt employees timely, uninterrupted, duty-free meal breaks of at least 30 minutes
25 for every five hours worked due to missed, late, short and/or on-duty meal breaks due to heavy
26 workload and chronic understaffing.

27 (b) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
28 hourly non-exempt employees a second uninterrupted duty-free meal period of no less than thirty

1 (30) minutes for each workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-
2 based hourly non-exempt employees work shifts over ten (10) hours.

3 (c) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
4 non-exempt employees to remain on-duty during their off-the-clock meal breaks because Plaintiff
5 and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees were
6 required to keep their employer-issued radio on them at all times during their shift to monitor and
7 respond to calls from Defendant, including during their off-the-clock meal breaks.

8 22. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or
9 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
10 hourly non-exempt employees one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday that
11 Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees did
12 not receive legally required and compliant meal periods, in violation of Labor Code section 226.7.

13 23. Defendants' foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Plaintiff and
14 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees not receiving
15 wages to compensate them for workdays during which Defendants did not provide them with meal
16 periods in compliance with California law.

17 24. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that**
18 **Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant rest periods and/or failure to pay**
19 **rest period premium:** Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
20 non-exempt employees regularly worked shifts of more than three-and-a-half (3.5) hours.

21 25. California law requires every employer to authorize and permit an employee a rest
22 period of ten (10) net minutes for every four (4) hours worked or major fraction thereof. Labor Code
23 section 226.7; Wage Order 5 at §12. Under California law, "[e]mployees are entitled to 10 minutes'
24 rest for shifts from three and one-half to six hours in length, 20 minutes for shifts of more than six
25 hours up to 10 hours, 30 minutes for shifts of more than 10 hours up to 14 hours, and so on." *Brinker*
26 *Restaurant Corp. v. Sup. Ct. (Hohnbaum)* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1004, 1029; Labor Code section 226.7;
27 Wage Order 5 at §12. Rest periods, insofar as practicable, shall be in the middle of each work period.
28 Wage Order 5 at §12. Additionally, the rest period requirement "obligates employers to permit –

1 and authorizes employees to take – off-duty rest periods.” *Augustus v. ABM Security Services, Inc.*,
2 (2016) 5 Cal.5th 257, 269. That is, during rest periods employers must relieve employees of all
3 duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time. *Id.*

4 26. If the employer fails to authorize or permit a required rest period, the employer must
5 pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of pay for each workday the
6 employer did not authorize or permit a legally required rest period. Labor Code section 226.7; Wage
7 Order 5 at § 12.

8 27. In this case, Defendants failed to authorize or permit all legally required and
9 compliant rest periods to Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
10 non-exempt employees due to Defendants’ policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not
11 limited to:

12 (a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
13 hourly non-exempt employees a rest period of ten (10) net minutes for every four (4) hours worked
14 or major fraction thereof due to missed, late, short and/or on-duty rest breaks.

15 (b) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
16 hourly non-exempt employees a third uninterrupted duty-free rest period of no less than ten (10) net
17 minutes on each workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
18 hourly non-exempt employees work shifts over ten (10) hours.

19 (c) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
20 non-exempt employees to remain on-duty during their rest breaks because Plaintiff and other current
21 and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees were required to keep their
22 employer- issued radio on them at all times during their shift to monitor and respond to calls from
23 Defendant, including during rest breaks.

24 28. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or
25 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
26 hourly non-exempt employees with one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday
27 they did not receive legally required and compliant rest periods, in violation of Labor Code section
28 226.7.

1 29. Defendants' foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Plaintiff and
2 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees not receiving
3 wages to compensate them for workdays in which Defendants did not provide them with rest periods
4 in compliance with California law.

5 30. **Failure to timely pay earned wages during employment:** In California, wages
6 must be paid at least twice during each calendar month on days designated in advance by the
7 employer as regular paydays, subject to some exceptions. Labor Code section 204(a). Wages earned
8 between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of any calendar month must be paid between the 16th and
9 the 26th day of that month and wages earned between the 16th and the last day, inclusive, of any
10 calendar month must be paid between the 1st and 10th day of the following month. *Id.* Other payroll
11 periods such as those that are weekly, biweekly, or semimonthly, must be paid within seven (7)
12 calendar days following the close of the payroll period in which wages were earned. Labor Code
13 section 204(d).

14 31. As a derivative of Plaintiff's claims above, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants failed to
15 timely pay Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
16 employees' earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages
17 and/or rest period premium wages), in violation of Labor Code section 204. Defendants'
18 aforementioned policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in their failure to pay Plaintiff's and
19 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' their earned
20 wages within the applicable time frames outlined in Labor Code section 204.

21 32. **Secret payment of lower wages than designated by statute:** Labor Code section
22 223 provides that, where any statute or contract requires an employer to maintain the designated
23 wage scale, it shall be unlawful to secretly pay a lower wage while purporting to pay the wage
24 designated by statute or contract. By engaging in the unlawful conduct alleged herein, including by
25 failing to: pay overtime wages at the applicable legal overtime rate, meal break premiums and lawful
26 sick pay at the employees' regular rate of pay, as established by Labor Code sections 226.7, 246,
27 510, 1194 and sections 11 and 12 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, as incorporated by Labor
28 Code section 1198, the Defendant secretly paid a lower wage than designated by statute while

1 purporting to pay the wages designated by statute, in violation of Labor Code section 223.

2 **33. Failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements:** Labor Code section
3 226, subdivision (a). Labor Code section 226(a) provides, *inter alia*, that, upon paying an employee
4 his or her wages, the employer must “furnish each of his or her employees ... an itemized statement
5 in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any
6 employee whose compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of
7 overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the Industrial Welfare
8 Commission, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee
9 is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided, that all deductions made on written orders
10 of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive
11 dates of the pay period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her
12 social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all
13 applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours
14 worked at each hourly rate by the employee.”

15 **34.** As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, Defendants’ failure to pay Plaintiff
16 and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages
17 earned (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and/or rest period
18 premium wages) rendered Plaintiff’s and other current and former aggrieved California-based
19 hourly non-exempt employees’ wage statements inaccurate, in violation of Labor Code section
20 226(a)(1, 2, 5 & 9).

21 **35. Failure to pay employees all wages due at time of termination/resignation:** An
22 employer is required to pay all unpaid wages timely after an employee’s employment ends. The
23 wages are due immediately upon termination (Labor Code section 201) or within seventy-two (72)
24 hours of resignation (Labor Code section 202).

25 **36.** As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, because Defendants failed to pay
26 Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all
27 their earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages,
28 and/or rest period premium wages), Defendants failed to pay those employees timely after each

1 employee's termination and/or resignation, in violation of Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203.

2 37. Labor Code sections 2699, subdivisions (a) and (g) authorize an aggrieved employee,
3 on behalf of himself or herself and other current or former employees, to bring a civil action to
4 recover civil penalties against all Defendants pursuant to the procedures specified in Labor Code
5 section 2699.3.

6 38. Plaintiff has complied with the procedures for bringing suit specified in Labor Code
7 section 2699.3. On April 30, 2025, Plaintiff filed a PAGA Claim Notice with the LWDA and
8 provided notice to Defendants by certified mail which provided notice of the specific provisions of
9 the Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the
10 violations alleged.

11 39. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, the LWDA must give written notice by
12 certified mail to the parties that it intends to investigate the alleged violations of the Labor Code
13 within 60 days of the date of the complainant's written notice. The LWDA failed to provide the
14 parties notice within 60 days of the date of Plaintiff's PAGA Claim Notice that the LWDA intends
15 to investigate Plaintiff's claims.

16 40. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 2699(a) and (f), Plaintiff is entitled to recover civil
17 penalties for Defendants' violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226(a), 226.7,
18 510, 512, 1194, and 1198., During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present,
19 preceding Plaintiff sending the initial PAGA Claim Notice to the LWDA to the present, in the
20 following amounts:

21 a. For violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 226(a), 226.7, and 1198,
22 one hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation and
23 two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent
24 violation [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)].

25 b. For violations of Labor Code section 226(a), alternatively, two hundred fifty
26 dollars (\$250) for each employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each
27 subsequent violation, one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each underpaid employee for each pay period
28 [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 226.3].

1 c. For violations of Labor Code section 510 and 512, fifty dollars (\$50) for each
2 employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, one
3 hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid employee for each pay period [penalty amounts
4 established by Labor Code section 558].

5 d. For violations of Labor Code section 204, one hundred dollars (\$100) for
6 each failure to pay each employee in any initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, or any
7 willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee,
8 plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld [penalty amounts established by Labor Code
9 section 210].

10 e. For violations of Labor Code section 223, one hundred dollars (\$100) for
11 each failure to pay each employee in any initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, or any
12 willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee,
13 plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld [penalty amounts established by Labor Code
14 section 225.5].

15 41. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(g), Plaintiff is entitled to an award of
16 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in connection with his claims for civil penalties.

17 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

18 **WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF, ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ON OTHER AGGRIEVED**
19 **EMPLOYEES, PRAYS AS FOLLOWS:**

20 **ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:**

21 1. That Defendants be found to have violated the provisions of the Labor Code and the
22 IWC Wages Orders as to the Plaintiff and aggrieved employees;

23 2. For any and all legally applicable penalties during the relevant statute of limitations
24 subject to any permissible tolling, including but not limited to those recoverable under the California
25 Labor Code, including but not limited to sections 210, 225.5, 226.3, 558, 2699(f);

26 3. For attorneys' fees and costs of suit, including but not limited to those recoverable
27 under California Labor Code section 2699(g); and

28 4. For such and other further relief, in law and/or equity, as the Court deems just or

1 appropriate.

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3 Dated: July 21, 2025

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