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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

NATHANIEL GRIFFY, as an individual and  
on behalf of all other current and former  
Aggrieved Employees,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RED HILL COUNTRY CLUB, a California  
nonprofit corporation; and DOES 1 through  
100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: CIVRS2504771

**REPRESENTATIVE ACTION  
COMPLAINT:**

**(1) CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THE  
PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL  
ACT (LABOR CODE § 2698 et seq.)**

**UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE**

1 Plaintiff Nathaniel Griffy ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and all other current and  
2 former Aggrieved Employees, hereby brings this Representative Action Complaint  
3 ("Complaint") against Red Hill Country Club, a nonprofit corporation; and DOES 1 to 100,  
4 inclusive (collectively "Defendants"), and on information and belief alleges as follows:

5 **JURISDICTION**

6 1. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all other current and former Aggrieved  
7 Employees, hereby brings this Complaint for recovery of recovery of civil penalties under  
8 California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), Cal. Labor Code §  
9 2698 *et seq.* This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants' violations of the California Labor Code  
10 because the amount in controversy exceeds this Court's jurisdictional minimum.

11 **VENUE**

12 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. §§  
13 395(a) and 395.5, as at least some of the acts and omissions complained of herein occurred in the  
14 County of San Bernardino. Defendants own, maintain offices, transact business, have agent(s)  
15 within the County of San Bernardino, and/or otherwise are found within the County of San  
16 Bernardino, and Defendants are within the jurisdiction of this Court for purposes of service of  
17 process.

18 **PARTIES**

19 3. Plaintiff is an individual over the age of eighteen (18). At all relevant times herein,  
20 Plaintiff was and currently is, a California resident. During the one year immediately preceding  
21 Plaintiff giving the required notice under the PAGA, and within the statute of limitations periods  
22 applicable to each cause of action pled herein, Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a non-  
23 exempt employee.

24 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that during the one  
25 year preceding Plaintiff giving the required notice under the PAGA, Defendants did (and  
26 continue to do) business as a private country club. Defendants employed Plaintiff and other,  
27 similarly-situated non-exempt employees within, among other counties, San Bernardino County  
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1 and the state of California and, therefore, were (and are) doing business in San Bernardino County  
2 and the State of California.

3 5. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities, whether individual, partner,  
4 or corporate, of the defendants sued herein as DOES 1 to 100, inclusive, and for that reason, said  
5 defendants are sued under such fictitious names, and Plaintiff will seek leave from this Court to  
6 amend this Complaint when such true names and capacities are discovered. Plaintiff is informed,  
7 and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of said fictitious defendants, whether individual,  
8 partners, or corporate, were responsible in some manner for the acts and omissions alleged herein,  
9 and proximately caused Plaintiff and other current and former Aggrieved Employees to be subject  
10 to the unlawful employment practices, wrongs, injuries and damages complained of herein.

11 6. Plaintiff is informed, and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times mentioned  
12 herein, Defendants were and are the employers of Plaintiff and the aggrieved employees.

13 7. At all times herein mentioned, each of said Defendants participated in the doing  
14 of the acts hereinafter alleged to have been done by the named Defendants; and furthermore, the  
15 Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, servants, and employees of each and every one of  
16 the other Defendants, as well as the agents of all Defendants, and at all times herein mentioned  
17 were acting within the course and scope of said agency and employment. Defendants, and each  
18 of them, approved of, condoned, and/or otherwise ratified each and every one of the acts or  
19 omissions complained of herein.

20 8. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants, and each of them, were members of  
21 and engaged in a joint venture, partnership, and common enterprise, and acting within the course  
22 and scope of and in pursuance of said joint venture, partnership, and common enterprise. Further,  
23 Plaintiff alleges that all Defendants were joint employers for all purposes of Plaintiff and all  
24 members of the Classes.

25 **GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

26 9. Plaintiff, a former non-exempt employee, was employed by Defendants from  
27 approximately January 2024 to about December 2024. Plaintiff's job title was Golf Course  
28 Maintenance, and his primary duty was general facility maintenance.

1           10.     Plaintiff was generally scheduled to work five to six days a week from 5:00 a.m.  
2 to 2:30 p.m.

3           11.     Defendants required Plaintiff to clock in and out by entering an employee code  
4 into a timeclock to keep track and record of his time worked.

5           12.     Throughout Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Defendants would keep  
6 track of Plaintiff's time worked and would unlawfully shave Plaintiff's work time and/or round  
7 Plaintiff's work time such that Plaintiff would not be fully paid for all time worked. Specifically,  
8 Defendants shaved and/or rounded Plaintiff's time worked to the nearest quarter hour. This time  
9 shaving/rounding practice utilized by Defendants was not even-handed over time and would  
10 round and shave in Defendants' favor such that Plaintiff was routinely underpaid for his time  
11 worked. During Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, he often worked in excess of 8 hours  
12 per workday and/or 40 hours per work week, and therefore, had Plaintiff been properly paid for  
13 all of the time that he actually worked, he would have been paid additional minimum and/or  
14 overtime wages. These practices by Defendants resulted in Defendants not properly tracking the  
15 time worked by Plaintiff and also resulted in Defendants paying Plaintiff less than he was owed  
16 for the work he performed, including failing to pay him all required minimum and overtime  
17 wages.

18           13.     Throughout Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Plaintiff was not provided  
19 all required meal periods due to Defendants' meal period policies and practices, which fail to  
20 provide 30-minute first meal periods before the end of the fifth hour of work. Additionally,  
21 Plaintiff's meal periods were regularly interrupted by Defendants. Due to Defendants' work  
22 demands, the meal periods were untimely, interrupted, or otherwise in violation of California law.  
23 Additionally, when Plaintiff worked in excess of 10.0 hours in a shift, Defendants failed to  
24 provide a second meal period in violation of California law.

25           14.     Although Plaintiff was not provided with all legally-compliant meal periods to  
26 which he was entitled, Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff with the required meal period  
27 premium for each workday in which he experienced a meal period violation as mandated by Labor  
28 Code § 226.7.

1           15.     Plaintiff was also not authorized and permitted to take all legally required and  
2 compliant rest periods due to Defendants' rest period policies and practices. Specifically, due to  
3 Defendants' rest period policies/practices, Plaintiff was not permitted to take a second rest period.  
4 Despite working 9.5 hours or more in a shift, Defendants did not authorize and permit one rest  
5 period for every four hours worked, or *major fraction thereof*.

6           16.     On those occasions when Plaintiff was not authorized and permitted to take all  
7 legally-compliant rest periods to which he was entitled, Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff  
8 with the required rest period premium for each workday in which he experienced a rest period  
9 violation as mandated by Labor Code § 226.7.

10          17.     Defendants also failed to reimburse Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees for  
11 necessary business expenses incurred during the relevant time period. Specifically, Defendants  
12 required Plaintiff to use his personal cellular phone for business purposes, but he was not  
13 reimbursed for his expenses. Accordingly, despite Plaintiff and the other non-exempt employees  
14 being required to use their personal cellular phones, Defendants did not reimburse Plaintiff or  
15 other non-exempt employees for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in  
16 direct consequence of the discharge of their duties, or of their obedience to the directions of the  
17 employer in violation of California law.

18          18.     As a result of Defendants' failure to pay all minimum and overtime wages, as well  
19 as meal and rest period premium wages, Defendants maintained inaccurate payroll records and  
20 issued inaccurate wage statements to Plaintiff.

21          19.     As a further result of Defendants' failure to pay all minimum and overtime wages,  
22 meal and rest period premium wages, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff all wages owed upon  
23 termination of employment with Defendants.

24                               **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

25                               **LABOR CODE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF 2004**

26                               **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

27          20.     Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

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21. Defendants have committed several Labor Code violations against Plaintiff and other Aggrieved Employees. Plaintiff, an “Aggrieved Employee” within the meaning of Labor Code § 2698 et seq., acting on behalf of herself and other Aggrieved Employees, brings this representative action against Defendants to recover the civil penalties due to Plaintiff, the other aggrieved employees, and the State of California according to proof pursuant to Labor Code § 2699 (a) and (f) including, but not limited to: (1) \$250.00 for each initial violation and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 226.3 per employee per pay period; and/or (2) no less than \$25.00 and up to \$200.00 for each aggrieved employee per pay period pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(f) for those violations of the Labor Code for which no civil penalty is specifically provided, based on the following Labor Code violations:

- a. Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 1194, 1194.2, and 1197 by failing to pay Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees the statutory minimum wage for all hours worked;
- b. Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, and 1198 by failing to pay Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees all overtime compensation earned;
- c. Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558 by failing to provide all legally required meal periods and failing to pay meal period premiums to Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees;
- d. Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, and 558 by failing to provide all legally required rest periods and failing to pay rest period premiums to Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees;
- e. Defendant violated Labor Code § 226 by failing to furnish Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees with accurate and compliant itemized wage statements;
- f. Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 201, 202 and 203 by failing to timely pay all final wages due to Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees;

g. Defendant violated Labor Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees for all necessary business expenditures incurred in the discharge of their duties; and

h. Defendant violated Labor Code § 1174 by failing to maintain accurate records on behalf of Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees.

22. On April 2, 2025, Plaintiff notified Defendants via certified mail, and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) via e-mail, of Defendants’ violations of the California Labor Code and Plaintiff’s intent to bring a claim for civil penalties under California Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.* with respect to violations of the California Labor Code identified in Paragraph 21 (a)-(h). Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the April 2, 2025 correspondence. Now that sixty-five days have passed from Plaintiff notifying Defendants of these violations, Plaintiff has exhausted his administrative requirements for bringing a claim under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act with respect to these violations.

23. Plaintiff was compelled to retain the services of counsel to file this court action to protect his interests and the interests of other aggrieved employees, and to assess and collect the civil penalties owed by Defendants. Plaintiff has thereby incurred attorneys’ fees and costs, which he is entitled to recover under California Labor Code § 2699(g).

### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment for himself and for all others on whose behalf this suit is brought against Defendants, as follows:

1. Upon the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties due to Plaintiff, other aggrieved employees, and the State of California according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 558 and 2699(a) and (f) including, but not limited to: (1) \$100.00 for each initial violation for each failure to pay each employee and \$200.00 for each subsequent violation or willful or intentional violation pursuant to Labor Code § 210 for each failure to pay each employee, plus 25% of the amount unlawfully withheld; (2) \$250.00 for each initial violation and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 226.3 per employee per pay period; (3) \$50.00 for each initial

1 violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 558 per employee  
2 per pay period; (4) no less than \$5,000.00 and up to \$25,000.00 for each violation pursuant to  
3 Labor Code § 226.8(b) and (c); and/or (5) no less than \$25.00 and up to \$200.00 for each  
4 aggrieved employee per pay period for those violations of the Labor Code for which no civil  
5 penalty is specifically provided, based on the Labor Code violations cited in Paragraph 21 (a)-  
6 (h) above.

7 2. Prejudgment interest on all due and unpaid wages pursuant to California Labor  
8 Code § 218.6 and Civil Code §§ 3287 and 3289;

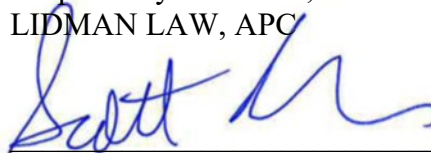
9 3. Upon the First Cause of Action, for attorneys' fees and costs as provided by Labor  
10 Code § 218.5 and Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and all other applicable statutes; and

11 4. For such other and further relief the Court may deem just and proper.

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13 Dated: June 9, 2025

Respectfully submitted,  
LIDMAN LAW, APC

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15 By:



16 Scott M. Lidman

17 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
18 NATHANIEL GRIFFY  
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April 2, 2025

**VIA LWDA WEBSITE**

Labor and Workforce Development Agency

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**VIA U.S. CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Red Hill Country Club, a California nonprofit corporation

C/O Eugene Miller

8358 Red Hill Country Club Drive

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Re: *Nathaniel Griffy v. Red Hill Country Club, a California nonprofit corporation*

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that this law firm represents Nathaniel Griffy in claims arising from his employment with Red Hill Country Club, a California nonprofit corporation (“Defendant”). Mr. Griffy is an “aggrieved employee” as defined by Labor Code sections 2699, *et seq.* due to Defendant’s numerous violations of the Labor Code as set forth below. The purpose of this letter is to comply with Labor Code section 2699.3, which requires aggrieved employees to notify their employer and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) of the specific provisions of the Labor Code allegedly violated.

For purposes of this letter, an “aggrieved employee” should be considered to include all current and former hourly, non-exempt employees in California who worked, at least in part, during the one year immediately preceding the date of this letter through the date of trial, the date judgment is entered, the date of settlement, and/or other date approved by the Court.

Mr. Griffy, a former non-exempt employee, was employed by Defendant from approximately January 2024 to about December 2024. During his employment with Defendant, Mr. Griffy’s job title was Golf Course Maintenance, and his primary duty was general facility maintenance.

During his employment with Defendant, Mr. Griffy was generally scheduled to work five to six days a week from 5:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Defendant required Mr. Griffy to clock in and out by entering an employee code into a timeclock to keep track and record of his time worked.

During his employment with Defendant, Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees were not paid for all time worked. Specifically, Defendant shaved and/or rounded Mr. Griffy's and other hourly, non-exempt employees' time worked to the nearest quarter hour. This time shaving/rounding practice utilized by Defendant was not even-handed over time and was in Defendant's favor such that Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees were routinely underpaid for their time worked. Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees often worked in excess of 8 hours per workday and/or 40 hours per work week, and therefore, had they been properly paid for all of the time that they actually worked, they would have been paid additional minimum and/or overtime wages.

Throughout Mr. Griffy's employment with Defendant, Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees often worked in excess of eight hours per workday and/or forty hours per workweek but did not receive proper overtime compensation equal to one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all overtime hours worked. Specifically, Defendant reimbursed Mr. Griffy and other, hourly non-exempt employees for meals. This reimbursement was not properly excludable as a matter of law when calculating employees' regular rate of pay. Despite Defendant's payment of the meal reimbursement, Defendant failed to include the increased hourly rate when calculating Mr. Griffy's and other hourly, non-exempt employees' regular rate of pay for purposes of overtime, thereby causing them to be underpaid for all their required overtime wages.

During his employment with Defendant, Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees were not provided all legally required meal periods due to Defendant's meal period policies and practices, which fail to provide 30-minute duty free first meal periods before the end of the fifth hour of work in violation of California law. Additionally, Defendant regularly interrupted Mr. Griffy's and other hourly, non-exempt employees' meal periods. As a result of the work demands imposed by Defendant, Defendant often provided meal periods that were either interrupted, late, or otherwise in violation of California law. Further, Defendant's meal period policies and practices failed to provide Mr. Griffy and the other non-exempt employees a second meal period for shifts over 10.0 hours.

Although Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees were not provided with all legally-compliant meal periods to which they were entitled, Defendant failed to compensate them with the required meal period premium for each workday in which they experienced a meal period violation as mandated by Labor Code § 226.7.

Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees were also not authorized and permitted to take all legally required and compliant rest periods due to Defendant's rest period policies and practices. Specifically, Defendant's policies/failed to provide a second rest period. As such, Defendant did not authorize and permit one rest period for every four hours worked, or *major fraction thereof*.

On those occasions when Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees were not authorized and permitted to take all legally-compliant rest periods to which they were

entitled, Defendant failed to compensate them with the required rest period premium for each workday in which they experienced a rest period violation as mandated by Labor Code § 226.7.

As a result of Defendant's failure to pay all minimum wages, overtime wages, as well as meal period premium wages and rest period premium wages, Defendant maintained inaccurate payroll records and issued inaccurate wage statements to Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees.

Defendant also failed to reimburse Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees for necessary business expenses incurred during the relevant time period. Specifically, Defendant required Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees to use their personal cellular phone for business purposes. Accordingly, despite Mr. Griffy and the other hourly, non-exempt employees being required to use their personal cellular phones, Defendant did not reimburse them for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employees in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties, or of their obedience to the directions of the employer in violation of California law.

As a result of Defendant's failure to pay all meal period premium wages and rest period premium wages, and the failure to pay all earned, accrued, and unused PTO wages, Defendant failed to pay Mr. Griffy and other former non-exempt employees all wages owed upon termination of employment with Defendant.

As described above, Defendant committed the following violations of the Labor Code and Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 10 ("Wage Order 10"):

#### Minimum Wage Violations

Defendant was required to pay Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees an hourly rate at least equal to the minimum wage for each hour actually worked. *See* Labor Code §§ 1194; 1194.2, 1197; The Wage Order 10, § 4. Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees were not paid for all hours worked due to Defendant's policy and practice of shaving and/or rounding non-exempt employees' time.

#### Overtime Violations

Defendant was required to pay Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees overtime wages for all hours worked in excess of eight hours per workday and/or forty hours per workweek. *See* Labor Code §§ 1194(a) and 1198; the Wage Order 10, § 3. According to Labor Code § 510(a), "Any work in excess of eight hours in one workday and any work in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek and the first eight hours worked on the seventh day of work in any one workweek shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for an employee." This Section further provides, "Any work in excess of 12 hours in one 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 hours on any seventh day of a workweek shall be compensated equal to one and one-half

times their regular rate of pay for all overtime hours worked.” As explained above, Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees worked overtime hours but were not properly compensated due to Defendant’s policy and practice of shaving and/or rounding time, and not using the regular rate of pay to calculate the overtime rate.

#### Meal Period Violations

As alleged above, Defendant failed to provide Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees with all required and compliant meal periods. *See* Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512; Wage Order 10, § 11. Specifically, due to the work demands imposed by Defendant, Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees were often unable to take a duty-free 30-minute meal period before the end of the fifth hour of work and were often interrupted. As a result, their meal periods were often late, short, interrupted, missed, or otherwise unlawful. As a result, Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees are owed an additional hour of wages at their regular rate of compensation for each workday they experienced a meal period violation. *See* Labor Code § 226.7 (“If an employer fails to provide an employee a meal or rest or recovery period in accordance with ... [an] order of the Industrial Welfare Commission ... the employer shall pay the employee one additional hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of compensation for each workday that the meal or rest or recovery period is not provided.”). Although Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees were not provided with all legally-compliant meal periods to which they were entitled, Defendant failed to compensate Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees with the required meal period premium for each workday in which they experienced a meal period violation as mandated by Labor Code § 226.7.

#### Rest Period Violations

Defendant also failed to authorize and permit Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees to take all required rest periods. *See* Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 516; Wage Order 10, § 12. As alleged above, Defendant’s rest period policies/practices fail to authorize and permit all rest periods for every four hours worked, or *major fraction thereof*. Specifically, as a result of the work demands imposed by Defendant, Defendant did not authorize and permit all rest periods. As a result, Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees are owed an additional hour of wages at their regular rate of compensation for each workday that they were not authorized and permitted to take all legally required rest periods. *See* Labor Code § 226.7 (“If an employer fails to provide an employee a meal period or rest period in accordance with an applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission, the employer shall pay the employee one additional hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of compensation for each workday that the meal or rest period is not provided.”)

#### Wage Statement Violations

Defendant knowingly and intentionally, as a matter of uniform practice and policy, failed to furnish Mr. Griffy and other Aggrieved Employees with accurate and complete, itemized wage statements that included, among other requirements, all minimum and overtime wages earned, meal and rest period premiums, in violation of Labor Code § 226

*et seq.* Defendant's failure to furnish Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees with complete and accurate, itemized wage statements resulted in actual injury, as said failures led to, among other things, the non-payment of all minimum and overtime wages earned, and meal and rest period premium wages, and deprived them of the information necessary to identify discrepancies in Defendant's reported data.

#### Waiting Time Penalties

Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 require that employees receive all of their final wages at the time of their separation of employment. Defendant failed to timely pay Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees all of their final wages at the time of separation, which included, among other things, underpaid minimum and overtime wages, and meal and rest period premium wages.

Pursuant to Labor Code § 203, Defendant's failure to pay all final wages due to their aggrieved employees was willful and, consequently, entitles the aggrieved employees to waiting time penalties equal to one day of wages at their standard hourly rate for each day Defendant failed to pay their final wages after their separation, up to a maximum of thirty days.

#### Failure to Reimburse Necessary Expenditures

As described above, Defendant required Mr. Griffy and other hourly, non-exempt employees to use their personal cellular phone to discharge their duties. Accordingly, despite the non-exempt employees being required to use their personal cellular phone, Defendant did not reimburse Mr. Griffy or other hourly, non-exempt employees for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties, or of their obedience to the directions of the employer in violation of California law. Defendant's policy of not providing reimbursement for necessary work-related expenses is in violation of Wage Order 9, and Labor Code §§ 2802 and 2804 ("An employer shall indemnify his or her employees for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or obedience to the directions of the employer."). Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees are therefore entitled to reimbursement of such unpaid work expenses with interest.

As an "aggrieved employee," Mr. Griffy will initiate a civil action on behalf of himself and other Aggrieved Employees to recover damages, statutory penalties, and civil penalties resulting from the wage and hour violations alleged herein. Based on Mr. Griffy's own investigation, and on information and belief, Defendant committed the following Labor Code violations:

- a) Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 1194, 1194.2, and 1197 by failing to pay Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees the statutory minimum wage for all hours worked;

- b) Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, and 1198 by failing to pay Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees all overtime compensation earned;
- c) Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558 by failing to provide all legally required meal periods and failing to pay meal period premiums to Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees;
- d) Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, and 558 by failing to provide all legally required rest periods and failing to pay rest period premiums to Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees;
- e) Defendant violated Labor Code § 226 by failing to furnish Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees with accurate and compliant itemized wage statements;
- f) Defendant violated Labor Code §§ 201, 202 and 203 by failing to timely pay all final wages due to Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees;
- g) Defendant violated Labor Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees for all necessary business expenditures incurred in the discharge of their duties; and
- h) Defendant violated Labor Code § 1174 by failing to maintain accurate records on behalf of Mr. Griffy and other aggrieved employees.

Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3(a)(2)(A), please notify us and Defendant if the LWDA intends to investigate these alleged violations of the Labor Code. Please contact me should you require additional information.

Very truly yours,

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Scott M. Lidman