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9 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

10 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

11 ALAN GARIBAY,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 WILSHIRE COUNTRY CLUB and DOES
15 1 to 25, inclusive,
16 Defendant.

Case No.: 23STCV14264

**PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA
SETTLEMENT; MEMORANDUM OF
POINTS AND AUTHORITIES THEREOF**

Action filed: 6/20/23

Date: 1/7/26
Time: 8:30am
Dept: 32, Hon.
Daniel S. Murphy

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Submitted Herewith Under Separate Cover:

1. Declaration of Harout Messrelian in Support of Unopposed Motion for Approval of PAGA Settlement; Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof;
2. [Proposed] Order

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TO THE COURT AND TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

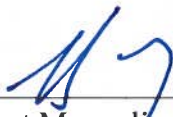
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on January 7, 2026 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department 32 of the above-entitled Court, Plaintiff Alan Garibay ("Plaintiff") will and hereby does move unopposed, the Court, pursuant to Labor Code § 2698 et seq., for an order approving the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), Cal. Labor Code § 2698 et seq., settlement agreement between Plaintiff and Defendant WILSHIRE COUNTRY CLUB (hereinafter "Defendant(s)" or "WILSHIRE") (collectively, "the Parties")

This Motion is based on this Notice, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities; the concurrently-filed Declaration of Harout Messrelian, the papers and pleadings on file in this action, any and such other evidence and oral argument as may be presented in connection with the hearing on this Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

MESSRELIAN LAW INC.

DATED: December 10, 2025

By  _____
Harout Messrelian, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
ALAN GARIBAY

1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

2 **I. INTRODUCTION**

3 Plaintiff and Defendant have reached an agreement to settle the above-captioned action
4 (the "Action"). Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to as the "Parties" and any one
5 of them individually may be referred to as a "Party." The Parties have memorialized the terms
6 of this settlement in a "Private Attorneys General Act Settlement Agreement and Release" (the
7 "Settlement Agreement"). Attached as **Exhibit 1** to the Declaration of Harout Messrelian
8 ("Messrelian Decl.") is a true and accurate copy of the Settlement Agreement and the PAGA
9 notice that will be sent to the alleged aggrieved employees covered by the Settlement Agreement,
10 being Plaintiff and all current and former non-exempt employees of Defendants in the State of
11 California from April 16, 2022 through April 13, 2025 ("PAGA Members"), with their payment.
12 By this Motion and pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(l), Plaintiff seeks an order
13 permitting settlement on the terms outlined in the Settlement Agreement.

14 **II. ALLEGATIONS AND INVESTIGATION**

15 Defendant Wilshire Country Club is a private corporation that owns and operates
16 a golf club located at 301 N. Rossmore Ave in Los Angeles, CA . Plaintiff Alan Garibay started
17 working at WILSHIRE on or around August 16, 2022. Plaintiff was classified as an hourly, non-
18 exempt employee. Plaintiff's employment ended on or around October 21, 2022. *See*
19 Declaration of Harout Messrelian ("Messrelian Decl.") ¶4.

20 Plaintiff complied with the procedures of Labor Code § 2699.3 for bringing suit under
21 the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq. ("PAGA").
22 On November 15, 2022, Plaintiff on behalf of himself and Defendant' California non-exempt
23 employees (hereafter collectively the "Aggrieved Employees") gave written notice by electronic
24 service to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and via
25 certified mail to Defendant of their claims against Defendant. In his notice to the LWDA,
26 Plaintiff asserted on behalf of himself and the Aggrieved Employees that Defendant (1) failed
27 to compensate for all hours worked and to pay minimum wages (Labor Code Sections 1194,
28 1197, 1197.1); (2) failed to pay overtime compensation (Labor Code Section 510); (3) failed to

1 provide rest breaks (Labor Code Section 226.7); (4) failed to provide meal breaks (Labor Code
2 Sections 512, 226.7); (5) failed to timely pay wages due during employment (Labor Code
3 Section 204); (6) failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements (Labor Code Section 226);
4 (7) failed to keep accurate and complete payroll records (Labor Code Section 1174/1174.5);(8)
5 failed to pay wages at the end of employment (Labor Code section 203); and (9) failed to
6 reimburse business expenses (Labor Code section 2802). Plaintiff filed his initial lawsuit on
7 June 20, 2023, in the Superior Court for the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case
8 No. 23STCV14264, with one cause of action for PAGA penalties based on the theories as
9 outlined in the PAGA letter. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶5.

10 Through informal discovery, Defendant produced records and represented that it
11 employed approximately 171 employees falling within Plaintiff's Aggrieved Employees
12 definition for the period from April 16, 2022 (one year and 65 days before Plaintiff's PAGA
13 lawsuit filing date) through April 13, 2025, and that there are paychecks issued for a total of
14 approximately 6,582 pay periods worked for that same time period. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶6.

15 The Settlement Agreement covers PAGA Members, which are Aggrieved Employees
16 employed on or after April 16, 2022 through April 13, 2025. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶7.

17 Defendant denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever associated with
18 the lawsuit and the Representative PAGA Claim. It is the desire of the Parties to fully, finally,
19 and forever compromise, and discharge all claims known or unknown related to those alleged
20 in Plaintiff's lawsuit. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶8.

21 The parties attended a full-day mediation with experienced mediator Kevin Barnes on
22 February 6, 2025, and settled the matter at mediation. Before agreeing to the terms of the
23 Settlement, the Parties engaged in informal discovery regarding Defendant' policies, practices,
24 operations, time and payroll information and other topics. Prior to negotiation, Defendant
25 produced Plaintiff's personnel file, payroll data for Plaintiff, and time records and payroll
26 records for 32 aggrieved employees falling within Plaintiff's Aggrieved Employees definition
27 and during the applicable PAGA period. Through extensive arm's length negotiations with the
28 assistance of a private mediator and only after informal discovery and investigation were

1 performed, the Parties agreed to settlement terms. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate
2 copy of the "PAGA Settlement Agreement" (hereinafter "Settlement Agreement") along with
3 the notice that will be sent, with payment, to the PAGA Members covered by the Settlement
4 Agreement. As alluded to above, the Parties negotiated the PAGA claims through arms-length
5 negotiation during a private mediation, and only after sufficient discovery was completed,
6 including data being sent to Plaintiff's data expert for analysis/review. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶9.

7 The Parties conducted investigation of the facts and law both before and after the lawsuit
8 was filed. Counsel for the Parties have further investigated the applicable law as applied to the
9 facts discovered regarding Plaintiff's claims, the defenses thereto, and the Labor Code violations
10 claimed by Plaintiff. Based on their own independent investigations and evaluations, the Parties
11 and their respective counsel are of the opinion that the Settlement for the consideration and on
12 the terms set forth in this Motion are fair, reasonable and adequate and are in the best interests
13 of Plaintiff, the PAGA Members, and Defendant in light of all known facts and circumstances
14 and the risks inherent in litigation, especially in this post-pandemic era when most California
15 businesses are still struggling to remain afloat due to economic conditions, much less prosper
16 and make a large profit. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶10.

17 The Parties further recognize that the issues presented in the Action are likely only to be
18 resolved with extensive and costly pretrial and trial proceedings, and that further litigation will
19 cause inconvenience, distraction, disruption, delay, and expense disproportionate to the
20 maximum potential benefits, especially in light of the post- pandemic era and the business
21 climate. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶11.

22 **III. FAIRNESS OF THE SETTLEMENT**

23 While this Action is a representative PAGA claim, the Parties are not obligated to follow
24 the class action procedural rules for obtaining approval of this settlement. *Arias v. Superior Court*
25 (*Angelo Dairy*) (2009) 46 Cal.4th 969.

26 Plaintiff alleges that the strongest claim is that Plaintiff and other PAGA Members were
27 not provided compliant meal breaks under the law, as this is essentially a meal break case. *See*
28 Messrelian Decl., ¶12.

1 Plaintiff contends that the civil penalty statutes applicable to the Action arise from
2 violations of the California Labor Code, including, but not limited to, Labor Code §§ 226.7,
3 512, 558, and 2699(f)(2). Under these civil penalty statutes, an employee who suffers a Labor
4 Code violation may be awarded a sum of money for each pay period in which he or she was
5 underpaid. However, under Labor Code § 2699(e)(2), the Court can reduce an award of civil
6 penalties if the award is unjust, arbitrary, oppressive, or confiscatory. . See Messrelian Decl.,
7 ¶13.

8 As it relates to Plaintiff's argument for meal break violations, Plaintiff's data analysis
9 revealed a shift violation rate of 19.8% for short, late, or no meal breaks for shifts that were 5
10 hours or greater. The data revealed that 97.8% of shifts in the sample were 5 hours or greater.
11 As such, we are dealing with violations covering 6,437 pay periods [6,582 pay periods x 97.8%].
12 If you extrapolate the 19.8% shift violation rate, it amounts to 86.6% of pay periods having at
13 least one meal period violation. As such, the maximum exposure for meal period violations in
14 the PAGA period would be **\$278,700**, which is calculated as follows: 6,437 pay periods x 86.6%
15 equals 5,574 affected pay periods; 5,574 pay periods x \$50/pay period (civil penalty) amounts
16 to \$278,700 in exposure. The latter exposure calculation does not take into account the fact that
17 Defendant had meal period policies during the relevant PAGA period and that the sample data
18 revealed 273 meal period premiums paid to employees. In addition, there are risks to Plaintiff's
19 meal period claims. Defendant contends that, to establish a violation for missed meal periods,
20 a plaintiff must do more than show that a meal break was not taken. Determining by a review of
21 Defendant's time records the exact reasons why a meal period appears to be short or late or not
22 taken would be difficult and would be a challenge. Additionally, Defendant paid meal period
23 premiums as mentioned above. See Messrelian Decl., ¶14.

24 As it relates to Plaintiff's other claims, and unlike the arguments for meal period
25 violations, there would be issues with proof As it relates to Plaintiff's arguments for rounding,
26 the data revealed that work hours were paid to the second decimal point and there was no indicia
27 of rounding. As it relates to Plaintiff's argument for business expense reimbursement, there
28 would be issues since personal cell phone use was not allowed and there were walkie-talkies

1 provided to employees. In terms of uniforms, the company provided shirts and a jacket. *See*
2 *Messrelian Decl.*, ¶15.

3 In terms of any potential regular rate issue as it relates to overtime or meal/rest
4 period premiums based on bonuses made, there would be problems since Defendant argued that
5 the bonuses were discretionary in nature, including a Christmas bonus. As it relates to straight
6 overtime issues, the data showed that overtime hours were paid correctly when employees did
7 in fact work overtime. As it relates to Plaintiff's claims regarding rest break violations,
8 Defendant contends they provided non-exempt employees with the opportunity to take rest
9 breaks in accordance with California law, and, accordingly, that Plaintiff's rest break claim has
10 no support. Furthermore, employers are not required to record rest periods, and such periods are
11 paid. Unlike meal periods, where there are often records showing whether an employee clocked
12 out or not, there is no such evidence to prove a missed rest period or that the employer refused
13 to authorize and permit one. Furthermore, Defendant had compliant rest period policies.
14 Plaintiff's other claims are derivative claims for violations of Labor Code sections 203, 204, and
15 226 for not being paid all wages owed every pay period or at the end of employment as well as
16 not receiving accurate, itemized wage statements, and would not be triggered since meal period
17 violations do not trigger these derivative claims. *See Messrelian Decl.*, ¶16.

18 Based on the above calculations, Plaintiff's aggregate exposure for the strongest
19 disputed claims would be \$278,700. Assuming that Plaintiff's calculations and analysis are
20 accurate, the maximum exposure presumes that the Court will not reduce the penalty award as
21 unjust, arbitrary, oppressive, or confiscatory. Based on the above analysis, a gross settlement in
22 the amount of **\$167,500** is a very strong result, especially in light of the risk factors as discussed
23 above. *See Messrelian Decl.*, ¶17.

24 Moreover, Plaintiff is aware of no California state courts awarding Plaintiff
25 multiple PAGA penalties for the same violation for the same pay period under different Labor
26 Code provisions. As such, one of the risks Plaintiff faces is that the Court would refuse to "stack"
27 civil penalties arising under the various Labor Code statutes. Furthermore, judges have awarded
28 extremely small sums to PAGA claimants in the past. Defendant also adamantly disputes all of

1 Plaintiff's allegations in the operative Complaint. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶18.

2 PAGA states a court has discretion to award a lesser amount than the maximum
3 penalty. *See Lab. Code* § 2699(e)(2) (“...a court may award a lesser amount than the maximum
4 civil penalty amount specified by this part if, based on the facts and circumstances of the
5 particular case, to do otherwise would result in an award that is unjust, arbitrary and oppressive,
6 or confiscatory.”); *see also Thurman v. Bayshore Transit Management, Inc.* (2012) 203
7 Cal.App.4th 1112, 1135 (reducing PAGA award). There is a substantial risk that the Court could
8 reduce civil penalties to an insignificant amount if it is unpersuaded by Plaintiff's evidence of
9 willful and intentional conduct. *Carrington v. Starbucks* (2018) 30 Cal.App.5th 504
10 (“*Carrington*”) illustrates this. In that case, the Court of Appeal affirmed a trial court's heavily
11 discounted award of only \$5 per violation because it was within the Court's discretion to
12 significantly reduce PAGA penalties even when there is a finding that a violation of the
13 California Labor Code occurred. The plaintiff in *Carrington* had requested penalties in excess of
14 \$70 million and was successful in proving the PAGA claim during a bench trial. However, the
15 trial court reduced the total award after trial to only \$150,000 (30,000 violations x \$5) and stated
16 that this reduction was warranted because imposing the maximum penalty would be “unjust,
17 arbitrary, and oppressive”, based on Starbucks's “good faith attempts” to comply with meal break
18 obligations and because the Court found the violations were minimal. Applying the same formula
19 here and assuming there was one violation during each pay period, the award of civil penalties
20 could not exceed \$32,910 in PAGA penalties (6,582 violations x \$5), and given the nature of the
21 violations and the fact that meal period premiums were paid, there is a substantial risk of a similar
22 formula being applied. As such, this Settlement is a great result based solely on the risk the Court
23 chooses to apply the *Carrington* formula. Thus, the chance of Plaintiff recovering a higher
24 amount than the Gross Settlement Amount is uncertain. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶19.

25 The Parties further recognize that the issues presented in the Action are likely
26 only to be resolved with extensive and costly pretrial and trial proceedings, and that further
27 litigation will cause inconvenience, distraction, disruption, delay, and expense disproportionate
28 to the maximum potential benefits to the PAGA Members and Plaintiff from continued

1 litigation. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶20.

2 The settlement of the Action involves monetary relief to all PAGA Members,
3 Plaintiff, his attorneys, and the State of California. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶21.

4 Furthermore, Plaintiff recognizes that continued litigation presents significant
5 risks that support a significant downward departure from Plaintiff's estimated civil penalties
6 amount. In view of the risks, the Settlement represents a fair, adequate, and reasonable
7 compromise amount for these claims and is in the best interest of Plaintiff and PAGA Members
8 and thus, warrants approval. *See Laguna v. Coverall N. Am., Inc.*, Case No. 12-55479 (9th Cir.
9 June 3, 2014) 2014 WL 2465049, * 3. The PAGA settlement and its terms are fair, just,
10 reasonable, adequate, and equitable to Plaintiff, the aggrieved employees, and the State,
11 especially in light of the current economic climate, and are the product of good faith, and
12 informed arms-length negotiations between the Parties consistent with public policy and fully
13 comply with applicable provisions of law. *See* Messrelian Decl., ¶22.

14 **IV. TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT**

15 The Settlement Agreement covers all claims against the Released Parties (as defined in
16 the Settlement Agreement) arising during the Settlement Period for civil penalties under PAGA
17 that were asserted or could reasonably have been asserted based on the facts alleged or that could
18 have been alleged in the Action and/or the PAGA letters submitted by Plaintiff to the LWDA
19 with respect to PAGA Members from April 16, 2022 through April 13, 2025, including claims
20 for civil penalties under the PAGA for the alleged failure to: properly pay for all hours worked,
21 pay all minimum wages, pay all overtime wages, provide lawful meal periods or provide meal
22 premium compensation in lieu thereof, authorize or permit lawful rest breaks or provide rest
23 premium compensation in lieu thereof, reimburse necessary business expenses, timely pay all
24 wages during employment and upon separation of employment, provide compliant wage
25 statements, and for civil penalties for violation of and/or based on California Labor Code §§ 201,
26 202, 203, 204 and/or 204b, 210, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1197,
27 1198, and 2802, and all applicable Wage Orders. *See generally* Messrelian Decl., **Exhibit 1**,
28 paragraph 5.

1 Defendant agrees to pay \$167,500.00 toward the Settlement (the “Gross Settlement
2 Amount” or “GSA”) which will be distributed as follows:

- 3 i. \$55,833.33 (1/3 of the GSA) in attorneys’ fees to Harout Messrelian, Esq. of
4 Messrelian Law Inc.
- 5 ii. \$9,130.84 in attorney litigation costs to Harout Messrelian, Esq. of Messrelian
6 Law Inc.
- 7 iii. \$4,000.00 in PAGA Settlement Administrator costs to the Settlement
8 Administrators (Apex).
- 9 iv. \$98,535.83 (the “Net Settlement Amount” or “NSA”) will be divided as follows:
 - 10 a. \$73,901.87 (75% of “NSA”) to the LWDA, which represents civil
11 penalties payable to the LWDA under the Labor Code Private Attorneys
12 General Act (“PAGA”), Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.*; and
 - 13 b. \$24,633.96 (25% of NSA) (the “PAGA Members Amount”) to the PAGA
14 Members, which represents civil penalties payable to the PAGA Members
15 as civil penalties that are allegedly owed in the Action for the period from
16 April 16, 2022 through April 13, 2025. *See* Messrelian Decl., **Exhibit 1**,
17 paragraph 3.2.3.

18 Plaintiff and each PAGA Member shall receive a portion of the PAGA Members Amount
19 in proportion to the number of pay periods employed in California during the Settlement Period.
20 *See* Messrelian Decl., **Exhibit 1**, paragraph 3.2.3.1.

21 For purposes of computing taxes, one-hundred percent (100%) of the Aggrieved
22 Employee Settlement Award shall be considered to be a civil penalty and shall be reported on a
23 federal form 1099. *See* Messrelian Decl., **Exhibit 1**, paragraph 3.2.3.2.

24 **V. THE PROPOSED FEE AMOUNT FOR ATTORNEY’S FEES AND COST**
25 **AMOUNT FOR LITIGATION EXPENSES IS FAIR, ADEQUATE, AND REASONABLE**
26 **AND SHOULD BE APPROVED**

27 Plaintiff’s counsel represents Plaintiff on a straight contingency basis. Plaintiff’s counsel’s
28 request for \$55,833.33 in attorney fees and \$9,130.84 in litigation costs is fair and reasonable.

1 “Empirical studies show that, regardless of whether the percentage method or the lodestar method
2 is used, fee awards in class actions average around one-third of the recovery. *Chavez v. Netflix,*
3 *Inc.* (2008) 162 Cal.App.4th 43, 47 fn. 11 (quoting *Shaw v. Toshiba America Information Systems,*
4 *Inc.* (E.D. Tex. 2000) 91 F.Supp.2d 942, 972; *See also Lafitte v. Robert Half Int’l Inc.* (Cal. Aug.
5 11, 2016) 1 Cal.5th 480, 503, 376 P.3d 672, 686 (holding that courts can use the percentage method
6 for the calculation of attorneys’ fees). This is also consistent with Plaintiff’s Counsel’s experience
7 in cases involving PAGA claims. This award is justified here because Plaintiff’s counsel achieved
8 a strong result for the PAGA Members and the State while bearing the substantial burdens of
9 contingency representation. *See Messrelian Decl.*, ¶¶25-26.

10 It is an accepted practice in wage and hour class action settlements to award attorneys’
11 fees to Plaintiff’s Counsel based on a percentage of the total settlement value agreed upon by the
12 Parties. California courts have long recognized that an appropriate method for awarding
13 attorneys’ fees in class actions is to award a percentage of the common fund. (*Serrano v. Priest*
14 (1977), 20 Cal.3d. 25, 48-49 [“when a number of persons are entitled in common to a specific
15 fund, and an action brought by a plaintiff or plaintiffs for the benefit of all results in the creation
16 or preservation of that fund, such plaintiff or plaintiffs may be awarded attorney’s fees out of the
17 fund”]; *Wershba v. Apple Computer, Inc.* (2001), 91 Cal.App.4th, 230, 254; *Lealao v. Beneficial*
18 *California, Inc.* (2000) 82 Cal.App.4th 19, 26-30.)

19 The litigation costs expended to aid in the representation of the PAGA Members
20 include the following: lawsuit filing fee of \$454.22; PAGA initial filing fees of \$75.00; expert
21 data analysis fee of \$1,000.00; mediation fee of \$7,500.00; and miscellaneous filing fees of
22 \$101.62 for a total of \$9,130.84. All of these costs are documented and reasonably incurred. *See*
23 *Messrelian Decl.*, ¶27.

24 **VI. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY OR WRONGDOING**

25 This Settlement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. The
26 Parties expressly recognize that the making of this agreement does not in any way constitute an
27 admission or concession of wrongdoing on the part of Defendants or the Released Parties. *See*
28 *Messrelian Decl.*, **Exhibit 1**, paragraph 10.1.

1 **VII. PAGA SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

2 The Parties agree to use Apex Class Action Administration to handle the administration
3 of this Settlement. *See* Messrelian Decl., **Exhibit 1**, paragraph 7.1.

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5 Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 20 days of the Court's execution of the Approval Order,
6 Defendant will simultaneously deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the
7 form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employee' privacy rights, the
8 Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved
9 Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access
10 to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Aggrieved
11 Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to
12 immediately notify PAGA Counsel if it discovers that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted
13 employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data
14 as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must
15 send the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will
16 expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related
17 to missing or omitted Aggrieved Employee Data.

18 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount
19 by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 30 days after the Effective Date.

20 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross
21 Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, the
22 LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the PAGA Counsel Expenses
23 Payment. Disbursement of the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment shall not precede
24 disbursement of Individual PAGA Payments.

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26 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the
27 Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall
28 prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will
be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. Before mailing

1 any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the
2 National Change of Address Database.

3 The Administrator must conduct an Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all Aggrieved
4 Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7
5 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS
6 forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee
7 Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Aggrieved
8 Employees whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall
9 promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost
10 or misplaced, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to the void date.

11 For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled
12 after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the
13 California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee.

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15 The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional
16 benefits or make any additional payments to the Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k)
17 contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

18 See Messrelian Decl., **Exhibit 1**, paragraphs 4.2 to 4.4.4.

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20 **VIII. CONCLUSION**

21 Based upon all of the above and the other documents filed in support of this Motion,
22 Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant this Motion.

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24 Respectfully Submitted,
25 **MESSRELIAN LAW INC.**

26 DATED: December 10, 2025

27 By 
28 HAROUT MESSRELIAN, ESQ.
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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PROOF OF SERVICE BY E-MAIL
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, state that I am employed in the aforesaid County, State of California; I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 101 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 1450, Glendale, California 91203 and my email address is hm@messrelianlaw.com.

On **December 10, 2025**, I served the foregoing: **PLAINTIFF’S NOTICE OF UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA SETTLEMENT; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES THEREOF; DECLARATION OF HAROUT MESSRELIAN IN SUPPORT OF UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA SETTLEMENT; [PROPOSED] ORDER ON UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA SETTLEMENT** on the interested parties by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Glendale, California, and/or by following one of the methods of service as follows:

CLARK HILL LLP
Lisa Reimbold
lreimbold@clarkhill.com
Attorneys for Defendants

(X) **(BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION)** Pursuant to electronic service CCP Sec 1010.6, I transmitted the document(s) electronically to the person (s) at the email address(es) above. Transmission was reported as complete and without error.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on **December 10, 2025**, at Glendale, California.



Harout Messrelian



Make a Reservation

ALAN GARIBAY vs WILSHIRE COUNTRY CLUB

Case Number: 23STCV14264 Case Type: Civil Unlimited Category: Other Employment Complaint Case
Date Filed: 2023-06-20 Location: Stanley Mosk Courthouse - Department 32

Reservation

Case Name: ALAN GARIBAY vs WILSHIRE COUNTRY CLUB	Case Number: 23STCV14264
Type: Motion for Order (Approving PAGA Settlement)	Status: RESERVED
Filing Party: Alan Garibay (Plaintiff)	Location: Stanley Mosk Courthouse - Department 32
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Reservation ID: 381440487187	Confirmation Code: CR-8CMXKYUZ2YKGWJDAU

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TOTAL			\$0.00

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