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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES—SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE**

TRACIE SMITH, individually, and on behalf  
of other members of the general public  
similarly situated and on behalf of other  
aggrieved employees pursuant to the  
California Private Attorneys General Act;

Plaintiff,

vs.

SUPERIOR PROTECTION SERVICES CA,  
INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1  
through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 25STCV23373

Honorable Samantha P. Jessner  
Department 7

**CLASS ACTION**

**DECLARATION OF TRACIE SMITH  
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY  
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION  
AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

Hearing Date: November 3, 2026  
Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Department: 7

Complaint Filed: August 8, 2025  
FAC Filed: June 18, 2026  
Trial Date: None Set

**DECLARATION OF TRACIE SMITH**

I, Tracie Smith, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age and a resident of California. I am the named plaintiff in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the facts and statements set forth in this declaration, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. I was employed by Superior Protection Services, CA, Inc. ("Defendant") from approximately August 2019 to approximately November 2024 as a non-exempt security guard. I decided to seek legal advice about my work experiences with Defendant and about pursuing my grievances. I contacted Lawyers *for* Justice, PC and spoke with attorneys there. I wanted to do whatever I could to make sure Defendant was held accountable for not properly compensating its employees for all hours worked, non-compliant meal and rest breaks, and failure to reimburse expenses. I consulted with the attorneys and staff at Lawyers *for* Justice, PC discussing my situation, complex wage-and-hour class actions and representative actions under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") in general, and what it meant to be a named plaintiff, class representative, and a PAGA representative. Prior to commencing the case, I was informed of and came to understand what my duties and responsibilities would be as a plaintiff, a PAGA representative, and also, if class certification were to be obtained and if I were to be appointed as a representative of the class, what my duties and responsibilities would be in that event.

3. Throughout the case, I have spent time speaking with my attorneys regarding the case and fulfilling my responsibilities as a class representative and PAGA representative, which included gathering documents concerning my employment with Defendant, reviewing documents with my attorneys, answering questions, providing guidance regarding the duties of other non-exempt security guards, and helping develop a strategy as to what documents and information to obtain from Defendant. I routinely checked in with my attorneys and their staff to make sure that they had all of my most current information and any additional information that I had obtained.

4. Throughout this matter, I was available to answer any questions my attorneys had, and available to speak and meet with my attorneys whenever they needed me. I responded to them as quickly as possible and gave them as much information and identified as many documents as I could. I spent time speaking with my attorneys about the case, identifying potential witnesses,

1 providing my attorneys with documents and information concerning the case, and also describing  
2 policies, practices, and procedures of Defendant.

3         5.       As far as the settlement is concerned, I was available to review documents and  
4 answer any questions my attorneys had. I reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and the  
5 Settlement Agreement and discussed the questions I had regarding the potential settlement with my  
6 attorneys before signing the settlement papers.

7         6.       I understand that a settlement has been reached in my case and what my duties and  
8 responsibilities are as a class and PAGA representative. For example, I am aware that if the  
9 settlement is granted preliminary approval, the Court will certify a class for settlement purposes,  
10 and likely appoint me as the representative of the class and my attorneys as counsel for the class. I  
11 also understand that my duties will include checking in on, monitoring, and conferring with my  
12 attorneys to facilitate the notice and settlement administration process, and to provide information  
13 that the Court needs in order to assess whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.  
14 Further, if any individuals who are potential class members contact me, I will take steps to have  
15 them referred to the Court-appointed settlement administrator so that these individuals may receive  
16 the necessary information and notice they may be eligible to receive in connection with the  
17 settlement and contemplated final approval hearing.

18         7.       I believe that I have done everything that my attorneys have asked of me and have  
19 tried, to the best of my ability, to represent the class and pursue relief on behalf of other class  
20 members and the State of California with respect to aggrieved employees. I have volunteered to  
21 represent and champion the interests of many other people with similar claims and injuries because  
22 of the importance of the case and the necessity that all class members and aggrieved employees  
23 benefit from the lawsuit equally. I understand that as a proposed class representative, and if  
24 formally appointed as a class representative, I have and continue to represent the interests of all  
25 members of the class in litigation to recover relief for the class. As a non-exempt security guard of  
26 Defendant who was subject to the same policies, practices, and procedures as the other members of  
27 the class, I have claims that are typical of those of the class. I consider the interests of the class just  
28 as I would consider my own interests. I understand that I may need to put the interests of the class

1 before my own interests, although I have no reason to believe that my interests are in conflict with  
2 the interests of the class. I understand that any resolution of the lawsuit is subject to court approval  
3 and must be in the best interest of the class as a whole. I have participated, and continue to  
4 participate, in the lawsuit as necessary. I have actively followed and monitored the progress of the  
5 lawsuit, and have taken steps to make sure that the litigation is prosecuted by the skilled and  
6 effective attorneys that I have retained.

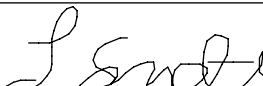
7 8. I think my efforts helped to get the result obtained in this matter, and as a potential  
8 class and PAGA representative, I respectfully request that the Court award me an enhancement  
9 award for my efforts in pursuing and participating in this matter, as well as my broader release of  
10 claims. Taking into consideration the time that I have dedicated to this matter, I believe that this  
11 amount is reasonable.

12 9. I am not related to anyone associated with Lawyers *for* Justice, PC.

13 10. I have not entered into any undisclosed agreements, nor have I received any  
14 undisclosed compensation in this matter. The only compensation I will receive is whatever amount  
15 the Court awards as an enhancement award, as well as my share of the settlement as a class  
16 member and aggrieved employee.

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

19 Executed on this 06/23/2026 day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026, at Hemet, California.

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