

PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT (LABOR CODE §§ 2698 ET SEQ.)
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT & RELEASE

Mora v. Quikserve Cajun, Inc.
Sacramento County Superior Court
Case No. 34-2023-00336303

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among the undersigned Parties, subject to the approval of the Court, that the settlement of the above-listed action with respect to various claims brought in a representative capacity pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”) (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*) shall be effectuated upon and subject to the following terms and conditions. Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in Article I or elsewhere in this PAGA Settlement Agreement (“PAGA Settlement” or “Agreement”).

This Agreement is made by and between Defendant Quikserve Cajun, Inc. (“Quikserve” or “Defendant”) on the one hand, and Plaintiff Cynthia Mora (“Mora” or “Plaintiff”) on the other hand, for themselves, the Aggrieved Employees (defined below), and on behalf of the State of California. Defendant and Plaintiff, as defined herein, are sometimes collectively referred to as the “Parties.” This Agreement shall be effective upon the last date upon which it is signed by the Parties.

The Parties agree that all representative PAGA claims brought, or that could have been brought, based upon the facts alleged in Sacramento County Superior Court Case Number No. 34-2023-00336303 including, but not limited to, Plaintiff’s claims that Quikserve (1) failed to provide meal periods to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, (2) failed to provide rest periods to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, (3) failed to pay all wages to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, (4) failed to comply with itemized employee wage statement provisions to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, (5) failed to pay wages due to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees at the time of discharge, (6) failed to timely pay Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees, (7) failed to reimburse Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees for business expenses, (8) failed to pay Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees for all hours worked, including overtime, (9) failed to provide a place of employment to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees that is safe and healthful; and (10) engaged in unfair competition regarding Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees pursuant to the Business and Professions Code, and all related claims, shall be, and hereby are, fully and completely ended, settled, resolved, and concluded by agreement of Defendant to pay the gross sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) (hereinafter referred to as the “PAGA Settlement Sum”), subject to the installment payment provisions described herein, in settlement of all PAGA civil penalties sought in the Actions, the amount of which shall be inclusive of attorney fees and costs for Plaintiffs’ Counsel, in connection with this Agreement and general releases by Plaintiffs.

Article I.

Definitions

Section 1.01 Definitions.

Unless otherwise defined herein, the following terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings ascribed to them as set forth below:

- (a) “Aggrieved Employees” mean all individuals who are, or previously were, employed by Quikserve Cajun, Inc. and classified as non-exempt employees in California during the Release Period. Quikserve represented that the total number of Aggrieved Employees employed by Quikserve during the Release Period, as of the time of mediation, to be approximately 2,700 individuals who worked approximately 23,000 pay periods within the Release Period. Should the number of pay periods increase by more than 10 percent, then Defendant shall have the right to select from either paying a total settlement amount which is increased proportionally (i.e., PAGA Settlement Sum divided by pay periods) for any pay periods over 10% (i.e., in excess of 25,300) or cutting the Release Period off at such point where it does not exceed the above-referenced 10% threshold.
- (b) “Court” means the Superior Court for the State of California, County of Sacramento.
- (c) “Defendant’s Counsel” or “Counsel for Defendant” are:

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- (d) “Effective Date” means the latter of:
 - i. if no objections to the motion to approve this Agreement are made in writing or at the hearing for Court approval, the date the Court enters an order granting approval of the Agreement;
 - ii. if objection is made in writing or at the hearing on the motion to approve the Agreement and overruled, and no appeal is taken of the Order granting approval or no motion to intervene or motion to vacate judgment is filed, then the Effective Date shall be three (3) calendar days after the deadline to file an appeal of the Order granting approval; or
 - iii. if one or more appeals are taken from the Court’s overruling any objection to the Agreement in addition to an appeal of an order denying either intervention or a motion to vacate judgment, then the Effective Date shall be three (3) calendar days after any appeal is dismissed or the Order granting approval of the

Agreement is affirmed after an appeal, and the Order granting approval is not subject to further review and becomes final.

- (e) “Complaint” means the operative Complaint filed by Plaintiff on April 17, 2023, in Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2023-00336303, inclusive of the PAGA notice submitted to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) on or around December 29, 2022, the filing of which was a procedural prerequisite for Plaintiff to pursue recovery of civil penalties under PAGA.
- (f) “Plaintiff’s Counsel” or “Counsel for Plaintiff” is:

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- (g) “Release Period” or “PAGA Period” means the time period of April 10, 2022, through the date the Court grants approval of the PAGA Settlement.
- (h) “Settlement Administrator” means Apex Class Action Group.

Article II.

Background.

Section 2.01 Procedural Background.

- (a) On December 29, 2022, Plaintiff submitted a written notice to the LWDA alleging her PAGA claims and intent to pursue statutory penalties.
- (b) On April 19, 2023, Plaintiff filed a PAGA representative action complaint in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Sacramento, entitled *Cynthia Mora v. Quikserve Cajun, Inc.*, Case No. 34-2023-00336303, which seeks recovery of penalties related to Quikserve’s alleged violation of the California Labor Code, including but not limited to sections 226.7, 512, 558, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 226(a)(e), 201-203, 204(a)(b), 2802, 210, 218, 222, 6400, 6401, 6403, 6404, 6407, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 3202, and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17200.
- (c) During the course of the Actions, the Parties engaged in informal discovery and investigation into Plaintiff’s claims. The Parties reached this PAGA Settlement only after such discovery and investigation was performed and the Parties engaged in an arms-length mediation before Hon. Steven R. Denton (Ret.) with Judicate West. This settlement is the

product of extended post-mediation discussions and then a mediator's proposal by Judge Denton.

- (d) This PAGA Settlement contemplates the entry of an order by the Court approving the payment allocated for settlement of the PAGA penalties sought in the Actions and dismissal of the Actions with prejudice in accordance with the paragraph above.

Article III.

Approval and Implementation of Settlement.

Section 3.01 Court Approval of the PAGA Settlement: Mutual Cooperation.

Plaintiff's Counsel shall be responsible for preparing a Joint Stipulation for Approval of the PAGA Settlement (or Motion if needed). The Parties will cooperate in obtaining approval by and through a joint stipulation, and in the event the Court does not permit approval by joint stipulation, through an unopposed motion prepared and submitted by Plaintiff, and an Order from the Court approving the payment of the PAGA Settlement Sum as described in this Agreement at the earliest possible date.

Concurrently with the submission of this Agreement to the Court, Plaintiff shall submit it to the LWDA, as required by PAGA. The Parties agree to use their best efforts to expedite the preparation and submission of the settlement approval documents. The Parties further agree to fully cooperate in the drafting and/or filing of any further documents or filings reasonably necessary to be prepared or filed, shall take all steps that may be requested by the Court relating to, or that are otherwise necessary to, the approval and implementation of the payment of the PAGA Settlement Sum as described in this Agreement.

The Court's approval of the payment of the PAGA Settlement Sum as described in this Agreement shall be embodied in a written Order, which shall be transmitted to the LWDA by Plaintiff promptly upon entry, as required by PAGA. Should the Court not grant approval of the payment of the PAGA Settlement Sum as described in this Agreement, as agreed by the Parties, this Agreement shall be null and void and have no further effect. The Parties shall be returned to their prior positions, with any and all rights and arguments intact and undisturbed.

Section 3.02 Settlement Payment Procedures.

(a) Payment of PAGA Settlement Sum.

- (1) Defendant agrees to pay the all-in total maximum amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) (i.e. "the PAGA Settlement Sum") to fully and finally settle and compromise the Action. The PAGA Settlement Sum shall be paid in installment payments as described in Section 3.02(a)(2) below, shall cover, resolve, and fully and completely satisfy any and all amounts owed to the State of California, the Aggrieved Employees, and Plaintiff's Counsel, including all amounts allocated to attorney fees and costs, in settlement of all of Plaintiff's claims pursuant to PAGA based on Plaintiff's allegation that Quikserve violated the California Labor

Code, including but not limited to sections 226.7, 512, 558, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 226(a)(e), 201-203, 204(a)(b), 2802, 210, 218, 222, 6400, 6401, 6403, 6404, 6407, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, section 3202, and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17200, and all related or associated claims which were asserted, or which could have been asserted based upon the facts alleged, in the Complaint. In the event this Agreement is canceled, rescinded, terminated, voided or nullified, however that may occur, or the settlement is barred by operation of law, invalidated, or ordered not to be carried out by a court of competent jurisdiction, Defendant shall have no obligation to pay any of the PAGA Settlement Sum. The Parties agree there are no circumstances that would require Defendant to pay any amount greater than the PAGA Settlement Sum in connection with this Agreement.

- (2) Defendant's payment of the PAGA Settlement Sum shall be conditioned first upon Court approval of the PAGA Settlement, after which Defendant shall then pay the PAGA Settlement Sum in installment payments, as follows:
 - a) Seventy Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$70,000.00) (i.e. the "First Installment Payment") will be deposited with the Settlement Administrator and placed in an interest-bearing qualified settlement fund no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Effective Date;
 - b) Seventy Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$70,000.00) (the "Second Installment Payment") will be deposited with the Settlement Administrator no later than six months after the First Installment Payment;
 - c) Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$60,000.00) (the "Third Installment Payment") will be deposited with the Settlement Administrator no later than six months after the Second Installment Payment; and
- (3) The "Net Settlement Fund" or "Net PAGA Penalties" shall be calculated by deducting from the PAGA Settlement Sum the following: (1) up to, but not exceeding \$70,000 for the payment of Plaintiffs' Counsel's attorney fees; (2) up to, but not exceeding, \$15,000 for the payment of Plaintiffs' Counsel's costs; and (3) up to, but not exceeding, \$15,000 for the payment of the Parties' chosen Settlement Administrator. The Net PAGA Penalties are currently estimated to total approximately \$100,000.00. The Net PAGA Penalties will be allocated and distributed pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(i) with 75% (\$75,000.00) paid to the LWDA and 25% (\$25,000.00) paid to the Aggrieved Employees on a pro-rata basis according to the number of pay period worked in the PAGA Period. If the Court does not approve the full amount of any of the items in this paragraph, such amount(s) not approved shall be re-allocated into the Net PAGA Penalties for distribution to the LWDA and the Aggrieved Employees consistent with PAGA. Should any of these payments be missed, all remaining payments shall become immediately due and Plaintiff shall have the right to apply on an Ex Parte basis to enter judgment for the full remaining amount of the settlement, subject to the following notice of default and cure-related provisions. Plaintiff shall give Defendant 10 business days from the date

of provision of written notice of default by Plaintiff to Defendant in which Defendant may cure any such default before proceeding forward with any ex parte application or other mechanism for relief.

(b) Distribution of the PAGA Settlement Sum.

- (1) Distribution of the PAGA Settlement Sum shall be conditioned upon the Effective Date first occurring, then it will proceed as follows:
 - a) The Settlement Administrator shall distribute the proceeds of the First Installment Payment within fifteen (15) calendar days of the deposit, as follows: (1) up to, but not exceeding, 50% of Plaintiffs' Counsel's Court-approved attorney fees; (2) Plaintiffs' Counsel's Court-approved costs; and up to, but not exceeding, \$10,000 to the Settlement Administrator.
 - b) The Settlement Administrator shall distribute all remaining amounts from the PAGA Settlement Sum within fifteen (15) calendar days of the deposit of the **Third Installment Payment**, as follows: (1) the remaining amount of Plaintiffs' Counsel's Court-approved attorney fees; (2) up to, but not exceeding, \$5,000 for the remaining amount of the Settlement Administrator's fees; (3) the Aggrieved Employees' 25% portion of the Net PAGA Penalties; and (4) the LWDA's 75% portion of the Net PAGA Penalties.
 - i) The 25% portion of the Net PAGA Penalties to be distributed to the Aggrieved Employees will be divided pro-rata among and paid to all Aggrieved Employees according to the total number of pay periods that each Aggrieved Employee worked during the PAGA Period.
 - ii) All interest accrued on the PAGA Settlement Sum shall be distributed 75% to the LWDA and 25% to the Aggrieved Employees. The Settlement Administrator shall transmit the settlement checks to the Aggrieved Employees, with no claims process required, by first-class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address of each recipient with directions to the Postmaster to return all undeliverable settlement checks.
- (2) For each settlement check that is returned as undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly attempt to locate the Aggrieved Employee by using an address refresher database. Any settlement checks that remain uncashed more than 180 calendar days after issuance shall be paid to the California State Controller, with the identity of the Aggrieved Employee(s) to whom the funds belong, to be held for the Aggrieved Employee(s) per the California Unclaimed Property Law, in the interest of justice. The money paid to the State Controller will remain each of the Aggrieved Employee's property to the extent permitted by law.
- (3) The entire amount of the PAGA Settlement Sum is comprised of penalties, or attorney fees/costs, respectively, and will not be subject to local, state, or federal tax withholdings. All recipients of payments under this PAGA Settlement shall have

their payments reported on an IRS Form 1099 via the Settlement Administrator if required.

Article IV.

Limitations On Use Of This Settlement.

Section 4.01 No Admission.

This Agreement, and compliance with this Agreement, shall not be construed as an admission by Defendant of any liability whatsoever, or as an admission by Defendant of any violations of Plaintiff's or Aggrieved Employees' rights, violation of any order, law, statute, duty or contract whatsoever. Defendant specifically disclaims any liability to Plaintiff or any other allegedly Aggrieved Employee for any alleged violation of his/her rights, or for any alleged violation of any order, law, statute, duty or contract. Defendant further denies, for any purpose other than settling these matters, that this action is appropriate for representative treatment.

Section 4.02 No Use; Non-Evidentiary Use.

Neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms, nor any of the negotiations connected with it or proceedings relating to this Agreement, payouts or anything else associated with it, shall be publicized, marketed, reported, posted, or advertised by Plaintiff or their counsel, nor offered or used as evidence by any of the Parties or their respective counsel, nor any third party, in the Action or in any other action or proceeding, including to establish any liability or admission on the part of Defendant or any Released Parties (defined in Section 5.01) or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or noncompliance with, federal, state, local or other applicable law; provided, however, this shall not prevent this Agreement from being used, offered, or received in evidence in any proceeding by the Parties to enforce, construe, or finalize this Agreement. Defendant and the Released Parties may also use this Agreement as an affirmative defense and bar to any future or subsequent claims or suits by the Aggrieved Employees or others, in whole or in part, to the extent applicable. Neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it or proceedings relating to this Agreement, payouts or other events associated with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by Defendant or any Released Parties or establishment of any such violation(s) or failure(s) to comply with any applicable law. Defendant specifically retains the right to defend, on the merits, against any non-settled claims brought by any allegedly Aggrieved Employees.

Section 4.03 Nullification.

Invalidation of any material provision of this Agreement shall invalidate this Agreement in its entirety unless the Parties shall subsequently agree in writing that the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Article V.

Release and Waiver of Claims; Non-Disparagement.

Section 5.01 Limited Release of Claims by Aggrieved Employees.

Upon approval by the Court, all Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their heirs, executors, and assigns, and the State of California, fully release and discharge Defendant, and each of its present and former parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, successors, predecessors, and assigns, and each of its respective past and present owners, officers, directors, operators, managing agents, members, shareholders, partners, employees, agents, franchisors, franchisees, attorneys, insurers, successors, assigns, representatives, accountants, payroll providers, benefits providers, and all persons acting jointly, under, by, through, or in concert with any of them (collectively, "Released Parties") from any and all claims under PAGA which were asserted in the Complaint, or which could have been asserted in either Complaint based on the facts pleaded therein, including relating to alleged violations of California Labor Code sections 226.7, 512, 558, 510, 1194, 1194.2, 226(a)(e), 201-203, 204(a)(b), 2802, 210, 218, 222, 6400, 6401, 6403, 6404, 6407, Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, section 3202, and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, section 17200, ("Released Claims") that accrued during the PAGA Period.

As a result of this release, the State of California and the Aggrieved Employees will be unable to bring or recover a claim against any of the Released Parties under the California Private Attorneys General Act, California Labor Code section 2698 et seq., for any violations of the Released Claims that took place during the Release Period. Defendant and the Released Parties shall have no liability for payment of civil penalties arising out of the Released Claims in this Action except as set forth in this Agreement.

Section 5.02 General Release of Claims by Plaintiff.

Upon the receipt of her pro-rata portion of the PAGA Settlement Sum based upon the number of pay periods worked in the PAGA Period, Plaintiff releases the Released Claims against the Released Parties, and makes the additional following General Release in favor of the Released Parties:

Plaintiff hereby unconditionally waives, forever releases, and discharges any and all demands, damages, debts, liabilities, contracts, obligations, actions, causes of action and claims of every kind, nature, and description whatsoever, whether now known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, including in equity or otherwise, which he or she ever had or now has against the Released Parties arising or accruing at any time prior to the Effective Date, including without limitation any matter, cause or claim arising out of or related to facts or events occurring prior to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, and/or related to each of their employment with Quikserve and his or her separation therefrom. At a minimum, the claims released by the Plaintiffs include but are not limited to: (a) any claims that were or could have been brought under California Labor Code sections 132a, 201, 202, 203, 204, 216, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 225.5, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 256, 432.5, 510, 512, 516, 558, 558.1, 1050, 1054, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2698 et seq., 2800, et seq., the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, the FLSA, and all related or corresponding federal laws, and all implementing regulations and interpreting guidance; (b) any claims that were or could have been brought under California Corporations Code, and California Business and Professions Code, including but not limited to California Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq. as unlawful, fraudulent or misleading based on the claims, facts and allegations alleged in the Action (including, but not limited to, claims of conduct unlawful under state or federal law); (c) any other causes of action,

including those seeking premiums, penalties, interest, punitive damages, costs, attorney fees, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or accounting, whether such causes of action are in tort, contract, equity, statute, or common law; (d) any claims under the Fair Employment and Housing Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and (e) any other claims the Class Representatives could have made related to their employment with Quikserve. Plaintiff may hereafter discover facts in addition to or different from those which she now knows or believes to be true, but stipulates and agrees that, upon their receipt of their pro-rata portion of the PAGA Settlement Sum, she fully, finally, and forever settles and releases any and all claims, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity and without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts. Plaintiff is deemed, by operation of the Order granting Court approval of the PAGA Settlement, to have agreed not to sue or otherwise make a claim against any of the Released Parties for any claim.

Plaintiff acknowledges that she has had the opportunity to review, and has reviewed, California Civil Code section 1542, which provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASING PARTY.

Being fully informed of this provision of the Civil Code and understanding its provisions, Plaintiff agrees to waive any rights under that section, and acknowledges that this Settlement Agreement and the release contained herein extends to all claims that she has or might have against the Released Parties, including those which are presently unknown to her or that she does not know or suspect to exist, which, if known by her, might have affected her settlement with, and release of, the Released Parties or might have affected her decision. Excluded from this release are the releases Plaintiff is providing in exchange for an amount Plaintiff is receiving from Defendant as a result of a separate written settlement agreement, which encompasses all of Plaintiff's individual wage and hour and other individual-only damages claims.

Section 5.03 Non-Disparagement by Plaintiff.

Plaintiff agrees she will not, orally or in writing, publicly or privately, post, publish, make or express any comment, view or opinion which criticizes, is adverse to, brings disrepute in the eyes of the public, defames, derogates or disparages Defendant or the Released Parties in any manner, nor shall Plaintiff authorize any agent or representative to make or express any such comment, view or opinion. This provision does not prohibit the disclosure of any factual information otherwise exempted from confidentiality by law, including but not limited to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1001, and nothing in this Agreement shall prevent Plaintiff from discussing or disclosing information about alleged unlawful acts in the workplace, such as harassment or discrimination or any other conduct that Plaintiff has reason to believe is unlawful.

Article VI.

Miscellaneous Provisions.

Section 6.01 Drafting.

The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement are the result of lengthy, intensive, arm's-length negotiations between the Parties and that neither Party shall be considered the "drafter" of this Settlement Agreement for purposes of having terms construed against that Party.

Section 6.02 No Impact on Benefit Plans.

Neither the Settlement Agreement nor any amounts paid to Plaintiff or any Aggrieved Employee under the Settlement Agreement will modify any previously credited hours or service under any employee benefit plan, policy, or bonus program sponsored by Defendant. Such amounts will not form the basis for additional contributions to, benefits under, or any other monetary entitlement under Defendant's sponsored benefit plans, policies, or bonus programs. The payments made under the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall not be applied retroactively, currently, or on a going forward basis, as salary, earnings, wages, or any other form of compensation for the purposes of any of Defendant's benefit plans, policy, or bonus program. Defendant retains the right, if necessary, to modify the language of its benefit plans, policies and bonus programs to effect this intent, and to make clear that any amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement Agreement are not for "hours worked," "hours paid," "hours of service," or any similar measuring term as defined by applicable plans, policies and bonus programs for purposes of eligibility, vesting, benefit accrual, or any other purpose, and that additional contributions or benefits are not required by this Settlement Agreement.

Section 6.03 Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable.

The Parties believe this Settlement Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Settlement Agreement after arm's-length negotiations by experienced counsel. The Parties further acknowledge that they are each represented by competent counsel and that they have had an opportunity to consult with their counsel regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Settlement Agreement.

Section 6.04 Mutual Preparation.

The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, this Settlement Agreement will not be construed more strictly against one party merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties; it being recognized that, because of the arm's length negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this Settlement Agreement.

Section 6.05 Representation By Counsel.

The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Settlement Agreement, and that this Settlement Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel, and reviewed in full.

Section 6.06 Waiver of Right to Appeal.

Provided that the Court's Order granting approval of this PAGA Settlement is consistent with the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff, Aggrieved Employees, the LWDA, and Defendant, inclusive, hereby waive any and all rights to appeal in connection with any issue in the Court's Order, including, but not limited to, all rights to any post-judgment proceeding and/or appellate proceeding, such as a motion to vacate or set-aside judgment, a motion for new trial, and any extraordinary writ, and the Order will become final and non-appealable at the time it is entered. This provision does not in any way impact Plaintiff's, Defendant's, nor Plaintiff's Counsel's right to appeal any adverse rulings entered as a result of any objections and/or other collateral attacks.

Section 6.07 Voluntariness.

This Agreement is executed voluntarily and without duress or undue influence on the part of or on behalf of any of the Parties, or of any other person, firm or other entity.

Section 6.08 Amendments.

The terms and provisions of this Agreement may be amended only by a written agreement that is both: (a) signed by the Plaintiff and Defendant who executed this Agreement; and (b) approved by the Court. Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement unless expressly so indicated otherwise.

Section 6.09 Assignment.

None of the rights, commitments, or obligations recognized under this Agreement may be assigned by any Party, Aggrieved Employee, without the express written consent of each other Party and their respective counsel hereto. The representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in this Agreement are for the sole benefit of the Parties under this Agreement and shall not be construed to confer any right or to avail any remedy to any other person. Plaintiff expressly warrants that she has not transferred to any person or entity any right or cause of action, or claim released by this Agreement.

Section 6.10 Governing Law.

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and interpreted, and the rights of the Parties shall be determined, in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Section 6.11 Entire Agreement.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the Parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings among the Parties hereto with respect to the settlement of the Actions.

Section 6.12 Waiver of Compliance.

Any failure of any Party hereto to comply with any obligation, covenant, agreement, or condition herein may be expressly waived in writing, to the extent permitted under applicable law, by the Party or Parties hereto entitled to the benefit of such obligation, covenant, agreement, or condition. A waiver or failure to insist upon strict compliance with any representation, warranty, covenant, agreement, or condition shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure.

Section 6.13 Counterparts.

The Parties hereby acknowledge that this Agreement may be executed in counterpart originals with like effect as if executed in a single original document. The Parties also agree that a facsimile, scanned, or electronically signed (provided it complies with California Civil Code sections 1633.1, et seq. and the party provides appropriate verification) copy of the signed Agreement shall have the same force and effect as an original signed Agreement.

Section 6.14 Attorney Fees and Costs.

With respect to this Agreement, neither Plaintiff's Counsel nor any other attorneys acting for, or purporting to act for the Aggrieved Employees, or Plaintiffs may recover, or seek to recover, any amounts for fees, costs, or disbursements from the Released Parties or the PAGA Settlement Sum except as expressly provided herein. Defendant shall bear its own attorney fees and costs, and neither Plaintiff's Counsel, the Aggrieved Employees, nor Plaintiff shall be responsible for Defendant's attorney fees and costs. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Agreement pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6; if any party moves the Court to enforce this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all attorney fees and costs incurred to enforce this Agreement.

Section 6.15 Dispute(s).

Should any dispute(s) arise among the Parties or their respective counsel regarding the implementation or interpretation of this Agreement, the Parties shall submit any such dispute(s) to the Court. To the extent any Party seeks to enforce any of the terms of this Agreement in Court or before the Court, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs.

Section 6.16 No Other Claims or Actions; Defendants' Right to Cancel If Plaintiff's Counsel Files Action Against Released Parties

Plaintiff and her Counsel represent that she has not filed any complaints, claims, or actions against Defendant or the Released Parties with any court or administrative agency other than the Action, and her related notice(s) filed with the LWDA. And, if any agency or court has or assumes jurisdiction of any complaint, claim, or action against Defendant or the Released Parties on behalf of Plaintiff, Plaintiff and her Counsel will request that agency or court to withdraw from or dismiss the matter. Plaintiff and her Counsel agree to fully defend this Agreement and this Settlement in the event that a third party objects to, undermines, attacks, or attempts to otherwise intervene or interfere with the process and approval of this settlement or this Agreement.

Plaintiff and her Counsel further represent and warrant they have no other claims or actions pending or which they intend to make against Defendant or the Released Parties, nor do they represent or currently intend to represent any other parties on behalf of whom such other claims or actions may be made. If Plaintiff's Counsel, on behalf of Plaintiff or any other third party, files any action on behalf of Plaintiff or any other third party against Defendant or any of the Released Parties within 180 days of having signed this Agreement, Defendant shall have the unilateral right to cancel this Agreement and this Settlement.

Section 6.17 Binding.

This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and to their respective successors, assigns, legatees, heirs, and personal representatives.

Section 6.18 Default, Notice and Cure; Time is of the Essence.

If Defendant fails to timely make any payment required herein, it shall be in default. Plaintiff shall give Counsel for Defendant notice of the default by e-mail and Defendant shall have fifteen (15) business days thereafter to cure the default. The Parties agree that time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have freely, knowingly, and voluntarily, executed this Private Attorneys General Act Settlement Agreement on the date set forth below.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED.

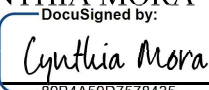
Dated: May 31, 2024

QUIKSERVE CAJUN, INC.

By 
 Title President

Dated: 5/30/2024

CYNTHIA MORA

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 By 
 Plaintiff Cynthia Mora

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
ATTORNEY OBLIGATIONS ONLY**

Dated:

OTKUPMAN LAW FIRM, A LAW
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