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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

JULIANNE CRUZ, on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public

Plaintiff,

v.

PMAB-8, LLC dba PAUL MARTIN'S AMERICAN GRILL; and DOES 1-100,

Defendants.

Case No. 30-2023-01318976-CU-OE-CXC

[*Assigned for All Purposes to the Honorable Melissa R. McCormick; Dept. CX105*]

EXHIBITS TO REVISED [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF JULIANNE CRUZ'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA SETTLEMENT AND JUDGMENT

Date: November 19, 2026
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Reservation No.: 74848238

Complaint Filed: April 13, 2023
FAC Filed: September 28, 2023
Trial Date: None Set

Exhibit 1

JOINT STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Subject to approval by the Court, this Settlement Agreement is between Plaintiff Julianne Cruz ("Plaintiff") on behalf of herself, all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public and Defendant PMAB-8, LLC dba Paul Martin's American Grill ("PMAB-8" or "Defendant") (collectively referred to as the "Parties").

I. DEFINITIONS

In addition to the other terms defined in this Agreement, the terms below have the following meaning:

A. **Action**: *Julianne Cruz v. PMAB-8, LLC dba Paul Martin's American Grill*, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01318976-CU-OE-CXC.

B. **Administration Costs**: The costs incurred by the Settlement Administrator to administer this Settlement, which shall not exceed $10,000. All Administration Costs shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Any amount not awarded by the Court or needed by the Settlement Administrator will become part of the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Aggrieved Employees.

C. **Aggrieved Employees**: All current and former non-exempt, hourly employees who worked for Defendant in California at any time from February 3, 2022, through the date of the full execution of this Agreement.

D. **Agreement, Settlement Agreement, Joint Stipulation, or Settlement**: The settlement agreement reflected in this document, titled "Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement."

E. **Attorney Fee Award**: The amount, not to exceed one third of the Gross Settlement Amount (currently $233,333), finally approved by the Court and awarded to Plaintiff's Counsel. The Attorney Fee Award shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and will not be opposed by Defendant. If the Court awards less than the amount requested, any amount not awarded will become part of the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Aggrieved Employees.

F. **Cost Award**: The amount that the Court orders Defendant to pay Plaintiff's Counsel for payment of actual litigation costs, which shall not exceed $40,000. The Cost Award will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and will not be opposed by Defendant. The Cost Award is subject to Court approval. If the Court awards less than the amount requested, any amount not awarded will become part of the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Aggrieved Employees.

G. **Counsel for Defendant:** Kathryn T. McGuigan and Anahi Cruz of Morgan, Lewis & Brockius LLP.

H. **Defendant**: PMAB-8, LLC dba Paul Martin's American Grill.

I. **Disbursement of the Settlement:** The dates on which the Settlement Administrator shall disburse the Gross and Net Settlement Amounts as instructed herein.

J. **Effective Date:** The date the Court grants approval of the settlement.

K. **Funding of Settlement:** The Gross Settlement Amount will be wired by Defendant to the Settlement Administrator within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date.

L. **Final Judgment**: The final order entered by the Court approving this settlement.

M. **Gross Settlement Amount or GSA**: The total value of the Settlement is a non-reversionary $700,000. This is the maximum amount Defendant can be required to pay under this Settlement Agreement with the exception of if the escalator provision is triggered. The Gross Settlement Amount includes: (1) the Net Settlement Amount to be paid to Aggrieved Employees; (2) the Attorney Fee Award and Cost Award to Plaintiff's Counsel for attorneys' fees and costs, as approved by the Court; (3) the PAGA Representative Payment paid to the PAGA Representative, as approved by the Court; (4) the Administration Costs, as approved by the Court; and (5) the LWDA Payment to the LWDA, as approved by the Court. No portion of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant for any reason.

N. **Individual Settlement Share(s)**: The amount payable to each Aggrieved Employee under the terms of this Agreement.

O. **LWDA**: California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

P. **LWDA Payment**: Seventy-five percent (75%) of the Net Settlement Amount that shall be paid to the LWDA.

Q. **Net Settlement Amount or NSA**: The NSA is the total amount of money available for payout to Aggrieved Employees and the LWDA, which is the GSA less the Attorney Fee Award, Cost Award, and Administration Costs.

R. **PAGA**: The California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698 *et seq.*).

S. **PAGA Notice or Notice**: The Notice of PAGA Settlement, substantially similar to the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to Court approval, which will accompany each Individual Settlement Share check.

T. **PAGA Period**: February 3, 2022, through the date of the full execution of this Agreement.

U. **PAGA Representative or Plaintiff:** Julianne Cruz.

V. **PAGA Representative Payment**: The amount the Court awards to Plaintiff for conferring a benefit upon the State and Aggrieved Employees, which will not exceed $10,000. This payment shall be paid from the GSA and is being offered in consideration for Plaintiff's efforts in litigating the Action and risks of incurring financial obligations to Defendant in the event Plaintiff was not successful in the Action and held to pay for Defendant's costs and/or attorney's fees. If the Court awards less than the amount requested, any amount not awarded will become part of the NSA for distribution to Aggrieved Employees.

W. **Plaintiff's Counsel**: David Mara and Jill Vecchi of Mara Law Firm, PC.

X. **Qualified Settlement Fund or QSF**: The Parties agree that the Gross Settlement Amount is intended to be a "Qualified Settlement Fund" under Section 468B of the Code and Treasury Regulations § 1.4168B-1, 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-1 *et seq.*, and will be administered by the Settlement Administrator as such. The Parties and Settlement Administrator shall treat the QSF as coming into existence as a Qualified Settlement Fund on the earliest date permitted as set forth in 26 C.F.R. § 1.468B-1, and such election statement shall be attached to the appropriate returns as required by law.

Y. **Released Claims**: Each PAGA Aggrieved Employee shall fully release and discharge Defendant and the Released Parties from any and all any and all claims, obligations, demands, rights, causes of action, and liabilities for civil penalties under the PAGA that have been asserted in, or reasonably could have been asserted based on, the facts, claims, and/or allegations contained and/or plead in: (a) Plaintiff's PAGA Letter to the LWDA; (b) the Action; and (c) any amendments to the foregoing (collectively, "Released PAGA Claims"). Released PAGA Claims include any and all claims or alleged violations arising under the following provisions of the California Labor Code:§§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 205.5, 218, 218.5, 221, 222, 223, 226 (including § 226(a)), 226.7, 246, 248.5, 510, 512 (including § 512(a)), 558, 1174, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 2800–2802, and 2698 et seq. (including §§ 2699(a), (c), (f), (g), (i), and 2699.3 (including § 2699.3(a))). Released PAGA Claims also include any claims or alleged violations arising under the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, § 11010 et seq., and the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) Wage Orders, including but not limited to Wage Order 4-2001, Wage Order 14-2001, and any other applicable IWC Wage Orders. Released PAGA Claims include all such claims arising during the PAGA Period.

Z. **Released Parties**: Defendant including its past, present, and future divisions, parents, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, shareholders, owners, officers, directors, and employees.

AA. **Settlement Administration**: The Settlement Administrator will conduct a skip trace for the address of all former employee Aggrieved Employees and run the names of all Aggrieved Employees through the National Change of Address ("NCOA") database to determine any updated addresses. The Settlement Administrator will mail the Individual Settlement Share checks and Notice by first class U.S. mail to all Aggrieved Employees. The Notice will inform Aggrieved Employees of the resolution of the Action and their entitlement to the enclosed settlement payment.

BB. **Settlement Administrator**: The third party administrator agreed upon by Parties to administer this Settlement is Simpluris.

CC. **Superior Court**: Orange County Superior Court.

II. RECITALS

A. Plaintiff sent her Notice of Labor Code Violations Pursuant to Labor Code § 2699.3 on February 3, 2023. In the letter, Plaintiff apprised the LWDA of her wage and hour claims against Defendant.

B. On April 13, 2023, Plaintiff filed a wage and hour class action. Plaintiff's complaint alleged that Defendant failed to pay all straight time wages, failed to pay all overtime wages, failed to provide lawful meal and rest periods, failed to pay all wages due at the termination of employment, failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failed to adopt a compliant sick pay/paid time off policy, and violated the Unfair Competition Law.

C. On September 28, 2023, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint ("FAC") adding PAGA allegations to her complaint.

D. On October 9, 2023, Plaintiff filed an application to dismiss her class allegations without prejudice so only her PAGA allegations would remain. The Court granted this request on October 10, 2023.

E. On November 17, 2023, Defendant filed an Answer to Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint.

F. After filing, the Parties conducted discovery. Defendant produced policy documents that covered Plaintiff's and the aggrieved employees' employment with Defendant. Defendant also produced Excel files that contained a sampling of time and wage records for aggrieved employees.

G. The Parties attended mediation with wage and hour mediator Hunter Hughes on October 6, 2025. The mediation concluded with a mediator's proposal that was ultimately accepted by the Parties.

H. **Benefits of Settlement to Aggrieved Employees.** Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel recognize the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to continue the litigation against Defendant through trial and through any possible appeals. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel also have taken into account the uncertainty and risk of further litigation, the potential outcome, and the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel have conducted extensive settlement negotiations. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel believe the settlement set forth in this Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement, and is in the best interests of the Aggrieved Employees.

I. **Defendant's Reasons for Settlement.** Defendant recognizes that the defense of the Action will be protracted and expensive. Substantial amounts of time, energy, and resources of Defendant have been and, unless this settlement is made, will continue to be devoted to the defense of the claims asserted by Plaintiff. Defendant, therefore, has agreed to settle in the manner and upon the terms set forth in this Agreement to put to rest the Released Claims.

J. **Defendant's Denial of Wrongdoing.** Defendant generally and specifically denies any and all liability or wrongdoing of any sort with regard to any of the claims alleged, and makes no concessions or admissions of liability of any sort. Defendant asserts a number of defenses to the claims, and has denied any wrongdoing or liability arising out of any of the alleged facts or conduct in the Action. Neither this Agreement, nor any document referred to or contemplated herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Agreement, is or may be construed as, or may be used as an admission, concession, or indication by or against Defendant or any of the Released Parties of any fault, wrongdoing, or liability whatsoever. There has been no final determination by any court as to the merits of the claims asserted by Plaintiff against Defendant.

K. **Plaintiff's Claims.** Plaintiff asserts that Defendant's defenses are without merit. Neither this Agreement nor any documents referred to or contemplated herein, nor any action taken to carry out this Agreement is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission, concession or indication by or against Plaintiff, Aggrieved Employees, or Plaintiff's Counsel as to the merits of any claims or defenses asserted, or lack thereof, in the Action. However, in the event that this Settlement is finally approved by the Court, the Plaintiff, Aggrieved Employees, and Plaintiff's Counsel will not oppose Defendant's efforts to use this Agreement to prove that Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees have resolved and are forever barred from re-litigating the Released Claims.

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III. SETTLEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Gross Settlement Amount. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the Gross Settlement Amount that Defendant is obligated to pay under this Settlement Agreement is $700,000.

1. **Escalator Provision**: It was estimated for purposes of mediation that Aggrieved Employees worked approximately 33,889 pay periods between the start of the PAGA Period and the mediation. As such, this settlement is estimated to encompass approximately 33,889 pay periods. To the extent that the total number of pay periods increases by more than ten percent (10%) of this estimate, Defendant shall have the option to either (a) increase the Gross Settlement Amount on a pro-rata basis equal to the percentage increase in the number of pay periods above 10% (for example, if the pay periods increase by 11%, the Gross Settlement Amount will increase by 1%) or (b) shorten the release period to a date before which the pay period threshold is exceeded.

B. Individual Settlement Share. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will pay an Individual Settlement Share from the NSA to each Aggrieved Employee.

1. **Individual Settlement Share Calculation.** Each Aggrieved Employee will receive a proportionate share of the Aggrieved Employee Net Settlement Amount that is equal to (i) the number of pay periods he or she worked for Defendant in California during the PAGA Period based on the Database provided by Defendant, divided by (ii) the total number of pay periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees based on the same Database, which is then multiplied by the NSA. One day worked in a given pay period will be credited as a pay period for purposes of this calculation. Therefore, the value of each Aggrieved Employee's Individual Settlement Share ties directly to the amount of pay periods that he or she worked.

2. **Tax Withholdings.** Each Aggrieved Employee's gross settlement award will be apportioned as 100% penalties and be subject to all authorized and required withholdings other than the tax withholdings customarily made from employees' wages and shall be reported by IRS 1099 forms.

C. Recipients of GSA Disbursement. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator shall disburse the GSA as directed later on herein to the following:

1. **To Plaintiff's Counsel.** Plaintiff's Counsel will apply to the Court for a total Attorney Fee Award not to exceed one third (currently $233,333) of the GSA and a Cost Award not to exceed $40,000. The Settlement

Administrator will pay the court-approved amounts for the Attorney Fee Award and Cost Award out of the GSA. Payroll tax withholding and deductions will not be taken from the Attorney Fee Award or the Cost Award. IRS Forms 1099 will be issued to Plaintiff's Counsel with respect to the Attorney Fee Award. In the event the Court does not approve the entirety of the application for the Attorney Fee Award and/or Cost Award, the Settlement Administrator shall pay whatever amount the Court awards, and neither Defendant nor the Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for paying the difference between the amount requested and the amount awarded. If the amount awarded is less than the amount requested by Plaintiff's Counsel for the Attorney Fee Award and/or Cost Award, the difference shall become part of the NSA and be available for distribution to Aggrieved Employees. This provision will not be enforced against unnamed Aggrieved Employees.

2. **To the Plaintiff:** In addition to Plaintiff's Individual Settlement Share, and subject to the Court's approval, PAGA Representative/Plaintiff Julianne Cruz will receive up to $10,000. The Settlement Administrator will pay the PAGA Representative Payment out of the GSA. Payroll tax withholdings and deductions will not be taken from the PAGA Representative Payment. An IRS Form 1099 will be issued to Plaintiff with respect to the PAGA Representative Payment.

3. **To the Settlement Administrator.** The Settlement Administrator will pay to itself Administration Costs (reasonable fees and expenses) approved by the Court not to exceed $10,000. This will be paid out of the GSA. If the actual amount of Administration Costs is less than the amount estimated and/or requested, the difference shall become part of the NSA and be available for distribution to Aggrieved Employees.

4. **To the LWDA.** The Settlement Administrator will pay the LWDA Payment seventy-five percent (75%) of the Net Settlement Amount to the LWDA.

5. **To Aggrieved Employees.** The Settlement Administrator will pay Aggrieved Employees according to the Individual Settlement Share calculations set forth above.

D. **Appointment of Settlement Administrator.** Solely for the purposes of this Settlement, the Parties stipulate and agree to the appointment of the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for performing skip traces and NCOA searches on Aggrieved Employee addresses; preparing and mailing Notices and Individual Settlement Share checks to Aggrieved Employees; calculating each Aggrieved Employee's Individual Settlement Share; providing a declaration for submission to the Court prior to the Settlement Approval hearing; calculating and mailing the LWDA Payment to the LWDA; distributing the Attorney Fee Award and Cost Award to Plaintiff's Counsel; distributing the PAGA

Representative Payment; calculating and paying amounts owed, if any, to the appropriate tax authorities; printing and providing Aggrieved Employees with 1099 forms as required under this Agreement and applicable law; providing a due diligence/post-disbursement declaration for submission to the Court upon the completion of the Settlement; providing any funds remaining in the QSF as a result of uncashed checks to the State of California unclaimed property fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee, in the amounts directed per this Settlement, including the administration of related tax reimbursements, if any; and for such other tasks as the Parties mutually agree. The Parties each represent that they do not have any financial interest in the Settlement Administrator or otherwise have a relationship with the Settlement Administrator that could create a conflict of interest.

E. Procedure for Approving Settlement.

1. Motion for Settlement Approval.

a. Plaintiff will move for an order granting approval of the Settlement.

b. At the Settlement Approval hearing, the Plaintiff will appear, support the granting of the motion, and submit a proposed order granting approval of the Settlement.

c. Effect of Denial of Settlement Approval. Should the Court decline to approve all material aspects of the Settlement, the Settlement will be null and void, and the Parties will have no further obligations under it. Provided, however, that the amounts of the Attorney Fee Award, Cost Award, and Administration Costs shall be determined by the Court, and the Court's determination on these amounts shall be final and binding, and that the Court's approval or denial of any amount requested for these items are not conditions of this Settlement Agreement, and are to be considered separate and apart from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. Any order or proceeding relating to an application for the Attorney Fee Award, PAGA Representative Payment, Cost Award, and Administration Costs shall not operate to terminate or cancel this Settlement Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel's ability to appeal any decision by the Court to award less than the requested Attorney Fee Award, Cost Award, PAGA Representative Payment, and Administration Costs.

d. Proposed Order and Judgment. Upon Approval of the Settlement, the Parties shall present to the Court a proposed Settlement Approval Order, approving of the Settlement and entering Judgment in accordance therewith. After entry of

Judgment, the Court shall have continuing jurisdiction over the Action for purposes of: (1) enforcing this Settlement Agreement; (2) addressing settlement administration matters; and (3) addressing such post-Judgment matters as may be appropriate under Court rules and applicable law.

2. **Notice and Disbursement to Aggrieved Employees.** After the Court enters its Approval Order, every Aggrieved Employee will be provided with a Notice accompanying his or her Individual Settlement Share check in accordance with the following procedure:

    a. **Database.** Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, Defendant shall deliver to the Settlement Administrator an electronic database, which will list for each Aggrieved Employee: (1) first and last name; (2) last known mailing address; (3) social security number; and (4) the total number of pay periods during which the Aggrieved Employee performed work during the PAGA Period as an Aggrieved Employee ("Database"). If any or all of this information is unavailable to Defendant, Defendant will so inform Plaintiff's Counsel and the Parties will make their best efforts to reconstruct or otherwise agree upon how to deal with the unavailable information. The Database shall be based on Defendant's payroll, personnel, and other business records. The Settlement Administrator will conduct a skip trace for the address of all Aggrieved Employees who are former employees of Defendant and an NCOA search on all addresses. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain the Database and all data contained within the Database as private and confidential.

    b. **Funding the Settlement:** The Gross Settlement Amount will be wired by Defendant to the settlement administrator within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date.

    c. **Settlement Administrator's Disbursement Duties.** Subject to the Court approving the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall distribute funds pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Court's Approval Order and Judgment. The Settlement Administrator shall keep Defendant's Counsel and Plaintiff's Counsel apprised of all distributions from the GSA. The Settlement Administrator shall respond to questions from Defendant's Counsel and Plaintiff's Counsel.

    d. **Disbursement**: The Settlement Administrator will disburse the GSA within fifteen (15) days after funding, as instructed herein. The Settlement Administrator shall disburse: (1) the Net Settlement Amount to be paid to Aggrieved Employees; (2) the

Attorney Fee Award and Cost Award to Plaintiff's Counsel, as approved by the Court; (3) the PAGA Representative Payment, as approved by the Court; (4) the Administration Costs, as approved by the Court; and (5) the LWDA Payment.

e. **Returned Notices and Checks.** If a Notice and Individual Settlement Check are returned because of an incorrect address, within five (5) days from receipt of the returned Notice, the Settlement Administrator will conduct a search for a more current address for the Aggrieved Employee and re-mail the Notice and Individual Settlement Share check to the Aggrieved Employee. The Settlement Administrator will use the NCOA and skip traces to attempt to find the current address. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for taking reasonable steps to trace the mailing address of any Aggrieved Employee for whom a Notice and Individual Settlement Share check is returned by U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable. These reasonable steps shall include, at a minimum, the tracking of all undelivered mail; performing address searches for all mail returned without a forwarding address; and promptly re-mailing the Notice and Individual Settlement Check to Aggrieved Employees for whom new addresses are found. If the PAGA Notice is re-mailed, the Settlement Administrator will note for its own records the date and address of each re-mailing.

3. **Waiver of Right to Appeal.** Provided that the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, then the Parties and their respective counsel waive any and all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including, but not limited to, all rights to any post-judgment proceeding and appellate proceeding, such as a motion to vacate or set aside judgment, and any extraordinary writ, and the Judgment will become non-appealable at the time it is entered. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose any appeal, appellate proceeding, or post-judgment proceeding.

4. **Vacating, Reversing, or Modifying Judgment on Appeal.** If, after a notice of appeal, the reviewing court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment such that there is a material modification to the Settlement, and that court's decision is not completely reversed and the Judgment is not fully affirmed on review by a higher court, then this Settlement will become null and void and the Parties will have no further obligations under it. A material modification would include, but not necessarily be limited to, any alteration of the GSA, an alteration in the calculation of the NSA, and any change to the calculation of the Individual Settlement Shares.

5. **Final Report by Settlement Administrator.** Within ten (10) days after the disbursement of all funds, the Settlement Administrator will serve on the Parties a declaration providing a final report on the disbursements of all funds.

6. **Uncashed Checks.** Aggrieved Employees must cash or deposit their Individual Settlement Share checks within one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days after the checks are mailed to them.

    a. **Reminder Postcard.** If any checks are not redeemed or deposited within ninety (90) calendar days after mailing, the Settlement Administrator will send a reminder postcard indicating that unless the check is redeemed or deposited in the next ninety (90) days, it will expire and become non-negotiable, and offer to replace the check if it was lost or misplaced.

    b. **Uncashed Checks.** If any checks remain uncashed or not deposited by the expiration of the 90-day period after mailing the reminder notice, the Settlement Administrator will, within two hundred (200) calendar days after the checks are mailed, cancel the checks. All funds associated with the Individual Settlement Share checks returned as undeliverable and funds associated with those Individual Settlement Share checks remaining un-cashed, shall be transmitted by the Settlement Administrator to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee.

7. **Defendant's Legal Fees.** Defendant is responsible for paying for all of Defendant's own legal fees, costs, and expenses incurred in this Action outside of the GSA.

F. Release of Claims. As of the date the settlement is funded by Defendant, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the State, and the Aggrieved Employees shall release the Released Claims, as defined above, against the Released Parties.

G. Miscellaneous Terms

1. **No Admission of Liability.** Defendant makes no admission of liability or wrongdoing by virtue of entering into this Agreement. Additionally, Defendant reserves the right to contest liability if the Settlement is not approved. Defendant denies that it has engaged in any unlawful activity, has failed to comply with the law in any respect, or has any liability to anyone under the claims asserted in the Action. This Agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of compromising highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or will be construed as an admission by Defendant of liability or wrongdoing. This Settlement and Plaintiff's and

Defendant's willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (other than solely in connection with this Settlement).

2. **No Effect on Employee Benefits.** The Individual Settlement Shares paid to Plaintiff and Aggrieved Employees shall not be deemed to be pensionable earnings and shall not have any effect on the eligibility for, or calculation of, any of the employee benefits (*e.g.*, vacation, holiday pay, retirement plans, etc.) of Plaintiff or the Aggrieved Employees. The Parties agree that any Individual Settlement Share paid to Plaintiff or the Aggrieved Employees under the terms of this Agreement do not represent any modification of Plaintiff's or Aggrieved Employees' previously credited hours of service or other eligibility criteria under any employee pension benefit plan or employee welfare benefit plan sponsored by Defendant.

3. **Integrated Agreement.** After this Agreement is signed and delivered by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement and its exhibits will constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, and it will then be deemed that no oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements have been made to any party concerning this Agreement or its exhibits, other than the representations, warranties, covenants, and inducements expressly stated in this Agreement and its exhibits.

4. **Authorization to Enter Into Settlement Agreement.** Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendant's Counsel warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties under this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to effect the implementation of the Settlement. In the event the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement this Agreement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement, the Parties will seek the assistance of the Court, and in all cases, all such documents, supplemental provisions, and assistance of the Court will be consistent with this Agreement.

5. **Exhibits and Headings.** The terms of this Agreement include the terms set forth in the attached exhibits, which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein. Any exhibits to this Agreement are an integral part of the Settlement and must be approved substantially as written. The descriptive headings of any paragraphs or sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement.

6. **Interim Stay of Proceedings.** The Parties agree to stay and hold all proceedings in the Action in abeyance, except such proceedings necessary to implement and complete the Settlement, pending the Settlement Approval hearing to be conducted by the Court.

7. **Amendment or Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement, and any and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by counsel for all Parties or their successors-in-interest.

8. **Agreement Binding on Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Parties, as previously defined.

9. **No Prior Assignment.** Plaintiff hereby represents, covenants, and warrants that he has not directly or indirectly, assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or rights herein released and discharged.

10. **Applicable Law.** All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California, without giving effect to any conflict of law principles or choice of law principles.

11. **Fair, Adequate, and Reasonable Settlement.** The Parties and their respective counsel believe and warrant that this Agreement reflects a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Agreement through arms-length negotiations, taking into account all relevant factors, current and potential.

12. **No Tax or Legal Advice.** The Parties understand and agree that the Parties are neither providing tax or legal advice, nor making representations regarding tax obligations or consequences, if any, related to this Agreement, and that Aggrieved Employees will assume any such tax obligations or consequences that may arise from this Agreement, and that Aggrieved Employees shall not seek any indemnification from the Parties or any of the Released Parties in this regard. The Parties agree that, in the event that any taxing body determines that additional taxes are due from any Aggrieved Employee, such Aggrieved Employee assumes all responsibility for the payment of such taxes.

13. **Jurisdiction of the Court.** The Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the terms of this Agreement and all orders and judgment entered in connection therewith, and the Parties and their counsel hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the

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Court for purposes of interpreting, implementing, and enforcing the Settlement embodied in this Agreement and all orders and judgments in connection therewith.

14. **Invalidity of Any Provision; Severability.** Before declaring any provision of this Agreement invalid, the Parties request that the Court first attempt to construe the provisions valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents, so as to define all provisions of this Agreement valid and enforceable. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be found unenforceable, the unenforceable provision shall be deemed deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

15. **Cooperation in Drafting.** The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.

16. **Execution in Counterpart.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts, and each of them, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument provided that counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves original signed counterparts. Facsimile or PDF signatures will be accepted. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

IV. EXECUTION BY PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The Parties and their counsel execute this Agreement.

Dated: 1/28/2026

JULIANNE CRUZ

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Plaintiff

Dated: _____

PMAB-8 DBA PAUL MARTIN'S AMERICAN GRILL

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Defendant
Name:
Title:

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Dated: 1/28/2026

JULIANNE CRUZ

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[signature]
Plaintiff

Dated: March 2, 2026

PMAB-8 DBA PAUL MARTIN'S AMERICAN GRILL

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Exhibit A

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Case No. 30-2023-01318976-CU-OE-CXC

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Exhibit 2

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ADDENDUM TO JOINT STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Subject to approval by the Court, this Addendum to the Parties' Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement is between Plaintiff Julianne Cruz ("Plaintiff") on behalf of herself, all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public and Defendant PMAB-8, LLC dba Paul Martin's American Grill ("PMAB-8" or "Defendant") (collectively referred to as the "Parties").

I. AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

A. Section I, Paragraph Y entitled "Administration Costs" shall be amended to read as follows:

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II. AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF PAGA SETTLEMENT (EXHIBIT A)

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Exhibit A to the Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement shall be replaced with the version attached as Exhibit A hereto.

III. EXECUTION BY PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The Parties and their counsel execute this Agreement.

Dated: 11/4/2026

JULIANNE CRUZ

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Plaintiff

Dated: November 3, 2026

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Name: Michael Ulizio

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CORTE SUPERIOR DE CALIFORNIA, CONDADO DE ORANGE
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NOTIFICACIÓN DE ACUERDO EN VIRTUD DE LA PAGA

No es una solicitud. Este no es un juicio en su contra y no lo están demandando.

La Corte Superior de California, Condado de Orange, ha otorgado la homologación de un acuerdo en la acción arriba mencionada. Debido a que sus derechos se ven afectados por este Acuerdo, es importante que lea atentamente esta Notificación de Acuerdo ("Notificación"). El propósito de esta Notificación es proporcionar una breve descripción de los reclamos alegados en la acción y los términos clave del Acuerdo.

Según los registros de la Compañía, su Pago Individual en virtud de la PAGA es de $_____. Esto se basa en los registros de la Compañía que muestran que usted trabajó _____ períodos de pago durante el Período de la PAGA comprendido entre el 3 de febrero del 2022 y el 2 de marzo del 2026.

1. ¿Por qué recibí esta Notificación?

Los registros de PMAB-8, LLC que opera comercialmente como Paul Martin's American Grill (en adelante, el "Demandado") indican que usted trabajó como empleado no exento por hora para el Demandado en California en algún momento entre el 3 de febrero del 2022 y el 2 de marzo del 2026.

Se celebró una audiencia del acuerdo el 19 de noviembre del 2026, en la Corte Superior de California, Condado de Orange. La Corte otorgó la homologación del Acuerdo. Usted recibe esta Notificación para brindarle una breve descripción del Acuerdo y explicar por qué recibió un cheque del acuerdo.

2. ¿De qué trata este caso?

La acción titulada *Julianne Cruz v. PMAB-8, LLC que opera comercialmente como Paul Martin's American Grill*, fue iniciada por la Demandante Julianne Cruz ("Demandante") en la Corte Superior del Condado de Orange (Caso Número 30-2023-01318976-CU-OE-CXC). El 3 de febrero del 2023, la Demandante notificó a la Agencia de Trabajo y Desarrollo de la Fuerza Laboral de California ("LWDA") las violaciones de la Ley de Procuraduría General Privada de 2004 ("PAGA") que alegó contra el Demandado. La PAGA permite a los empleados presentar reclamos en nombre de sí mismos, de otros empleados y del Estado. Permite a un empleado actuar como un "procurador general privado" para cobrar sanciones civiles por supuestas violaciones del Código Laboral de California.

El 13 de abril del 2023, la Demandante presentó una demanda ante la Corte Superior del Condado de Orange contra el Demandado. El 28 de septiembre del 2023, la Demandante presentó una Primera Demanda Modificada que alegó causas de acción en nombre de la Demandante y aquellos Empleados Agraviados en una situación similar conforme a la PAGA por el supuesto incumplimiento del Demandado de pagar todos los salarios regulares, no pagar todos los salarios por horas extra, no proporcionar períodos de comida legales, no proporcionar períodos de descanso legales, no adoptar una política de pago por enfermedad/tiempo libre pago en cumplimiento, no proporcionar talones de cheque en cumplimiento y no pagar todos los salarios adeudados al momento de la desvinculación.

La Corte no ha realizado ninguna determinación con respecto a si los reclamos presentados por la Demandante están fundados. En otras palabras, la Corte no ha determinado si se ha violado alguna ley, así como tampoco ha

tomado una decisión en favor de la Demandante o del Demandado; en lugar de ello, ambas partes aceptaron resolver el juicio sin decisión o admisión de quién tiene la razón o está equivocado. Al aceptar resolver el juicio, todas las partes evitan los riesgos y el costo de un juicio.

El Demandado niega haber hecho algo mal o haber violado la ley y además niega cualquier responsabilidad.

3. ¿Quiénes son los Abogados que representan a las Partes?

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4. ¿Cómo afecta mis derechos este Acuerdo? ¿Cuáles son los Reclamos Exonerados?

Todos los empleados no exentos por hora que trabajaron para el Demandado en California en cualquier momento entre el 3 de febrero del 2022 y el 2 de marzo del 2026 (a los que se hace referencia en esta notificación como "Empleados Agraviados") exoneran a las Partes Exoneradas de los Reclamos Exonerados, como se define a continuación.

Partes Exoneradas: El Demandado, incluidas sus divisiones, controlantes, subsidiarias, predecesores, sucesores, accionistas, propietarios, funcionarios, directores y empleados pasados, presentes y futuros.

Reclamos Exonerados: Cada Empleado Agraviado en virtud de la PAGA exonerará y liberará completamente al Demandado y a las Partes Exoneradas de todos los reclamos, obligaciones, demandas, derechos, causas de acción y responsabilidades por sanciones civiles en virtud de la PAGA que se han afirmado en: (a) la Carta en virtud de la PAGA de la Demandante a la LWDA; (b) la Acción; y (c) cualquier enmienda a lo anterior (en conjunto, "Reclamos Exonerados"). Los Reclamos Exonerados incluyen todos esos reclamos que surjan durante el Período de la PAGA.

Los reclamos alegados contra el Demandado en el juicio y la notificación en virtud de la PAGA son no pagar todos los salarios regulares, no pagar todos los salarios por horas extra, no proporcionar períodos de comida legales, no proporcionar períodos de descanso legales, no adoptar una política de pago por enfermedad/tiempo libre pago en cumplimiento, no proporcionar talones de cheque en cumplimiento y no pagar todos los salarios adeudados al momento de la desvinculación. El Período de la PAGA es del 3 de febrero del 2022 al 2 de marzo del 2026. La Fecha de Entrada en Vigencia del acuerdo es la fecha en que la Corte concede la homologación del acuerdo.

5. ¿Cuánto puedo esperar recibir en virtud de este Acuerdo?

El importe máximo total que el Demandado debe pagar en virtud del Acuerdo es de $700,000 ("Importe Bruto del Acuerdo" o "GSA"). El "Importe Neto del Acuerdo" o "NSA" significa la parte del Importe Bruto del Acuerdo después de la deducción de (1) el Aumento en el Pago al Representante en virtud de la PAGA a la Demandante

por un monto de $10,000, por llevar adelante la Acción; (2) los Costos de Administración del Acuerdo al Administrador del Acuerdo por el monto de $7,661; y (3) el pago a los Abogados de la Demandante por el monto de $233,333 (un tercio del Importe Bruto del Acuerdo) por honorarios de abogados y un monto de $13,164.35 por costos de litigación. Todos estos pagos fueron aprobados por la Corte.

Después de deducir los puntos mencionados anteriormente, el Importe Neto del Acuerdo restante se dividirá 75 % para la LWDA, conforme al Código Laboral de California § 2699, subdivisión (i), para el cumplimiento de las leyes laborales, incluida la administración de esta parte, y para la educación de los empleadores y empleados sobre sus derechos y responsabilidades conforme a este código, que se asignará continuamente para complementar y no reemplazar la financiación a la agencia para esos fines; y 25 % a los Empleados Agraviados. Por lo tanto, la LWDA recibirá $326,881.24 y $108,960.41 quedarán para su distribución a los Empleados Agraviados.

Cada Empleado Agraviado recibirá una parte proporcional del NSA que es igual a (i) la cantidad de períodos de pago que trabajó para el Demandado en California durante el Período de la PAGA sobre la base de los datos proporcionados por el Demandado, dividida por (ii) la cantidad total de períodos de pago trabajados por todos los Empleados Agraviados sobre la base de los mismos datos, que luego se multiplica por el NSA. Un día trabajado en un período de pago determinado se computará como un período de pago a los efectos de este cálculo. Por lo tanto, el valor de la Parte Individual del Acuerdo de cada Empleado Agraviado se relaciona directamente con la cantidad de períodos de pago que trabajó.

El cheque incluido con esta notificación representa su parte del acuerdo sobre la base de esta fórmula. A los fines de cálculo de impuestos, el cien por ciento (100 %) del monto de dinero que recibió se considera una sanción civil y no ha sido sujeto a retenciones impositivas.

Se recomienda fervientemente que, al recibir su cheque de Parte Individual del Acuerdo, lo cobre de inmediato o lo cobre antes de la fecha de anulación de **180 días** que se indica en cada cheque. Los fondos representados por los cheques del acuerdo devueltos como imposibles de entregar y aquellos cheques del acuerdo que no se cobren durante más de 180 días después de su emisión se transferirán al Fondo de Propiedad No Reclamada de la Oficina del Controlador del Estado de California en nombre del Empleado Agraviado. **No se tomarán represalias en su contra por cobrar el cheque del acuerdo incluido con esta notificación.**

No puede excluirse del acuerdo. Incluso si no cobra su cheque del acuerdo, aún quedará obligado por la exoneración que se describe en esta notificación.

6. ¿Cómo puedo obtener información adicional o documentos judiciales?

SI NECESITA MÁS INFORMACIÓN O SI TIENE ALGUNA PREGUNTA, puede llamar a los Abogados de la Demandante que se indican arriba, o al Administrador del Acuerdo al número de teléfono sin cargo que se indica a continuación. Consulte el acuerdo PMAB-8. Además, puede visitar el sitio web del caso en www.INSERTAR.com.

POR FAVOR, NO LLAME A LA CORTE NI AL SECRETARIO DE LA CORTE PARA OBTENER INFORMACIÓN SOBRE ESTE ACUERDO.