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13 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

14 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

15 PABLO ACOSTA, COLLEEN DUARTE,
16 CALVIN SMITH, SLEEM SHEIKH, and
17 CHIA-CHEN CHANG, individuals, on behalf
18 of themselves, and on behalf of all persons
19 similarly situated,

20 Plaintiffs,

21 vs.

22 AXLEHIRE, INC., a Corporation; and DOES
23 1 through 50, inclusive,

24 Defendants.

CASE NO.: **23CV057116**

[consolidated with Case No. 23CV055896]

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR
FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
SETTLEMENT AND AWARD OF
ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS AND
SERVICE AWARDS**

Hearing Date: March 17, 2026

Hearing Time: 2:30 p.m.

Reservation ID: 659537372200

Judge: Hon. Somnath Raj Chatterjee
Dept.: 21

Action Filed: December 1, 2023

Trial Date: Not set

1 **TO ALL THE PARTIES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

2 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT at 2:30 p.m. on March 17, 2026, or as soon thereafter
3 as the matter can be heard, in Department 21 of the above entitled Court before the Honorable Somnath
4 Raj Chatterjee, Plaintiffs Pablo Acosta, Colleen Duarte, Calvin Smith, Sleem Sheikh, and Chia-Chen
5 Chang (“Plaintiffs”) will move for an order granting (1) Final Approval of the Class Action and PAGA
6 Settlement Agreement, including approval of the attorneys’ fees, costs and service awards, and (2)
7 Entry of the Final Approval Order and the Judgment.

8 This motion is brought in accordance with the Order dated September 9, 2025, and California
9 Rules of Court, rule 3.769. This Motion will be based on this notice, the accompanying points and
10 authorities, the Declaration of Norman Blumenthal, the First Amended Class Action and PAGA
11 Settlement Agreement (the “Agreement”), the Declaration of Katie Tran (the Administrator), the
12 Declarations of the Plaintiffs, and the complete files and records in this action.

13 Because Plaintiffs and Defendant Axlehire, Inc. (“Defendant”) have agreed to the proposed
14 class settlement and have met and conferred regarding the motion, this motion is not opposed. There
15 have been no objections submitted by the Class.

16 Respectfully submitted,

17 Dated: February 19, 2026

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