

CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

Angel Rivera v. Mekanism, Inc.
(Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV05698) (“*Rivera*”)

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into in the above-entitled proceedings, by and between Plaintiff Angel Rivera on behalf of himself and the putative class, on the one hand; and Defendant Mekanism, Inc. (“Defendant”) on the other hand (collectively, the “Parties”).

1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1 “203 Regular Rate Class” means all non-exempt background actors and models who worked for Defendant in the 203 Regular Rate Class Period, were paid a flat daily rate, and worked more than six hours without a recorded meal period and/or worked more than 8 hours in one day.

1.2 “203 Regular Rate Class Period” means September 16, 2019 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

1.3 “203 Waiting Time Class” means all performers who worked for Defendant in the 203 Waiting Time Class Period, who are not members of the 203 Regular Rate Class, and their first wage payment for a day worked in the 203 Regular Rate Class Period was issued after the scheduled pay day.

1.4 “203 Waiting Time Class Period” means September 16, 2019 through the date of Preliminary Approval through the date of Preliminary Approval.

1.5 “Action” means the above-entitled *Rivera* lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant initiated on March 15, 2023.

1.6 “Administrator” means ILYM Group, Inc., the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.

1.7 “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

1.8 “Aggrieved Employee” means all non-exempt background actors and models who worked for Defendant, were paid a flat daily rate, and worked more than six hours without a recorded meal period and/or worked more than 8 hours in one day in the PAGA Period, and all performers who worked for Defendant and their first wage payment for a day worked in the PAGA Period was issued after the scheduled pay day.

1.9 “Class Counsel” means Frank Kim of Kim Legal, APC.

1.10 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.

1.11 “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession or control including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and data identifying to which class the Class Member belongs.

1.12 “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the 203 Regular Rate Class, 203 Waiting Time Class, or Wage Only Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

1.13 “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.

1.14 “Class Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.15 “Class Representative” means the named Plaintiff Angel Rivera in the Operative Complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as Class Representative.

1.16 “Class Representative Service Payment” means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.

1.17 “Class Period” means the period applicable to the each specific Class Member’s class (either the 203 Regular Rate Class Period, the 203 Waiting Time Class Period, or the Wage Only Class Period, depending on which Class to which that Class Member belongs).

1.18 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

1.19 “Defendant” means named Defendant Mekanism, Inc. (“Mekanism”).

1.20 “Defense Counsel” means Stephen Rossi of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp, LLP.

1.21 “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.

1.22 “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.

1.23 “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.

1.24 “Final Judgment” means the Judgment entered by the Court upon granting Final Approval of the Settlement.

1.25 “Gross Settlement Amount” means \$385,000.00 (three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars), which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement, and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administrator’s Expenses Payment.

1.26 “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s share of the Net Settlement Amount.

1.27 “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties.

1.28 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.

1.29 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

1.30 “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

1.31 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.

1.32 “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.

1.33 “PAGA Period” means the period from March 14, 2022 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

1.34 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).

1.35 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s letter (through his counsel) to Defendant and the LWDA, dated March 14, 2023, providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).

1.36 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount or \$6,000.00, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$1,500.00) and the 75% to LWDA (\$4,500.00) in settlement of PAGA claims.

1.37 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

1.38 “Plaintiff” means Angel Rivera, the named plaintiff in the Action.

1.39 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s order granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

1.40 “Preliminary Approval Order” means the proposed order granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement.

1.41 “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2 below.

1.42 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.3 below.

1.43 “Released Parties” means: Mekanism, Inc. and its present and former partners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and related entities and all of their officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, registered representatives, attorneys, insurers, payroll companies, successors and assigns, and any other persons acting by through, under or in concert with any of them (including any alleged joint employers).

1.44 “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must include all of the following: the Class Member’s name and address, email address or telephone number, the Class Member’s personal signature, and a statement that reasonably communicates the Class Member’s request to be excluded. Requests submitted on a Class Member’s behalf that are not signed by the Class Member will not be accepted.

1.45 “Response Deadline” means 45 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail his, her or their Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1.46 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

1.47 “Wage Only Class” means all non-exempt background actors and models who worked for Defendant in the Wage Only Class Period, were paid a flat daily rate, worked more than six hours without a recorded meal period and/or worked more than 8 hours in one day, and are not part of the 203 Regular Rate or 203 Waiting Time Class.

1.48 “Wage Only Class Period” means September 16, 2018 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

2. **RECITALS.**

2.1 On March 15, 2023, Plaintiff Angel Rivera filed a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendant for wage and hour violations (failure to pay all overtime wages, failure to pay premium wages, failure to provide accurate wage statements, and failure to pay all wages due and owing on separation) and unfair business practices. On May 19, 2023, Rivera amended his Complaint against Defendant to add a claim under PAGA.

2.2 As part of this settlement, Plaintiff will file a Second Amended Complaint against Defendant adding a claim for failure to reimburse expenses and any other claim necessary to ensure the broadest possible release of wage and hour claims (and derivative claims).

2.3 Rivera’s Second Amended Complaint is referred to as the operative complaint (the “Operative Complaint”).

2.4 Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint and previous Complaints, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and previous Complaints, and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

2.5 Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Rivera gave timely written notice to Defendant and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notices.

2.6 On March 21, 2024, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Jonathan D. Andrews, which resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding settling the Action.

2.7 Prior to negotiating the Settlement, Plaintiff obtained substantial class data containing all relevant pay information for the Class Members and conducted a substantial investigation into their claims. Plaintiff’s investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 (“*Dunk/Kullar*”).

2.8 The Court has not granted class certification. The Parties agree to class certification for purposes of settlement only. If the Court does not grant Preliminary and Final Approval of this Agreement despite the Parties’ good faith efforts to address any concerns raised by the Court without increasing the Gross Settlement Amount, the Parties shall return to status quo ante.

3. **MONETARY TERMS.**

3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant promises to pay \$385,000.00 (three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.2 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class

Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.

3.2 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:

3.2.1 To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than \$10,000.00 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Plaintiff will not opt out. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payments that do not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payments and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves Class Representative Service Payments less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payments using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for all taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payments.

3.2.2 To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 33.33% of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be \$128,320.50 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$20,000.00. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's counsel arising from any claim to any portion of any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay and report the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administration Expenses Payment not to exceed \$7,450.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less or the Court approves a lesser payment, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.4 To Each Participating Class Member: Payment will be made to Participating Class Members from the Net Settlement Amount as follows:

3.2.4.1 Individual Class Payment: All Participating Class Members will receive a minimum payment equal to their share of the Net Settlement Amount according to the following formula:

- (a) Each Class will be allocated a portion of the Net Settlement Allocation, which are listed below. Each Participating Class Member will be allocated an equal pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount allocated to their Class.
- (b) 203 Regular Rate Class Allocation: 72.74% (\$280,000 divided by the Gross Settlement Amount).
- (c) 203 Waiting Time Class Allocation: 24.97% (\$96,120 divided by the Gross Settlement Amount).
- (d) Wage Only Class Allocation: 2.29% (\$8,880 divided by the Gross Settlement Amount).

3.2.4.2 Individual PAGA Payment. All Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will receive an equal pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties.

3.2.5 Tax Allocation of Payments. A portion of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portion for each class are: 203 Regular Rate Class (1%), 203 Waiting Time Claims (1%), Wage Only Class (25%). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The remainder of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest, reimbursements, and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment. The Individual PAGA Payments will be considered 100% penalties. Defendant will pay the employer's share of payroll taxes as required by law, and such payments will not reduce the Gross Settlement Amount.

3.2.6 Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments: Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis. Non-Participating Class Members will still receive their Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.7 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$4,500.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$1,500.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.8 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment as an equal pro rata share of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (\$1,500.00).

Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.9 If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

3.2.10 If the Court requires a PAGA allocation higher than the foregoing, such determination shall not increase the amount of the Gross Settlement Amount, and the amounts that constitute the Gross Settlement Amount shall be reallocated as necessary.

3.2.11 If the Court disapproves of the payment structure in this Agreement, such as by requiring payment to be allocated based on the number of work weeks, then the Parties will negotiate in good faith to adjust the structure, but in no event, absent agreement by Defendant, will Defendant or any Releasee be required to pay more than the Gross Settlement Amount on the basis of the payment structure.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1 Class Data. Not later than 21 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.

4.2 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 21 days after the Effective Date.

4.3 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

4.3.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180

days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Class Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment, and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.3.2 The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 15 days of receiving a returned check, the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, if requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.3.3 For any Class Member whose check for an Individual Class Payment check and/or Individual PAGA Payment is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the Motion Picture & Television Fund or other Court-approved nonprofit organization or foundation consistent with Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b) ("Cy Pres Recipient"). The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the intended Cy Pres Recipient.

4.3.4 The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff, Class Members, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff and his former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, premium pay, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, damages, actions or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, contingent or accrued, up to and including the date of Preliminary Approval, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained, in the Operative Complaint and (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint, the PAGA Notice, or ascertained during the Action and released under 5.2, below, including under any legal theory that was alleged or that could have been alleged for any failure to pay all wages

due (including minimum wage, overtime wages, and premium wages, including meal or rest break penalties), failure to pay for all hours worked, failure to provide meal or rest periods, failure to timely pay wages and final wages, failure to furnish accurate wage statements including claims derivative and/or related to these claims, failure to provide expense reimbursements, and failure to provide personnel and payroll records. (“Plaintiff’s Release.”) This Release shall include, but is not limited to, all claims and theories arising under any applicable statutes and common law, the California Labor Code, the Fair Labor Standards Act, California wage orders, and applicable regulations, including Labor Code Sections 201, 201.5, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 515, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 1198.5, 2802, as well as claims under Business and Professions Code section 17200 *et seq.*, and/or Labor Code Section 2698 *et seq.* based on alleged violations of the above Labor Code provisions, as alleged in the Operative Complaint. Plaintiff’s Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers’ compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the Class Period. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agree, nonetheless, that Plaintiff’s Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff’s discovery of them. The Release shall run through the date of Preliminary Approval.

5.1.1 Plaintiff’s Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiff’s Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

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 Released Party.

5.2 Release by Participating Class Members. All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, premium pay, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorney’s fees, damages, actions or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, contingent or accrued, that have been asserted or that reasonably could have been asserted in the Operative Complaint based on the facts, claims and/or allegations therein, including under any legal theory that was alleged or that reasonably could have been alleged based on the facts, claims and/or allegations therein for failure to pay all wages due (including overtime wages, and meal and rest break premium wages), failure to pay for all hours worked, failure to timely pay wages and final wages, derivative claims for failure to furnish accurate wage statements, and failure to provide expense reimbursements. This Release shall include claims and theories arising under the California Labor Code Sections 201, 201.5, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 515, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 2802, as well as claims under Business and Professions Code section 17200 *et seq.*, the equivalent provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and/or Labor Code Section 2698 *et seq.* based on alleged violations of the above Labor Code provisions, as alleged in the Operative Complaint. Except as set forth in Section 5.3 of this Agreement, Participating

Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, or workers' compensation. The release shall run through the date of Preliminary Approval. Moreover, only those who cash their Individual Class Payment checks will be deemed to have released claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The following language will be printed on the reverse of each Individual Class Payment check, or words to this effect: "By endorsing or otherwise negotiating this check, I acknowledge that I read, understood, and agree to the terms set forth in the Notice of Class Action Settlement and I consent to join in the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") portion of the Action, elect to participate in the settlement of the FLSA claims, and agree to release all of my FLSA claims that are covered by the Settlement."

5.3 Release by Aggrieved Employees. All Aggrieved Employees (regardless of whether they are Participating Class Members) are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint or PAGA Notices including under any legal theory that was alleged or that could have been alleged for any failure to pay all wages due (including overtime wages, and meal and rest break premium wages), failure to pay for all hours worked, failure to timely pay wages and final wages, failure to furnish accurate wage statements including claims derivative and/or related to these claims, and failure to provide expense reimbursements. This Release shall include all claims and theories arising under the California Labor Code, California wage orders, and applicable regulations, including Labor Code Sections 201, 201.5, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 515, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, and 2802. The release shall run through the end of the PAGA Period.

5.4 Apart from such award of fees and reimbursement of costs for which provision is made herein, Plaintiff and Defendant waive any and all claims for fees, costs, indemnity or contribution against Plaintiff, any Participating Class Member, Class Counsel, Defendant, Releasees or their counsel.

6. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") that complies with the Court's current checklist for Preliminary Approvals.

6.1 Defendant's Declaration in Support of Preliminary Approval. Within 20 days of the full execution of this Agreement, Defendant will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed Declaration from Defendant and Defense Counsel disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator and cy pres recipient, if any.

6.2 Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: a draft Second Amended Complaint and stipulation to amend the Complaint; a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and

Approval of PAGA Settlement; a draft proposed Class Notice; (i) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its “not to exceed” bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members and/or the Administrator; (ii) a signed declaration from Plaintiff attesting to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator and cy pres recipient, if any; and (iii) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with the Administrator and cy pres recipient, if any.

6.3 Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Second Amended Complaint, stipulation to amend the Complaint, and Motion for Preliminary Approval; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court’s Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

6.4 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court’s concerns; provided, however, that neither Party shall be under any obligation to proceed with the Settlement if the required material changes are unacceptable to either Party.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

7.1 Second Amended Complaint. Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s counsel agree to take all steps necessary to file, and cause the Court to accept, a Second Amended Complaint including all claims released herein.

7.2 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected ILYM Group, Inc. to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, ILYM Group, Inc. agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

7.3 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings, if any, and providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.

7.4 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

7.5 Notice to Class Members.

7.5.1 Not later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. At Defendant’s request, any Class Member or Aggrieved Employee who has signed a general release of claims and has not worked for either Defendant since signing that release will be excluded from this list.

7.5.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 21 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service (“USPS”) mail, the Class Notice substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

7.5.3 Not later than 3 business days after the Administrator’s receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.

7.5.4 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the deadlines for Class Members’ written objections and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 45 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed Class Notice.

7.5.5 If the Administrator, Defendant, Plaintiff, or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever are later.

7.6 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

7.6.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a Request for Exclusion not later than 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

7.6.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice, except if the Class Member fails to sign the request. The Administrator shall accept any signed Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

7.6.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

7.6.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

7.7 Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 45 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed, except as modified by Court order).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

7.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing, and copies of the Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval Order, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval, and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes, and emails.

7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 5 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing: the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; and copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include provide the Administrator’s assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

7.8.4 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections, and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator’s declaration(s) in Court.

7.8.5 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by

employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.

8. CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES. Based on Defendant's records, the Parties estimate that as of the date of the mediation, there are at least approximately the following number of class members in each class: 203 Regular Rate Class (196), 203 Waiting Time Class (77), Wage Only Class (64). There will be no escalation clause. **DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.** If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 5% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may elect, but are not obligated, to withdraw from the Settlement. Defendant agrees that if it exercises its right to withdraw under this Paragraph, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement. Defendant will be responsible for paying any Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than 7 days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.

10. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL. Not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l), a Proposed Final Approval Order, and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than 14 days prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

10.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than 5 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

10.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. However, Defendant shall be under no obligation to proceed with the Settlement if the required material changes are unacceptable, and under no circumstances will the Gross Settlement Amount be increased without Defendant's express written consent. If a material change or increase in the Gross Settlement Amount is a condition of approval, then Defendant may unilaterally void this Agreement. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and/or Administration Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this Paragraph.

10.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

10.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, and the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs, or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final.

10.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address, if possible, the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. However, under no circumstances will the Gross Settlement Amount be increased without Defendant's express written consent; if that is a condition of approval, then Defendant may unilaterally void this Agreement. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this Paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

11. **AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit a proposed amended judgment.

12. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

12.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval, or enter Judgment, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, as well as the representative treatment or manageability of any PAGA claim, and Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class

certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

12.2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: to Plaintiff's attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; as for Defendant, as needed for legal, accounting, tax, or other business reasons; to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; in response to a court order or subpoena; or in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, with any third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel shall not publicize the settlement on their websites, in advertising/marketing materials or on social media, other than filing documents with the Court. The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not issue any press releases or initiate any contact with the media about the fact, amount, or terms of the settlement. If counsel for any party receives an inquiry about the settlement from the media, counsel may respond only after the motion for approval of the settlement has been filed and only by confirming the accurate terms of the settlement. Nothing in this provision shall prevent Defendant from making any required disclosure. This Paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

12.3 No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this Paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

12.4 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibit shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.

12.5 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately 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 pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.

12.6 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying this Agreement, and submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. Plaintiff will not opt out of the Settlement. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.

12.7 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have 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 right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

12.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

12.9 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.

12.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

12.11 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.

12.12 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.

12.13 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during the Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.

12.14 Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to California Evidence Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and for no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendant unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Defendant make a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Class Data.

12.15 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.

12.16 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to “days” in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.

12.17 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

To Plaintiff:

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12.18 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument, as if counsel for the Parties exchanged between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

12.19 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that, upon the execution of this Agreement, the litigation in *Rivera* case will be stayed for all purposes upon signing, including with respect to California Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.330, except such proceedings necessary to implement and complete the settlement, pending the Final Approval Hearing to be conducted by the Court.

Plaintiff Angel Rivera

 Jason Harris 9/11/2024

Defendant Mekanism, Inc.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Counsel For Plaintiff Angel Rivera

 Stephen A. Ross 9/11/2024

Counsel For Defendant Mekanism, Inc.

COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL

Angel Rivera v. Mekanism, Inc.
(Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV05698) (“Rivera”)

The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully! It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit (“Action”) against Defendant Mekanism, Inc. (“Mekanism”) for alleged wage and hour violations as well as claims for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) (“PAGA”). The Action was initially filed by a former Mekanism employee Angel Rivera (“Plaintiff”).

The Action seeks payment for alleged wage and hour violations that occurred during the period from September 16, 2018 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

“Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the 203 Regular Rate Class, 203 Waiting Time Class, or Wage Only Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

“203 Regular Rate Class” means all non-exempt background actors and models who worked for Defendant in the 203 Regular Rate Class Period, were paid a flat daily rate, and worked more than six hours without a recorded meal period and/or worked more than 8 hours in one day.

“203 Regular Rate Class Period” means September 16, 2019 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

“203 Waiting Time Class” means all performers worked for Defendant in the 203 Waiting Time Class Period, who are not members of the 203 Regular Rate Class, and their first wage payment for a day worked in the 203 Regular Rate Class Period was issued after the scheduled pay day.

“203 Waiting Time Class Period” means September 16, 2019 through the date of Preliminary Approval through the date of Preliminary Approval.

“Wage Only Class” means all non-exempt background actors and models who worked for Defendant in the Wage Only Class Period, were paid a flat daily rate, worked more than six hours without a recorded meal period and/or worked more than 8 hours in one day, and are not part of the 203 Regular Rate or 203 Waiting Time Class.

“Wage Only Class Period” means September 16, 2018 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

“PAGA Period” means the period from March 14, 2022 through the date of Preliminary Approval.

“Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s order granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

“Released Parties” means: Mekanism, Inc. and each and all of its present and former partners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and related entities and all of their officers, directors, employees, agents, servants, registered representatives, attorneys, insurers, payroll companies, successors and assigns, and any other persons acting by through, under or in concert with any of them (including any alleged joint employers). Plaintiff and Defendant have reached a proposed settlement under which you may be entitled to receive money. The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on Defendant’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED] (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$ [REDACTED]**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant’s records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work as a non-exempt background actor or model for Defendant while being paid a flat daily rate working more than six hours without a recorded meal period and/or working more than 8 hours in one day in the PAGA Period, and you did not work as a performer for Defendant and whose first wage payment for a day worked in the PAGA Period was issued after the scheduled pay day.)

The above estimates are based on Defendant’s records showing that **you are a member of the [REDACTED] Class**. If you believe that you are a member of a different Class, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against the Released Parties.

If you are a Class Member or Aggrieved Employee as defined above, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

- (1) **Do Nothing.** You don’t have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against the Released Parties.

- (2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period claims against the Released Parties, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the claims against the Released Parties that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement The Opt-out Deadline is 	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written and signed Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue the PAGA claims listed in Section 3-10 of this Notice.
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement Written Objections Must be Submitted by 	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.

You Can Participate in the [REDACTED] Final Approval Hearing	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on [REDACTED]. You don't have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
You Can Challenge Your Class Designation Written Challenges Must be Submitted by [REDACTED].	The amount you receive under the proposed Settlement is based on which Class definition you meet, which is stated on pages 1 and 2. If you disagree with your Class designation, you must challenge it by [REDACTED]. See Section 4 of this Notice.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is a former employee of Defendant who worked as a non-union background performer on Defendant's productions. The Action accuses Defendant of violating California labor laws by failing to pay all wages, pay all required overtime and premium wages (such as meal and rest break premiums), wages due upon termination, failing to provide accurate itemized wage statements, and failing to reimburse all business expenses. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) ("PAGA"). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Frank Kim of Kim Legal, APC ("Class Counsel.")

Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff are correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator, Jonathan Andrews, Esq., in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiation to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The Parties subsequently settled the matter after the mediation. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims. Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: Defendant has

agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Defendant Will Pay \$385,000.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Defendant has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payments, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and expenses, the Administrator's expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Defendant will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 21 days after the Judgment entered by the Court becomes final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.

2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:

- A. Up to \$128,320.50 (33.33% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up \$20,000.00 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
- B. Up to \$10,000.00 to Plaintiff as a Class Representative Award for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
- C. Up to \$7,450.00 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement, which may be increased as necessary for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court.
- D. Up to \$6,000.00 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments paid pro rata to the Aggrieved Employees.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the "Net Settlement") as Individual Class Payments. All Participating Class Members will receive an Individual Class Payment equal to their share of the Net Settlement as described in **Section 4**.

4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of each Participating Class Member's payment of his/her/their pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"), and the remainder each Participating Class Member's payment of his/her/their pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount to settlement of claims for interest, penalties, and reimbursements (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The proposed Wage Portion for each class are: 203 Regular Rate Class (1%), 203 Waiting Time Claims (1%), Wage Only Class (25%). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. Defendant will separately pay the employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions. The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to tax withholdings. The Individual PAGA Payments will be considered 100% penalties. The Administrator will report the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments, and the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled. Any remaining uncashed checks will be irrevocably lost to you because they will be paid to the Motion Picture & Television Fund, a non-profit organization ("Cy Pres").

6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed), that you wish to opt-out. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her/their representative setting forth a Class Member's name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against the Released Parties.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against the Released Parties based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendant will not

pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant or the Released Parties.

8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, ILYM Group, Inc. (the “Administrator”) to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members’ Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator’s contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

9. Participating Class Members’ Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, or be part of another lawsuit against Defendant or the Released Parties for wages or penalties based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, premium pay, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorney’s fees, damages, actions or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, contingent or accrued, that have been asserted or that reasonably could have been asserted in the Operative Complaint based on the facts, claims and/or allegations therein, including under any legal theory that was alleged or that reasonably could have been alleged based on the facts, claims and/or allegations therein for failure to pay all wages due (including overtime wages, and meal and rest break premium wages), failure to pay for all hours worked, failure to timely pay wages and final wages, derivative claims for failure to furnish accurate wage statements, and failure to provide expense reimbursements. This Release shall include claims and theories arising under the California Labor Code Sections 201, 201.5, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 515, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 2802, as well as claims under Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq., the equivalent provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and/or Labor Code Section 2698 et seq. based on alleged violations of the above Labor Code provisions, as alleged in the Operative Complaint. Except as set forth in Section 5.3 of this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, or workers’ compensation. The release shall run through the date of Preliminary Approval. Moreover, only those who cash their Individual Class Payment checks will be deemed to have released claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The following language will be printed on the reverse of each Individual Class Payment check, or words to this effect: “By endorsing or otherwise negotiating this check, I acknowledge that I read, understood, and agree

to the terms set forth in the Notice of Class Action Settlement and I consent to join in the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”) portion of the Action, elect to participate in the settlement of the FLSA claims, and agree to release all of my FLSA claims that are covered by the Settlement.”

10. Aggrieved Employees’ PAGA Release. After the Court’s judgment is final, and Defendant has paid the Gross Settlement (and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes), all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendant and the Released Parties, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against Defendant or the Released Parties based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Aggrieved Employees’ Releases for Participating and Non-Participating Class Members are as follows:

All Aggrieved Employees (regardless of whether they are Participating Class Members) are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint or PAGA Notices including under any legal theory that was alleged or that could have been alleged for any failure to pay all wages due (including overtime wages, and meal and rest break premium wages), failure to pay for all hours worked, failure to timely pay wages and final wages, failure to furnish accurate wage statements including claims derivative and/or related to these claims, and failure to provide expense reimbursements. This Release shall include all claims and theories arising under the California Labor Code, California wage orders, and applicable regulations, including Labor Code Sections 201, 201.5, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 515, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, and 2802. The release shall run through the end of the PAGA Period.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments as follows: All Participating Class Members will receive a minimum payment equal to their pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount based on the following formula: Each Participating Class Member will be allocated an equal share of their Class’s Allocation of the Net Settlement. The Class Allocations are: 203 Regular Rate Class Allocation (72.74%), 203 Waiting Time Class Allocation (24.97%), Wage Only Class Allocation (2.29%).
2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments as follows: All Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees will receive an equal pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties.

3. Class Assignment Challenges. Your Class assignment, based on Defendant's records, are stated in the first and second page of this Notice. If you disagree with that assignment, you have until [REDACTED] to challenge the assignment. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Make sure to include your name, contact information, and reference Mekanism. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs, vouchers, or other records. The Administrator will accept your Class assignment unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and Defendant's Counsel. The Administrator's decision is final. You can't appeal or otherwise challenge its final decision.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.
2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any signed writing communicating your request to be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Angel Rivera v. Mekanism, Inc.* (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV05698) and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself and sign it. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by [REDACTED], or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the

Court to approve. At least sixteen court days before the [redacted] Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff are requesting as a Class Representative Service Award. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website [redacted] url [redacted] or the Court's website [redacted] url [redacted].

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Award may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is [redacted].** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action *Angel Rivera v. Mekanism, Inc.* (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV05698) and include your name and current address, telephone number or email, and approximate dates of employment for Defendant and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on [redacted] at [redacted] (time) [redacted] in Department [redacted] of the Los Angeles Superior Court, located at 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via LACourtConnect (<https://www.lacourt.org/lacc/>). Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website [redacted] beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to ILYM Group, Inc.'s website at

url. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (<http://www.lacourt.org/casesummary/ui/index.aspx>) and entering the lead Case Number for the Action, Case No. 23STCV03337. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the Clerk's Office at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse by calling (213) 830-0800.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void you will have no way to recover the money.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.