

AMENDED CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Subject to court approval, this Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Carlos Alejandro Retes (“Plaintiff”) individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated (collectively, “Plaintiff”), and Defendant Kaizen Auto Care, LLC, an Arizona Company (hereinafter, “Defendant” or “Kaizen Auto”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as “Parties” or individually as a “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1. “Action” means Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant captioned *Retes v. Kaizen Auto Care, LLC* Case No. CVRI2301218, pending in Riverside County Superior Court.

1.2. “Administrator” means ILYM Group, Inc.

1.3. “Administration Expenses” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its costs in accordance with the Administrator’s bid to be submitted to the Court. The Administration Expenses shall not exceed \$9,850.00, except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court.

1.4. “Class” or “Class Member(s)” means all persons who have been, or currently are, employed by Defendant and who held, or hold, job positions which Defendant has classified as “non-exempt” employees in the State of California during the Class Period.

1.5. “Class Counsel” means Bradley/Grombacher, LLP and Majarian Law Group APC.

1.6. “Class Counsel Attorneys’ Fees” and “Class Counsel Litigation Costs” mean the amounts allocated to Class Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action. Class Counsel Attorneys’ Fees shall not exceed 1/3 of the Gross Settlement Amount, or \$160,000 and Class Counsel Litigation Costs shall not exceed \$20,000.

1.7. “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, the dates of employment, and the respective number of Workweeks that each Class Member worked during the Class Period and PAGA period.

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

1.9. “Class Notice” means the Notice of Class Action Settlement, attached as **Attachment A**, to be mailed to Class Members and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.10. “Class Period” means the period from February 1, 2021 through February 6, 2024, or the date of preliminary approval, whichever is earlier.

1.11. “Class Representative(s)” refers to Carlos Alejandro Retes.

1.12. “Class Representative Service Payment(s)” means the payment to the Class Representative(s) for initiating and providing services in support of the Action in an amount up to \$7,500, subject to Court approval.

1.13. “Court” means the Riverside County Superior Court.

1.14. “Defendant” means Kaizen Auto Care, LLC.

1.15. “Defense Counsel” means captioned counsel of record from the law firm of O’Hagan Meyer LLP.

1.16. “Effective Date” means either (a) the date sixty (60) calendar days after the entry of Final Approval and Judgment, if no motions for reconsideration and no appeals or other efforts to obtain review have been filed, or (b) in the event of a motion for reconsideration, an appeal or other effort to obtain review of the Final Approval and Judgment, the date sixty (60) calendar days after such reconsideration, appeal or review has been finally concluded and is no longer subject to review, whether by appeal, petition for rehearing, petition for review or otherwise.

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

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

1.19. “Gross Settlement Amount” means **\$480,000**, which is the total amount Defendant(s) agree(s) to pay under the Settlement, subject to the terms and conditions of this Settlement, and which includes all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, all Class Counsel Attorneys’ Fees and Class Counsel Litigation Costs, the Class Representative Service Payment(s), the LWDA PAGA Payment, and the Administration Expenses. In no event will Defendant be liable for more than the Gross Settlement Amount, unless the escalator clause described in Paragraph 7 is triggered.

1.20. “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount, calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.

1.21. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the PAGA Members’ pro rata share of the Net PAGA Payment, calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.

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

1.23. “LWDA” means the California Labor Workforce and Development Agency.

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

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

1.26. “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

1.27. “Operative Complaint” means the most recently filed class action complaint, including amended complaints, filed by Plaintiff.

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

1.29. “Parties” means Plaintiff and Defendant, collectively, and “Party” means either Plaintiff or Defendant.

1.30. “PAGA” means California’s Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.

1.31. “PAGA Members” means all Class Members who worked at any time during the PAGA Period.

1.32. “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a).

1.33. “PAGA Period” means March 9, 2022, through February 6, 2024.

1.34. “PAGA Payment” means the sum of \$20,000, provided in exchange for a release of the PAGA claims addressed in this Settlement, which shall be allocated from the Gross Settlement Amount to pay all applicable penalties under PAGA. 75% of the total PAGA Payment shall be paid to the LWDA, with the remaining 25% to be included in the Net Settlement Amount.

1.35. “PAGA Pay Periods” means the number of pay periods worked by a PAGA Member for Defendant in California during the PAGA Period.

1.36. “PAGA Representative” means Plaintiff.

1.37. “Plaintiff” refers to Carlos Alejandro Retes, who may also be referred to herein as the Class Representative.

1.38. “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

1.39. “Qualified Settlement Account” means a qualified settlement fund account established by the Settlement Administrator into which Defendant will make a one-time deposit for payment of all Court-approved and claimed amounts from the Gross Settlement Amount.

1.40. “Released Claims” means the claims being released in connection with this Settlement, as set forth in full in Paragraphs 4.1 through 4.3 below.

1.41. “Released Parties” means: Defendant together with its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, parents, predecessors, successors, and assigns.

1.42. “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a signed written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement.

1.43. “Response Deadline” means 60 days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) email, fax or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) email, fax or mail their Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom the Class Notice is resent after being returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline expiry.

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

1.45. “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for at least one day during the Class Period.

1.46. “Workweek Estimate” means, based on a review of Defendant’s records as of December 6, 2023, a total of 11,774 Workweeks worked by Class Members during the Class Period.

2. MONETARY TERMS.

2.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Subject to all terms of this Agreement, Defendant shall pay the Gross Settlement Amount in connection with this Settlement in the amount not to exceed Four Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$480,000.00) The Gross Settlement Amount does not include any employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, which shall be paid separately. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members and/or PAGA Members to submit any claim as a condition of payment. The Gross Settlement Amount is non-reversionary.

2.2. 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:

2.2.1. To Class Representative(s): The Class Representative Service Payment of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,500.00) to the Class Representative, in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative(s) may be entitled to receive under the terms of this Agreement. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members and PAGA Members on a pro rata basis. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment(s) using IRS Form 1099. An award of less than the requested amount for the Class Representative Service Payment will not give rise to a basis to abrogate the Settlement Agreement and the Court has authority under this Agreement to reduce (or increase) the Class Representative Service Payment, at its discretion at the final approval stage.

2.2.2. To Class Counsel: Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees of 1/3 of the Gross Settlement Amount, or One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$160,000), and Class Counsel Litigation Costs not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to Class Counsel. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments, provided the requests do not exceed these amounts. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Costs 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 any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Costs. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. An award of less than the requested amount for the Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees or Class Counsel Litigation Costs will not give rise to a basis to abrogate the Settlement Agreement and the Court has authority under this Agreement to reduce the Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees and Class Counsel Litigation Costs at its discretion at the final approval stage.

2.2.3. To the Administrator: Administration Expenses to the Administrator not to exceed Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$9,850.00). To the extent the Administration Expenses are less, or the Court approves payment less than the Administration Expenses set forth in this Agreement, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis. Approval of less than the requested amount for Administration Expenses will not give rise to a basis to abrogate the Settlement Agreement and the Court has authority under this Agreement to reduce (or increase) the Administration Expenses at its discretion at the final approval stage.

2.2.4. To the LWDA: Subject to Court approval, the PAGA Payment of Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$20,000.00) will be allocated to cover any and all claims for civil penalties associated with the Released Claims that were, or could have been, brought in the Actions under PAGA, 75% of which will be paid to the LWDA (i.e., the LWDA PAGA Payment) and the remaining 25% retained in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to PAGA Members as penalties in exchange for a full and final release of PAGA claims. The Court has authority under this Agreement to increase (or reduce) the PAGA Payment up to and including at the final approval stage, and the Parties respectfully reserve the right to increase (or reduce) the PAGA Payment up to and including at the final approval stage, which may be done only through written amendment fully executed by both Parties. If the Court approves a PAGA Payment 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.

2.2.5. To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by: (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period; and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.

2.2.6. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 20% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The remaining 80% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest 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.

2.3. 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.

3. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

3.1. Delivery of Class Data to Administrator. Not later than 45 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will simultaneously 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 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 foregoing deadline the Parties and their counsel must expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.

3.2. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount and fund the amounts necessary to fully pay its share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 7 days after the Effective Date.

3.3. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 10 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the Administration Expenses, the LWDA's portion of the PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees, Class Counsel Litigation Costs, and Class Representative Service Payment(s).

3.3.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Participating Class Members and

PAGA 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 and Individual PAGA Payments to all Participating Class Members and PAGA Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

3.3.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding addresses. Within 7 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 or PAGA Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member or PAGA Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member or PAGA Member prior to the void date.

3.3.3. For any Class Member or PAGA Member whose Individual Class Payment or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds, in the name of the Participating Class Member or PAGA Member, to the State of California's Unclaimed Property Division. Participating Class Members and/or PAGA Members whose Individual Class Payment or Individual PAGA Payment checks are cancelled shall, nevertheless, be bound by this Settlement Agreement.

3.3.4. 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 beyond those specified in this Agreement. Defendant shall fully discharge its obligations to Plaintiff and the Participating Class Members and PAGA Members through remittance of the Gross Settlement Amount to the Administrator, regardless of whether the checks representing individual settlement awards are actually received and/or negotiated by Participating Class Members or PAGA Members. Once Defendant has remitted the Gross Settlement Amount in accordance with this Settlement Agreement, it will be deemed to have satisfied all terms and conditions under this Agreement, shall be entitled to all protections afforded to it under this Agreement, and shall have no further obligations under the terms of the Agreement, regardless of what occurs with respect to the further administration of the Settlement. It is expressly understood and agreed that the receipt of such individual settlement awards will not entitle any Participating Class Member or PAGA Member to additional compensation or benefits under any company bonus, contest or other compensation or benefit plan or agreement in place during the period covered by the Settlement, nor will it entitle any Participating Class Member or PAGA Member to any increased retirement, 401K benefits or matching benefits, or deferred compensation benefits. It is the intent of this Settlement that the individual settlement awards provided for in this Settlement are the sole payments to be made by Defendant to Participating Class Members and PAGA Members, and that the Participating Class Members and PAGA Members are not entitled to any new or additional compensation or benefits as a result of having received the individual settlement awards (notwithstanding any contrary language or agreement in any benefit or compensation plan document that might have been in effect during the period covered by this Settlement).

3.3.5. The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all PAGA Members, including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as PAGA Members (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.

3.4. Payments to the Responsible Tax Authorities. The Administrator will pay the Participating Class Members' portion of normal payroll withholding taxes out of each person's Individual Class Payment. The Administrator shall also pay Defendant's portion of payroll taxes as the current or former employer (including the employer's payment of applicable FICA, FUTA, and SUI contributions, etc.) to the appropriate local, state, and federal taxing authorities. The Administrator will calculate the amount of the Participating Class Members' and Defendant's portion of payroll withholding taxes and forward those amounts to the appropriate taxing authorities.

4. RELEASES OF CLAIMS.

Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the following releases of claims will take effect:

4.1. Class Representative's General Release. Class Representative and his respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences, 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 or ascertained during the Action; (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint, Class Representative's PAGA Notice, or ascertained during the Action and released under Paragraph 4.1.1; and (c) any and all causes of action, claims, rights, damages, penalties, liabilities, expenses, losses, attorneys' fees, and costs, alleged in any of the pleadings in the Action or alleged in Class Representative's PAGA Notice or that could have been asserted in this Action based on the facts alleged in the Action or the PAGA notice, including all claims for failure to pay wages, including minimum or overtime wages, failure to timely pay wages during employment and at separation, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to maintain accurate records, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to provide meal periods or rest breaks, failure to maintain accurate records, failure to pay accrued vacation wages, failure to post notice of paydays and time and place of payment, failure to provide sick leave, and any claim for violations of the California Labor Code, California's Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq., and the applicable California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order; and (d) any other claims, debts, liabilities, demands, damages, obligations, actions and causes of actions, of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, or suspected or unsuspected, arising out of or in connection with his employment with Defendant, the separation of such employment, or any other act, omission or event occurring between the Parties at any time prior to the date the Class Representative executed this Agreement. This General Release includes, without limitation: (1) all claims for violation of any federal, state or local statute, ordinance or regulation relating to employment benefits, leaves of absence, or discrimination, harassment, retaliation, or whistleblowing in employment, specifically including, without limitation, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, the California Family Rights

Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, the Securities Act, the Immigration Reform and Control Act the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988, the California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, and any regulation of any administrative agency or governmental authority relating to employment benefits or discrimination or harassment or retaliation in employment; the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. and the Portal to Portal Act, 29 U.S.C. § 251 et seq. (2) all claims for failure to pay wages, including minimum or overtime wages, failure to timely pay wages during employment and at separation, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to maintain accurate records, failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to provide meal periods or rest breaks, failure to maintain accurate records, failure to pay accrued vacation wages, failure to post notice of paydays and time and place of payment, failure to provide sick leave, and any claim for violations of the California Labor Code, California's Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq., and the applicable California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order; (3) any non-statutory tort or contractual claim, including all claims for breach of oral, implied or written contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, negligent or intentional infliction of emotional distress, and conversion; (4) all claims for wrongful termination of employment; (5) all claims for wages, penalties and/or benefits; and (6) all claims for attorneys' fees and costs. Class Representative's General 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. Class Representative acknowledges that he 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 agrees, nonetheless, that Class Representative's General Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or his discovery of them.

4.1.1. Class Representative's Section 1542 Waiver. For purposes of Class Representative's General Release, Class Representative 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.

4.2. Release by Participating Class Members: All Participating Class Members release Released Parties from any and all claims, damages, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, penalties, actions or causes of action of any kind, arising under state, federal or local law, whether statutory, common law, or administrative law, at any time during the Class Period, that were or could have been asserted based on or arising out of the factual allegations in the Operative Complaint or based on any facts discovered or could have been discovered in the course of the Action, including, without limitation, claims for: unpaid overtime, unpaid wages, unpaid minimum wages, unpaid meal period premiums, unpaid rest period premiums, failure to pay accrued vacation wages, untimely payment of wages, wage statement violations, waiting time penalties, failure to

pay all wages owed each payday, failure to pay wages upon separation, failure to reimburse business expenses, and failure to maintain accurate records, civil penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act, California Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq.; Civil Code section 3287; Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5; the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA,” 29 U.S.C. section 201 et seq.); claims under California Labor Code sections 201 to 204, 206, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 223, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 500, 510, 512, 516, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1182, 1182.11-1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, 2810.5, 2698 et seq., and the Wage Orders promulgated thereunder; and claims for injunctive relief, punitive damages, penalties of any nature, interest, fees, and costs. As to federal claims arising under the FLSA that could have been pleaded based on the facts pleaded in the Operative Complaint, such claims shall not be released unless and until a Participating Class Member signs their settlement check, which will constitute consent to opt into the release of all FLSA claims that could have been pleaded based on the facts pleaded in the Operative Complaint. 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, workers’ compensation, or claims outside of the Operative Complaint or outside the Class Period.

4.3. **PAGA Release:** Plaintiff and the State of California release Released Parties from, and are forever barred from pursuing penalties, interest, fees or costs against Released Parties for, the PAGA claims alleged in Plaintiff’s administrative exhaustion letter submitted to the LWDA in this Action on March 9, 2023 arising during the PAGA Period, and only to the extent that they are alleged in the Operative Complaint, including penalties predicated on the underlying alleged violations for: unpaid overtime, unpaid wages, unpaid meal period premiums, unpaid rest period premiums, failure to pay accrued vacation wages, untimely payment of wages, wage statement violations, waiting time penalties, failure to pay all wages owed each payday, failure to pay wages upon separation, failure to reimburse business expenses, and failure to maintain accurate records, California Labor Code sections 200 to 204, 206, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 223, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 510, 512, 516, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182, 1182.11-1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2698 et seq., 2699, 2802, and the Wage Orders promulgated thereunder (“Released PAGA Claims”). PAGA Members and the LWDA will be deemed to release the Released Parties from the Released PAGA Claims. The Released PAGA Claims will have a *res judicata* effect against any PAGA Member who makes a claim against any of the Released Parties for any of the claims or seeks to participate in any judgment or settlement of claims that are the subject of the Released PAGA Claims in any other representative action against any of the Released Parties.

5. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.

5.1. **Preliminary Approval.** Plaintiff shall move for an order conditionally certifying the Class for settlement purposes only, granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, setting a date for the Final Approval Hearing, and approving the Class Notice. Defendant shall accept service of the Motion for Preliminary Approval (and any other motions, declarations, proposed orders, exhibits, or other documents filed therewith) via electronic service at the addresses set forth in this Agreement or, if an electronic service agreement is already in place, pursuant to the Parties’ electronic service agreement.

5.2. Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Settlement or forthcoming Motion for Preliminary Approval, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together in good faith on behalf of the Parties 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 in good faith on behalf of the Parties to modify the Agreement and satisfy the Court's concerns. Should the Court decline to conditionally certify the Class or to Preliminarily Approve all material aspects of the Settlement, the Settlement will be null and void, and the Parties will have no further obligations under it, provided, however, that the amounts of the Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees, Class Counsel Litigation Costs, Administration Expense Payment, and Class Representative Service Payments may be determined by the Court, and the Court's determination on these amounts shall be final and binding.

6. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

6.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected the Administrator to administer this Settlement. The Administrator 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.

6.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number to calculate payroll tax withholdings and report to state and federal tax authorities.

6.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

6.4. Notice to Class Members.

6.4.1. No later than 5 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 Workweeks in the Class Data.

6.4.2. Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and no 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 Attachment A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

6.4.3. 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.

6.4.4. The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to Workweeks, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the time 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.

6.4.5. If the Administrator, Defendant 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 a good-faith 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, which ever are later.

6.5. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

6.5.1. Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email or mail, a signed written 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). A Request for Exclusion must: (a) include case name and number; (b) contain the full name, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the Class Member requesting exclusion; (c) clearly state that the Class Member does not wish to be included in the settlement; (d) be signed by the Class Member; (e) be returned by fax, email or mail to the Administrator at the specified address and/or facsimile number; and (f) be postmarked, emailed or faxed on or before the Response Deadline.

6.5.2. The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any 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.

6.5.3. 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

Release by Participating Class Members paragraph of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

6.5.4. 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, nor shall they have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement.

6.5.5. Any Class Member who does not affirmatively request exclusion from the Settlement Agreement by submitting a timely and valid Request for Exclusion will be bound by all of its terms, including those pertaining to the Released Claims, as well as any Judgment that may be entered by the Court if it grants final approval of the Settlement. The entry of a final order approving the Settlement of this Action and Judgment which discharges Defendant and Released Parties from liability for any and all of the Released Claims shall have a *res judicata* effect and bar Plaintiff and Class Members who did not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion from bringing any actions or claims asserting the Released Claims.

6.5.6. The Parties agree that there is no statutory right for any PAGA member to object to, opt out of, or otherwise exclude himself or herself from the settlement of the PAGA claims. Accordingly, any timely objection or exclusion from the Settlement submitted by a Class Member shall be construed as relating only to the putative class action claims and shall have no effect whatsoever on the settlement of the PAGA claims.

6.5.7 Plaintiff agrees to sign this Settlement Agreement and, by signing this Settlement Agreement, is hereby bound by the terms herein.

6.6. Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have until the Response Deadline (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email, or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. Defendant's employee data will be presumed to be correct, unless a particular Class Member proves otherwise to the Administrator by credible evidence. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination of the challenges.

6.7. Objections to Settlement.

6.7.1. Only Participating Class Members may object to the Settlement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement.

6.7.2. Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator by email, fax or mail. Alternatively, 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 the Response Deadline (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

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

6.8. 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.

6.8.1. Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish, 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 Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Attorneys' Fees, Class Counsel Litigation Costs 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.

6.8.2. 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 Response Deadline, the Administrator shall email a list to Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

6.8.3. Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments. The Weekly Reports must provide the Administrator's assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

6.8.4. Workweek Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions, consistent with the terms of this Agreement, on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks. The Administrator's decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

6.8.5. 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.

6.8.6. 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, if applicable and if requested by either Party, 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.

7. CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES AND ESCALATION CLAUSE. Based on its records, Defendant has provided a Workweek Estimate. In the event the total Workweeks set forth in the Workweek Estimate is incorrect by more than 10% as of December 6, 2023, Defendant shall have the option to either a) increase the Gross Settlement Amount proportionately by the same percentage above 10% (for example, if the total Workweeks is in fact 11% higher than the Workweek Estimate, the Gross Settlement Amount will be increased by 1%), or b) to shorten the release period to the date on which the number of Workweeks reaches 12,952.

8. DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW. If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 10% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated to, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. If Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and neither Party shall have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. To elect to withdraw, Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than 14 days after the Administrator notifies the Parties of a greater than ten percent (10%) opt-out rate.

9. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL. Not later than 16 court days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class Representatives will file in Court a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment, which shall include a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code § 2699, subd. (l) (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Class Counsel will provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel in advance of filing for Defense Counsel's review. Defendant shall accept service of the Motion for Final Approval (and any other motions, declarations, proposed orders, exhibits, or other documents filed therewith) via electronic service at the addresses set forth in this Agreement or, if an electronic service agreement is already in place, pursuant to the Parties' electronic service agreement.

9.1. 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 prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise by the Court.

9.2. 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.

9.3. Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. The Parties agree, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement under California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6 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.

9.4. Waiver of Right to Appeal. 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, 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, or the right to appeal any court order that materially alters the Settlement Agreement's terms.

9.5. 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 agree to expeditiously work together in good faith to address 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.

9.6. Nullification of Settlement Agreement. In the event that the Settlement is barred by operation of law, or invalidated, or ordered not to be carried out by a court of competent jurisdiction, this Settlement Agreement, and any documents generated to bring it into effect, will be null and void. Any order of judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement will likewise be treated as void from the beginning, and all Parties to this Agreement shall stand in the same position, without prejudice, as if the Agreement has been neither entered into nor filed with the Court. Defendant will cease to have any obligation to pay any portion of the Gross Settlement Amount to the Qualified Settlement Account, or any other party under the terms of this Agreement and all previous disbursements made from Defendant to the Qualified Settlement Account will immediately revert back to Defendant. Any Administration Expenses incurred will be split equally between the Parties.

10. 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.

11. TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT. Either Party may terminate this Settlement if the Court declines to enter the Preliminary Approval Order, the Final Approval Order or final judgment in substantially the form submitted by the Parties, or the Settlement

Agreement as agreed does not become final because of appellate court action. The terminating Party shall give to the other Party (through its counsel) written notice of its decision to terminate no later than ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice that one of the above enumerated events has occurred. Termination shall have the following effects:

- a. The Settlement Agreement shall be terminated and shall have no force or effect, and no Party shall be bound by any of its terms;
- b. In the event the Settlement is terminated, Defendant shall have no obligation to make any payments to any party, Class Member, PAGA Member, or attorney, except that the terminating Party shall pay the Settlement Administrator for services rendered up to the date the Settlement Administrator is notified that the settlement has been terminated;
- c. The Preliminary Approval Order, Final Approval Order and Judgment, including any order of class certification, shall be vacated;
- d. The Settlement Agreement and all negotiations, statements and proceedings relating thereto shall be without prejudice to the rights of any of the Parties, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action prior to the settlement;
- e. Neither this Stipulated Settlement, nor any ancillary documents, actions, statements or filings in furtherance of settlement (including all matters associated with the mediation) shall be admissible or offered into evidence in the Action or any other action for any purpose whatsoever.

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 the Parties that any of the allegations or the defenses in the Operative Complaint have merit or that there is any liability for any claims asserted. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval, or enter Judgment, all Parties reserve the right to prosecute and/or contest certification of any class for any reason, reserve all available claims and defenses in the Action, among reservation of all other relevant rights. The Settlement, this Agreement, and the 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). All amounts and procedures described in this Settlement Agreement herein will be subject to final Court approval.

12.2. 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.

12.3. Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits 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.

12.4. Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by the Parties, 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.

12.5. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence, and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court, among other things. 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.

12.6. 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.

12.7. No Tax Advice. Neither the Parties, Class Counsel, 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.

12.8. 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 Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, as their legal representatives.

12.9. Signatories. It is agreed that because the Class Members are so numerous, it is impossible or impractical to have each Class Member execute this Settlement Agreement. The Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit A will advise all Class Members of the nature of the release, and the release shall have the same force and effect as if this Settlement Agreement were executed by each Class Member.

12.10. Agreement Binding on Successors and Assigns. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns 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 laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.

12.12. Invalidity of Any Provision. Before declaring any provision of this Settlement Agreement invalid, the Court will first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the

fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents so as to define all provisions of this Settlement Agreement valid and enforceable.

12.13. 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.

12.14. 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.

12.15. 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.

12.16. Notice. All notices or other communications between the Parties required in connection with this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given as of the 3rd business day after mailing by U.S. Mail or the same day if sent by email, addressed as follows:

To Plaintiff:

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Kiley Grombacher
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12.17. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed using physical and/or electronic signatures (i.e. DocuSign, SignRequest, Adobe Sign, etc.), which shall be accepted as originals for purposes of this Agreement. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

12.18 Acknowledgment that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable. The Parties believe this Settlement Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Settlement after arm’s-length negotiations and in the context of adversarial litigation, taking into account all relevant factors, present and potential. The Parties further

acknowledge that they are each represented by competent counsel and that they have had an opportunity to consult with their counsel regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Agreement. In addition, the Mediator may execute a declaration supporting the Settlement and the reasonableness of the Settlement and the Court may, in its discretion, contact the Mediator to discuss the Settlement and whether or not the Settlement is objectively fair and reasonable.

12.19 Waiver of Certain Appeals. The Parties agree to waive appeals and to stipulate to class certification for purposes of this Settlement only; and either Party may appeal any court order that materially alters the Settlement Agreement's terms.

12.20. Waiver. No waiver of any condition or covenant contained in this Agreement or failure to exercise a right or remedy by any of the Parties hereto will be considered to imply or constitute a further waiver by such party of the same or any other condition, covenant, right or remedy.

12.21 Enforcement Actions. In the event that one or more of the Parties institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other Party or Parties to enforce the provisions of this Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this Settlement, the successful Party or Parties will be entitled to recover from the unsuccessful Party or Parties reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness fees incurred in connection with any enforcement actions.

12.22 Representation By Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Agreement, and that this Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel and reviewed in full. Further, Plaintiff and Class Counsel warrant and represent that there are no liens on the Settlement Agreement.

12.23 Binding Agreement. The Parties warrant that they understand and have full authority to enter into this Agreement, and further intend that this Agreement will be fully enforceable and binding on all parties and agree that it will be admissible and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms, notwithstanding any mediation confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under state or federal law.

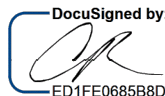
SIGNATURES

I have read this Agreement and agree to its terms.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Plaintiff Carlos Alejandro Retes

Date: 7/31/2024

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Carlos Alejandro Retes

Defendant Kaizen Auto Care, LLC

Date: 07/26/2024

Vince Brock
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Name: Vince Brock

Title: CEO

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