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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE**

CARLOS SANTOS GRANADOS, individually,
and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and
on behalf of the State of California and other
aggrieved persons,

Plaintiff,

v.

SUNNY HILLS MANAGEMENT CO., INC., a
California corporation; and DOES 1 through
10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 23STCV02109

*[Assigned for All purposes to the Hon. Elaine
Lu, Dept. 9]*

**PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF (1) ENTRY
OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER
GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT
AND (2) SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 MINUTE
ORDER**

Final Approval Hearing:

Date: September 24, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Dept.: 9

Action Filed: January 31, 2023

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

2 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** of the (1) Judgment and Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for
3 Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement entered September 24, 2025, in the above-
4 captioned action, a true and correct copy which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, and (2) the
5 September 24, 2025 Minute Order from the Hearing on Motion for Final Approval of Settlement
6 in the above-captioned action, a true and correct copy which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

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8 Respectfully submitted,

9 Dated: September 24, 2025

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11 By: /s/ Courtney M. Miller
12 Courtney M. Miller, Esq.
13 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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EXHIBIT “1”

FILED
Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles
09/24/2025

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**~~REVISED [PROPOSED]~~ JUDGMENT
AND ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF
CLASS ACTION AND PAGA
SETTLEMENT**

Final Approval Hearing:

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1 This matter came on for hearing on September 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Department 9
2 of the above-referenced Court on the Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA
3 Settlement pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769. On May 1, 2025, this Court issued
4 an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA
5 Settlement. Plaintiff Carlos Santos Granados ("Plaintiff") now seeks an order granting final
6 approval of the Amended Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Settlement"), a copy
7 of which is attached to the Supplemental Declaration of Samantha A. Smith in Support of
8 Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement as **Exhibit 1**.

9 Having received and considered the Settlement, the supporting papers filed by the
10 Parties, and the evidence and argument in conjunction with the Motion for Preliminary Approval
11 of Class Action Settlement granted on May 1, 2025, and the instant Motion for Final Approval
12 of Class Action and PAGA Settlement, the Court grants final approval of the Settlement and
13 **HEREBY ORDERS AND MAKES THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS:**

14 1. Pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class
15 Action and PAGA Settlement, the Class Notice was sent to each Class Member by United States
16 Postal Service First-Class mail. The Class Notice informed Class Members of the terms of the
17 Settlement, their right to receive an Individual Settlement Payment, and their right to: (a) comment
18 on or object to the Settlement; (b) request exclusion from the Settlement and pursue their own
19 remedies; (c) dispute the calculation of their Individual Settlement Payment; and (d) appear at the
20 final approval hearing. No Class Member has objected to the proposed Settlement, and **one (1)**
21 **Class Member, Carlos M. Platero-Lopez, has timely requested exclusion and one (1) Class**
22 **Member has untimely requested exclusion from the Settlement.**

23 2. The Court finds and determines that this notice procedure afforded adequate
24 protections to Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an informed decision
25 regarding approval of the Settlement based on the responses of the Class. The Court finds and
26 determines that the Class Notice provided in this case was the best notice practicable, which
27 satisfied the requirements of law and due process.

1 3. With respect to the Class and for purposes of approving this Settlement only, this
2 Court finds and concludes that: (a) the members of the Class are ascertainable and so numerous
3 that joinder of all members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law or fact common to the
4 Class and a well-defined community of interest among members of the Class with respect to the
5 subject matter of the action; (c) the claims of Class Representative Carlos Santos Granados are
6 typical of the claims of the Class Members; (d) the Class Representative has fairly and adequately
7 protected the interests of the Class; (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for an
8 efficient adjudication of this controversy; and (f) counsel of record for the Class Representative is
9 qualified to serve as Class Counsel.

10 4. The Court has certified a Class for settlement purposes only, defined as all current
11 and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees of Defendant in California, employed during the
12 Class Period (August 6, 2018, to September 13, 2024), who do not timely opt-out of the Settlement.
13 The Court deems this definition sufficient for purposes of California Rules of Court, Rule 3.765(a).

14 5. The Court hereby confirms John G. Yslas, Diego Aviles, Harry Erganyan, Mariam
15 Nazaretyan, Courtney M. Miller, Jeffrey C. Bils, Aram Boyadjian, Lisa B. Iturriaga, and Andrew
16 Sandoval of Wilshire Law Firm, PLC as Class Counsel.

17 6. The Court hereby confirms Plaintiff Carlos Santos Granados as the Class
18 Representative.

19 7. The Court finds and determines that the terms of the Settlement are fair, reasonable,
20 and adequate, and directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms, having
21 found that the Settlement was reached as a result of informed and non-collusive arm's length
22 negotiations facilitated by a neutral mediator. The Court finds that the Parties conducted adequate
23 investigation, research, and discovery, and that their attorneys were able to reasonably evaluate
24 their respective positions. The Court also finds that the Settlement will enable the Parties to avoid
25 additional and potentially substantial litigation costs, as well as delay and risks if the Parties were
26 to continue to litigate the case. The Court has reviewed the monetary recovery provided as part of
27 the Settlement and recognizes the significant value accorded to the Class.

1 8. The Court hereby approves that Defendant shall pay a total of \$410,880.00 to
2 resolve this litigation.

3 9. The Court finds and determines that the Individual Settlement Payments to be paid
4 to Settlement Class Members as provided for by the Settlement are fair and reasonable. The Court
5 hereby gives final approval to and orders the payment of those amounts to be made to the
6 Settlement Class Members in accordance with the Settlement.

7 10. From the Settlement Amount, the Court finds and determines that payment of
8 \$20,000.00 in civil penalties under PAGA is fair, reasonable, and appropriate. The Labor and
9 Workforce Development Agency will receive 75% (\$15,000.00), and the remaining 25%
10 (\$5,000.00) will be distributed to Aggrieved Employees (defined as any person employed by
11 Defendant in California and classified as an hourly non-exempt employee who worked for
12 Defendant during the PAGA Period (April 19, 2022, to September 13, 2024). The Court hereby
13 grants final approval to and orders the payment of the amount in accordance with the Settlement.

14 11. From the Settlement Amount, the Court finds and determines the Class
15 Representative Service Payment of \$7,500.00 to the named Plaintiff is fair and reasonable. The
16 Court hereby grants final approval to and orders the payment of that amount to be paid to the named
17 Plaintiff for his service as a class representative and for his agreement to release claims.

18 12. From the Settlement Amount, the Court finds and determines that the fees and
19 expenses in administering the Settlement incurred by Phoenix Settlement Administrators
20 (“Settlement Administrator”) in the amount of \$7,250.00 are fair and reasonable. The Court hereby
21 grants final approval to and orders the payment of that amount in accordance with the Settlement.

22 13. From the Settlement Amount, the Court hereby awards Class Counsel attorneys’
23 fees in the amount of \$136,960.00 and litigation costs in the amount of \$10,687.74. The Court
24 hereby grants final approval to and orders the payment of those amounts in accordance with the
25 Settlement.

26 14. Without affecting the finality of this Order or the entry of judgment in any way, this
27 Court retains continuing jurisdiction of all matters relating to the implementation, interpretation,
28 administration, effectuation and enforcement of this order and the Settlement.

1 15. Defendant Sunny Hills Management Co., Inc. ("Defendant") shall not have any
2 further liability for costs, expenses, interest, attorneys' fees, or for any other charge, expense, or
3 liability, except as provided for by the Settlement.

4 16. Neither the making of this Settlement nor the entry into the Settlement constitutes
5 an admission by Defendant, nor is this order a finding of the validity of any claims in this case or
6 of any other wrongdoing. Further, the Settlement is not a concession and shall not be used as an
7 admission of any wrongdoing, fault, or omission of any entity or persons, nor may any action taken
8 to carry out the terms of the Settlement be construed as an admission or concession by or against
9 Defendant.

10 17. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator
11 will provide written certification of such completion to the Court, which shall be filed with the
12 Court seven (7) days before the non-appearance compliance hearing set for ~~September 24, 2026~~
13 January 6, 2027 at 8:30 am. The due date for Class Counsel to file a Final Report re: Distribution of
14 ~~at 10:00 a.m. or [] , 2026 at [] a.m./p.m.]~~
the settlement funds will be December 30, 2026.

15 18. The Court hereby enters final judgment in accordance with the terms of the
16 Settlement, the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action
17 Settlement, and this Order.

18 19. The Parties shall bear their own costs and attorneys' fees except as otherwise
19 provided by this Court's Order awarding Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and litigation costs.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

21 Dated: 09/24/2025



Honorable Elaine Lu
Judge of the Superior Court

EXHIBIT “2”

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Civil Division

Central District, Spring Street Courthouse, Department 9

23STCV02109

**CARLOS SANTOS GRANADOS, vs SUNNY HILLS
MANAGEMENT CO., INC.**

September 24, 2025

10:00 AM

Judge: Honorable Elaine Lu
Judicial Assistant: R. Arraiga
Courtroom Assistant: M. Tavakoli

CSR: None
ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

APPEARANCES:

For Plaintiff(s): Courtney Miller for John Gregory Yslas via LA Court Connect

For Defendant(s): Ellen Connelly Cohen via LA Court Connect

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: Hearing on Motion for Final Approval of Settlement;

The matter is NOT called for hearing.

The Court's tentative ruling was served on the parties via Case Anywhere this date.

No objectors appear this date in Court or remotely via LA Court Connect.

Prior to the matter being called for hearing, the parties submitted to the Court's tentative ruling with the Judicial Assistant via LA Court Connect this date.

The Court now adopts its tentative **RULING RE: MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT** as the final order of the court. Said ruling is filed this date and is incorporated into the case file.

The Court's ruling is as follows:

The Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement filed by Carlos Santos Granados on 08/07/2025 is Granted.

The motion is **GRANTED** as the settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable.

The [Proposed] Judgment and Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Class and PAGA Settlement electronically lodged on 08/26/2025 (modified pursuant to the Court's ruling) is signed, filed and entered this date.

Said document is returned to the Plaintiff via the Electronic Filing and Service Provider (EFSP) electronic-filing portal this date.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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September 24, 2025

10:00 AM

Judge: Honorable Elaine Lu
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Courtroom Assistant: M. Tavakoli

CSR: None
ERM: None
Deputy Sheriff: None

The Plaintiff is responsible for obtaining said document from the electronic-filing portal.

By no later than **11/24/2025**, Class Counsel must give notice to the class members pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.771(b) (which may be effected by posting on the Administrator's website if consistent with the parties' Class Action Settlement) and to the LWDA, if applicable, pursuant to Labor Code §2699 (1)(3).

By no later than **12/30/2026**, Class Counsel must file a Final Report Re: Distribution of the Settlement Funds.

If the report is **NOT** filed by said date, subsequently an Order to Show Cause Re: Sanctions may be set.

A Non-Appearence Case Review Re: Distribution is scheduled for 01/06/2027 at 08:30 AM in Department 9 at Spring Street Courthouse.

When the parties submitted to the tentative, Counsel for Plaintiff was ordered to download this Minute Order and the **signed** ruling from the LASC website and give notice to all parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

Carlos Santos Granados v. Sunny Hills Management Co., Inc.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No.: 23STCV02109

I, Letty Zepeda, state that I am employed in the aforesaid County, State of California; I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 660 S. Figueroa Street, Sky Lobby. Los Angeles, California 90017. My electronic service address is letty.zepeda@wilshirelawfirm.com.

On September 24, 2025, I served the foregoing **PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF (1) ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AND (2) SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 MINUTE ORDER** on the interested parties by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope by following one of the methods of service as follows:

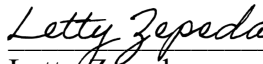
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Attorney for Defendant
SUNNY HILLS MANAGEMENT, CO., INC.

- (X) **BY UPLOAD:** I hereby certify that the documents were uploaded by my office to the State of California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Online Filing Site.
- (X) **BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE:** Based on a court order or an agreement of the parties to accept service by electronic transmission, I caused the documents to be sent to the person at the email addresses listed above using One Legal.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 24, 2025, at Los Angeles, California.



Letty Zepeda