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COUNTY OF PLACER

Geovanni Vazquez,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Calcare, Inc., et al.,
Defendants.

Case No.: S-CV-0049068
RULING ON SUBMITTED MATTER

The hearing on plaintiffs Geovanni Vazquez and the Class's motion for final approval of class action and PAGA settlement, attorneys' fees and costs, and enhancement awards was regularly heard on May 28, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 3. The appearances of the parties were as stated in the minutes. The court issues the following ruling on the matter submitted for decision.

Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and Enhancement Awards

The unopposed motion is granted. The court has broad discretion to determine whether a class action settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable. (*In re Cellphone Fee Termination Cases* (2010) 186 Cal.App.4th 1380, 1389.) When reviewing the fairness of the settlement, the court is to give due regard to the parties' agreement, ensuring that the agreement is not a product of fraud, overreaching parties, or collusion and that the settlement, as a whole, is fair, reasonable, and adequate. (*7-Eleven Owners for Fair Franchising v. Southland Corp.* (2000) 85 Cal.App.4th

1 1135, 1145.) A presumption of fairness exists where: (1) the settlement was reached through
2 arms-length bargaining; (2) the investigation and discovery were sufficient to allow class counsel
3 and the court to act intelligently; (3) class counsel is experienced in similar litigation; and (4)
4 there is a small percentage of objectors. (*Ibid.*)

5 Further, the court reviews the moving papers along with the entirety of the court file to
6 determine that the settlement is genuine, meaningful, and consistent with the underlying
7 purposes of the PAGA-related statute. (Labor Code section 2699(1); *O'Connor v. Uber*
8 *Technologies, Inc.* (N.D. Cal. 2016) 201 F.Supp.3d 1110.) The court must also determine
9 whether the PAGA settlement appears fundamentally fair, reasonable, and adequate. (*Ibid.*)

10 The court has carefully reviewed and considered the Joint Stipulation of Class Action and
11 PAGA Settlement and Release along with plaintiffs' moving papers filed in connection with the
12 motion. The court determines a sufficient showing has been made that the settlement, the
13 attorneys' fees, costs, and service award are fair, adequate, and reasonable. The court further
14 determines a sufficient showing has been made that the settlement is fair, reasonable, genuine,
15 meaningful, and consistent with the purpose of PAGA.

16 The court grants final approval of the class action and PAGA settlement and approves the
17 attorneys' fees, costs, and service award. The court incorporates by reference the findings and
18 orders outlined in the proposed order approving class action settlement and judgment lodged
19 with the court on May 8, 2026.

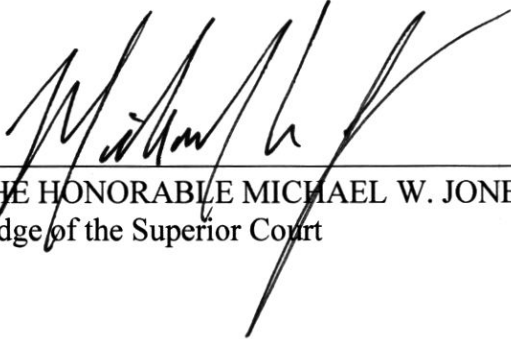
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1 A final compliance hearing is set for November 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 3.
2 Class counsel shall submit the settlement administrator's accounting report regarding the status
3 of the funding and disbursement of the settlement at least sixteen (16) court days prior to the
4 final compliance hearing.

5 The court retains jurisdiction over the parties to enforce the terms of the judgment.
6 (California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769, subd. (h).)

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: June ~~16~~ 2026

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THE HONORABLE MICHAEL W. JONES
Judge of the Superior Court

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PLACER**

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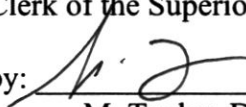
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