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10 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
11 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

12 CHERI LYNN COLLINS, individually, and on
13 behalf of all others similarly situated,

14 Plaintiff;

15 v.

16 TRI-STATE GENERAL CONTRACTORS,
17 INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive,

18 Defendants.

Case No.: 37-2023-00022625-CU-OE-CTL

*[Assigned for All Purposes to the Honorable
Carolyn M. Caietti, Dept. C-70]*

**PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF MOTION
AND MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA
SETTLEMENT; MEMORANDUM OF
POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

Final Approval Hearing:

Date: September 4, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Dept.: C-70

Action Filed: May 30, 2023

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

2 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on September 4, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter
3 as the matter may be heard in Department C-70 of the Superior Court of California, County of
4 San Diego, located at 330 W Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101, Plaintiff Cheri Lynn Collins
5 (“Plaintiff”) will and hereby does move this Court for an Order:

- 6 1. Granting final approval of the proposed Settlement Agreement;
- 7 2. Awarding Class Counsel attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$98,333.33 and
8 reimbursement of litigation costs in the amount of \$17,218.35;
- 9 3. Awarding Plaintiff a Class Representative Service Payment in the amount of
10 \$10,000.00;
- 11 4. Awarding \$6,850.00 to ILYM Group, Inc. (“ILYM”) for its settlement
12 administration expenses; and
- 13 5. Approving allocation of \$10,000.00 as civil penalties under the Labor Code
14 Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), 75% of which (\$7,500.00) will
15 be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and 25% of
16 which (\$2,500.00) will be distributed to Aggrieved Employees based on the
17 number of pay periods worked during the PAGA Period.

18 This Motion is based on this Notice of Motion, Memorandum of Points and Authorities,
19 the Declaration of Arrash T. Fattahi, the Declaration of Nick Castro, and on all records and
20 documents on file, together with such oral and documentary evidence that may be presented at
21 the hearing on this matter.

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23 Dated: August 11, 2026

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25 By: /s/ Giancarlo Recinos

26 Arrash T. Fattahi
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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Plaintiff Cheri Lynn Collins (“Plaintiff”) seeks final approval of a non-reversionary
3 Gross Settlement Amount of \$295,000.00. The Settlement Agreement (“Settlement”) provides
4 that the deductions will be made from the Gross Settlement Amount as follows:

- 5 1. Attorneys’ fees up to one third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount;
- 6 2. Litigation costs up to \$30,000.00;
- 7 3. A Class Representative Service Payment up to \$10,000.00;
- 8 4. Settlement administration expenses up to \$6,850.00; and
- 9 5. Civil penalties in the amount of \$10,000.00 for claims under the Labor Code
10 Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), 75% of which (\$7,500.00) will be paid to the
11 California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA), and 25% of which
12 (\$2,500.00) will be distributed to Aggrieved Employees based on the number of pay periods
13 worked during the PAGA Period. *See* Settlement §§ 3.2.5, , *See also* Castro Declaration at ¶ 15.

14 After all deductions are made, the Net Settlement Amount will be distributed to 119
15 Class Members as of the filing of this Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA
16 Settlement (the “Motion”) (“Participating Class Members” or “Settlement Class Member”)
17 based on the number of weeks worked during the Class Period. Castro Decl. at ¶¶ 14, 15.

18 The proposed Settlement is a product of diligent efforts, litigation, arm’s length
19 negotiations, and informal discovery that resulted in the best possible outcome for the Class. By
20 resolving this matter now, Class Members will receive a guaranteed recovery without risk of
21 nonpayment, delay, or an adverse judgment at trial.

22 As of the filing of this Motion, there have been no objections to the Settlement and one
23 request for exclusion. Castro Decl. at ¶ 12. Participating Class Members will receive an
24 estimated average Individual Class Payment of \$1,295.11, with the highest estimated average
25 Individual Class Payment being \$6,410.52. Castro Decl. at ¶ 15. Aggrieved Employees will
26 receive an estimated average Individual PAGA Payment of \$32.47, with the highest estimated
27 average Individual PAGA Payment being \$77.53. Castro Decl. at ¶ 16. In light of the favorable
28 response from the Class, and the facts and law set forth below as well as in the motion for

preliminary approval, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court now enter an Order: (1) granting final approval of the Settlement; (2) entering final judgment; (3) requiring distribution of individual settlement shares to participating Class Members; and (4) approving payments for Class Counsel Fees, Class Counsel Expenses, the Class Representative Service Payment, the Settlement Administrator's costs, and civil penalties under PAGA.

II. THE SETTLEMENT MERITS FINAL APPROVAL

In deciding whether to grant final approval of a class action settlement, California courts consider whether the settlement is "fair, adequate, and reasonable." *Dunk v. Ford Motor Co.*, 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 (1996). In evaluating whether a settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, courts evaluate the following factors: (1) the strength of the plaintiff's case; (2) the risk, expense, complexity and duration of further litigation; (3) the risk of maintaining class action status through trial; (4) the amount offered in settlement; (5) the extent of discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings; (6) the experience and views of counsel; (7) the presence of a governmental participant; and (8) the reaction of class members to the proposed settlement. *Id.*

A. A Presumption of Fairness Exists

While the burden is on the proponent to demonstrate that a proposed settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, "a presumption of fairness exists where: (1) the settlement is reached through arm's length bargaining; (2) investigation is sufficient to allow counsel and the court to act intelligently; (3) counsel is experienced in similar litigation; and (4) the percentage of objectors is small." *Id.* at 1802.

At preliminary approval, Plaintiff presented evidence that this Settlement is entitled to a presumption of fairness because: (1) it was reached through arm's length bargaining with the assistance of an experienced mediator; (2) Plaintiff conducted a thorough investigation through informal discovery and an analysis of Class Members' time data and payroll records and policy documents pertaining to Plaintiff's claims; and (3) Class Counsel is experienced in similar litigation. *See* Declaration of Arrash T. Fattahi in Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement ("Fattahi MPA Decl.") filed August 14, 2025, at ¶¶ 5, 6,

1 7. As of the filing of this Motion, one Class Member has opted out, and none have objected. *See*
2 Castro Decl. at ¶¶ 11, 16. Therefore, the Court can confidently conclude that a presumption of
3 fairness exists.

4 **B. The Strength of Plaintiff's Claims, and the Risks, Expense, Complexity, and**
5 **Likely Duration of Further Litigation as a Class Action Through Trial**

6 Courts are not required to ensure that a settlement maximizes the value of released claims
7 with mathematical precision. “[T]he test is not the maximum amount plaintiffs might have
8 obtained at trial on the complaint, but rather whether the settlement is reasonable under all of
9 the circumstances.” *Wershba v. Apple Computer, Inc.* 91 Cal.App.4th 224, 250 (2001),
10 disapproved of on other grounds by *Hernandez v. Restoration Hardware, Inc.*, 4 Cal.5th 260,
11 269-270 (2018); *see also 7-Eleven Owners for Fair Franchising v. Southland Corp.*, 85
12 Cal.App.4th 1135, 1150 (2000) (“the merits of the underlying class claims are not a basis for
13 upsetting the settlement of a class action; the operative word is ‘settlement.’”). The relevant
14 circumstances include the strengths and weaknesses of plaintiffs’ claims and the risks they faced
15 in litigation. *7-Eleven*, 85 Cal.App.4th at 1146.

16 Here, Plaintiff presented sufficient information at preliminary approval regarding the
17 number of Class Members and an estimate of the maximum value of each of the claims alleged.
18 *See Fattahi MPA Decl.* at ¶¶ 16-25. Plaintiff has also described in detail the risks the Class faced
19 in litigation and the strengths and weaknesses of each of the claims. *See id.* Defendant denied
20 Plaintiff’s allegations, and Plaintiff noted potential difficulties in obtaining class certification
21 and succeeding on the merits at trial. *See id.* The factual record here is sufficiently developed
22 to allow the Court to independently satisfy itself “that the consideration being received for the
23 release of the class members’ claims is reasonable in light of the strengths and weaknesses of
24 the claims and the risks of the particular litigation.” *Munoz v. BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of*
25 *Los Angeles*, 186 Cal.App.4th 399, 410 (2010).

26 **C. The Amount Offered in Settlement**

27 The Settlement provides for a \$295,000.00 Gross Settlement Amount (“GSA”) to be
28 distributed among the 119 Class Members who did not opt out as of the date of this filing. Castro

Decl. at ¶¶ 14, 15. The GSA will be used to pay Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and litigation costs, Plaintiff’s Class Representative Service Payment, and the fees and expenses of ILYM Group, Inc. (“ILYM”) for its administration of the Class Notice and settlement funds. *Id.* at ¶ 15. The Settlement also allocates \$10,000.00 from the GSA to civil penalties under PAGA. *See* Settlement Agreement at § 3.2.5; *see also* Castro Decl. at ¶ 15. After all deductions are made, the Net Settlement Amount available to Participating Class Members for their Individual Class Payments is estimated to be \$152,598.32, which will be distributed to Participating Class Members according to the number of Workweeks they worked for Defendant during the Class Period. *See* Castro Decl. at ¶ 15; Settlement Agreement at § 3.2.4.

The Settlement Administrator has calculated a total of 6,570 Workweeks in the Class Period. Castro Decl. at ¶ 14. As a result, the estimated average Individual Class Payment for Participating Class Members is \$1,282.34, and the highest estimated average Individual Class Payment for Participating Class Members is \$6,410.52. *Id.* at ¶ 15. Weighing the potential value of the class claims against the risk and expense of trial, the Settlement provides substantial relief in light of the potential risks associated with seeking a class judgment.

D. The Extent of Discovery Completed and the Stage of the Proceedings

Class Counsel sufficiently investigated the alleged claims, applicable law, and potential defenses. *See* Fattahi MPA Decl. at ¶ 6. Specifically, Class Counsel assessed the value of the claims using data and documents provided by Defendant in informal discovery, which included policy documents and timekeeping and payroll records. *Id.* Following a complete analysis of this information, the Parties attended mediation on September 18, 2024, with an experienced mediator. *Id.* at ¶ 7. The Parties negotiated the terms of the Settlement and finalized the terms of the Settlement on July 30, 2025.

E. The Experience and Views of Counsel

Plaintiff is represented by Wilshire Law Firm, PLC. Declaration of Arrash T. Fattahi in Support of Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement (“Fattahi MFA Decl.”) at ¶ 3. Class Counsel prosecutes wage and hour cases, including class and representative actions. *Id.* at ¶¶ 4, 5. Class Counsel has litigated many wage and hour cases and has successfully

resolved cases involving similar issues presented in this matter. *Id.* at ¶¶ 4-12. Class Counsel has negotiated a settlement here that they believe is fair, reasonable, and adequate based on Class Counsel’s prior experience litigating these types of cases. *Id.* at ¶ 21.

F. The Presence of a Government Participant

The LWDA has received the required notice of this Settlement. On June 21, 2023, Plaintiff provided notice to the LWDA of the specific provisions of the Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories in support. Fattahi MPA Decl. at ¶ 4. The Settlement provides for the payment of \$10,000.00 in civil penalties, 75% of which (\$7,500.00) will be paid to the LWDA, and 25% of which (\$2,500.00) will be paid to Aggrieved Employees based on the number of pay periods worked during the PAGA Period. *See* Castro Decl. at ¶ 16; *see also* Settlement Agreement at §§ 3.2.5, 3.2.5.1. Plaintiff submitted a copy of the Settlement Agreement to the LWDA on August 14, 2025. Fattahi MPA Decl. at ¶ 7, Exhibit 3. The LWDA has not responded to or objected to the Settlement. Fattahi MFA Decl. at ¶ 22.

G. The Reaction of Class Members to the Proposed Settlement

Class Members’ reaction to the Settlement has been favorable. A court may properly infer that a class action settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate when few class members object to or opt out of it. *Lealo v. Beneficial California, Inc.*, 82 Cal.App.4th 19, 51 (2000).

When the Court granted preliminary approval, it also approved the method of providing notice to Class Members. Following a search of the National Change of Address database, ILYM mailed the Class Notice to all Class Members on May 7, 2026. Castro Decl. at ¶¶ 6,7. The Class Notice informed Class Members of the terms of the Settlement, the amount of their individual settlements and how those amounts were calculated, their right to either participate in the Settlement, opt out of it, object to it, or dispute the amount of their individual settlement payment, the procedures and deadlines to submit an opt out, objection, or dispute, and the date, time, and place of the hearing on Plaintiff’s Motion for Final Approval and instructions to be heard at the hearing. *Id.* at ¶ 7, Exhibit A. In response to the Class Notice, ILYM has received one request for exclusion from Class Members, no objections from any Class Members, and no disputes from Class Members, as of the date of the filing of this Motion. *Id.* at ¶ 11. Class

Members' favorable response to the Settlement further supports final approval.

III. THE REQUESTED FEE AWARD IS REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED

There are two (2) primary methods of determining a reasonable attorney fee in the context of class action litigation. *Laffitte v. Robert Half Int'l, Inc.*, 1 Cal.5th 480, 489 (2016). The percentage-of-recovery method calculates the fee as a percentage of a common fund recovered on behalf of the class. *Id.* The lodestar method calculates the fee by multiplying the number of hours reasonably expended by counsel by a reasonable hourly rate, which amount then may be adjusted based on other factors. *Id.* In *Laffitte*, the California Supreme Court held that trial courts have the discretion to choose between the two (2) calculation methods. *Id.* at 504. Trial courts also have the discretion to blend the two (2) fee calculation methods, using one method to "cross-check" the reasonableness of the other's result, but a cross-check is not required. *Id.* at 506.

A. The Requested Fee Award is Fair and Reasonable Based on the Percentage-of-Recovery Method

The ultimate purpose of the percentage-of-recovery method is to "spread the attorney fee among all the beneficiaries of the fund." *Id.* at 503. The California Supreme Court recognized that the percentage-of-recovery method has many advantages, "including relative ease of calculation, alignment of incentives between counsel and the class, a better approximation of market conditions in a contingency case, and the encouragement it provides counsel to seek an early settlement and avoid unnecessarily prolonging the litigation [citation] . . ." *Id.*

The requested fee award of one third (1/3) of the GSA is consistent with the average fee award in class actions. *See, e.g., Roos v. Honeywell Int'l, Inc.*, 241 Cal.App.4th 1472 (2015) (fee award of 37.5% was not an abuse of discretion), disapproved of on other grounds by *Hernandez v. Restoration Hardware, Inc.*, 4 Cal.5th 260, 287 (2018); *Wren v. RGIS Inventory Specialists*, No. C-06-05778 JCS, 2011 WL 1230826, at *29 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 1, 2011) (approving fee award of 42%); *Singer v. Becton Dickinson and Co.*, No. 08-CV-821-IEG, 2010 WL 2196104, at *8 (S.D. Cal. June 1, 2010) (approving fee award of one-third and noting that the

1 typical fees awarded in wage and hour class action cases ranges from 33.33% to 40%).
2 Therefore, the percentage-of-recovery method should be utilized to approve the requested fee.

3 **B. A Lodestar Cross-Check Confirms the Reasonableness of the Requested Fee**

4 Although *Laffitte* makes clear that a lodestar cross-check is not required, Class Counsel's
5 lodestar supports the reasonableness of the requested fee. The lodestar is determined by
6 multiplying the number of hours reasonably expended by the reasonable hourly rate. *PLCM*
7 *Group, Inc. v. Drexler*, 22 Cal.4th 1084, 1095 (2000). The lodestar figure may then be adjusted,
8 based on consideration of factors specific to the case, in order to fix the fee at the fair market
9 value for the legal services provided." *Id.* The factors that can be considered include "the nature
10 of the litigation, its difficulty, the amount involved, the skill required in its handling, the skill
11 employed, the attention given, the success or failure, and other circumstances in the case."
12 *Melnyk v. Robledo*, 64 Cal.App.3d 618, 623-624 (1976) (citations omitted). Additionally, Courts
13 utilize "multipliers" to account for the risk of taking on cases where there is no guarantee of
14 recovery, uncertainties as to the amount that will be recovered, uncertainty as to the cost of
15 litigating the case (both in effort and expenses), and uncertainty about how much time will pass
16 before the recovery is obtained. *Ketchum v. Moses*, 24 Cal.4th 1122, 1132-33 (2001); *see also*
17 *Serrano v. Priest*, 20 Cal. 3d 25, 48-49 (1977) (approving the adjustment of the lodestar figure
18 based on factors specific to the case to ensure fair market value for legal services provided on
19 a contingency basis). Application of that rule is particularly appropriate where the case is
20 brought to redress important rights of vulnerable persons. *Ketchum*, 24 Cal.4th at 1133.

21 Generally, "[m]ultipliers can range from 2 to 4 or even higher." *Wershba v. Apple*
22 *Computers, Inc.*, 91 Cal.App.4th at p. 255 (2001); *see also Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing*
23 *Cases*, 171 Cal. App. 4th 495, 512 (2009) (applying a 2.52 multiplier on a cross-check in an
24 antitrust class action); *Chavez v. Netflix, Inc.*, 162 Cal. App. 4th 43, 60 (2008) (applying a 2.5
25 multiplier on a lodestar cross-check); *Vizcaino v. Microsoft Corp.*, 290 F.3d 1043, 1051 n.6 (9th
26 Cir. 2002) ("most" common fund cases apply a multiplier of 1.0-4.0); *Laffitte v. Robert Half*
27 *Int'l*, 231 Cal. App. 4th 860, 881-82 (2004) (affirming a 2.13 multiplier after finding that "2 to
28 4" is a reasonable range for multipliers on a cross-check).

1 The total hours expended on this action by Class Counsel were reasonable and in line
2 with comparable cases. While it is not necessary to substantiate the fee award with a lodestar in
3 this Action, it should be noted that Class Counsel spent approximately 224 hours prosecuting
4 this action, which were divided among the attorneys working on this case according to skill
5 level. Fattahi MFA Decl. at ¶¶ 17-18. Multiplying the total hours expended by Class Counsel
6 by their reasonable hourly rates yields a lodestar of \$178,460.00. *Id.* at ¶ 18. This amount
7 surpasses the requested fee award of \$98,333.33, resulting in a negative multiplier. *Id.* at ¶ 19.
8 This amount does not include the time Class Counsel will spend at the Final Approval Hearing
9 and assisting the Settlement Administrator following final approval. *Id.* Class Counsel dedicated
10 significant resources to this case by dividing the tasks required according to skill level. *Id.* The
11 hours expended by each attorney were not duplicative and reflect the extensive investigation
12 and analysis that was required to achieve this Settlement. This time could have been spent on
13 other potentially lucrative cases. *Id.* Class Counsel's lodestar reflects the efficiencies achieved
14 by attorneys experienced in this field. *Id.* Moreover, Class Counsel has singularly assumed the
15 risk and costs of litigation purely on a contingency basis. *Id.* And, while Plaintiff is confident
16 in the merits of her claims, a legitimate controversy exists as to each cause of action, posing an
17 actual risk that Plaintiff may not succeed at class certification and/or trial. *Id.* Any of these
18 obstacles could have prevented recovery completely, meaning Class Counsel would have been
19 left with no compensation for all the time and money invested in litigating this case. *Id.* Despite
20 these risks, Class Counsel took this case on a contingency basis so that Class Members (a
21 particularly vulnerable group of hourly paid workers) could be compensated for their unpaid
22 wages. *Id.* Consequently, Class Counsel was precluded from focusing on, or taking on, other
23 cases which could have resulted in a larger, and less risky, monetary gain. *Id.*

24 **C. Class Counsel's Rates Are Similar to Those Approved by California Courts in**
25 **Comparable Cases.**

26 Class Counsel's hourly rates are comparable to those charged by other class action
27 plaintiffs' counsel and the firms defending class actions. Fattahi MFA Decl. at ¶ 13. Class
28 Counsel's rates are well within the range of hourly rates that the Los Angeles legal marketplace

1 would compensate counsel for similar services accomplishing similar results. *Id.* For example, in
2 *Bronshteyn v. State of California*, Los Angeles County Superior Ct. No. 19SMCV00057, Order
3 Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Statutory Attorneys' Fees and Costs filed March 30, 2023, an
4 employment action brought by two small law firms (Levy, Vinick, Burrell & Hyams LLP and Law
5 Offices of Wendy Musell), the court found that counsel's 2022 hourly rates of \$1,100 and \$1,000
6 per hour were reasonable for the plaintiff's five senior attorneys, including \$1,000 per hour for the
7 plaintiff's 23-year lead counsel and \$850 per hour for a senior associate. *Id.* These rates were then
8 augmented by a 1.75 lodestar multiplier and affirmed by the California Court of Appeals. *Id.* The
9 rates (and multiplier) requested here are well in line with those found reasonable in *Bronshteyn*. In
10 *Tran v. Golden State FC LLC, et al.* (LASC Case No. BC699931), Fee Order filed 4/8/2022, the
11 court found hourly rates of \$1,300 per hour reasonable for plaintiff's 32-year attorney and \$1,000
12 per hour reasonable for a 14-year attorney. *Id.* The multiplier here is even more compelling given
13 Class Counsel represents approximately 120 Class Members. *Id.*

14 Likewise, Class Counsel's hourly rates are reasonable when compared to rates charged within
15 the relevant legal marketplace. Fattahi MFA Decl. ¶ 15, **Exhibits 1, 2**. In light of the foregoing, and
16 considered against the risks of continued litigation, and the importance of advocating for employment
17 rights and a speedy recovery, the relief provided under the Settlement represents a very strong result
18 for the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. Class Counsel's fee request is fair and reasonable
19 and should be approved. Accordingly, Class Counsel respectfully requests the Court approve their
20 \$98,333.33 fee request.

21 **IV. THE REQUESTED LITIGATION EXPENSES PAYMENT IS REASONABLE**
22 **AND SHOULD BE APPROVED**

23 The Settlement permits Class Counsel to seek reimbursement of litigation costs in an
24 amount up to \$30,000.00. The actual costs incurred are \$16,918.35. Fattahi MFA Decl. at ¶ 20.
25 Additionally, Class Counsel anticipates incurring \$300.00 in future costs for filing fees and
26 service fees for a total of \$17,218.35 in costs. *Id.* Therefore Class Counsel is seeking
27 reimbursement of \$17,218.35. **Exhibit 3**. Since Class Counsel's costs do not meet the maximum
28 of \$30,000.00, the remaining \$12,781.65 will revert to the Net Settlement Amount. *Id.* These

costs were reasonable and necessary to prosecute this case and obtain the results achieved. *Id.*

V. THE REQUESTED CLASS REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE PAYMENT IS REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED

Plaintiff also requests that she be awarded a Class Representative Service payment of \$10,000.00 for her role in obtaining the Settlement. In evaluating a service payment, the Court may consider: “(1) the risk, both financial and otherwise, the class representative faced in bringing the suit; (2) the notoriety and personal difficulties encountered by the class representative; (3) the amount of time and effort spent by the class representative; (4) the duration of the litigation; and (5) the personal benefit received by the class representative as a result of the litigation.” *Golba v. Dick’s Sporting Goods, Inc.*, 238 Cal.App.4th 1251, 1272 (2015); *Clark v. American Residential Services, LLC*, 175 Cal.App.4th 785, 804 (2009).

Here, Plaintiff provided declaration in support of Plaintiff’s Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement detailing the risk she faced in bringing the suit, the notoriety and personal difficulties she encountered, the amount of time and effort she spent on this litigation, the duration of this litigation, and the personal benefit she will receive as a result of the litigation. *See generally* Declaration of Plaintiff Cheri Lynn Collins in Support of Plaintiff’s Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement filed concurrently herewith. Plaintiff should be adequately compensated for her role in obtaining in this Settlement.

Additionally, no Class Members objected to the amount of additional compensation sought by Plaintiff. As such, the award is reasonable in light of the substantial benefits Plaintiff conferred upon the settlement class.

VI. THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION COSTS ARE REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED

The Parties agreed to hire ILYM as the Settlement Administrator in this case and the Court approved this choice at preliminary approval. The Settlement Administrator was responsible for (a) printing and mailing the *Court Approved Notice of Class Action Settlement and Hearing Date for Final Court Approval*, in both English and Spanish (collectively referred

1 to as “Class Notice”); (b) receiving and processing requests for exclusion; (c) resolving Class
2 Members’ disputes over the number of workweeks Defendant has record of them working
3 during the Class Period, which was pre-printed on their individualized Class Notice; (d)
4 calculating individual settlement award amounts; (e) processing and mailing settlement award
5 checks; (f) handling tax withholdings as required by the Settlement and the law; (g) preparing,
6 issuing and filing tax returns and other applicable tax forms; (h) handling the distribution of any
7 unclaimed funds pursuant to the terms of the Settlement; and (i) performing other tasks as the
8 Parties mutually agree to and/or the Court orders ILYM Group to perform. Castro Decl. at ¶ 3.
9 The requested amount of \$6,850.00 for services rendered and to be rendered is therefore fair
10 and reasonable.

11 **VII. CONCLUSION**

12 Based on the foregoing, Class Counsel respectfully requests that the Court grant final
13 approval of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement, approve Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees in
14 the amount of \$98,333.33 and reimbursement of litigation costs in the amount of \$17,218.35,
15 the Class Representative Service Payment in the amount of \$10,000.00, civil penalties under
16 PAGA in the amount of \$10,000.00, and settlement administration costs for ILYM in the amount
17 of \$6,850.00.

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