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19 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
20 **FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA**

21 JASON BROERS, individually and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

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23 Plaintiff,

24 v.

25 NAGINA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
LLC, a California Limited Liability  
26 Company; and DOES 1-20 INCLUSIVE,

27 Defendants.  
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Case No. C23-01650

*Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. Charles S.  
Treat, Dept 12*

**JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION  
AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

Complaint Filed: July 6, 2023  
Trial Date: None Set

1                   **JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

2                   This Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement is entered into by and between  
3 Plaintiff Jason Broers (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all other similarly situated and  
4 alleged aggrieved employees, and as a representative of the State of California, and Defendant  
5 Nagina Property Management LLC (“Defendant”) in the lawsuit entitled *Broers v. Nagina Property*  
6 *Management LLC* filed in the Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. C23-01650. Plaintiff and  
7 Defendant shall be, at times, collectively referred to as the “Parties.” This Agreement is intended by  
8 the Parties to fully, finally, and forever resolve the claims as set forth herein, based upon and subject  
9 to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

10                                   **DEFINITIONS**

11                   1.       “Agreement” or “Settlement Agreement” means this Joint Stipulation of Class  
12 Action and PAGA Settlement.

13                   2.       “Action” means the court action entitled “*Jason Broers v. Nagina Property*  
14 *Management LLC*, Contra Costa County Case No. C23-01650, initiated on or around July 6, 2023,  
15 as well as the claims asserted in Plaintiff’s correspondence of July 7, 2023 to the Labor and  
16 Workforce Development Agency seeking penalties against Defendant for violations under the  
17 California Labor Code under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (hereinafter the “LWDA  
18 Letter”) and all claims asserted in Plaintiff’s First Amended Class Action and PAGA Complaint  
19 filed on September 20, 2023.

20                   3.       “Class Counsel” means David R. Ongaro of Ongaro PC. The term “Class Counsel”  
21 shall be used synonymously with the term “Plaintiff’s Counsel.”

22                   4.       “Class Counsel’s Fees and Costs” means the attorneys’ fees for Class Counsel’s  
23 litigation and resolution of the Action and their expenses and costs incurred in connection with the  
24 Action, which shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Class Counsel will request  
25 attorneys’ fees not to exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the Gross Settlement Amount, *i.e.*,  
26 Ninety-Nine Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$99,000.00) and the reimbursement of reasonable  
27 costs and expenses associated with the litigation and settlement of this Action, not to exceed  
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1 Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00), subject to the Court's approval.  
2 Defendant has agreed not to oppose Class Counsel's request for fees and reimbursement of  
3 reasonable costs and expenses in the amount set forth above.

4 5. "Class List" means a complete list of all Class Members that Defendant will, in good  
5 faith, compile from its records and provide to the Settlement Administrator within twenty (20)  
6 calendar days of the date the Court enters the Order granting Preliminary Approval of this  
7 Settlement. The Class list will be formatted in a readable Microsoft Office Excel spreadsheet and  
8 will include Class Members': (1) full name; (2) last known home address; (3) last known telephone  
9 number; (4) social security number; (5) start and end dates of employment (i.e., hire dates, and, if  
10 applicable, re-hire date(s) and/or separation date(s)) of each Class Member); (6) total Workweeks  
11 during the Class Period; (7) total pay periods during the PAGA Period; and (8) any other reasonable  
12 information required by the Settlement Administrator in order to effectuate the terms of the  
13 Settlement. This is a material term of the Agreement, and if Defendant fails to comply, Plaintiff  
14 shall have the option to void this Agreement.

15 6. "Class" or "Class Members" means all current and former non-exempt employees of  
16 Defendant's Clarion Hotel Concord at any time during the Class Period.

17 7. "Class Period" means the period from February 1, 2021 through May 1, 2024.

18 8. "Class Representative" means Plaintiff Jason Broers in his capacity as the  
19 representative of the Class Members.

20 9. "Class Representative Enhancement Payment" means the amount that the Court  
21 authorizes to be paid to Plaintiff in addition to his Individual Settlement Payment, in recognition of  
22 the effort and risk he had taken in assisting with the prosecution of the Action and in exchange for  
23 a General Release of his claims as provided herein.

24 10. "Court" means the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Contra  
25 Costa.

26 11. "Defendant" means Nagina Property Management LLC.

27 12. "Effective Date" means the later of the following: (a) if no timely objections are filed  
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1 or if all objections are withdrawn, the date upon which the Court enters Final Approval; (b) if an  
2 objection is filed and not withdrawn, the date for filing an appeal and no such appeal being filed; (c)  
3 if any timely appeals are filed, the date of the resolution (or withdrawal) of any such appeal in a way  
4 that does not alter the terms of the Settlement

5 13. "Employer Taxes" means employer-funded taxes and contributions imposed on the  
6 wage portions of the Individual Settlement Payments under federal and state law.

7 14. "Final Approval" means the date of the final affirmation of the Court's signed Order  
8 and Judgment granting final approval of this Settlement.

9 15. "General Release" means the broader release of all claims by Plaintiff in the Action,  
10 which is in addition to Plaintiff's release of claims as Participating Class Member.

11 16. "Gross Settlement Amount" means the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and  
12 No Cents (\$300,000.00) which shall be paid by Defendant into a Qualified Settlement Fund  
13 ("QSF"). The Gross Settlement Amount is non-reversionary, no portion of the Gross Settlement  
14 Amount will return to Defendant and includes: (1) payments to the Class, (2) Class Counsel's fees,  
15 (3) Class Counsel's costs, (4) Settlement Administration costs, (5) Class Representative  
16 Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff, and (6) the PAGA Payment to the LWDA and PAGA Members.  
17 The Gross Settlement Amount is exclusive of the employer's share of any applicable payroll taxes,  
18 and any such employer-side payroll taxes shall be paid by Defendant separately and in addition to  
19 the Gross Settlement Amount. The Gross Settlement Amount plus any applicable employer-side  
20 payroll taxes shall be the maximum amount Defendant is required to pay under the Settlement. In  
21 the event that the consideration due under this Agreement is not paid, then the Settlement is voidable  
22 at the option of Plaintiff. Payment shall be made per the terms of this Agreement. If the Agreement  
23 is voided, then the time for Plaintiff to bring class and/or aggrieved employee claims will be tolled  
24 from the date that this Agreement is fully executed.

25 17. "Individual Settlement Payment" means the amount payable from the Net Settlement  
26 Amount to each Participating Class Member and any payment a PAGA Member is eligible to receive  
27 from the employee portion of the PAGA Payment. Individual Settlement Payments shall be paid by  
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1 a Settlement Check made payable to Participating Class Members and/or PAGA Members.

2 18. "Net Settlement Amount" means the funds available for payments to the Class,  
3 which shall be the amount remaining after the following amounts are deducted from the Gross  
4 Settlement Amount: (1) Class Counsel's fees, (2) Class Counsel's costs, (3) Settlement  
5 Administration costs, (4) Class Representative Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff, and (5) the  
6 PAGA Payment to the LWDA and PAGA Members.

7 19. "Notice" means the Notice of Class Action Settlement in a form substantially similar  
8 to the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, in both English and Spanish, that will be mailed to Class  
9 Members' last known addresses, and which will provide Class Members with information regarding  
10 the Action and information regarding the settlement of the Action.

11 20. "PAGA" means the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004  
12 (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*).

13 21. "PAGA Payment" means the payment to the State of California Labor and  
14 Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") for its seventy-five percent (75%) share of the total  
15 amount allocated towards penalties under the PAGA and payments to the PAGA Members of their  
16 twenty-five percent (25%) share of the total amount allocated towards penalties under the PAGA,  
17 all of which are to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Parties have agreed that Seven  
18 Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount will be  
19 allocated towards penalties under the PAGA of which Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-  
20 Five Dollars and No Cents (\$5,625.00) will be paid to the LWDA and One Thousand, Eight Hundred  
21 and Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,875.00) will be distributed to the PAGA Members on a  
22 *pro rata basis* based on Workweeks (full or partial) worked by the PAGA Members within the  
23 PAGA Period. PAGA Members will receive payment from the employee portion of the PAGA  
24 Payment and will be deemed to have released any claims arising out of PAGA regardless of their  
25 decision to participate in the class action if the PAGA Payment is approved by the Court.

26 22. "PAGA Period" means the period from July 7, 2022 through May 1, 2024.

27 23. "PAGA Members" means all current and former non-exempt employees of  
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Defendant at any time during the PAGA Period.

24. “Parties” means Plaintiff and Defendant collectively, and “Party” shall mean either Plaintiff or Defendant, individually.

25. “Participating Class Members” means all Class Members who do not submit valid and timely Requests for Exclusion. No claim form is required for a Class Member to become a Participating Class Member.

26. “Plaintiff” means Jason Broers.

27. “Preliminary Approval” means the Court order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement.

28. “Objection” means a Class Member’s valid and timely written objection to the Settlement Agreement. For a written Objection to be valid, it must be submitted by the Response Deadline and include: (a) the objector’s full name, signature, address, telephone number, the approximate dates of employment for Defendant in California, the last four digits of the Class Member’s social security number or employee identification number; (b) the case name and number; (c) a written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by legal support, if any, for such objection; (d) copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based, if any; and (e) a statement describing whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through counsel at the Class Member’s expense.

29. “Released Class Claims” means all claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action that are alleged in the operative complaint in the Action, including claims regarding Defendant’s alleged: (i) failure to pay for all hours including overtime; (ii) failure to provide accurate, written wage statements; (iii) failure to pay all wages owed at termination; (iv) failure to reimburse all necessary business expenses; (v) unfair competition; (vi) failure to provide meal periods; (vii) failure to provide rest breaks; and (viii) failure to permit employees to inspect and receive records, and specifically Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 226, 226.7, 432, 510, 512, 558, 745, 751, 2802, Business and Professions Code 17200, 17204, 17203, 17208, and, including but not limited to, Wage Orders 4 & 5. This release shall apply to claims arising during the Class Period.

1           30.       “Released PAGA Claims” means all claims under the California Labor Code Private  
2 Attorneys General Act of 2004 for civil penalties that could have been premised on the facts alleged  
3 in either Plaintiff’s operative complaint, or the July 7, 2023 PAGA Letter to the LWDA, including  
4 Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 226, 226.7, 432, 510, 512, 558, 745, 751, 2802, Business and  
5 Professions Code 17200, 17204, 17203, 17208, and, including but not limited to, Wage Orders 3, 4,  
6 5, & 12 penalties that could have been awarded pursuant to Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203,  
7 226, 226.7, 432, 510, 512, 558, 1194(a), 1197, 1198.5, 2802.

8           31.       “Released Parties” means Defendant Nagina Property Management LLC as named  
9 by Plaintiff in the operative complaint, and “Released Parties” is defined as Defendant and  
10 Defendant's past, present and future companies, parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions,  
11 executives, officers, shareholders, investors, direct and indirect officers, equity partners, partners,  
12 owners, managers, members, sub-contractors, directors, trustees, current or former employees,  
13 vendors, agents, attorneys, contractors, consultants, board of directors, and agents, as well as any of  
14 its representatives, attorneys, legal representatives, insurers, re insurers, and/or any of the  
15 predecessors, successors and assigns, and joint venturers, and all persons acting under, by, through  
16 or in concert with any of them, and each of them.

17           32.       “Request for Exclusion” means a valid and timely written statement submitted by a  
18 Class Member requested to be excluded from the Action. To be effective, the Request for Exclusion  
19 must be submitted by the Response Deadline and contain: (a) the Class Member’s name, signature,  
20 address, telephone number, dates of employment for Defendant in California, and the last four digits  
21 of the Class Member’s Social Security number and/or the Employee identification number (b) the  
22 case name and number; and (c) a clear statement requesting to be excluded from the settlement of  
23 the class claims similar to the following: “I wish to exclude myself from the class settlement reached  
24 in the matter of “*Jason Broers v. Nagina Property Management LLC*, Contra Costa County Case  
25 No. C23-01650, I understand that by excluding myself, I will not receive money from the settlement  
26 of my individual claims.” To be effective, the Request for Exclusion must be post-marked by the  
27 Response Deadline and received by the Settlement Administrator. The Request for Exclusion shall  
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1 not be effective as to the Released PAGA Claims as Class Members have no right to exclude  
2 themselves (opt-out) of the PAGA component of this Settlement.

3 33. "Response Deadline" shall be sixty (60) calendar days after the Settlement  
4 Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and the last date on which Class Members may submit  
5 Requests for Exclusion, Objections to the Settlement, or Workweek Disputes. In the event the 60th  
6 day falls on a Sunday or Federal holiday, the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day  
7 on which the U.S. Postal Service is open. The Response Deadline for Requests for Exclusion or  
8 Objections will be extended fifteen (15) calendar days for any Class Member who is re-mailed a  
9 Notice by the Settlement Administrator, unless the 15th day falls on a Sunday or Federal holiday,  
10 in which case the Response Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the U.S. Postal  
11 Service is open. The Response Deadline may also be extended by express agreement between Class  
12 Counsel and Defendants. Under no circumstances, however, will the Settlement Administrator have  
13 the authority to unilaterally extend the deadline for Class Members to submit a Request for  
14 Exclusion or Objection to the Settlement.

15 34. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action pursuant to this Agreement.

16 35. "Settlement Administrator" means Simpluris Inc. Legal Administrator. The Parties  
17 each represent that they do not have any financial interest in the Settlement Administrator or  
18 otherwise have a relationship with the Settlement Administrator that could create a conflict of  
19 interest.

20 36. "Settlement Administration Costs" mean the costs payable from the Gross Settlement  
21 Amount to the Settlement Administrator for administering this Settlement, including, but not limited  
22 to, printing, distributing, and tracking documents for this Settlement, calculating/confirming the  
23 class member Workweeks from the information contained in the Class List, calculating each  
24 Participating Class Member's Individual Settlement Payment, tax reporting, distributing the Gross  
25 Settlement Amount, providing necessary reports and declarations, and other duties and  
26 responsibilities set forth herein to process this Settlement, and as requested by the Parties. Settlement  
27 Administration Costs shall not exceed Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$7,000.00).

5                   **38. Settlement Consideration.** Defendant shall fund the Gross Settlement Amount and  
6 all applicable employer-side payroll taxes following Final Approval by the Court and the occurrence  
7 of the Effective Date. The following will be paid out of the Gross Settlement Amount: the sum of  
8 the Individual Settlement Payments, the Class Representative Enhancement Payment, Class  
9 Counsel's Fees and Costs, the PAGA Payment, and the Settlement Administration Costs, as  
10 specified in this Agreement. Except for any employer-side taxes due on the Individual Settlement  
11 Payments, or as a result of a potential increase in the number of Workweeks as set forth below in  
12 paragraph 39, Defendant shall not be required to pay more than the Gross Settlement Amount plus  
13 any applicable employer-side payroll taxes. The Gross Settlement Amount is non-reversionary; no  
14 portion of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant.

39. **Potential Increase to the Gross Settlement Amount.** Defendant represented there were 4,339 Workweeks (worked by 116 Class Members) within the Class Period through May 1, 2024. Should the actual number of Workweeks increase by more than ten percent (i.e., exceeding 4,773 total Workweeks, or 110%) through the Class Period, Defendant shall increase the Gross Settlement Amount proportionally. However, Defendant will not have any obligation to increase the Gross Settlement Amount if it exercises its right to cut off the Class Period on the date that the total Workweeks reaches 4,339. As the possibility may exist that the total Workweeks may increase by 10%, the Parties agree that as long the 10% increase is reached prior to May 1, 2024, Defendant has the option of the release going through May 1, 2024, and in which case it will not be required to pay any additional amounts. Defendant shall provide the total number of Workweeks to the Plaintiffs' Counsel no later than October 31, 2024, and, if the 4,773 threshold has not been reached then, shall provide the total Workweeks no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing date(s) of the motion for preliminary approval to advise the court of the same.

1           **40. Funding of the Gross Settlement Amount.** Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the  
2 Final Approval order of the Settlement, as defined in this Agreement, Defendant will deposit the  
3 Gross Settlement Amount into a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”) to be established by the  
4 Settlement Administrator as follows: Defendant agrees to pay the Settlement Amount in the  
5 following two (2) checks (each a “Settlement Payment”):

6           a. The first check of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) will be paid  
7 at the time of the Court’s final approval of the Parties’ Settlement.

8           b. The second check of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) will be  
9 paid no later than April 30, 2025.

10 Defendant shall provide all information necessary for the Settlement Administrator to calculate  
11 necessary payroll taxes including its official name, 8-digit state unemployment insurance tax ID  
12 number, and other information requested by the Settlement Administrator, no later than fifteen (15)  
13 calendar days of the Final Approval order. Defendant may not vary from the Court approved  
14 scheduling for the funding of the Gross Settlement Amount unless the Parties agree otherwise; the  
15 Parties have agreed to alter the funding dates as described above in Paragraph 40 (a) – (b).

16           **41. Distribution of the Gross Settlement Amount.** No later than seven (7) calendar  
17 days of the funding of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator will issue payments for: (a)  
18 Individual Settlement Payments; (b) the PAGA Payment to the Labor and Workforce Development  
19 Agency; (c) the Class Representative Enhancement Payments; (d) Class Counsel’s Fees and Costs;  
20 and (e) Settlement Administration Costs.

21           **42. Attorneys’ Fees and Costs.** Defendant agrees not to oppose any application or  
22 motion by Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees of not more Ninety-nine Thousand Dollars and No  
23 Cents (\$99,000.00) plus the reimbursement of reasonable costs and expenses associated with the  
24 litigation and settlement of the Action, in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars  
25 and No Cents (\$25,000.00), both of which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Any  
26 portion of the requested fees or costs that is not awarded to the Class Counsel shall be reallocated  
27 to the Net Settlement Amount and distributed to Participating Class Members as provided in this  
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1 Agreement.

2 43. **Class Representative Enhancement Payment.** Defendant agrees not to oppose or  
3 object to any application or motion by Plaintiff for Class Representative Enhancement Payment of  
4 Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00). The Class Representative Enhancement  
5 Payment is in exchange for the General Release of the Plaintiff's individual claims and for his time,  
6 effort and risk in bringing and prosecuting the Action. Any portion of the requested Class  
7 Representative Enhancement Payment that is not awarded to the Class Representative shall be  
8 reallocated to the Net Settlement Amount and distributed to Participating Class Members as  
9 provided in this Agreement.

10 44. **Settlement Administration Costs.** The Settlement Administrator will be paid for  
11 the reasonable costs of administration of the Settlement and distribution of payments from the Gross  
12 Settlement Amount as further set forth in this Agreement. Settlement Administration Costs shall not  
13 exceed Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$7,000.00).

14 45. **PAGA Payment.** Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$7,500.00)  
15 shall be allocated from the Gross Settlement Amount for settlement of claims for civil penalties  
16 under the PAGA. The Settlement Administrator shall pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the PAGA  
17 Payment, or Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$5,625.00), to  
18 the California LWDA. One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars and No Cents  
19 (\$1,875.00) will be distributed to PAGA Members on a *pro rata basis* based on the total number of  
20 Pay Periods worked by each PAGA Member during the PAGA Period. PAGA Members shall  
21 receive their portion of the PAGA Payment and will be deemed to have released any claims arising  
22 out of PAGA regardless of their decision to opt-out of the class settlement.

23 46. **Net Settlement Amount for Payment of Class Claims.** The Net Settlement  
24 Amount will be used to satisfy the class portion of Participating Class Members' Individual  
25 Settlement Payments in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The estimated Net Settlement  
26 Amount is as follows:

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|   |                                        |           |                   |
|---|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1 | Gross Settlement Amount                | \$        | 300,00.00         |
| 2 | Enhancement Payment                    | \$        | 20,000.00         |
| 3 | Class Counsel's Fees                   | \$        | 99,000.00         |
| 4 | Class Counsel's Costs                  | \$        | 25,000.00         |
| 5 | PAGA Payment                           | \$        | 7,500.00          |
| 6 | <u>Settlement Administration Costs</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>7,000.00</u>   |
| 7 | <b>Estimated Net Settlement Amount</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>141,500.00</b> |

8           47.     **Individual Settlement Payment Calculations.** Individual Settlement Payments will  
9 be paid from the Net Settlement Amount that includes the 25% of the PAGA Payment allocated for  
10 PAGA Members and shall be paid pursuant to the formula set forth herein:

11                 a.     **Calculation of Class Portion of Individual Settlement Payments.** The  
12 Settlement Administrator will calculate the total Workweeks for all Participating Class Members by  
13 adding the number of Workweeks worked by each Participating Class Member during the Class  
14 Period. The respective Workweeks for each Participating Class Member will be divided by the total  
15 Workweeks for all Participating Class Members, resulting in the Payment Ratio for each  
16 Participating Class Member. Each Participating Class Member's Payment Ratio will then be  
17 multiplied by the Net Settlement Amount to calculate each Settlement Class Member's estimated  
18 share of the Net Settlement Amount: (Participating Class Member's Workweeks ÷ Workweeks  
19 during Class Period) × Net Settlement Amount.

20                 b.     **Calculation of PAGA Portion of Individual Settlement Payments.** The  
21 Settlement Administrator will calculate the total Workweeks for all PAGA Members by adding the  
22 number of Workweeks worked by each PAGA Member during the PAGA Period. The respective  
23 Workweeks for each PAGA Member will be divided by the total Workweeks for all PAGA  
24 Members, resulting in the Payment Ratio for each PAGA Member. Each PAGA Member's Payment  
25 Ratio will then be multiplied by the employee portion of the PAGA Payment to calculate each  
26 PAGA Member's estimated share of the PAGA Payment: (PAGA Member's pay periods ÷  
27 Workweeks during PAGA Period) x \$1,875.00 (the employee portion of the PAGA Payment).

1 PAGA Members shall receive this portion of their Individual Settlement Payment and will be  
2 deemed to have released any claims arising out of PAGA regardless of whether they opt out of the  
3 participation regarding the class claims.

4           c.       **Allocation of Individual Settlement Payments.** All Individual Settlement  
5 Payments will be allocated as follows: thirty-four percent (34%) of each Individual Settlement  
6 Payment will be allocated as wages and thirty-three percent (33%) shall be allocated as interest and  
7 penalties. The portion of the Individual Settlement Payment allocated to wages will be reported by  
8 the Settlement Administrator on an IRS Form W-2. The remaining non-wage payments will be  
9 reported on an IRS Form-1099 by the Settlement Administrator. Individual Settlement Payments  
10 shall be paid exclusively from the QSF, pursuant to the settlement formula set forth herein.  
11 Additionally, for tax purposes, the Parties agree that 100% of each PAGA Members' individual  
12 payment amount shall constitute penalties and each PAGA Member will be issued an IRS Form-  
13 1099 for such payment to him or her, if required by law. Neither Counsel for Plaintiff nor Defendant  
14 intend anything contained in this Agreement to constitute advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor  
15 shall anything in this Agreement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States  
16 Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 C.F.R. Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

17       48.       **No Credit Toward Benefit Plans.** The Individual Settlement Payment made to  
18 Participating Class Members under this Settlement, as well as any other payments made pursuant to  
19 this Settlement, will not modify any previously credited hours or service under any employee benefit  
20 plan, policy, or bonus program sponsored by the Release Parties. Such amounts will not form the  
21 basis for additional contributions to, benefits under, or any other monetary entitlement under the  
22 Released Parties' sponsored benefit plans, policies, or bonus programs. The payments made under  
23 the terms of this Stipulation shall not be applied retroactively, currently, or on a going forward basis,  
24 as salary, earnings, wages, or any other form of compensation for the purposes of the Released  
25 Parties' benefit plans, policies, or bonus programs. The Released Parties retain the right to modify  
26 the language of their benefit plans, policies and bonus programs to effectuate this intent, and to make  
27 clear that any amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement are not for "hours worked," "hours paid,"  
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1 “hours of service,” or any similar measuring term as defined by applicable plans, policies and bonus  
2 programs for purposes of eligibility, vesting, benefit accrual, or any other purpose, and that  
3 additional contributions or benefits are not required by this Settlement.

4 49. **Settlement Administration Process.** The Parties agree to cooperate in the  
5 administration of the Settlement and to make all reasonable efforts to control and minimize the costs  
6 and expenses incurred in administration of the Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will  
7 provide the following services:

- 8 a. Establish and maintain a Qualified Settlement Fund.
- 9 b. Calculate the Individual Settlement Payment each Participating Class Member is  
10 eligible to receive and the portion of the PAGA Payment each PAGA Member  
11 shall receive.
- 12 c. Print and mail the Notice.
- 13 d. Conduct additional address searches for mailed Notices that are returned as  
14 undeliverable.
- 15 e. Process Requests for Exclusion, field inquiries from Class Members.
- 16 f. Print and issue and issue Settlement Payment Checks, prepare IRS W2 and 1099  
17 Tax Forms and any other filings required by any governmental taxing authority.
- 18 g. Provide declarations and/or other information to this Court as requested by the  
19 Parties and/or the Court regarding the settlement administration process.
- 20 h. Provide weekly status reports to counsels for the Parties.
- 21 i. Posting a notice of final judgment online at Settlement Administrator’s website.
- 22 j. Translate the Notice from English to Spanish.

23 50. **Delivery of the Class List.** Within fourteen (14) calendar days of Preliminary  
24 Approval, Defendant will provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator.

25 51. **Notice by First-Class U.S. Mail.** Within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the  
26 Class List from Defendants, the Settlement Administrator will mail the Notice to all Class Members  
27 via regular First-Class U.S. Mail, using the most current, known mailing addresses identified in the  
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1 Class List.

2       52.     **Confirmation of Contact Information in the Class List.** Prior to mailing, the  
3 Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database  
4 for information to update and correct any known or identifiable address changes. Any Notice  
5 returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-deliverable on or before the Response Deadline will  
6 be sent promptly via regular First-Class U.S. Mail to the forwarding address affixed thereto and the  
7 Settlement Administrator will indicate the date of such re-mailing on the Notice. If no forwarding  
8 address is provided, the Settlement Administrator will promptly attempt to determine the correct  
9 address using a skip-trace, or other search using the name, address telephone number and/or Social  
10 Security number of the Class Member involved and will then perform a single re-mailing. If any  
11 notice sent to a Class Member by the Settlement Administrator is returned as undeliverable to a  
12 current employee, then Defendant shall make all reasonable efforts to obtain the current address  
13 from the Class Member and provide the same within seven (7) calendar days of notice from the  
14 Settlement Administrator. Those Class Members who receive a re-mailed Notice, whether by skip-  
15 trace or by request, will have between the later of (a) an additional fifteen (15) calendar days or (b)  
16 the Response Deadline to postmark a Request for Exclusion, or an Objection to the Settlement.

17       53.     **Notice.** All Class Members will be mailed a Notice. Each Notice will provide: (a)  
18 information regarding the nature of the Action; (b) a summary of the Settlement's principal terms;  
19 (c) the Class definition; (d) the total number of Workweeks each respective Class Member worked  
20 for Defendants during the Settlement Class Period; (e) each Class Member's estimated Individual  
21 Settlement Payment and the formula for calculating Individual Settlement Payments; (f) the dates  
22 which comprise the Class Period; (g) instruction on how to opt-out of and object to the Settlement;  
23 (h) the deadlines by which the Class Member must postmark Requests for Exclusion, Objections to  
24 the Settlement, or Workweek Disputes; (i) the claims to be released, as set forth herein; and (j) the  
25 date for the final approval hearing.

26       54.     **Disputed Information on Notice.** Class Members will have an opportunity to  
27 dispute the information provided in their Notice. To the extent Class Members dispute the number  
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1 of Workweeks with which they have been credited or the amount of their Individual Settlement  
2 Payment, Class Members may produce evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that such  
3 information is inaccurate. Absent evidence rebutting Defendant's records, Defendant's records will  
4 be presumed determinative. However, if Class Members produce evidence to the contrary by the  
5 Response Deadline, the Parties will evaluate the evidence submitted by the Class Members and the  
6 Parties will make the final decision as to the number of eligible Workweeks that should be applied  
7 and/or the Individual Settlement Payment to which the Class Members may be entitled, in the event  
8 that Defendant cannot make this determination themselves. If the Parties do not agree, the dispute  
9 will be submitted to the Court.

10       55.     **Defective Submissions.** If a Class Member's Request for Exclusion is defective as  
11 to the requirements listed herein, that Class Member will be given an opportunity to cure the  
12 defect(s). The Settlement Administrator will mail the Class Member a cure letter within three (3)  
13 business days of receiving the defective submission to advise the Class Member that his or her  
14 submission is defective and that the defect must be cured to render the Request for Exclusion valid.  
15 The Class Member will have until the later of (a) the Response Deadline or (b) fifteen (15) calendar  
16 days from the date of the cure letter, whichever date is later, to postmark a revised Request for  
17 Exclusion. If a Class Member responds to a cure letter by filing a defective claim, then the  
18 Settlement Administrator will have no further obligation to give notice of a need to cure. If the  
19 revised Request for Exclusion is not postmarked within that period, it will be deemed untimely.

20       56.     **Request for Exclusion Procedures.** Any Class Member wishing to opt-out from the  
21 Action must sign and postmark a written Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator by  
22 the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion must include: (a) the Class Member's name,  
23 signature, address, telephone number, dates of employment at Defendants in California, and the last  
24 four digits of the Class Member's Social Security number and/or the Employee Identification  
25 Number; (b) the case name and number; and (c) a clear statement requesting to be excluded from  
26 the settlement of the class claims similar to the following: "I wish to exclude myself from the class  
27 settlement reached in the matter of "*Jason Broers v. Nagina Property Management LLC*," Contra  
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1 Costa County Case No. C23-01650, I understand that by excluding myself, I will not receive money  
2 from the settlement of my individual claims.” The date of the postmark on the return mailing  
3 envelope receipt confirmation will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request for  
4 Exclusion has been timely submitted. To be effective, the Request for Exclusion must be post-  
5 marked by the Response Deadline and received by the Settlement Administrator. All Requests for  
6 Exclusion will be submitted to the Settlement Administrator, who will certify jointly to Class  
7 Counsel and Defendant’s Counsel the Requests for Exclusion that were timely submitted. All Class  
8 Members who do not request exclusion from the Action will be bound by all terms of the Settlement  
9 Agreement if the Settlement is granted final approval by the Court and deemed Effective under this  
10 Agreement. The Request for Exclusion shall not be effective as to the release of claims arising under  
11 the Private Attorneys General Act.

12       57.     **Defendant’s Right to Rescind.** If Class Members representing more than the  
13 aggregate total of ten percent (5.0%) of the Class Members opt-out of the Settlement, Defendant  
14 may, at its election, rescind the Settlement Agreement and all actions taken in furtherance of it will  
15 be thereby null and void. Defendant must give written notice to Class Counsel of its intent to rescind  
16 the Agreement within fourteen (14) calendar days of the Settlement Administrator notifying the  
17 Parties of these opt-outs. If Defendant exercises its right to rescind the Agreement, Defendant shall  
18 be responsible for all Settlement Administration Costs incurred to the date of rescission. In such a  
19 case, the Parties and any funds to be awarded under this Settlement Agreement shall be returned to  
20 their respective statuses as of the date and time immediately prior to the execution of this Agreement,  
21 and the Parties shall proceed in all respects as if this Settlement Agreement had not been executed,  
22 except that any fees already incurred by the Settlement Administrator shall be paid by Defendant.

23       58.     **Settlement Terms Bind All Class Members Who Do Not Opt-Out.** Upon the  
24 complete funding of the Gross Settlement Amount and all applicable employer-side payroll taxes,  
25 any Class Member who does not affirmatively opt-out of the Settlement by submitting a timely and  
26 valid Request for Exclusion will be bound by all of its terms, including those pertaining to the  
27 Released Class Claims, as well as any Judgment that may be entered by the Court if it grants final  
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1 approval to the Settlement. Class Members who opt-out of the Settlement shall not be bound by  
2 such Judgment or release. The names of Class Members who have opted-out of the settlement shall  
3 be disclosed to the Counsel for both Plaintiff and Defendant and noted in the proposed Judgment  
4 submitted to the Court,

5       **59. Objection Procedures.** To object to the Settlement, a Participating Class Member  
6 must postmark a valid Objection to the Settlement Administrator on or before the Response  
7 Deadline. The Objection must be signed by the Participating Class Member and contain all  
8 information required by this Settlement Agreement including the employees full name, address,  
9 telephone number, the last four digits of their Social Security Number and/or Employee  
10 Identification Number, and the specific reason including any legal grounds for the Participating  
11 Class Members objection. The postmark date will be deemed the exclusive means for determining  
12 that the Notice of Objection is timely. Participating Class Members who fail to object in the manner  
13 specified above will be foreclosed from making a written objection but shall still have a right to  
14 appear at the Final Approval Hearing in order to have their objections heard by the Court. At no  
15 time will any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Participating Class  
16 Members to submit written objections to the Settlement or appeal from the Order and Judgment.  
17 Class Counsel will not represent any Class Members with respect to any objections to this  
18 Settlement.

19       **60. Certification Reports Regarding Individual Settlement Payment Calculations.**  
20 The Settlement Administrator will provide Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel a weekly report  
21 which certifies: (a) the number of Class Members who have submitted valid Requests for Exclusion;  
22 (b) the number of Notices returned and re-mailed; and (c) whether any Class Member has submitted  
23 a challenge to any information contained in the Notice. Additionally, the Settlement Administrator  
24 will provide counsels for both Parties any updated reports regarding the administration of the  
25 Settlement Agreement as needed or requested.

26       **61. Uncashed Settlement Checks.** Any checks issued by the Settlement Administrator  
27 to Participating Class Members and PAGA Members will be negotiable for at least one hundred and  
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eighty (180) calendar days. If a Participating Class Member or PAGA Member does not cash his or her Settlement Check or PAGA Payment check within one hundred and eighty (180) days, the uncashed funds, subject to Court approval, shall be distributed to the Controller of the State of California to be held pursuant to the Unclaimed Property Law, California Civil Code §1500, *et. seq.* for the benefit of those Participating Class Members and PAGA Members who did not cash their checks until such time that they claim their property. The Parties agree that this disposition results in no “unpaid residue” under California Civil Procedure Code §384, as the entire Net Settlement Amount will be paid out to Participating Class Members and PAGA Members, whether or not they all cash their Settlement Checks or PAGA payment checks. Therefore, Defendant will not be required to pay any interest on such amounts. The Individual Settlement Payments provided to Participating Class Members and to PAGA Members shall prominently state the expiration date or a statement that the Settlement Check will expire in one hundred and eighty (180) days, or alternatively, such a statement may be made in a letter accompanying the Individual Settlement Payment. Expired Individual Settlement Payments will not be reissued, except for good cause and as mutually agreed by the Parties in writing. The parties agree no unclaimed funds will result from the settlement.

62. **Administration of Taxes by the Settlement Administrator.** The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, and Class Counsel any W-2, 1099, or other tax forms as may be required by law for all amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will also be responsible for forwarding all payroll taxes and penalties to the appropriate government authorities.

63. **Tax Liability.** Defendant makes no representation as to the tax treatment or legal effect of the payments called for hereunder, and Plaintiff and Participating Class Members are not relying on any statement, representation, or calculation by Defendant or by the Settlement Administrator in this regard. Plaintiff and Participating Class Members understand and agree that they will be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes and penalties assessed on the payments described herein. Defendant’s share of any employer payroll taxes and other required employer

1 withholdings due on the Individual Settlement Payments, including, but not limited to, Defendants'  
2 FICA and FUTA contributions, shall be paid separate and apart from the Gross Settlement Amount.

3       **64. Circular 230 Disclaimer.** Each Party to this Agreement (for purposes of this section,  
4 the “acknowledging party” and each Party to this Agreement other than the acknowledging party,  
5 an “other party”) acknowledges and agrees that: (1) no provision of this Agreement, and no written  
6 communication or disclosure between or among the Parties or their attorneys and other advisers, is  
7 or was intended to be, nor shall any such communication or disclosure constitute or be construed or  
8 be relied upon as, tax advice within the meaning of United States Treasury Department circular 230  
9 (31 CFR part 10, as amended); (2) the acknowledging party (a) has relied exclusively upon his, her  
10 or its own, independent legal and tax counsel for advice (including tax advice) in connection with  
11 this Agreement, (b) has not entered into this Agreement based upon the recommendation of any  
12 other Party or any attorney or advisor to any other Party, and (c) is not entitled to rely upon any  
13 communication or disclosure by any attorney or adviser to any other Party to avoid any tax penalty  
14 that may be imposed on the acknowledging party; and (3) no attorney or adviser to any other Party  
15 has imposed any limitation that protects the confidentiality of any such attorney’s or adviser’s tax  
16 strategies (regardless of whether such limitation is legally binding) upon disclosure by the  
17 acknowledging party of the tax treatment or tax structure of any transaction, including any  
18 transaction contemplated by this Agreement.

19       **65. No Prior Assignments.** The Parties and their counsels represent, covenant, and  
20 warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to  
21 assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand,  
22 action, cause of action or right herein released and discharged.

23       **66. Release by Participating Class Members.** Upon the complete funding of the Gross  
24 Settlement Amount and all applicable employer-side payroll taxes, Participating Class Members  
25 shall fully and finally release and discharge the Released Parties from the Released Class Claims  
26 that arose during the Class Period. This release shall be binding on all Participating Class Members.

27       **67. Release by Plaintiff, State of California, the LWDA and PAGA Members.** Upon  
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1 the complete funding of the Gross Settlement Amount and all applicable employer-side payroll  
2 taxes, Plaintiffs, the State of California, the LWDA, through Plaintiffs as its agents and/or proxies,  
3 any other representative, proxy, or agent thereof, including but not limited to any and all PAGA  
4 Members, shall fully and finally release and discharge the Released Parties from the Released PAGA  
5 Claims that arose during the PAGA Period. The Parties intend for this PAGA settlement to have  
6 claim preclusion, issue preclusion, or otherwise bar a representative action to the broadest extent  
7 possible by law if an aggrieved employee were to bring a subsequent claim on behalf of the LWDA  
8 based on the same factual predicate as the Action and covering the same time.

9       **68. Release of Additional Claims & Rights by Plaintiff.** Upon the funding of the Gross  
10 Settlement Amount and all applicable employer-side payroll taxes, Plaintiff for himself and his  
11 spouse, heirs and assigns, fully and finally release the Released Parties from any and all charges,  
12 complaints, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, damages, actions,  
13 causes of action, suits, rights, demands, costs, losses, debts, penalties and expenses of any nature  
14 and description whatsoever, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or that might  
15 have been asserted, whether in tort, contract, equity, or otherwise, arising out of Plaintiff's  
16 employment with Defendant, payment of wages during that employment and the cessation of that  
17 employment and/or violation of any federal, state or local statute, rule, ordinance or regulation. Such  
18 claims include but are not limited to any and all Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims  
19 and termination thereof, California Civil Code, to include §§ 3287, 3336 and 3294; 12 CCR § 11040;  
20 8 CCR § 11060; California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5; California common law of contract;  
21 29 CFR § 778.223; and 29 CFR § 778.315; federal common law and, to the extent permitted by law,  
22 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001, *et seq.* (ERISA) § 778.315; and  
23 federal common law. This release excludes the release of claims not permitted by law. Plaintiff's  
24 General Release includes all claims, whether known or unknown. Even if Plaintiff discovers facts  
25 in addition to or different from those he now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject  
26 matter of Plaintiff's General Release, those claims will remain released and forever barred.  
27 Specifically, Plaintiff waives all rights and benefits afforded by California Civil Code Section 1542,  
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1 which provides:

2 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT  
3 THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR  
4 SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF  
5 EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR  
6 HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER  
7 SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

8 Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plaintiff does not waive or release any claim which cannot be waived  
9 or released by private agreement. Further, nothing in this Agreement shall prevent Plaintiff from  
10 filing a charge or complaint with, or from participating in, an investigation or proceeding conducted  
11 by the SEC, OSHA, EEOC, DFEH, NLRB or any other federal, state or local agency charged with  
12 the enforcement of any employment or other applicable laws. Plaintiff, however, understands that  
13 by signing this Agreement, he waives the right to recover any damages or to receive other relief in  
14 any claim or suit brought by or through the EEOC, the DFEH or any other state or local deferral  
15 agency on their behalf to the fullest extent permitted by law, but expressly excluding any monetary  
16 award or other relief available from the SEC/OSHA, including an SEC/OSHA whistleblower award,  
17 or other awards or relief that may not lawfully be waived.

18 69. **Nullification of Settlement Agreement.** In the event that: (a) the Court does not  
19 enter the Preliminary Approval Order and approve the Released Claims specified herein without  
20 requiring material changes to the “Basic Settlement Terms” defined as relating to the monetary sums  
21 to be paid in the Settlement, the parameters of the Released Claims and the covered Class Period,  
22 revisions to the Increase in Workweeks provision contained herein; and revisions to Defendant’s  
23 Option to Nullify the Settlement Agreement provision contained herein; (b) the Court does not  
24 finally approve the Settlement without requiring material changes to the Basic Settlement Terms as  
25 provided herein; (c) the Court strikes or does not approve any material term of this Settlement  
26 Agreement; (d) Defendants exercise their option to nullify the Settlement Agreement based on an  
27 excessive number of opt-outs, as described in the above; or (e) the Settlement does not become final

1 as written and agreed to by the Parties for any other reason, then this Settlement Agreement, and  
2 any documents generated to bring it into effect, will be null and void, all amounts deposited into the  
3 QSF will be returned to Defendants, and the Parties shall be returned to their original respective  
4 positions.

5       70.     **Preliminary Approval Hearing.** Plaintiff will obtain a hearing before the Court to  
6 request Preliminary Approval of the Settlement Agreement, and the entry of a Preliminary Approval  
7 Order for: (a) conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, (b)  
8 Preliminary Approval of the proposed Settlement Agreement, and (c) setting a date for a Final  
9 Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing. The Preliminary Approval Order will provide for the Notice  
10 to be sent to all class Members as specified herein. In conjunction with the Preliminary Approval  
11 hearing, Plaintiff will submit this Agreement, which sets forth the terms of the Settlement, and will  
12 include the proposed Notice attached as **Exhibit A**. Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting  
13 all documents necessary to obtain Preliminary Approval. Defendant agrees that it will not oppose  
14 Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval. Any failure by the Court to fully and completely  
15 approve the Agreement as to the Action will result in this Settlement Agreement and the  
16 Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the Parties, and all obligations under this Settlement  
17 Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding being nullified and voided.

18       71.     **Final Settlement Approval Hearing and Entry of Judgment.** Upon expiration of  
19 the deadlines to postmark Requests for Exclusion or Objections to the Settlement Agreement, and  
20 with the Court's permission, a Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing will be conducted to  
21 determine the Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement along with the amounts properly payable  
22 for: (a) Individual Settlement Payments; (b) Class Counsel's Fees and Costs; (c) the Class  
23 Representative Enhancement Payments; and (d) the Settlement Administration Costs. Class Counsel  
24 will be responsible for drafting all documents necessary to obtain Final Approval. Any failure by  
25 the Court to fully and completely approve the Settlement Agreement as to all of the Action, or the  
26 entry of any Order by another Court with regard to any of the Action which has the effect of  
27 modifying material terms of this Agreement as described above or preventing the full and complete  
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1 approval of the Settlement Agreement as written and agreed to by the Parties, will result in this  
2 Agreement and all obligations under this Agreement being null and void. Defendant agrees it shall  
3 not oppose the granting of the Motion for Final Approval, provided Defendant has not exercised its  
4 right to rescind pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

5       72.     **Judgment and Continued Jurisdiction.** Upon Final Approval of the Settlement by  
6 the Court or after the Final Approval/Settlement Fairness Hearing, the Parties will present the  
7 Judgment to the Court for its approval. After entry of the Judgment and Effective Date of this  
8 Agreement, the Court will have continuing jurisdiction, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 664.6,  
9 solely for purposes of addressing: (a) the interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the  
10 Settlement, (b) Settlement administration matters, and (c) such post-Judgment matters as may be  
11 appropriate under court rules or as set forth in this Settlement.

12       73.     **Exhibits Incorporated by Reference.** The terms of this Settlement include the terms  
13 set forth in any attached Exhibits, which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth  
14 herein. Any Exhibits to this Settlement are an integral part of the Settlement.

15       74.     **Entire Agreement.** This Settlement Agreement and any attached Exhibits constitute  
16 the entirety of the Parties' settlement terms. No other prior or contemporaneous written or oral  
17 agreements in relation to settlement terms may be deemed binding on the Parties.

18       75.     **Amendment or Modification.** This Settlement Agreement may be amended or  
19 modified only by a written instrument signed by counsel for all Parties or their successors-in-  
20 interest.

21       76.     **Authorization to Enter into Settlement Agreement.** Counsels for all Parties  
22 warrant and represent they are expressly authorized by the Parties whom they represent to negotiate  
23 this Settlement Agreement and to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by  
24 such Parties pursuant to this Settlement Agreement to effectuate its terms and to execute any other  
25 documents required to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement. The Parties and their  
26 counsels will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to affect the implementation of the  
27 Settlement. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document  
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1 needed to implement the Settlement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary  
2 to effectuate the terms of this Settlement, the Parties may seek the assistance of the Court or  
3 Mediator to resolve such disagreement.

4       77.     **Binding on Successors and Assigns.** This Settlement Agreement will be binding  
5 upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties hereto, as previously  
6 defined.

7       78.     **California Law Governs.** All terms of this Settlement Agreement and Exhibits  
8 hereto will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.

9       79.     **Execution and Counterparts.** This Settlement Agreement is subject only to the  
10 execution of all Parties. However, the Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more  
11 counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them, including facsimile and scanned copies  
12 of the signature page, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument provided that counsels for  
13 the Parties will exchange among themselves original signed counterparts.

14       80.     **Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable.** The Parties  
15 believe this Settlement Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement of the Action and  
16 have arrived at this Settlement after arm's length negotiations with a qualified and reputable  
17 mediator, Bruce Friedman, and in the context of adversarial litigation, taking into account all  
18 relevant factors, present and potential. The Parties further acknowledge that they are each  
19 represented by competent counsel and that they have had an opportunity to consult with their counsel  
20 regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Settlement.

21       81.     **Invalidity of Any Provisions.** Before declaring any provision of this Agreement  
22 invalid, the Court will first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the fullest extent possible,  
23 consistent with applicable precedents, so as to define all provisions of this Agreement valid and  
24 enforceable.

25       82.     **Waiver of Certain Appeals.** The Parties agree to waive appeals and to stipulate to  
26 class certification for purposes of this Settlement only; except, however, that either party may appeal  
27 any court order that materially alters the Settlement Agreement's terms.

1           **83. Class Action Certification for Settlement Purposes Only.** The Parties agree to  
2 stipulate to class action certification only for purposes of the Settlement. If, for any reason, the  
3 Settlement is not approved, the stipulation to certification will be void. The Parties further agree that  
4 certification for purposes of the Settlement is not an admission that class action certification is  
5 proper under the standards applied to contested certification motions and that this Agreement will  
6 not be admissible in this or any other proceeding as evidence that either: (a) a class action should be  
7 certified or (b) Defendant is liable to Plaintiff or any Class Member, other than according to the  
8 Settlement's terms.

9           **84. Non-Admission of Liability.** The Parties enter into this Agreement to resolve the  
10 dispute that has arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense and risk of continued  
11 litigation. In entering into this Agreement, Defendant does not admit, and specifically deny, it has  
12 violated any federal, state, or local law; violated any regulations or guidelines promulgated pursuant  
13 to any statute or any other applicable laws, regulations or legal requirements; breached any contract;  
14 violated or breached any duty; engaged in any misrepresentation or deception; or engaged in any  
15 other unlawful conduct with respect to its employees. Neither this Agreement, nor any of its terms  
16 or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or  
17 concession by Defendant of any such violations or failures to comply with any applicable law.  
18 Except as necessary in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Agreement, this Agreement and its  
19 terms and provisions shall not be offered or received as evidence in any action or proceeding to  
20 establish any liability or admission on the part of Defendant or to establish the existence of any  
21 condition constituting a violation of, or a non-compliance with, federal, state, local or other  
22 applicable law. Except as set forth elsewhere herein, in the event that this Agreement is not approved  
23 by the Court, or any appellate court, is terminated, or otherwise fails to be enforceable, Plaintiff will  
24 not be deemed to have waived, limited or affected in any way any claims, rights or remedies, or  
25 defenses in the Action, and Defendant will not be deemed to have waived, limited, or affected in  
26 any way any of its objections or defenses in the Action. The Parties shall be restored to their  
27 respective positions in the Action prior to the entry of this Settlement.

1           85.     **Captions.** The captions and section numbers in this Agreement are inserted for the  
2 reader's convenience, and in no way define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of the  
3 provisions of this Agreement.

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

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

13          88.     **Neutral Employment Reference.** Defendant agrees that it will provide a neutral  
14 reference regarding any future employment references related to Plaintiff Jason Broers. In the event  
15 that any potential or future employers of Plaintiff request a reference regarding Defendant's  
16 employment of Plaintiff, Defendant shall only provide Plaintiff's dates of employment, job titles  
17 during employment, and final rate of pay (to the extent permitted by law). Defendant shall not refer  
18 to the Action or this Settlement.

19          89.     **Mutual Preparation.** The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms  
20 and conditions of this Agreement. Accordingly, this Agreement will not be construed more strictly  
21 against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel  
22 for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arms-length negotiations between the  
23 Parties, all Parties have contributed to the preparation of this Settlement Agreement.

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

2 91. **All Terms Subject to Final Court Approval.** All amounts and procedures described  
3 in this Settlement Agreement herein will be subject to final Court approval.

4 92. **Cooperation and Execution of Necessary Documents.** The Parties agree to  
5 cooperate to promote participation in the Settlement, and in seeking court approval of the  
6 Settlement. The Parties and their counsels agree not to take any action to encourage any Class  
7 Members to opt out of and/or object to the Settlement. Defendant agrees not to obtain any settlement  
8 agreement waivers, or Pick-Up Stix agreements from any Class Members prior to the funding of the  
9 Gross Settlement Amount and all applicable employer-side payroll taxes concerning claims released  
10 via this Agreement, or enter into any arbitration agreement with any Class Members that covers the  
11 claims released via this Agreement during the Settlement approval process prior to the funding of  
12 the Gross Settlement Amount and the Parties will work in good faith to reach an agreement approved  
13 by the Court.

14 93. **Confidentiality.** The Parties and their counsels agree to keep the terms of the  
15 Settlement confidential until the filing of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff,  
16 Class Counsel, Defendant and its counsel agree that they will not issue any press releases, initiate  
17 any contact with the press, respond to any press inquiry or have any communication with the press  
18 about the fact, amount or terms of the Settlement Agreement. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement  
19 shall limit Defendant's ability to fulfill disclosure obligations reasonably required by law or in  
20 furtherance of business purposes, including the fulfillment of obligations stated in this Settlement  
21 Agreement or limit Class Counsel's communications with the Class Members in furtherance of  
22 approval of this Settlement.

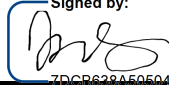
23 94. **Binding Agreement.** The Parties warrant that they understand and have full  
24 authority to enter into this Settlement, and further intend that this Settlement Agreement will be  
25 fully enforceable and binding on all Parties and agree that it will be admissible and subject to  
26 disclosure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

1           95.     **Submission to the LWDA.** The Settlement Agreement shall be submitted by  
2 Plaintiff to the LWDA within the time limits as prescribed by law.

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4 Dated: October 24, 2024

**PLAINTIFF**

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Signed by:  
  
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Jason Broers

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9 Dated: October 24, 2024

**DEFENDANT**

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of San Francisco, State of California. My business address is 1604 Union Street, San Francisco, CA 94123.

On October 24, 2024, I served a true copy of the following document described as:

**JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

on the interested parties in this action as follows:

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**[X] SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION/E-MAIL:** Based on an agreement of the parties to accept service by e-mail or electronic transmission, I sent the document(s) on the date shown below to the e-mail addresses of the persons listed below. I did not receive within a reasonable time after the transmission any electronic message or other indication that the transmission was unsuccessful.

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

Executed on October 24, 2024, in San Francisco, California.



Christine M. Gill