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

XAVIER BARAJAS, individually, and on behalf
of all others similarly situated, and on behalf of
other aggrieved employees pursuant to the
California Private Attorneys General Act
("PAGA");

Plaintiff,

v.

SYSTEM I TEMPORARY SERVICES OF
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, INC., a California
corporation; SYSTEM 1 STAFFING, an
unknown business entity; LENNAR TITLE,
INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: C26-00695

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION AND
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT:**

1. Failure to Pay Minimum Wages [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197];
2. Failure to Pay Overtime Compensation [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194 and 1198];
3. Failure to Provide Meal Periods [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512];
4. Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Breaks [Cal. Lab. Code § 226.7];
5. Failure to Indemnify Necessary Business Expenses [Cal. Lab. Code § 2802];
6. Failure to Timely Pay Final Wages at Termination [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-203];
7. Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements [Cal. Lab. Code § 226]; and
8. Unfair Business Practices [Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.];
9. Civil Penalties Under PAGA [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2699, et seq.].

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff Xavier Barajas (“Plaintiff”), based upon facts that either have evidentiary
2 support or are likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further
3 investigation and discovery, alleges as follows:

4 **INTRODUCTION & PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

5 1. Plaintiff brings this action against Defendant System I Temporary Services of
6 Contra Costa County, Inc., Lennar Title, Inc., and Does 1 through 10 (collectively referred to as
7 “Defendants”) for California Labor Code violations and unfair business practices stemming from
8 Defendants’ failure to pay minimum wages, failure to pay overtime wages, failure to provide meal
9 periods, failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to maintain accurate records of hours
10 worked and meal periods, failure to timely pay all wages to terminated employees, failure to
11 indemnify necessary business expenses, and failure to furnish accurate wage statements.

12 2. Plaintiff brings the First through Eighth Causes of Action individually and as a class
13 action on behalf of himself and certain current and former employees of Defendants (hereinafter
14 collectively referred to as the “Class” or “Class Members” and defined more fully below). The
15 Class consists of Plaintiff and all other persons who have been employed by any Defendants in
16 California as an hourly-paid, non-exempt employee during the statute of limitations period
17 applicable to the claims pleaded here.

18 3. Plaintiff brings the Ninth Cause of Action as a representative action under the
19 California Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”) to recover civil penalties that are owed to
20 Plaintiff, the State of California, and past and present non-exempt, hourly-paid employees of
21 Defendants who worked in California during the applicable statute of limitations period
22 (hereinafter referred to as the “Aggrieved Employees”).

23 4. Defendants own/owned and operate/operated an industry, business, and
24 establishment within the State of California, including Contra Costa County. As such, and based
25 upon all the facts and circumstances incident to Defendants’ business in California, Defendants
26 are subject to the California Labor Code, Wage Orders issued by the Industrial Welfare
27 Commission (“IWC”), and the California Business & Professions Code.

28 5. Despite these requirements, throughout the statutory period Defendants maintained



1 a systematic, company-wide policy and practice of:

- 2 (a) Failing to pay employees for all hours worked, including all minimum
3 wages, and overtime wages in compliance with the California Labor Code
4 and IWC Wage Orders;
- 5 (b) Failing to provide employees with timely and duty-free meal periods in
6 compliance with the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders, failing
7 to maintain accurate records of all meal periods taken or missed, and failing
8 to pay an additional hour's pay at the regular rate of pay for each workday a
9 meal period violation occurred;
- 10 (c) Failing to authorize and permit employees to take timely and duty-free rest
11 periods in compliance with the California Labor Code and IWC Wage
12 Orders, and failing to pay an additional hour's pay at the employee's regular
13 rate of pay for each workday a rest period violation occurred;
- 14 (d) Failing to indemnify employees for necessary business expenses incurred;
- 15 (e) Willfully failing to pay employees all minimum wages, overtime wages,
16 meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages due within the
17 time period specified by California law when employment terminates;
- 18 (f) Failing to maintain accurate records of the hours that employees worked;
19 and
- 20 (g) Failing to provide employees with accurate, itemized wage statements
21 containing all the information required by the California Labor Code and
22 IWC Wage Orders.

23 6. On information and belief, Defendants, and each of them were on actual and
24 constructive notice of the improprieties alleged herein and intentionally refused to rectify their
25 unlawful policies. Defendants' violations, as alleged above, during all relevant times herein were
26 willful and deliberate.

27 7. At all relevant times, Defendants were and are legally responsible for all of the
28 unlawful conduct, policies, practices, acts and omissions as described in each and all of the



1 foregoing paragraphs as the employer of Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees.
2 Further, Defendants are responsible for each of the unlawful acts or omissions complained of
3 herein under the doctrine of “respondeat superior.”

4 **THE PARTIES**

5 **Plaintiff**

6 8. Plaintiff is a California resident that worked for Defendants in the County of Contra
7 Costa, State of California, as an hourly, non-exempt Sales Representative from approximately
8 April 2025 to approximately May 2025.

9 9. Plaintiff reserves the right to seek leave to amend this complaint to add new
10 plaintiffs, if necessary, in order to establish suitable representative(s) pursuant to *La Sala v.*
11 *American Savings and Loan Association* (1971) 5 Cal.3d 864, 872, and other applicable law.

12 **Defendants**

13 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based upon that information and belief
14 alleges, that Defendant System I Temporary Services of Contra Costa County, Inc. is:

- 15 (a) A California corporation with its principal place of business in Concord,
16 California;
- 17 (b) A business entity conducting business in numerous counties throughout the
18 State of California, including in Contra Costa; and
- 19 (c) The former employer of Plaintiff, and the current and/or former employer of
20 the putative Class and the Aggrieved Employees. Defendant suffered and
21 permitted Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work, and/or
22 controlled their wages, hours, or working conditions.

23 11. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based upon that information and belief
24 alleges, that Defendant System 1 Staffing is:

- 25 (a) An unknown business entity that maintains offices, has agents, employs
26 individuals, and/or transacts business in the State of California;
- 27 (b) A business entity conducting business in numerous counties throughout the
28 State of California, including in Contra Costa; and



(c) The former employer of Plaintiff, and the current and/or former employer of the putative Class and the Aggrieved Employees. Defendant suffered and permitted Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work, and/or controlled their wages, hours, or working conditions.

12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based upon that information and belief alleges, that Defendant Lennar Title, Inc. is:

(a) A business entity that maintains offices, has agents, employs individuals, and/or transacts business in the State of California;

(b) A business entity conducting business in numerous counties throughout the State of California, including in Contra Costa; and

(c) The former employer of Plaintiff, and the current and/or former employer of the putative Class and the Aggrieved Employees. Defendant suffered and permitted Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work, and/or controlled their wages, hours, or working conditions.

13. Plaintiff does not currently know the true names or capacities of the persons or entities sued herein as Does 1–10, inclusive, and therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Each of the Doe Defendants was in some manner legally responsible for the damages suffered by Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees as alleged herein. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of these Defendants when they have been ascertained, together with appropriate charging allegations, as may be necessary.

14. At all times mentioned herein, the Defendants named as Does 1–10, inclusive, and each of them, were residents of, doing business in, availed themselves of the jurisdiction of, and/or injured a significant number of Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees in the State of California.

15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all relevant times each Defendant, directly or indirectly, or through agents or other persons, employed Plaintiff and the other employees described in the class definitions below, and exercised control over their wages, hours, and working conditions. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, at all



1 relevant times, each Defendant was the principal, agent, partner, joint venturer, officer, director,
2 controlling shareholder, subsidiary, affiliate, parent corporation, successor in interest and/or
3 predecessor in interest of some or all of the other Defendants, and was engaged with some or all
4 of the other Defendants in a joint enterprise for profit, and bore such other relationships to some
5 or all of the other Defendants so as to be liable for their conduct with respect to the matters alleged
6 below. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each Defendant acted pursuant
7 to and within the scope of the relationships alleged above, that each Defendant knew or should
8 have known about, and authorized, ratified, adopted, approved, controlled, aided and abetted the
9 conduct of all other Defendants.

10 **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION**

11 16. Plaintiff is a California resident who worked for Defendants in the County of Contra
12 Costa, State of California, as a Sales Representative during the statutory period. Plaintiff was
13 typically scheduled to work 5 days in a workweek, and typically in excess of 8 hours in a single
14 workday.

15 17. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff for all hours
16 worked (including minimum wages and overtime wages), failed to provide Plaintiff with
17 uninterrupted meal periods, failed to authorize and permit Plaintiff to take uninterrupted rest
18 periods, failed to indemnify Plaintiff for necessary business expenses, failed to timely pay all final
19 wages to Plaintiff when Defendants terminated Plaintiff's employment, and failed to furnish
20 accurate wage statements to Plaintiff. As discussed below, Plaintiff's experience working for
21 Defendants was typical and illustrative.

22 18. Throughout the statutory period, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees
23 worked more than 8 hours in a workday and more than 40 hours in a workweek. Defendants
24 maintained a policy and practice of not paying Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees
25 for all hours worked, including all overtime wages. In those instances where Plaintiff, the Class,
26 and the Aggrieved Employees earned non-discretionary bonuses and other remuneration,
27 Defendants failed to incorporate all remuneration when calculating the correct overtime rate of
28 pay, meal break premium rate of pay, rest break premium rate of pay, and sick day rate of pay.



1 Defendants also regularly used a system of time rounding in a manner that resulted, over a period
2 of time, in failing to compensate Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees properly for
3 all the time they have actually worked, even though the realities of Defendants' operations are
4 such that it is possible, practical, and feasible to count and pay for work time to the minute. Also
5 throughout the statutory period, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were required
6 to work "off-the-clock" and uncompensated. For example, despite requiring Plaintiff, the Class,
7 and the Aggrieved Employees to perform work duties after clocking out of their scheduled shifts,
8 Defendants refused to allow Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to record this time
9 worked and failed to compensate them. Additionally, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
10 Employees were required to respond to work requests from supervisors and clients while clocked
11 out during purported meal periods and after clocking out of shifts. Despite being required to
12 perform these work tasks, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were not
13 compensated for this time worked. In maintaining a practice of not paying all wages owed,
14 Defendants failed to maintain accurate records of the hours Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
15 Employees worked.

16 19. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants have wrongfully failed to provide
17 Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees with legally compliant meal periods.
18 Defendants often required Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work in excess of
19 five consecutive hours a day without providing 30-minute, continuous and uninterrupted, duty-
20 free meal period for every five hours of work, or without compensating Plaintiff, the Class, and
21 the Aggrieved Employees for meal periods that were not provided by the end of the fifth hour of
22 work or tenth hour of work. Defendants also did not adequately inform Plaintiff, the Class, and
23 the Aggrieved Employees of their right to take a meal period by the end of the fifth hour of work,
24 or, for shifts greater than 10 hours, by the end of the tenth hour of work. Plaintiff, the Class, and
25 the Aggrieved Employees were often required to work during their meal periods, leading to the
26 failure to provide uninterrupted meal periods. For example, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
27 Employees were required to prioritize urgent work tasks before starting their meal periods or
28 during their meal periods, resulting in late, shortened, or interrupted meal periods. These



1 requirements also meant Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were not relieved of
2 all duty during their meal periods. For example, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees
3 were required to respond to work requests from supervisors and clients while clocked out during
4 purported meal periods. Additionally, when Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees
5 worked shifts that were over 10 hours in length, Defendants failed to provide a second meal period
6 altogether. For example, during purported meal periods, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
7 Employees were expected to remain available to answer calls and emails, resulting in missed/on-
8 duty meal periods. As a result, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were not
9 provided with uninterrupted and complete meal periods. Accordingly, Defendants' policy and
10 practice was to not provide meal periods to Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees in
11 compliance with California law.

12 20. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants have wrongfully failed to authorize
13 and permit Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to take timely and duty-free rest
14 periods. Defendants often required Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to work in
15 excess of four consecutive hours a day without Defendants authorizing and permitting them to
16 take a net 10-minute, continuous and uninterrupted, rest period for every four hours of work (or
17 major fraction thereof), or without compensating Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
18 Employees for rest periods that were not authorized or permitted. Defendants also did not
19 adequately inform Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees of their right to take a rest
20 period. Moreover, Defendants did not have adequate policies or practices permitting or
21 authorizing rest periods for Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees, nor did Defendants
22 have adequate policies or practices regarding the timing of rest periods. Defendants also did not
23 have adequate policies or practices to verify whether Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
24 Employees were taking their required rest periods. Further, Defendants did not maintain accurate
25 records of employee work periods, and therefore Defendants cannot demonstrate that Plaintiff, the
26 Class, and the Aggrieved Employees took rest periods during the middle of each work period. For
27 example, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were required to respond to work
28 requests from supervisors while on their purported rest periods. As a result, Plaintiff, the Class,



1 and the Aggrieved Employees were rarely provided with compliant rest periods and were regularly
2 required to work through their rest periods. Accordingly, Defendants' policy and practice was to
3 not authorize and permit Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to take rest periods in
4 compliance with California law.

5 21. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants wrongfully required Plaintiff, the
6 Class, and the Aggrieved Employees to pay expenses that they incurred in direct discharge of their
7 duties for Defendants without reimbursement. For example, Plaintiff, the Class, and the
8 Aggrieved Employees were required to use their personal cell phones for work purposes such as
9 communicating with co-workers and supervisors regarding work-related issues. Plaintiff, the
10 Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were also required to purchase tools such as office supplies,
11 but were not reimbursed for these expenses. Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees
12 were also required to use their personal vehicles for work purposes, such as traveling to agency
13 and escrow offices as well as deliver supplies to other locations as needed, but were not reimbursed
14 for these costs. Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were not adequately
15 compensated for these work-related expenses.

16 22. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants willfully failed and refused to timely
17 pay Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees at the conclusion of their employment all
18 wages for all minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period
19 premium wages. Further, Defendants did not pay Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved
20 Employees their final paychecks immediately upon termination.

21 23. Throughout the statutory period, Defendants failed to furnish Plaintiff, the Class,
22 and the Aggrieved Employees with accurate, itemized wage statements showing all applicable
23 hourly rates, and all gross and net wages earned (including correct hours worked, correct wages
24 earned for hours worked, correct overtime hours worked, correct wages for meal periods that were
25 not provided in accordance with California law, correct wages for rest periods that were not
26 authorized and permitted to take in accordance with California law, and Defendant's address). As
27 a result of these violations of California Labor Code § 226(a), the Plaintiff, the Class, and the
28 Aggrieved Employees suffered injury because, among other things:



- 1 (a) the violations led them to believe that they were not entitled to be paid
2 minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest
3 period premium wages to which they were entitled, even though they were
4 entitled;
- 5 (b) the violations led them to believe that they had been paid the minimum,
6 overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages, even
7 though they had not been;
- 8 (c) the violations led them to believe they were not entitled to be paid minimum,
9 overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages at the
10 correct California rate even though they were;
- 11 (d) the violations led them to believe they had been paid minimum, overtime,
12 meal period premium, and rest period premium wages at the correct
13 California rate even though they had not been;
- 14 (e) the violations hindered them from determining the amounts of minimum,
15 overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium owed to them;
- 16 (f) in connection with their employment before and during this action, and in
17 connection with prosecuting this action, the violations caused them to have
18 to perform mathematical computations to determine the amounts of wages
19 owed to them, computations they would not have to make if the wage
20 statements contained the required accurate information;
- 21 (g) by understating the wages truly due them, the violations caused them to lose
22 entitlement and/or accrual of the full amount of Social Security, disability,
23 unemployment, and other governmental benefits;
- 24 (h) the wage statements inaccurately understated the wages, hours, and wages
25 rates to which Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were
26 entitled, and Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees were paid
27 less than the wages and wage rates to which they were entitled.

28 Thus, Plaintiff, the Class, and the Aggrieved Employees are owed the amounts provided



1 for in California Labor Code § 226(e), including actual damages.

2 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

3 24. Plaintiff brings certain claims individually, as well as on behalf of each and all other
4 persons similarly situated, and thus, seek class certification under California Code of Civil
5 Procedure § 382.

6 25. All claims alleged herein arise under California law for which Plaintiff seeks relief
7 authorized by California law.

8 26. The proposed Class consists of and is defined as:

9 All persons who worked for any Defendant in California as an hourly, non-
10 exempt employee at any time during the period beginning four years before the
11 filing of the initial complaint in this action and ending when notice of class
certification to the Class is sent.

12 27. At all material times, Plaintiff was a member of the Class.

13 28. Plaintiff undertakes this concerted activity to improve the wages and working
14 conditions of all Class Members.

15 29. There is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the Class is
16 readily ascertainable:

17 (a) Numerosity: The members of the Class (and each subclass, if any) are so
18 numerous that joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impractical.
19 The membership of the entire Class is unknown to Plaintiff at this time,
20 however, the Class is estimated to be greater than 100 individuals and the
21 identity of such membership is readily ascertainable by inspection of
22 Defendants' records.

23 (b) Typicality: Plaintiff is qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect
24 the interests of each Class Member with whom there is a shared, well-
25 defined community of interest, and Plaintiff's claims (or defenses, if any)
26 are typical of all Class Members' claims as demonstrated herein.

27 (c) Adequacy: Plaintiff is qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect
28 the interests of each Class Member with whom there is a shared, well-



1 defined community of interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated
2 herein. Plaintiff has no conflicts with or interests antagonistic to any Class
3 Member. Plaintiff's attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the
4 rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement.
5 Plaintiff has incurred, and throughout the duration of this action, will
6 continue to incur costs and attorneys' fees that have been, are, and will be
7 necessarily expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial
8 benefit of each class member.

9 (d) Superiority: A Class Action is superior to other available methods for the
10 fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, including consideration of:

- 11 1) The interests of the members of the Class in individually controlling
12 the prosecution or defense of separate actions;
- 13 2) The extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy
14 already commenced by or against members of the Class;
- 15 3) The desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of the
16 claims in the particular forum; and
- 17 4) The difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of a class
18 action.

19 (e) Public Policy Considerations: The public policy of the State of California is
20 to resolve the California Labor Code claims of many employees through a
21 class action. Indeed, current employees are often afraid to assert their rights
22 out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. Former employees are also fearful
23 of bringing actions because they believe their former employers might
24 damage their future endeavors through negative references and/or other
25 means. Class actions provide the class members who are not named in the
26 complaint with a type of anonymity that allows for the vindication of their
27 rights at the same time as their privacy is protected.

28 30. There are common questions of law and fact as to the Class (and each subclass, if

1 any) that predominate over questions affecting only individual members, including without
2 limitation, whether, as alleged herein, Defendants have:

- 3 (a) Failed to pay Class Members for all hours worked, including minimum
4 wages, and overtime wages;
- 5 (b) Failed to provide meal periods and pay meal period premium wages to Class
6 Members;
- 7 (c) Failed to authorize and permit rest periods and pay rest period premium
8 wages to Class Members;
- 9 (d) Failed to promptly pay all wages due to Class Members upon their discharge
10 or resignation;
- 11 (e) Failed to maintain accurate records of all hours Class Members worked, and
12 all meal periods Class Members took or missed;
- 13 (f) Failed to reimburse Class Members for all necessary business expenses; and
- 14 (g) Violated California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et. seq.* as a
15 result of their illegal conduct as described above.

16 31. This Court should permit this action to be maintained as a class action pursuant to
17 California Code of Civil Procedure § 382 because:

- 18 (a) The questions of law and fact common to the Class predominate over any
19 question affecting only individual members;
- 20 (b) A class action is superior to any other available method for the fair and
21 efficient adjudication of the claims of the members of the Class;
- 22 (c) The members of the Class are so numerous that it is impractical to bring all
23 members of the class before the Court;
- 24 (d) Plaintiff, and the other members of the Class, will not be able to obtain
25 effective and economic legal redress unless the action is maintained as a
26 class action;
- 27 (e) There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and equitable
28 relief for the statutory violations, and in obtaining adequate compensation

1 for the damages and injuries for which Defendants are responsible in an
2 amount sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the Class for
3 the injuries sustained;

4 (f) Without class certification, the prosecution of separate actions by individual
5 members of the class would create a risk of:

6 1) Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual
7 members of the Class which would establish incompatible standards
8 of conduct for Defendants; and/or

9 2) Adjudications with respect to the individual members which would,
10 as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members
11 not parties to the adjudications, or would substantially impair or
12 impede their ability to protect their interests, including but not
13 limited to the potential for exhausting the funds available from those
14 parties who are, or may be, responsible Defendants; and,

15 (g) Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to
16 the Class, thereby making final injunctive relief appropriate with respect to
17 the class as a whole.

18 32. Plaintiff contemplates the eventual issuance of notice to the proposed members of
19 the Class that would set forth the subject and nature of the instant action. The Defendants' own
20 business records may be utilized for assistance in the preparation and issuance of the contemplated
21 notices. To the extent that any further notices may be required, Plaintiff would contemplate the
22 use of additional techniques and forms commonly used in class actions, such as published notice,
23 e-mail notice, website notice, first-class mail, or combinations thereof, or by other methods
24 suitable to the Class and deemed necessary and/or appropriate by the Court.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Minimum Wages for All Hours Worked)

33. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

34. “Hours worked” is the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer, and includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so.

35. At all relevant times herein mentioned, Defendants knowingly failed to pay to Plaintiff and the Class compensation for all hours they worked. By their failure to pay compensation for each hour worked as alleged above, Defendants willfully violated the provisions of Section 1194 of the California Labor Code, and any additional applicable Wage Orders, which require such compensation to non-exempt employees.

36. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to recover minimum wages for all non-overtime hours worked for Defendants.

37. By and through the conduct described above, Plaintiff and the Class have been deprived of their rights to be paid wages earned by virtue of their employment with Defendants.

38. By virtue of the Defendants’ unlawful failure to pay additional compensation to Plaintiff and the Class for their non-overtime hours worked without pay, Plaintiff and the Class suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown to Plaintiff and the Class, but which exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court, and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

39. By failing to keep adequate time records required by California Labor Code § 1174(d), Defendants have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of minimum wage compensation due Plaintiff and the Class.

40. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to recover liquidated damages (double damages) for Defendants’ failure to pay minimum wages.

41. California Labor Code section 204 requires employers to provide employees with



1 all wages due and payable twice a month. Throughout the statute of limitations period applicable
2 to this cause of action, Plaintiff and the Class were entitled to be paid twice a month at rates
3 required by law, including minimum wages. However, during all such times, Defendants
4 systematically failed and refused to pay Plaintiff and the Class all such wages due, and failed to
5 pay those wages twice a month.

6 42. Plaintiff and the Class are also entitled to seek recovery of all unpaid minimum
7 wages, interest, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code §§
8 218.5, 218.6, and 1194(a).

9 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Overtime Wages)**

11 43. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs
12 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

13 44. California Labor Code § 510 provides that employees in California shall not be
14 employed more than eight (8) hours in any workday or forty (40) hours in a workweek unless they
15 receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law.

16 45. California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1198 provide that employees in California shall
17 not be employed more than eight hours in any workday unless they receive additional
18 compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law. Additionally, California
19 Labor Code § 1198 states that the employment of an employee for longer hours than those fixed
20 by the Industrial Welfare Commission is unlawful.

21 46. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff and the Class have worked more than eight
22 hours in a workday, as employees of Defendants.

23 47. At all times relevant hereto, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the Class
24 overtime compensation for the hours they have worked in excess of the maximum hours
25 permissible by law as required by California Labor Code § 510 and 1198. Plaintiff and the Class
26 are regularly required to work overtime hours.

27 48. By virtue of Defendants' unlawful failure to pay additional premium rate
28 compensation to the Plaintiff and the Class for their overtime hours worked, Plaintiff and the Class



1 have suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown to
2 them but which exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court and which will be ascertained
3 according to proof at trial.

4 49. By failing to keep adequate time records required by Labor Code § 1174(d),
5 Defendants have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of overtime compensation due to
6 Plaintiff and the Class.

7 50. Plaintiff and the Class also request recovery of overtime compensation according to
8 proof, interest, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code § 1194(a), as well as
9 the assessment of any statutory penalties against Defendants, in a sum as provided by the
10 California Labor Code and/or other statutes.

11 51. California Labor Code § 204 requires employers to provide employees with all
12 wages due and payable twice a month. The Wage Orders also provide that every employer shall
13 pay to each employee, on the established payday for the period involved, overtime wages for all
14 overtime hours worked in the payroll period. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and the Class
15 with all compensation due, in violation of California Labor Code § 204.

16 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Provide Meal Periods)**

18 52. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs
19 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

20 53. Under California law, Defendants have an affirmative obligation to relieve the
21 Plaintiff and the Class of all duty in order to take their first daily meal periods no later than the
22 start of Plaintiff and the Class' sixth hour of work in a workday, and to take their second meal
23 periods no later than the start of the eleventh hour of work in the workday. Section 512 of the
24 California Labor Code, and Section 11 of the applicable Wage Orders require that an employer
25 provide unpaid meal periods of at least 30 minutes for each five-hour period worked. It is a
26 violation of Section 226.7 of the California Labor Code for an employer to require any employee
27 to work during any meal period mandated under any Wage Order.

28 54. Despite these legal requirements, Defendants regularly failed to provide Plaintiff



1 and the Class with both meal periods as required by California law. By their failure to permit and
2 authorize Plaintiff and the Class to take all meal periods as alleged above (or due to the fact that
3 Defendants made it impossible or impracticable to take these uninterrupted meal periods),
4 Defendants willfully violated the provisions of Section 226.7 of the California Labor Code and
5 the applicable Wage Orders.

6 55. Under California law, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to be paid one hour of
7 additional wages at the regular rate of pay for each workday he or she was not provided with all
8 required meal period(s), plus interest thereon.

9 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Periods)**

11 56. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs
12 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

13 57. Defendants are required by California law to authorize and permit breaks of net 10
14 uninterrupted minutes for each four hours of work or major fraction thereof (i.e. more than two
15 hours). Section 512 of the California Labor Code, the applicable Wage Orders require that the
16 employer permit and authorize all employees to take paid rest periods of 10 minutes each for each
17 4-hour period worked. Thus, for example, if an employee's work time is 6 hours and ten minutes,
18 the employee is entitled to two rest breaks. Each failure to authorize rest breaks as so required is
19 itself a violation of California's rest break laws. It is a violation of Section 226.7 of the California
20 Labor Code for an employer to require any employee to work during any rest period mandated
21 under any Wage Order.

22 58. Despite these legal requirements, Defendants failed to authorize Plaintiff and the
23 Class to take rest breaks, regardless of whether employees worked more than 4 hours in a workday.
24 By their failure to permit and authorize Plaintiff and the Class to take rest periods as alleged above
25 (or due to the fact that Defendants made it impossible or impracticable to take these uninterrupted
26 rest periods), Defendants willfully violated the provisions of Section 226.7 of the California Labor
27 Code and the applicable Wage Orders.

28 59. Under California law, Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to be paid one hour of



1 additional wages at the regular rate of pay for each workday he or she was not provided with all
2 required rest break(s), plus interest thereon.

3 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **(Against All Defendants for Failure to Indemnify Necessary Business Expenses)**

5 60. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs
6 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

7 61. Defendants violated Labor Code section 2802 and the IWC Wage Orders, by failing
8 to pay and indemnify the Plaintiff and the Class for their necessary expenditures and losses
9 incurred in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties or of their obedience to directions
10 of Defendants.

11 62. As a result, Plaintiff and the Class were damaged at least in the amounts of the
12 expenses they paid, or which were deducted by Defendants from their wages.

13 63. Plaintiff and the class they represent are entitled to attorney's fees, expenses, and
14 costs of suit pursuant to Labor Code section 2802(c) and interest pursuant to Labor Code section
15 2802(b).

16 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Wages of Discharged Employees – Waiting Time**
18 **Penalties)**

19 64. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs
20 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

21 65. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 provide that if
22 an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are
23 due and payable immediately, and that if an employee voluntarily leaves his or her employment,
24 his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72) hours thereafter,
25 unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours previous notice of his or her intention to
26 quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

27 66. Within the applicable statute of limitations, the employment of Plaintiff and many
28 other members of the Class ended, i.e. was terminated by quitting or discharge, and the



1 employment of others will be. However, during the relevant time period, Defendants failed, and
2 continue to fail to pay terminated Class Members, without abatement, all wages required to be
3 paid by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202 either at the time of discharge, or within
4 seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.

5 67. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and those Class members who are no longer
6 employed by Defendants their wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge, or within
7 seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ, is in violation of California Labor
8 Code §§ 201 and 202.

9 68. California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay
10 wages owed, in accordance with sections 201 and 202, then the wages of the employee shall
11 continue as a penalty wage from the due date, and at the same rate until paid or until an action is
12 commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30) days.

13 69. Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to recover from Defendants their additionally
14 accruing wages for each day they were not paid, at their regular hourly rate of pay, up to 30 days
15 maximum pursuant to California Labor Code § 203.

16 70. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 218.5, 218.6 and 1194, Plaintiff and the Class
17 are also entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees, interest, expenses, and costs incurred
18 in this action.

19 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **(Against all Defendants for Failure to Provide and Maintain Accurate and** 21 **Compliant Wage Records)**

22 71. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs
23 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

24 72. At all material times set forth herein, California Labor Code § 226(a) provides that
25 every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate itemized wage statement in
26 writing showing nine pieces of information, including: (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours
27 worked by the employee, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate
28 if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made



on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

73. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to provide employees with complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include, among other things, the failure to correctly identify the gross wages earned by Plaintiff and the Class, the failure to list the true “total hours worked by the employee,” and the failure to list the true net wages earned.

74. As a result of Defendants’ violation of California Labor Code § 226(a), Plaintiff and the Class have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily-protected rights.

75. Specifically, Plaintiff and the members of the Class have been injured by Defendants’ intentional violation of California Labor Code § 226(a) because they were denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving, accurate, itemized wage statements under California Labor Code § 226(a).

76. Calculation of the true wage entitlement for Plaintiff and the Class is difficult and time consuming. As a result of this unlawful burden, Plaintiff and the Class were also injured as a result of having to bring this action to attempt to obtain correct wage information following Defendants’ refusal to comply with many of the mandates of California’s Labor Code and related laws and regulations.

77. Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to recover from Defendants their actual damages caused by Defendants’ failure to comply with California Labor Code § 226(a).

78. Plaintiff and the Class are also entitled to injunctive relief, as well as an award of attorney’s fees and costs to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code § 226(h).

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1 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Against all Defendants for Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200,**
3 **et seq.)**

4 79. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated herein paragraphs
5 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

6 80. Defendants, and each of them, are “persons” as defined under California Business
7 & Professions Code § 17201.

8 81. Defendants’ conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair,
9 unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiff, other Class members, and to the general public. Plaintiff seeks
10 to enforce important rights affecting the public interest within the meaning of Code of Civil
11 Procedure § 1021.5.

12 82. Defendants’ activities, as alleged herein, are violations of California law, and
13 constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business & Professions
14 Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

15 83. A violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* may be
16 predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. All of the acts described herein as violations
17 of, among other things, the California Labor Code, are unlawful and in violation of public policy;
18 and in addition are immoral, unethical, oppressive, fraudulent and unscrupulous, and thereby
19 constitute unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices in violation of California Business
20 & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

21 **Failure to Pay Minimum Wages**

22 84. Defendants’ failure to pay minimum wages, and other benefits in violation of the
23 California Labor Code constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California
24 Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

25 **Failure to Pay Overtime Wages**

26 85. Defendants’ failure to pay overtime compensation and other benefits in violation of
27 California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and 1198 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity
28 prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*



1 **Failure to Maintain Accurate Records of All Hours Worked**

2 86. Defendants' failure to maintain accurate records of all hours worked in accordance
3 with California Labor Code § 1174.5 and the IWC Wage Orders constitutes unlawful and/or unfair
4 activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

5 **Failure to Provide Meal Periods**

6 87. Defendants' failure to provide meal periods in accordance with California Labor
7 Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or
8 unfair activity prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

9 **Failure to Authorize and Permit Rest Periods**

10 88. Defendants' failure to authorize and permit rest periods in accordance with
11 California Labor Code § 226.7 and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful
12 and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

13 **Failure to Indemnify Necessary Business Expenses**

14 89. Defendants' failure to indemnify employees for necessary business expenses in
15 accordance with California Labor Code § 2802 and the IWC Wage Orders, as alleged above,
16 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200,
17 *et seq.*

18 **Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Wage Statements**

19 90. Defendants' failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements in accordance
20 with California Labor Code § 226, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity
21 prohibited by California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*

22 91. By and through their unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices described
23 herein, the Defendants, have obtained valuable property, money and services from Plaintiff, and
24 all persons similarly situated, and have deprived Plaintiff, and all persons similarly situated, of
25 valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law, all to their detriment.

26 92. Plaintiff and the Class Members suffered monetary injury as a direct result of
27 Defendants' wrongful conduct.

28 93. Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative Class, is entitled



1 to, and does, seek such relief as may be necessary to disgorge money and/or property which the
2 Defendants have wrongfully acquired, or of which Plaintiff and the Class have been deprived, by
3 means of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices. Plaintiff and
4 the Class are not obligated to establish individual knowledge of the wrongful practices of
5 Defendants in order to recover restitution.

6 94. Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative class, is further
7 entitled to and does seek a declaration that the above described business practices are unfair,
8 unlawful and/or fraudulent, and injunctive relief restraining the Defendants, and each of them,
9 from engaging in any of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices
10 in the future.

11 95. Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of members of the putative class, has no plain,
12 speedy, and/or adequate remedy at law to redress the injuries which the Class Members suffered
13 as a consequence of the Defendants' unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices. As a
14 result of the unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices described above, Plaintiff,
15 individually, and on behalf of members of the putative Class, has suffered and will continue to
16 suffer irreparable harm unless the Defendants, and each of them, are restrained from continuing
17 to engage in said unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices.

18 96. Plaintiff also alleges that if Defendants are not enjoined from the conduct set forth
19 herein above, they will continue to avoid paying the appropriate taxes, insurance and other
20 withholdings.

21 97. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, Plaintiff and
22 putative Class Members are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and retained by
23 Defendants during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this complaint; a
24 permanent injunction requiring Defendants to pay all outstanding wages due to Plaintiff and Class
25 Members; an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5
26 and other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

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1 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Against all Defendants for Civil Penalties Under the California Private Attorneys General**
3 **Act of 2004, Cal. Lab. Code § 2698, et seq.)**

4 98. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges as if fully stated hereon paragraphs
5 1 through 23 in this Complaint.

6 99. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants were subject to the Labor Code of the State
7 of California and the applicable Industrial Welfare Commission Orders.

8 100. California Labor Code § 2699(a) specifically provides for a private right of action to
9 recover penalties for violations of the Labor Code: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
10 any provision of this code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor
11 and Workforce Development Agency or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards,
12 agencies, or employees, for a violation of this code, may, as an alternative, be recovered through a
13 civil action brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of himself or herself and other current or
14 former employees pursuant to the procedures specified in Section 2699.”

15 101. Plaintiff has exhausted his administrative remedies pursuant to California Labor Code
16 § 2699.3. On February 27, 2026, he gave written notice by online filing to the Labor and Workforce
17 Development Agency and by certified mail to Defendants of the specific provisions of the Labor
18 Code that Defendants have violated against Plaintiff and certain current and former aggrieved
19 employees, including the facts and theories to support the violations. Plaintiff also paid the filing
20 fee. Plaintiff’s PAGA case number is LWDA-CM-1160596-26.

21 102. More than 65 days has elapsed since Plaintiff provided notice, but the Labor and
22 Workforce Development Agency has not indicated that it intends to investigate Defendants’ Labor
23 Code violations discussed in the notice. Accordingly, Plaintiff may commence a civil action to
24 recover penalties under Labor Code § 2699 pursuant to § 2699.3 for the violations of the Labor
25 Code described in this Complaint. These penalties include, but are not limited to, penalties under
26 California Labor Code §§ 210, 226.3, 558, and 2699(f)(2).

27 103. In addition, Plaintiff seeks penalties for Defendants’ violation of California Labor
28 Code § 1174(d). Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1174.5, any person, including any entity,



1 employing labor who willfully fails to maintain accurate and complete records required by
2 California Labor Code § 1174 is subject to a penalty under § 1174.5. Pursuant to the applicable
3 IWC Order § 7(A)(3), every employer shall keep time records showing when the employee begins
4 and ends each work period. Meal periods, and total hours worked daily shall also be recorded.
5 Additionally, pursuant to the applicable IWC Order § 7(A)(5), every employer shall keep total hours
6 worked in the payroll period and applicable rates of pay.

7 104. During the time period of employment for Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees,
8 Defendants failed to maintain records pursuant to the Labor Code and IWC Orders by failing to
9 maintain accurate records showing meal periods, and accurate records of the hours Plaintiff and the
10 Aggrieved Employees worked. Defendants' failure to provide and maintain records required by the
11 Labor Code IWC Wage Orders deprived Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees the ability to know,
12 understand and question the accuracy and frequency of meal periods, and the time they actually
13 worked. Therefore, Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees had no way to dispute the resulting
14 failure to pay wages, all of which resulted in an unjustified economic enrichment to Defendants. As
15 a direct result, Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees have suffered and continue to suffer,
16 substantial losses related to the use and enjoyment of such wages, lost interest on such wages and
17 expenses and attorney's fees in seeking to compel Defendants to fully perform its obligation under
18 state law, all to their respective damage in amounts according to proof at trial. Because of
19 Defendants' knowing failure to comply with the Labor Code and applicable IWC Wage Orders,
20 Plaintiff and the Aggrieved Employees have also suffered an injury in that they were prevented from
21 knowing, understanding, and disputing the wage payments paid to them.

22 105. Based on the conduct described in this Complaint, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of
23 civil penalties on behalf of himself, the State of California, and similarly Aggrieved Employees of
24 Defendants. The exact amount of the applicable penalties, in all, is in an amount to be shown
25 according to proof at trial. These penalties are in addition to all other remedies permitted by law.

26 106. In addition, Plaintiff seeks an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant
27 to California Labor Code § 2699(g)(1), which states, "Any employee who prevails in any action
28 shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs."



1 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

2 Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated only with respect to the
3 class claims, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, as follows:

4 **Class Certification**

- 5 1. That this action be certified as a class action with respect to the First, Second, Third,
6 Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Causes of Action;
7 2. That Plaintiff be appointed as the representative of the Class; and
8 3. That counsel for Plaintiff be appointed as Class Counsel.

9 **As to the First Cause of Action**

- 10 4. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
11 Labor Code §§ 204 and 1194 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all
12 minimum wages due;
13 5. For general unpaid wages as may be appropriate;
14 6. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date
15 such amounts were due;
16 7. For liquidated damages;
17 8. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
18 California Labor Code § 1194(a); and,
19 9. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

20 **As to the Second Cause of Action**

- 21 10. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
22 Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay all
23 overtime wages due;
24 11. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates as may be appropriate;
25 12. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing from
26 the date such amounts were due;
27 13. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
28 California Labor Code § 1194(a); and



14. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Third Cause of Action

15. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders;

16. For unpaid meal period premium wages as may be appropriate;

17. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;

18. For reasonable attorneys' fees under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

19. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Fourth Cause of Action

20. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the IWC Wage Orders;

21. For unpaid rest period premium wages as may be appropriate;

22. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;

23. For reasonable attorneys' fees under California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

24. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Fifth Cause of Action

25. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated Labor Code § 2802 and the IWC Wage Orders;

26. For general unpaid wages and reimbursement of business expenses as may be appropriate;

27. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation commencing from the date such amounts were due;

28. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

29. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.



As to the Sixth Cause of Action

30. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time of termination of the employment;

31. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 203 for former employees who have left Defendants' employ;

32. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were due;

33. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

34. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Seventh Cause of Action

35. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the record keeping provisions of California Labor Code § 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders, and willfully failed to provide accurate itemized wage statements thereto;

36. For penalties and actual damages pursuant to California Labor Code § 226(e);

37. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code § 226(h);

38. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein; and

39. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Eighth Cause of Action

40. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* by failing to pay wages for all hours worked (including minimum and overtime wages), failing to provide meal periods, failing to maintain accurate records of meal periods, failing to authorize and permit rest periods, and failing to maintain accurate records of all hours worked and meal periods, failing to furnish accurate wage statements, and failing to indemnify necessary business expenses;

41. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiff and all Class Members and prejudgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;



42. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all funds disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by Defendants as a result of violations of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*;

43. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5;

44. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*; and,

45. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to the Ninth Cause of Action

46. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the California Labor Code by failing to pay all wages owed, including overtime, failure to provide meal periods, failing to maintain accurate records of meal periods, failing to authorize and permit rest periods, failing to indemnify necessary business expenses, failing to pay final wages at termination, and failing to furnish accurate wage statements;

47. For all actual, consequential and incidental losses, according to proof;

48. For all civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 2699, *et seq.*, and all other applicable Labor Code provisions;

49. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699; and

50. For all such other and further relief as the Court may deem equitable and appropriate.

As to all Causes of Action

51. For any additional relief that the Court deems just and proper.

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1 Dated: May 7, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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9 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

10 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all causes of action triable by jury.

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