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individually, and on behalf of Aggrieved Employees  
pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act*

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

EMMANUEL RICARDO OVIEDO,  
individually, and on behalf of Aggrieved  
Employees pursuant to the California Private  
Attorneys General Act,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

HOTCAKES NO. 7, INC., a California  
corporation; and DOES 1 through 25,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 37-2023-00045723-CU-OE-CTL

Honorable Gregory W. Pollack  
Department C-71

**DECLARATION OF EMMANUEL  
RICARDO OVIEDO IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR APPROVAL  
OF PAGA SETTLEMENT, ATTORNEYS'  
FEES AND COSTS, AND SETTLEMENT  
ADMINISTRATION COSTS**

Date: October 20, 2026  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Department: C-71

Complaint Filed: October 20, 2023  
Trial Date: Not Set

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6. I reviewed the settlement agreement in this case and discussed it with my attorneys before I signed it. I also executed a separate agreement to settle and resolve my individual claims with Defendant.

7. I believe that I have done everything that my attorneys have asked of me and tried, to the best of my ability, to seek relief for the Aggrieved Employees and the State of California. I think my efforts helped to get the result obtained in this case.

8. I understand that any resolution of this lawsuit on a representative basis is subject to court approval, and any settlement must be designed in the best interest of the aggrieved employees as a whole. At all times throughout the course of this litigation, I have considered the interests of the Aggrieved Employees above my own personal interests.

9. I am not related to anyone associated with Blackstone Law, APC.

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

Executed on 04/29/2026 at Escondido, California.

*Emmanuel R Oviedo*  
Emmanuel Ricardo Oviedo