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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

12 ANNA MARIE RODRIGUEZ, an individual,
13 on behalf of herself and all others similarly
14 situated,

15 Plaintiff,

16 vs.

17 VNACARE, a California nonprofit corporation;
18 and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

19 Defendants.

CASE NO.: CIVRS2605326

CLASS ACTION

COMPLAINT FOR:

1. Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods
2. Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods
3. Failure to Pay Minimum Wages
4. Failure to Pay Overtime Wages
5. Failure to Pay All Wages Due to Discharged and Quitting Employees
6. Failure to Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements
7. Failure to Indemnify Employees for Necessary Expenditures Incurred in Discharge of Duties
8. Unfair and Unlawful Business Practices

REPRESENTATIVE ACTION:

9. Penalties under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiff ANNA MARIE RODRIGUEZ (“PLAINTIFF”), an individual, demanding a jury
2 trial, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, hereby alleges as follows:

3 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 1. The Superior Court of the State of California has jurisdiction in this matter because
5 PLAINTIFF is a citizen and resident of the State of California and DEFENDANT VNACARE, a
6 California nonprofit corporation and DOES 1 through 50 (collectively, “DEFENDANTS”), are
7 qualified to do business in California and regularly conduct business in California. Further, no
8 federal question is at issue because the claims are based solely on California law.

9 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district and the County of San Bernardino,
10 California because PLAINTIFF, and other persons similarly situated, performed work for
11 DEFENDANTS in the County of San Bernardino, DEFENDANTS maintain offices and facilities
12 and transact business in the County of San Bernardino, and DEFENDANTS’ illegal payroll
13 policies and practices which are the subject of this action were applied, at least in part, to
14 PLAINTIFF, and other persons similarly situated, in the County of San Bernardino.

15 **PLAINTIFF**

16 3. PLAINTIFF is a resident and a citizen of the State of California and an employee
17 of DEFENDANTS during the relevant time period.

18 4. PLAINTIFF, on behalf of herself and other similarly situated current and former
19 non-exempt employees of DEFENDANTS in the State of California at any time during the four
20 years preceding the filing of this action, and continuing while this action is pending, brings this
21 class action to recover, among other things, wages and penalties from unpaid wages earned and
22 due, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages, unpaid and illegally calculated overtime
23 compensation, illegal meal and rest period policies, failure to pay all wages due to discharged and
24 quitting employees, failure to maintain required records, failure to furnish accurate itemized
25 wage statements, failure to indemnify employees for necessary expenditures and/or losses
26 incurred in discharging their duties, and interest, attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses.

27 5. PLAINTIFF brings this action on behalf of herself and the following similarly
28 situated class of individuals (“CLASS MEMBERS”): all current and former non-exempt

1 employees of DEFENDANTS in the State of California at any time within the period
2 beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of this action and ending at the time this action
3 settles or proceeds to final judgment (the "CLASS PERIOD"). PLAINTIFF reserves the right
4 to name additional class representatives.

5 DEFENDANTS

6 6. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant
7 VNACARE is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a California nonprofit corporation.
8 PLAINTIFF is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendant VNACARE is
9 authorized to conduct business in the State of California, and does conduct business in the State
10 of California. Specifically, Defendant VNACARE maintains offices and facilities and conducts
11 business in, and engages in illegal payroll practices or policies in, the County of San Bernardino,
12 State of California.

13 7. The true names and capacities of DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are unknown to
14 PLAINTIFF at this time, and PLAINTIFF therefore sues such DOE Defendants under fictitious
15 names. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each Defendant
16 designated as a DOE is in some manner highly responsible for the occurrences alleged herein, and
17 that PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS' injuries and damages, as alleged herein, were
18 proximately caused by the conduct of such DOE Defendants. PLAINTIFF will seek leave of the
19 court to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities of such DOE Defendants
20 when ascertained.

21 8. At all relevant times herein, DEFENDANTS were the joint employers of
22 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
23 that at all times material to this Complaint DEFENDANTS were the alter egos, divisions,
24 affiliates, integrated enterprises, joint employers, subsidiaries, parents, principals, related entities,
25 co-conspirators, authorized agents, partners, joint venturers, and/or guarantors, actual or
26 ostensible, of each other. Each Defendant was completely dominated by his, her or its co-
27 Defendants, and each was the alter ego of the other.

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1 9. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times herein, DEFENDANTS had an
2 interrelation of operations, common management, centralized control of labor relations, and
3 common ownership and financial control.

4 10. At all relevant times herein, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS were employed
5 by DEFENDANTS under employment agreements that were partly written, partly oral, and partly
6 implied. In perpetrating the acts and omissions alleged herein, DEFENDANTS, and each of them,
7 acted pursuant to, and in furtherance of, their policies and practices of not paying PLAINTIFF
8 and CLASS MEMBERS all wages earned and due, through methods and schemes which include,
9 but are not limited to, failing to pay overtime premiums; failing to provide rest and meal periods;
10 failing to properly maintain records; failing to provide accurate itemized statements for each pay
11 period; failing to properly compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for necessary
12 expenditures; and requiring, permitting or suffering the employees to work off the clock, in
13 violation of the California Labor Code and the applicable Welfare Commission ("IWC") Orders.

14 11. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each and every one
15 of the acts and omissions alleged herein were performed by, and/or attributable to, all
16 DEFENDANTS, each acting as agents and/or employees, and/or under the direction and control
17 of, each of the other DEFENDANTS, and that said acts and failures to act were within the course
18 and scope of said agency, employment and/or direction and control.

19 12. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 558.1, DEFENDANTS and any person acting
20 on behalf of any of the DEFENDANTS, are liable for violating, or causing to violate, any
21 provision regulating minimum wages or hours and days of work in any order of the Industrial
22 Welfare Commission, or Labor Code §§ 226, 226.7, 1193.6, 1194, or 2802.

23 13. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful actions of DEFENDANTS,
24 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have suffered, and continue to suffer, from loss of earnings
25 in amounts as yet unascertained, but subject to proof at trial, and within the jurisdiction of this
26 Court.

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- a. The potential class is a significant number. Joinder of all current and former employees individually would be impractical.
- b. This action involves common questions of law and fact to the potential class because the action focuses on DEFENDANTS' systematic course of illegal payroll practices and policies, which was applied to all non-exempt employees in violation of the Labor Code, the applicable IWC wage order, and the Business and Professions Code which prohibits unfair business practices arising from such violations.
- c. The claims of PLAINTIFF are typical of the class because DEFENDANTS subjected all non-exempt employees to identical violations of the Labor Code, the applicable IWC wage order, and the Business and Professions Code.
- d. PLAINTIFF is able to fairly and adequately protect the interests of all members of the class because it is in her best interests to prosecute the claims alleged herein to obtain full compensation due to them for all services rendered and hours worked.

Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods

15. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

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1 17. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and IWC Wage
2 Order No. 5-2001, § 11 by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS who were
3 not provided with a meal period, in accordance with the applicable wage order, one additional
4 hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a meal period
5 was not provided.

6 18. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7, 510, 1194,
7 1197, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001 by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS
8 MEMBERS for all hours worked during their meal periods.

9 19. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS
10 MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages
11 earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses, and costs of suit.

12 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods**

14 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512; IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 12]**

15 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

16 20. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
17 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

18 21. At all times relevant herein, as part of DEFENDANTS' illegal payroll policies and
19 practices to deprive their non-exempt employees all wages earned and due, DEFENDANTS
20 failed to provide rest periods to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS as required under
21 California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 12.

22 22. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code § 226.7 and IWC Wage
23 Order No. 16-2001, § 12 by failing to pay PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS who were not
24 provided with a rest period, in accordance with the applicable wage order, one additional hour of
25 compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a rest period was not
26 provided.

27 23. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS
28 MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages

1 earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses, and costs of suit.

2 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

3 **Failure to Pay Minimum Wages**

4 **[Cal Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197; IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 4]**

5 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

6 24. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
7 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

8 25. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-
9 2001, § 4, payment to an employee of less than the applicable minimum wage for all hours
10 worked in a payroll period is unlawful.

11 26. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS failed to pay PLAINTIFF and
12 CLASS MEMBERS minimum wages for all hours worked by, among other things: requiring,
13 permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work off the clock; requiring,
14 permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work through meal and rest
15 breaks; illegally and inaccurately recording time in which PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS
16 worked; failing to properly maintain PLAINTIFF'S and CLASS MEMBERS' records; failing to
17 provide accurate itemized wage statements to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for each pay
18 period; and other methods to be discovered.

19 27. DEFENDANTS' conduct described herein violates California Labor Code §§
20 1194, 1197, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 4. As a proximate result of the aforementioned
21 violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to
22 proof at trial. Therefore, pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 200, 226, 558, 1194, 1197.1, and
23 other applicable provisions under the Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders, PLAINTIFF and
24 CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of wages owed to them by
25 DEFENDANTS, plus interest, penalties, attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of suit.

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1 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **Failure to Pay Overtime Wages**

3 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, 1198; IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 3]**

4 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

5 28. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
6 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

7 29. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-
8 2001, § 3, DEFENDANTS are required to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for
9 all overtime, which is calculated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay for all
10 hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40) hours per week, and for the
11 first eight (8) hours on the seventh consecutive workday, with double time for all hours worked in
12 excess of twelve (12) hours in any workday and for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours
13 on the seventh consecutive day of work in any workweek.

14 30. PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are current and former non-exempt
15 employees entitled to the protections of California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage
16 Order No. 5-2001. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS failed to compensate
17 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all overtime hours worked as required under the
18 foregoing provisions of the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Order by, among other things:
19 failing to pay overtime at one and one-half (1 ½) or double the regular rate of pay as provided by
20 California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 3; requiring, permitting
21 or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work off the clock; requiring, permitting or
22 suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work through meal and rest breaks; illegally
23 and inaccurately recording time in which PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS worked; failing to
24 properly maintain PLAINTIFF'S and CLASS MEMBERS' records; failing to provide accurate
25 itemized wage statements to PLAINTIFF for each pay period; and other methods to be
26 discovered.

27 31. In violation of California law, DEFENDANTS have knowingly and willfully
28 refused to perform their obligations to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all

1 wages earned and all hours worked. As a proximate result, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS
2 have suffered, and continue to suffer, substantial losses related to the use and enjoyment of such
3 wages, lost interest on such wages, and expenses and attorneys' fees in seeking to compel
4 DEFENDANTS to fully perform their obligations under state law, all to their respective damages
5 in amounts according to proof at time of trial, and within the jurisdiction of this Court.

6 32. DEFENDANTS' conduct described herein violates California Labor Code §§ 510,
7 1194, 1198 and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 3. Therefore, pursuant to California Labor Code
8 §§ 200, 226, 558, 1194, 1197.1, and other applicable provisions under the California Labor Code
9 and IWC Wage Orders, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to recover the unpaid
10 balance of wages owed to them by DEFENDANTS, plus interest, penalties, attorneys' fees,
11 expenses, and costs of suit.

12 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **Failure to Pay All Wages Due to Discharged and Quitting Employees**

14 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203]**

15 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

16 33. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
17 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

18 34. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 201, 202, and 203, DEFENDANTS are
19 required to pay all earned and unpaid wages to an employee who is discharged. California Labor
20 Code § 201 mandates that if an employer discharges an employee, the employee's wages accrued
21 and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately.

22 35. Furthermore, pursuant to California Labor Code § 202, DEFENDANTS are
23 required to pay all accrued wages due to an employee no later than 72 hours after the employee
24 quits his or her employment, unless the employee provided 72 hours' previous notice of his or her
25 intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

26 36. California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay, in
27 accordance with California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202, any wages of an employee who is
28 discharged or who quits, the employer is liable for waiting time penalties in the form of continued

1 compensation to the employee at the same rate for up to 30 workdays.

2 37. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS have willfully failed to pay accrued
3 wages and other compensation to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS in accordance with
4 California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202.

5 38. As a result, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all available
6 statutory penalties, including the waiting time penalties provided in California Labor Code § 203,
7 together with interest thereon, as well as other available remedies.

8 39. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and omissions,
9 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been deprived of compensation in an amount
10 according to proof at the time of trial, but in excess of the jurisdiction of this Court, and are
11 entitled to recovery of such amounts, plus interest thereon, and attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant
12 to California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 2699.

13 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **Failure to Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements**

15 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226, 1174; IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 7]**

16 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

17 40. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
18 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

19 41. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS routinely failed to provide
20 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS with timely, accurate, and itemized wage statements in
21 writing showing each employee's gross wages earned, total hours worked, all deductions made,
22 net wages earned, the name and address of the legal entity or entities employing PLAINTIFF and
23 CLASS MEMBERS, and all applicable hourly rates in effect during each pay period and the
24 corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate, in violation of California Labor Code
25 § 226 and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 7.

26 42. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS knowingly and intentionally failed
27 to provide PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS with timely, accurate, and itemized wage
28 statements in accordance with California Labor Code § 226(a).

43. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and omissions, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, plus interest thereon. Additionally, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all available statutory penalties, including but not limited to civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226.3, and 1174.5, and an award of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees, including but not limited to those provided in California Labor Code § 226(e), as well as other available remedies.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Indemnify Employees for Necessary Expenditures Incurred in Discharge of Duties

[Cal. Labor Code § 2802]

(Against all DEFENDANTS)

44. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

45. California Labor Code § 2802(a) requires an employer to indemnify an employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer.

46. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS knowingly and willfully failed to indemnify PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all business expenses and/or losses incurred in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties while working under the direction of DEFENDANTS, including but not limited to expenses for cell phone usage, and other employment-related expenses, in violation of California Labor Code § 2802.

47. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and omissions, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek reimbursement of all necessary expenditures, plus interest thereon pursuant to California Labor Code § 2802(b). Additionally, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all available statutory penalties and an award of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees, including those provided in California Labor Code § 2802(c), as well as other

1 available remedies.

2 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

3 **Unfair and Unlawful Business Practices**

4 **[Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et. seq.]**

5 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

6 48. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
7 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

8 49. Each and every one of DEFENDANTS' acts and omissions in violation of the
9 California Labor Code and/or the applicable IWC Wage Order as alleged herein, including but
10 not limited to DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to provide required meal periods,
11 DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to provide required rest periods, DEFENDANTS' failure and
12 refusal to pay overtime compensation, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to pay minimum
13 wages, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to furnish accurate itemized wage statements;
14 DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to maintain required records, DEFENDANTS' failure and
15 refusal to indemnify PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for necessary expenditures and/or
16 losses incurring in discharging their duties, constitutes an unfair and unlawful business practice
17 under California Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq.

18 50. DEFENDANTS' violations of California wage and hour laws constitute a business
19 practice because DEFENDANTS' aforementioned acts and omissions were done repeatedly over
20 a significant period of time, and in a systematic manner, to the detriment of PLAINTIFF and
21 CLASS MEMBERS.

22 51. DEFENDANTS have avoided payment of wages, overtime wages, meal periods,
23 rest periods, and other benefits as required by the California Labor Code, the California Code of
24 Regulations, and the applicable IWC Wage Order. Further, DEFENDANTS have failed to
25 record, report, and pay the correct sums of assessment to the state authorities under the California
26 Labor Code and other applicable regulations.

27 52. As a result of DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices,
28 DEFENDANTS have reaped unfair and illegal profits during the CLASS PERIOD at the expense

1 of PLAINTIFF, CLASS MEMBERS, and members of the public. DEFENDANTS should be
2 made to disgorge their ill-gotten gains and to restore them to PLAINTIFF and CLASS
3 MEMBERS.

4 53. DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices entitle PLAINTIFF and
5 CLASS MEMBERS to seek preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, including but not
6 limited to orders that DEFENDANTS account for, disgorge, and restore to PLAINTIFF and
7 CLASS MEMBERS the wages and other compensation unlawfully withheld from them.
8 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to restitution of all monies to be disgorged
9 from DEFENDANTS in an amount according to proof at the time of trial, but in excess of the
10 jurisdiction of this Court.

11 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **Representative Action for Civil Penalties**

13 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698–2699.5]**

14 **(Against All DEFENDANTS)**

15 54. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference as though fully set forth the
16 allegations in all preceding paragraphs, with exception of the allegations in paragraph 24 and the
17 subparagraphs thereto.

18 55. PLAINTIFF is an “aggrieved employee” within the meaning of California Labor
19 Code § 2699(c), and a proper representative to bring a civil action on behalf of herself and other
20 current and former employees of DEFENDANTS during the relevant statutory period pursuant to
21 the procedures specified in California Labor Code § 2699.3, because PLAINTIFF and other
22 aggrieved employees were employed by DEFENDANTS and the alleged violations of the
23 California Labor Code were committed against PLAINTIFF and other aggrieved employees.

24 56. Pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”),
25 Labor Code §§ 2698–2699.5, PLAINTIFF seeks to recover civil penalties, including but not
26 limited to penalties under California Labor Code §§ 2699, 210, 226.3, 558, 1174.5, 1197.1, and
27 IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001, § 20, from DEFENDANTS in a representative action for the
28 violations set forth above during the relevant statutory period, including but not limited to

1 violations of California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1174, 1194,
2 1197, 1198, and 2802. PLAINTIFF and other aggrieved employees are also entitled to an award
3 of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(k)(1).

4 57. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 2699.3, PLAINTIFF gave written notice on
5 March 12, 2025 by online filing to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
6 ("LWDA") and by certified mail to DEFENDANTS of the specific provisions of the California
7 Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories
8 to support the alleged violations. More than sixty-five (65) days have passed and the LWDA has
9 not provided notice to PLAINTIFF that it intends to investigate the alleged violations.

10 58. Therefore, PLAINTIFF has complied with all of the requirements set forth in
11 California Labor Code § 2699.3 to commence a representative action under PAGA.

12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 **WHEREFORE**, PLAINTIFF, individually and on behalf of all other persons similarly
14 situated, respectfully prays for relief against DEFENDANTS and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,
15 and each of them, as follows:

- 16 1. For compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at trial;
- 17 2. For restitution of all monies due to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS, as well
18 as disgorged profits from DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices;
- 19 3. For meal and rest period compensation pursuant to California Labor Code § 226.7
20 and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001;
- 21 4. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 1194.2 and 1197.1;
- 22 5. For preliminary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining DEFENDANTS from
23 violating the relevant provisions of the California Labor Code and the IWC Wage Orders, and
24 from engaging in the unlawful business practices complained of herein;
- 25 6. For waiting time penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 203;
- 26 7. For statutory and civil penalties according to proof, including but not limited to all
27 penalties authorized by the California Labor Code §§ 226(e) and §§ 2698–2699.5;
- 28 8. For interest on the unpaid wages at 7% per annum pursuant to California Labor

1 Code §§ 218.6, 1194, 2802, California Civil Code §§ 3287, 3288, and/or any other applicable
2 provision providing for pre-judgment interest;

3 9. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code
4 §§ 218.5, 226, 1194, 2699, 2802, California Civil Code § 1021.5, and any other applicable
5 provisions providing for attorneys' fees and costs;

6 10. For declaratory relief;

7 11. For an order requiring and certifying the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth,
8 Seventh, and Eighth Causes of Action as a class action;

9 12. For an order appointing PLAINTIFF as class representative, and PLAINTIFF'S
10 counsel as class counsel; and

11 13. For such further relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

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13 DATED: June 4, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

2 PLAINTIFF hereby demands a jury trial with respect to all issues triable of right by jury.

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