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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

JULIAN ARREOLA LOPEZ, MICHAEL
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LOPEZ, individually, and on behalf of other
members of the general public similarly situated
and on behalf of other aggrieved employees
pursuant to the California Private Attorneys
General Act;

Plaintiffs,

vs.

BONNIE PLANTS, INC., an unknown business
entity, BONNIE PLANTS, LLC, a Delaware
corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 22CV02758

Honorable Syda Cogliati
Department 5

CLASS ACTION

**[PROPOSED] ORDER AFTER HEARING
ON PLAINTIFF'S PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND
PAGA SETTLEMENT**

Complaint Filed:	December 15, 2022
FAC Filed:	June 17, 2024
Trial Date:	None Set

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Plaintiffs Julian Arreola Lopez, Michael Parris, Johnny Ruiz, and Michelle Lopez's ("Plaintiffs") Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement ("Motion") came on for hearing before this Court on November 12, 2024. Jill J. Parker, Esq. of Parker & Minne, LLP appeared on behalf of Plaintiffs Julian Arreola Lopez, Michael Parris, and Johnny Ruiz. Alex P. Katofsky of Gaines & Gaines, APLC appeared on behalf of Plaintiff Michelle Lopez. Joel Moon of Fisher & Phillips LLP appeared on behalf of Defendants Bonnie Plants, Inc. and Bonnie Plants, LLC. The Court **HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Court adopts its tentative ruling in full. A true and correct copy of the Court's tentative ruling is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.
2. The hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for final approval is set for April 15, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 20, 2024

By: Syda K. Cogliati
The Honorable Syda Cogliati
Judge of The Superior Court

EXHIBIT A

LAW AND MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2024 TIME: 8:30 A.M.

TENTATIVE RULINGS ARE NOT POSTED IN UNLAWFUL DETAINER CASES

No. 22CV02758

RUIZ v. BONNIE PLANTS INC.

**(UNOPPOSED) MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS AND
PAGA ACTION SETTLEMENT**

The motion is granted.

The court finds that the settlement falls within a range of reasonableness and is presumptively valid; it appears to be a product of serious, informed and non-collusive negotiations; and has no obvious deficiencies. The court grants preliminary approval of the settlement; conditionally certifies the class; approves the class notice as to form and content; and adopts the Proposed Order Granting Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement submitted by class counsel.

Counsel should appear on Zoom to set a motion for final approval of the settlement as to the proposed class action settlement, class counsel's fees and expenses, the class representatives' enhancement award, and the administrator's fees and costs.

Notice to prevailing parties: Local Rule 2.10.01 requires you to submit a proposed formal order incorporating, verbatim, the language of any tentative ruling – or attaching and incorporating the tentative by reference - or an order consistent with the announced ruling of the Court, in accordance with California Rule of Court 3.1312. **Such proposed order is required even if the prevailing party submitted a proposed order prior to the hearing** (unless the tentative is simply to “grant”). Failure to comply with Local Rule 2.10.01 may result in the imposition of sanctions following an order to show cause hearing, if a proposed order is not timely filed.