

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiff VICTOR MANUEL PUGA GUTIERREZ (“Plaintiff”), on the one hand, and Defendant EMPRESAS, MENDEZ, MERAZ INC., DBA MORGAN HILL FOODS, a California Corporation (“MORGAN HILL”), on the other hand. Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties,” or individually as “Party.”

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s PAGA lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Defendants captioned as *Victor Manuel Puga Gutierrez v. Empresas, Mendez, Meraz Inc., DBA Morgan Hill Foods*, Case Number 23CV426558 initiated on November 29, 2023, and pending in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Phoenix Settlement Administrator, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. “Administration Expenses Payment” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with approval of this Settlement.
- 1.4. “Aggrieved Employee” means a person employed by Defendants in California and classified as a non-exempt employee who worked for Defendants during the PAGA Period.
- 1.5. “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Defendants’ possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.6. “Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Aggrieved Employee mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces and direct contact by the Administrator with Aggrieved Employees.
- 1.7. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara.
- 1.8. “Approval Order” means the Court’s order granting approval of the Settlement.
- 1.9. “Defense Counsel” means Steven E. Springer, Esq. of Law Offices of Steven E. Springer.
- 1.10. “Effective Date” means the date on which the Approval Order is entered.

- 1.11. "Gross Settlement Amount" means **\$145,000.00** (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) which is the total amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 8 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Administration Expenses Payment.
- 1.12. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.13. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- 1.14. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (i).
- 1.15. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Aggrieved Employees as Individual PAGA Payments.
- 1.16. "PAGA Counsel" means Justin Lo, Esq. and Jarrod Y. Nakano, Esq. of Work Lawyers PC, the attorneys representing the Plaintiff in the Action.
- 1.17. "PAGA Counsel Fees Payment" and "PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment" mean the amounts allocated to PAGA Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.
- 1.18. "PAGA Pay Period" means any pay period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.19. "PAGA Period" means the period from November 29, 2022, to the date of approval of the PAGA Settlement.
- 1.20. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code § 2698, et seq.).
- 1.21. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's September 7, 2023, letter, pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a).
- 1.22. "PAGA Penalties" means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees and the 75% to the LWDA in settlement of PAGA claims.

1.23. "Plaintiff" means Victor Manuel Puga Gutierrez, the named plaintiff in the Action.

1.24. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5 below.

1.25. "Released Parties" means Defendant and each of their former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, and affiliates.

"Settlement" means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Approval Order.

1.26. "Morgan Hill" means named Defendant Empresas, Mendez, Meraz Inc., dba Morgan Hill Foods.

2. RECITALS.

2.1. On November 29, 2023, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against Defendant for various violations of the Labor Code pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act (Lab. Code § 2698, et seq.). The Complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the "Operative Complaint"). Defendant denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, deny any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and deny any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.

2.2. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Defendants and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice.

2.3. On April 3, 2026, the Parties' counsel engaged in arm's length and vigorously contested full day of private mediation with experienced wage and hour mediator Michael Loeb Esq.

2.4. Before the Settlement Negotiations, Plaintiff obtained, through formal discovery, time and pay records of Aggrieved Employees, along with employment policies such as employee handbooks.

2.5. The Parties, PAGA Counsel, and Defense Counsel represent they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided in Paragraph 8 below, Defendants, jointly and severally, promise to pay **\$145,000.00** (One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount before

the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendants.

3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Approval Order:

3.2.1. To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than 35%, which is currently estimated to be \$50,750.00 (Fifty Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents), and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$20,000.00 (Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents). Defendants will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel will seek Court approval of a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Litigation Expenses Payment. In support of the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, PAGA Counsel must submit a cost ledger listing each expense incurred during the Action. If the Court approves a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment or a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to PAGA Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion of any PAGA Counsel Fee Payment and/or PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. PAGA Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendants harmless, and indemnifies Defendants, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these payments.

3.2.2. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$3,967.70 (Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Seventy Cents) except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the administration expenses are less or the Court approves payment less than \$3,967.70, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.

3.2.3. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the estimated amount of \$70,282.30 (Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Thirty Cents) to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (estimated to be \$52,711.73) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (estimated to be \$17,570.58) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.3.1. If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

- 4.1. PAGA Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Defendants estimate there are 128 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total of 1,701 PAGA Pay Periods.
- 4.2. Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 15 days of the full execution of this Agreement, Defendants will deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employees' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if it discovers that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendants must send the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Aggrieved Employee Data.
- 4.3. Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall make an initial payment of \$20,000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents) within sixty (60) calendar days of the payment of the Individual Settlement Amount. Beginning thirty (30) calendar days after the initial payment of the PAGA Settlement Amount, Defendant shall then make monthly payments of \$10,000 every thirty (30) calendar days thereafter until the balance is paid.
- 4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Defendants fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. Disbursements of the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual PAGA Payments.
- 4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage

prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- 4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct an Address Search for all Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without a USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check, the Administrator must re-mail the check to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Aggrieved Employees whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, as requested by the Aggrieved Employee before the void date.
- 4.4.3. For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee.
- 4.4.4. The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendants to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to the Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

- 5.1. Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys (including PAGA Counsel), administrators, successors and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions or occurrences that occurred during the PAGA Period, including, but not limited to: all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice ("Plaintiff's Release"). Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, or workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time or based on occurrences outside the PAGA Period. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain

effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

- 5.2. Release by Aggrieved Employees. All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, administrators, successors and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA Penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts and allegations in the Operative Complaint that are alleged to have occurred during the PAGA Period and the PAGA Notice.

6. **MOTION OR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file an application or motion for approval of this Settlement.

- 6.1. Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining approval of this Settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (f)(2)) including: (i) a draft Approval Order; (ii) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Aggrieved Employee Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Aggrieved Employees or the LWDA; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel or Defense Counsel; (iii) a signed declaration from PAGA Counsel attesting to its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), and the Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and (iv) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.
- 6.2. Responsibilities of PAGA Counsel. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement no later than 60 days after the full execution of this Agreement and, if necessary, obtaining a prompt hearing date for the motion and appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the motion. PAGA Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Approval Order to the Administrator.
- 6.3. Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed application or motion for approval of this Settlement and/or the supporting declarations and documents, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant the motion for approval of this Settlement or conditions its approval on any material change to this Agreement, PAGA Counsel

and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 7.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Settlement Administrator to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix Settlement Administrator agrees to be bound by this Agreement to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of the Administration Expenses Payment. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.
- 7.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.
- 7.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 7.4. Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform all tasks to be performed by the Administrator set forth in this Agreement or otherwise.

8. **AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES AND ESCALATOR CLAUSE.** Based on their records, Defendants estimate that, as of the date of this Agreement, there are 128 Aggrieved Employees who worked 1,701 PAGA Pay Periods during the PAGA Period. If the actual number of PAGA Pay Periods during the PAGA Period is more than 10% of the estimate stated (i.e., more than 3,300 pay periods), Defendants, at their sole discretion, shall have the option to either: (a) increase the Gross Settlement Amount pro rata for every additional pay period worked by the Aggrieved Employees above that 10% threshold (i.e., if the actual number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by the Aggrieved Employees is 11% larger than the estimated number of PAGA Pay Periods, the Gross Settlement Amount shall be increased by 1%), or (b) limit the PAGA Period for the release to reduce the number of pay periods.

9. **CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT.** The Parties agree that, after the Approval Order, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Approval Order, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters and (iii) addressing such post-Approval Order matters as are permitted by law.

- 9.1 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Approval Order is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the PAGA Counsel

Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Parties and their respective counsel waive all rights to appeal from the Approval Order, including all rights to post-Approval Order and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If another party appeals the Approval Order, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the Net Settlement Amount.

10. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

- 10.1. No Admission of Liability. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendants have any liability for any claims asserted; nor is it intended or should be construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If for any reason the Court does not approve this Settlement, Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to contest Defendants' defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).
- 10.2. Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 10.3. Attorney Authorization. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 10.4. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator or the Court for resolution.

- 10.5. No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered or purported to assign, transfer or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.
- 10.6. No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 10.7. Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 10.8. Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 10.9. Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 10.10. Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in drafting and preparing this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 10.11. Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made and orders entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 10.12. Severability. If any clause or provision of this Agreement is declared illegal or unenforceable, it shall be modified as minimally as necessary to be enforceable. If the provision cannot be modified to be enforceable, such provision shall immediately become null and void, leaving the remainder of this Agreement in full force and effect.
- 10.13. Use and Return of Aggrieved Employee Data. Information provided to PAGA Counsel pursuant to Evidence Code section 1152, and all copies and summaries of the PAGA Data provided to PAGA Counsel by Defendants in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and for no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute or the California Rules of Court. Not later than 90 days after the Administrator discharges its obligation to pay out all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Aggrieved Employee Data received from Defendants unless, prior to the

Administrator's payment of all Settlement funds, Defendants make a written request to PAGA Counsel for the return, rather than the destruction, of Aggrieved Employee Data.

- 10.14. Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 10.15. Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 10.16. Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

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- 10.17. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any

executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

- 10.18. Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under Code of Civil Procedure section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

Dated: 6/8/2026

PLAINTIFF

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VICTOR MANUEL PUGA GUTIERREZ, an individual

Dated: May 29, 2026

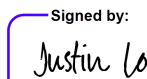
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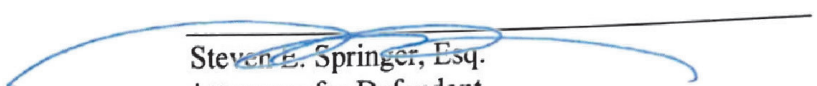
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