

PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTⁱ

This PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plaintiff Alfredo Lopez (“Plaintiff”), acting in a private attorney general capacity on behalf of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and Defendant Cabinets 2000, LLC (“Defendant” or “Cabinets 2000”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

1. DEFINITIONS.

- 1.1. “Action” means the Plaintiff’s PAGA lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against Cabinets 2000 captioned *Alfredo Lopez v. Cabinets 2000, LLC*, Case No. 23STCV26401 initiated on October 27, 2023, and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, and as set forth in Plaintiff’s correspondence to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA Letter”) dated October 27, 2023.
- 1.2. “Administrator” means Phoenix Settlement Administrators 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 Employees” consist of all current and former non-exempt employees who worked for Cabinets 2000 within the state of California at any time from October 27, 2022 until September 2, 2024 (the “PAGA Period”).
- 1.5. “Aggrieved Employee Data” means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Cabinets 2000’s possession including the Aggrieved Employee’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of PAGA Pay Periods.
- 1.6. “Aggrieved Employee 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 Los Angeles.
- 1.8. “Defense Counsel” means Adam R. Rosenthal and Luke J. Bickel of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP.
- 1.9. “Effective Date” means the date by when both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Approving the PAGA Settlement and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the day the Court enters Judgment.

- 1.10. "Gross Settlement Amount" is the non-reversionary sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$225,000.00), which represents the total amount payable under this Settlement Agreement by Cabinets 2000 (subject to the Escalator Clause described below), including, without limitation, payments to all Aggrieved Employees, payment to the LWDA, payment of Plaintiff's attorneys' fees and costs, payment of Plaintiff's enhancement payment, and payment to the Settlement Administrator for administration costs.
- 1.11. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 25% of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Pay Periods the Aggrieved Employee worked during the PAGA Period.
- 1.12. "Judgment" means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.
- 1.13. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.14. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 75% of the Net Settlement Amount paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.15. "Net Settlement Amount" is the amount remaining to distribute to the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees after the following amounts, if approved by the Court, are subtracted from the Gross Settlement Amount: (a) Plaintiff's attorneys' fees up to one third of the Gross Settlement Amount; (b) Plaintiff's litigation costs up to \$20,000.00; (c) Plaintiff's enhancement payment up to \$5,000.00; and (d) settlement administration costs up to \$4,750.
- 1.16. "PAGA Counsel" means Paul K. Haines, Sean M. Blakely, and Joel M. Gordon, 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 Cabinets 2000 for at least one day during the PAGA Period.
- 1.19. "PAGA Period" means the period from October 27, 2022 until September 2, 2024.ⁱⁱ
- 1.20. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).
- 1.21. "PAGA Notice" means Plaintiff's PAGA letter to Cabinets 2000 and the LWDA, LWDA Case No. LWDA-CM-990380-23, providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).

- 1.22. "Approval Order" means the proposed Court Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement.
- 1.23. "Released PAGA Claims" means the claims being released by the Plaintiff and PAGA Counsel and as described in Paragraph 5 below.
- 1.24. "Released Parties" means: Cabinets 2000, Cabinetworks Group (as it relates to its prior ownership Cabinets 2000), and its/their related entities and all past and current officers, directors, owners, parent companies, subsidiaries, shareholders, employees, insurance carriers, attorneys, other agents, predecessors, successors and assigns.
- 1.25. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

2. RECITALS.

- 2.1. On October 27, 2023, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Complaint alleging causes of action against Cabinets 2000 for violations of the Labor Code on a class-wide basis. On January 2, 2024, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint to add a cause of action pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act, California Labor Code § 2698, *et seq.* The First Amended Complaint is the operative complaint in the Action (the "Operative Complaint."). On January 29, 2024, Plaintiff's class claims were dismissed pursuant to a signed stipulation by the Parties. Cabinets 2000 denies the allegations in the Operative Complaint, denies any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Operative Complaint and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.2. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff gave timely written notice to Cabinets 2000 and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notice on October 27, 2023.
- 2.3. On July 1, 2024, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Monique Ngo-Bonnici, Esq.
- 2.4. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained, through informal discovery, data regarding the number of non-exempt employees who worked for Cabinets 2000 in California during the PAGA Period, total pay periods worked during the PAGA Period, and other information propounded by Cabinets 2000. Plaintiff also obtained a random sampling of timekeeping and payroll data for approximately 20% of all Aggrieved Employees propounded by Cabinets 2000. Plaintiff also obtained relevant wage and hour policies, and other relevant data and information.
- 2.5. The Parties, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that 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 by Paragraph 9 below, Cabinets 2000 promises to pay \$225,000 as the non-reversionary Gross Settlement Amount. Cabinets 2000 has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 6.1 of this Agreement.ⁱⁱⁱ 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 Cabinets 2000.
- 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 Final Approval:
- 3.2.1. To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third, which is currently estimated to be \$75,000, and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than \$20,000. Cabinets 2000 will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or PAGA Counsel will file an application or motion for PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Litigation Expenses Payment. If the Court approves a PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or a PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts 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 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 Cabinets 2000 harmless, and indemnifies Cabinets 2000, 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 \$4,750.00 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 \$4,750.00, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount.
- 3.2.3. Plaintiff's Representative Enhancement Payment: A representative enhancement payment of \$5,000.00 to acknowledge the Plaintiff's time, effort, and significant risks undertaken, including providing substantial factual information, documents, and active participation in this class action litigation.
- 3.2.4. To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: One hundred percent (100%) of the Net Settlement Amount shall be designated as "civil penalties" and shall be distributed 75% to the LWDA and 25% to Aggrieved Employees, pursuant to Labor Code §

2699(i). The 25% portion to be paid to Aggrieved Employees shall be paid as Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees pro rata, based on the number of pay periods worked by each Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period.

3.2.4.1. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.4.2. 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. Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its records to date, Cabinets 2000 estimates there are 341 Aggrieved Employees who worked a total 17,862 of PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2. Aggrieved Employee Data. Within 15 days, Cabinets 2000 will simultaneously deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employee' 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 the Aggrieved Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Cabinets 2000 has 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 Cabinets 2000 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. Cabinets 2000 shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.

4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within 14 days after Cabinets 2000 funds 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 Expenses Payment. Disbursement of 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 Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within 7 days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee 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, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to 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 Cabinets 2000 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 Cabinets 2000 fully funds 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 his or her respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys (including PAGA Counsel), heirs, 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: (a) 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, 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.

- 5.1.1 Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads: A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

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, heirs, 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 PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice.

5.3 Release by PAGA Counsel:

PAGA Counsel release on behalf of their present and former attorneys, employees, agents, successors and assigns the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA Fees incurred in connection with the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint 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, subd. (f)(2)) including (i) a draft proposed Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement; (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 firm 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)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2))); (iv) a redlined version

of the parties' Agreement showing all modifications made to the Model Agreement ready for filing with the Court; and (v) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and PAGA 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 30 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 Preliminary Approval 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 on behalf of the Parties 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 on behalf of the Parties 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 Administrators to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Phoenix Settlement Administrators agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. 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 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 or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

8. AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE

Based on its records, Cabinets 2000 estimates that, as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, there are 341 Aggrieved Employees who worked 17,862 Pay Periods from October 27, 2022 through June 1, 2024. This is a material representation for Plaintiff to enter into this agreement. Should the actual number of pay periods during the PAGA Release Period increase beyond 10%, Cabinets 2000 may elect to either: (1) increase the Gross Settlement Amount by the percentage increase in the number of PAGA pay periods above 10% (e.g. if the number of PAGA pay periods increases by 11%, the Gross Settlement Amount will increase by 1%); or (2) end the Class Period on the date on which the number of Pay Periods reached 19,648.

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

9.1 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment 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, their respective counsel waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment 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 Judgment, 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 amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

10. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

10.1 No Admission of Liability or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes. 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 Cabinets 2000 that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Cabinets 2000 has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Cabinets 2000's 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, Cabinets 2000 reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to contest Cabinets 2000's 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 Cabinets 2000, 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 and/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 and 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, Cabinets 2000 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 the drafting and preparation of 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 Use and Return of Aggrieved Employee Data. Information provided to PAGA Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the PAGA Data provided to PAGA Counsel by Cabinets 2000 in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the Administrator discharges its obligation to pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Aggrieved Employee Data received from Cabinets 2000 unless, prior to the Administrator's payment of all Settlement Funds, Cabinets 2000 makes a written request to PAGA Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Aggrieved Employee Data.

10.13 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.

10.14 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.

10.15 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:

To Plaintiff: Haines Law Group, APC
2155 Campus Drive, Suite 180
El Segundo, California 90205

To Cabinets 2000: Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP
12275 El Camino Real, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92130

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.

10.16 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 CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

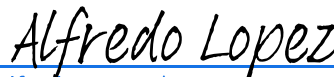
DATED: 09/09, 2024

DEFENDANT CABINETS 2000, LLC

By: 
Title: President

DATED: 09/08/24, 2024

PLAINTIFF ALFREDO LOPEZ

By: 
Alfredo Lopez (Sep 8, 2024 18:19 PDT)
Plaintiff

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DATED: September 9, 2024

SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP

By: 
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Luke J. Bickel
Attorneys for Defendant

DATED: September 5, 2024

HAINES LAW GROUP, APC

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Sean M. Blakely
Attorneys for Plaintiff

ⁱThis Form PAGA Settlement Agreement has been approved by the Court, the complex litigation judges and a 2022 Ad Hoc Wage and Hour Committee co-chaired by Judge David Cunningham and Judge Amy Hogue and comprised of 16 attorneys who regularly represent plaintiffs and defendants in wage and hour cases. It was drafted for settlements of single plaintiff PAGA claims against a single employer (XYZ). The parties will need to revise this form if there are multiple Plaintiffs or multiple Defendants. For settlements of wage and hour class actions that include PAGA claims, please use the Form Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement and Class Notice.

ⁱⁱ See endnote ii above. THE COURT ASKS ALL COUNSEL USING THIS MODEL AGREEMENT TO

ATTACH A REDLINED VERSION TO THEIR MOTIONS OR APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL SO THAT THE COURT CAN EASILY SEE EXACTLY HOW THE PARTIES HAVE MODIFIED THIS MODEL AGREEMENT.

ⁱⁱⁱ The Parties are free to negotiate a payment plan structure, if appropriate, and payment deadlines may fall earlier as necessary thereto.

^{iv} Insert negotiated terms, if any, addressing the possibility that XYZ's estimates of the number of Aggrieved Employees or Pay Periods turn out to be understated such as an ADR clause imposing a duty to engage in good faith negotiations or mediation or an "escalator" clause memorializing XYZ's promise to increase the Gross Settlement Amount in an agreed upon proportion to the percentage by which the calculated number of Aggrieved Employees or Pay Periods exceeds XYZ's estimates.