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on behalf of himself and others similarly situated.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

QIANGAO LIU, on behalf of herself and others
similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PUBLIC CONSULTING GROUP, LLC;
PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS LLC; and DOES 1
to 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 23STCV25100

CLASS AND PAGA ACTION

*[Assigned for All purposes to the Hon. Laura
A. Seigle, Dept. 17]*

**DECLARATION OF QIANGAO LIU IN
SUPPORT OF PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

*[Filed concurrently with Notice of Motion and
Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class
Action and PAGA Settlement; Memorandum of
Points and Authorities; Declarations in
Support; Proposed Order]*

DECLARATION OF QIANGAO LIU

I, Qiangao Liu, declare:

1. I am over the age of 18 and am the named Plaintiff and class representative in this matter. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated herein, and if called and sworn as a witness, I would and could competently testify under oath thereto.

2. This declaration is submitted in support of Preliminary Approval of the Class Action settlement in this matter.

3. I worked for Defendants Public Partnership, LLC ("PPL"), and Public Consulting Group, LLC ("PCG"), (collectively PPL and PCG shall be referred herein as "Defendant" or "Defendants"), as a non-exempt employee from approximately from approximately November 1, 2021, until on or about April 19, 2023.

4. From the time of the filing of the lawsuit, I have understood that this is a class action lawsuit where I represent the interests of all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the Class Period.

5. I believe while working for Defendant, I and all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the Class Period, were subject to the same policies and procedures regarding payment of minimum and overtime wages, payment of accrued sick days, wage statements, and final payment of wages. I believe that the claims of all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the Class Period are identical to mine because Defendant's policies and procedures applied to all of us.

6. I understand that I must continue to consider and protect the interests all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the Class Period. I have been protecting the rights of myself and all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the Class Period, since approximately June of 2023, when I first started looking for an attorney before this lawsuit was filed. I have been and continue to place the interest of all

1 persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee
2 who worked for Defendant during the Class Period above my own. I do not have a conflict with the
3 members of the Class I seek to represent.

4 7. I provided information and have been available to my attorneys since approximately
5 June of 2023, when I was searching for my attorney. I have helped and been willing to support the
6 lawsuit in any way I can for the last approximately 26 months, since June of 2023, when I began
7 searching for an attorney for the claims in this lawsuit. I have searched for an attorney, met with my
8 attorneys to see if they would represent me, met with my attorneys to discuss the Defendant's
9 policies, procedures, and practices for clocking in and out, paying wages for the hours that we
10 worked, accrued sick days, rest breaks, wage statements, and final payment of wages. I spent time
11 searching for policies and procedures that were given to me during my employment, any timecards
12 I had, any pay stubs I had, and other documents related to my employment. I produced all the
13 documents to my attorneys. I responded to almost all of my attorneys' telephone calls and interviews
14 and I met with them in person and/or telephonically to discuss any questions they had about my
15 employment, Defendant's policies and procedures, Defendant's paying of minimum and overtime
16 wages, Defendant's paying of accrued sick days, providing wage statements, or the documents I had
17 provided to them. I made myself available during the mediation session. Once the settlement
18 agreement was finalized, I conferred with my attorneys on multiple occasions to review and discuss
19 each settlement agreement before signing.

20 8. I also understand that in the event this matter proceeds to trial, I must come to court
21 to participate in the trial. I will come to court if I am needed and have been ready to perform any
22 responsibility that is necessary for this lawsuit. I know that I took a risk by filing this lawsuit because
23 if I lost, I would have to pay for all the costs incurred by the Defendant in the lawsuit. I also have
24 the risk of losing income for any time that I would have to spend fulfilling my responsibilities
25 including having to attend the trial. I also believe I have taken a risk by filing this lawsuit because
26 my employers in the future may find out that I sued my employer, and they may not like it. The other
27 employees will be receiving money from this lawsuit and they have not had to file a lawsuit, look
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for an attorney, or take the risks that I have had to take.

9. I understand that the settlement we have reached in this case must be approved by the Court and I must protect the interests of all persons employed by Defendant in California and classified as an hourly, non-exempt employee who worked for Defendant during the Class Period.

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

Executed this on July 7, 2025, at La Puente, California.

Gordan Liu

Qiangao Liu