CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso ("Plaintiff") and Defendant Hyatt Corporation dba Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach ("Defendant"). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as the "Parties," or individually as "Party."

1. DEFINITIONS

In addition to other terms defined in this Agreement, the terms below have the following meaning in this Agreement:

1.1. "Action" collectively means the Plaintiff's lawsuits alleging wage and hour violations against Defendant captioned: (1) *Blanca E. Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation,* Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC, initiated on October 11, 2023 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange following stipulated remand from the Central District of California; and (2) *Blanca E. Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation,* Case No. 30-2023-01369633-CU-OE-CXC, initiated on December 19, 2023 and pending in Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange. These lawsuits were consolidated into a single proceeding pursuant to a stipulation and order of the Court, dated January 23, 2025.

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 Preliminary Approval.

1.4. "Aggrieved Employees" means all individuals who were employed by Defendant at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach hotel in California and classified as a non-exempt employee at any time during the PAGA Period, irrespective of whether they are signatories or an arbitration agreement.

1.5. "Class" means all individuals who were employed by Defendant in California at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach hotel in California and classified as a non-exempt employee at any time during the Class Period, who did not sign arbitration agreements during the Class Period.

1.6. "Class Counsel" means Scott M. Lidman, Milan Moore, and Tiara Gose-Hardy of Lidman Law, APC and Paul K. Haines of Haines Law Group, APC.

1.7. “Class Counsel Fees Payment” and “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” mean the amounts to be paid to Class Counsel for fees and expenses, respectively, as approved by the Court, to compensate Class Counsel for their legal work in connection with the Action, including their pre-filing investigation, their filing of the Action, all related litigation activities, all Settlement work, all post-Settlement compliance procedures, and related litigation expenses billed in connection with the Action.

1.8. “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, email address (if known and available to Defendant), and number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.

1.9. “Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

1.10. “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member 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 Class Members by use of available email addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, credit reports, LinkedIn and Facebook.

1.11. “Class Notice” means the COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL, to be mailed to Class Members in English with a Spanish translation in the form, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.12. “Class Notice Packet” means the Class Notice to be provided to the Class Members by the Administrator in the form set forth as Exhibit A to this Agreement (other than formatting changes to facilitate printing by the Administrator).

1.13. “Class Period” means the period of time from October 11, 2019 through January 15, 2025.

1.14. “Class Representative” means the named Plaintiff in the Operative Complaint in the Action seeking Court approval to serve as a Class Representative.

1.15. “Class Representative Service Payment” means the service payment made to the Plaintiff as Class Representative in order to compensate for initiating the Action, performing work in support of the Action, undertaking the risk of liability for Defendant’s expenses, and for the general release of all claims by the Plaintiff.

1.16. “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

1.17. “Defendant” means Hyatt Corporation.

1.18. “Defense Counsel means Brian P. Long, Michael Afar, and Lilah J. Wylde of Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

1.19. “Effective Date” means date upon which both of the following have occurred: (i) final approval of the settlement is granted by the Court, and (ii) the Court’s judgment approving the settlement becomes Final. The term “Final” shall mean the latest of: (i) if there is an appeal of the Court’s judgment, the date the judgment is affirmed on appeal, the date of dismissal of such appeal, or the expiration of the time to file a petition for review to the California Supreme Court and/or a petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court, or (ii) if a petition for review or writ of certiorari is filed, the date of denial of the petition for review or writ of certiorari, or the date the judgment is affirmed pursuant to such petition; or (iii) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time for filing or noticing any appeal of the judgment.

1.20. “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.

1.21. “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement to determine whether to approve finally and implement the terms of this Agreement and enter the Judgment.

1.22. “Gross Settlement Amount” means One Hundred And Sixty Five Thousand Dollars ($165,000) which is the total amount to be paid by Defendant as provided by this Agreement except as provided in Paragraph 9 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Class Representative Service Payment and the Administration Expenses Payment. This Gross Settlement Amount is an all-in amount without any reversion to Defendant, and excludes any employer payroll taxes, if any, due on the portion of the Individual Class Payments allocated to wages which shall not be paid from the Gross Settlement and shall be the separate additional obligation of Defendant.

1.23. “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the Class Period.

1.24. “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.

1.25. “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon Final Approval.

1.26. “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

1.27. “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

1.28. “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The Net Settlement Amount is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.

1.29. “Non-Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who opts out of the Class Settlement by submitting a valid and timely Request for Exclusion to the Administrator.

1.30. “PAGA Pay Period” means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.

1.31. “PAGA Period” means the period of time from October 15, 2022 through January 15, 2025.

1.32. “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).

1.33. “PAGA Notice” means the Plaintiff’s October 12, 2023 letter to Defendant and the LWDA providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).

1.34. “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties ($20,000) to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees ($5,000) and the 75% to LWDA ($15,000) in settlement of PAGA claims.

1.35. “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.

1.36. “Plaintiff” means Blanca E. Belloso, the named plaintiff in the Action.

1.37. “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

1.1. “Released Class Claims” means any and all claims, rights, demands, charges, complaints, causes of action, obligations, or liability of any and every kind that were pled or reasonably could have been pled based on the factual allegations contained in the Operative Complaint which occurred during the Class Period. This includes claims for (1) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197); (2) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198); (3) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558); (4) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558); (5) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*); (6) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203); (7) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802); (8) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); (9) Unfair Competition (Bus & Prof Code § 17200 *et seq.*); (10) claims arising out of alleged violations of the California Labor Code sections asserted in the Operative Complaint, and California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 5-2001; (11) penalties of any nature; (12) interest; (13) attorneys' fees and costs; and (14) any other claims arising out of or related to the Operative Complaint. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, or workers' compensation.

1.2. "Released PAGA Claims" means all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, which occurred during the PAGA Period. This includes claims for PAGA penalties based on underlying claims for (1) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197); (2) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198); (3) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558); (4) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558); (5) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*); (6) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203); (7) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802); (8) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); (9) Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment (Labor Code §§ 204, 210); (10) Failure to Maintain Accurate Records (Labor Code § 1174); (11) claims under PAGA arising out of alleged violations of the California Labor Code sections asserted in the Operative Complaint, and California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 5-2001; (12) penalties of any nature; (13) interest; (14) attorneys' fees and costs; and (15) any other PAGA claims arising out of or related to the Operative Complaint.

1.3. "Released Parties" means Defendant and any respective parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and related entities, including but not limited to Hyatt Hotels Corporation and Select Hotels Group, L.L.C., any employee benefit plans sponsored or administered by the Company or such related entities, and any and all of its and their respective past or present officers, directors, partners, members, insurers, agents, assigns, attorneys, employees, trustees, administrators, fiduciaries, and any other persons acting by, through, under or in concert with any of them.

1.4. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.

1.5. "Response Deadline" means forty-five (45) calendar days after the Administrator mails Class Notice Packet to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees and shall be the last date on which Class Members may: (a) submit Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) submit his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Class Notice Packets are resent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional 14 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1.6. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action and all related claims effectuated by this Agreement and the Judgment.

1.7. "Workweek" means any week during the Class Period in which a Class Member worked for Defendant as a Class Member for at least one day.

2. RECITALS

<u>The Class Action</u>

2.1. On October 11, 2023, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a Class Action Complaint against Defendant in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange (the "Class Action"). Plaintiff's Class Action Complaint asserted claims for:

(a) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197);
(b) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198);
(c) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558);
(d) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558);
(e) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*);
(f) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203);
(g) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802);
(h) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); and
(i) Unfair Competition (Bus & Prof Code § 17200 *et seq.*)

2.2. On November 17, 2023, Defendant filed an Answer to Plaintiff's Class Action complaint.

2.3. On November 20, 2023, Defendant removed Plaintiff's Class Action to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

2.4. On October 21, 2024, the Court granted the Parties' stipulation to remand the case in connection with the settlement approval process.

<u>The PAGA Action</u>

2.5. On October 11, 2023, Plaintiff filed a separate Representative Action Complaint against Defendant (the "PAGA Action"). Plaintiff's Representative Action Complaint asserted one cause of action against Defendant for Civil Penalties Pursuant to Labor Code §§ 2699, *et seq*. for: (1) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197); (2) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198); (3) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558); (4) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558); (5) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*); (6) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203); (7) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802); (8) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); (9) Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment (Labor Code §§ 204, 210); and (10) Failure to Maintain Accurate Records (Labor Code § 1174).

2.6. On May 10, 2024, Defendant filed an Answer to Plaintiff's Representative Action complaint.

<u>Consolidation of Cases</u>

2.7. On January 23, 2025, the Court granted the Parties' stipulation to formally consolidate the Class Action and PAGA Action into a single proceeding for all purposes.

2.8. Defendant 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.

<u>Mediation and Settlement</u>

2.9. On October 17, 2024, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Phillip Cha, Esq., a respected mediator of wage and hour representative and class actions. Following the mediation, each side, represented by its respective counsel, was able to agree to settle the Action based upon a mediator's proposal. This Agreement replaces and supersedes the mediator's proposal any other agreements, understandings, or representations between the Parties.

2.10. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained sufficient documents and information to sufficiently investigate the claims such that Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*"). In particular, Defendant produced electronic time records, pay records, and attestation response records for the Class, as well as relevant company policies and Plaintiff's individual files. The Parties also took the depositions of Plaintiff and Hyatt's corporate representative.

2.11. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or will be construed as an admission by Defendant that the claims in the Action of Plaintiff or the Class have merit or that Defendant bears any liability to Plaintiff or the Class on those claims or any other claims, or as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree to certification of the Class for purposes of this Settlement only. If for any reason the settlement does not become effective, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reason and reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action.

2.12. The Parties, Class 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, Defendant promises to pay $165,000 and no more as the Gross Settlement Amount. This amount is all-inclusive of all payments contemplated in this resolution, excluding any employer-side payroll taxes on the portion of the Individual Class Payments allocated to wages which shall be separately paid by Defendant to the Administrator. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant. The Gross Settlement Amount is a material term of this Agreement. Except as set forth in Paragraph 9, to the extent Plaintiff or the Court seeks to require Defendant to pay more than the Gross Settlement Amount as part of this Settlement or Agreement, Defendant shall retain the right, in the exercise of its sole discretion, to nullify the Settlement or Agreement.

3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Administrator will make the following payments out of the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval.

(a) To Plaintiff: Class Representative Service Payment to the Class Representative of not more than $10,000 (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member). Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for a Class Representative Service Payment that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Representative Service Payment less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will pay the Class Representative Service Payment using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payment. The Court's approval of the Class Representative Service Payment is not a material term of the Settlement or this Agreement. If the Court does not approve or approves only a lesser amount than that requested by Class Counsel for the Class Representative Service Payment, the other terms of the Settlement and this Agreement shall apply. The Court's refusal to approve the Class Representative Service Payment requested by Class Counsel does not give either the Class Representative or Class Counsel any basis to abrogate the Settlement or this Agreement.

(b) To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be $55,000, and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of not more than $40,000. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class 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 Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these payments. The Court's approval of a Class Counsel Fees Payment or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment is not a material term of the Settlement or this Agreement. If the Court does not approve or approves only a lesser amount than that requested by Class Counsel, the other terms of the Settlement and this Agreement shall still apply. The Court's refusal to approve the payments requested by Class Counsel does not give the Class Representative, the Class Members, or Class Counsel any basis to abrogate the Settlement or this Agreement.

(c) To the Administrator: An Administration Expenses Payment not to exceed $10,000 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses Payment is less, or the Court approves payment less than $10,000, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members.

(d) To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of $20,000 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% ($15,000) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% ($5,000) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

i. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties ($5,000) by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

ii. 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.

iii. The Court's reduction or increase of the PAGA Penalties amount is not a material term of the Settlement or this Agreement. If the Court approves only a lesser amount or a higher amount than that requested by Class Counsel, the other terms of the Settlement and this Agreement shall apply. The Court's reduction or increase of the PAGA Penalties portion requested by Class Counsel does not give the Class Representative or Class Counsel any basis to abrogate the Settlement or this Agreement. However, the Court's approval of a PAGA Penalties amount, including the LWDA PAGA Payment, is a material term of the Settlement or this Agreement. If the Court does not approve a PAGA Penalties amount set forth in this Agreement, then the PAGA Penalties amount shall be made in the amount required by the Court. If the Court requires the PAGA Penalties to be higher than as stated in this Agreement, the additional funds for the PAGA Penalties shall be taken from the Gross Settlement Amount. Thus, the Gross Settlement Amount shall not be increased in the Court requires a larger amount for this term.

(e) To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.

i. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. 33% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. 67% of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for non-wages, expense reimbursement, interest and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on

IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

ii. Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING

4.1. Class Workweeks. Based on its records, Defendant has represented that the Class consists of approximately 454 Class Members who collectively worked a total of approximately 15,770 non-arbitration Workweeks. Based on its records, Defendant also has represented that the number of Aggrieved Employees is 621 who collectively worked a total of approximately 14,583 PAGA Pay Periods.

4.2. Class Data. Not later than 15 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted Class Member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the Class 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 Class Data.

4.3. Funding of the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendant's share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date.

5. PAYMENTS FROM THE GROSS SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

5.1. Within 14 days after Defendant funds the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payment.

5.2. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the "void date", which is 180 days after the date of mailing, when the check will be voided. Before checks are mailed, the Administrator shall update address information through the National Change of Address database. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Class Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database. If a Participating Class Member's or Aggrieved Employee's check is not cashed within 120 days after its last mailing to the affected individual, the Administrator will also send the individual a notice informing him or her that unless the check is cashed by the void date, it will expire and become non-negotiable, and offer to replace the check if it was lost or misplaced but not cashed.

5.3. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are retuned undelivered without a 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 Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

5.4. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or 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 Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

5.5. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

6. **RELEASE OF CLAIMS.** Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, Aggrieved Employees and the LWDA will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

6.1. Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff and her respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences that occurred during the Class Period, including, but not limited to: (a) all individual and class claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained, in the Operative Complaint and (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Operative Complaint, Plaintiff's 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 Class 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.

(a) Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under 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.

6.2. Release by Participating Class Members. All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective executors, administrators, representatives, agents, heirs, successors, assigns, trustees, spouses, or guardians, release Released Parties from the Released Class Claims.

6.3. Release of PAGA Claims. All Aggrieved Employees and the LWDA are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective executors, administrators, representatives, agents, heirs, successors, assigns, trustees, spouses, or guardians, the Released Parties from the Released PAGA Claims.

7. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL.** The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") that complies with the Court's procedures and instructions.

7.1. Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order

Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) 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 Class 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 Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator; (v) a signed declaration from Class Counsel attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; 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)); and (vi) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members, the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel Declaration 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

7.2. Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 30 days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

7.3. Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class 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 Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class 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.

8. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

8.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Phoenix Settlement Administrators ("PSA") to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, PSA 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 Administrator's duties will include preparing, printing, and mailing the Class Notice Packet to all Class Members; conducting a National Change of Address search to update Class Member addresses before mailing the Class Notice Packets; re-mailing Class Notice Packets that are returned to the Class Member's new address; setting up a toll-free telephone number and email and a fax number to receive communications from Class Members; receiving and reviewing for validity completed Requests for Exclusion; providing the Parties with weekly status reports about the delivery of Class Notice Packets and receipt of Requests for Exclusion, objections and disputes; calculating Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments; issuing the checks to effectuate the payments due under the Settlement; issuing the tax reports required under this Settlement; and otherwise administering the Settlement pursuant to this Agreement. 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.

8.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for the purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to the state and federal tax authorities.

8.3. 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.

8.4. Notice to Class Members.

(a) No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members, PAGA Members, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.

(b) Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice with Spanish translation substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if applicable) used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.

(c) Not later than 7 days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.

(d) If the Administrator, the Parties, Defense Counsel or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith. in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, which ever are later.

8.5. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

(a) Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not later than the Response Deadline. A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number, and employee ID number or social security number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline. A Request for Exclusion Form will be part of the Notice Packet mailed to class members.

(b) The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

(c) Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraph 6.2 of the Agreement, regardless whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

(d) Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 6.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. If a Class Member submits both a Request for Exclusion and an objection, only the Request for Exclusion will be accepted, and the objection will be void.

8.6. Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have until the Response Deadline to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination as to the challenges

8.7. Objections to Settlement.

(a) Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payment.

(b) Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, or in addition to a written objection, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than the Response Deadline. An Objection Form will be part of the Notice Packet mailed to class members.

(c) Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

8.8. 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.

(a) Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish and maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payment, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

(b) Request for Exclusion (Opt-Outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than 7 days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

(c) Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. The Administrator's decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

(d) Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments ("Weekly Report"). The Weekly Reports must include providing the Administrator's assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.

(e) Administrator's Declaration. Not later than 7 days before the date by which Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.

(f) Final Report by Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator disburses all funds of the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 7 days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court. If a second declaration attesting to the distribution of uncashed checks is required, the Administrator shall provide this second declaration at least 7 days before any deadline for a second declaration and Class Counsel shall be responsible for filing the second declaration with the Court.

9. **ESCALATOR CLAUSE.** Defendant represents that the Class consists of approximately 454 Class Members who collectively worked a total of approximately 15,770 non-arbitration Workweeks during the Class Period (i.e., Workweeks not covered by a binding arbitration agreement). If the actual number of the non-arbitration Workweeks during the Class Period is more than 10% greater than this figure (i.e., there are more than 17,347 non-arbitration Workweeks worked by the Class Members, Defendant will either, at its option to either: (1) increase the Gross Settlement Amount by a proportional amount above the 10% figure (i.e., if there was 11% increase in the number of non-arbitration Workweeks during the Class Period, Defendant would agree to increase the Gross Settlement Amount by 1%); or (2) elect to shorten the Class Period, PAGA Period, and release periods to end on the date on which the aggregate workweeks is closest to without exceeding 17,347 non-arbitration Workweeks worked by the Class Members

10. **DEFENDANT'S RIGHT TO WITHDRAW**. If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds 5% of the total of all Class Members, Defendant may, but is not obligated, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Defendant withdraws, the Settlement shall be void ab initio, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Defendant will remain responsible for paying all Administration Expenses incurred as of the date Defendant makes this election to withdraw. Defendant must notify Class Counsel and the Court of its election to withdraw not later than 7 days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel. Invalid Requests for Exclusion will have no effect on this threshold for an election.

11. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL**. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, not later than 16 court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699(l), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than 7 days prior to filing the Motion for

Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

11.1. Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than 5 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

11.2. Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for a Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administration Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

11.3. 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 under C.C.P. section 664.6 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.

11.4. Waiver of the Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment reflected set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, 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 an objector 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.

11.5. Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on an equal basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred at the time of remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class

Representative Service Payment or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

12. AMENDED JUDGMENT. If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

13. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

13.1. <u>No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for Other Purposes</u>. 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 Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit or that Defendant has any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or Judgment pursuant to this Agreement, Defendant reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant'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).

13.2. <u>Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval</u>. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, any with third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

13.3. No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees have not and will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

13.4. 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.

13.5. Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, 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.

13.6. 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 first and then the Court for resolution.

13.7. 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.

13.8. Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class 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.

13.9. 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.

13.10. Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

13.11. 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.

13.12. 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.

13.13. 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.

13.14. Use and Return of Class Data. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendant 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 date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiff shall destroy, all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendant.

13.15. 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.

13.16. 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.

13.17. 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 and the Class:

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13.18. 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.

13.19. 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 a period of not less than one (1) year starting from the date of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by all parties until the entry of the final approval order and judgment or if not entered the date this agreement shall no longer be of any force or effect.

13.20. Fair Settlement. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel believe and warrant that this Agreement reflects a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Agreement through arms-length negotiations, taking into account all relevant factors, both current and potential.

14. EXECUTION BY PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The Parties and their counsel hereby execute this Agreement.

Dated: Apr 23, 2025

Blanca E Belloso (Apr 23, 2025 12:16 PDT)
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Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso

Dated: ___________

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__________________________[name]
For Defendant Hyatt Corporation

Dated: April 23, 2025

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The Parties and their counsel hereby execute this Agreement.

Dated: ___________ _______________________________
Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso

Dated: 4/22/2025 Jon Benson
Jon Benson, GM [name]
For Defendant Hyatt Corporation

Dated: ___________ _______________________________
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Milan Moore
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Paul K. Haines
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Dated: 4/23/2025 _______________________________
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EXHIBIT A

[NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL]

COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL

Blanca E. Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation d/b/a Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC

The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!
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If you worked for Hyatt Corporation at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach hotel in California as a non-exempt, hourly employee between October 11, 2019 through January 15, 2025, then you may get money from a class action and PAGA settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against Defendant that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement **The Opt-out Deadline is December 4, 2025**	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section **6** of this Notice. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. Defendant must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement **Written Objections Must be Submitted by December 4, 2025**	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section **7** of this Notice.
You Can Participate in January 26, 2026, Final Approval Hearing	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on **January 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.** You don't have to attend but you do have the right to appear in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section **8** of this Notice.
You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods **Written Challenges Must be Submitted by December 4, 2025**	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period, how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number of Class Period Workweeks and number of PAGA Period Pay Periods you worked according to Defendant's records is stated on the second page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers or disagree with the amount of any prior payment received (if applicable) you must challenge it by **December 4, 2025.** See Section **4** of this Notice.

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit ("Action") against Defendant Hyatt Corporation, doing business as Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach ("Defendant" is used herein as a placeholder), for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by an individual who worked for Defendant as a non-exempt, hourly employee, Blanca E. Belloso ("Plaintiff"), and seeks payment of (1) unpaid minimum wages, unpaid overtime wages, unpaid meal and rest period premiums, wage statement penalties, waiting time penalties, reimbursement for necessary business expenditures, unpaid sick pay wages, and restitution under California Business and Professions Code section 17200 for a class of individuals classified as non-exempt employees ("Class Members") who worked for Defendant at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach hotel during the period of time starting on October 11, 2019 and ending on January 15, 2025 ("Class Period"); and also seeks (2) civil penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") for all individuals classified as non-exempt employees ("Aggrieved Employees") who worked for Defendant during the period of time starting on October 15, 2022 and ending on January 15, 2025 ("PAGA Period").

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Defendant to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

Based on Defendant's records, and the Parties' current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be $_______ (less tax withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be $________**. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to Defendant's records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you did not work during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on Defendant's records showing that **you worked _______________ workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked __ pay periods** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks and/or pay periods during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. *See* Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's attorneys ("Class Counsel"). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires Defendant to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and Aggrieved Employees to give up their rights to assert certain claims against Defendant.

If you worked for Defendant during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

(1) **Do Nothing**. You do not have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against Defendant.

(2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement**. You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendant, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendant will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?

Plaintiff is an individual who worked for Defendant as a non-exempt, hourly employee. The Action accuses Defendant of violating California labor laws by failing to pay overtime wages, failing to pay minimum wages, failing to provide meal and rest periods, failing to provide accurate wage statements, failing to pay all wages owed upon termination, failing to reimburse all necessary business expenditures, and failure to pay sick pay wages at the correct rate of pay. Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for restitution under California Business and Professions Code section 17200 and a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq*.) ("PAGA"). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Scott M. Lidman, Milan Moore, and Tiara Gose-Hardy of Lidman Law, APC, and Paul Haines of Haines Law Group, APC ("Class Counsel.")

Defendant strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Defendant or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and Defendant hired an experienced, neutral mediator in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and Defendant have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendant does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims. Plaintiff and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendant has agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

1. Defendant Will Pay $165,000.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). Defendant promises to pay a total of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents ($165,000.00). Defendant has agreed to deposit the money that is part of the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and expenses, the Administrator's expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

   The Gross Settlement Amount is estimated to be fully funded on February 2026. Checks are estimated to be disbursed on March 2026.

2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:

A. Up to $55,000.00 (1/3rd of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to $40,000.00 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.

B. Up to $10,000.00 to Plaintiff as Class Representative Service Payment for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. Class Representative Service Payments will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff's Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.

C. Up to $10,000.00 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.

D. Up to $20,000.00 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks. The calculation is explained more fully below in Section 4.

4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 33% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages ("Wage Portion") and 67% to interest and penalties ("Non-Wage Portion"). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendant will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name. If the money represented by your check is sent to the State Controller's Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than **December 4, 2025,** that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth a Class Member's name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against Defendant.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendant based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline to enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void. That is, Defendant will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendant that have not already been released by a prior release agreement, if applicable.

8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions (the "Administrator") to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members' Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator's contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.

9. Participating Class Members' Release. After the Judgment is final and Defendant has fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement. The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and each of their respective executors, administrators, representatives, agents, heirs, successors, assigns, trustees, spouses, or guardians, release Defendant and any respective parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and related entities, including but not limited to Hyatt Hotels Corporation and Select Hotels Group, L.L.C., any employee benefit plans sponsored or administered by the Company or such related entities, and any and all of its and their respective past or present officers, directors, partners, members, insurers, agents, assigns, attorneys, employees, trustees, administrators, fiduciaries, and any other persons acting by, through, under or in concert with any of them ("Released Parties") from any and all claims, rights, demands, charges, complaints, causes of action, obligations, or liability of any and every kind that were pled or reasonably could have been pled based on the factual allegations contained in the Operative Complaint which occurred during the Class Period. This includes claims for (1) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197); (2) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198); (3) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558); (4) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558); (5) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*); (6) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203); (7) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802); (8) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); (9) Unfair Competition (Bus & Prof Code § 17200 *et seq.*); and (10) claims that were asserted or could have been asserted based on the facts alleged in the operative complaint, including alleged violations of the California Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 5-2001 ("Released Class Claims").

10. Aggrieved Employees' PAGA Release. After the Court's judgment is final, and Defendant has paid the Gross Settlement and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes, all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendant, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against Defendant or its related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement. The Aggrieved Employees' Releases are as follows:

> All Aggrieved Employees and the LWDA are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective executors, administrators, representatives, agents, heirs, successors, assigns, trustees, spouses, or guardians, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, which occurred during the PAGA Period. This includes claims for PAGA penalties based on underlying claims for (1) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197); (2) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198); (3) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558); (4) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558); (5) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*); (6) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203); (7) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802); (8) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); (9) Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment (Labor Code §§ 204, 210); (10) Failure to Maintain Accurate Records (Labor Code § 1174); and (11) all claims that were asserted or could have been asserted based on the facts in the PAGA Notice to the LWDA ("Released PAGA Claims").

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments as follows: The Net Settlement Amount shall be calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's workweeks.

2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25 percent share of PAGA Penalties ($5,000) by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Pay Periods.

3. Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Class Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in Defendant's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until **December 4, 2025**, to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, e-mail or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as Aggrieved Employees. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment.

2. Aggrieved Employees. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every Aggrieved Employee even if the Aggrieved Employee opts out of the Class Settlement.

Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

If you wish to opt-out of the class settlement, complete the Request for Exclusion Form. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request to be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as "Blanca E. Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation", and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by December 4, 2025, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. If you wish to object to the Settlement, you may complete the Objection Form or appear at the Final Approval Hearing.

Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and Defendant are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 Court days before the **January 26, 2026,** Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Class Representative Service Payments stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service Payment. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website belloso-v-hyatt.phoenixcases.com or the Court's website https://civilwebshopping.occourts.org/Login.do.

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Class Representative Service Payment may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is December 4, 2025.** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action as Blanca E. Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for Defendant and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?

You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on **January 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.,** in Department CX103 of the Orange County Superior Court, located at 751 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or virtually via online conference (https://www.occourts.org/civil-remote-hearings). Check the Court's website for the most current information.

It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator's website belloso-v-hyatt.phoenixcases.com beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The Agreement sets forth everything Defendant and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to Phoenix Settlement Administrators' website at belloso-v-hyatt.phoenixcases.com. You can also telephone or send an e-mail to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (http://www.lacourt.org/casesummary/ui/index.aspx) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in the courthouse at the Civil Complex Center by calling (657) 622-6878.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.

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10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void, you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.

WORKWEEK DISPUTE & CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

BELLOSO V. HYATT CORPORATION D/B/A HYATT REGENCY HUNTINGTON BEACH
Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC

You do NOT have to mail this Allocation Form to get your Individual Settlement Payment

Please complete, sign, date and return this form to Settlement Administrator, P.O. Box 7208, Orange, CA 92863 **ONLY IF** (1) your personal contact information has changed, and/or (2) you wish to dispute any of the items listed in Section (III), below. It is your responsibility to keep a current address on file with the Settlement Administrator.

(I) Please type or print your name:

____
(First, Middle, Last)

(II) Please type or print the following identifying information if your contact information has changed:

____
Former Names (if any)

____
New Street Address

____
City State Zip Code

(III) Information Used to Calculate Your Individual Settlement Payment and Aggrieved Employee Payment:

According to Hyatt Corporation's/Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach's records ("Defendant"):

You were employed by Defendant and worked a total of __ workweeks during the time period between October 11, 2019, and January 15, 2025.

You were employed by Defendant and worked a total of ___ pay periods during the time period between October 15, 2022, and January 15, 2025.

Based on the above, your Individual Settlement Payment is estimated to be $________ and Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be $________.

(IV) If you disagree with items in Section (III) above, please explain why in the space provided below and include copies of any supporting evidence or documentation with this form:

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If you dispute the above information from Defendant's records, Defendant's records will control unless you are able to provide documentation that establishes that Defendant's records are mistaken. If there is a dispute about whether Defendant's information or yours is accurate, and the dispute cannot be resolved informally, the dispute will be resolved by the Parties and the Settlement Administrator as described in the "Court Approved Notice Of Class Action Settlement And Hearing Date For Final Court Approval" that accompanies this Form. The Settlement Administrator will render all final decisions on disputes.

ANY DISPUTES, ALONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2025

<u>REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FORM</u>

BELLOSO V. HYATT CORPORATION D/B/A HYATT REGENCY HUNTINGTON BEACH

Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC

SUBMIT THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO BE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

By signing and returning this form, I represent that it is my desire to exclude myself from participating in the Settlement of the Class Action entitled ***Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation d/b/a Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach***, Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC, and that I received notice of the Settlement. I understand by excluding myself, I will receive an Aggrieved Employee Payment if I worked during the PAGA Period, but I will not receive any other money from the settlement reached in this matter.

<u>Please note</u>: Any person who submits this form will <u>not</u> receive an Individual Settlement Payment.

Name (Please Print):____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address:____
(Street)

____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: __________ Telephone No.: ____________________________

Dated: ________________________ Signature: __________________________________

TO BE VALID, THIS FORM MUST BE POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2025, AND MAILED TO THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR AT:

Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation d/b/a Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach

Administrator Name

c/o _______________

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OBJECTION FORM

BELLOSO V. HYATT CORPORATION D/B/A HYATT REGENCY HUNTINGTON BEACH
Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC

COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLY IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

You are not required to appear in Court in order to object to the Settlement. If you would like to provide a written objection to the Class Action Settlement entitled *Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation d/b/a Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach,* you must complete all steps listed in 1-5 below. If you are planning on appearing in Court, please circle "yes" in Section 3 below. You may appear in Court to make an objection at the Final Approval Hearing whether or not you submit this form.

1. Provide the following information:

Your Name (Please Print):____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Your Address:____

Last 4 Digits of your Social Security Number: __________

2. Describe the reasons for your objection to the Settlement (please attach additional documents if you need more space): ____
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3. Do you intend to appear in Court at the Final Fairness Hearing, currently scheduled for January 26, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Circle One: Yes No

You are not required to retain an attorney to object. However, if you are represented by an attorney, provide the name of your attorney and the attorney's phone number______________________________

4. Date and sign this form below:

Dated: ________________________ Signature: ____________________________________

5. COMPLETE AND MAIL THIS FORM TO THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR AT THE ADDRESS BELOW SO THAT IT IS POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 4, 2025

Belloso v. Hyatt Corporation d/b/a Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach
c/o Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box 7208
Orange, CA 92863
Telephone: (800) 523-5773

FIRST AMENDMENT TO CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This First Amendment to Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement is reached by and between Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all members of the Settlement Class, on the one hand, and Defendant Hyatt Corporation ("Defendant"), on the other hand. Plaintiff and Defendant are referred to herein collectively as the "Parties."

The Parties hereby agree to be bound by the terms in this First Amendment to Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement and Class Notice (this "Amendment") which is intended to replace and supersede the definition of Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims, as well as Paragraphs 6.3 and 8.8(c) of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement and Class Notice (the "Settlement Agreement") as set forth below. Terms used herein shall have the same meaning as in the Settlement Agreement unless defined differently in this Amendment. This Amendment is being made in accordance with Paragraph 13.9 of the Settlement Agreement which provides as follows: "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."

The Settlement Agreement shall be modified as follows:

The Parties Agree that the Escalator clause in Paragraph 9 of the Settlement Agreement is not triggered. As a result, the Parties agree that the Class Period and PAGA Period remain as defined in Paragraphs 1.13 and 1.31 of the Settlement Agreement.

"Released Class Claims" is hereby amended to now be defined as follows:

> Any and all claims, rights, demands, charges, complaints, causes of action, obligations, or liability of any and every kind that were pled or reasonably could have been pled based on the factual allegations contained in the Operative Complaint which occurred during the Class Period. This includes claims for (1) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197); (2) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198); (3) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558); (4) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558); (5) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*); (6) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203); (7) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802); (8) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); (9) Unfair Competition (Bus & Prof Code § 17200 *et seq.*); and (10) claims that were asserted or could have been asserted based on the facts alleged in the operative complaint, including alleged violations of the California Industrial

Welfare Commission Wage Order No. 5-2001. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, or workers' compensation.

"Released PAGA Claims" is hereby amended to now be defined as follows:

All claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice, which occurred during the PAGA Period. This includes claims for PAGA penalties based on underlying claims for (1) Minimum Wage Violations (Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197); (2) Failure to Pay All Overtime Wages Owed (Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198); (3) Meal Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, 558); (4) Rest Period Violations (Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558); (5) Wage Statement Penalties (Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*); (6) Waiting Time Penalties (Labor Code §§ 201-203); (7) Failure to Reimburse for All Necessary Business Expenditures (Labor Code § 2802); (8) Failure to Pay Sick Pay Wages at the Correct Rate of Pay (Labor Code § 246); (9) Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment (Labor Code §§ 204, 210); (10) Failure to Maintain Accurate Records (Labor Code § 1174); and (11) all claims that were asserted or could have been asserted based on the facts in the PAGA Notice to the LWDA.

Paragraph 6.3 of the Settlement Agreement is hereby amended to now state as follows:

All Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective executors, administrators, representatives, agents, heirs, successors, assigns, trustees, spouses, or guardians, the Released Parties from the Released PAGA Claims.

Paragraph 8.8(c) of the Settlement Agreement is hereby amended to now state as follows:

The Administrator has the authority to address Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges and will attempt to resolve any such disputes. The Court ultimately will decide any unresolved Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges.

Dated: Jul 30, 2025 ______________________

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Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso

Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso

Dated: 8/7/2025

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SECOND AMENDMENT TO CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Second Amendment to Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement is reached by and between Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all members of the Settlement Class, on the one hand, and Defendant Hyatt Corporation ("Defendant"), on the other hand. Plaintiff and Defendant are referred to herein collectively as the "Parties."

The Parties hereby agree to be bound by the terms in this Second Amendment to Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (this "Amendment") which is intended to replace and supersede Paragraphs 8.5(b) and 8.6 of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") as set forth below. Terms used herein shall have the same meaning as in the Settlement Agreement unless defined differently in this Amendment. This Amendment is being made in accordance with Paragraph 13.9 of the Settlement Agreement which provides as follows: "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."

The Settlement Agreement shall be modified as follows:

Paragraph 8.5(b) of the Settlement Agreement is hereby amended to now state as follows:

> The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. While the Administrator and the Parties will attempt to resolve any such disputes, the Court ultimately will decide any unresolved disputes.

Paragraph 8.6 of the Settlement Agreement is hereby amended to now state as follows:

> Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have until the Response Deadline to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class

Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel, and the Administrator's determination as to the challenges. While the Administrator and the Parties will attempt to resolve any such disputes, the Court ultimately will decide any unresolved disputes.

Dated: Dec 29, 2025

Blanca Belloso (Dec 29, 2025 15:13:27 PST)

Plaintiff Blanca E. Belloso

Dated: ___________

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