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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE**

BLANCA E. BELLOSO, as an individual and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HYATT CORPORATION d.b.a. HYATT
REGENCY HUNTINGTON BEACH, a
Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through 100,

Defendants.

Case No. 30-2023-01355826-CU-OE-CXC

*[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon. Randall J.
Sherman, Dept. CX105]*

**DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF BLANCA
E. BELLOSO IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
FOR APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Date: June 20, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dept.: CX105

Complaint Filed: September 3, 2021
FAC Filed: November 19, 2021

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I, BLANCA E. BELLOSO, declare as follows:

1. I am an individual over the age of 18 and the named plaintiff in this matter. This declaration is submitted in support of approval of the proposed class action settlement (“Settlement”) reached in this case. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and could testify competently to them if called upon to do so.

2. I was employed by Defendant Hyatt Corporation d.b.a. Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach (“Defendant”) as an hourly, non-exempt employee from approximately April 1996 until approximately July 17, 2023. I worked as a Server and my primary job duties consisted of waiting tables, serving food, and delivering room service to hotel guests. During my employment with Defendant, I, along with the other hourly, non-exempt employees, was subject to Defendant’s wage and hour policies and practices.

3. I am informed and believe, and on that basis state, that throughout my employment with Defendant, I was not paid for all my time worked. Specifically, it is my understanding that Defendant knew I performed work while not clocked in but did not pay me for that time worked.

4. I also do not believe that my sick pay was paid correctly. I received additional wages for service changes but was paid sick pay at my base hourly rate.

5. I do not believe I received all meal breaks to which I was entitled. Defendant's work demands and policies/practices did not allow for me to have a meal break until after the fifth hour of work. If I worked more than 10.0 hours in a shift, I was not allowed to have a second meal period. I also do not believe I received all rest breaks to which I was entitled. Specifically, Defendant's work demands and rest period policy required me to work through my rest periods. I was not given a third rest break when I worked more than 10.0 hours in a shift. Despite all of this, I was not paid meal period or rest period premiums.

6. Because of all of the above issues, I do not believe I received accurate, itemized wage statements nor was I paid all of my wages owed at the time of my separation of employment with Defendant.

7. I also was not reimbursed for using my personal cell phone for business purposes.

1 8. I have worked closely with my lawyers on this case. I answered all of their questions
2 about my employment and made myself available to speak and meet with my lawyers whenever I was
3 needed, including the entire day of the mediation on October 17, 2024 and throughout the settlement
4 process.

5 9. At the time of filing this lawsuit, I understood that this lawsuit had the chance to benefit
6 my former co-workers and current employees of Defendant by helping them recover money owed to
7 them. As the named Plaintiff, I knew that I would be taking on certain risks that the other employees
8 would not have to take on. For example, I knew that there was a risk that I could be responsible for
9 Defendant's costs if we lost the case. Even though I understood that joining a lawsuit is a public record
10 and could stigmatize me and may affect my future employability, I accepted that burden for the benefit
11 of other employees of Defendant because I wanted Defendant to pay its current and former employees
12 for all unpaid wages according to the law and face consequences for not doing so.

13 10. I have been actively involved in this case since joining this lawsuit. Without revealing
14 and/or waiving attorney-client privileged communications, I have communicated with my attorneys on
15 numerous occasions. I estimate that I have spent approximately 20-25 hours meeting with my lawyers
16 concerning the case and my responsibilities as a class representative, which included, among other
17 things, gathering various employment and non-employment related documents for use in the lawsuit,
18 reviewing documents with my lawyers and answering their questions, answering follow up questions
19 and providing guidance regarding Defendant's timekeeping, break schedules, and other policies and
20 procedures that Defendant required me and the hourly employees to follow, and reviewing the
21 settlement documents. Additionally, I had to respond to formal written discovery. I also prepared for
22 and sat for a full deposition.

23 11. I also made sure to ask my lawyers any questions I had about the terms of the settlement
24 agreement because I wanted to understand everything before I signed it.

25 12. As part of the proposed Settlement, I have also agreed to a full general release of claims
26 related to my employment with Defendant that extends beyond the release of claims applicable to
27 members of the Class as defined in the Settlement. I understand that this includes all claims, whether
28 known or unknown, under federal, state, or local law against Defendant.

1 13. I believe my claims are typical of the members of the Class because they were required
2 to follow the same policies and procedures I was required to follow when I worked for Defendant. I
3 believe Defendant's policies and procedures were the same for all hourly employees in California.
4 Since the same policies and procedures apply to myself and the other hourly, non-exempt employees,
5 I believe they were not paid for all wages earned, did not receive all meal and rest periods, did not
6 receive accurate wage statements, did not receive all sick pay wages, were not paid all wages owed
7 upon separation of employment, and were not reimbursed for the use of their personal cell phone for
8 business purposes.

9 14. As far as I am aware, I have no conflicts with any of the other hourly, non-exempt
10 employees. I understand that as the proposed class representative, I am responsible for representing
11 the interests of all members of the class in litigation to recover money damages for the Class and I
12 consider the interests of the Class and put the interests of the Class before my own interests.

13 15. I understand that my attorneys will request that the Court award me Service Award of
14 \$10,000.00 for my service and efforts on the case. This proposed \$10,000.00 Service Award is not
15 contingent upon me supporting the proposed Settlement.

16 I have reviewed this written statement and fully understand all of its contents. I declare under
17 penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
18 Executed on April 23rd, 2025 at Fountain Valley, California.

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Blanca E Beloso (Apr 23, 2025 12:06 PDT)

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