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9 on behalf of himself, all others similarly situated,
10 and the general public,

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13 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
14 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

15 MAURICE MACK, on behalf of himself
16 and all others similarly situated and on
17 behalf of the general public,

18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

20 KOBO EVENTS LLC, a California
21 limited liability company, doing business
22 as 4DIAMOND EVENTS and
23 TITANIUM, and DOES 1 through 10,
24 inclusive,

25 Defendant.

Case No. 37-2024-00004372-CU-MC-CTL

Assigned to Hon. Robert Longstreth, Dept. C-65

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS AND
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Date: May 8, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Dept.: C-65

Complaint Filed: January 16, 2024

1 The unopposed motion of proposed Plaintiff Maurice Mack (“Plaintiff”) for Preliminary
2 Approval of Class and Representative Action Settlement came on for hearing before this Court in
3 Department C-65, Judge Robert Longstreth presiding, on May 8, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. The Court,
4 having considered the papers submitted in support of the motion and having heard oral argument
5 of the parties, **HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:**

6 1. The Court grants preliminary approval of the settlement based upon the terms set
7 forth in the proposed Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement of Class Action and PAGA
8 Claims (the “Settlement”) filed with the Court. The settlement appears to be fair, adequate, and
9 reasonable to the Class;

10 2. The Court finds that the settlement falls within the range of reasonableness and
11 appears to be presumptively valid, subject only to any objections that may be raised at the final
12 hearing;

13 3. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice of Pendency of Proposed
14 Class Action Settlement and Final Hearing (“Notice”), attached to the Settlement as Exhibit A;

15 4. The Court directs the mailing of the Notice by first class mail to the Settlement Class
16 Members in accordance with the schedule set forth below. The Court finds that the dates selected
17 for the mailing and distribution of the Notice, as set forth herein, meet the requirements of due
18 process and provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due
19 and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto;

20 5. It is ordered that the Settlement Class is preliminarily certified for settlement
21 purposes only. The Settlement Class is defined as follows: all non-exempt employees of Defendant
22 KOBO EVENTS LLC in California at any time between January 16, 2020 and March 28, 2025;

23 6. The Court approves and appoints Gaines Law Corporation as Class Counsel, and
24 grants preliminary approval of an award of attorneys’ fees of up to 33 1/3% of the Gross Settlement
25 Amount (or \$83,333.33) and documented litigation costs of up to \$12,000 to Class Counsel, subject
26 to final approval by the Court following a further motion by Class Counsel;

27 7. The Court approves and appoints Plaintiff Maurice Mack as the Class
28 Representative and grants preliminary approval to proposed Enhancement Award to Plaintiff

1 Maurice Mack in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, subject to final approval by the Court following
2 a further motion by the Class Representative;

3 8. The Court grants preliminary approval of the allocation of \$20,000 to settle the
4 representative claims under the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698 et seq.), of
5 which 75% (\$15,000) shall be paid directly to the LWDA and 25% (\$5,000) shall be distributed to
6 the PAGA Employees as PAGA Employee Payments;

7 9. The Court hereby approves and appoints ILYM Group, Inc. as the Settlement
8 Administrator and grants preliminary approval of the payment of fees and other charges of the
9 Settlement Administrator in an amount not to exceed \$5,500; and

10 10. The Court orders the following schedule of dates for the specified actions/further
11 proceedings:

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<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIMING</u>
Last day for Defendant to provide to the Settlement Administrator a list of all Class Members, including the full name, telephone number, and last known address and full social security number of all Class Members; the information necessary to determine the estimated settlement allocation to each Class Member, including: (i) the total number of Workweeks of each Class Member in California in an hourly-paid or non-exempt position within the Class Period; and (ii) the total number of Workweeks of each PAGA Employee in California in an hourly-paid or non-exempt position within the PAGA Period ("Settlement Class Information")	20 calendar days after entry of Court's Order granting preliminary approval of Settlement
Last day for Settlement Administrator to mail Notice of Proposed Settlement ("Notice") to Class Members	10 calendar days after Settlement Administrator's receipt of the Class Member List
Last day for exclusion requests by Class Members to be postmarked to the Settlement Administrator	45 calendar days after the initial mailing of the Notice to Class Members
Last day for objections to the Settlement by Class Members to be postmarked to the Settlement Administrator	45 calendar days after the initial mailing of the Notice to Class Members
Last day for Class Counsel to file and serve moving papers in support of final settlement approval and request for attorneys' fees and costs	10 calendar days before the final settlement approval hearing date
Last day for Class Counsel to file with the Court and serve declaration by Settlement Administrator specifying the due diligence undertaken with regard to the mailing of the Notice	10 calendar days before the final settlement approval hearing date
Final settlement approval hearing	_____, 2026, at _____ (approximately 100 days after entry of this Order)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT