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

PABLO DE LA CRUZ, on behalf of himself and
current and former aggrieved employees

Plaintiff,

vs.

MANO DELIVERY CORP. DBA AMAZON
TRUCKING & DISTRIBUTION; PARTNERS
PERSONNEL – MANAGEMENT SERVICES,
LLC; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: **26STCV22059**

PAGA ACTION

**PLAINTIFF PABLO DE LA CRUZ’S
COMPLAINT FOR:**

- CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT
TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
GENERAL ACT OF 2004
("PAGA"), LABOR CODE
SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

COMES NOW Plaintiff PABLO DE LA CRUZ ("Plaintiff"), who alleges and complains
against Defendants MANO DELIVERY CORP. DBA AMAZON TRUCKING &
DISTRIBUTION; PARTNERS PERSONNEL – MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC; and DOES
1 to 100, inclusive (collectively "Defendants") as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is a Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq.*
("PAGA") representative action brought by Plaintiff on behalf of the State of California, himself
and other current and former aggrieved employees of Defendants who worked as hourly non-exempt

1 employees in California during the relevant time period seeking civil penalties associated with
2 Defendants' violation of the Labor Code based on Defendants' failure to pay wages for all hours
3 worked at minimum wage and all overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay; failure to
4 authorize or permit all legally required and/or compliant meal periods or pay meal period premium
5 wages; failure to authorize or permit all legally required and/or compliant rest periods or pay rest
6 period premium wages; statutory penalties for failure to timely produce requested employment
7 records; indemnification for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by employees in direct
8 consequence of discharging their duties; statutory penalties for failure to provide accurate wage
9 statements; statutory waiting time penalties in the form of continuation wages for failure to timely
10 pay employees all wages due upon separation of employment. Plaintiff experienced these violations
11 personally, as well as is informed and believes other aggrieved employees did as well. Plaintiff
12 seeks on a representative basis, following notice to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency,
13 civil penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(g)(1) and costs
14 brought on behalf of Plaintiff, the State of California, and others aggrieved.

15 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

16 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims of Plaintiff and all other current and
17 former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees because Plaintiff's lawsuit seeks
18 civil penalties on behalf of herself, all other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
19 non-exempt employees, and the State of California in excess of thirty-five thousand dollars
20 (\$35,000); Defendants employed Plaintiff and all other current and former aggrieved California-
21 based hourly non-exempt employees; and the injuries to Plaintiff and all other current and former
22 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees occurred in locations throughout
23 California, including but not limited to Los Angeles County, at 3030 E. Victoria Street, Compton,
24 CA 90221.

25 **III. PARTIES**

26 3. Plaintiff brings this action as a representative of the Labor and Workforce
27 Development Agency on behalf of himself and other current and former employees subject to
28 violations of the Labor Code. The named Plaintiff and the persons on whose behalf this action is

1 filed include current, former and/or future employees of Defendants who work, worked, or will work
2 for Defendants as direct employees as well as temporary employees employed through temp
3 agencies as hourly non-exempt employees in California. At all times mentioned herein, the currently
4 named Plaintiff is and was domiciled and a resident and citizen of California and was employed by
5 Defendants in an hourly position at Defendants' location in Los Angeles from in or around 2014
6 until on or about August 25, 2025.

7 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant MANO
8 DELIVERY CORP. DBA AMAZON TRUCKING & DISTRIBUTION is authorized to do business
9 within the State of California and is doing business in the State of California and/or that Defendants
10 DOES 1-33 are, and at all times relevant hereto were persons acting on behalf of Defendant MANO
11 DELIVERY CORP. DBA AMAZON TRUCKING & DISTRIBUTION in the establishment of, or
12 ratification of, the aforementioned illegal wage and hour practices or policies. Defendant MANO
13 DELIVERY CORP. DBA AMAZON TRUCKING & DISTRIBUTION operates in Los Angeles
14 County and employed Plaintiff and aggrieved employees in Los Angeles County, including but not
15 limited to, at 3030 E. Victoria Street, Compton, CA 90221.

16 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant PARTNERS
17 PERSONNEL – MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC is authorized to do business within the State
18 of California and is doing business in the State of California and/or that Defendants DOES 34-66
19 are, and at all times relevant hereto were persons acting on behalf of Defendant PARTNERS
20 PERSONNEL – MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC in the establishment of, or ratification of, the
21 aforementioned illegal wage and hour practices or policies. Defendant PARTNERS PERSONNEL
22 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC operates in Los Angeles County and employed Plaintiff and
23 aggrieved employees in Los Angeles County, including but not limited to, at 3030 E. Victoria Street,
24 Compton, CA 90221. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES
25 1 through 66 are corporations, or are other business entities or organizations of a nature unknown
26 to Plaintiff that employed Plaintiff and aggrieved California non-exempt employees, permitted
27 Plaintiff and aggrieved employees to work, and exercised control over the wages, hours and working
28 conditions of employment of Plaintiff and aggrieved employees.

6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES 67 through 100 are individuals unknown to Plaintiff. Each of the individual defendants is sued individually and in his or her capacity as an agent, shareholder, owner, representative, manager, supervisor, independent contractor and/or employee of each defendant who violated or caused to be violated the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Labor Code and/or any provision of the Industrial Welfare Commission's wage orders regulating hours and days of work.

7. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names of Defendants DOES 1 through 100. Plaintiff sues said defendants by said fictitious names, and will amend this complaint when the true names and capacities are ascertained or when such facts pertaining to liability are ascertained, or as permitted by law or by the Court. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the fictitiously named defendants is in some manner responsible for the events and allegations set forth in this complaint.

8. Plaintiff makes the allegations in this complaint without any admission that, as to any particular allegation, Plaintiff bears the burden of pleading, proving, or persuading and Plaintiff reserves all of Plaintiff's right to plead in the alternative.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

**CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF
2004, LABOR CODE SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

**(Against all Defendants by Plaintiff on behalf of Themselves, the State of California, and
Other Current and Former Aggrieved Employees)**

9. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs above as though fully set forth herein.

10. During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present, Plaintiff alleges Defendants violated Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1197, 1198.5, 2802, 6401.7, 6401.9, and the applicable Wage Orders.

11. Specifically, Defendants have committed the following violations of California Labor Code:

12. **Failure to pay wages for all hours worked at the legal minimum wage:**
Defendants employed many of their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt

1 employees. In California, an employer is required to pay hourly employees for all “hours worked,”
2 which includes all time that an employee is under control of the employer and all time the employee
3 is suffered and permitted to work. This includes the time an employee spends, either directly or
4 indirectly, performing services which inure to the benefit of the employer.

5 13. Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 require an employer to compensate employees
6 for all “hours worked” at least at a minimum wage rate of pay as established by the IWC and the
7 Wage Orders.

8 14. In this case, Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
9 non-exempt employees worked more minutes per shift than Defendants credited them with having
10 worked. Specifically, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
11 California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages at the applicable minimum wage for all
12 hours worked due to Defendants’ policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited
13 to:

14 (a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
15 non-exempt employees to remain on-duty while off-the-clock during meal breaks.

16 15. Therefore, Defendants suffered, permitted, and required Plaintiff and other current
17 and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to be subject to Defendants’
18 control without paying wages for that time. This resulted in Plaintiff and other current and former
19 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees working time for which they were not
20 compensated any wages, in violation of Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 and the applicable
21 Wage Order.

22 16. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant’s
23 conduct above that gave rise to such violations was malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Defendant
24 would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

25 17. **Failure to pay wages for overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay**
26 **and/or failure to pay overtime wages at the proper rate of pay:** Defendants employed many of
27 their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt employees. In California, an employer
28 is required to pay hourly employees for all “hours worked,” which includes all time that an employee

1 is under control of the employer and all time the employee is suffered and permitted to work. This
2 includes the time an employee spends, either directly or indirectly, performing services that inure to
3 the benefit of the employer.’

4 18. Labor Code sections 510 and 1194 require an employer to compensate employees a
5 higher rate of pay for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday, in excess of forty (40)
6 hours in a workweek, and on any seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek:

7 Any work in excess of eight (8) hours in one workday, any work in excess of forty (40) hours
8 in any one (1) workweek, and the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of work in
9 any one (1) workweek, shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one-and-one-half
10 (1.5) times the regular rate of pay for an employee. Any work in excess of twelve (12) hours
11 in one (1) day shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay
12 for an employee. In addition, any work in excess of eight (8) hours on any seventh day of a
13 workweek shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay of an
14 employee.

15 Labor Code section 510.

16 19. In this case, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
17 California-based hourly non-exempt employees overtime wages for all overtime hours worked due
18 to Defendants’ policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to:

19 (a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
20 non-exempt employees to remain on-duty while off-the-clock during meal breaks.

21 20. Employee is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that
22 Employer’s conduct above that gave rise to such violations was malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive.
23 Defendant would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section
24 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

25 21. The foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in time during each
26 workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
27 employees were under the control of Defendants but were not compensated. To the extent that the
28 foregoing uncompensated time occurred when Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
California-based hourly non-exempt employees worked more than eight (8) hours in a workday,
more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, and/or seven (7) days in a workweek, Defendants failed
to pay them at their overtime rate of pay for overtime hours worked, in violation of Labor Code

sections 510, 1194 and 1198, and the applicable Wage Order.

22. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant meal periods and/or failure to pay period premium wages:** Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees regularly worked shifts of more than five (5) hours in length and shifts of more than ten (10) hours in length.

23. California law requires an employer to authorize or permit an employee an uninterrupted meal period of no less than thirty (30) minutes in which the employee is relieved of all duties and the employer relinquishes control over the employee's activities prior to the employee's sixth hour of work. Labor Code sections 226.7, 512, and 1198; Wage Order 4 at §11; *Brinker Rest. Corp. v. Super Ct. (Hohnbaum)* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1004. An employer may not employ an employee for a work period of more than ten (10) hours per day without providing the employee with a second such meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the eleventh hour of work. *Id.* If the employee is not relieved of all duty during a meal period, the meal period shall be considered an "on duty" meal period and counted as time worked. A paid "on duty" meal period is only permitted when: (1) the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved of all duty; and (2) the parties have a written agreement agreeing to on-duty meal periods.

24. If an employer fails to provide an employee a meal period in accordance with the law, the employer must pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a legally required and compliant meal period was not provided. Labor Code sections 226.7 and 1198; Wage Order 4 at §11.

25. In this case, Defendants failed to authorize or permit legally required and compliant meal periods to Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures, including but not limited to:

(a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to remain on-duty after clocking-out for their meal breaks resulting in Defendants' failure to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based

1 hourly non-exempt employees uninterrupted, duty-free meal breaks of at least 30 minutes for every
2 five hours worked; and/or

3 (b) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
4 hourly non-exempt employees with a second uninterrupted duty-free meal breaks of no less than
5 thirty (30) minutes for each workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
6 California-based hourly non-exempt employees work shifts over ten (10) hours.

7 26. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or
8 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
9 hourly non-exempt employees one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday that
10 Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees did
11 not receive legally required and compliant meal periods, in violation of Labor Code section 226.7.

12 27. Defendants' foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Plaintiff and
13 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees not receiving
14 wages to compensate them for workdays during which Defendants did not provide them with meal
15 periods in compliance with California law.

16 28. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant's
17 conduct above that gave rise to such violations was malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Defendant
18 would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

19 29. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that**
20 **Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant rest periods and/or failure to pay**
21 **rest period premium:** Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
22 non-exempt employees regularly worked shifts of more than three-and-a-half (3.5) hours.

23 30. California law requires every employer to authorize and permit an employee a rest
24 period of ten (10) net minutes for every four (4) hours worked or major fraction thereof. Labor Code
25 section 226.7; Wage Order 4 at §12. Under California law, "[e]mployees are entitled to 10 minutes'
26 rest for shifts from three and one-half to six hours in length, 20 minutes for shifts of more than six
27 hours up to 10 hours, 30 minutes for shifts of more than 10 hours up to 14 hours, and so on." *Brinker*
28 *Restaurant Corp. v. Sup. Ct. (Hohnbaum)* (2012) 53 Cal.4th 1004, 1029; Labor Code section 226.7;

1 Wage Order 4 at §12. Rest periods, insofar as practicable, shall be in the middle of each work period.
2 Wage Order 4 at §12. Additionally, the rest period requirement ““obligates employers to permit –
3 and authorizes employees to take – off-duty rest periods.” *Augustus v. ABM Security Services, Inc.*
4 (2016) 2 Cal.5th 257, 269. That is, during rest periods employers must relieve employees of all
5 duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time. *Id.*

6 31. If the employer fails to authorize or permit a required rest period, the employer must
7 pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of pay for each workday the
8 employer did not authorize or permit a legally required rest period. Labor Code section 226.7; Wage
9 Order 4 at § 12.

10 32. In this case, Defendants failed to authorize or permit all legally required and
11 compliant rest periods to Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
12 non-exempt employees due to Defendants’ policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not
13 limited to:

14 (a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
15 hourly non-exempt employees with a net ten (10) minute rest breaks for every four (4) hours worked
16 or major fraction thereof.

17 (b) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
18 hourly non-exempt employees with a third uninterrupted duty-free rest period of no less than ten
19 (10) net minutes on each workday that Plaintiff and similarly situated employees work shifts over
20 ten (10) hours.

21 33. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or
22 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
23 hourly non-exempt employees with one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each workday
24 they did not receive legally required and compliant rest periods, in violation of Labor Code section
25 226.7.

26 34. Defendants’ foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in Plaintiff and
27 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees not receiving
28 wages to compensate them for workdays in which Defendants did not provide them with rest periods

1 in compliance with California law.

2 35. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant's
3 conduct above that gave rise to such violations was malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Defendant
4 would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

5 36. **Failure to produce requested employment records:** An employer must afford
6 current and former employees the right to inspect or receive a copy of records pertaining to their
7 employment, upon reasonable request to the employer. Labor Code section 226(b). An employer
8 who receives a request to inspect or receive a copy of records pertaining to a current or former
9 employee must comply with the request as soon as practicable, but no later than twenty-one (21)
10 calendar days from the date of the request. Labor Code section 226(c). Additionally, every current
11 and former employee, or his or her representative, has the right to inspect and receive a copy of the
12 personnel records that the employer maintains relating to the employee's performance or to any
13 grievance concerning the employee. Labor Code section 1198.5(a). Upon written request from a
14 current or former employee or his or her representative, an employer must make the contents of
15 those personnel records available for inspection or provide a copy of the personnel records to the
16 current or former employee, or his or her representative, not later than thirty (30) calendar days from
17 the date the employer receives the written request, subject to some limited exceptions. Labor Code
18 §1198.5(b)(1). Failure to comply with these requests allows for a civil penalty seven hundred fifty
19 dollars (\$750), pursuant to Labor Code sections 1198.5(k) and 226(f).

20 37. On November 04, 2025, Plaintiff sent a written request through his counsel to
21 Defendants for his payroll records, timecards, and personnel records pursuant to Labor Code
22 sections 226 and 1198.5. However, Defendants failed to timely produce the requested employment
23 records, in violation of Labor Code sections 226 and 1198.5. Defendants have not produced any of
24 the requested employment records as of the date of this Complaint.

25 38. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that other similarly situated
26 employees also sent written requests for their employment records, but Defendants failed to timely
27 produce the required and requested records, in violation of Labor Code sections 226 and 1198.5.

28 39. Plaintiff also believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive.

1 Employer would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section
2 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

3 40. **Failure to Indemnify for Losses and Expenditures Incurred as Part of**
4 **Employment:** California law requires that every employer must indemnify its employees for all
5 necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in discharge of his or her duties or at the
6 obedience of the directions of the employer. Moreover, an employer is prohibited from passing the
7 ordinary business expenses and losses of the employer onto the employee. (Lab. Code, § 2802.)

8 41. Defendants have violated Labor Code Section 2802 by failing to indemnify Plaintiff
9 and other current and former aggrieved California-based non-exempt hourly employees' necessary
10 expenditures they incurred in the discharge of their duties. Specifically, Defendants employed
11 policies, practices, and/or procedures included, but not limited to:

12 (a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
13 non-exempt employees the use of their personal cell phone (including both telephone use and
14 cellular data use) for work-related purposes - without reimbursing Plaintiff and similarly situated
15 employees for such use.

16 42. Moreover, Defendants employed policies and procedures which ensured Plaintiff and
17 aggrieved employees would not receive indemnification for their employment related expenses.
18 This practice resulted in Plaintiff and aggrieved employees not receiving such indemnification in
19 compliance with California law.

20 43. Therefore, Defendants are liable to Plaintiff and aggrieved employees for their
21 employment related expenses, including but not limited to costs related to use of their personal cell
22 phones and costs associated with their uniforms pursuant to Labor Code section 2802.

23 44. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant's
24 conduct above that gave rise to such violations was malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Defendant
25 would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

26 45. **Failure to timely pay earned wages during employment:** In California, wages
27 must be paid at least twice during each calendar month on days designated in advance by the
28 employer as regular paydays, subject to some exceptions. Labor Code section 204(a). Wages earned

1 between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of any calendar month must be paid between the 16th and
2 the 26th day of that month and wages earned between the 16th and the last day, inclusive, of any
3 calendar month must be paid between the 1st and 10th day of the following month. *Id.* Other payroll
4 periods such as those that are weekly, biweekly, or semimonthly, must be paid within seven (7)
5 calendar days following the close of the payroll period in which wages were earned. Labor Code
6 section 204(d).

7 46. As a derivative of Plaintiff's claims above, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants failed to
8 timely pay Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
9 employees' earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages
10 and/or rest period premium wages), in violation of Labor Code section 204. Defendants'
11 aforementioned policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in their failure to pay Plaintiff's and
12 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' their earned
13 wages within the applicable time frames outlined in Labor Code section 204.

14 47. Plaintiff also believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive.
15 Defendant would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section
16 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

17 48. **Secret payment of lower wages than designated by statute:** Labor Code section
18 223 provides that, where any statute or contract requires an employer to maintain the designated
19 wage scale, it shall be unlawful to secretly pay a lower wage while purporting to pay the wage
20 designated by statute or contract. By engaging in the unlawful conduct alleged herein, including by
21 failing to: pay overtime wages at the applicable legal overtime rate, meal break premiums and lawful
22 sick pay at the employees' regular rate of pay, as established by Labor Code sections 226.7, 246,
23 510, 1194 and sections 11 and 12 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, as incorporated by Labor
24 Code section 1198, the Defendant secretly paid a lower wage than designated by statute while
25 purporting to pay the wages designated by statute, in violation of Labor Code section 223.

26 49. Plaintiff also believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive.
27 Defendant would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section
28 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

1 **50. Failure to Establish, Implement, and Maintain a Workplace Violence and**
2 **Injury Prevention Program in Compliance with Labor Code Sections 6401.7 and 6401.9:**

3 California Labor Code Section 6401.7 requires every employer to establish, implement, and
4 maintain an effective injury prevention program. California Labor Code Section 6401.9 requires
5 California employers to adopt a comprehensive Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP), train
6 employees on workplace violence, log safety incidents, and conduct periodic inspections to evaluate
7 workplace violence hazards.

8 Plaintiff alleges that Defendant did not comply with Defendant's responsibilities and duties
9 under Labor Code sections 6401.7 and 6401.9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges
10 that Defendant (1) failed to establish, implement, and maintain an effective injury prevention
11 program; (2) failed to adopt a compliant Workplace Violence Prevention Plan; (3); failed to train
12 Employee and other aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees in workplace
13 violence and injury prevention; (4) failed to log safety incidents; and (5) failed to conduct compliant
14 periodic inspections. Plaintiff believes these failures were willful and intentional. Plaintiff also
15 believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive. Defendant would further be liable
16 for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

17 **51. Failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements:** Labor Code section
18 226, subdivision (a). Labor Code section 226(a) provides, *inter alia*, that, upon paying an employee
19 his or her wages, the employer must "furnish each of his or her employees ... an itemized statement
20 in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any
21 employee whose compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of
22 overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the Industrial Welfare
23 Commission, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee
24 is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided, that all deductions made on written orders
25 of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive
26 dates of the pay period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and his or her
27 social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all
28 applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours

1 worked at each hourly rate by the employee.”

2 52. As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, Defendants’ failure to pay Plaintiff
3 and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages
4 earned (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and/or rest period
5 premium wages) rendered Plaintiff’s and other current and former aggrieved California-based
6 hourly non-exempt employees’ wage statements inaccurate, in violation of Labor Code section
7 226(a)(1, 2, 5 & 9).

8 53. Plaintiff believes these failures were willful and intentional.

9 54. Plaintiff also believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive.
10 Defendant would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section
11 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

12 55. **Failure to pay employees all wages due at time of termination/resignation:** An
13 employer is required to pay all unpaid wages timely after an employee’s employment ends. The
14 wages are due immediately upon termination (Labor Code section 201) or within seventy-two (72)
15 hours of resignation (Labor Code section 202).

16 56. As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, because Defendants failed to pay
17 Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all
18 their earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages,
19 and/or rest period premium wages), Defendants failed to pay those employees timely after each
20 employee’s termination and/or resignation, in violation of Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203.

21 57. Plaintiff believes these failures were willful and intentional.

22 58. Plaintiff also believes these failures were malicious, fraudulent, or oppressive.
23 Employer would further be liable for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section
24 2699(f)(2)(B)(ii).

25 59. Labor Code sections 2699, subdivisions (a) and (g) authorize an aggrieved employee,
26 on behalf of himself or herself and other current or former employees, to bring a civil action to
27 recover civil penalties against all Defendants pursuant to the procedures specified in Labor Code
28 section 2699.3.

1 60. Plaintiff has complied with the procedures for bringing suit specified in Labor Code
2 section 2699.3. On May 08, 2026, Plaintiff filed a PAGA Claim Notice with the LWDA and
3 provided notice to Defendants by certified mail which provided notice of the specific provisions of
4 the Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the
5 violations alleged.

6 61. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, the LWDA must give written notice by
7 certified mail to the parties that it intends to investigate the alleged violations of the Labor Code
8 within 60 days of the date of the complainant's written notice. The LWDA failed to provide the
9 parties notice within 60 days of the date of Plaintiff's PAGA Claim Notice that the LWDA intends
10 to investigate Plaintiff's claims.

11 62. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 2699(a) and (f), Plaintiff is entitled to recover civil
12 penalties for Defendants' violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 223, 226(a), 226.7,
13 510, 512, 1194, 6401.7 and 6401.9: During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the
14 present, preceding Plaintiff sending the initial PAGA Claim Notice to the LWDA to the present, in
15 the following amounts:

16 a. For violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 226(a), 226.7, 1198, and
17 2802; one hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation
18 and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent
19 violation [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)].

20 b. For violations of Labor Code section 226(a), alternatively, two hundred fifty
21 dollars (\$250) for each employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each
22 subsequent violation, one thousand dollars (\$1000) for each underpaid employee for each pay period
23 [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 226.3].

24 c. For violations of Labor Code section 510 and 512, fifty dollars (\$50) for each
25 employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, one
26 hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid employee for each pay period [penalty amounts
27 established by Labor Code section 558].

28 d. For violations of Labor Code section 204, one hundred dollars (\$100) for

1 each failure to pay each employee in any initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, or any
2 willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee,
3 plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld [penalty amounts established by Labor Code
4 section 210].

5 e. For violations of Labor Code section 223, one hundred dollars (\$100) for
6 each failure to pay each employee in any initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, or any
7 willful or intentional violation, two hundred dollars (\$200) for each failure to pay each employee,
8 plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld [penalty amounts established by Labor Code
9 section 225.5].

10 63. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699(g), Plaintiff is entitled to an award of
11 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in connection with his claims for civil penalties.

12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 **WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF, ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND ON OTHER AGGRIEVED**
14 **EMPLOYEES, PRAYS AS FOLLOWS:**

15 **ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:**

16 1. That Defendants be found to have violated the provisions of the Labor Code and the
17 IWC Wages Orders as to the Plaintiff and aggrieved employees;

18 2. For any and all legally applicable penalties during the relevant statute of limitations
19 subject to any permissible tolling, including but not limited to those recoverable under the California
20 Labor Code, including but not limited to sections 210, 225.5, 226.3, 558, 2699(f);

21 3. For attorneys' fees and costs of suit, including but not limited to those recoverable
22 under California Labor Code section 2699(g); and

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1 4. For such and other further relief, in law and/or equity, as the Court deems just or
2 appropriate.

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4 Dated: July 13, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
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