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

WILLIE GARDNER and EVANN D CHASE,
individuals, on behalf of themselves and others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

FORUM ENTERTAINMENT LLC, a Delaware
limited liability company; KIA FORUM, a
California business entity of unknown form; and
DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 26STCV18018

CLASS ACTION**Assigned for All Purposes To:**

Hon. Carolyn Kuhl

Dept.: 12

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT FOR:**

1. Failure to Pay Minimum Wages;
2. Failure to Pay Wages and Overtime Under Labor Code § 510;
3. Failure to Pay Reporting Time;
4. Failure to Provide Meal Periods Under Labor Code § 226.7;
5. Failure To Authorize and Permit Rest Periods Under Labor Code § 226.7;
6. Failure To Timely Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements Under Labor Code § 226;
7. Violation of Labor Code § 204;
8. Violation of Labor Code § 203;
9. Illegal Wage Deductions Under Labor Code § 221;
10. Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses under Labor Code § 2802;
11. Violation of Business & Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*;
12. Penalties Under PAGA Labor Code § 2698

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Complaint Filed: June 5, 2026

Trial Date: None Set

Plaintiffs WILLIE GARDNER and EVANN D CHASE (hereinafter “Plaintiffs”), on behalf of themselves and other similarly situated non-exempt employees employed by Defendants within the state of California during the relevant time period (collectively, “Employees”; individually, “Employee”), hereby file this Complaint asserting class and individual claims against Defendants FORUM ENTERTAINMENT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; KIA FORUM, a California business entity of unknown form; and DOES 1 to 50 (collectively referred to as “Defendants”). Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on the basis of that information and belief, alleges as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. This is a civil action seeking recovery for Defendants’ violations of the California Labor Code, California Business and Professions Code, the applicable Wage Orders issued by the California Industrial Welfare Commission (the “IWC Wage Orders”) and related common law principles.

2. Plaintiffs' action seeks damages including full restitution from Defendants as a result of Defendants' unlawful, fraudulent, and/or unfair business practices.

3. The acts complained of herein occurred, occur and will occur, at least in part, within the time period from four years preceding the filing of the original Complaint herein, up to and through the time of trial for this matter (although this should not automatically be considered the statute of limitations for any cause of action herein).

4. For introductory and general information only (and not to be considered a proposed class definition), the relevant individuals in this action are Defendants' non-exempt employees in California who were subjected to Defendants' policies and practices as described herein. Any differences in job activities between the different individuals in these positions and locations were and are legally insignificant to the class-wide issues presented by this action.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiffs are individuals over the age of 18 and is now and/or at all times mentioned in this Complaint was a citizen of the State of California.

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1 6. Plaintiff GARDNER worked for Defendants as a Crew Member from on or around
2 January 2014 through November 2025, performing his job duties at Defendants' behest in Los
3 Angeles County.

4 7. Plaintiff CHASE worked for Defendants as an Operations Crew Member from on or
5 around 2023 through September 2025, and as an Operations Lead from September 2025 through
6 July 2026, performing his job duties at Defendants' behest in Los Angeles County.

7 8. Plaintiffs seek recovery herein from Defendants because with regard to Plaintiffs,
8 while acting for Defendants in their capacity as hourly, non-exempt Crew Members, Operations
9 Crew Members, and Operations Leads, Defendants have:

- 10 a. Failed to pay minimum wages;
- 11 b. Failed to pay wages and overtime;
- 12 c. Failed to pay reporting time;
- 13 d. Failed to authorize and permit meal periods;
- 14 e. Failed to authorize and permit rest periods;
- 15 f. Failed to timely furnish accurate itemized wage statements;
- 16 g. Violated Labor Code § 204;
- 17 h. Violated Labor Code § 203;
- 18 i. Taken illegal wage deductions under Labor Code § 221;
- 19 j. Failed to reimburse necessary business expenses; and
- 20 k. Conducted unfair business practices.

21 9. Defendant FORUM ENTERTAINMENT LLC is a Delaware limited liability
22 company that lists its principal address as 3900 West Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, California
23 90305 with the California Secretary of State. It lists its type of business as Live Events and
24 Entertainment. Furthermore, "FORUM ENTERTAINMENT LLC." is listed as the employer in
25 paystubs issued to Plaintiffs by Defendant. Additionally, the paystubs list the address as the one
26 registered with the California Secretary of State. Moreover, Plaintiffs were required to report to
27 Defendants' jobsite located at the address registered with the California Secretary of State.

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1 10. Defendant KIA FORUM is a California business entity that operated the Kia Forum
2 arena in Los Angeles County, California, where Plaintiffs reported to work. Upon information and
3 belief, KIA FORUM is affiliated with, related to, and/or operates in conjunction with Defendant
4 FORUM ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Further, according to its own website, Defendant KIA FORUM
5 publicly lists its principal address as the same address listed for Defendant FORUM
6 ENTERTAINMENT LLC with the California Secretary of State.

7 11. DOES 1 to 50, inclusive are now and/or at all times mentioned in this Complaint
8 were licensed to do business and/or actually doing business in California. Plaintiffs do not know the
9 true names or capacities, whether individual, partner or corporate, of DOES 1 to 50, inclusive and
10 for that reason, Does 1 to 50 are sued under such fictitious names under California Code of Civil
11 Procedure § 474. Plaintiffs will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to allege such names
12 and capacities as soon as they are ascertained.

13 12. Defendants, and each of them, are now and/or at all times mentioned in this
14 Complaint were in some manner legally responsible for the events, happenings, and circumstances
15 alleged in this Complaint. Defendants, and each of them, directly or indirectly, or through an agent
16 or any other person, employed or exercised control over the wages, hours, or working conditions of
17 Plaintiffs and, upon information and belief, the class members.

18 13. Defendants, and each of them, proximately subjected Plaintiffs to the unlawful
19 practices, wrongs, complaints, injuries, and/or damages alleged in this Complaint.

20 14. Defendants, and each of them, are now and/or at all times mentioned in this
21 Complaint were the agents, servants, and/or employees of some or all other Defendants, and vice-
22 versa, and in doing the things alleged in this Complaint, Defendants are now and/or at all times
23 mentioned in this Complaint were acting within the course and scope of that agency, servitude,
24 and/or employment.

25 15. Defendants, and each of them, are now and/or at all times mentioned in this
26 Complaint were members of and/or engaged in a joint venture, partnership, and common enterprise,
27 and were acting within the course and scope and in pursuance of said joint venture, partnership, and
28 common enterprise.

16. Defendants, and each of them, at all times mentioned in this Complaint concurred and contributed to the various acts and omissions of each and every one of the other Defendants in proximately causing the complaints, injuries, and/or damages alleged in this Complaint.

17. Defendants, and each of them, at all times mentioned in this Complaint approved of, condoned and/or otherwise ratified each and every one of the acts and/or omissions alleged herein.

18. Defendants, and each of them, at all times mentioned in this Complaint aided and abetted the acts and omissions of each and every one of the other Defendants thereby proximately causing the damages alleged in this Complaint.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

19. The California Superior Court has jurisdiction in this matter due to Defendants' aforementioned violations of California statutory law and/or related common law principles.

20. The California Superior Court also has jurisdiction in this matter because both the individual and aggregate monetary damages and restitution sought herein exceed the minimal jurisdictional limits of the Superior Court and will be established at trial, according to proof.

21. The California Superior Court also has jurisdiction in this matter because during their employment with Defendants, Plaintiffs and the members of the putative Classes herein were all California citizens and Defendant FORUM ENTERTAINMENT LLC is a Delaware limited liability company that operates in California. Further, there is no federal question at issue, as the issues herein are based solely on California statutes and law.

22. Venue is proper in Los Angeles County under Code of Civil Procedure §§ 395(a) and 395.5, in that liability arose there because at least some of the transactions that are the subject matter of this Complaint occurred therein and/or each Defendant either is found, maintains offices, transacts business, and/or has an agent therein.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

23. During Plaintiffs' employment with Defendants, they worked as Crew Members at Defendants' job site in Los Angeles County. Plaintiffs' job duties included constructing and dismantling stages, building risers and platforms, operating forklifts and other material-handling equipment, loading and unloading trucks, transporting equipment and materials across the venue,

1 and performing general event setups and breakdowns. Plaintiff CHASE was eventually promoted to
2 the role of Operations Lead, in which he also had delegation authority.

3 24. Plaintiff GARDNER was generally scheduled to work 24 to 35 hours per week, and
4 between one to five shifts per week. Plaintiff Gardner's scheduled hours were generally from 09:00
5 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. and/or 03:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

6 25. Plaintiff CHASE was generally scheduled to work 35 hours per week, and between
7 four to five shifts per week. Plaintiff CHASE's scheduled hours were generally from 09:00 a.m. to
8 03:00 p.m. and/or 03:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

9 26. However, both Plaintiffs were required by Defendants to endure substantial off-the-
10 clock work before and after their scheduled shift hours, and during their meal breaks, and were not
11 paid for all their hours worked at the regular rate and at the correct overtime rates.

12 27. More specifically, with regard to Plaintiffs and the Class Members, Defendants have
13 committed the following violations:

14 a. **Failure to pay minimum wages.** Defendants' policy and practice of requiring
15 systematic off-the-clock work flowed in part from Defendants' unlawful timekeeping policies and
16 procedures. Defendants required timekeeping entries to be inputted by Employees through a
17 timeclock. Prior to clocking in for the start of his shift, Plaintiff GARDNER was required to undergo
18 mandatory COVID-19 medical screenings, which took approximately two to five minutes to
19 complete. Both Plaintiffs were required to undergo mandatory security screenings prior to clocking
20 in, which took an additional five to ten minutes. Following these screenings, Plaintiff GARDNER
21 was required to walk approximately three minutes from the entrance to timeclock located in the tool
22 room, while Plaintiff CHASE was required to walk approximately two or three minutes to the break
23 room located in the back of the facility to clock in for the start of their shifts. Upon arriving their
24 respective timeclocks, both Plaintiffs were required to wait for other employees to clock in before
25 they were permitted to clock in for the start of their shifts. During all such times, Plaintiffs were
26 subject to Defendants' control and direction, yet were not compensated for this time.

27 Additionally, Plaintiffs did not regularly receive legally compliant meal periods because they
28 were required to work through them without compensation. Plaintiffs performed work both within

1 a warehouse located at the arena or at an outdoor worksite located in the surrounding parking area.
2 Because the time clocks was located within the facility, Plaintiffs were required to spend several
3 minutes walking to and from either the warehouse or outdoor worksite and the time clock during
4 their meal periods. Nevertheless, Defendants required Plaintiffs to return from their meal periods
5 and clock-in by the thirtieth minute mark, which substantially reduced the amount of time available
6 for Plaintiffs to take an uninterrupted, duty-free meal period.

7 Further, due to chronic understaffing and Defendants' rigorous work demands, Plaintiffs
8 were frequently required to work through their meal periods without being compensated for such
9 time. Moreover, Plaintiffs were required to use their personal cell phones in the performance of their
10 required job duties, such as communicating with management regarding work related activities.
11 Plaintiffs regularly conducted work activities off-the-clock and while under Defendants' control
12 without compensation.

13 Defendants also maintained unlawful timekeeping practices, including rounding and shaving
14 Plaintiffs' time records to show underreported work time. Upon information and belief, Defendants
15 would edit Plaintiffs time records to create the appearance of facially compliant meal periods despite
16 Plaintiffs experiencing missed, interrupted, shortened, or interrupted meal periods.

17 Thus, Plaintiffs worked more hours than they were scheduled and paid for, including hours
18 during their meal and rest breaks. Upon information and belief, other Employees of the Class were
19 subjected to the same unlawful policies and practices which Defendants uniformly applied and
20 implemented throughout the relevant period.

21 **b. Failure to pay wages and overtime.** Overtime hours were generally not
22 allowed, but Plaintiffs and the Class Members were often compelled to work many regular and
23 overtime hours off-the-clock and without compensation. Plaintiffs were therefore not paid for all
24 his hours worked at the required minimum, overtime, and double time wage rates due to Defendants'
25 uniformly applied and unlawful policy and practice of requiring him to work off the clock and
26 without pay. Defendants systematically miscalculated the underlying regular rate for overtime and
27 underpaid Plaintiffs and the Class Members by failing to include all forms of remuneration,
28 including, but not limited to, "Profit Sharing," received in the regular rate and neglecting to pay

1 them at the required overtime rates for all hours over eight in a work shift or over forty in a work
2 week, and all hours over twelve in a day at the required double time rate.

3 Therefore, from at least four years prior to the filing of this lawsuit and continuing to the
4 present, Defendants had a consistent policy or practice of failing to pay Employees for all hours
5 worked and failing to pay minimum wages for all time worked. Also, from at least four years prior
6 to the filing of this lawsuit and continuing to the present, Defendants had a consistent policy or
7 practice of failing to pay Employees overtime compensation at premium overtime rates for all hours
8 worked in excess of eight hours a day and/or forty hours a week and double-time rates for all hours
9 worked in excess of twelve hours a day, in violation of Labor Code § 510 and the corresponding
10 sections of IWC Wage Orders.

11 To the extent Defendants paid any overtime premium wages for any hours worked by
12 Plaintiffs and the Class members, they failed to begin paying it when owed due to the off-the-clock
13 work during pre-shift and during meal periods. Additionally, to the extent Defendants paid bonuses
14 or any other form of additional remuneration beyond hourly rates, they failed to include these
15 amounts in the regular rate used to calculate and pay Plaintiffs and the Class members the overtime
16 hours Defendants did pay.

17 **c. Failure to pay reporting time.** Defendants also failed to pay reporting time pay
18 to Plaintiffs and Class members. Plaintiffs occasionally reported to work on their scheduled shifts
19 and completed their work assignment in under two hours, and were immediately sent home and
20 Defendants did not compensate them for their entire regularly scheduled shift times. Defendants
21 failed to pay Employees in such instances for half of their usual or scheduled day's work, at the
22 correct regular rate of pay.

23 **d. Failure to authorize and permit meal periods.** Defendants failed to provide
24 Plaintiffs and the Class Members with all legally required unpaid, off-duty meal periods, in violation
25 of the applicable Wage Orders and the Labor Code. At all relevant times, Defendants did not have
26 a policy or practice which provided or recorded all the legally required unpaid, off-duty meal periods
27 or which authorized and permitted all legally required paid, off-duty meal periods to Plaintiffs and
28 the Class Members.

1 Plaintiffs and the Class Members were non-exempt employees who regularly worked
2 shifts in excess of five (5) hours and, on many occasions, shifts exceeding ten (10) hours. Despite
3 this, they were often required to do so without receiving a lawful and timely meal break or were
4 required to take shortened meal and rest breaks, or none at all, in order to keep up with work
5 demands and job duties and job requirements and pressure placed upon them by Defendants'
6 management to meet certain quotas. More specifically, Defendants required Plaintiffs and the Class
7 Members to perform off-the-clock work in a manner that would impact their timing and ability to
8 take meal periods, including requiring them to respond to work-related calls, inquiries, and other
9 demands during breaks. These practices resulted in further meal period violations.

10 Additionally, Defendants' managers would interrupt Plaintiffs and the Class Members
11 during their meal periods and compel them to complete work tasks. To whatever extent there was
12 ever a schedule for meal periods, it went by the wayside quickly as there always seemed to be
13 management and work demands to attend to. This led to systematically late, interrupted, shortened,
14 missed, or on-duty meal periods. The excessive workloads, management expectations, and constant
15 job demands also contributed to Plaintiffs and the Class Members working through meal periods or
16 not taking them or taking them late so work could be accomplished or they were required to remain
17 under Defendants' control during meal periods. Upon information and belief, to whatever extent
18 Defendants attempt to rely upon alleged meal period waivers, they were either unenforceable and
19 invalid or were otherwise not agreed to by Plaintiffs and the Class members.

20 Therefore, Defendants maintained policies and procedures that resulted in systematic
21 meal period violations throughout Plaintiffs' employment. Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs
22 and the Class Members with all legally required off-duty, unpaid meal periods when they worked
23 shifts of more than five hours and/or failed to pay meal period penalties for missed meal periods, as
24 required by the applicable Wage Order(s) and Labor Code. Upon information and belief, the other
25 Class Members were subjected to similar unlawful policies and practices and endured similar
26 violations as Plaintiffs at Defendants' hands.

27 For at least four years prior to the filing of this action and continuing through to the
28 present, Plaintiffs and the Class Members were unable to take off duty meal breaks or were

1 otherwise not provided with the opportunity to take required breaks as required under the Labor
2 Code and Wage Orders due to Defendants' policies and practices. On the occasions when Plaintiffs
3 and the Class Members were provided with a meal period, it was often untimely, interrupted, or
4 impermissibly shortened, and Employees were not provided with one hour's wages in lieu thereof.
5 Additionally, Defendants also failed to pay Employees "premium pay," i.e., one hour of wages at
6 each Employee's effective regular rate of compensation for each meal period that Defendants failed
7 to provide or deficiently provided. To the extent Defendants paid any meal period premiums to
8 Employees, they failed to include all forms of remuneration in the hourly rate at which the premiums
9 were paid.

10 **e. Failure to authorize and permit rest periods.** Defendants failed to authorize
11 and permit Plaintiffs and the Class Members to take duty-free, net ten minute rest breaks for every
12 four hours of shift work, or major fraction thereof. Plaintiffs and the other similarly situated Class
13 Members were either not authorized permitted the opportunity to take a rest break or were required
14 to remain under Defendants' control and respond to calls and instructions from management and
15 job demands if and when they even attempted to take one. Upon information and belief, Defendants
16 thus also failed to authorize and permit employees to leave the premises during rest breaks,
17 evidencing Defendants' policy and practice of requiring Plaintiffs and the Class Members to remain
18 under their control during required off-duty rest break times.

19 Rest breaks were not scheduled, and during Plaintiffs' entire employment with
20 Defendants, Plaintiffs were permitted to take their rest breaks only when an unlikely break in their
21 work demands presented an opportunity. Therefore, Plaintiffs frequently had to skip out on their
22 legally entitled rest breaks to prioritize work tasks or cut rest breaks short or take them late to comply
23 with management and job demands, despite being entitled to receive at least two paid, timely,
24 uninterrupted, and duty-free ten minute rest breaks during each of his work shifts.

25 Defendants' uniformly applied policies and practices thus resulted in untimely and
26 shortened or on-duty rest breaks if and when Plaintiffs attempted to take one. Plaintiffs and the Class
27 Members worked shifts of at least eight hours, which required at least two rest breaks, and
28 consistently worked shifts over ten hours, which required at least three rest breaks. Even on the

1 occasions when Defendants authorized and permitted Plaintiffs to take a first rest break, they were
2 often forced to skip out on a second and/or a third break, and those that were provided were often
3 late and generally interrupted by job duties and requirements.

4 During rest periods, employers must relieve employees of all duties and relinquish
5 control over how employees spend their time. Plaintiffs and the Class Members were and are under
6 Defendants' control when they are working through rest breaks and are unable to use their rest break
7 time as they saw fit. Defendants failed to provide rest breaks, but in the event that Plaintiffs
8 attempted to take one, the rest breaks were either impermissibly shortened or untimely meal and rest
9 breaks to Plaintiffs and the Class Members. Plaintiffs and the Employees in the Class were thus not
10 authorized and permitted to take lawful rest periods, were systematically required by Defendants to
11 work through or during breaks, and were not provided with one hour's wages in lieu thereof. They
12 were required to remain on-duty during breaks or portions of their breaks, thus making rest breaks
13 either untimely or shortened and on-duty, and they were also prevented from leaving the premises
14 and otherwise were required to remain under Defendants' control during rest breaks under
15 Defendants' uniformly applied policies and practices. Defendants also failed to pay Employees
16 "premium pay," i.e., one hour of wages at each Employee's effective regular rate for rest break
17 violations.

18 **f. Failure to timely furnish accurate itemized wage statements.** Defendants have
19 consistently failed to provide Plaintiffs and the Class Members with timely, accurate, and itemized
20 wage statements, in writing, as required by California wage-and-hour laws. More specifically,
21 Defendants also failed to provide Plaintiffs and the Class Members with complete and accurate wage
22 statements, as those provided failed to show, among other things, the correct wages owed for time
23 worked, including, allocation of lawfully required, paid, and off-duty rest periods. California Labor
24 Code § 226 provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees with an accurate
25 itemized wage statement in writing showing, among other things, gross wages earned and all
26 applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked
27 at each hourly rate. The wage statements Defendants provided to Plaintiffs and the Class Members
28 failed to list or to accurately list the wage rates or the hours worked at those rates during the pay

1 period which led to the calculated pay listed by Defendants without any further detail. In addition
2 to derivative violations, Defendants also committed facial violations of Labor Code § 226 by
3 providing wage statements to Class Members that failed to show or otherwise list and comply with
4 the specific requirements of Labor Code §§ 226(a)(1) through 226(a)(9).

5 Defendants have thus also failed to comply with Labor Code § 226(a) by inaccurately
6 reporting total hours worked and total wages earned by Plaintiffs and the Class Members, along
7 with the appropriate applicable rates, among other requirements. Defendants have also failed to
8 comply with paragraph 7 of the applicable California IWC Wage Orders by failing to maintain time
9 records showing when the employee begins and ends each work period, meal periods, and wages
10 earned pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7, and total daily hours worked by itemizing in wage
11 statements all deductions from payment of wages and accurately reporting total hours worked.

12 **g. Violation of Labor Code § 204.** Defendants required Plaintiffs and the Class
13 Members to work off-the-clock without proper compensation, including time worked after clocking
14 out of shifts or during meal, rest, and recovery periods, thereby resulting in unlawful on-duty meal
15 and rest periods. Defendants also failed to pay all overtime premium wages owed for work
16 performed during a work shift and a workweek, as alleged above. As a result, Defendants maintained
17 a uniform and consistent policy and practice of failing to timely pay all wages owed to Plaintiffs
18 and Class Members, in violation of California wage-and-hour laws, including Labor Code § 204.

19 **h. Violation of Labor Code § 203.** Defendants have followed a uniform and
20 consistent policy of failing to pay all wages owed to Plaintiffs and other similarly situated
21 Employees at the time of their termination or within seventy-two (72) hours of their resignation, as
22 required by California wage-and-hour laws. In view of the above addressed violations, Defendants
23 have also failed to pay all wages owed to Plaintiffs and the Class members at termination in
24 accordance with the requirements of Labor Code § 201-203.

25 **i. Illegal wage deductions under Labor Code § 221.** Defendants have
26 consistently violated Labor Code § 221 by unlawfully collecting or deducting the Employees'
27 earned wages, including by the above described off-the-clock work and other wage violations,
28 including requiring on-duty work during unpaid meal breaks. Defendants have consistently and

1 unlawfully collected or received wages from Employees by not compensating Plaintiffs and the
2 Class Members for all hours worked, including on-duty meal periods they were required to endure
3 under Defendants' policies and practices. Defendants thus unlawfully deducted wages earned by
4 and owed to Plaintiffs and the Class members, in violation of Labor Code § 221.

5 **j. Failure to reimburse necessary business expenses.** From at least four years
6 prior to the filing of this lawsuit and continuing to the present, Defendants have regularly required
7 Plaintiffs and the Class Members to incur necessary business expenses in the course of performing
8 their required job duties without reimbursement. These expenses included the use of personal cell
9 phones for work-related activities, such as communications with management, as required by
10 Defendants. Plaintiffs and the Class Members were also required to clean and maintain their
11 company uniforms. Plaintiffs' wage statements do not reflect reimbursements for these and other
12 such necessary business expenses. Defendants were required to reimburse Plaintiffs and the Class
13 Members for all necessary work related expenditures pursuant to Labor Code § 2802, but they
14 systematically failed to do so.

15 **k. Violation of Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq.** Through their
16 violations of the Labor Code and other unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent practices alleged in this
17 Complaint, Defendants have obtained and enjoyed benefits at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Class
18 Members. Thus, Plaintiffs and the Class Members seek injunctive relief, restitution, and
19 disgorgement of all such benefits pursuant to Business and Professions Code §§ 17200-17208.

20 28. In light of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the Employees in the Class bring this action
21 pursuant to, *inter alia*, Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.4,
22 226.7, 510, 511, 512, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1185, 1194, 1194.2 1197, 1198, 1198.5,
23 1199, and 2802, Business & Professions Code § 17200 et seq., and California Code of Regulations,
24 Title 8, section 11000 et seq.

25 29. As the employers of Employees, Defendants, and each of them, exercised control
26 over the wages, hours or working conditions of Employees, created and implemented the policies
27 and practices that governed the employment of Plaintiffs and the Class Members and dictated their
28 job duties and responsibilities, or otherwise suffered or permitted Plaintiffs and the other Employee

1 Class Members to work, or engaged them, thereby creating a common law employment relationship
2 with the Employee Class Members. Therefore, Defendants, and each of them, employed or jointly
3 employed the Employee Class Members.

4 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

5 30. Code of Civil Procedure § 382 provides in pertinent part, “[W]hen the question is
6 one of a common or general interest, of many persons, or when the parties are numerous, and it is
7 impracticable to bring them all before the court, one or more may sue or defend for the benefit of
8 all.” Plaintiffs brings this suit as a class action under Code of Civil Procedure § 382.

9 31. Plaintiffs seeks to represent a Class (or “the Class” or “Class Members”) defined as
10 follows: “All individuals employed by Defendants at any time during the period of four (4) years
11 prior to the filing of this lawsuit and ending on a date as determined by the Court (“the Class
12 Period”), and who have been employed as non-exempt employees within the State of California.”
13 This includes those employed as crew members, operations leads, and in various related positions
14 in the field and in Defendants’ locations, other employees providing similar services, and those in
15 similar and related positions. Further, Plaintiffs will seek to represent and certify the putative Classes
16 currently composed of and defined as follows:

17 a. Class 1. Minimum Wages Class. All Class members who were subjected to
18 Defendants’ policies and practices regarding the payment of minimum wages as specifically
19 described herein.

20 b. Class 2. Overtime Class. All Class members who were subjected to
21 Defendants’ policies and practices regarding the payment of overtime wages as specifically
22 described herein.

23 c. Class 3. Reporting Time Pay Class. All Class members who were not
24 compensated for reporting time pay.

25 d. Class 4. Meal Period Class. All Class members who were subjected to
26 Defendants’ policies and practices regarding meal periods as specifically described herein

27 e. Class 5. Rest Period Class. All Class members who were subjected to
28 Defendants’ policies and practices regarding paid rest periods as specifically described herein.

1 f. Class 6. Wage Statement Class. All Class members who were subjected to
2 Defendants' policies and practices regarding itemized wage statements as specifically described
3 herein.

4 g. Class 7. Failure to Timely Pay Class. All Class members who were subject to
5 Defendants' policy and practice of not timely paying all wages earned when they were due and
6 payable at least twice monthly.

7 h. Class 8. Termination Pay Class. All Class members who, within the applicable
8 limitations period, either voluntarily or involuntarily separated from their employment and were
9 subject to Defendants' policy and/or practice of failing to timely pay wages upon termination.

10 i. Class 9. Unauthorized Deductions from Wages Class. All Class members who
11 were subjected to Defendants' policies and practices regarding wage deductions as specifically
12 described herein.

13 j. Class 10. Expense Reimbursement Class. All Class members who were
14 subjected to Defendants' policies and practices regarding business expense reimbursement as
15 specifically described herein.

16 k. Class 11. UCL Class. All Class members who are owed restitution as a result
17 of Defendants' business acts and practices, to the extent such acts and practices are found to be
18 unlawful, deceptive, and/or unfair.

19 32. **The Minimum Wage Class, Overtime Class, Reporting Time Pay, Meal Period**
20 **Class, Rest Period Class, Wage Statement Class, Failure to Timely Pay Class, Termination**
21 **Pay Class, Unauthorized Deductions from Wages Class, Expense Reimbursement Class, and**
22 **UCL Class** are herein collectively referred to as the "Classes."

23 33. Plaintiffs reserve the right under California Rule of Court 3.765 to amend or modify
24 the class descriptions with greater particularity or to provide further division into subclasses or
25 limitation to particular issues. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the Class
26 against Defendants, the Class Period should be adjusted accordingly.

27 34. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action under
28 the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure § 382 because there is a well-defined community of

1 interest in this litigation and the proposed Classes are easily ascertainable from the employment
2 records for Plaintiffs and the Class members that Defendants are required to maintain under
3 California law.

4 **A. Numerosity**

5 35. The potential quantity of members of the Class as defined are so numerous that
6 joinder of all the Class members is unfeasible and impracticable. The disposition of the claims of
7 the members of the Classes through this class action will benefit both the parties and this Court. The
8 precise quantity of the members of the Classes is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. However,
9 Plaintiffs are informed and believes that Defendants employ or, during the time period relevant to
10 this lawsuit employed, at least hundreds of Employees who satisfy the Class definitions within the
11 State of California. Plaintiffs assert that the quantity and identity of such membership is readily
12 ascertainable via inspection of Defendants' employment records.

13 **B. Commonality**

14 36. There are common question of law and fact as to the members of the Classes which
15 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Classes. The common
16 questions are numerous and substantial and flow from Defendants' uniform policies and/or practices
17 of violating the California Labor Code addressed above. As such, these common questions
18 predominate over individual questions concerning each individual Class Member's showing as to
19 his or her eligibility for recovery or as to the amount of damages. These common questions of law
20 and fact include:

- 21 a. Whether Defendants failed to pay Employees minimum wages, including for all
22 hours worked;
- 23 b. Whether Defendants failed to pay Employees wages for all hours worked;
- 24 c. Whether Defendants failed to pay Employees overtime as required under Labor
25 Code § 510;
- 26 d. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code § 1194 by failing to compensate all
27 Employees during the relevant time period for all hours worked, whether regular
28 or overtime;

- e. Whether Defendants paid reporting time pay;
- f. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and the applicable IWC Wage Orders, by failing to provide Employees with requisite meal periods or premium pay in lieu thereof;
- g. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code § 226.7, and the applicable IWC Wage Orders, by failing to authorize and permit Employees to take requisite rest breaks or cooldown periods or provide premium pay in lieu thereof;
- h. Whether Defendants' conduct was willful;
- i. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code § 226(a) by providing Employees with inaccurate wage statements and wage statements that omitted many of the Section 226(a) requirements;
- j. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code § 204 by failing to pay Employees all wages earned at least twice monthly;
- k. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203 by failing to pay wages due and owing at the time of termination of employment;
- l. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code § 221;
- m. Whether Defendants violated Labor Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse necessary business expenses incurred by Employees;
- n. Whether Defendants violated Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*; and
- o. Whether Employees are entitled to equitable relief pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*;
- p. Whether the members of the Classes are entitled to injunctive relief;
- q. Whether the members of the Classes are entitled to restitution;
- r. Whether Defendants are liable for attorneys' fees and costs; and
- s. Whether each member of the Classes might be required to ultimately justify an individual claim does not preclude maintenance of a class action.

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1 **C. Typicality**

2 37. The claims of the named Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of all members of the
3 Classes they seek to represent because all members of the Classes sustained injuries and damages
4 arising out of and caused by Defendants' common course of conduct and uniformly applied policies
5 in violation of statutes, as well as regulations, that have the force and effect of law, as alleged herein.
6 Plaintiffs' claims, including, but not limited to, unpaid off-the-clock work, and meal and rest break
7 violations that they were required to endure are typical of those of the other members of the Classes.

8 **D. Adequacy of Representation**

9 38. Plaintiffs are adequate representatives of the Classes they seek to represent, will
10 fairly and adequately protect the interests of the members of the Classes, have no interests
11 antagonistic to those members, and will vigorously prosecute this action through attorneys who are
12 competent, skilled, and experienced in litigating matters of this type.

13 **E. Superiority of Class Action**

14 39. The nature of this action and the nature of the laws available to Plaintiffs make the
15 class action format particularly efficient and the appropriate procedural mechanism to afford relief
16 for the wrongs alleged herein. California has a strong public policy favoring the use of the class
17 action device, especially where it promotes judicial economy and access to justice.

18 40. By allowing the claims of many individuals to be resolved in a single proceeding, a
19 class action eliminates the possibility of repetitious litigation and provides a meaningful method of
20 redress for claimants whose individual damages may be too small to justify separate lawsuits. This
21 case involves large corporate Defendants and numerous individual Class members asserting
22 relatively small claims that arise from common questions of law and fact.

23 41. If each member of the Classes was required to file an individual lawsuit, Defendants
24 would gain an unconscionable advantage because Defendants would be able to exploit their vastly
25 superior financial and legal resources and overwhelm the limited resources of each individual
26 member of the Classes. Requiring each member of the Classes to pursue an individual remedy would
27 also discourage the assertion of lawful claims by members of the Classes who would be disinclined
28 to pursue a lawsuit against Defendants because of an appreciable and justifiable fear of retaliation

1 and permanent harm to their lives, careers, and well-being.

2 42. The proof of Defendants' common business practices and uniform factual patterns
3 experienced by the members of the Classes is representative of the Classes and will establish each
4 Class member's right to recover on the causes of action alleged herein.

5 43. Absent class treatment, the prosecution of separate actions would create a substantial
6 risk of duplicative proceedings in which individual plaintiffs would present the same or similar
7 arguments, evidence, and expert testimony. It would also result in a multiplicity of trials at enormous
8 expense both the parties and the judicial system, as well as inconsistent or varying adjudications
9 with respect to individual members of the Classes against Defendants.

10 44. Moreover, it could lead to incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants, and
11 conflicting legal determinations with respects to individual members of the Classes, which would,
12 as a practical matter, be dispositive the interest of the other members of the Classes who are not
13 parties to the adjudications or which would substantially impair or impede the ability of the members
14 of the Classes to protect their interests.

15 45. Moreover, the individual claims of the members of the Classes are not sufficiently
16 large enough to warrant vigorous individual prosecution when considering all of the concomitant
17 costs and expenses attendant thereto. Courts routinely fashion methods to manage individual
18 questions when seeking to preserve efficiencies and other benefits of class actions. Nevertheless,
19 the Supreme Court of California has expressly urged trial courts to employ innovative procedural
20 tools to certify and manage class actions, consistent with their obligation to ensure that such actions
21 remain fair, efficient, and manageable.

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1 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

2 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

3 **FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES**

4 **(On Behalf of the Minimum Wage Class)**

5 **(Against All Defendants)**

6 46. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
7 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

8 47. Labor Code § 510(a) states in pertinent part, "Any work in excess of eight hours in
9 one workday and any work in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek ... shall be compensated at
10 the rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for any employee."

11 48. Labor Code § 1182.12 provides the statewide minimum wage in California.

12 49. Labor Code § 1194(a) states, "Notwithstanding any agreement to work for a lesser
13 wage, any employee receiving less than the legal minimum wage or the legal overtime compensation
14 applicable to the employee is entitled to recover in a civil action the unpaid balance of the full
15 amount of this minimum wage or overtime compensation, including interest thereon, reasonable
16 attorney's fees, and costs of suit."

17 50. Further, under Labor Code § 1197, payment of less than the minimum wage fixed by
18 the Labor Commission is unlawful.

19 51. Under Labor Code § 1198, it is unlawful to employ persons for longer than the hours
20 set by the Industrial Welfare Commission or under conditions prohibited by the IWC Wage Order(s).

21 52. Under the IWC Wage Order(s), Defendants are required to pay the members of the
22 Minimum Wage Class for all hours worked, meaning the time during which an employee is subject
23 to the control of an employer, including all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work,
24 whether or not required to do so.

25 53. Defendants, as a matter of established company policy and procedures, and at each
26 and every job site and facility owned and/or operated by Defendants, consistently administered
27 uniform company-wide pay policies and practices applicable to the members of the Minimum Wage
28 Class, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Requiring the members of the Minimum Wage Class to engage in off-the-clock work before being allowed to clock in for the start of their shifts;
- b. Requiring the members of the Minimum Wage Class to use their personal mobile devices for work-related tasks, including before and/or after their shifts; and
- c. Subjecting the members of the Minimum Wage Class to timekeeping and rounding practices which resulted in the underreporting of all their hours worked.

54. As such, Defendants scheduled to work and/or required the members of the Minimum Wage Class to work without paying for all time they were under Defendants' control. Because Defendants required the members of the Wage Class to remain under Defendants' control without paying therefore, this resulted in the members of the Wage Class earning less than the legal minimum wage in the State of California.

55. Defendants' pattern, practice and uniform administration of corporate policy regarding illegal employee compensation as described herein is unlawful and creates an entitlement, under Labor Code § 218, to recovery by Plaintiffs and the members of the Wage Class, in a civil action, of the unpaid balance of the full amount of wages owing, calculated at the appropriate rate.

56. Further, Defendants' pattern and practice in uniform administration of corporate policy regarding Defendants' failure to pay the legal minimum wage to the members of the Wage Class as described herein is unlawful and creates entitlement, under Labor Code § 1194(a), to recovery by the members of the Wage Class, in a civil action, for the unpaid balance of the full amount of the unpaid minimum wages owed, calculated as the difference between the straight time compensation paid and the applicable minimum wage, including interest thereon.

57. Under Labor Code § 1194.2(a) (which provides that in any action under Labor Code § 1194, an employee shall be entitled to recover liquidated damages), the members of the Wage Class seek recovery of liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

58. That calculation of individual damages for the members of the Wage Class may at some point be required does not foreclose the possibility of taking common evidence on questions regarding their entitlement to overtime compensation.

1 59. Under Labor Code §§ 218.6 and 1194(a) and Civil Code § 3287, the members of the
2 Wage Class seek recovery of pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

3 60. Under Labor Code §§ 218.5 and/or 1194, the members of the Wage Class request
4 that the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them in this action.

5 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**
6 **FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES**
7 **(On Behalf of the Overtime Class)**
8 **(Against All Defendants)**

9 61. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
10 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

11 62. Labor Code § 510(a) states in pertinent part: "Any work in excess of eight hours in
12 one workday and any work in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek ... shall be compensated at
13 the rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for any employee."

14 63. Labor Code § 1194(a) states: "Notwithstanding any agreement to work for a lesser
15 wage, any employee receiving less than the legal minimum wage or the legal overtime compensation
16 applicable to the employee is entitled to recover in a civil action the unpaid balance of the full
17 amount of this minimum wage or overtime compensation, including interest thereon, reasonable
18 attorney's fees, and costs of suit."

19 64. Under Labor Code § 1198, it is unlawful to employ persons for longer than the hours
20 set by the Industrial Welfare Commission or under conditions prohibited by the IWC Wage Order(s).

21 65. Defendants, as a matter of established company policy and procedure, at each and
22 every one of the individual facilities owned and/or operated by Defendants, consistently:

- 23 a. Administered a uniform company policy and practice as to the pay policies
24 regarding Plaintiffs and the members of the Overtime Class; and
25 b. Scheduled to work and in fact required Plaintiffs and the members of the
26 Overtime Class to work in excess of eight hours per workday and/or in excess of
27 40 hours per workweek without paying overtime compensation for all hours they
28 were under Defendants' control;

- 1 c. Paid the Overtime Class various additional forms of non-discretionary
2 remuneration, including, but not limited to, “Profit Sharing”; and yet,
3 d. Failed to pay the Plaintiffs and the members of the Overtime Class at the legal
4 rate reflecting all applicable forms of remuneration for all overtime hours worked
5 as required by law.

6 66. Defendants’ pattern, practice, and uniform administration of corporate policy
7 regarding illegal employee compensation as described herein is unlawful and creates an entitlement,
8 under Labor Code § 218 and Labor Code § 1194(a), to recovery by the members of the Overtime
9 Class, in a civil action, for the unpaid balance of the full amount of the overtime premiums owing.

10 67. That calculation of individual damages for the members of the Overtime Class may
11 at some point be required does not foreclose the possibility of taking common evidence on questions
12 regarding their entitlement to overtime compensation.

13 68. Under Labor Code §§ 218.6 and 1194(a) and Civil Code § 3287, the members of the
14 Overtime Class seek recovery of pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

15 69. Under Labor Code §§ 218.5 and/or 1194, the members of the Overtime Class request
16 that the Court award reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs incurred by them in this action.

17 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **FAILURE TO PAY REPORTING TIME PAY**

19 **(On Behalf of the Reporting Time Class)**

20 **(Against All Defendants)**

21 70. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate all preceding paragraphs, as though set forth in
22 full herein.

23 71. Under the IWC Wage Order(s), Defendants are required to pay the members of the
24 Reporting Time Class for all hours worked, meaning the time during which an employee is subject
25 to the control of an employer.

26 72. The IWC Wage Order(s) § 5(A) states, “Each workday an employee is required to
27 report for work and does report, but is not put to work or is furnished less than half said employee’s
28 usual or scheduled day’s work, the employee shall be paid for half the usual or scheduled day’s

1 work, but in no event for less than two (2) hours nor more than four (4) hours, at the employee's
2 regular rate of pay, which shall not be less than the minimum wage."

3 73. The IWC Wage Order(s) § 5(B) states, "If an employee is required to report for work
4 a second time in any one workday and is furnished less than two (2) hours of work on the second
5 reporting, said employee shall be paid for two (2) hours at the employee's regular rate of pay, which
6 shall not be less than the minimum wage."

7 74. Defendants, as a matter of established company policy and procedure, at each and
8 every one of the individual facilities owned and/or operated by Defendants, regularly and
9 consistently required the members of the Reporting Time Class to report for work at their scheduled
10 reporting time and then did not put them to work and/or furnished less than half of their usual or
11 scheduled day's work without paying for half the usual or scheduled day's work (at least two hours)
12 at each respective Reporting Time Class Member's regular rate of pay. Further, Defendant would
13 contact the Reporting Time Class on the day before their shift to see if they were available to work,
14 but, if not summoned to work, were paid for less than half the usual or schedule day's work at each
15 respective Reporting Time Class Member's regular rate of pay.

16 75. At no time when Defendants did not pay the legally requisite reporting time pay were
17 the provisions of the IWC Wage Orders § 5(C) or (D) applicable, in that Defendants' acts were not
18 because of threats to employees or property, public utility failures, Acts of God or other causes not
19 within Defendants' control or employees on paid standby status.

20 76. The pattern and practice in uniform administration of corporate policy regarding
21 Defendants' failure to pay the legal reporting time pay to the members of the Reporting Time Class
22 as described herein is unlawful and creates entitlement to recovery by the members of the Reporting
23 Time Class, in a civil action, for the unpaid balance of the full amount of the unpaid wages owed,
24 including interest thereon.

25 77. Under Labor Code § 218.6 and Civil Code § 3287, the members of the Reporting
26 Time Class seek recovery of pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

27 78. Under Labor Code § 218.5, the members of the Reporting Time Class request that
28 the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them in this action.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION
FAILURE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT MEAL PERIODS
(On Behalf of the Meal Period Class)
(Against All Defendants)

79. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

80. Labor Code § 226.7(b) provides that “An employer shall not require an employee to work during a meal or rest or recovery period mandated pursuant to an applicable statute, or applicable regulation, standard, or order of the Industrial Welfare Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, or the Division of Occupational Safety and Health.”

81. Labor Code § 512 provides that “An employer may not employ an employee for a work period of more than five hours per day without providing the employee with a meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that if the total work period per day of the employee is no more than six hours, the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of both the employer and employee. An employer may not employ an employee for a work period of more than 10 hours per day without providing the employee with a second meal period of not less than 30 minutes, except that if the total hours worked is no more than 12 hours, the second meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and the employee only if the first meal period was not waived.”

82. Labor Code § 516 provides that the Industrial Welfare Commission “may adopt or amend working condition orders with respect to break periods, meal periods, and days of rest for any workers in California consistent with the health and welfare of those workers.”

83. Section 11(C) of the IWC Wage Orders provides “Unless the employee is relieved of all duty during a 30 minute meal period, the meal period shall be considered an ‘on duty’ meal period and counted as time worked. An ‘on duty’ meal period shall be permitted only when the nature of the work prevents an employee from being relieved of all duty and when by written agreement between the parties an on-the-job paid meal period is agreed to. The written agreement shall state that the employee may, in writing, revoke the agreement at any time.”

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1 84. Section 11(D) of the IWC Wage Order(s) provides “If an employer fails to provide
2 an employee a meal period in accordance with the applicable provisions of this order, the employer
3 shall pay the employee 1 hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of compensation for each
4 workday that the meal period is not provided.”

5 85. On one or more occasions, the members of the Meal Period Class worked over five
6 hours per shift and therefore were entitled to an uninterrupted meal period of not less than 30 minutes
7 prior to exceeding five hours of employment. Further, the members of the Meal Period Class did
8 not validly or legally waive their meal periods, by mutual consent with Defendants or otherwise.
9 Additionally, the members of the Meal Period Class did not enter into any written agreement with
10 Defendants agreeing to an on-duty paid meal period.

11 86. As a matter of Defendants’ established company policy, Defendants failed to always
12 comply with the meal period requirements established by Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 516, and
13 Section 11 of the IWC Wage Order(s) by failing to always provide the members of the Meal Period
14 Class with a first and in some cases a second legally compliant meal period.

15 87. Under Section 11(D) of the IWC Wage Order(s) and Labor Code § 226.7(c) which
16 states “If an employer fails to provide an employee a meal or rest or recovery period in accordance
17 with a state law, including, but not limited to, an applicable statute or applicable regulation, standard,
18 or order of the Industrial Welfare Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards
19 Board, or the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, the employer shall pay the employee one
20 additional hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that the
21 meal or rest or recovery period is not provided.,” Plaintiffs and the members of the Meal Period
22 Class are entitled to damages in an amount equal to one (1) additional hour of pay at each employee’s
23 regular rate of compensation for each work day that the meal period was not provided, in a sum to
24 be proven at trial.

25 88. Under Labor Code § 218.6 and Civil Code § 3287, the members of the Meal Period
26 Class seek recovery of pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION
FAILURE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT REST PERIODS
(On Behalf of the Rest Period Class)
(Against All Defendants)

89. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

90. Labor Code § 226.7(b) provides, “An employer shall not require an employee to work during a meal or rest or recovery period mandated pursuant to an applicable statute, or applicable regulation, standard, or order of the Industrial Welfare Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, or the Division of Occupational Safety and Health.”

91. Labor Code § 516 provides that the Industrial Welfare Commission “may adopt or amend working condition orders with respect to break periods, meal periods, and days of rest for any workers in California consistent with the health and welfare of those workers.”

92. Section 12(A) of the IWC Wage Order(s) states, “Every employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods, which insofar as practicable shall be in the middle of each work period. The authorized rest period time shall be based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof. However, a rest period need not be authorized for employees whose total daily work time is less than three and one-half (3 ½) hours. Authorized rest period time shall be counted as hours worked for which there shall be no deduction from wages.”

93. In *Augustus v. ABM Security Services, Inc.* (2016) 2 Cal.5th 257, 269, the California Supreme Court held that “during rest periods employers must relieve employees of all duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time.” The court further noted that employees must be free to “[take a] brief walk,” or “take care of other personal matters...” (*Id.* at p. 270.)

94. Section 12(B) of the IWC Wage Order(s) states, “If an employer fails to provide an employee a rest period in accordance with the applicable provisions of this order, the employer shall pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee’s regular rate of compensation for each workday that the rest period is not provided.”

1 95. The members of the Rest Period Class sometimes worked over four hours per shift.
2 Further, the members of the Rest Period Class sometimes worked over six hours per shift and in
3 some cases over 10 hours per shift.

4 96. The members of the Rest Period Class are entitled to a rest period of not less than 10
5 minutes for every four hours of work or major fraction thereof.

6 97. As a matter of Defendants' established company policy, Defendants failed to always
7 authorize and permit legally compliant rest periods. Defendants did not authorize and permit rest
8 periods for shifts every four hours or major fraction thereof, failed to relinquish control over how
9 employees spent their break time, required the members of the Rest Period Class to carry personal
10 cellphones, prevented the members of the Rest Period Class from taking uninterrupted rest periods,
11 exerted coercion against the taking of legally protected breaks, and/or forbid members of the Rest
12 Period Class from leaving Defendants' facilities.

13 98. Section 12 of the IWC Wage Order(s) and Labor Code § 226.7(b) instructs that "if
14 an employer fails to provide an employee a meal or rest period in accordance with an applicable
15 order of the Industrial Welfare Commission, the employer shall pay the employee one additional
16 hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each work day that the meal or rest
17 period is not provided," the members of the Rest Period Class are entitled to damages in an amount
18 equal to one (1) additional hour of pay at each employee's regular rate of compensation for each
19 work day that one or more rest periods were not so provided.

20 99. Under Labor Code § 218.6 and Civil Code § 3287, the members of the Rest Period
21 Class seek recovery of pre-judgment interest on all amounts recovered herein.

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SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
FAILURE TO TIMELY FURNISH ACCURATE ITEMIZED WAGE STATEMENTS
(On Behalf of the Wage Statement Class)
(Against All Defendants)

100. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

101. Labor Code § 226(a) states in pertinent part, “Every employer shall, semimonthly or at the time of each payment of wages, furnish each of his or her employees, either as a detachable part of the check, draft, or voucher paying the employee’s wages, or separately when wages are paid by personal check or cash, an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee... (4) all deductions... (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid... (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during each the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee....”

102. Further, the IWC Wage Orders § 7(A) states in pertinent part, “(A) Every employer shall keep accurate information with respect to each employee including the following: (3) Time records showing when the employee begins and ends each work period. Meal periods, split shift intervals, and total daily hours worked shall also be recorded...(5) Total hours worked in the payroll period and applicable rates of pay....”

103. Therefore, under Labor Code § 226(a) and the IWC Wage Orders § 7(A), California employers are required to maintain accurate records pertaining to the total hours worked for Defendants by the members of the Wage Statement Class, including but not limited to, beginning and ending of each work period, meal period and split shift interval, the total daily hours worked, and the total hours worked per pay period and applicable rates of pay.

104. As a pattern and practice, in violation of Labor Code § 226(a) and the IWC Wage Orders § 7(A), Defendants did not and still do not furnish each of the members of the Wage Statement Class with an accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, (3) all deductions, (4) net wages earned and/or (5) all applicable

1 hourly rates in effect during each respective pay period and the corresponding number of hours
2 worked at each hourly rate by each respective individual.

3 105. As set forth herein in prior causes of action, Defendants failed to pay the members
4 of the Wage Statement Class all wages due and owing.

5 106. As a result of this failure to pay wages and as a pattern and practice in violation of
6 Labor Code § 226(a) and the IWC Wage Orders § 7(A), Defendants knowingly and intentionally
7 failed to furnish accurate wage statements to the members of the Wage Statement Class, including,
8 but not limited to, failing to provide the beginning and ending of each work period, meal period
9 interval, total daily hours worked, total hours worked per pay period, and the applicable rates of pay.

10 107. As of January 1, 2013, SB 1255 amended Labor Code § 226 to clarify that an
11 employee suffers injury if the employer fails to provide accurate and complete information as
12 required by any one or more items listed in Labor Code § 226(a)(1)-(9) and the employee cannot
13 promptly and easily ascertain requisite information without reference to other documents or
14 information. Here, the members of Wage Statement Class suffered injury because, due to
15 Defendants' failure to pay all wages due and owing, Defendants failed to provide accurate and
16 complete information as required by one or more items listed in Labor Code § 226(a)(1)-(9).

17 108. In addition, the members of the Wage Statement Class have suffered injury as a result
18 of Defendants' failure to maintain accurate records for the members of the Wage Statement Class
19 in that the members of the Wage Statement Class were not timely provided written accurate itemized
20 statements showing all requisite information, including but not limited to total hours worked by the
21 employee, net wages earned and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the
22 corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate, in violation of Labor Code § 226 and
23 the IWC Wage Orders § 7(A), such that the members of the Wage Statement Class were misled by
24 Defendants as to the correct information regarding various items, including but not limited to total
25 hours worked by the employee, net wages earned and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the
26 pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate.

27 109. The actual injuries suffered by the members of the Wage Statement Class as a result
28 of Defendants' knowing and intentional failure to provide accurate records for the members of the

Wage Statement Class include but are not limited to:

- a. Confusion over whether they received all wages owed them by Defendants;
- b. The difficulty and expense of attempting to reconstruct time and pay records;
- c. Being forced to engage in mathematical computations to analyze whether Defendants' wages in fact compensated for all hours worked;
- d. The inability to accurately calculate wage rates complicated by the fact that wage statement information required by Labor Code § 226 is missing;
- e. That such practice prevents the members of the Wage Statement Class from being able to effectively challenge information on their wage statements; and/or
- f. The difficulty and expense of filing and maintaining this lawsuit, and the discovery required to collect and analyze the very information that California law requires.

110. Under Labor Code § 226(e), the members of the Wage Statement Class are entitled to \$50.00 per employee for the initial pay period in which a violation hereunder occurs and \$100.00 per employee for each violation in a subsequent pay period, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of \$4,000.00.

111. Under Labor Code § 226(g), the currently employed members of the Wage Statement Class are entitled to injunctive relief to ensure Defendants' compliance with Labor Code § 226.

112. Under Labor Code §§ 226(e)/(g), the members of the Wage Statement Class are also entitled to an award of costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE § 204

(On Behalf of the Failure to Timely Pay Class)

(Against All Defendants)

113. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

114. Labor Code § 204 instructs that: "All wages, ...earned by any person in any employment are due and payable twice during each calendar month, on days designated in advance

1 by the employer as the regular paydays. Labor performed between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive,
2 of any calendar month shall be paid for between the 16th and the 26th day of the month during
3 which the labor was performed, and labor performed between the 16th and the last day, inclusive,
4 of any calendar month, shall be paid for between the 1st and 10th day of the following month.”
5 Additionally, the requirements of this section shall be deemed satisfied by the payment of wages for
6 weekly, biweekly, or semimonthly payroll if the wages are paid not more than seven calendar days
7 following the close of the payroll period.”

8 115. As detailed above, Defendants maintained a consistently applied policy and practice
9 of not paying the members of the Failure to Timely Pay Class all wages earned between the 1st and
10 15th days of a month between the 16th and 26th day and failed to pay all wages earned between the
11 16th and the last day of the month between the 1st and 10th day of the following month. Furthermore,
12 Defendants similarly failed to pay all wages earned by not more than seven calendar days following
13 the close of the payroll period pursuant to Labor Code § 204(d).

14 116. Defendants had a consistent and uniform policy, practice, and procedure of failing to
15 comply with Labor Code § 204 with regard to Plaintiffs and the members of the Failure to Timely
16 Pay Class. Thus Plaintiffs and the members of the Failure to Timely Pay Class are entitled to
17 recovery under Labor Code §§ 204 and/or 210.

18 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
19 **VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE § 203**
20 **(On Behalf of the Termination Pay Class)**
21 **(Against All Defendants)**

22 117. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
23 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

24 118. Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay, without
25 abatement or reduction, in accordance with Labor Code §§ 201 and 202, any wages of an employee
26 who is discharged or who quits, the wages of the employee shall continue at the same rate, for up to
27 30 days from the due date thereof, until paid or until an action therefor is commenced.

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119. The members of the Termination Pay Class are no longer employed by Defendants as they were either fired from or quit Defendants' employ.

120. Defendants had a consistent and uniform policy, practice, and procedure of willfully failing to pay the earned wages of Defendants' former employees, as set forth above, according to amendment or proof.

121. As set forth above, Defendants willfully failed to pay the members of the Termination Pay Class their entire wages due and owing at the time of their termination or within seventy-two hours of their resignation and failed to pay those sums for up to 30 days thereafter.

122. Defendants' willful failure to pay wages to the members of the Termination Pay Class violates Labor Code § 203 because Defendants knew or should have known wages were due to the members of the Termination Pay Class, as set forth above, but Defendants failed to pay them.

123. Thus, the members of the Termination Pay Class are entitled to recovery under Labor Code § 203.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

ILLEGAL WAGE DEDUCTIONS UNDER LABOR CODE § 221

(On Behalf of the Unauthorized Deduction Class)

(Against All Defendants)

124. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

125. Labor Code § 221 states "It shall be unlawful for any employer to collect or receive from an employee any part of wages theretofore paid by said employer to said employee."

126. As a matter of Defendants' established company policy, Defendants willfully and intentionally made deductions from the wages of the members of the Unauthorized Deduction Class during the appropriate time period, including but not limited to deductions from requiring off-the-clock work, as well as understating the hours worked by Employees, and by not lawfully providing meal periods and rest periods, and not paying one hour of pay at the regular rate of compensation for every meal and rest period violation endured by the members of the Unauthorized Deduction Class, as addressed in detail above.

127. By not compensating Employees for all hours worked, and by failing to compensate them at the required regular and overtime rates of pay, Defendants unlawfully deducted wages earned in violation of Labor Code § 221.

128. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' improper wage deductions, the members of the Unauthorized Deduction Class have been damaged in an amount according to proof at the time of trial.

129. The members of the Unauthorized Deduction Class seek reimbursement of such illegal wage deductions. Further, the members of the Unauthorized Deduction Class are entitled to recover from Defendants the full amount of all illegal wage deductions, plus penalties, interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO REIMBURSE NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES

(On Behalf of the Expense Reimbursement Class)

(Against All Defendants)

130. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

131. Under Labor Code § 2802(a), “an employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer.”

132. Labor Code § 2804 states in pertinent part, “Any contract or agreement, express or implied, made by any employee to waive the benefits of this article or any part thereof is null and void, and this article shall not deprive any employee or his personal representative of any right or remedy to which he is entitled under the laws of this State.”

133. As a matter of Defendants' established company policy, Defendants required the members of the Expense Reimbursement Class to personally incur necessary expenditures in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties, including but not limited to the use of personal cell phones for work-related activities, such as communications with management, as required by Defendants. Defendants are legally required to reimburse the members of the Expense

1 Reimbursement Class for all necessary expenditures.

2 134. Defendants failed to fully and reasonably reimburse the members of the Expense
3 Reimbursement Class for all necessary expenditures, including but not limited to the
4 aforementioned expenditures.

5 135. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations of Labor Code § 2802(a), the
6 members of the Expense Reimbursement Class have been damaged and are entitled to recovery
7 from Defendants of the unpaid balance for all necessary expenditures, including but not limited to
8 the aforementioned expenditures, in an amount according to proof at the time of trial.

9 136. Under Labor Code § 2802(b), the members of the Reimbursements Class request that
10 the Court award interest at the same rate as judgments in civil actions, accruing from the date on
11 which each member of the Reimbursements Class incurred the necessary expenditure or loss.

12 137. Under Labor Code § 2802(c), the members of the Reimbursements Class request that
13 the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by them in this action.

14 **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **VIOLATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200 *ET SEQ.***

16 **(On Behalf of the UCL Class)**

17 **(Against All Defendants)**

18 138. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
19 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

20 139. Business & Professions Code § 17200 provides, in pertinent part, "unfair competition
21 shall mean and include any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act." Defendants have engaged
22 in unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business acts or practices prohibited by Business & Professions
23 Code § 17200, including those set forth in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of the complaint,
24 thereby depriving the members of the UCL Class of the minimum working standards and conditions
25 due to them under the Labor Code and/or the IWC Wage Orders, as specifically described herein.

26 140. Business & Professions Code § 17204 provides that an action for any relief from
27 unfair competition may be prosecuted by any person who has suffered injury in fact and has lost
28 money or property as a result of such unfair competition.

1 141. Business & Professions Code § 17205 provides that unless otherwise expressly
2 provided, the remedies or penalties provided for unfair competition “are cumulative to each other
3 and to the remedies or penalties available under all other laws of this state.”

4 142. Defendants have engaged in unfair business practices in California by practicing,
5 employing and utilizing the employment practices outlined in the preceding paragraphs,
6 specifically, by requiring employees to perform the labor services complained of herein without the
7 requisite compensation.

8 143. Defendants’ use of such practices constitutes an unfair business practice and unfair
9 competition and provides an unfair advantage over Defendants’ competitors.

10 144. Plaintiffs have suffered injury in fact and has lost money or property as a result of
11 such unfair competition.

12 145. Plaintiffs seek full restitution from Defendants, as necessary and according to proof,
13 to restore any and all monies withheld, acquired, and/or converted by Defendants by means of the
14 unfair practices complained of herein. Further, if Defendants are not enjoined from the conduct set
15 forth above, Defendants will continue to practice, employ, and utilize the employment practices
16 outlined in the preceding paragraphs.

17 146. Therefore, Plaintiffs request that the Court issue a preliminary and permanent
18 injunction prohibiting Defendants from engaging in the foregoing conduct. Furthermore, Plaintiffs
19 seeks the appointment of a receiver, as necessary, to establish the total monetary relief sought from
20 Defendants.

21 **TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
22 **PENALTIES UNDER LABOR CODE § 2699**
23 **(On Behalf of the Aggrieved Employees)**
24 **(Against All Defendants)**

25 147. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every one of the allegations
26 contained in the preceding and foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

27 148. Plaintiffs and the Employees in the Class are also aggrieved employees as defined
28 under Labor Code § 2699(c)(1) in that they suffered the violations alleged in this Complaint and

1 either were or are employed by Defendants (“Aggrieved Employees”) during the relevant time
2 period. As such, Plaintiffs and the Aggrieved Employees seek penalties under Labor Code §§ 2698
3 and 2699 for Defendants’ violation of Labor Code provisions included under Labor Code § 2699.5,
4 including the penalty provisions, without limitation, based, *inter alia*, on the following California
5 Labor Code sections: 201, 202, 203, 204, 218, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 226, 226.2, 226.4, 226.7, 510, 511,
6 512, 551, 552, 558, 558.1, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1185, 1194, 1194.2 1197, 1198, 1199, 2802, and
7 2698 *et seq.*, including as follows:

8 (a) Wage Claims: For failure to provide Plaintiffs and the Aggrieved Employees
9 all earned regular pay and minimum wages for regular hours worked and for failure to pay overtime
10 premium wages for overtime hours worked under Labor Code §§ 510, 1194(a), 1197, and 1198, and
11 paragraphs 2(K), 3(A), 4(A), 4(B) and 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all civil and
12 statutory penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 510, 558, 1194.2, 1197.1, 1198,
13 1199, 2699(f)(2), and 2699.5, and also for attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code §
14 2699(g)(1);

15 (b) Meal and Rest Period Claims: For failure to provide Plaintiffs and the
16 Aggrieved Employees off-duty, timely, and unpaid meal periods and failure to authorize and permit
17 them to take off-duty, timely, and paid rest periods, or pay one hour of regular pay in lieu thereof,
18 under Labor Code §§ 512, 1198, and 226.7, and Sections 11, 12(A), and 12(B) of the applicable
19 IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all civil and statutory penalties available and applicable, including
20 under paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and wages under Labor Code §§ 226.7,
21 512, 558, including sections 558(a)(1)-(3), 1199 and 2699(f)(2), and also for attorneys’ fees and
22 costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1);

23 (c) Inaccurate Wage Statements: For failure to provide Plaintiffs and the
24 Aggrieved Employees with accurate, itemized wage statements under Labor Code §§ 226, 1174,
25 and 1198.5, and Sections 7(A), 7(B), and 7(C) of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s) seeking all
26 civil and statutory penalties and wages available and applicable under Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226.3,
27 558, 1174.5, 1199, and 2699(f)(2), and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order, and also
28 for attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1). More specifically, by providing

1 inaccurate wage statements and failing to maintain records as required under Labor Code § 226(a),
2 Defendants committed ongoing violations giving rise to civil penalties under Labor Code §226.3,
3 which in addition to other penalties provided by law, subjects Defendants to “a penalty in the amount
4 of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per employee per violation in an initial citation and one thousand
5 dollars (\$1,000) per employee for each violation in a subsequent citation, ...”;

6 (d) Failure to Timely Pay Wages: For failure to timely pay all wages owed,
7 including at least semi-monthly and upon separation or termination, under Labor Code §§ 201, 201,
8 203, 204, 1197.5, 2926, and 2927 seeking all civil penalties available and applicable under Labor
9 Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 210, 558, 1197, 1198, 1199 and 2699(f)(2), and paragraph 20 of the
10 applicable IWC Wage Orders, and also for attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code §
11 2699(g)(1);

12 (e) Unlawful Deductions and Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses: For
13 Defendants’ unlawful deductions from wages and for Defendants’ failure to reimburse the necessary
14 work related expenses incurred under Labor Code §§ 221, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, and 2802, and
15 Sections 2(K), 4, 9, and 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Order(s), seeking civil penalties available
16 and applicable under Labor Code §§ 221, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2802, 2699.5, and 2699(f)(2) and
17 paragraph 9 and 20 of the IWC Wage Orders, and also attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Labor
18 Code § 2699(g)(1); and

19 (f) All Other Alleged Violations of the Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders: For
20 Labor Code §§ 212, 227.3, 551, 552, 2810.5, and any above addressed violation of the applicable
21 provisions of the Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders constituting violations of Labor Code § 1198
22 and Labor Code § 2699.5 and seeking penalties available and applicable under Labor Code §
23 2699(f)(2) and paragraph 20 of the applicable IWC Wage Orders, and for attorneys’ fees and costs
24 pursuant to Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

25 149. In addition, Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to 65% of all penalties obtained under
26 Labor Code § 2699 to be allocated to the LWDA, for education of employers and employees about
27 their rights and responsibilities under the Labor Code, and 35% to Plaintiffs and all other similarly
28 situated aggrieved employees.

1 150. Plaintiff GARDNER has exhausted his administrative remedies by submitting a
2 certified letter to the LWDA and Defendants on June 5, 2026 (LWDA-CM-1182335-26) addressing
3 in detail the specific provisions of the Labor Code Defendants have violated and addressing the facts
4 and legal theories to support the alleged violations and requested penalties. The LWDA has not
5 provided notice of its intent to investigate the alleged violations within 65 calendar days of the
6 postmark date of the letter, and Plaintiffs add this claim seeking penalties under the PAGA for the
7 violations addressed herein and in the PAGA Notice letter and the original Complaint. On August
8 26, 2026, through a supplemental filing, LWDA Case No. (LWDA-CM-1182335-26) was amended
9 to add Plaintiff CHASE and his claims.

10 151. Further, as of July 08, 2026 (33 calendar days after Plaintiff GARDNER's LWDA
11 letter was mailed to Defendants via certified mail), Plaintiff GARDNER has not received from
12 Defendants written notice by certified mail that the alleged violations have been cured, including a
13 description of the actions taken. As such, Plaintiff GARDNER has complied with Labor Code §
14 2699.3(c) and are authorized to commence a civil action that includes a cause of action under Labor
15 Code § 2699.

16 152. As also addressed above, Plaintiffs, on behalf of the Aggrieved Employees, also seek
17 the penalties and remedies set forth in Labor Code § 558, which states:

18 (a) Any employer or other person acting on behalf of an employer who violates,
19 or causes to be violated, a section of this chapter or any provision regulating hours and days of work
20 in any order of the Industrial Welfare Commission shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows: (1)
21 For any initial violation, fifty dollars (\$50) for each underpaid employee for each pay period for
22 which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount sufficient to recover underpaid wages.
23 (2) For each subsequent violation, one hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid employee for each
24 pay period for which the employee was underpaid in addition to an amount sufficient to recover
25 underpaid wages...

26 (b) If upon inspection or investigation the Labor Commissioner determines that
27 a person had paid or caused to be paid a wage for overtime work in violation of any provision of
28 this chapter, or any provision regulating hours and days of work in any order of the Industrial

Welfare Commission, the Labor Commissioner may issue a citation. The procedures for issuing, contesting, and enforcing judgments for citations or civil penalties issued by the Labor Commissioner for a violation of this chapter shall be the same as those set out in Section 1197.1.

(c) The civil penalties provided for in this section are in addition to any other civil or criminal penalty provided by law.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for the following relief:

1. For the Court to issue an Order certifying the Classes herein, appointing the named Plaintiffs as representative of all others similarly situated, and appointing all law firms representing all named Plaintiffs as counsel for the members of the Classes;

2. As to the First Cause of Action for Failure to pay minimum wages: For recovery of compensatory damages for all unpaid minimum wages due and owing at the appropriate rate for all work performed; and liquidated damages as authorized by Labor Code § 1194.2(a), from at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action, according to proof;

3. As to the Second Cause of Action for Failure to pay wages and overtime: For recovery of compensatory damages of all unpaid overtime and double-time due and owing at the appropriate rates for all worked performed from at least four (4) years prior to the filing of this action, according to proof;

4. As to the Third Cause of Action for Failure to Pay Reporting Time Pay: For recovery of the unpaid balance of the full amount of the unpaid reporting time pay due and owing, according to proof;

5. As to the Fourth Cause of Action for Failure to authorize and permit meal periods: For one (1) hour of pay at the regular rate of compensation for each member of the Meal Period Class for each workday that a meal period was not provided, pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7 and applicable Wage Orders;

6. As to the Fifth Cause of Action for Failure to authorize and permit rest periods: For one (1) hour of pay at the regular rate of compensation for each member of the Rest Period Class for each workday that a rest period was not provided, pursuant to Labor Code § 226.7 and applicable

1 Wage Orders;

2 7. As to the Sixth Cause of Action for Failure to timely furnish accurate itemized wage
3 statements: For recovery of statutory penalties as authorized by Labor Code § 226(e);

4 8. As to the Seventh Cause of Action for Violation of Labor Code § 204: For recovery
5 of statutory damages as authorized by Labor Code §§ 204 and/or 210;

6 9. As to the Eighth Cause of Action for Violation of Labor Code § 203: For recovery
7 of waiting time penalties for all former Employees of the Termination Class as authorized by Labor
8 Code § 203;

9 10. As to the Ninth Cause of Action for Illegal wage deductions under Labor Code §
10 221: For restitution and damages of all wages unlawfully withheld or deducted in; and applicable
11 penalties under Labor Code § 225.5;

12 11. As to the Tenth Cause of Action for Failure to reimburse necessary business
13 expenses: For restitution of the unpaid balance for all necessary expenditures and losses incurred in
14 direct consequence of the discharge of Defendants' duties; and interest thereon at the same rate as
15 judgments in civil actions, accruing from the date on which each member of the Reimbursements
16 Class incurred the necessary expenditure or loss, under Labor Code § 2802(b);

17 12. As to the Eleventh Cause of Action for Violation of Business & Professions Code §
18 17200 et seq.: For an accounting, under administration of Plaintiffs and/or the receiver and subject
19 to Court review, to determine the amount to be returned by Defendants, and the amounts to be
20 refunded to members of the Classes who are owed monies by Defendants; an order requiring
21 Defendants to identify each of the members of the Classes by name, home address, home telephone
22 number and, if available, email address; an order requiring Defendants to make full restitution and
23 payment under California law; an order for a preliminary and/or permanent injunction prohibiting
24 Defendants from engaging in the acts complained of herein; the creation of an administrative process
25 wherein each injured member of the Classes may submit a claim in order to receive his/her money;
26 and all other appropriate injunctive, declaratory and equitable relief;

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1 13. As to the Twelfth Cause of Action for Penalties Under Labor Code § 2699: As
2 applicable, for civil penalties under Labor Code § 2699(f), In addition to and entirely independent
3 and apart from penalties in the Labor Code and for Labor Code violations with or without a specific
4 civil penalty, in the amount of \$100 for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each violation,
5 and/or \$200 for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each violation that arises from any
6 policy or practice that the LWDA or any court has determined was unlawful, and/or each malicious,
7 fraudulent, or oppressive violations; and

8 14. As to All Causes of Action: For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs
9 incurred; pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, and such other and further relief as this Court
10 may deem just and proper.

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12 DATED: September 1, 2026

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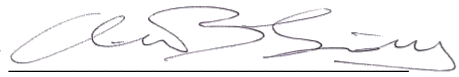
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs WILLIE GARDNER and EVANN D CHASE hereby demand trial of their claims
by jury to the extent authorized by law.

DATED: September 1, 2026

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