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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES- CENTRAL DISTRICT**

ANNEKA WOLFE, on behalf of herself and
current and former aggrieved employees

Plaintiff,

vs.

VERGE MOBILE CA EE, LP; and DOES 1 to
100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: **24STCV03671**

PAGA ACTION

**PLAINTIFF ANNEKA WOLFE'S
COMPLAINT FOR:**

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

COMES NOW Plaintiff ANNEKA WOLFE ("Plaintiff"), who alleges and complains
against Defendants VERGE MOBILE CA EE, LP; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive (collectively
"Defendants") as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

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

1 with Defendants' violation of the Labor Code based on Defendants' failure to pay wages for all
2 hours worked at the employees' minimum wage rate or overtime rate, failure to provide all legally
3 required and legally compliant meal and rest periods, indemnification for all necessary
4 expenditures or losses incurred by employees in direct consequence of discharging their duties; ,
5 failure to timely pay earned wages during employment, failure to provide complete and accurate
6 wage statements, failure to timely pay all unpaid wages following separation of employment.
7 Plaintiff seeks on a representative basis, following notice to the Labor and Workforce
8 Development Agency, civil penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Labor Code section
9 2699(g)(1) and costs brought on behalf of Plaintiff, the State of California, and others aggrieved.

10 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

11 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims of Plaintiff and all other current and
12 former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees because Plaintiff's lawsuit seeks
13 civil penalties on behalf of herself, all other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
14 non-exempt employees, and the State of California in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars
15 (\$25,000); Defendants employed Plaintiff and all other current and former aggrieved California-
16 based hourly non-exempt employees; and the injuries to Plaintiff and all other current and former
17 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees occurred in locations throughout
18 California, including but not limited to San Diego County at 47 Douglas Drive #102, Oceanside,
19 CA 92058, and Los Angeles County.

20 3. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Judicial Council of California enacted
21 Emergency Rule 9 to the California Rules of Court, which provided that, notwithstanding any
22 other law, the statutes of limitations and repose for civil causes of action that exceed 180 days are
23 tolled from April 6, 2020, until October 1, 2020.

24 **III. PARTIES**

25 4. Plaintiff brings this action as a representative of the Labor and Workforce
26 Development Agency on behalf of herself and other current and former employees subject to
27 violations of the Labor Code. The named Plaintiff and the persons on whose behalf this action is
28 filed include current, former and/or future employees of Defendants who work, worked, or will

1 work for Defendants as direct employees as well as temporary employees employed through temp
2 agencies as hourly non-exempt employees in California. At all times mentioned herein, the
3 currently named Plaintiff is and was domiciled and a resident and citizen of California and was
4 employed by Defendants in an hourly position at Defendants' location in Oceanside from
5 approximately May 2022 until on or about February 4, 2023.

6 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant VERGE
7 MOBILE CA EE, LP is authorized to do business within the State of California and is doing
8 business in the State of California and/or that Defendants DOES 1-50 are, and at all times relevant
9 hereto were persons acting on behalf of Defendant VERGE MOBILE CA EE, LP in the
10 establishment of, or ratification of, the aforementioned illegal wage and hour practices or policies.
11 Defendant VERGE MOBILE CA EE, LP operates in San Diego County and employed Plaintiff
12 and aggrieved employees in San Diego County, including but not limited to, at 47 Douglas Drive
13 #102, Oceanside, CA 92058, and Los Angeles County.

14 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES 1
15 through 50 are corporations, or are other business entities or organizations of a nature unknown to
16 Plaintiff that employed Plaintiff and aggrieved California non-exempt employees, permitted
17 Plaintiff and aggrieved employees to work, and exercised control over the wages, hours and
18 working conditions of employment of Plaintiff and aggrieved employees.

19 7. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants DOES 51
20 through 100 are individuals unknown to Plaintiff. Each of the individual defendants is sued
21 individually and in his or her capacity as an agent, shareholder, owner, representative, manager,
22 supervisor, independent contractor and/or employee of each defendant who violated or caused to
23 be violated the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Labor Code and/or any provision of
24 the Industrial Welfare Commission's wage orders regulating hours and days of work.

25 8. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names of Defendants DOES 1 through 100. Plaintiff
26 sues said defendants by said fictitious names, and will amend this complaint when the true names
27 and capacities are ascertained or when such facts pertaining to liability are ascertained, or as
28 permitted by law or by the Court. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the fictitiously

1 named defendants is in some manner responsible for the events and allegations set forth in this
2 complaint.

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

6 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

7 **CIVIL PENALTIES PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF**
8 **2004, LABOR CODE SECTIONS 2698, ET SEQ.**

9 **(Against all Defendants by Plaintiff)**

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

11 11. During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present, Plaintiff alleges
12 Defendants violated Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1197,
13 2802, and the applicable Wage Orders.

14 12. Specifically, Defendants have committed the following violations of California
15 Labor Code:

16 13. **Failure to pay wages for all hours worked at the legal minimum wage:**
17 Defendants employed many of their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt
18 employees. In California, an employer is required to pay hourly employees for all "hours worked,"
19 which includes all time that an employee is under control of the employer and all time the
20 employee is suffered and permitted to work. This includes the time an employee spends, either
21 directly or indirectly, performing services which inure to the benefit of the employer.

22 14. Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 require an employer to compensate employees
23 for all "hours worked" at least at a minimum wage rate of pay as established by the IWC and the
24 Wage Orders.

25 15. In this case, Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based
26 hourly non-exempt employees worked more minutes per shift than Defendants credited them with
27 having worked. Specifically, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former
28 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages at the applicable minimum

1 wage for all hours worked due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but
2 not limited to,

3 (a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
4 non-exempt employees to perform Defendant's closing procedures while working off-the-clock.

5 (b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
6 non-exempt employees to communicate with Defendant's management while off-the-clock.

7 16. Therefore, Defendants suffered, permitted, and required Plaintiff and other current
8 and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to be subject to Defendants'
9 control without paying wages for that time. This resulted in Plaintiff and other current and former
10 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees working time for which they were not
11 compensated any wages, in violation of Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 and the applicable
12 Wage Order.

13 17. **Failure to pay wages for overtime hours worked at the overtime rate of pay:**
14 Defendants employed many of their employees, including Plaintiff, as hourly non-exempt
15 employees. In California, an employer is required to pay hourly employees for all "hours worked,"
16 which includes all time that an employee is under control of the employer and all time the
17 employee is suffered and permitted to work. This includes the time an employee spends, either
18 directly or indirectly, performing services that inure to the benefit of the employer.'

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

22 Any work in excess of eight (8) hours in one workday, any work in excess of forty (40)
23 hours in any one (1) workweek, and the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day of
24 work in any one (1) workweek, shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one-and-
25 one-half (1.5) times the regular rate of pay for an employee. Any work in excess of twelve
26 (12) hours in one (1) day shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular
27 rate of pay for an employee. In addition, any work in excess of eight (8) hours on any
28 seventh day of a workweek shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the
regular rate of pay of an employee.

27 Labor Code section 510.

28 19. In this case, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other current and former

1 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees overtime wages for all overtime hours
2 worked due to Defendants' policies, practices, and/or procedures including, but not limited to,

3 (a) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
4 non-exempt employees to perform Defendant's closing procedures while working off-the-clock.

5 (b) Requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly
6 non-exempt employees to communicate with Defendant's management while off-the-clock.

7 20. Overtime is based upon an employee's regular rate of pay. "The regular rate at
8 which an employee is employed shall be deemed to include all remuneration for employment paid
9 to, or on behalf, of the employee." See Division of Labor Standards Enforcement – Enforcement
10 Policies and Interpretations Manual, Section 49.1.2.

11 21. In this case, Plaintiff alleges that when she and other current and former aggrieved
12 California-based hourly non-exempt employees earned overtime wages, Defendants failed to pay
13 them overtime wages at the proper overtime rate of pay due to Defendants' failure to include all
14 remuneration when calculating the overtime rate of pay. Specifically, Defendants maintained a
15 policy, practice, and/or procedure of failing to include all remuneration such as commission, for
16 example, when calculating Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based
17 hourly non-exempt employees' regular rate of pay for the purpose of paying overtime.

18 22. The foregoing policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in time during each
19 workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
20 employees were under the control of Defendants but were not compensated. To the extent that the
21 foregoing uncompensated time occurred when Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved
22 California-based hourly non-exempt employees worked more than eight (8) hours in a workday,
23 more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, and/or seven (7) days in a workweek, Defendants failed
24 to pay them at their overtime rate of pay for overtime hours worked, in violation of Labor Code
25 sections 510 and 1194 and the applicable Wage Order.

26 23. **Failure to pay wages to hourly non-exempt employees for workdays that**
27 **Defendants failed to provide legally required and compliant meal periods:** Plaintiff and other
28 current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees regularly worked

shifts of more than five (5) hours in length and shifts of more than ten (10) hours in length.

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

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

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

(a) Failing to provide Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees with timely, uninterrupted, duty-free meal breaks of at least 30 minutes for every five hours worked.

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

27. Additionally, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or

1 procedure of failing to compensate Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-
2 based hourly non-exempt employees one (1) hour of pay at their regular rate of pay for each
3 workday that Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt
4 employees did not receive legally required and compliant meal periods, in violation of Labor Code
5 section 226.7.

6 28. Finally, on occasions when Defendants paid Plaintiff and other current and former
7 aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees a “premium” wage for late, missed,
8 short, on-premise, on-duty, and/or interrupted meal periods, Defendants failed to pay the one (1)
9 additional hour of pay at Plaintiff’s and other current and former aggrieved California-based
10 hourly non-exempt employees’ regular rate of compensation. Specifically, Defendants maintained
11 a policy, practice, and/or procedure of failing to include all remuneration such as commission, for
12 example, when calculating Plaintiff’s and other current and former aggrieved California-based
13 hourly non-exempt employees’ regular rate of pay for the purpose of paying meal period premium
14 wages.

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

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

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

1 section 226.7; Wage Order 4 at §12. Rest periods, insofar as practicable, shall be in the middle of
2 each work period. Wage Order 4 at §12. Additionally, the rest period requirement “obligates
3 employers to permit – and authorizes employees to take – off-duty rest periods.” *Augustus v. ABM*
4 *Security Services, Inc.*, (2016) 5 Cal.5th 257, 269. That is, during rest periods employers must
5 relieve employees of all duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time. *Id.*

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

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

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

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

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

26 35. Finally, on occasions when Defendants did pay Plaintiff and other current and
27 former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees a “premium” wage for late,
28 missed, short, on-premise, on-duty, and/or interrupted rest periods, Defendants failed to pay the

one (1) additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' regular rate of compensation. Specifically, Defendants maintained a policy, practice, and/or procedure of failing to include all remuneration such as commission, for example, when calculating Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees' regular rate of pay for the purpose of paying rest period premiums.

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

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

38. Defendants have violated Labor Code Section 2802 by failing to indemnify Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based non-exempt hourly employees' necessary expenditures they incurred in the discharge of their duties. Specifically, Defendants employed a policy, practice, and procedure included, but were not limited to, requiring Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees to use or purchase their own tools and/or resources in order to work for Defendants, including but not limited to,

(a) Failing to reimburse Plaintiff and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees for the costs of uniforms and uniform maintenance.

39. Moreover, Defendants employed policies and procedures which ensured Plaintiff and aggrieved employees would not receive indemnification for their employment related expenses. This practice resulted in Plaintiff and aggrieved employees not receiving such

1 indemnification in compliance with California law.

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

5 41. **Failure to timely pay earned wages during employment:** In California, wages
6 must be paid at least twice during each calendar month on days designated in advance by the
7 employer as regular paydays, subject to some exceptions. Labor Code section 204(a). Wages
8 earned between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of any calendar month must be paid between the
9 16th and the 26th day of that month and wages earned between the 16th and the last day,
10 inclusive, of any calendar month must be paid between the 1st and 10th day of the following
11 month. *Id.* Other payroll periods such as those that are weekly, biweekly, or semimonthly, must be
12 paid within seven (7) calendar days following the close of the payroll period in which wages were
13 earned. Labor Code section 204(d).

14 42. As a derivative of Plaintiff's claims above, Plaintiff alleges that Defendants failed
15 to timely pay Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-
16 exempt employees' earned wages (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period
17 premium wages and/or rest period premium wages), in violation of Labor Code section 204.
18 Defendants' aforementioned policies, practices, and/or procedures resulted in their failure to pay
19 Plaintiff's and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees'
20 their earned wages within the applicable time frames outlined in Labor Code section 204.

21 43. **Failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements:** Labor Code section
22 226, subdivision (a). Labor Code section 226(a) provides, *inter alia*, that, upon paying an
23 employee his or her wages, the employer must "furnish each of his or her employees ... an
24 itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the
25 employee, except for any employee whose compensation is solely based on a salary and who is
26 exempt from payment of overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of
27 the Industrial Welfare Commission, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable
28 piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided, that all

1 deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5)
2 net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the pay period for which the employee is paid, (7) the
3 name of the employee and his or her social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal
4 entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and
5 the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.”

6 44. Defendants committed direct violations of Labor Code section 226, through their
7 policies, practices, and/or procedures, including, but not limited to failing to provide Plaintiff and
8 other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees accurate
9 itemized wage statements showing the rates and hours for the following pay codes: “Ret Reg,”
10 “TMB,” and “Commission.”

11 45. As a derivative of Plaintiff’s allegations above, Defendants’ failure to pay Plaintiff
12 and other current and former aggrieved California-based hourly non-exempt employees all wages
13 earned (including minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and/or rest
14 period premium wages) rendered Plaintiff’s and other current and former aggrieved California-
15 based hourly non-exempt employees’ wage statements inaccurate, in violation of Labor Code
16 section 226.

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

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

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

1 Labor Code section 2699.3.

2 49. Plaintiff has complied with the procedures for bringing suit specified in Labor
3 Code section 2699.3. On December 7, 2023, Plaintiff filed a PAGA Claim Notice with the LWDA
4 and provided notice to Defendants by certified mail which provided notice of the specific
5 provisions of the Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to
6 support the violations alleged.

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

12 51. Pursuant to Labor Code sections 2699(a) and (f), Plaintiff is entitled to recover civil
13 penalties for Defendants' violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204 226, 226.7, 510,
14 512, 1194, 1197, and 2802, During Plaintiff's employment and continuing through the present,
15 preceding Plaintiff sending the initial PAGA Claim Notice to the LWDA to the present, in the
16 following amounts:

17 a. For violations of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226.7, 512, and
18 2802; one hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial
19 violation and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each
20 subsequent violation [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 2699(f)(2)].

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

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

d. For violations of Labor Code section 1194 and 1197, one hundred dollars (\$100) for each underpaid employee for each pay period for the initial violation, and for each subsequent violation, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each underpaid employee for each pay period [penalty amounts established by Labor Code section 1197.1].

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

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF, ON BEHALF OF HERSELF AND ON OTHER AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEES, PRAYS AS FOLLOWS:

ON THE FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION:

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

2. For any and all legally applicable penalties during the relevant statute of limitations subject to any permissible tolling, including but not limited to those recoverable under the California Labor Code, including but not limited to section 2699(f);

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

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

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