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11 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
12 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**
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14 DIANA ARAGON and CHARLES ARAGON,
15 individually, and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

16 *Plaintiffs,*

17 v.

18 SAN DIEGO FREE RIDE, LLC DBA CHULA
19 VISTA COMMUNITY SHUTTLE, a California
limited liability company; CIRCUIT TRANSIT
20 INC. DBA THE FREE RIDE, a Florida
corporation; TAG-A-LONG SAN DIEGO, LLC
21 DBA CIRCUIT DBA FRED SAN DIEGO, a
California limited liability company; RIDE
22 CIRCUIT, an unknown entity; and DOES 1
through 10, inclusive,

23 *Defendants.*
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By: B. Delgado, Deputy

Case No.: 37-2023-00044086-CU-OE-CTL

*[Assigned for All Purposes to the Hon.
Marcella O. McLaughlin, Dept. C-72]*

**REVISED [PROPOSED] JUDGMENT
AND ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF
CLASS ACTION AND PAGA
SETTLEMENT**

Preliminary Approval Hearing:

Date: February 20, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Dept: C-72

Action Filed: October 11, 2023

1 This matter came on for hearing on February 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Department C-72
2 of the above-referenced Court on the Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA
3 Settlement pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769. On November 3, 2025, this Court
4 issued an Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and
5 PAGA Settlement. Plaintiffs Diana Aragon and Charles Aragon (collectively "Plaintiffs") now
6 seek an order granting final approval of the Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA
7 Settlement and Release ("Settlement"), a copy of which is attached to the Declaration of John
8 G. Yslas in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA
9 Settlement as **Exhibit 1**.

10 Having received and considered the Settlement, the supporting papers filed by the
11 Parties, and the evidence and argument in conjunction with the Motion for Preliminary Approval
12 of Class Action and PAGA Settlement granted on November 3, 2025, and the instant Motion
13 for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement, the Court grants final approval of
14 the Settlement and HEREBY ORDERS AND MAKES THE FOLLOWING
15 DETERMINATIONS:

16 1. Pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class
17 Action and PAGA Settlement, the Class Notice was sent to each Class Member by first-class mail.
18 These papers informed Class Members of the terms of the Settlement, their right to receive an
19 Individual Settlement Payment, and their right to: (a) comment on or object to the Settlement; (b)
20 request exclusion from the Settlement and pursue their own remedies; (c) dispute the calculation
21 of their Individual Settlement Payment; and (d) appear at the final approval hearing. No Class
22 Member has objected to the proposed Settlement, and no Class Member has requested exclusion.

23 2. The Court finds and determines that this notice procedure afforded adequate
24 protections to Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an informed decision
25 regarding approval of the Settlement based on the responses of the Class. The Court finds and
26 determines that the notice provided in this case was the best notice practicable, which satisfied the
27 requirements of law and due process.

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1 3. With respect to the Class and for purposes of approving this Settlement only, this
2 Court finds and concludes that: (a) the members of the Class are ascertainable and so numerous
3 that joinder of all members is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law or fact common the
4 class and a well-defined community of interest among members of the Class with respect to the
5 subject matter of the action; (c) the claims of Class Representatives Diana Aragon and Charles
6 Aragon are typical of the claims of the Class Members; (d) the Class Representatives have fairly
7 and adequately protected the interests of the Class; (e) a class action is superior to other available
8 methods for an efficient adjudication of this controversy; and (f) counsel of record for the Class
9 Representatives are qualified to serve as Class Counsel.

10 4. The Court has certified a Class for settlement purposes only, defined as all persons
11 who worked for Defendant San Diego Free Ride, LLC as non-exempt, hourly paid employees in
12 the State of California at any time from October 11, 2019, through September 17, 2025. The Court
13 deems this definition sufficient for purposes of California Rules of Court, Rule 3.765(a).

14 5. The Court hereby confirms John G. Yslas, Diego Aviles, Harry Erganyan, Mariam
15 Nazaretyan, Emily K. Borman, and Courtney M. Miller of Wilshire Law Firm, PLC as Class
16 Counsel.

17 6. The Court hereby confirms Plaintiffs Diana Aragon and Charles Aragon as the Class
18 Representatives.

19 7. The Court finds and determines that the terms of the Settlement are fair, reasonable,
20 and adequate, and directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms, having
21 found that the Settlement was reached as a result of informed and non-collusive arm's length
22 negotiations facilitated by a neutral mediator. The Court finds that the Parties conducted adequate
23 investigation, research, and discovery, and that their attorneys were able to reasonably evaluate
24 their respective positions. The Court also finds that the Settlement will enable the Parties to avoid
25 additional and potentially substantial litigation costs, as well as delay and risks if the Parties were
26 to continue to litigate the case. The Court has reviewed the monetary recovery provided as part of
27 the Settlement and recognizes the significant value accorded to the Class.

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1 8. The Court hereby approves that Defendants shall pay a total of \$295,000.00 to
2 resolve this litigation.

3 9. The Court finds and determines that the Individual Settlement Payments to be paid
4 to Settlement Class Members as provided for by the Settlement are fair and reasonable. The Court
5 hereby gives final approval to and orders the payment of those amounts to be made to the
6 Settlement Class Members in accordance with the Settlement.

7 10. From the Gross Settlement Amount, the Court finds and determines that payment
8 of \$29,500.00 in civil penalties under PAGA is fair, reasonable, and appropriate. The Labor and
9 Workforce Development Agency will receive 75% (\$22,125.00), and the remaining 25%
10 (\$7,375.00) will be distributed to PAGA Members (defined as all persons who worked for
11 Employing Defendant San Diego Free Ride, LLC as non-exempt, hourly paid employees in the
12 State of California at any time from December 28, 2022, through September 17, 2025. The Court
13 hereby grants final approval to and orders the payment of the amount in accordance with the
14 Settlement.

15 11. From the Gross Settlement Amount, the Court finds and determines the Class
16 Representative Service Payments of \$5,000.00 to each of the named Plaintiffs (\$10,000.00 total)
17 is fair and reasonable. The Court hereby grants final approval to and orders the payment of that
18 amount to be paid to the named Plaintiffs for their service as class representatives and for their
19 agreement to release claims.

20 12. From the Settlement Amount, the Court finds and determines that the fees and
21 expenses in administering the Settlement incurred by Phoenix Settlement Administrators in the
22 amount of \$8,000.00 are fair and reasonable. The Court hereby grants final approval to and orders
23 the payment of that amount in accordance with the Settlement.

24 13. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement, and the authorities, evidence, and argument
25 submitted by Class Counsel, the Court hereby awards Class Counsel attorneys' fees in the amount
26 of \$98,333.33 and litigation costs in the amount of \$29,677.75. The Court hereby grants final
27 approval to and orders the payment of those amounts in accordance with the Settlement.

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1 14. Without affecting the finality of this Order or the entry of judgment in any way, this
2 Court retains continuing jurisdiction of all matters relating to the implementation, interpretation,
3 administration, effectuation and enforcement of this order and the Settlement.

4 15. Defendants San Diego Free Ride, LLC DBA Chula Vista Community Shuttle);
5 Circuit Transit Inc.; and Tag-a-Long San Diego, LLC (erroneously sued and served as Tag-a-Long
6 San Diego, LLC DBA Circuit DBA FRED San Diego) (collectively, "Defendants") shall not have
7 any further liability for costs, expenses, interest, attorneys' fees, or for any other charge, expense,
8 or liability, except as provided for by the Settlement.

9 16. Neither the making of this Settlement nor the entry into the Settlement constitutes
10 an admission by Defendants, nor is this order a finding of the validity of any claims in this case or
11 of any other wrongdoing. Further, the Settlement is not a concession and shall not be used as an
12 admission of any wrongdoing, fault, or omission of any entity or persons, nor may any action taken
13 to carry out the terms of the Settlement be construed as an admission or concession by or against
14 Defendants.

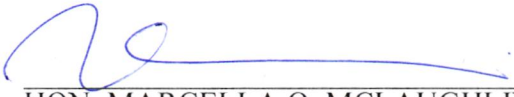
15 17. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator
16 will provide written certification of such completion to the Court, which shall be filed with the
17 Court 15 days before the non-appearance compliance hearing set for **February 19, 2027**, at _____
18 **a.m./p.m.** in Dept. C-72 of the above-referenced Court.

19 18. The Court hereby enters final judgment in accordance with the terms of the
20 Settlement, the Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and
21 PAGA Settlement, and this Order.

22 19. The Parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees except as otherwise
23 provided by this Court's Order awarding Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and litigation costs.

24 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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26 Dated: Feb. 20, 2026

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HON. MARCELLA O. MCLAUGHLIN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT