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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

RONALD YOUNG, individually, and on
behalf of other members of the general public
similarly situated, and on behalf of other
aggrieved employees pursuant to the
California Private Attorneys General Act;

Plaintiff,

vs.

NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS
CALIFORNIA, LLC, a California limited
liability company; NORTHWEST
CONFECTIONS LLC, an unknown business
entity; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

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County of Sacramento

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Honorable Jill Talley
Department 23

**SECOND AMENDED CLASS ACTION
COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES,
ENFORCEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE
ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT,
CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE § 2698, ET
SEQ., AND COLLECTIVE ACTION
UNDER THE FLSA**

- (1) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198 (Unpaid Overtime);
- (2) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a) (Unpaid Meal Period Premiums);
- (3) Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7 (Unpaid Rest Period Premiums);
- (4) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 (Unpaid Minimum Wages);
- (5) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 (Final Wages Not Timely Paid);

- (6) Violation of California Labor Code § 204 (Wages Not Timely Paid During Employment);
- (7) Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a) (Non-Compliant Wage Statements);
- (8) Violation of California Labor Code § 1174(d) (Failure To Keep Requisite Payroll Records);
- (9) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802 (Unreimbursed Business Expenses);
- (10) Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.;
- (11) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq. (California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004);
- (12) Violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq.)

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW, Plaintiff RONALD YOUNG (“Plaintiff”), individually, and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated, the State of California, and other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act (“PAGA”), and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This class and collective action is brought pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 and the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.* (“FLSA”). The monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceeds the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial. The “amount in controversy” for the named Plaintiff, including but not limited to claims for compensatory damages, restitution, penalties, wages, premium pay, and pro rata share of attorneys’ fees, is less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

2. Plaintiff brings the first through tenth causes of action individually and as a class action pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 on behalf of all current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees who worked for any of the Defendants within the

1 State of California at any time during the period from May 20, 2018 to final judgment and who
2 reside in California (the “Class”).

3 3. Plaintiff brings the eleventh cause of action as a representative action under the
4 Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004. California Labor Code § 2698, *et seq.*
5 (“PAGA”) to recover civil penalties on behalf of Plaintiff, the State of California, and all current
6 and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees who worked for any of the Defendants within
7 the State of California during the period from May 20, 2021 to final judgment (the “Aggrieved
8 Employees”).

9 4. Plaintiff brings the twelfth cause of action individually and as a collective action
10 pursuant to the FLSA on behalf of all current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees
11 who worked for any of the Defendants within the State of California at any time during the period
12 from May 20, 2018 to final judgment and who reside in California (the “FLSA Collective”).

13 5. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California
14 Constitution, Article VI, Section 10, which grants the superior court “original jurisdiction in all
15 other causes” except those given by statute to other courts. The statutes under which this
16 action is brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.

17 6. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because, upon information and
18 belief, Defendants are citizens of California, have sufficient minimum contacts in California,
19 or otherwise intentionally avail themselves of the California market so as to render the exercise
20 of jurisdiction over them by California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play
21 and substantial justice.

22 7. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendants
23 maintain offices, have agents, employ individuals, and/or transact business in the State of
24 California, County of Sacramento. The majority of acts and omissions alleged herein relating to
25 Plaintiff and the other class members took place in the State of California, including the County
26 of Sacramento.

27 **PARTIES**

28 8. Plaintiff RONALD YOUNG is an individual residing in the State of California,

1 County of Sacramento.

2 9. Defendant NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, at all times
3 herein mentioned, was and is, upon information and belief, a California limited liability
4 company and, at all times herein mentioned, an employer whose employees are engaged
5 throughout the State of California, including the County of Sacramento.

6 10. Defendant NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS LLC, at all times herein mentioned,
7 was and is, upon information and belief an employer whose employees are engaged throughout
8 the State of California, including the County of Sacramento.

9 11. At all relevant times, Defendant NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS
10 CALIFORNIA, LLC and Defendant NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS LLC were the “employer”
11 of Plaintiff within the meaning of all applicable California laws and statutes.

12 12. At all times herein relevant, Defendants NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS
13 CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100, and
14 each of them, were the agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers, representatives,
15 servants, employees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators and/or assigns, each of the other,
16 and at all times relevant hereto were acting within the course and scope of their authority as
17 such agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers, representatives, servants, employees,
18 successors, co-conspirators and/or assigns, and all acts or omissions alleged herein were duly
19 committed with the ratification, knowledge, permission, encouragement, authorization and/or
20 consent of each defendant designated as a DOE herein.

21 13. The true names and capacities, whether corporate, associate, individual or
22 otherwise, of defendants DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff who sue
23 said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on that
24 information and belief alleges, that each of the defendants designated as a DOE is legally
25 responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, and unlawfully caused
26 the injuries and damages to Plaintiff and the other class members as alleged in this Complaint.
27 Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to show the true names and
28 capacities when the same have been ascertained.

14. Defendant NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100 will hereinafter collectively be referred to as “Defendants.”

15. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants directly or indirectly controlled or affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of Plaintiff and the other class members so as to make each of said Defendants employers liable under the statutory provisions set forth herein.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

16. Plaintiff brings the first through tenth causes of action on his own behalf and on behalf of all other members of the general public similarly situated, and, thus, seeks class certification under California Code of Civil Procedure section 382.

17. The proposed class is defined as follows:

All current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees who worked for any of the Defendants within the State of California at any time during the period from May 20, 2018 to final judgment and who reside in California.

18. Plaintiff reserves the right to establish subclasses as appropriate.

19. The class is ascertainable and there is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation:

a. Numerosity: The class members are so numerous that joinder of all class members is impracticable. The membership of the entire class is unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, the class is estimated to be greater than fifty (50) individuals and the identity of such membership is readily ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' employment records.

b. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of all other class members' as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members with whom he has a well-defined community of interest.

c. Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of

1 each class member, with whom he has a well-defined community of
2 interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff has no
3 interest that is antagonistic to the other class members. Plaintiff's
4 attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing
5 class action discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiff has
6 incurred, and during the pendency of this action will continue to incur,
7 costs and attorneys' fees, that have been, are, and will be necessarily
8 expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of
9 each class member.

10 d. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the
11 fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual joinder
12 of all class members is impractical.

13 e. Public Policy Considerations: Certification of this lawsuit as a class
14 action will advance public policy objectives. Employers of this great
15 state violate employment and labor laws every day. Current employees
16 are often afraid to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect
17 retaliation. However, class actions provide the class members who are
18 not named in the complaint anonymity that allows for the vindication of
19 their rights.

20 20. There are common questions of law and fact as to the class members that
21 predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The following common
22 questions of law or fact, among others, exist as to the members of the class:

- 23 a. Whether Defendants' failure to pay wages, without abatement or
24 reduction, in accordance with the California Labor Code, was willful;
- 25 b. Whether Defendants' had a corporate policy and practice of failing to
26 pay their hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of
27 California for all hours worked and missed (short, late, interrupted,
28 and/or missed altogether) meal periods and rest breaks in violation of

1 California law;

2 c. Whether Defendants required Plaintiff and the other class members to
3 work over eight (8) hours per day and/or over forty (40) hours per week
4 and failed to pay the legally required overtime compensation to Plaintiff
5 and the other class members;

6 d. Whether Defendants deprived Plaintiff and the other class members of
7 meal and/or rest periods or required Plaintiff and the other class
8 members to work during meal and/or rest periods without compensation;

9 e. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the
10 other class members for all hours worked;

11 f. Whether Defendants failed to pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other
12 class members within the required time upon their discharge or
13 resignation;

14 g. Whether Defendants failed to timely pay all wages due to Plaintiff and
15 the other class members during their employment;

16 h. Whether Defendants complied with wage reporting as required by the
17 California Labor Code; including, *inter alia*, section 226;

18 i. Whether Defendants kept complete and accurate payroll records as
19 required by the California Labor Code, including, *inter alia*, section
20 1174(d);

21 j. Whether Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class
22 members for necessary business-related expenses and costs;

23 k. Whether Defendants' conduct was willful or reckless;

24 l. Whether Defendants engaged in unfair business practices in violation of
25 California Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq.;

26 m. The appropriate amount of damages, restitution, and/or monetary
27 penalties resulting from Defendants' violation of California law; and

28 n. Whether Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to

compensatory damages pursuant to the California Labor Code.

PAGA ALLEGATIONS

21. At all times herein set forth, PAGA was applicable to Plaintiff's employment by Defendants.

22. At all times herein set forth, PAGA provides that any provision of law under the California Labor Code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the LWDA for violations of the California Labor Code may, as an alternative, be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved employee on behalf of herself and other current or former employees pursuant to procedures outlined in California Labor Code section 2699.3.

23. Pursuant to PAGA, a civil action under PAGA may be brought by an "aggrieved employee," who is any person that was employed by the alleged violator and against whom one or more of the alleged violations was committed.

24. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants and the alleged violation was committed against him during his time of employment and he is, therefore, an aggrieved employee. Plaintiff and the other employees are "aggrieved employees" as defined by California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are all current or former employees of Defendants, and one or more of the alleged violations were committed against them.

25. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699.3 and 2699.5, an aggrieved employee, including Plaintiff, may pursue a civil action arising under PAGA after the following requirements have been met:

a. The aggrieved employee shall give written notice by online submission (hereinafter "Employee's Notice") to the Labor & Workforce Development Agency (hereinafter "LWDA") and by U.S. Certified Mail to the employer of the specific provisions of the California Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations.

b. The LWDA shall provide notice (hereinafter "LWDA Notice") to the employer and the aggrieved employee by certified mail that it does not

1 intend to investigate the alleged violation within sixty (60) calendar days
2 of the postmark date of the Employee's Notice. Upon receipt of the
3 LWDA Notice, or if the LWDA Notice is not provided within sixty-five
4 (65) calendar days of the postmark date of the Employee's Notice, the
5 aggrieved employee may commence a civil action pursuant to California
6 Labor Code section 2699 to recover civil penalties in addition to any
7 other penalties to which the employee may be entitled.

8 26. On January 17, 2024, Plaintiff provided written notice by online submission to
9 the LWDA and by U.S. Certified Mail to Defendant NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS
10 CALIFORNIA, LLC and NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS LLC of the specific provisions of
11 the California Labor Code alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to
12 support the alleged violations. Plaintiff has not received an LWDA Notice within sixty-five
13 (65) calendar days of the date of Plaintiff's notice.

14 27. Therefore, Plaintiff has satisfied the administrative prerequisites under
15 California Labor Code section 2699.3(a) to recover civil penalties against Defendants for
16 violations of California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a),
17 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800, and 2802

18 **FLSA COLLECTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

19 28. Plaintiff brings the twelfth cause of action as a collective action on behalf of
20 himself and on behalf of all other similarly situated individuals pursuant to the FLSA, 29
21 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.

22 29. The proposed FLSA Collective consists of and is defined as follows:

23 All current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees who worked for
24 any of the Defendants within the State of California at any time during the
25 period from May 20, 2018 to final judgment and who reside in California.

26 30. Plaintiff has consented in writing to be a part of this action pursuant to 29
27 U.S.C. § 216(b). Plaintiff's signed consent form is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. As this case
28 proceeds, it is likely that other individuals will file consent forms and join as "opt-in"

1 plaintiffs.

2 31. Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective are victims of Defendants' widespread,
3 repeated, and consistent illegal policies that have resulted in violations of their rights under the
4 FLSA, and that have caused significant damages to the FLSA Collective.

5 32. Defendants have willfully engaged in unlawful policies and practices in
6 violation of the FLSA as described herein in ways including, but not limited to: (1) failing to
7 pay Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective the prevailing minimum wage for all hours worked, and
8 (2) failing to pay Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective overtime compensation at one and one-half
9 times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek.

10 33. Defendants' conduct constitutes a willful violation of the FLSA, within the
11 meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 255(a).

12 34. Defendants are liable under the FLSA for failing to properly compensate
13 Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective, and, as such, notice should be sent to the FLSA Collective.
14 There are numerous similarly situated current and former employees of Defendants who have
15 suffered from Defendants' common policies and practices, including being denied minimum
16 wages and overtime compensation, and who benefit from the issuance of a Court supervised
17 notice of the present lawsuit and the opportunity to join in the present lawsuit. The identity of
18 the members of the FLSA Collective are known to Defendants and are readily identifiable from
19 Defendants' records.

20 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

21 35. At all relevant times set forth herein, Defendants employed Plaintiff and other
22 persons as hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California, including the
23 County of Sacramento.

24 36. Defendants, jointly and severally, employed Plaintiff as an hourly-paid, non-
25 exempt employee, from approximately October 2019 to approximately January 2020, in the
26 State of California, County of Sacramento.

27 37. Defendants hired Plaintiff and the other class members, classified them as
28 hourly-paid or non-exempt employees, and failed to compensate them for all hours worked and

missed meal periods and/or rest breaks.

38. Defendants had the authority to hire and terminate Plaintiff and the other class members, to set work rules and conditions governing Plaintiff's and the other class members' employment, and to supervise their daily employment activities.

39. Defendants exercised sufficient authority over the terms and conditions of Plaintiff's and the other class members' employment for them to be joint employers of Plaintiff and the other class members.

40. Defendants directly hired and paid wages and benefits to Plaintiff and the other class members.

41. Defendants continue to employ hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California.

42. Plaintiff and the other class members worked over eight (8) hours in a day, and/or forty (40) hours in a week during their employment with Defendants.

43. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants engaged in a pattern and practice of wage abuse against their hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California. This pattern and practice involved, *inter alia*, failing to pay them for all regular and/or overtime wages earned and for missed meal periods and rest breaks in violation of California law.

44. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive certain wages for overtime compensation and that they were not receiving accurate overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked.

45. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants failed to provide Plaintiff and the other class members all required rest and meal periods during the relevant time period as required under the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders and thus they are entitled to any and all applicable penalties.

46. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive

1 all meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class
2 member's regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, and they did not receive all meal
3 periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class member's
4 regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed.

5 47. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
6 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
7 all rest periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class
8 member's regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, and they did not receive all rest
9 periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and the other class members'
10 regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed.

11 48. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
12 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
13 at least minimum wages for compensation and that they were not receiving at least minimum
14 wages for all hours worked.

15 49. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
16 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
17 all wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation, including overtime and minimum wages
18 and meal and rest period premiums, and they did not, in fact, receive all such wages owed to
19 them at the time of their discharge or resignation.

20 50. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
21 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
22 all wages owed to them during their employment. Plaintiff and the other class members did
23 not receive payment of all wages, including overtime and minimum wages and meal and rest
24 period premiums, within any time permissible under California Labor Code section 204.

25 51. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
26 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to receive
27 complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with California law, but, in fact, they did
28 not receive complete and accurate wage statements from Defendants. The deficiencies

1 included, *inter alia*, the failure to include the total number of hours worked by Plaintiff and the
2 other class members.

3 52. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
4 knew or should have known that Defendants had to keep complete and accurate payroll records
5 for Plaintiff and the other class members in accordance with California law, but, in fact, did
6 not keep complete and accurate payroll records.

7 53. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
8 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to
9 reimbursement for necessary business-related expenses.

10 54. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
11 knew or should have known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff and the other class
12 members pursuant to California law, and that Defendants had the financial ability to pay such
13 compensation, but willfully, knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely
14 represented to Plaintiff and the other class members that they were properly denied wages, all
15 in order to increase Defendants' profits.

16 55. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay overtime wages to
17 Plaintiff and the other class members for all overtime hours worked. Plaintiff and the other
18 class members were required to work more than eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40) hours
19 per week without overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked.

20 56. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to provide all requisite
21 uninterrupted meal and rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members.

22 57. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
23 class members at least minimum wages for all hours worked.

24 58. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
25 class members all wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation.

26 59. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
27 class members all wages within any time permissible under California law, including, *inter*
28 *alia*, California Labor Code section 204.

1 60. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to provide complete or
2 accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and the other class members.

3 61. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to keep complete or accurate
4 payroll records for Plaintiff and the other class members.

5 62. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the
6 other class members for all necessary business-related expenses and costs.

7 63. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to properly compensate
8 Plaintiff and the other class members pursuant to California law in order to increase
9 Defendants' profits.

10 64. California Labor Code section 218 states that nothing in Article 1 of the Labor
11 Code shall limit the right of any wage claimant to "sue directly . . . for any wages or penalty
12 due to him [or her] under this article."

13 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198)**

15 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
16 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

17 65. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1
18 through 64, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
19 forth herein.

20 66. California Labor Code section 1198 and the applicable Industrial Welfare
21 Commission ("IWC") Wage Order provide that it is unlawful to employ persons without
22 compensating them at a rate of pay either time-and-one-half or two-times that person's regular
23 rate of pay, depending on the number of hours worked by the person on a daily or weekly
24 basis.

25 67. Specifically, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that Defendants are and
26 were required to pay Plaintiff and the other class members employed by Defendants, and
27 working more than eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, at the
28 rate of time-and-one-half for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more

1 than forty (40) hours in a workweek.

2 68. The applicable IWC Wage Order further provides that Defendants are and were
3 required to pay Plaintiff and the other class members overtime compensation at a rate of two
4 times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day.

5 69. California Labor Code section 510 codifies the right to overtime compensation
6 at one-and-one-half times the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours
7 in a day or forty (40) hours in a week or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day
8 of work, and to overtime compensation at twice the regular hourly rate for hours worked in
9 excess of twelve (12) hours in a day or in excess of eight (8) hours in a day on the seventh day
10 of work.

11 70. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other class members worked in
12 excess of eight (8) hours in a day, and/or in excess of forty (40) hours in a week.

13 71. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to
14 pay overtime wages owed to Plaintiff and the other class members.

15 72. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the unpaid
16 balance of overtime compensation, as required by California laws, violates the provisions of
17 California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198, and is therefore unlawful.

18 73. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194, Plaintiff and the other class
19 members are entitled to recover unpaid overtime compensation, as well as interest, costs, and
20 attorneys' fees.

21 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a))**

23 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
24 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

25 74. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
26 through 73, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
27 forth herein.

28 75. At all relevant times, the IWC Order and California Labor Code sections 226.7

1 and 512(a) were applicable to Plaintiff's and the other class members' employment by
2 Defendants.

3 76. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no
4 employer shall require an employee to work during any meal or rest period mandated by an
5 applicable order of the California IWC.

6 77. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
7 Code section 512(a) provide that an employer may not require, cause or permit an employee to
8 work for a work period of more than five (5) hours per day without providing the employee
9 with a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except that if the total work period per
10 day of the employee is no more than six (6) hours, the meal period may be waived by mutual
11 consent of both the employer and employee.

12 78. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
13 Code section 512(a) further provide that an employer may not require, cause or permit an
14 employee to work for a work period of more than ten (10) hours per day without providing the
15 employee with a second uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except
16 that if the total hours worked is no more than twelve (12) hours, the second meal period may
17 be waived by mutual consent of the employer and the employee only if the first meal period
18 was not waived.

19 79. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other class members who were
20 scheduled to work for a period of time no longer than six (6) hours, and who did not waive
21 their legally-mandated meal periods by mutual consent, were required to work for periods
22 longer than five (5) hours without an uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30)
23 minutes and/or rest period.

24 80. During the relevant time period, Plaintiff and the other class members who were
25 scheduled to work for a period of time in excess of six (6) hours were required to work for
26 periods longer than five (5) hours without an uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty
27 (30) minutes and/or rest period.

28 81. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully required

1 Plaintiff and the other class members to work during meal periods and failed to compensate
2 Plaintiff and the other class members the full meal period premium for work performed during
3 meal periods.

4 82. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
5 class members the full meal period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section
6 226.7.

7 83. Defendants' conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor
8 Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

9 84. Pursuant to applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section
10 226.7(c), Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one
11 additional hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each work day that
12 the meal or rest period is not provided.

13 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7)**

15 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST** 16 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

17 85. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
18 through 84, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
19 forth herein.

20 86. At all times herein set forth, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California
21 Labor Code section 226.7 were applicable to Plaintiff's and the other class members'
22 employment by Defendants.

23 87. At all relevant times, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no
24 employer shall require an employee to work during any rest period mandated by an applicable
25 order of the California IWC.

26 88. At all relevant times, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that "[e]very
27 employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods, which insofar as
28 practicable shall be in the middle of each work period" and that the "rest period time shall be

1 based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes net rest time per four (4)
2 hours or major fraction thereof” unless the total daily work time is less than three and one-half
3 (3 ½) hours.

4 89. During the relevant time period, Defendants required Plaintiff and other class
5 members to work four (4) or more hours without authorizing or permitting a ten (10) minute
6 rest period per each four (4) hour period worked.

7 90. During the relevant time period, Defendants willfully required Plaintiff and the
8 other class members to work during rest periods and failed to pay Plaintiff and the other class
9 members the full rest period premium for work performed during rest periods.

10 91. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other
11 class members the full rest period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section
12 226.7.

13 92. Defendants’ conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Orders and California
14 Labor Code section 226.7.

15 93. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code section
16 226.7(c), Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one
17 additional hour of pay at the employees’ regular hourly rate of compensation for each work
18 day that the rest period was not provided.

19 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1)**

21 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
22 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

23 94. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
24 through 93, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
25 forth herein.

26 95. At all relevant times, California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1
27 provide that the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a lesser wage
28 than the minimum so fixed is unlawful.

96. During the relevant time period, Defendants failed to pay minimum wage to Plaintiff and the other class members as required, pursuant to California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1.

97. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the minimum wage as required violates California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Pursuant to those sections Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of their minimum wage compensation as well as interest, costs, and attorney's fees, and liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

98. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1197.1, Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover a penalty of \$100.00 for the initial failure to timely pay each employee minimum wages, and \$250.00 for each subsequent failure to pay each employee minimum wages.

99. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202)

(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)

100. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 99, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

101. At all relevant times herein set forth, California Labor Code sections 201 and 202 provide that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately, and if an employee quits his or her employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72) hours thereafter, unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours' notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of

1 quitting.

2 102. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to
3 pay Plaintiff and the other class members who are no longer employed by Defendants their
4 wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.

5 103. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the other class members who are no
6 longer employed by Defendants' their wages, earned and unpaid, within seventy-two (72)
7 hours of their leaving Defendants' employ, is in violation of California Labor Code sections
8 201 and 202.

9 104. California Labor Code section 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to
10 pay wages owed, in accordance with sections 201 and 202, then the wages of the employee
11 shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an
12 action is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30) days.

13 105. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the
14 statutory penalty wages for each day they were not paid, up to a thirty (30) day maximum
15 pursuant to California Labor Code section 203.

16 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 204)**

18 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
19 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

20 106. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
21 through 105, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
22 forth herein.

23 107. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all
24 wages earned by any person in any employment between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of
25 any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and
26 payable between the 16th and the 26th day of the month during which the labor was
27 performed.

28 108. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all

1 wages earned by any person in any employment between the 16th and the last day, inclusive,
2 of any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due
3 and payable between the 1st and the 10th day of the following month.

4 109. At all times herein set forth, California Labor Code section 204 provides that all
5 wages earned for labor in excess of the normal work period shall be paid no later than the
6 payday for the next regular payroll period.

7 110. During the relevant time period, Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to
8 pay Plaintiff and the other class members all wages due to them, within any time period
9 permissible under California Labor Code section 204.

10 111. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover all remedies
11 available for violations of California Labor Code section 204.

12 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a))**

14 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST** 15 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

16 112. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
17 through 111, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
18 forth herein.

19 113. At all material times set forth herein, California Labor Code section 226(a)
20 provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate itemized
21 statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee,
22 (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid
23 on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of
24 the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the
25 inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and
26 his or her social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the
27 employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the
28 corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee. The deductions

1 made from payments of wages shall be recorded in ink or other indelible form, properly dated,
2 showing the month, day, and year, and a copy of the statement or a record of the deductions
3 shall be kept on file by the employer for at least three years at the place of employment or at a
4 central location within the State of California.

5 114. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to provide Plaintiff and the
6 other class members with complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include,
7 but are not limited to: the failure to include the total number of hours worked by Plaintiff and
8 the other class members.

9 115. As a result of Defendants' violation of California Labor Code section 226(a),
10 Plaintiff and the other class members have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily-
11 protected rights.

12 116. More specifically, Plaintiff and the other class members have been injured by
13 Defendants' intentional and willful violation of California Labor Code section 226(a) because
14 they were denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving,
15 accurate and itemized wage statements pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(a).

16 117. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the
17 greater of their actual damages caused by Defendants' failure to comply with California Labor
18 Code section 226(a), or an aggregate penalty not exceeding four thousand dollars per
19 employee.

20 118. Plaintiff and the other class members are also entitled to injunctive relief to
21 ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(h).

22 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

23 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 1174(d))**

24 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
25 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

26 119. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
27 through 118, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
28 forth herein.

1 120. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1174(d), an employer shall keep, at a
2 central location in the state or at the plants or establishments at which employees are
3 employed, payroll records showing the hours worked daily by and the wages paid to, and the
4 number of piece-rate units earned by and any applicable piece rate paid to, employees
5 employed at the respective plants or establishments. These records shall be kept in accordance
6 with rules established for this purpose by the commission, but in any case shall be kept on file
7 for not less than two years.

8 121. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to keep accurate and complete
9 payroll records showing the hours worked daily and the wages paid, to Plaintiff and the other
10 class members.

11 122. As a result of Defendants' violation of California Labor Code section 1174(d),
12 Plaintiff and the other class members have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily-
13 protected rights.

14 123. More specifically, Plaintiff and the other class members have been injured by
15 Defendants' intentional and willful violation of California Labor Code section 1174(d) because
16 they were denied both their legal right and protected interest, in having available, accurate and
17 complete payroll records pursuant to California Labor Code section 1174(d).

18 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

19 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802)**

20 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
21 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

22 124. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
23 through 123, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
24 forth herein.

25 125. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802, an employer must
26 reimburse its employee for all necessary expenditures incurred by the employee in direct
27 consequence of the discharge of his or her job duties or in direct consequence of his or her
28 obedience to the directions of the employer.

1 126. Plaintiff and the other class members incurred necessary business-related
2 expenses and costs that were not fully reimbursed by Defendants.

3 127. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the
4 other class members for all necessary business-related expenses and costs.

5 128. Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants
6 their business-related expenses and costs incurred during the course and scope of their
7 employment, plus interest accrued from the date on which the employee incurred the necessary
8 expenditures at the same rate as judgments in civil actions in the State of California.

9 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **(Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.)**

11 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
12 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

13 129. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
14 through 128, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
15 forth herein.

16 130. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair,
17 unlawful and harmful to Plaintiff, other class members, to the general public, and Defendants'
18 competitors. Accordingly, Plaintiff seek to enforce important rights affecting the public
19 interest within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

20 131. Defendants' activities as alleged herein are violations of California law, and
21 constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business &
22 Professions Code section 17200, et seq.

23 132. A violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq.
24 may be predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. In this instant case, Defendants'
25 policies and practices of requiring employees, including Plaintiff and the other class members,
26 to work overtime without paying them proper compensation violate California Labor Code
27 sections 510 and 1198. Additionally, Defendants' policies and practices of requiring
28 employees, including Plaintiff and the other class members, to work through their meal and

1 rest periods without paying them proper compensation violate California Labor Code sections
2 226.7 and 512(a). Defendants' policies and practices of failing to pay minimum wages violate
3 California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1. Moreover, Defendants' policies and
4 practices of failing to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other class members violate
5 California Labor Code sections 201, 202 and 204. Defendants also violated California Labor
6 Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), 2800 and 2802.

7 133. As a result of the herein described violations of California law, Defendants
8 unlawfully gained an unfair advantage over other businesses.

9 134. Plaintiff and the other class members have been personally injured by
10 Defendants' unlawful business acts and practices as alleged herein, including but not
11 necessarily limited to the loss of money and/or property.

12 135. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.,
13 Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and
14 retained by Defendants during a period that commences four years preceding the filing of this
15 Complaint; an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil procedure section
16 1021.5 and other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

17 **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **Violation of California Labor Code § 2698, et seq.**

19 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST** 20 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

21 136. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
22 through 135, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
23 forth herein.

24 137. PAGA expressly establishes that any provision of the California Labor Code
25 which provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the LWDA, or any of its
26 departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies or employees for a violation of the
27 California Labor Code, may be recovered through a civil action brought by an aggrieved
28 employee on behalf of himself or herself, and other current or former employees.

138. Whenever the LWDA, or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies, or employees has discretion to assess a civil penalty, a court in a civil action is authorized to exercise the same discretion, subject to the same limitations and conditions, to assess a civil penalty.

139. Plaintiff and the other hourly-paid or non-exempt employees are “aggrieved employees” as defined by California Labor Code section 2699(c) in that they are all current or former employees of Defendants, and one or more of the alleged violations was committed against them.

Failure to Pay Overtime

140. Defendants' failure to pay legally required overtime wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198.

Failure to Provide Meal Periods

141. Defendants' failure to provide legally required meal periods to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

Failure to Provide Rest Periods

142. Defendants' failure to provide legally required rest periods to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226.7.

Failure to Pay Minimum Wages

143. Defendants' failure to pay legally required minimum wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees is in violation of the Wage Orders and constitutes unlawful or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 1194, 1197 and 1197.1.

Failure to Timely Pay Wages Upon Termination

144. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees upon termination in accordance with Labor Code sections 201 and 202 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

1 **Failure to Timely Pay Wages During Employment**

2 145. Defendants' failure to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and the other aggrieved
3 employees during employment in accordance with Labor Code section 204 constitutes
4 unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 204.

5 **Failure to Provide Complete and Accurate Wage Statements**

6 146. Defendants' failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements to
7 Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees in accordance with Labor Code section 226(a)
8 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section 226(a).

9 **Failure to Keep Complete and Accurate Payroll Records**

10 147. Defendants' failure to keep complete and accurate payroll records relating to
11 Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees in accordance with California Labor Code section
12 1174(d) constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California Labor Code section
13 1174(d).

14 **Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business-Related Expenses and Costs**

15 148. Defendants' failure to reimburse Plaintiff and the other aggrieved employees for
16 necessary business-related expenses and costs in accordance with California Labor Code
17 sections 2800 and 2802 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by California
18 Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802.

19 149. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699, Plaintiff, individually, and on
20 behalf of all aggrieved employees, requests and is entitled to recover from Defendants and
21 each of them, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code section 218.5, as
22 well as all penalties pursuant to PAGA against Defendants, and each of them, including but not
23 limited to:

- 24 a. Penalties under California Labor Code section 2699 in the amount of a
25 hundred dollars (\$100) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the
26 initial violation, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved
27 employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
28 b. Penalties under California Code of Regulations Title 8 section 11010 et

1 seq. in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50) for each aggrieved employee per
2 pay period for the initial violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100) for
3 each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;

4 c. Penalties under California Labor Code section 210 in addition to, and
5 entirely independent and apart from, any other penalty provided in the
6 California Labor Code in the amount of a hundred dollars (\$100) for each
7 aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation, and two
8 hundred dollars (\$200) for each aggrieved employee per pay period for
9 each subsequent violation; and

10 d. Any and all additional penalties and sums as provided by the California
11 Labor Code and/or other statutes.

12 150. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699(i), civil penalties recovered by
13 aggrieved employees shall be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) to the Labor
14 and Workforce Development Agency for the enforcement of labor laws and education of
15 employers and employees about their rights and responsibilities and twenty-five percent (25%)
16 to the aggrieved employees.

17 151. Further, Plaintiff is entitled to seek and recover reasonable attorneys' fees and
18 costs pursuant to California Labor Code sections 210, 218.5 and 2699 and any other applicable
19 statute.

20 **TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **(Violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201, et seq.)**

22 **(Against NORTHWEST CONFECTIONS CALIFORNIA, LLC, NORTHWEST**
23 **CONFECTIONS LLC, and DOES 1 through 100)**

24 152. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
25 through 151, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
26 forth herein.

27 153. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants have been and continue to be
28 an "employer" engaged in interstate "commerce" and/or in the production of "goods" for

1 “commerce” within the meaning of the 29 U.S.C. § 203(d).

2 154. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants employed Plaintiff and
3 employed or continues to employ members of the FLSA Collective, within the definition of 29
4 U.S.C. §203(e)(1).

5 155. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendants had gross operating revenues
6 in excess of \$500,000.00 within the definition of 29 U.S.C. §203(s)(1)(A)(ii).

7 156. Plaintiff consents to be a party plaintiff in this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §
8 216(b).

9 157. Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective were and are paid hourly and are not exempt
10 from the right to receive minimum wage and overtime compensation under the FLSA.

11 158. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective have
12 been subject to the same unlawful policies and practices of Defendants, including failure to pay
13 the prevailing minimum wage for all hours worked and overtime at a rate of one and one-half
14 their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek.

15 159. As a result of Defendants’ failure to pay Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective the
16 prevailing minimum wage for all hours worked, Defendants have violated and continue to violate
17 29 U.S.C. § 206.

18 160. As a result of Defendants’ failure to compensate Plaintiff and the FLSA
19 Collective at a rate of not less than 1½ times their regular rate of pay for work performed in
20 excess of 40 hours in a workweek, Defendants have violated and continue to violate 29 U.S.C.
21 § 207.

22 161. Defendants have failed to make, keep, and preserve records with respect to
23 Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective, sufficient to determine the wages, hours and other conditions
24 and practices of employment in violation of the FLSA, including 29 U.S.C. § 211(c) and §
25 215(a).

26 162. Defendants’ conduct as alleged herein was willful, repeated, knowing, intentional
27 and without a good faith basis, and significantly damages Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective.

28 163. Plaintiff and the FLSA are entitled to damages in the amount of their unpaid

1 minimum wages, straight time and overtime compensation, plus liquidated damages provided by
2 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), attorneys' fees and costs, and other such legal and equitable relief as the
3 Court deems just and proper.

4 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

5 Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly
6 situated, and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the California Private
7 Attorneys General Act, and on behalf of the FLSA Collective, requests a trial by jury.

8 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

9 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of other members of the general
10 public similarly situated, and on behalf of other aggrieved employees pursuant to the
11 California Private Attorneys General Act, and on behalf of the FLSA Collective, prays for
12 relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and severally, as follows:

13 **Class Certification**

- 14 1. That this action be certified as a class action with respect to the First through
15 Tenth Causes of Action;
- 16 2. That Plaintiff be appointed as the representative of the Class;
- 17 3. That counsel for Plaintiff be appointed as Class Counsel; and
- 18 4. That Defendants provide to Class Counsel immediately the names and most
19 current/last known contact information (address, e-mail and telephone numbers) of all class
20 members.

21 **FLSA Collective Certification**

- 22 5. That this action be certified as a collective action with respect to the Twelfth
23 Cause of Action pursuant to 29 USC § 216(b) and that prompt notice of this action be issued to
24 potential members of the opt-in FLSA Collective, apprising them of the pendency of this
25 action, and permitting the to assert timely FLSA claims;
- 26 6. That Plaintiff be designated as representative for the FLSA claims as to the
27 FLSA Collective;
- 28 7. That Plaintiff's attorneys be designated as counsel for the FLSA Collective as to

1 the FLSA claims; and

2 8. That Defendants provide to Class Counsel immediately the names and most
3 current/last known contact information (address, e-mail and telephone numbers) of all FLSA
4 Collective Members.

5 **As to the First Cause of Action**

6 9. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
7 Labor Code sections 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay
8 all overtime wages due to Plaintiff and the other class members;

9 10. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates and such general and special
10 damages as may be appropriate;

11 11. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing
12 from the date such amounts were due;

13 12. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
14 California Labor Code section 1194; and

15 13. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

16 **As to the Second Cause of Action**

17 14. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
18 Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to
19 provide all meal periods (including second meal periods) to Plaintiff and the other class
20 members;

21 15. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the other class members of one
22 (1) hour of pay at each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a meal
23 period was not provided;

24 16. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
25 proof;

26 17. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7(c);

27 18. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts
28 were due;

1 19. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and

2 20. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

3 **As to the Third Cause of Action**

4 21. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
5 Labor Code section 226.7 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to provide all
6 rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members;

7 22. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the other class members of one
8 (1) hour of pay at each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a rest
9 period was not provided;

10 23. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
11 proof;

12 24. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7(c);

13 25. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts
14 were due; and

15 26. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

16 **As to the Fourth Cause of Action**

17 27. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
18 Labor Code sections 1194, 1197, and 1197.1 by willfully failing to pay minimum wages to
19 Plaintiff and the other class members;

20 28. For general unpaid wages and such general and special damages as may be
21 appropriate;

22 29. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 1197.1
23 for Plaintiff and the other class members in the amount as may be established according to
24 proof at trial;

25 30. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such
26 amounts were due;

27 31. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
28 California Labor Code section 1194(a);

1 32. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2; and

2 33. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

3 **As to the Fifth Cause of Action**

4 34. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
5 Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the
6 time of termination of the employment of Plaintiff and the other class members no longer
7 employed by Defendants;

8 35. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
9 proof;

10 36. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 203 for
11 Plaintiff and the other class members who have left Defendants' employ;

12 37. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such
13 amounts were due; and

14 38. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

15 **As to the Sixth Cause of Action**

16 39. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
17 Labor Code section 204 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time required
18 by California Labor Code section 204 to Plaintiff and the other class members;

19 40. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to
20 proof;

21 41. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such
22 amounts were due; and

23 42. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

24 **As to the Seventh Cause of Action**

25 43. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the record
26 keeping provisions of California Labor Code section 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders
27 as to Plaintiff and the other class members, and willfully failed to provide accurate itemized
28 wage statements thereto;

- 1 44. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;
2 45. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(e);
3 46. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to
4 California Labor Code section 226(h); and
5 47. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

6 **As to the Eighth Cause of Action**

7 48. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
8 Labor Code section 1174(d) by willfully failing to keep accurate and complete payroll records
9 for Plaintiff and the other class members as required by California Labor Code section
10 1174(d);

- 11 49. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;
12 50. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 1174.5; and
13 51. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

14 **As to the Ninth Cause of Action**

15 52. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
16 Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 by willfully failing to reimburse Plaintiff and the other
17 class members for all necessary business-related expenses as required by California Labor
18 Code sections 2800 and 2802;

- 19 53. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;
20 54. For the imposition of civil penalties and/or statutory penalties;
21 55. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and
22 56. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

23 **As to the Tenth Cause of Action**

24 57. That the Court decree, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
25 Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq. by failing to provide Plaintiff and the
26 other class members all overtime compensation due to them, failing to provide all meal and
27 rest periods to Plaintiff and the other class members, failing to pay at least minimum wages to
28 Plaintiff and the other class members, failing to pay Plaintiff's and the other class members'

wages timely as required by California Labor Code section 201, 202 and 204 and by violating California Labor Code sections 226(a), 1174(d), 2800 and 2802.

58. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiff and all the other class members and all pre-judgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;

59. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all funds disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by Defendants as a result of violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.;

60. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5;

61. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.; and

62. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Eleventh Cause of Action

63. For civil penalties pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2699(a), (f) and (g), costs/expenses, and attorneys' fees for violation of California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 226(a), 226.7, 510, 512(a), 1174(d), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2800, and 2802; and

64. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

As to the Twelfth Cause of Action

65. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 20, *et seq.* as to Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective by failing to pay the prevailing minimum wage for all hours worked and overtime at a rate of one and one-half their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek;

66. For general unpaid minimum wages and overtime compensation wages and such general and special damages as may be appropriate;

77. For liquidated damages equal to the amount of unpaid compensation;

78. For an award of pre-judgment and post-judgment interest;

1 79. For reasonable attorneys' fees and for costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to the
2 FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b); and

3 80. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

4 Dated: July 31, 2024

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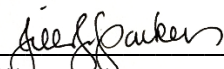
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