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30 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
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32 **FOR THE COUNTY OF MARIN**

33 JENS HIERSEMANN, individually, and on
34 behalf of all others similarly situated,

35 Plaintiff,

36 v.

37 HOG ISLAND OYSTER COMPANY, INC., a
38 California corporation; and DOES 1 through
39 10, inclusive,

40 Defendants.

Case No.: CV0000309

Assigned for all purposes to:
Hon. Sheila S. Lichtblau
Dept. H

**NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION
FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Dept.: H

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 15, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department H of the above-entitled Court located at 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903, Plaintiffs Jens Hiersemann and Hernandito Perez-Perez (“Plaintiffs”) will and hereby do move this Court for an Order:

1. Granting final approval of the proposed Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement;
2. Awarding Class Counsel attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$275,000.00 and reimbursement of litigation costs in the amount of \$31,529.35;
3. Awarding Plaintiffs a Class Representative Service Payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 each (\$20,000.00 total);
4. Awarding \$11,750.00 to Apex Class Action Administration (“APEX”) for its settlement administration expenses; and
5. Approving allocation of \$41,250.00 as civil penalties under the Private Attorneys’ General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), 75% of which (\$30,937.50) will be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and 25% of which (\$10,312.50) will be distributed to Aggrieved Employees based on the number of pay periods worked during the PAGA Period.

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1 This Motion is based on this Notice of Motion, Memorandum of Points and Authorities,
2 the Declaration of John G. Yslas, the Declaration of Jonathan Melmed, the Declaration of Madely
3 Nava, the Declaration of Jens Hiersemann, and on all records and documents on file, together
4 with such oral and documentary evidence that may be presented at the hearing on this matter.

5 Dated: September 22, 2025

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Plaintiffs Jens Hiersemann and Hernandito Perez-Perez (“Plaintiffs”) seek final approval
3 of a non-reversionary Gross Settlement Amount of \$825,000.00. The Class Action and PAGA
4 Settlement Agreement (“Settlement”) provides that the deductions will be made from the Gross
5 Settlement Amount:

- 6 1. Attorneys’ fees in the amount of up to \$275,000.00;
- 7 2. Litigation costs in the amount of up to \$31,529.35;
- 8 3. A Class Representative Service Payment of up to \$10,000.00 each Plaintiff
9 (\$20,000.00 total);
- 10 4. Settlement administration expenses of up to \$11,750.00; and
- 11 5. Civil penalties in the amount of \$41,250.00 for claims under the Private
12 Attorneys’ General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), 75% of which (\$30,937.50) will be paid to the
13 California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA), and 25% of which
14 (\$10,312.50) will be distributed to Aggrieved Employees based on the number of pay periods
15 worked during the PAGA Period. *See* Settlement §§ 3.2.5, 3.2.5.1; *see also* Declaration of
16 Madely Nava (“Nava Decl.”), at ¶¶ 15, 17.

17 After all deductions are made, the Net Settlement Amount will be distributed to 720
18 Class Members as of the filing of this Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA
19 Settlement (the “Motion”) (“Participating Class Members” or “Settlement Class Member”)
20 based on the number of weeks worked during the Class Period. Nava Decl. at ¶ 14.

21 The proposed Settlement is a product of diligent efforts, litigation, arm’s length
22 negotiations, and informal discovery that resulted in the best possible outcome for the Class. By
23 resolving this matter now, Class Members will receive a guaranteed recovery without risk of
24 nonpayment, delay, or an adverse judgment at trial.

25 There are no objections to the Settlement and one (1) request for exclusion¹. *Id.* at ¶¶ 11,

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27 ¹ On August 5, 2025, Megan Barkley sent APEX a letter stating that she wished to formally object to the
28 characterization of her experience with Defendant and that she did not wish to be lumped in or compensated for
claims that did not reflect her experience. Ms. Barkley’s letter did not appear to object to any component of the

12. The Participating Class Members will receive an average settlement payment of \$618.71, with the highest payout reaching \$2,375.61. Nava Decl. at ¶ 16. Aggrieved Employees will receive an average settlement payment of \$25.03, with the highest payout reaching \$45.51. *Id.* at ¶ 18. Plaintiff Jens Hiersemann’s estimated Individual Class Payment and Individual PAGA Payment totals \$305.49. *See* Declaration of John G. Yslas in Support of Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement (“Yslas MFA Decl.”) at ¶ 23. Plaintiff Hernandito Perez-Perez’s estimated Individual Class Payment and Individual PAGA Payment totals \$698.58. *Id.* In light of the Class’s favorable response, and the facts and law set forth below as well as in the motion for preliminary approval, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court now enter an Order: (1) granting final approval of the Settlement; (2) entering final judgment; (3) requiring distribution of individual settlement shares to Participating Class Members; and (4) approving payments for attorneys’ fees, litigation costs, the Class Representative Service Payment, Settlement Administration Expenses, and civil penalties under PAGA.

II. THE SETTLEMENT MERITS FINAL APPROVAL

In deciding whether to grant final approval of a class action settlement, California courts consider whether the settlement is “fair, adequate, and reasonable.” *Dunk v. Ford Motor Co.*, 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 (1996). In evaluating whether a settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable, courts evaluate the following factors: (1) the strength of the plaintiffs’ case; (2) the risk, expense, complexity and duration of further litigation; (3) the risk of maintaining class action status through trial; (4) the amount offered in settlement; (5) the extent of discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings; (6) the experience and views of counsel; (7) the presence of a governmental participant; and (8) the reaction of class members to the proposed settlement. *Id.*

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Settlement such as the amounts for attorneys’ fees, attorneys’ actual costs, class representatives service payment, etc. As such, APEX advised that they were treating Ms. Barkley’s submission as a valid request for exclusion. Should the Court wish to see Ms. Barkley’s letter, Class Counsel will make such letter available for review. Yslas MFA Decl., ¶ 24.

1 **A. A Presumption of Fairness Exists**

2 While the burden is on the proponent to demonstrate that a proposed settlement is fair,
3 adequate, and reasonable, “a presumption of fairness exists where: (1) the settlement is reached
4 through arm’s length bargaining; (2) investigation is sufficient to allow counsel and the court
5 to act intelligently; (3) counsel is experienced in similar litigation; and (4) the percentage of
6 objectors is small.” *Id.* at 1802.

7 At preliminary approval, Plaintiffs presented evidence that this Settlement is entitled to
8 a presumption of fairness because: (1) it was reached through arm’s length bargaining with the
9 assistance of an experienced mediator; (2) Plaintiffs conducted a thorough investigation through
10 informal discovery and an analysis of Class Members’ time and payroll records; and (3)
11 Plaintiffs’ Counsel is experienced in similar litigation. *See* Declaration of John G. Yslas in
12 Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement (“Yslas
13 MPA Decl.”) filed February 20, 2025 at ¶¶ 5-17; *See generally* Declaration of Jonathan Melmed
14 in Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement
15 (“Melmed MPA Decl.”). One (1) Class Member has opted out and none have objected. *See* Nava
16 Decl. at ¶¶ 11, 12. Therefore, the Court can confidently conclude that a presumption of fairness
17 exists.

18 **B. The Strength of Plaintiffs’ Claims, and the Risks, Expense, Complexity, and**
19 **Likely Duration of Further Litigation as a Class Action Through Trial**

20 Courts are not required to ensure that a settlement maximizes the value of released claims
21 with mathematical precision. “[T]he test is not the maximum amount plaintiffs might have
22 obtained at trial on the complaint, but rather whether the settlement is reasonable under all of
23 the circumstances.” *Wershba v. Apple Computer, Inc.* 91 Cal.App.4th 224, 250 (2001),
24 disapproved of on other grounds by *Hernandez v. Restoration Hardware, Inc.*, 4 Cal.5th 260,
25 269-270 (2018); *see also 7-Eleven Owners for Fair Franchising v. Southland Corp.*, 85
26 Cal.App.4th 1135, 1150 (2000) (“the merits of the underlying class claims are not a basis for
27 upsetting the settlement of a class action; the operative word is ‘settlement.’”). The relevant
28 circumstances include the strengths and weaknesses of plaintiffs’ claims and the risks they faced

1 in litigation. *7-Eleven*, 85 Cal.App.4th at 1146.

2 Here, Plaintiffs presented sufficient information at preliminary approval regarding the
3 number of class members and an estimate of the maximum value of each of the claims alleged.
4 See Yslas MPA Decl. at ¶¶ 8-17. Plaintiffs have also described in detail the risks the Class faced
5 in litigation and the strengths and weaknesses of each of the claims. See *id.* Plaintiffs noted
6 potential difficulties in obtaining class certification and succeeding on the merits at trial. See
7 *id.* The factual record here is sufficiently developed to allow the Court to independently satisfy
8 itself “that the consideration being received for the release of the class members’ claims is
9 reasonable in light of the strengths and weaknesses of the claims and the risks of the particular
10 litigation.” *Munoz v. BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Los Angeles*, 186 Cal.App.4th 399, 410
11 (2010).

12 C. The Amount Offered in Settlement

13 The Settlement provides a \$825,000.00 Gross Settlement Amount (“GSA”) to be
14 distributed among the 720 Class Members who did not opt out as of the date of this filing. Nava
15 Decl. at ¶¶ 14-18. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Class Counsel’s attorneys’
16 fees and costs, Plaintiffs’ Class Representative Service Payment, and Apex Class Action
17 Administration (“APEX”) for its administration of the Class Notice and settlement funds. *Id.* at
18 ¶ 15. The Settlement also allocates \$41,250.00 from the Gross Settlement Amount to civil
19 penalties under PAGA. See Settlement at ¶ 3.2.5; see also Nava Decl. ¶ 15. After all deductions
20 are made, the Net Settlement Amount will be \$445,470.65, which will be distributed to
21 Participating Class Members according to the number of weeks they worked for Defendant
22 during the Class Period. See Settlement at ¶ 3.2.4; see also Nava Decl. ¶ 15.

23 The Settlement Administrator has calculated a total of 51,380 workweeks in the Class
24 Period. Nava Decl. at ¶ 15. As a result, the average recovery for Participating Class Members
25 is \$618.71, and the highest payout is \$2,375.61. *Id.* at ¶ 16. Weighing the potential value of the
26 class claims against the risk and expense of trial, the Settlement provides sufficient relief in
27 light of the potential risks associated with seeking a class judgment.

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1 **D. The Extent of Discovery Completed and the Stage of the Proceedings**

2 Class Counsel sufficiently investigated the alleged claims, applicable law, and potential
3 defenses. *See* Yslas MPA Decl. at ¶ 8. Specifically, Class Counsel assessed the value of the
4 claims using data and documents provided by Defendant in informal discovery, which included
5 policy documents and timekeeping and payroll records. *See id.* Following a complete analysis
6 of this information, the Parties attended mediation on September 25, 2024 with an experienced
7 mediator. *Id.* at ¶ 5. The Parties were able to reach an agreement and spent the next several
8 months negotiating the terms of the Settlement. *Id.* at ¶ 6.

9 **E. The Experience and Views of Counsel**

10 Plaintiff Jens Hiersemann is represented by Wilshire Law Firm, PLC and Plaintiff
11 Hernandito Perez-Perez is represented by Melmed Law Group P.C. Yslas MFA Decl., at ¶ 3;
12 *see also* Declaration of Jonathan Melmed in Support of Motion for Final Approval of Class
13 Action and PAGA Settlement (“Melmed MFA Decl.”) at ¶ 2. Class Counsel prosecute wage and
14 hour cases, including class and representative actions. Yslas MFA Decl. at ¶¶ 4, 5; Melmed
15 MPA Decl., ¶¶ 7-12. Class Counsel has litigated many wage and hour cases and have
16 successfully resolved cases involving similar issues presented in this matter. Yslas MFA Decl.
17 at ¶¶ 4-15. Class Counsel has negotiated a settlement here that they believe is fair, reasonable,
18 and adequate based on their prior experience litigating these types of cases. *Id.* at ¶ 20.

19 **F. The Presence of a Government Participant**

20 The LWDA has received the required notice of this Settlement. On January 15, 2024,
21 Plaintiff Jens Hiersemann provided notice to the LWDA of his intention to file a PAGA claim.
22 Yslas MPA Decl. at ¶ 4. On October 18, 2023, Plaintiff Hernandito Perez-Perez provided notice
23 to the LWDA of his intention to file a PAGA claim. The Settlement provides for the payment
24 of \$41,250.00 in civil penalties, 75% of which (\$30,937.50) will be paid to the LWDA, and 25%
25 of which (\$10,312.50) will be paid to Aggrieved Employees based on the number of pay periods
26 worked during the PAGA Period. *See* Nava Decl. at ¶ 13; *see also* Settlement at §§ 3.2.5, 3.2.5.1.
27 Plaintiffs submitted a copy of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement to the LWDA.
28 Yslas MPA Decl. at ¶ 7, Exhibit 2. The LWDA has not responded to or objected to the

1 Settlement. Yslas MFA Decl. at ¶ 22.

2 **G. The Reaction of Class Members to the Proposed Settlement**

3 Class Members’ reaction to the Settlement has been favorable. A court may properly
4 infer that a class action settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate when few class members
5 object to or opt out of it. *Lealo v. Beneficial California, Inc.*, 82 Cal.App.4th 19, 51 (2000).

6 When the Court granted preliminary approval, it also approved the method of providing
7 notice to Class Members. Following a search of the National Change of Address database,
8 APEX mailed the Class Notice to all Class Members on July 24, 2025. Nava Decl. at ¶¶ 6, 7.
9 The Class Notice informed Class Members of the terms of the Settlement, the amount of their
10 individual settlements and how those amounts were calculated, their right to either participate
11 in the Settlement, opt out of it, object to it, or dispute the amount of their individual settlement
12 payment, the procedures and deadlines to submit an opt out, objection, or dispute, and the date,
13 time, and place of the hearing on Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Approval and instructions to be
14 heard at the hearing. *Id.* at ¶ 7, Exhibit A. Here, in response to the Class Notice, one (1) Class
15 Member opted out, and none objected as of the date of the filing of this Motion. *Id.* at ¶¶ 11, 12.
16 Class Members’ favorable response to the Settlement further supports final approval.

17 **III. THE REQUESTED FEE AWARD IS REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE**
18 **APPROVED**

19 There are two primary methods of determining a reasonable attorney fee in the context
20 of class action litigation. *Laffitte v. Robert Half Int’l, Inc.*, 1 Cal.5th 480, 489 (2016). The
21 percentage-of-recovery method calculates the fee as a percentage of a common fund recovered
22 on behalf of the class. *Id.* The lodestar method calculates the fee by multiplying the number of
23 hours reasonably expended by counsel by a reasonable hourly rate, which amount then may be
24 adjusted based on other factors. *Id.* In *Laffitte*, the California Supreme Court held that trial
25 courts have the discretion to choose between the two calculation methods. *Id.* at 504. Trial courts
26 also have the discretion to blend the two fee calculation methods, using one method to “cross-
27 check” the reasonableness of the other’s result, but a cross-check is not required. *Id.* 506.

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1 **A. The Requested Fee Award is Fair and Reasonable Based on the Percentage-**
2 **of-Recovery Method**

3 The ultimate purpose of the percentage-of-recovery method is to “spread the attorney fee
4 among all the beneficiaries of the fund.” *Id.* at 503. The California Supreme Court recognized
5 that the percentage-of-recovery method has many advantages, “including relative ease of
6 calculation, alignment of incentives between counsel and the class, a better approximation of
7 market conditions in a contingency case, and the encouragement is provides counsel to seek an
8 early settlement and avoid unnecessarily prolonging the litigation [citation] . . .” *Id.*

9 The requested fee award (33 1/3% or one-third of the GSA) is consistent with the average
10 fee award in class actions. *See, e.g., Roos v. Honeywell Int’l, Inc.*, 241 Cal.App.4th 1472 (2015)
11 (fee award of 37.5% was not an abuse of discretion), disapproved of on other grounds by
12 *Hernandez v. Restoration Hardware, Inc.*, 4 Cal.5th 260, 287 (2018); *Wren v. RGIS Inventory*
13 *Specialists*, No. C–06–05778 JCS, 2011 WL 1230826, at *29 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 1, 2011)
14 (approving fee award of 42%); *Singer v. Becton Dickinson and Co.*, No. 08–CV–821–IEG, 2010
15 WL 2196104, at *8 (S.D. Cal. June 1, 2010) (approving fee award of one-third and noting that
16 the typical fees awarded in wage and hour class action cases ranges from 33.33% to 40%).
17 Therefore, the percentage-of-recovery method should be utilized to approve the requested fee.

18 **B. A Lodestar Cross-Check Confirms the Reasonableness of the Requested Fee**

19 Although *Laffitte* makes clear that a lodestar cross-check is not required, Class Counsel’s
20 lodestar supports the reasonableness of the requested fee. The lodestar is determined by
21 multiplying the number of hours reasonably expended by the reasonable hourly rate. *PLCM*
22 *Group, Inc. v. Drexler*, 22 Cal.4th 1084, 1095 (2000). The lodestar figure may then be adjusted,
23 based on consideration of factors specific to the case, in order to fix the fee at the fair market
24 value for the legal services provided.” *Id.* The factors that can be considered include “the nature
25 of the litigation, its difficulty, the amount involved, the skill required in its handling, the skill
26 employed, the attention given, the success or failure, and other circumstances in the case.”
27 *Melnyk v. Robledo*, 64 Cal.App.3d 618, 623-624 (1976) (citations omitted). Additionally, Courts
28 utilize “multipliers” to account for the risk of taking on cases where there is no guarantee of

1 recovery, uncertainties as the amount that will be recovered, uncertainty as to the cost of
2 litigating the case (both in effort and expenses), and uncertainty about how much time will pass
3 before the recovery is obtained. *Ketchum v. Moses*, 24 Cal.4th 1122, 1132-33 (2001); see also
4 *Serrano v. Priest*, 20 Cal. 3d 25, 48-49 (1977) (approving the adjustment of the lodestar figure
5 based on factors specific to the case to ensure fair market value for legal services provided on
6 a contingency basis). Application of that rule is particularly appropriate where the case is
7 brought to redress important rights of vulnerable persons. *Ketchum*, 24 Cal.4th at 1133.

8 Generally, “[m]ultipliers can range from 2 to 4 or even higher.” *Wershba v. Apple*
9 *Computers, Inc.*, 91 Cal.App.4th at p. 255 (2001); see also *Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing*
10 *Cases*, 171 Cal. App. 4th 495, 512 (2009) (applying a 2.52 multiplier on a cross-check in an
11 antitrust class action); *Chavez v. Netflix, Inc.*, 162 Cal.App. 4th, 60 (2008) (applying a 2.5
12 multiplier on a lodestar cross-check); *Vizcaino v. Microsoft Corp.*, 290 F.3d 1043, 1051 n.6 (9th
13 Cir. 2002) (“most” common fund cases apply a multiplier of 1.0-4.0); *Laffitte v. Robert Half*
14 *Int’l*, 231 Cal. App. 4th 860, 881-82 (2004) (affirming a 2.13 multiplier after finding that “2 to
15 4” is a reasonable range for multipliers on a cross-check). Here, the application of a modest 1.40
16 multiplier supports Class Counsels’ fee request of \$275,000.00. Yslas MFA Decl., ¶¶ 18-19.

17 The risk factors present in this case favor the application of a 1.40 multiplier. *Id.* at ¶ 19.
18 To begin, Class Counsel has singularly assumed the risk and costs of litigation purely on a
19 contingency basis. *Id.* And, while Plaintiffs are confident in the merits of their claims, a
20 legitimate controversy exists as to each cause of action posing an actual risk that Plaintiffs may
21 not succeed at class certification and/or trial. *Id.*; see Yslas MPA Decl., ¶¶ 12-17. Any of these
22 obstacles could have prevented recovery completely, meaning Class Counsel would have been
23 left with no compensation for all the time and money invested in litigating this case. Yslas MFA
24 Decl., ¶ 19. Despite these risks, Class Counsel took this case on a contingency basis so that
25 Class Members (a particularly vulnerable group of hourly paid workers) could be compensated
26 for their unpaid wages. *Id.* Consequently, Class Counsel was precluded from focusing on, or
27 taking on, other cases which could have resulted in a larger, and less risky, monetary gain. *Id.*
28 Moreover, Class Counsels’ hourly rates are comparable to those charged by other class action

counsel. Yslas MFA Decl. at ¶ 16. The total hours expended on this action were reasonable and in line with comparable cases. *Id.* Class Counsel spent 217.8 hours in prosecuting this action, which were divided among the attorneys working on this case according to skill level. *Id.* at ¶¶ 17-19; *see also* Melmed MFA Decl. at ¶ 30. Multiplying the total hours expended by Class Counsel by their reasonable hourly rates yields a lodestar of \$196,738.20. *Id.* at ¶ 18; *see also* Melmed MFA Decl. at ¶ 30. The hours expended by each attorney were reasonable and not duplicative and reflect the extensive investigation and analysis that was required to achieve this Settlement. *Id.*

Considered against the risks of continued litigation, and the importance of advocating for employment rights and a speedy recovery, the relief provided under the Settlement represents a very strong result for the Class. Class Counsel's fee request is fair and reasonable and should be approved. Accordingly, Class Counsel respectfully requests the Court approve their \$275,000.00 fee request.

IV. THE REQUESTED COST AWARD IS REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED

The Settlement permits Class Counsel to seek reimbursement of litigation costs in an amount up to \$37,500.00. The actual costs incurred are \$31,529.35, as such Class Counsel is seeking reimbursement of \$31,529.35. *Id.* at ¶ 20, Exhibit 1; *see also* Melmed MFA Decl. ¶ 18, Exhibit 2. Since Class Counsel's costs do not reach the maximum of \$37,500.00, the remaining \$5,970.65 will revert to the Net Settlement Amount. *Id.* These costs were reasonable and necessary to prosecute this case and obtain the results achieved. *Id.*

V. THE REQUESTED CLASS REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE PAYMENT IS REASONABLE AND SHOULD BE APPROVED

Plaintiffs also request that they be awarded a service payment of \$10,000.00 each for their role in obtaining the Settlement. In evaluating a service payment, the Court may consider: "(1) the risk, both financial and otherwise, the class representative faced in bringing the suit; (2) the notoriety and personal difficulties encountered by the class representative; (3) the amount of time and effort spent by the class representative; (4) the duration of the litigation;

1 and (5) the personal benefit received by the class representative as a result of the litigation.”
2 *Golba v. Dick’s Sporting Goods, Inc.*, 238 Cal.App.4th 1251, 1272 (2015); *Clark v. American*
3 *Residential Services, LLC*, 175 Cal.App.4th 785, 804 (2009).

4 Here, Plaintiffs provided declarations in support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary
5 Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and declarations in support of Plaintiffs’
6 Motion for Final Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement detailing the risk they faced
7 in bringing the suit, the notoriety and personal difficulties they encountered, the amount of time
8 and effort they spent on this litigation, the duration of this litigation, and the personal benefit
9 they will receive as a result of the litigation. *See generally* Declaration of Jens Hiersemann in
10 Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement filed on
11 February 20, 2025 and Declaration of Plaintiff Jens Hiersemann in Support of Motion for Final
12 Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement filed concurrently herewith; *see also*
13 Declaration of Hernandito Perez-Perez in Support of Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class
14 Action and PAGA Settlement filed on February 20, 2025. Plaintiffs should be adequately
15 compensated for their role in obtaining this Settlement.

16 Additionally, no Class Members objected to the amount of additional compensation
17 sought by Plaintiffs. As such, the award is reasonable in light of the substantial benefits
18 Plaintiffs conferred upon the settlement class.

19 **VI. THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION COSTS ARE REASONABLE AND**
20 **SHOULD BE APPROVED**

21 The Parties agreed to hire APEX as the Settlement Administrator in this case and the
22 Court approved this choice at preliminary approval. The Settlement Administrator was
23 responsible for updating Class Members’ mailing addresses, mailing the Class Notice to each
24 Class Member, responding to Class Member questions, providing weekly status reports, and
25 providing a declaration as to the results of the mailing. *See Nava Decl.* at ¶ 3. Following final
26 approval, APEX’s duties will continue in order to calculate and to mail the settlement payments
27 to Class Members, disburse other payments as ordered by the Court, and perform such other
28 duties described in the Settlement. *Id.* The requested amount of \$11,750.00 for services rendered

1 and to be rendered is therefore fair and reasonable.

2 **VII. CONCLUSION**

3 Based on the foregoing, Class Counsel respectfully requests that the Court grant final
4 approval of the Class Action and PAGA Settlement, approve Class Counsel attorneys' fees in
5 the amount of \$275,000.00 and reimbursement of litigation costs in the amount of \$31,529.35,
6 the Class Representatives Service Payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 each (\$20,000.00 total),
7 civil penalties under PAGA in the amount of \$41,250.00, and \$11,750.00 to APEX for its
8 settlement administration expenses.

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