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

FELIPE LEMUS, on behalf of himself and all
“aggrieved employees” pursuant to Labor Code §
2698 *et seq.*,

Plaintiff,

v.

TUSTIN BUICK GMC, INC., a California
corporation, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO: 30-2024-01393192-CU-OE-CJC

Assigned to the Honorable Layne H. Melzer,
CX102

**[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING
SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS BROUGHT
PURSUANT TO THE PRIVATE
ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF 2004,
AWARDING ATTORNEYS’ FEES,
COSTS, AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION
EXPENSES, AND DISMISSING ACTION
WITH PREJUDICE**

Date: January 29, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Dept.: CX102

Reservation Number: 74647968

Complaint Filed: April 12, 2024

1 Plaintiff Felipe Lemus' (Plaintiff') Motion for an Order: (1) granting approval of the
2 proposed settlement of claims brought pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Cal.
3 Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*) ("PAGA") set forth in the Parties' Private Attorneys General Act
4 (Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*) Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement");
5 (2) appointing ILYM Group, Inc. ("Phoenix") as the Settlement Administrator and approving
6 payment of its fees not to exceed \$4,000 from the PAGA Gross Settlement Amount; (3) directing
7 disbursement of the PAGA Gross Settlement Amount pursuant to the terms of the Settlement
8 Agreement; (4) directing payment of attorneys' fees from the PAGA Gross Settlement Amount
9 not to exceed one-third (33-1/3%) of the PAGA Gross Settlement Amount (projected to be
10 \$81,666.67) to Plaintiff's Counsel; (5) directing attorneys' litigation costs from the PAGA Gross
11 Settlement Amount of 13,550.13; and (6) dismissing this Action with prejudice, came on for
12 hearing before this Court in Department CX102, the Honorable Layne H. Melzer presiding, on
13 January 20, 2026. Appearances were noted on the record.

14 Having reviewed the Settlement Agreement and duly considered the Parties' papers and
15 oral argument, and good cause appearing,

16 **THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

17 1. All terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement
18 Agreement, which is attached to the Declaration of Evan S. Gaines as **Exhibit D**.

19 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims of the Aggrieved Employees and the
20 State of California asserted in this proceeding and over all parties to the Action.

21 3. The Court finds that the Settlement was entered into in good faith, that the
22 Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and that the Settlement satisfies the standards and
23 applicable requirements for approval of PAGA representative actions under California law. The
24 Court finds that the PAGA Gross Settlement Amount of \$245,000 represents a fair compromise of
25 the claims alleged in the Action, considering the maximum potential value of the claims asserted
26 and the risks inherent in further litigation.

1 4. The Court has considered the authorities and evidence presented by Plaintiff and
2 based thereon hereby approves the following awards and deductions from the PAGA Gross
3 Settlement Amount:

4 a. To Plaintiff's Counsel, Gaines Law Corporation, an award of one-third of
5 the PAGA Gross Settlement amount in attorneys' fees (projected to be \$81,666.67 and
6 \$13,550.13 in reimbursement of litigation costs. The Court finds that these amounts are
7 fair and reasonable and commensurate with applicable California law.

8 b. To ILYM Group, Inc., the settlement administrator, a payment of up to
9 \$4,000 to administer the Settlement through its conclusion, including disbursement of the
10 PAGA Gross Settlement Amount and all tax reporting associated therewith.

11 5. The amount remaining of the PAGA Gross Settlement Amount following these
12 deductions is the Net Settlement Fund of approximately \$145,783.20. The Net Settlement Fund
13 shall be distributed 75% to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and 25% to the
14 Aggrieved Employees.

15 6. The Court finds that the Settlement has been provided to the LWDA as required by
16 PAGA and Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (s)(2), in particular.

17 7. Upon entry of this Order, the Parties shall effectuate all terms of the Settlement
18 based on the provisions and timelines set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

19 8. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the Settlement Agreement pursuant to
20 Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6 and California Rules of Court 3.769(h) and as otherwise allowed
21 by law.

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1 9. The Final Accounting Hearing shall take place on _____ in
2 Department CX102 of this Court. The Settlement Administrator's Final Report shall be filed 15
3 calendar days prior to the Final Accounting Hearing.

4 10. This Action is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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7 Dated: _____

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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