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

21 MAHOGANEE DAVIS, individually, and on  
22 behalf of all others similarly situated,

23 *Plaintiff,*

24 v.

25 CAREER NETWORKS INSTITUTE, INC.,  
26 a California corporation; and DOES 1 through  
27 10, inclusive,

28 *Defendants.*

Case No. 30-2024-01389974-CU-OE-CXC

*[Assigned for All Purposes to the Hon. Layne  
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**AMENDED CLASS ACTION AND PAGA  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Action Filed: March 28, 2024

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1 This Amended Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by  
2 and between Plaintiff Mahoganee Davis (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Career Networks Institute,  
3 Inc. (“Defendant”). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as “Parties,” or  
4 individually as “Party.”

5 1. **DEFINITIONS.**

6 1.1 “Action” means Plaintiff’s lawsuit alleging wage and hour violations against  
7 Defendant captioned *Mahoganee Davis v. Career Networks Institute, Inc.*, Orange County  
8 Superior Court, Case No. 30-2024-01389974-CU-OE-CXC, initiated on March 28, 2024, and  
9 pending in the Court.

10 1.2 “Administrator” means Apex Class Action Administration, the neutral entity the Parties  
11 have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.

12 1.3 “Administration Costs” means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross  
13 Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the  
14 Administrator’s “not to exceed” bid submitted to the Court in connection with Preliminary  
15 Approval of the Settlement.

16 1.4 “Aggrieved Employee” means all current and former hourly, non-exempt employees  
17 employed by Defendant in the State of California during the PAGA Period.

18 1.5 “Class” means all current and former hourly, non-exempt employees who were  
19 employed by Defendant, either directly or through any predecessor, successor, assign, subsidiary,  
20 staffing agency, or professional employer organization, in the State of California during the Class  
21 Period.

22 1.6 “Class Counsel” means Wilshire Law Firm, PLC.

23 1.7 “Class Counsel Fees Payment” means an award of attorneys’ fees granted to Class  
24 Counsel and paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Parties have agreed Plaintiff will  
25 request approval from the Court of up to one-third (1/3) of the GSA (currently \$275,000.00).

26 1.8 “Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment” means the amount allocated to Class  
27 Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable expenses and costs incurred to prosecute the Action,  
28 not to exceed \$30,000.00, and paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.

1.9 “Class Data” means Class Member identifying information in Defendant’s possession including the Class Member’s name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods.

1.10 “Class Member” or “Settlement Class Member” means a member of the Class, as either a Participating Class Member or Non-Participating Class Member (including a Non-Participating Class Member who qualifies as an Aggrieved Employee).

1.11 “Class Member Address Search” means the Administrator’s investigation and search for current Class Member mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods, and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Class Members.

1.12 “Class Notice” means the Court approved Notice of Settlement and hearing date for Final Approval, to be mailed to Class Members in English, without material variation, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

1.13 “Class Period” or “Class Settlement Period” means the period from October 2, 2019, to March 11, 2025 (“Settlement Class Period”).

1.14 “Class Representative” means the named Plaintiff Mahoganee Davis in the Action.

1.15 “Class Representative Service Payment” or “Enhancement Award” means the payment to the Class Representative for initiating the Action and providing services in support of the Action.

1.16 “Court” means the Superior Court of California, County of Orange.

1.17 “Defendant” means named Defendant Career Networks Institute, Inc.

1.18 “Defense Counsel” means Keven Steinberg of Steinberg Law.

1.19 “Effective Date” means the date by which both of the following have occurred: (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for

1 filing a notice of appeal from the Judgment; or (c) if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed,  
2 the day after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.

3 1.20 “Final Approval” means the Court’s order granting final approval of the Settlement.

4 1.21 “Final Approval Hearing” means the Court’s hearing on the Motion for Final Approval  
5 of the Settlement.

6 1.22 “Final Judgment” means the Judgment entered by the Court upon granting Final  
7 Approval of the Settlement.

8 1.23 “Gross Settlement Amount” or “GSA” means \$825,000.00, which is the total amount  
9 Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement, except as provided in Paragraph 8 below.

10 1.24 “Individual Class Payment” means the Participating Class Member’s pro rata share of  
11 the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked during the  
12 Class Period.

13 1.25 “Individual PAGA Payment” means the Aggrieved Employee’s pro rata share of 25%  
14 of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked during  
15 the PAGA Period.

16 1.26 “Judgment” means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Final Approval.

17 1.27 “LWDA” means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency  
18 entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

19 1.28 “LWDA PAGA Payment” means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA  
20 under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).

21 1.29 “Net Settlement Amount” means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following  
22 payments in the amounts approved by the Court: PAGA Penalties payment, Enhancement, Class  
23 Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration  
24 Costs Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class  
25 Payments.

26 1.30 “Non-Participating Class Member” means any Class Member who opts out of the  
27 Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.

28 1.31 “Operative Complaint” means the First Amended Complaint in the Action.

1 1.32 “PAGA Pay Period” means any pay period during which an Aggrieved Employee  
2 worked for Defendant for at least one day during the PAGA Period.

3 1.33 “PAGA Period” means the period from March 29, 2023, to March 11, 2025.

4 1.34 “PAGA” means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698. et seq.).

5 1.35 “PAGA Notice” means Plaintiff’s March 29, 2024 letter (LWDA-CM-1019309-24) to  
6 the LWDA and Defendant providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).

7 1.36 “PAGA Penalties” means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the  
8 Gross Settlement Amount (\$80,000.00), allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$20,000.00)  
9 and 75% to LWDA (\$60,000.00) in settlement of PAGA claims.

10 1.37 “Participating Class Member” means a Class Member who does not submit a valid and  
11 timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement.

12 1.38 “Plaintiff” means Mahoganee Davis, the named plaintiff in the Action.

13 1.39 “Preliminary Approval” means the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the  
14 Settlement.

15 1.40 “Released Class Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph 5.2  
16 below.

17 1.41 “Released PAGA Claims” means the claims being released as described in Paragraph  
18 5.3 below.

19 1.42 “Released Parties” means Defendant and Defendant’s officers, directors, employees and  
20 agents.

21 1.43 “Request for Exclusion” means a Class Member’s submission of a written request to be  
22 excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.

23 1.44 “Response Deadline” means forty-five (45) days after the Administrator mails Notice to  
24 Class Members and Aggrieved Employees and shall be the last date on which Class Members  
25 may: (a) fax, email, or mail Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) fax, email, or mail  
26 his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice packets are resent after  
27 having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional fourteen (14)  
28 calendar days beyond the Response Deadline has expired.

1 1.45 “Settlement” means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the  
2 Judgment.

3 1.46 “Workweek” means any week during which a Class Member worked for Defendant for  
4 at least one day, during the Class Period.

5 **2. RECITALS.**

6 2.1 On March 28, 2024, Plaintiff commenced this Action by filing a complaint alleging  
7 causes of action against Defendant for (1) failure to pay minimum and straight time wages; (2)  
8 failure to pay overtime wages; (3) failure to provide meal periods; (4) failure to authorize and  
9 permit rest periods; (5) failure to timely pay final wages at termination; (6) failure to provide  
10 accurate itemized wage statements; (7) failed to indemnify employees for expenditures; (8) failure  
11 to produce requested employment records; and (9) violation of California’s Unfair Competition  
12 Law, California Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.* On March 29, 2024,  
13 pursuant to Labor Code §2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiff gave notice to the LWDA and Defendant that  
14 Plaintiff intended to proceed with a representative action under PAGA (LWDA-CM-1019309-  
15 24). On June 3, 2024, after the 65-day statutory period passed, Plaintiff filed a separate PAGA  
16 action against Defendant alleging claims for penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 2699, *et seq.* On  
17 May 23, 2025, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint in this Action adding a cause of action  
18 for civil penalties under PAGA. On August 7, 2025, Plaintiff dismissed the separate PAGA action  
19 without prejudice.

20 2.2 Defendant denies the allegations in the Action, denies any failure to comply with the  
21 laws identified in the Action, and denies any and all liability for the causes of action alleged in  
22 the Action.

23 2.3 On March 11, 2025, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by  
24 mediator Deborah Crandall Saxe, Esq. With the help of Ms. Saxe, the Parties were able to reach  
25 an agreement on general settlement terms at mediation and executed a Memorandum of  
26 Understanding thereafter.

27 2.4 In advance of mediation, Class Counsel conducted a thorough investigation into the facts  
28 of, and applicable law to, the Action. Prior to mediation, Plaintiff obtained and analyzed a

representative sampling of time and payroll data for Class Members and the necessary policy documents through informal discovery to properly evaluate the strengths and weakness of the claims and engage in meaningful settlement discussions. Plaintiff's investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.*, 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 (1996) and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.*, 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 (2008) ("*Dunk/Kullar*").

2.5 The Court has not granted class certification because the Parties engaged in mediation before any class certification.

2.6 The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

### 3. **MONETARY TERMS.**

3.1 Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 8 below, Defendant will pay \$825,000.00 to fully settle, resolve, and extinguish all claims asserted in the Action, including without limitation all claims asserted in the PAGA Notice. The Gross Settlement Amount is non-reversionary and does not include employer payroll taxes owed on the wage portions of the Individual Class Payments, which Defendant will pay separately.

3.2 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:

3.2.1 To Plaintiff: A payment for the Enhancement Award to Plaintiff of not more than \$10,000.00 in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member. Defendant will not oppose Plaintiff's request for an Enhancement Award that does not exceed this amount. As part of the motion for the Class Counsel Fees and Litigation Expenses Payments, Plaintiff will seek Court approval for any Enhancement Award no later than 16 (sixteen) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered by the Court. If the Court approves an Enhancement Award less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder

1 in the Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to Participating Class Members. The  
2 Administrator will pay the Enhancement Award using IRS Form 1099. Plaintiff assumes full  
3 responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Enhancement Award.

4 3.2.2 To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third (1/3)  
5 of the GSA, which is currently estimated to be \$275,000.00 and a Class Counsel Litigation  
6 Expenses Payment for actual costs. Defendant will not oppose requests for these payments.  
7 Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees and Litigation Expenses  
8 Payment no later than 16 (sixteen) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise  
9 ordered by the Court. If the Court approves a Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel  
10 Litigation Expenses Payment less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the  
11 remainder to the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members.  
12 Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's counsel arising  
13 from any claim to any portion of Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation  
14 Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class  
15 Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assumes full  
16 responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class  
17 Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and holds Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant,  
18 from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

19 3.2.3 To the Administrator: An Administrator Costs Payment for actual costs, not to  
20 exceed \$7,500.00 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent  
21 the Administration Costs are less or the Court approves payment of less than requested, the  
22 Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to  
23 Participating Class Members.

24 3.2.4 To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment is calculated by  
25 (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all  
26 Participating Class Members during the Class Period, and (b) multiplying the result by each  
27 individual Participating Class Member's Workweeks.  
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3.2.4.1 Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. Twenty percent (20%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to the Settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion"). The Wage Portion is subject to tax withholding and will be reported on an IRS W-2 Form. The remaining eighty percent (80%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to the settlement of claims for interest and penalties (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS 1099 Forms. Participating Class Members assume full responsibility and liability for any employee taxes owed on their Individual Class Payment.

3.2.4.2 Effect of Non-Participating Class Members on Calculation of Individual Class Payments. Non-Participating Class Members will not receive any Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Individual Class Payments in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro-rata basis.

3.2.5 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Penalties in the amount of \$80,000.00 to be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, with 75% (\$60,000.00) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% (\$20,000.00) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments.

3.2.5.1 The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 25% share of PAGA Penalties (\$20,000.00) by the total number of PAGA Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period, and (b) multiplying the result by each individual Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment.

3.2.5.2 If the Court approves PAGA Penalties of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to Participating Class Members. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

#### 4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

1       4.1 Class Workweeks and Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Based on a review of its  
2 records, Defendant represents there are 348 Class Members who collectively worked a total of  
3 16,778 workweeks during the Class Period and 166 Aggrieved Employees who collectively  
4 worked a total of 3,045 PAGA Pay Periods.

5       4.2 Class Data. Not later than seven (7) days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of  
6 the Settlement, Defendant will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a  
7 Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must  
8 maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement  
9 and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who  
10 need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a  
11 continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if it discovers that the Class Data omitted  
12 class member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as  
13 reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Defendant must send the  
14 Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts,  
15 in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class  
16 Data.

17       4.3 Funding of Gross Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross Settlement  
18 Amount and the amounts necessary to fully pay Defendant's share of payroll taxes by transmitting  
19 the funds to the Administrator no later than 30 (thirty) calendar days after the Effective Date.

20       4.4 Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within seven (7) days after Defendant  
21 fully funds the GSA, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all  
22 Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Costs Payment, the  
23 Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the  
24 Enhancement Award. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel  
25 Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Enhancement Award shall not precede disbursement of  
26 Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

27       4.4.1 The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or  
28 Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail. The

face of each check shall prominently state the date (180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided (“Void Date”). The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the Void Date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom the Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients’ mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2 The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within seven (7) days of receiving a returned check, the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

4.4.3 For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and canceled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no “unpaid residue” subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.4 The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. **RELEASES OF CLAIMS.** Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the Gross Settlement Amount and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual

Class Payments, Plaintiff, Class Members, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 Plaintiff's Release. Plaintiff discharges Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences, that occurred during the Class Period, including all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained in the Action; and claims under the Fair Employment and Housing Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Labor Code, and all equivalent claims under federal law ("Plaintiff's Release"). Plaintiff's Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time, or based on occurrences outside the Class Period. Plaintiff acknowledges that Plaintiff may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiff now knows or believes to be true but agrees, nonetheless, that Plaintiff's Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiff's discovery of them.

5.1.1 Plaintiff's Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542. For purposes of Plaintiff's Release, Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or Released Party.

5.2 Released Class Claims: All Participating Class Members will waive and release all claims asserted in the complaint filed in the Class Action or that could have been based on the factual allegations asserted in the complaint filed in the Class Action during the Class Period (collectively the "Released Class Claims").

5.3 Released PAGA Claims: The claims released by Aggrieved Employees, including Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees, are all claims for civil penalties under PAGA arising during the PAGA Period that were alleged in Plaintiff's PAGA Notice to the

LWDA and the Operative Complaint, or that could have been based on the facts asserted in the PAGA Notice and the Operative Complaint against Released Parties (collectively the “Released PAGA Claims”).

6. **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**. Plaintiff will prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval (“Motion for Preliminary Approval”).

6.1 **Plaintiff’s Responsibilities**. Plaintiff will prepare all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval, including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator; (v) a signed declaration from Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and (vi) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

6.2 **Responsibilities of Counsel**. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel will obtain a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval, file the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than 16 (sixteen) court days before the hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and deliver the Court’s Preliminary Approval Order to the Administrator.

6.3 **Duty to Cooperate**. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant

1 Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this  
2 Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of  
3 the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and  
4 otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns.

5 **7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.**

6 7.1 Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Apex Class Action  
7 Administration to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, the  
8 Administrator agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties  
9 specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Costs. The Parties and  
10 their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the  
11 Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering  
12 settlements.

13 7.2 Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own  
14 Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and  
15 providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.

16 7.3 Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that  
17 meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation  
18 section 468B-1 for the funding of the GSA. Any interest that accrues on the GSA sums paid into  
19 the QSF prior to distribution by the Administrator will become part of the NSA for distribution  
20 to Participating Class Members.

21 7.4 Notice to Class Members.

22 7.4.1 No later than five (5) calendar days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator  
23 shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and state the number of Class Members,  
24 Aggrieved Employees, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.

25 7.4.2 Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than 14 days  
26 after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the  
27 Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice  
28 substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class

1 Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or  
2 Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and  
3 PAGA Pay Periods used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the  
4 Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address  
5 database.

6 7.4.3 Not later than five (5) calendar days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class  
7 Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall re-mail the Class Notice  
8 using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding  
9 address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class  
10 Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further  
11 attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the  
12 USPS a second time.

13 7.4.4 The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, challenges to Workweeks  
14 and/or Pay Periods, and Requests for Exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond  
15 the 45 days otherwise provided in the Class Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-  
16 mailed. The Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-  
17 mailed Class Notice.

18 7.4.5 If the Administrator, Defendant, or Class Counsel is contacted by or otherwise  
19 discovers any persons who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should  
20 have received Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by  
21 telephone, and in good faith in an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members.  
22 If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class  
23 Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice  
24 requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than 14 days after receipt of  
25 Class Notice, or the deadline dates in the Class Notice, whichever are later.

26 7.5 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

27 7.5.1 Class Members who wish to exclude themselves (opt-out of) the Class Settlement  
28 must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed written Request for Exclusion not

1 later than 45 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14) days for  
2 Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class  
3 Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to  
4 be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email  
5 address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed,  
6 or postmarked by the Response Deadline.

7 7.5.2 The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails  
8 to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any  
9 Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the  
10 person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. If the Administrator  
11 has reason to question the authenticity of a Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand  
12 additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator shall determine the  
13 authenticity and/or validity of any Requests for Exclusion. However, the Court will ultimately  
14 decide any unresolved dispute regarding the authenticity and/or validity of any Requests for  
15 Exclusion.

16 7.5.3 Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion  
17 is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and  
18 bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members'  
19 Releases under paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating  
20 Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.

21 7.5.4 Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a  
22 Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the  
23 right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are  
24 subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who  
25 are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the Released PAGA Claims identified in  
26 Paragraph 5.3 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.

27 7.6 Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have 45 (forty-five)  
28 days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 (fourteen) days for

Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods allocated to the Class Member in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel and the Administrator's determination of the challenges. The Administrator shall make the initial decision regarding any challenges to the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. However, the Court may review any decision made by the Administrator regarding such disputes.

#### 7.7 Objections to Settlement.

7.7.1 Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Enhancement Award.

7.7.2 Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than 45 days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).

7.7.3 Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.

7.8 Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

7.8.1 Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish, maintain and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including

1 the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement  
2 Agreement; Motion for Preliminary Approval; Preliminary Approval Order; Class Notice;  
3 Motion for Final Approval; Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation  
4 Expenses Payment and Enhancement Award; the Final Approval Order; and the Judgment. The  
5 Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address and a toll-free telephone number  
6 to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

7       7.8.2 Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will  
8 promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later  
9 than five (5) days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the  
10 Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names  
11 and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests  
12 for Exclusion (“Exclusion List”); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class  
13 Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for  
14 Exclusion from Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).

15       7.8.3 Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports  
16 to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class  
17 Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether  
18 valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods  
19 received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA  
20 Payments (“Weekly Report”). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator’s assessment  
21 of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and  
22 objections received.

23       7.8.4 Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to  
24 address and make decisions consistent with the terms of this Agreement on all Class Member  
25 challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. However, the Court may  
26 review any decision made by the Administrator regarding such disputes.

27       7.8.5 Administrator’s Declaration. Not later than 14 days before the date by which  
28 Plaintiff is required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator

1 will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in  
2 Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this  
3 Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned  
4 as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total  
5 number of Requests for Exclusion from Settlement it received (both valid or invalid), the number  
6 of written objections and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its  
7 declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible  
8 for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.

9       7.8.6 Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after the Administrator  
10 disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel  
11 and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification  
12 number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least 15 days before any deadline  
13 set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense  
14 Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all  
15 payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the  
16 Administrator's declaration in Court.

17 8. **ESCALATOR CLAUSE**. Based on its records, Defendant represents there are 348 Class  
18 Members who collectively worked a total of 16,778 Workweeks during the Class Period. Should  
19 the Workweeks increase more than 10% (i.e. more than 1,677.8 workweeks), the GSA will  
20 increase on a proportional basis equal to the percentage increase in the number of Workweeks  
21 worked by the Class Members above the 10% (for example, if the final number of total  
22 workweeks increases by 15%, the GSA will increase 5%).

23 9. **MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL**. Not later than 16 (sixteen) court days before the  
24 calendared Final Approval Hearing, unless otherwise scheduled by the Court, Plaintiff will file in  
25 Court, a Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the  
26 PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l); a Proposed Final Approval Order;  
27 and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Plaintiff shall provide drafts  
28 of these documents to Defense Counsel prior to filing the Motion for Final Approval. Class

Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

9.1 Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.

9.2 Duty to Cooperate. If the Court does not grant Final Approval or conditions Final Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Enhancement Award, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and/or Administrator Costs Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.

9.3 Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6 and California Rules of Court, rule 3.769(h), the Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, the Action, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

9.4 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment as set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is

1 finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount  
2 of the Net Settlement Amount.

3 9.5 Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the  
4 reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material  
5 modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted  
6 by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless  
7 expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain  
8 Final Approval and Entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration  
9 Costs reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the  
10 Court's award of the Enhancement Award or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute  
11 a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross  
12 Settlement Amount remains unchanged.

13 10. **AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil  
14 Procedure §384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit a proposed amended  
15 judgment.

16 11. **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.**

17 11.1 No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for  
18 Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed  
19 claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by  
20 Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint has merit or that Defendant has  
21 any liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by  
22 Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that class  
23 certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any  
24 reason, the Court does grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval, or enter Judgment, Defendant  
25 reserves the right to contest certification of any class for any reason, Defendant reserves all  
26 available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to move for class  
27 certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this  
28 Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be

admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

11.2 Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify the other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant, and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, with any third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

11.3 No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Defense Counsel's and Class Counsel's ethical obligations and Class Counsel's fiduciary duties owed to Class Members.

11.4 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.

1        11.5 Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and  
2 represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate  
3 action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate  
4 its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this  
5 Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.

6        11.6 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their  
7 best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the  
8 Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and  
9 authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form  
10 or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the  
11 Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the  
12 assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.

13        11.7 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not  
14 directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or  
15 encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of  
16 action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

17        11.8 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendant nor Defense Counsel are  
18 providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied  
19 upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR  
20 Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

21        11.9 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended,  
22 modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their  
23 representatives, and approved by the Court.

24        11.10 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure  
25 to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

26        11.11 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be  
27 governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without  
28 regard to conflict of law principles.

1 11.12 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation  
2 of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the  
3 Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.

4 11.13 Confidentiality. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders  
5 entered during Action and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall  
6 survive the execution of this Agreement.

7 11.14 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is  
8 inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.

9 11.15 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to “days” in this Agreement  
10 shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a  
11 weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day  
12 thereafter.

13 11.16 Notice. All notices, demands, or other communications between the Parties in  
14 connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the  
15 third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger,  
16 addressed as follows:

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11.17 Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or by email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

11.18 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement pursuant to CCP section 583.330 to extend the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 for the entire period of this settlement process.

11.19 Binding Agreement. The Parties intend that this Agreement shall be fully enforceable and binding upon all Parties within the provisions of Cal. Civil Proc. § 664, and that it shall be admissible and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §§ 1122(a)(1) and 1123(b), notwithstanding the confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under federal or state law. The Parties further agree and intend that the Orange County Superior Court may enforce this Agreement pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.

IT IS SO AGREED.

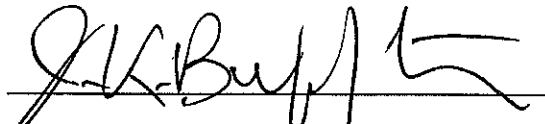
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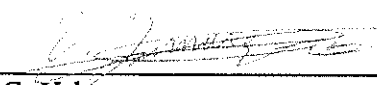
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