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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, CIVIL COMPLEX CENTER**

COREY LOGUE,	)	Case No.: 30-2024-01401183-CU-OE-CXC
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Plaintiff,	)	<i>Assigned for all purposes to:</i>
vs.	)	The Hon. Layne H. Melzer
	)	Dept. CX102
JHA REMEDIATION, LLC, et al.,	)	
	)	NOTICE OF RULING AND HEARING
Defendants.	)	Hearing: August 27, 2026
	)	Time: 2:00 P.M.
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	)	Filed on: May 21, 2024
	)	Trial date: Not set
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TO THE HONORABLE COURT, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS – LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY, AND ALL PARTIES BY THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

Please take notice that on August 27, 2026, upon a joint motion for approval of
PAGA settlement filed January 28, 2026 and amendments thereto filed August 5, 2026,
the Court held and ordered as follows:

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This is a PAGA-only action.

On 5/29/2026, Defendants filed a notice of related case regarding *Logue v. JHA Remediation LLC*, OCSC Case No. 2024-01384205. In that case, the same Plaintiff filed a complaint against the same Defendants on 3/5/2024, alleging 13 causes of action for various Labor Code violations, plus claims of discrimination based on disability, violation of the right to family care and medical leave, retaliation, whistleblower protection, wrongful discharge, and unfair competition. (ROA #2 in Case No. 2024-01384205.)

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1 On 6/11/2026, the Court continued the first hearing on the Motion and asked
2 Plaintiff's Counsel to address various issues with the moving papers. (ROA #157.)
3 Counsel has submitted supplemental materials, including the Private Attorneys General
4 Act (Labor Code § 2698 Et Seq.) Settlement Agreement (Amended) ("Amended
5 Settlement Agreement").

6 The settlement includes the claims of 44 PAGA Aggrieved Employees, defined as
7 "all current and former non-exempt employees who worked for JHA Remediation LLC,
8 and/or JHA Environmental, Inc., in the State of California from March 6, 2023, through
9 September 12, 2025." This period is also known as the PAGA Period.

10 Based on a review of all submissions made in support of the Motion, the Court
11 finds the settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable.

12 The Court concludes that an attorneys' fee award totaling \$34,500.00 or 30% of
13 the GSA, constituting a 0.94 multiplier against the lodestar amount reported by counsel
14 (see ROA #157, ¶ 2; see also ROA #133 at ¶¶ 13-14), is fair, adequate, and reasonable for
15 a settlement of this size, including considering the action's contingent nature and the
16 results achieved.

17 The Court has identified the following issues with proposed notice/cover letter that
18 will accompany the settlement checks to the aggrieved employees (ROA #155, Exh. 3).
19 Counsel must submit a revised proposed notice/cover letter that addresses these issues
20 before the Court will sign the Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement and
21 Judgment:

- 22 1. The case name and number should appear in the header at the top of page 1.
- 23 2. The notice/cover letter should describe the factual allegations of the operative
24 complaint.
- 25 3. The specific awards and disbursements set forth in Sections III and VI should be
26 revised to reflect the amounts set forth in this order.
- 27 4. Section V's heading has an added "VI." that should be deleted to avoid confusion.

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1 5. Section VI's last paragraph, as well as Sections VII and VIII, all use future and
2 conditional verb tenses and are phrased in a manner that assumes final approval has not
3 yet been granted, that the administrator has not already calculated the amount of each
4 aggrieved employee's individual PAGA payment, and that the aggrieved employee will
5 somehow have an opportunity to provide a different mailing address. However, this is a
6 notice/cover letter that will accompany the settlement check each aggrieved employee is
7 receiving.

8 These issues must be addressed by Plaintiff's counsel **within ten (10) court days**.

9 Upon resolution of these issues, the Court will grant the instant motion and
10 approve the following specific awards and disbursements from the GSA:

- 11 • Attorneys' fees totaling \$34,500.00 awarded to Plaintiff's counsel;
- 12 • Litigation costs totaling \$4,786.75 awarded to Plaintiff's counsel;
- 13 and
- 14 • Settlement administration costs of \$3,450.00 awarded to ILYM
15 Group, Inc.

16 PAGA penalties in the amount of \$72,263.25 shall be allocated as follows:
17 seventy-five percent (75%), or \$54,197.44, payable to the Labor and Workforce
18 Development Agency (LWDA); and twenty-five percent (25%), or \$18,065.81, payable
19 to the Aggrieved Employees in accordance with the terms of the Amended Settlement
20 Agreement.

21 **Within ten (10) court days**, counsel must submit another revised Proposed Order
22 Granting PAGA Settlement Approval and Judgment with the following revisions:

- 23 1. The proposed order should attach all exhibits, including the revised Class Notice.
- 24 2. The specific awards and disbursements should be revised to reflect the amounts set
25 forth in this order.
- 26 3. Paragraph 1 of the proposed order should be further amended to refer to the name
27 of operative Amended Settlement Agreement.

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Final Accounting is set for 6/3/2027, at 2:00 p.m. in Department CX102.

Counsel shall submit the final report of the settlement administrator regarding the status of the settlement administration no later than sixteen (16) court days prior to the hearing. The final report must include all information necessary for the Court to determine the total amount of the settlement funds actually paid to the Aggrieved Employees and all others in accordance with the Settlement, as well as the amount of unclaimed funds, if any, remitted to the State Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund/the cy pre recipient. If the settlement funds are not completely disbursed by the report deadline, counsel must request a continuance. Failure to do so may result in the issuance of an Order to Show Cause re Monetary Sanctions.

Plaintiff to give notice of this ruling, including to the LWDA, within five (5) court days, and file proof of service.

Dated: August 28, 2026

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By: _____/s/_____
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