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

BERNARDINO CRUZ MANZANO, as an
individual, and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CALIFORNIA TURF & LANDSCAPING, a
California corporation; and DOES 1 through
100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 24CU0137

Amended as a Matter of Right Pursuant to
Labor Code Section 2699.3(a)(2)(C)

**SECOND AMENDED
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
COMPLAINT:**

- (1) MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATIONS
(LABOR CODE §§ 1182.12, 1194,
1194.2, 1197);**
- (2) FAILURE TO PAY ALL
OVERTIME WAGES (LABOR
CODE §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, AND
1198);**
- (3) MEAL PERIOD VIOLATIONS
(LABOR CODE §§ 226.7 AND 512)**
- (4) REST PERIOD VIOLATIONS
(LABOR CODE §§ 226.7, 516);**
- (5) WAITING TIME PENALTIES
(LABOR CODE §§ 201-203);**
- (6) WAGE STATEMENT VIOLATIONS
(LABOR CODE § 226, *et seq.*);**
- (7) UNFAIR COMPETITION (BUS &
PROF CODE § 17200, *et seq.*);**
- (8) FAILURE TO REIMBURSE FOR
NECESSARY BUSINESS
EXPENSES (LABOR CODE § 2802);
AND**

(9) **CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THE
PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL
ACT (LABOR CODE § 2698 *et seq.*).**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE**

1 Plaintiff Bernardino Cruz Manzano (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), as an individual, and on
2 behalf of all others similarly situated, hereby brings this Second Amended Representative Action
3 Complaint against California Turf and Landscaping; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive (collectively
4 "Defendants"), and on information and belief alleges as follows:

5 **JURISDICTION**

6 1. Plaintiff hereby brings this Second Amended Representative Action Complaint
7 for recovery of unpaid wages and penalties under California Business and Professions Code §
8 17200 *et seq.*, Labor Code §§ 201-204, 226 *et seq.*, 226.2, 226.7, 510, 512, 516, 558, 1182.12,
9 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198, 2802, 2698 *et seq.*, and Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Order
10 16 ("Wage Order 16"), in addition to seeking declaratory relief and restitution. This Complaint is
11 brought pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382. This Court has jurisdiction over
12 Defendants' violations of the California Labor Code because the amount in controversy exceeds
13 this Court's jurisdictional minimum.

14 **VENUE**

15 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to California Code of Civil
16 Procedure §§ 395(a) and 395.5, as at least some of the acts and omissions complained of herein
17 occurred in the County of Kings. Defendants own, maintain offices, transact business, have an
18 agent or agents within the County of Kings, and/or otherwise are found within the County of
19 Kings, and Defendants are within the jurisdiction of this Court for purposes of service of process.

20 **PARTIES**

21 3. Plaintiff is an individual over the age of eighteen (18). At all relevant times herein,
22 Plaintiff was and currently is a California resident. During the four years immediately preceding
23 the filing of the Complaint in this action and within the statute of limitations periods applicable
24 to each cause of action pled herein, Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt
25 employee. Plaintiff was and is a victim of Defendants' policies and/or practices complained of
26 herein, lost money and/or property, and has been deprived of the rights guaranteed by Labor Code
27 §§ 201-204, 226 *et seq.*, 226.2, 226.7, 510, 512, 516, 558, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1198,
28 2802, 2698 *et seq.*, California Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.* ("Unfair

Competition Law”), and Wage Order 16, which sets employment standards for the landscaping industries.

4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that during the four years preceding the filing of the Complaint and continuing to the present, Defendants did (and continue to do) business in the landscaping industry, employed Plaintiff within Kings County and the state of California and, therefore, were (and are) doing business in Kings County and the State of California.

5. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities, whether individual, partner, or corporate, of the defendants sued herein as DOES 1 to 100, inclusive, and for that reason, said defendants are sued under such fictitious names, and Plaintiff will seek leave from this Court to amend this Complaint when such true names and capacities are discovered. Plaintiff is informed, and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of said fictitious defendants, whether individual, partners, or corporate, were responsible in some manner for the acts and omissions alleged herein, and proximately caused Plaintiff and aggrieved employees to be subjected to the unlawful employment practices, wrongs, injuries and damages complained of herein.

6. Plaintiff is informed, and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times mentioned herein, Defendants were and are the employers of Plaintiff and aggrieved employees.

7. At all times herein mentioned, each of said Defendants participated in the doing of the acts hereinafter alleged to have been done by the named Defendants; and furthermore, the Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, servants, and employees of each and every one of the other Defendants, as well as the agents of all Defendants, and at all times herein mentioned were acting within the course and scope of said agency and employment. Defendants, and each of them, approved of, condoned, and/or otherwise ratified each and every one of the acts or omissions complained of herein.

8. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants, and each of them, were members of and engaged in a joint venture, partnership, and common enterprise, and acting within the course and scope of, and in pursuance of said joint venture, partnership, and common enterprise. Further, Plaintiff alleges that all Defendants were joint employers for all purposes towards Plaintiff and

aggrieved employees.

GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

9. Plaintiff worked for Defendants from approximately July 31, 2023 to approximately August 19, 2023 when he resigned after Defendants failed to address his complaints about missing pay from his paychecks. Plaintiff's tasks included gardening, cutting grass, maintenance and spraying chemicals. Plaintiff was generally scheduled to work Monday through Saturday from either 5:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and sometimes worked longer.

10. Throughout the duration of Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees were not paid for all hours worked as Defendants would not accurately keep track of their actual hours worked. Upon information and belief, the time records maintained by Defendants were not reflective of the actual number of hours that Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees actually worked. The foreman was generally responsible for writing down the hours worked for Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees. As a policy, Defendants required Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees to sign a document each day at the end of the day showing the start time and an empty space for the end time. After Plaintiff saw that hours were missing from his paycheck, he complained that he needed to see the end time before signing. Defendants failed to take action or change their policy. Plaintiff kept his own notebook showing his hours worked. Plaintiff complained that during the first week, he was shorted one hour. He further complained that Defendants shorted him three hours during his second week worked. Plaintiff estimates that on average, he and other non-exempt employees were shorted at least 2 hours per week.

11. Furthermore, Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees worked overtime hours, but did not receive all overtime compensation equal to one and one-half times their regular rates of pay for all overtime hours worked. Upon information and belief, Defendants intentionally wrote down inaccurate end times for Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees. Plaintiff worked six days per week and thus worked more than forty hours per week during the first couple of weeks during his employment and is thus owed at least two hours of overtime per week.

1 Defendants failed to ensure that Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees were being paid at
2 least the minimum wage for all hours actually worked, and failed to ensure that Plaintiff and other
3 non-exempt employees received proper overtime wages for all overtime hours worked, in
4 compliance with Wage Order 16.

5 12. Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees were not authorized to take all legally
6 required rest periods. This practice was pervasive throughout Plaintiff's employment. Plaintiff
7 and other non-exempt employees were not only unable to exercise the right to a rest period, but
8 they were never told of their right to do so. Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees almost
9 never received a rest period because Defendants had a policy of adding twenty more minutes to
10 their meal periods and unlawfully requiring them to take all their rest and meal periods together
11 in one sitting. Despite Defendants' failure to authorize and permit Plaintiff and other non-exempt
12 employees to take all lawful paid rest periods, due to their uniform and unlawful practices,
13 Defendants never provided Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees with an hour of pay at their
14 regular rate for each rest period violation as required by Labor Code § 226.7. Upon information
15 and belief, during at least a portion of the PAGA, Defendants maintained no payroll code or
16 another mechanism for the payment of rest period premiums in the event Plaintiff and other non-
17 exempt employees were not authorized to take lawful rest periods.

18 13. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees with legally
19 compliant meal periods when they worked shifts in excess of 5.0 hours. Plaintiff and other non-
20 exempt employees generally took their meal periods in groups at the instruction of their
21 supervisor. At least three (3) times per week, Defendants instructed Plaintiff and other non-
22 exempt employees to begin their meal periods after the fifth hour of work in between work
23 locations. Generally, Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees took their meal period in the
24 parked company truck that they were driving in and were instructed not to leave the area around
25 the company truck as they had to monitor the tools in the truck to prevent theft. Plaintiff and the
26 other non-exempt employees were not informed by Defendants of their legal right to take duty-
27 free uninterrupted meal periods before the conclusion of their fifth hour of work pursuant to Labor
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Code Section 512. Despite Defendants' failure to provide Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees with all lawful meal periods due to their uniform and unlawful practices, Defendants never provided Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees with an hour of pay at their regular rate for each meal period violation as required by Labor Code § 226.7.

14. Furthermore, Defendants failed to adequately reimburse Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees for all reasonable and necessary work expenditures, including but not limited to, requiring Plaintiff to purchase his own work boots, gloves, safety glasses, fluorescent t-shirts and masks to protect against dust and spray. Plaintiff was not ever provided any reimbursement for these necessary uses.

15. Additionally, Defendants forced Plaintiff to wait approximately one week until the next regular scheduled pay day for his final paycheck, in violation of Labor Code 201.

16. Defendants have maintained inaccurate payroll records, failed to timely pay all wages owed to employees, and failed to timely pay separating employees at the time of their separation, and issued inaccurate wage statements. This is in part a result of Defendants' failure to accurately compensate Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees for all minimum and overtime wages, and failure to pay premium pay for failing to provide all required meal periods and authorize all rest periods.

17. Defendants failed to issue to Plaintiff and other non-exempt employees accurate itemized statements in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the employee and only the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.

1 18. Finally, Defendants failed to conform to the requirements of Labor Code § 2810.5
2 by failing to provide Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees written notices, in the language
3 normally used to communicate employment related information to the employees, containing
4 information regarding their: i) rate(s) of pay and the basis thereof; ii) allowances claimed as part
5 of the minimum wage; iii) regular payday designated by the employer; iv) the legal name of the
6 employer; v) the address of the legal entity that is the employer; vi) the telephone number of the
7 employer; vii) identifying information for the employer's workers' compensation insurance
8 carrier; and viii) information informing the employee of their right to accrue and use paid sick
9 leave. Despite maintaining an obligation to provide these disclosures to Plaintiff and other
10 aggrieved employees, Defendants failed to do so, in violation of Labor Code § 2810.5.

11 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **MINIMUM WAGE VIOLATIONS**

13 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

14 19. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

15 20. Wage Order 16, § 4 and California Labor Code §§ 1197 and 1182.12 establish the
16 right of employees to be paid minimum wages for all hours worked in amounts set by state law.
17 Labor Code §§ 1194(a) and 1194.2(a) provide that an employee who has not been paid the legal
18 minimum wage as required by Labor Code § 1197 may recover the unpaid balance together with
19 attorneys' fees and costs of suit, as well as liquidated damages in an amount equal to the unpaid
20 wages and interest accrued thereon. At all relevant times herein, Defendants failed to conform
21 their pay practices to the requirements of the law by failing to pay Plaintiff and aggrieved
22 employees for all hours actually worked including, but not limited to, all hours he was subject to
23 the control of Defendants and/or suffered or permitted to work under the California Labor Code
24 and Wage Order 16.

25 21. California Labor Code § 1198 makes unlawful the employment of an employee
26 under conditions that the IWC prohibits. California Labor Code §§ 1194(a) and 1194.2(a) provide
27 that an employer who has failed to pay its employees the legal minimum wage is liable to pay
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1 those employees the balance of the unpaid wages as well as liquidated damages in an amount
2 equal to the wages due and interest thereon.

3 22. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct as alleged
4 herein, Plaintiff and aggrieved employees have sustained economic damages, including but not
5 limited to, unpaid wages and lost interest in an amount to be established at trial, and are entitled
6 to recover economic and statutory damages and penalties and other appropriate relief as a result
7 of Defendants' violations of the California Labor Code and Wage Order 16.

8 23. Defendants' practice and uniform administration of corporate policy regarding
9 illegal employee compensation is unlawful and creates an entitlement to recovery by Plaintiff and
10 aggrieved employees in a civil action for the unpaid amount of minimum wages, liquidated
11 damages, including interest thereon, statutory penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs of suit
12 according to California Labor Code §§ 204, 558, 1194, *et seq.*, 1197, 1198 and Code of Civil
13 Procedure § 1021.5.

14 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **FAILURE TO PAY ALL OVERTIME WAGES**

16 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

17 24. Plaintiff re-allege and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

18 25. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194,
19 and 1198, which provide that non-exempt employees are entitled to overtime wages for all
20 overtime hours worked, and provide a private right of action for the failure to pay all overtime
21 compensation for overtime work performed.

22 26. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to properly compensate
23 Plaintiff and members of aggrieved employees for all overtime hours worked pursuant to
24 California Labor Code § 1194 and Wage Order 16. Wage Order 16, § 3 requires an employer to
25 pay overtime wages when an employee's hours worked cross certain thresholds or meet certain
26 criteria set forth in the Wage Order.

27 27. The foregoing policies and practices are unlawful and create entitlement to
28 recovery by Plaintiff and aggrieved employees in a civil action for the unpaid amount of overtime

1 premiums owing, including interest thereon, statutory penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs of
2 suit according to California Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, and 1198, Wage Order 16, and
3 Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

4 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **MEAL PERIOD VIOLATIONS**

6 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

7 28. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporate by reference all previous paragraphs.

8 29. Plaintiff is informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that Defendants failed
9 in their affirmative obligation to provide all of their non-exempt employees in California,
10 including Plaintiff and aggrieved employees with all legally compliant meal periods in accordance
11 with the mandates of the California Labor Code and Wage Order 16, § 10. Despite Defendants'
12 violations, Defendants did not pay an additional hour of pay to Plaintiff and aggrieved
13 employees at their respective regular rate of pay, in accordance with California Labor Code §§
14 204, 210, 226.7, and 512.

15 30. As a result, Defendants are responsible for paying premium compensation for meal
16 period violations including interest thereon, as well as statutory penalties, civil penalties, and
17 costs of suit, pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558, Wage Order 16, and Civil Code §§
18 3287(b) and 3289.

19 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **REST PERIOD VIOLATIONS**

21 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

22 31. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

23 32. Wage Order 16, § 11 and California Labor Code §§ 226.2, 226.7 and 516 establish
24 the right of employees to be authorized and permitted to take a paid rest period of at least ten (10)
25 minutes net rest time for each four (4) hour period worked, or major fraction thereof.

26 33. As alleged herein, Defendants failed to authorize and permit Plaintiff and
27 aggrieved employees to take all legally compliant rest periods.

28 34. The foregoing violations create an entitlement to recovery by Plaintiff and

aggrieved employees in a civil action for the unpaid rest period wages and the amount of rest period premiums owing, including interest thereon, as well as statutory penalties, civil penalties, and costs of suit according to California Labor Code §§226.2, 226.7, 516, 558, and Civil Code §§ 3287(b) and 3289.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

WAITING TIME PENALTIES

(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

35. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporate by reference all previous paragraphs.

36. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Labor Code §§ 201-203, which requires an employer to pay all wages immediately at the time of termination of employment in the event the employer discharges the employee or the employee provides at least 72 hours of notice of his/her intent to quit. In the event the employee provides less than 72 hours of notice of his/her intent to quit, said employee's wages become due and payable not later than 72 hours upon said employee's last date of employment.

37. Defendants failed to timely pay Plaintiff and aggrieved employees all final wages due to them at the time of their separation including, among other things, unpaid and/or underpaid overtime and minimum wages owed, and meal & rest period premium wages. Further, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that as a matter of uniform policy and practice, Defendants continue to fail to pay aggrieved employees all earned wages at the end of employment in a timely manner pursuant to the requirements of Labor Code §§ 201-203. Defendants' failure to pay all final wages was willful within the meaning of Labor Code § 203.

38. Defendants' willful failure to timely pay Plaintiff and aggrieved employees their earned wages upon separation from employment results in a continued payment of wages up to thirty (30) days from the time the wages were due. Therefore, Plaintiff and aggrieved employees are entitled to compensation pursuant to Labor Code § 203, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

WAGE STATEMENT VIOLATIONS

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40. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants negligently and intentionally, as a matter of uniform policy and practice, failed to furnish Plaintiff and grievously injured employees with complete and accurate wage statements reflecting the accurate number of hours worked, and meal & rest period premiums in violation of Labor Code § 226 et

42. Defendants' failures create an entitlement to recovery by Plaintiff and aggrieved employees in a civil action for all damages and/or penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 226 et seq., including statutory penalties, civil penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs of suit according to California Labor Code § 226 et seq.

(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)

44. Defendants have engaged and continue to engage in unfair and/or unlawful business practices in California in violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200, by failing to pay Plaintiff and aggrieved employees all minimum and overtime wages, failing to provide all required meal and rest periods, or pay premium payments in lieu thereof, failing to provide accurate, itemized wage statements, failing to reimburse for necessary business expenses, and willfully failing to timely pay Plaintiff and aggrieved employees all final wages due upon termination of employment.

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1 Plaintiff and continues to deprive members of aggrieved employees of compensation to which
2 they are legally entitled, constitutes unfair and/or unlawful competition, and provides an unfair
3 advantage over Defendants' competitors who have been and/or are currently employing workers
4 and attempting to do so in honest compliance with applicable wage and hour laws.

5 46. Because Plaintiff is a victim of Defendants' unfair and/or unlawful conduct alleged
6 herein, Plaintiff for himself and on behalf of the members of aggrieved employees, seek full
7 restitution of monies, as necessary and according to proof, to restore any and all monies withheld,
8 acquired and/or converted by Defendants pursuant to Business and Professions Code §§ 17203
9 and 17208.

10 47. The acts complained of herein occurred within the last four years immediately
11 preceding the filing of the Complaint in this action.

12 48. Plaintiff is compelled to retain the services of counsel to file this court action to
13 protect his interests and those of aggrieved employees, to obtain restitution and injunctive relief
14 on behalf of Defendants' current non-exempt employees, and to enforce important rights affecting
15 the public interest. Plaintiff has thereby incurred the financial burden of attorneys' fees and costs,
16 which he is entitled to recover under Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

17 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

18 **FAILURE TO REIMBURSE BUSINESS EXPENSES**

19 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

20 49. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

21 50. At all relevant times herein, Defendants were subject to Labor Code § 2802, which
22 states that "an employer shall indemnify his or her employees for all necessary expenditures or
23 losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of
24 his or her obedience to the directions of the employer..."

25 51. Due to Defendants' unlawful policy and practice of requiring employees to
26 purchase their own work boots, gloves, safety glasses, fluorescent t-shirts and masks to protect
27 against dust and spray in the performance of their work duties, Defendants have violated Labor
28 Code § 2802.

1 52. Plaintiff and aggrieved employees are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs of suit
2 pursuant to Labor Code § 2802(c) for bringing this action.

3 53. Pursuant to Labor Code §2802(b), any action brought for the reimbursement of
4 necessary expenditures carries interest at the same rate as judgments in civil actions. Thus,
5 Plaintiff and aggrieved employees are entitled to interest, which shall accrue from the date on
6 which they incurred the initial necessary expenditure.

7 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
8 **PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT**
9 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

10 54. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all prior paragraphs as though
11 fully set forth herein.

12 55. Defendants have committed several Labor Code violations against Plaintiff,
13 members of aggrieved employees, and other aggrieved employees. Plaintiff, an "aggrieved
14 employee" within the meaning of Labor Code § 2698 *et seq.*, acting on behalf of himself and
15 other aggrieved employees, brings this representative action against Defendants to recover the
16 civil penalties due to Plaintiff, the members of aggrieved employees, other aggrieved employees,
17 and the State of California according to proof pursuant to Labor Code § 558 and § 2699 (a) and
18 (f) including, but not limited to: (1) \$100.00 for each initial violation for each failure to pay each
19 employee and \$200 for each subsequent violation or willful or intentional violation pursuant to
20 Labor Code § 210 for each failure to pay each employee, plus 25% of the amount unlawfully
21 withheld; (2) \$50.00 for each initial violation and \$100 for each subsequent violation pursuant to
22 Labor Code § 558 per employee per pay period; (3) \$100.00 for each initial violation and \$250.00
23 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 1197.1 per employee per pay period; (4)
24 \$250.00 for each initial violation and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor
25 Code § 226.3 per employee per pay period; and/or (5) \$100.00 for each initial violation and \$200
26 for each subsequent violation per employee per pay period for those violations of the Labor Code
27 for which no civil penalty is specifically provided, based on the following Labor Code violations:
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- a. Failing to pay minimum wages for all hours worked to Plaintiff, aggrieved employees, and other aggrieved employees in violation of Labor Code §§ 551-552, 558, 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, and 1198;
- b. Failing to pay Plaintiff, aggrieved employees, and other aggrieved employees all earned overtime compensation in violation of Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, and 1198;
- c. Failing to authorize and permit all legally required rest periods, and failure to pay rest period premium wages, to Plaintiff, and other aggrieved employees at the regular rate of compensation in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516 and 558;
- d. Failing to provide all legally required meal periods, and failure to pay meal period premium wages, to Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees at the regular rate of compensation in violation of Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 1198;
- e. Failing to reimburse Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees for necessary business expenditures incurred by Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees in violation of Labor Code §§ 2800, 2802 and 2804;
- f. Failing to furnish Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees with complete, accurate, itemized wage statements in violation of Labor Code § 226;
- g. Failing to timely pay all final wages and compensation earned by Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees at the time of separation in violation of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, and 203;
- h. Failing to pay Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees all earned wages at least twice during each calendar month in violation of Labor Code § 204;
- i. Failing to permit and authorize Plaintiff and other non-exempt to exercise the use of their accrued paid sick leave days in violation of Labor Code § 245.5;
- j. Failing to provide legally mandated disclosures and/or written notices regarding the terms of employment of Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees

1 in violation of Labor Code § 2810.5; and

2 k. Failing to maintain accurate records on behalf of Plaintiff and other aggrieved
3 employees in violation of Labor Code §§ 1174 and 1198.

4 56. On April 3, 2024, Plaintiff notified Defendants via certified mail, and notified the
5 California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) via its website, of Defendants’
6 violations of the California Labor Code and Plaintiff’s intent to bring a claim for civil penalties
7 under California Labor Code § 2698 et seq. with respect to violations of the California Labor
8 Code identified in Paragraph 62 (a)-(k). Now that sixty-five days have passed from Plaintiff’s
9 notifying Defendants and the LWDA of these violations, and the LWDA has not provided notice
10 that it intends to investigate the violations, Plaintiff has exhausted his administrative requirements
11 for bringing a claim under the Private Attorneys General Act with respect to these violations.

12 57. Plaintiff was compelled to retain the services of counsel to file this court action to
13 protect his interests and the interests of other similarly aggrieved employees, and to assess and
14 collect the civil penalties owed by Defendants. Plaintiff has thereby incurred attorneys’ fees and
15 costs, which he is entitled to receive under California Labor Code § 2699(g).

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17 **PRAYER**

18 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment for himself and for all others on whose behalf
19 this suit brought against Defendants, as follows:

20 1. For an order appointing Plaintiff as representative of aggrieved employees;
21 2. For an order appointing Counsel for Plaintiff as Counsel for aggrieved employees;
22 3. Upon the First Cause of Action, for payment of minimum wages, liquidated
23 damages, and penalties according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2,
24 1198 and Wage Order 16 § 4(A);

25 4. Upon the Second Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general, and
26 special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, 1198 and
27 Wage Order 16 § 3(A);

28 5. Upon the Third Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general and

special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558;

6. Upon the Fourth Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general and special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.2, 226.7, 516, and 558;

7. Upon the Fifth Cause of Action, for statutory waiting time penalties pursuant to Labor Code §§ 201-203;

8. Upon the Sixth Cause of Action, for statutory penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 226;

9. Upon the Seventh Cause of Action, for restitution to Plaintiff of all money and/or property unlawfully acquired by Defendants by means of any acts or practices declared by this Court to be in violation of Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*;

10. Upon the Eighth Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general, and special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code § 2802;

11. Upon the Ninth Cause of Action, for (1) \$100.00 for each initial violation for each failure to pay each employee and \$200 for each subsequent violation or willful or intentional violation pursuant to Labor Code § 210 for each failure to pay each employee, plus 25% of the amount unlawfully withheld; (2) \$50.00 for each initial violation and \$100 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 558 per employee per pay period; (3) \$100.00 for each initial violation and \$250.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 1197.1 per employee per pay period; (4) \$250.00 for each initial violation and \$1,000.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 226.3 per employee per pay period; and/or (5) \$100.00 for each initial violation and \$200 for each subsequent violation per employee per pay period for the violations of the Labor Code Sections cited in Labor Code § 2699.5.

12. Prejudgment interest on all due and unpaid wages pursuant to California Labor Code § 218.6 and Civil Code §§ 3287 and 3289;

13. On all causes of action, for attorneys' fees and costs as provided by Labor Code §226, and Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5; and

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

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2 Dated: May 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
STANSBURY BROWN LAW, PC

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4 By: 
5 Daniel J. Brown
6 Jessica Flores
7 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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9 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

10 Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial with respect to all issues triable by jury.

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12 Dated: May 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 2610 ½ Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

On May 12, 2025, I served the document listed below on the parties in this action as follows:

- **SECOND AMENDED REPRESENTATIVE ACTION COMPLAINT**

☐ (BY MAIL) I placed such envelope on the above date, with postage fully prepaid, for deposit in the U.S. Postal Service at my place of business at Venice, California, following the ordinary business practices of my place of business. I am readily familiar with the business practice at my place of business for collection and processing of correspondence for mail with the U.S. Postal Service. Under that practice, such correspondence is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service the same day it is collected and processed in the ordinary course of business.

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☒ (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Executed on May 12, 2025, at South Gate, California.

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