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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

EDUARDO AGUILERA JR, individually, and
on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RENT TIME, a California Corporation; and
DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 37-2024-00014462-CU-OE-CTL

*[Assigned for All Purposes to the Hon. Loren
G. Freestone, Dept. C-64]*

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

Preliminary Approval Hearing:

Date: February 27, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Dept.: C-64

Action Filed: March 27, 2024

1 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2 Having reviewed Plaintiff Eduardo Aguilera Jr.'s ("Plaintiff") Motion for Preliminary
3 Approval of Class Action Settlement ("Motion"), the Declaration of John G. Yslas, the
4 Declaration of Eduardo Aguilera Jr., and the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement
5 ("Settlement Agreement"), and good cause appearing, the Court finds and orders as follows:

6 1. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the Settlement Agreement appears to
7 be fair, adequate, and reasonable and therefore meets the requirements for preliminary approval.
8 The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement and the Settlement Class based on the
9 terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement between Plaintiff and Defendant Rent Time
10 ("Defendant"), attached to the Declaration of John G. Yslas in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for
11 Preliminary Approval of Class Action and PAGA Settlement as **Exhibit 2**.

12 2. The Settlement falls within the range of reasonableness of a settlement which
13 could ultimately be given final approval by this Court, and appears to be presumptively valid,
14 subject only to any objections that may be raised at the Final Approval Hearing and final
15 approval by this Court. The Court notes that Defendant has agreed to create a common fund of
16 \$150,000.00 to cover (a) settlement payments to Class Members who do not validly opt out; (b)
17 a \$10,000.00 allocation toward civil penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act, 75% of
18 which (\$7,500.00) to be paid to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency
19 ("LWDA") and 25% of which (\$2,500.00) to be paid to Aggrieved Employees; (c) a Class
20 Representative Service Payment of up to \$7,500.00 to Plaintiff; (d) Class Counsel's attorneys'
21 fees, not to exceed one third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount (currently \$50,000.00), and
22 up to \$25,000.00 in costs for actual litigation expenses incurred by Class Counsel; and (e)
23 Settlement Administration Costs of up to \$8,750.00.

24 3. The Court preliminarily finds that the terms of the Settlement appear to be within
25 the range of possible approval, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382 and
26 applicable law. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that: (1) the Settlement amount is fair
27 and reasonable to the Class Members when balanced against the probable outcome of further
28 litigation relating to class certification, liability and damages issues, and potential appeals; (2)

1 significant informal discovery, investigation, research, and litigation have been conducted such
2 that counsel for the Parties at this time are able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions;
3 (3) settlement at this time will avoid substantial costs, delay, and risks that would be presented
4 by the further prosecution of the litigation; and (4) the proposed Settlement has been reached as
5 the result of intensive, serious, and non-collusive negotiations between the Parties with the
6 assistance of a well-respected class action mediator. Accordingly, the Court preliminarily finds
7 that the Settlement Agreement was entered into in good faith.

8 4. A final approval hearing on the question of whether the proposed Settlement,
9 attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel, the PAGA Penalties to the LWDA and the Aggrieved
10 Employees, and the Class Representative Service Payment should be finally approved as fair,
11 reasonable and adequate as to the members of the Class is hereby set in accordance with the
12 Implementation Schedule set forth below.

13 5. The Court provisionally certifies for settlement purposes only the following class
14 (the "Class"): "all persons currently or formerly employed by Defendant Rent Time as hourly-
15 paid, non-exempt employees in the State of California during the Class Period."

16 6. "Class Period" means the period from June 30, 2020, through December 31, 2024.

17 7. The Court finds, for settlement purposes only, that the Settlement Class meets the
18 requirements for certification under California Code of Civil Procedure § 382 in that: (1) the
19 Settlement Class Members are so numerous that joinder is impractical; (2) there are questions
20 of law and fact that are common, or of general interest, to all Settlement Class Members, which
21 predominate over individual issues; (3) Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the
22 Settlement Class Members; (4) Plaintiff and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect
23 the interests of the Settlement Class Members; and (5) a class action is superior to other
24 available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

25 8. The Court appoints as Class Representative, for settlement purposes only,
26 Plaintiff Eduardo Aguilera Jr. The Court further preliminarily approves Plaintiff's ability to
27 request a service payment up to \$7,500.00.

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1 9. The Court appoints, for settlement purposes only, John G. Yslas, Diego Aviles,
2 Harry Erganyan, Miriam Nazaretyan, Emily K. Borman, and Courtney M. Miller of Wilshire
3 Law Firm, PLC, as Class Counsel. The Court further preliminarily approves Class Counsel's
4 ability to request attorneys' fees of up to one third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount
5 (currently \$50,000.00), and costs not to exceed \$25,000.00.

6 10. The Court appoints Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions as the
7 Settlement Administrator with reasonable administration costs estimated not to exceed
8 \$8,750.00.

9 11. The Court approves, as to form and content the Class Notice, attached to the
10 Settlement Agreement as **Exhibit A**. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that plan for
11 distribution of the Class Notice to Settlement Class Members satisfies due process, provides the
12 best notice practicable under the circumstances, and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to
13 all persons entitled thereto.

14 12. The Parties are ordered to carry out the Settlement according to the terms of the
15 Settlement Agreement.

16 13. Any Class Member who does not timely and validly request exclusion from the
17 Settlement may object to the Settlement Agreement.

18 14. The Court orders the following Implementation Schedule:

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Event	Timing
Class Data: Last day for Defendant to provide Class Data to the Administrator	7 days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement
Class Notice: Last day for Administrator to mail the Class Notice to Class Members	14 days after receipt of the Class Data

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Response Deadline: Last day for Class Members to submit written objections, challenges to workweeks, and requests for exclusion	45 days after Class Notice is mailed out by the Administrator (with an additional 14 days for Class Members whose Class Notice was remailed)
Administrator Declaration: Last day for the Administrator to provide counsel with a Declaration in Support of the Motion for Final Approval	14 days before the last day to file the Motion for Final Approval of Settlement
Filing Deadline: Last day to file the Motion for Final Approval of Settlement, request for attorneys' fees and costs, and service payment to Plaintiff	16 court days before the Final Approval Hearing
Final Approval Hearing	_____, 2026, at _____ a.m./p.m. in Dept. C-64 of the above-referenced Court.

15. The Court further ORDERS that, pending further order of this Court, all proceedings in this lawsuit, except those contemplated herein and in the settlement, are stayed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: _____

HON. LOREN G. FREESTONE
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT