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

KATHERINE VERGARA POLANCO, an
individual and on behalf of all others similarly
situated;

Plaintiff,

vs.

ESCALETTE, LLC, a California corporation;
and DOES 1 through 50,

Defendants.

Case No.: 30-2024-01407947-CU-OE-CXC

[Assigned for All Purposes to:
Hon. William Claster, Dept. CX101]

**(PROPOSED) JUDGMENT AND ORDER
GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF
CLASS ACTION AND PAGA
SETTLEMENT, ATTORNEY’S FEES AND
COSTS, AND SERVICE PAYMENT**

Action Filed: June 18, 2024
Trial Date: Not Set

1 The Motion of Plaintiff Katherine Vergara Polanco (“Plaintiff”) for Final Approval of Class
2 Action and PAGA Settlement, Attorney’s Fees and Costs, and Class Representative Service
3 Payment (“Final Approval Motion”) came on regularly for hearing before this Court pursuant to
4 California Rule of Court 3.769 and this Court’s earlier Order Granting Preliminary Approval of
5 Class Action and PAGA Settlement dated May 6, 2026 (“Preliminary Approval Order”).

6 Having considered the Parties’ Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement and
7 Amendment to the Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement (collectively, the “Settlement”),¹,
8 and the documents and evidence presented in support thereof, and recognizing the sharply disputed
9 factual and legal issues involved in this case, the risks of further prosecution, and the substantial
10 benefits to be received by the Class pursuant to the Settlement, the Court hereby makes a final
11 ruling that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate pursuant to California Code of Civil
12 Procedure § 382, and is the product of good faith, arm’s-length negotiations between the parties.
13 Good cause appearing therefor, the Court hereby GRANTS Plaintiff’s Final Approval Motion and
14 hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES:

15 1. Final judgment is hereby entered in conformity with the Agreement and this Final
16 Approval Order.

17 2. The conditional class certification is hereby made final, and the Court thus certifies,
18 for purposes of the Settlement, the following Class: All current and former non-exempt employees
19 who worked for Defendant Escalette, LLC within the State of California at any time during the
20 Class Period of June 18, 2020 to November 24, 2025.

21 3. The Court hereby confirms Plaintiff as the Class Representative; William C. Sung
22 and Tiffany L. Luu of Justice for Workers, P.C. as Class Counsel; and Apex Class Action LLC. as
23 the Administrator.

24 4. Notice was provided to Class Members as set forth in the Settlement, which was
25 approved by the Court on May 6, 2026, and the notice process has been completed in conformity
26 with the Settlement and the Court's Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that said notice
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¹ All defined terms contained herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement.

1 was the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and that individual notice was provided to
2 all Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort. The Class Notice provided
3 due and adequate notice of the proceedings and matters set forth therein.

4 5. The Court finds that no Class Member objected to or opted out of the Settlement, and
5 that the 100% participation rate in the Settlement supports final approval.

6 6. The Court further finds that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and
7 orders the Parties to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms.

8 7. For purposes of settlement only, the Court finds that: (a) the Class Members are
9 ascertainable and so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable; (b) there are questions
10 of law or fact common to the Class, and there is a well-defined community of interest among
11 members of the Class with respect to the subject matter of the litigation; (c) the claims of the Class
12 Representative are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class members; (d) the Class
13 Representative has fairly and adequately protected the interests of the Class; (e) a class action is
14 superior to other available methods for an efficient adjudication of this controversy; and (f) Class
15 Counsel are qualified to serve as counsel for the Class Representative and the Class.

16 8. The Court finds that given the absence of objections to the Settlement, this Judgment
17 and Order shall be considered final as of the date of entry.

18 9. The Court finds that the Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments,
19 as provided for in the Settlement, are fair, reasonable, and adequate, and orders the Administrator to
20 distribute the Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments in conformity with the
21 terms of the Settlement.

22 10. The Court orders Defendant to deposit the Gross Settlement Amount of \$543,586.77
23 and employer payroll taxes with the Administrator no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.

24 11. The Court finds that a Class Representative Service Payment in the amount of
25 \$10,000.00 to the Plaintiff is appropriate for Plaintiff's service to the Class. The Court finds that this
26 payment is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and orders that the Administrator make this payment in
27 conformity with the terms of the Settlement.

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1 12. The Court finds that attorney’s fees in the amount of \$181,195.59 and litigation costs
2 of \$10,374.53 for Class Counsel are fair, reasonable, and adequate in light of the common fund
3 created by the Settlement, and orders that the Administrator distribute these payments to Class
4 Counsel in conformity with the terms of the Settlement.

5 13. The Court orders that the Administrator shall be paid \$7,650.00 from the Gross
6 Settlement Amount in conformity with the terms of the Settlement, for all of its work done and to be
7 done until the completion of this matter and finds that sum appropriate.

8 14. The Court finds that the payment to the California Labor & Workforce Development
9 Agency (“LWDA”) in the amount of \$22,500.00 for its share of the settlement of Plaintiff’s
10 representative claim under the PAGA is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and orders the Administrator
11 to distribute this payment to the LWDA in conformity with the terms of the Settlement.

12 15. The Court orders that any settlement checks shall be negotiable for 180 calendar
13 days from the date of issuance of the check, and that any settlement checks that remain uncashed
14 after one 180 days after they are mailed shall be distributed to the Controller of the State of
15 California to be held pursuant to the Unclaimed Property Law, California Code of Civil Procedure
16 §§ 1500, *et seq.*, in the name of the Class Member to whom the check was issued.

17 16. “Released Parties” means Defendant and each of its former and present subsidiaries,
18 affiliates, shareholders, owners, members, employees, agents, officers, and their predecessors,
19 successors and assigns.

20 17. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement
21 Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class
22 Payments, all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former,
23 present and future representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns,
24 release Released Parties from all causes of action and claims that were alleged in the Action or
25 reasonably could have been alleged based on the facts and legal theories contained in the Operative
26 Complaint, arising during the Class Period, including all of the following claims for relief: (1)
27 Minimum Wage Violations; (2) Overtime Wage Violations; (3) Meal Period Violations; (4) Rest
28 Period Violations; (5) Wage Statement Penalties; (6) Waiting Time Penalties; (7) Failure to

1 Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses; and (8) Unfair Competition (“Released Class Claims”).

2 18. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross Settlement
3 Amount and funds all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class
4 Payments, all Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their
5 respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors,
6 and assigns, the Released Parties from all causes of action and claims for civil penalties under the
7 California Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 that were alleged or reasonably could have been
8 alleged based on the facts and legal theories contained in the Operative Complaint and PAGA
9 Notice, arising during the PAGA Period, including claims for civil penalties based on the following:
10 (1) Minimum Wage Violations; (2) Overtime Wage Violations; (3) Meal Period Violations; (4) Rest
11 Period Violations; (5) Unpaid Sick Leave; (6) Wage Statement Penalties; (7) Waiting Time
12 Penalties; (8) Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenses (“Released PAGA Claims”).

13 19. In accordance with California Rule of Court 3.771(b), the Parties are ordered to give
14 notice of this final Judgment and Order to all Participating Class Members by posting on it the
15 Administrator’s website for 90 days.

16 20. This document shall constitute a final judgment pursuant to California Rule of Court
17 3.769(h), which provides: “If the court approves the settlement agreement after the final approval
18 hearing, the court must make and enter judgment. The judgment must include a provision for the
19 retention of the court's jurisdiction over the parties to enforce the terms of the judgment. The court
20 may not enter an order dismissing the action at the same time as, or after, entry of judgment.”
21 Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6, the Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the
22 Settlement, the Final Approval Order, and this Judgment.

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1 21. The Court sets a Final Accounting Hearing for August 13, 2027 at 9:00 a.m. in
2 Department CX101 of the above-entitled Court. Plaintiff shall file a Final Accounting Declaration
3 from the Administrator no later than 16 court days before the Compliance Hearing.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED.**

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6 DATED: _____, 2026

Hon. William Claster
Judge of the Superior Court