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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JAVIER LOERA, JUSTINA VILLARREAL, AUBREY CONNAGHAN, and KRISTINE STEVENSON, individually, and on behalf of other similarly situated employees,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

WORKCARE, INC., and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive,

Defendants

Case No. 24STCV14766

Honorable Elihu M. Berle
Department 6

DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF JUSTINA VILLARREAL IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT

Date:	November 19, 2026
Time:	10:00 a.m.
Dept:	6
Complaint Filed:	June 12, 2024
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Trial Date:	Not Set

DECLARATION OF JUSTINA VILLARREAL

I, Justina Villarreal, declare and state as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and a resident of the State of California. I am one of the named plaintiffs in the above-captioned case. I have personal knowledge of the facts and statements set forth in this declaration, and if called upon to testify, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. I was employed by Defendant WorkCare, Inc. ("Defendant") as an hourly-paid, non-exempt Patient Account Representative from approximately December 2018 to approximately April 2022.

3. Because I thought the practices at Defendant may not be lawful, I decided to seek legal advice about my work experiences at Defendant and about filing a lawsuit to obtain relief for my grievances. I contacted Blackstone Law, APC and spoke with their attorneys. I wanted to take steps to make sure Defendant was held accountable for not properly compensating its employees for all hours worked and for non-compliant meal and rest breaks. After speaking with the attorneys, I also investigated class and representative action lawsuits on my own. Thereafter, I further consulted with the attorneys at Blackstone Law, APC about my situation, class actions, representative action lawsuits under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA"), and what it meant to join a class and PAGA action so that I understood what I was considering doing.

4. I have regularly conferred with my attorneys regarding the cases as part of my responsibilities as a class and PAGA representative. This process included searching for and providing documents concerning my employment with Defendant, answering any questions my attorneys had about the documents, providing information regarding the company's practices and the duties of other hourly-paid and/or non-exempt employees, and helping my attorneys develop a strategy as to what additional documents and information they could seek to obtain from Defendant.

5. I routinely checked in with my attorneys and their staff to make sure that they had all of my most current information and any additional information that I had obtained. I made myself available to answer any questions my attorneys had about Defendant's practices and treatment of its employees whenever they needed me. I responded to them as quickly as possible and gave them as

much information as I could.

6. I understood that in the event this matter did not settle and proceeded with trial, I would need to be in court to participate in the trial. I was ready to perform that role, as well as fulfill any responsibilities that are necessary for this lawsuit.

7. I know that I took a sizeable risk by joining and pursuing this lawsuit for several reasons. First, I understood that if I lost, I would potentially have to pay the costs in the lawsuit. I also understood there was a risk of losing any job and/or income due to the time that I would have to spend fulfilling my responsibilities in this matter, including having to attend the trial, if needed. In contrast, the other employees who will be receiving money from this lawsuit did not have to file a claim or take the risk that I took in joining this action.

8. I reviewed the settlement agreement, discussed the settlement agreement with my attorneys, and asked them questions before signing it.

9. I believe that I have done everything that my attorneys have asked of me and tried, to the best of my ability, to seek relief for the Class, the PAGA Employees, and the State of California. I have spent approximately 47-52 hours participating in this matter as described above. I believe my efforts helped get the result obtained in this matter.

10. I understand that any resolution of this lawsuit on a class wide basis is subject to court approval, and any settlement must be designed in the best interest of the Class as a whole. At all times throughout the course of this litigation I have considered the interests of the Class and put them before my own personal interests.

11. I understand that incentive or enhancement awards are discretionary and intended to compensate named plaintiffs for: the quality and quantity of the work done on behalf of the class and other employees, the financial and/or reputational risk undertaken in bringing the class and/or PAGA action, and an acknowledgment of the benefits resulting from the representative's actions. I believe my work in this matter is meritorious on these points for the reasons set forth above.

12. I respectfully request that the Court approve and award me a Class Representative Service Payment in the amount of $10,000.00 for my efforts and active participation in the case and for the broader, general release of all claims that I have or may have against Defendant in connection

with the settlement. Taking into consideration the time that I dedicated to this case, I believe that this amount is reasonable.

13. I am not related to anyone associated with Blackstone Law, APC.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 10-30-26, at La Habra, California.

Justina Villarreal