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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DIEGO SANTANA LOPEZ, an individual, on his own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CALIFORNIA SOLAR INTEGRATORS INC., a California corporation; CAL SOLAR INC., an entity of unknown form; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 24STCV22217

DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF DIEGO SANTANA LOPEZ IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Judge: Hon. Samantha Jessner
Date: April 27, 2027
Time: 10:00 AM
Dept.: 7

Complaint Filed: August 29, 2024

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DECLARATION OF DIEGO SANTANA LOPEZ

I, Diego Santana Lopez, hereby declare:

1. The facts set forth herein are true of my own personal knowledge, and if called upon to testify thereto, I could and would competently do so under oath.

2. I am the named Plaintiff in this action. On or around August 29, 2024, the Class Action Complaint entitled *Lopez v. California Solar Integrators Inc. et al.*, was filed in the Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County, on behalf of myself, and all others similarly situated. On November 6, 2024, a First Amended Class Action Complaint was filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court, adding a claim pursuant to the Private Attorney General Act of 2004, Cal. Lab. Code §§2699, *et seq*.

3. I was employed by Defendant California Solar Integrators Inc. dba Cal Solar Inc. ("Defendant") as a non-exempt hourly Laborer and Electrician from October 2, 2023 through April 18, 2024.

4. In my Laborer and Electrician capacity for Defendant, I was required to work in excess of 8/12 hours per day and 40 hours per week. However, Defendant failed to pay me my overtime and minimum wages owed. Defendant also failed to pay me minimum wages due to their failure to afford compliant meal/rest breaks and failed to pay sick pay. Additionally, Defendant did not reimburse me for my necessary business expenses and uniform maintenance. Further, Defendant failed to properly pay me for alternative workweeks.

5. I understand that, as a Class Representative, I have a duty to look out for and protect the interest of the Class as a whole. I do not believe, nor do I have any reason to believe, that my interests in this lawsuit are in conflict or in any way antagonistic to the interests of those of my fellow Class Members.

6. As the named Plaintiff in this action, I provided significant assistance to Plaintiff's Counsel in this case. I spent approximately 30 hours relating to this case. Among other things, I participated in several lengthy interviews and phone conferences over a period lasting several months, searched for and produced a significant number of relevant documents, reviewed pleadings

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in the case, reviewed documents and data provided by Defendant, kept in contact with my attorneys regarding the status of the case, and remotely attended the all-day mediation on March 26, 2026. My efforts were instrumental in securing the favorable terms of the Settlement Agreement, which will provide monetary compensation to a Class of approximately 521 Class Members.

7. In addition, this case also involved risks for me, such as the risk of having to pay Defendant's costs if we lost. Disregarding these risks, I pursued this case on behalf of the Class to a successful resolution and settlement.

8. It is my understanding that based upon my industrious efforts as the Named Plaintiff in this action there is something called a Class Representative Service Payment. I respectfully request that the Court grant this award to me in the amount of $10,000 in addition to my pro rata share of the settlement fund.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 16, 2026 in Los angeles, California.



Diego Santana Lopez

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