

1 **FIRST AMENDED JOINT STIPULATION OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

2 This First Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement (“Settlement,”
3 “Agreement,” or “Settlement Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between Plaintiff Ryan
4 Nguyen (“Plaintiff” or “Class Representative”), individually, and on behalf of all others similarly
5 situated and on behalf of the State of California with respect to aggrieved employees, and Defendants
6 Boiling Point Restaurant (S. CA), Inc. and Boiling Point Group, Inc. (together, “Defendants”)
7 (collectively, Plaintiff and Defendants are referred to as “Parties” and individually as “Party”).

8 This Settlement Agreement shall be binding on Plaintiff, Participating Class Members (as
9 defined herein), the State of California as to the employment of Aggrieved Employees (as defined
10 herein), and Defendants, subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the approval of the Court.

11 Pursuant to Paragraph 49 of the Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement, which
12 was executed on January 14, 2026 (“Original Agreement”), the Original Agreement is hereby replaced
13 and supplanted in its entirety by this First Amended Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA
14 Settlement.

15 **RECITALS**

16 1. On October 23, 2024, Plaintiff provided written notice to the Labor and Workforce
17 Development Agency (“LWDA”) by online submission and to Defendants by U.S. Certified Mail,
18 pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2699.3, of the specific provisions of the California Labor
19 Code alleged to have been violated by Defendants (“PAGA Notice”).

20 2. On October 25, 2024, Plaintiff filed a Class Action Complaint (“Operative Class
21 Complaint”) in the action entitled *Ryan Ngyuen v. Boiling Point Restaurants (S. CA), Inc., et al.*, Los
22 Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV27983 (“Class Action”), thereby commencing a
23 putative class action against Defendants.

24 3. On December 30, 2024, Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Enforcement Action Under the
25 Private Attorneys General Act, Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698 *Et Seq.* (“Operative PAGA Complaint”) in
26 the action entitled *Ryan Ngyuen v. Boiling Point Restaurants (S. CA), Inc., et al.*, Los Angeles County
27 Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV34590 (“PAGA Action”), which alleged one cause of action under
28 the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2698 *et seq.*

1 (“PAGA”) against Defendants. Together, the Action and PAGA Action are referred to as the
2 “Actions.”

3 4. The Operative Class Complaint and Operative PAGA Complaint (together, “Operative
4 Complaints”) allege ten (10) causes of action for violations of the California Labor Code for failure to
5 pay minimum wages, failure to pay overtime wages, failure to provide compliant meal periods and
6 premium payments in lieu thereof, failure to provide compliant rest periods and premium payments in
7 lieu thereof, failure to timely pay wages during employment, failure to provide compliant wage
8 statements, failure to timely pay wages upon termination, and failure to reimburse necessary business
9 expenses, for violations of California Business & Professions Code Section 17200, *et seq.* based on
10 the aforementioned California Labor Code violations, and for civil penalties under PAGA based on
11 the aforementioned California Labor Code violations.

12 5. Defendants deny all material allegations set forth in the Actions and have asserted
13 numerous affirmative defenses. Notwithstanding, in the interest of avoiding further litigation,
14 Defendants desire to fully and finally settle the Actions, Released Class Claims (as defined herein),
15 and Released PAGA Claims (as defined herein).

16 6. Class Counsel diligently investigated the class and PAGA claims against Defendants,
17 including any and all applicable defenses and the applicable law. Class Counsel’s investigation was
18 sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.*, (1996)
19 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.*, (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-
20 130 (“*Dunk/Kullar*”). The investigation included, *inter alia*, the exchange of information, data, and
21 documents, and review of corporate policies and practices. The Parties have engaged in sufficient
22 informal discovery and investigation to assess the relative merits of the claims and contentions of the
23 Parties.

24 7. On September 4, 2025, the Parties participated in mediation with Lynn Frank, Esq. (the
25 “Mediator”), a respected mediator of complex wage and hour actions, and with the assistance of the
26 Mediator’s evaluations, the Parties reached the settlement that is memorialized herein. The Parties’
27 settlement discussions were conducted at arms’ length, and the Settlement is the result of an informed
28 and detailed analysis of Defendants’ potential liability and exposure in relation to the costs and risks

1 associated with continued litigation. Based on Class Counsel's investigation and evaluation, Class
2 Counsel believes that the settlement with Defendants for the consideration and on the terms set forth
3 in this Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interest of the Class
4 Members, State of California, and Aggrieved Employees in light of all known facts and circumstances,
5 including the risk of significant delay and uncertainty associated with litigation and various defenses
6 asserted by Defendants.

7 8. The Parties expressly acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement is entered into
8 solely for the purpose of compromising significantly disputed claims and that nothing herein is an
9 admission of liability or wrongdoing by Defendants. If for any reason this Settlement Agreement is
10 not approved, it will be of no force or effect, and the Parties shall be returned to their original respective
11 positions.

12 **DEFINITIONS**

13 9. The following definitions are applicable to this Settlement Agreement. Definitions
14 contained elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement will also be effective.

15 a. "Aggrieved Employee(s)" means all current and former non-exempt, hourly
16 paid employees who worked for Defendants in California at any time during the PAGA Period.

17 b. "Aggrieved Employees' Amount" means the amount of Seventeen Thousand
18 Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$17,500.00), i.e., 35% of the PAGA Amount, to be distributed
19 to Aggrieved Employees on a pro rata basis based on their Pay Periods.

20 c. "Attorneys' Fees and Costs" means attorneys' fees approved by the Court for
21 Class Counsel's litigation and resolution of the Actions and all actual costs and expenses incurred and
22 to be incurred by Class Counsel in connection with the Actions, as set forth in Paragraph 12.

23 d. "Class" or "Class Member(s)" means all current and former non-exempt, hourly
24 paid employees who worked for Defendants in California at any time during the Class Period.

25 e. "Class Counsel" means Jonathan M. Genish, Miriam L. Schimmel, Joana Fang,
26 Alexandra Rose, Kyle W. Wilson, and Jasmine Y. Kianfard of Blackstone Law, APC, who will seek
27 to be appointed counsel for the Class.

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1 f. "Class List" means a complete list of all Class Members that Defendants will
2 diligently and in good faith compile from their records and provide to the Settlement Administrator.
3 The Class List will be formatted in a readable Microsoft Office Excel spreadsheet containing the
4 following information for each Class Member: (1) full name; (2) last known mailing address; (3) the
5 last four digits of their Social Security Number; (4) dates worked for Defendants during the Class
6 Period; and (5) such other information as is necessary for the Settlement Administrator to calculate
7 Workweeks and Pay Periods.

8 g. "Class Notice" means the Notice of Class Action Settlement, substantially in
9 the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

10 h. "Class Period" means the period from October 25, 2020 through September 26,
11 2024.

12 i. "Class Settlement" means the settlement and resolution of all Released Class
13 Claims.

14 j. "Court" means the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of
15 Los Angeles.

16 k. "Defendants' Counsel" means Tommy Songfong Wang and Edward Lu of
17 Wang IP Law Group, P.C.

18 l. "Dispute" means a letter submitted by a Class Member disputing the number of
19 Workweeks and/or Pay Periods which have been credited to them, which must: (a) contain the case
20 name and number of the Class Action; (b) contain the Class Member's full name, signature, address,
21 telephone number, and the last four (4) digits of the Class Member's Social Security number; (c)
22 clearly state that the Class Member disputes the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to
23 the Class Member and what the Class Member contends is the correct number; and (d) be returned by
24 mail to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address, postmarked on or before the Response
25 Deadline.

26 m. "Effective Date" means the following: (i) if no Participating Class Member
27 objects to the Class Settlement, then the Effective Date will be the date of Final Approval; or (ii) if
28 any Participating Class Member objects to the Class Settlement, the Effective Date will be the sixty-

1 first (61st) calendar day after the date of Final Approval, provided no appeal is initiated by an objector;
2 or (iii) if a timely appeal is initiated by an objector, then the Effective Date will be the day after final
3 resolution of that appeal (including any requests for rehearing and/or petitions for certiorari), resulting
4 in final judicial approval of the Settlement.

5 n. “Employer Taxes” means the employers’ share of taxes and contributions in
6 connection with the wages portion of Individual Settlement Shares, which shall be paid by Defendants
7 in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount.

8 o. “Enhancement Payment” means the amount to be paid to Plaintiff, in
9 recognition of his effort and work in prosecuting the Actions on behalf of Class Members and
10 Aggrieved Employees, and general release of claims, as set forth in Paragraph 13.

11 p. “Final Approval” means the determination by the Court that the Settlement is
12 fair, reasonable, and adequate, and entry of the Final Approval Order and Judgment based thereon.

13 q. “Final Approval Hearing” means the hearing at which the Court will consider
14 and determine whether the Settlement should be granted Final Approval.

15 r. “Final Approval Order and Judgment” means the order granting final approval
16 of the Settlement and entering judgment thereon, in a form and content mutually agreed to by the
17 Parties, and subject to approval by the Court.

18 s. “Gross Settlement Amount” means the amount of Nine Hundred Thousand
19 Dollars and Zero Cents (\$900,000.00) to be paid by Defendants in full satisfaction of the Actions,
20 Released Class Claims, and Released PAGA Claims, which includes all Attorneys’ Fees and Costs,
21 Enhancement Payment, PAGA Amount, Settlement Administration Costs, and Net Settlement
22 Amount to be paid to the Participating Class Members. Defendants shall pay the Employer Taxes
23 separately and in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount. The Gross Settlement Amount is non-
24 reversionary; no portion of the Gross Settlement Payment will return to Defendants. The Gross
25 Settlement Amount is subject to increase, as provided in Paragraph 16.

26 t. “Individual PAGA Payment” means the *pro rata* share of the Aggrieved
27 Employees’ Amount that an Aggrieved Employee may be eligible to receive under the PAGA
28 Settlement, to be calculated in accordance with Paragraph 18.

1 u. “Individual Settlement Payment” means the net payment of each Participating
2 Class Member’s Individual Settlement Share, after reduction for the employee’s share of taxes and
3 withholdings with respect to the wages portion of the Individual Settlement Share, as provided in
4 Paragraph 19.

5 v. “Individual Settlement Share” means the *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement
6 Amount that a Class Member may be eligible to receive under the Class Settlement, to be calculated
7 in accordance with Paragraph 17.

8 w. “LWDA Payment” means the amount of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred
9 Dollars and Zero Cents (\$32,500.00), i.e., 65% of the PAGA Amount, that the Parties have agreed to
10 pay to the LWDA under the PAGA Settlement, as set forth in Paragraph 14.

11 x. “Net Settlement Amount” means the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount
12 that is available for distribution to Participating Class Members, which is the Gross Settlement Amount
13 less the Court-approved Attorneys’ Fees and Costs, Enhancement Payment, PAGA Amount, and
14 Settlement Administration Costs.

15 y. “Notice of Objection” means a Participating Class Member’s written objection
16 to the Class Settlement, which must: (a) contain the case name and number of the Class Action; (b)
17 contain the objector’s full name, signature, address, telephone number, and the last four (4) digits of
18 the objector’s Social Security number; (c) contain a written statement of all grounds for the objection
19 accompanied by any legal support for such objection; (d) contain copies of any papers, briefs, or other
20 documents upon which the objection is based; and (e) be returned by mail to the Settlement
21 Administrator at the specified address, postmarked on or before the Response Deadline.

22 z. “PAGA Amount” means the allocation of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero
23 Cents (\$50,000.00) from the Gross Settlement Amount for the PAGA Settlement. Sixty-five percent
24 (65%) of the PAGA Amount, or \$32,500.00, will be paid to the LWDA (i.e., the LWDA Payment)
25 and the remaining thirty-five percent (35%), or \$17,500.00, will be distributed to the Aggrieved
26 Employees (i.e., the Aggrieved Employees’ Payment).

27 aa. “PAGA Period” means the period from October 23, 2023 through October 31,
28 2025.

bb. “PAGA Settlement” means the settlement and resolution of all Released PAGA Claims.

cc. “Participating Class” or “Participating Class Member(s)” means all Class Members who do not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion.

dd. “Pay Periods” means the number of pay periods each Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants as a non-exempt, hourly paid employee in California during the PAGA Period. Pay Periods will be calculated by the Settlement Administrator.

ee. “Preliminary Approval” means the date on which the Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order.

ff. “Preliminary Approval Order” means the order granting preliminary approval of the Settlement, in a form and content mutually agreed to by the Parties, and subject to approval by the Court.

gg. “Released Class Claims” means any and all claims that were or could have been alleged in the Operative Class Complaint that arose during the Class Period including without limitation with respect to the following claims: (a) failure to pay overtime wages, including failure to include additional remuneration when calculating overtime wages; (b) failure to provide compliant meal periods or pay meal period premiums in lieu thereof; (c) failure to authorize and permit compliant rest periods or pay rest period premiums in lieu thereof; (d) failure to pay minimum and straight time wages; (e) failure to timely pay all earned wages and final paychecks due at time of separation of employment; (f) failure to timely pay wages during employment; (g) failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; (h) failure to keep requisite payroll records; (i) failure to reimburse necessary business-related expenses and costs; (j) failure to pay all accrued and vested vacation and sick pay; and (k) all claims under California Business & Professions Code § 17200 for unfair business practices that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of action or legal theories described above; and (l) violation of the California Industrial Wage Orders that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of action or legal theories described above, as well as any potential penalties, interest or attorneys’ fees associated with all of such causes of action under California law.

1 hh. “Released PAGA Claims” means all claims, demands, rights, liabilities and
2 causes of action under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act that were alleged, or
3 reasonably could have been alleged, based on the claims asserted in the Operative PAGA Complaint,
4 the PAGA Notice (and any amendments thereto) and ascertained in the course of the PAGA Action,
5 arising during or with respect to the PAGA Period.

6 ii. “Released Parties” means Defendants and any of their past, present, and/or
7 future, directors, officers, partners, principals, trustees, shareholders, owners, members, managers,
8 employees, administrators, agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, DBAs,
9 parents, and subsidiaries.

10 jj. “Request for Exclusion” means a letter submitted by a Class Member indicating
11 a request to be excluded from the Class Settlement, which must: (a) contain the case name and number
12 of the Class Action; (b) contain the Class Member’s full name, signature, address, telephone number,
13 and last four (4) digits of the Class Member’s Social Security number; (c) clearly state that the Class
14 Member does not wish to be included in the Class Settlement; and (d) be returned by mail to the
15 Settlement Administrator at the specified address, postmarked on or before the Response Deadline.

16 kk. “Response Deadline” means the deadline by which Class Members must submit
17 a Request for Exclusion, Notice of Objection, and/or Dispute, which shall be the date that is forty-five
18 (45) calendar days from the initial mailing of the Class Notice by the Settlement Administrator to
19 Class Members, unless the 45th day falls on a Sunday or Federal holiday, in which case the Response
20 Deadline will be extended to the next day on which the United States Postal service is open. The
21 Response Deadline may also be extended by express agreement between Class Counsel and
22 Defendants’ Counsel. In the event that a Class Notice is re-mailed to a Class Member, the Response
23 Deadline for that Class Member shall be extended fifteen (15) calendar days from the original
24 Response Deadline.

25 ll. “Settlement Administrator” means Apex Class Action LLC, or any other third-
26 party class action settlement administrator agreed to by the Parties and approved by the Court for
27 purposes of administering the Settlement. The Parties and their counsel each represent that they do
28 not have any financial interest in the Settlement Administrator or otherwise have a relationship with

1 the Settlement Administrator that could create a conflict of interest.

2 mm. "Settlement Administration Costs" means the costs payable from the Gross
3 Settlement Amount to the Settlement Administrator for administering the Settlement, as set forth in
4 Paragraph 15.

5 nn. "Workweeks" means the number of weeks each Class Member worked for
6 Defendants as a non-exempt, hourly paid employee in California during the Class Period. Workweeks
7 will be calculated by the Settlement Administrator.

8 **CLASS CERTIFICATION**

9 10. For the purposes of this Settlement only, the Parties stipulate to the certification of the
10 Class.

11 11. The Parties agree that certification for the purpose of settlement is not an admission
12 that certification is proper under Section 382 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. Should, for
13 whatever reason, the Court not grant Final Approval, the Parties' stipulation to class certification as
14 part of the Settlement shall become null and void ab initio and shall have no bearing on, and shall not
15 be admissible in connection with, the issue of whether or not certification would be inappropriate in a
16 non-settlement context.

17 **TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT**

18 NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and agreements set
19 forth herein, the Parties agree, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:

20 12. Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Defendants agree not to oppose or impede any application
21 or motion by Class Counsel for attorneys' fees in the amount up to one-third (1/3) of the Gross
22 Settlement Amount (i.e., \$300,000.00 if the Gross Settlement Amount is \$900,000.00) and
23 reimbursement of actual costs and expenses associated with Class Counsel's litigation and settlement
24 of the Actions, in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$35,000.00),
25 both of which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. These amounts will cover any and all
26 work performed and any and all costs incurred by Class Counsel in connection with the litigation of
27 the Actions, including without limitation all work performed and costs incurred to date, and all work
28 to be performed and all costs to be incurred in connection with obtaining the Court's approval of this

Settlement Agreement, including any objections raised and any appeals necessitated by those objections. Class Counsel shall be solely and legally responsible for correctly characterizing this compensation for tax purposes and for paying any taxes on the amounts received. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an IRS Form 1099 to Class Counsel for the Attorneys' Fees and Costs. Any portion of the requested Attorneys' Fees and Costs that is not awarded by the Court to Class Counsel shall be reallocated to the Net Settlement Amount for the benefit of the Participating Class Members.

13. Enhancement Payment. Defendants agree not to oppose or impede any application or motion by Plaintiff for an Enhancement Payment in the amount up to Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000.00). The Enhancement Payment, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, subject to Court approval, will be in addition to their Individual Settlement Payment as a Participating Class Member and Individual PAGA Payment as an Aggrieved Employee. Plaintiff shall be solely and legally responsible for correctly characterizing this compensation for tax purposes and for paying any taxes on the amounts received. The Settlement Administrator shall issue an IRS Form 1099 to Plaintiff for the Enhancement Payment. Any portion of the requested Enhancement Payment that is not awarded by the Court to Plaintiff shall be reallocated to the Net Settlement Amount for the benefit of the Participating Class Members.

14. PAGA Amount. Subject to approval by the Court, the Parties agree that the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) shall be allocated from the Gross Settlement Amount toward penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act, California Labor Code Section 2698, *et seq.* (i.e., the PAGA Amount), of which sixty-five percent (65%), or \$32,500.00, will be paid to the LWDA (i.e., the LWDA Payment) and thirty-five percent (35%), or \$17,500.00, will be distributed to Aggrieved Employees (i.e., the Aggrieved Employees' Amount) on a *pro rata* basis, based on the total number of Pay Periods worked by each Aggrieved Employee during the PAGA Period (i.e., the Individual PAGA Payments).

15. Settlement Administration Costs. The Settlement Administrator will be paid for the reasonable costs of administration of the Settlement and distribution of payments under the Settlement, which is currently estimated not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$14,500.00). These costs, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, subject to Court

1 approval, will include, *inter alia*, translating the Class Notice to Spanish and Mandarin printing,
2 distributing, and tracking Class Notices and other documents for the Settlement, calculating and
3 distributing payments due under the Settlement, issuing of 1099 and W-2 IRS Forms and all required
4 tax reporting, filings, withholdings, and remittances, providing necessary reports and declarations, and
5 other duties and responsibilities set forth herein to process the Settlement, and as requested by the
6 Parties. To the extent the actual Settlement Administrator's costs are greater than the estimated
7 amount stated herein, such excess amount will be deducted from the Gross Settlement Amount, subject
8 to approval by the Court. Any portion of the estimated, designated, and/or awarded Settlement
9 Administration Costs which are not in fact required to fulfill payment to the Settlement Administrator
10 to undertake the required settlement administration duties shall be reallocated to the Net Settlement
11 Amount for the benefit of the Participating Class Members.

12 16. Escalator Clause. Defendants have represented that the Class Members worked a total
13 of 36,744 workweeks during the period October 25, 2020 through September 4, 2025. If it is
14 determined by the Settlement Administrator that the total number of Workweeks worked by the Class
15 Members during the Class Period actually exceeds 36,744 by more than 10% (i.e., if the Workweeks
16 exceed 40,418), then Defendants shall proportionally increase the Gross Settlement Amount according
17 to the following formula: $\text{Total Number of Workweeks} \div 40,418 \times \text{Gross Settlement Amount}$.

18 17. Individual Settlement Share Calculations. Individual Settlement Shares will be
19 calculated and apportioned from the Net Settlement Amount based on the Class Members' number of
20 Workweeks, as follows:

21 a. After Preliminary Approval, the Settlement Administrator will divide the Net
22 Settlement Amount by the Workweeks of all Class Members to yield the "Estimated Workweek
23 Value," and multiply each Class Member's individual Workweeks by the Estimated Workweek Value
24 to yield each Class Member's estimated Individual Settlement Share that the Class Member may be
25 entitled to receive under the Class Settlement.

26 b. After Final Approval, the Settlement Administrator will divide the final Net
27 Settlement Amount by the Workweeks of all Participating Class Members to yield the "Final
28 Workweek Value," and multiply each Participating Class Member's individual Workweeks by the

Final Workweek Value to yield each Participating Class Member's final Individual Settlement Share.

18. Individual PAGA Payment Calculations. Individual PAGA Payments will be calculated and apportioned from the Aggrieved Employee Amount based on the Aggrieved Employees' number of Pay Periods, as follows: The Settlement Administrator will divide the Aggrieved Employees' Amount, i.e., 35% of the PAGA Amount, by the Pay Periods of all Aggrieved Employees to yield the "Pay Period Value," and multiply each Aggrieved Employee's individual Pay Periods by the Pay Period Value to yield each Aggrieved Employee's Individual PAGA Payment.

19. Tax Treatment of Individual Settlement Shares and Individual PAGA Payments. Each Individual Settlement Share will be allocated as follows: twenty percent (20%) wages and eighty percent (80%) penalties, interest, and non-wage damages. The portion allocated to wages will be reported on an IRS Form W-2 and the portions allocated to penalties, interest, and non-wage damages will be reported on an IRS Form 1099 (if applicable) by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will withhold the employee's share of taxes and withholdings with respect to the wages portion of the Individual Settlement Shares, and issue checks to Participating Class Members for their Individual Settlement Payments (i.e., payment of their Individual Settlement Share net of these taxes and withholdings). The Employer Taxes will be paid separately and in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount. Each Individual PAGA Payment will be allocated as one hundred percent (100%) penalties and will be reported on an IRS Form 1099 (if applicable) by the Settlement Administrator.

20. Administration of Taxes by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, Aggrieved Employees, and Class Counsel any tax forms (i.e., IRS Forms W-2, IRS Forms 1099, etc.) as may be required by law for all amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator will also be responsible for calculating the Employer Taxes and forwarding all payroll taxes and other legally required withholdings to the appropriate government authorities.

21. Tax Liability. Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Defendants, and Defendants' Counsel do not intend anything contained in this Settlement Agreement to constitute advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement Agreement be relied on as such. Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, and Aggrieved Employees are not relying on any statement, representation, or

1 calculation by Defendants, the Settlement Administrator, or Class Counsel in this regard. Plaintiff,
2 Participating Class Members, and Aggrieved Employees understand and agree that Plaintiff, Class
3 Participating Members, and Aggrieved Employees will be solely responsible for the payment of any
4 taxes and penalties assessed on the payments described in this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiff, Class
5 Participating Members, and Aggrieved Employees should consult with their tax advisors concerning
6 the tax consequences of any payment they receive under the Settlement.

7 22. Circular 230 Disclaimer. EACH PARTY TO THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
8 (FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE “ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY” AND EACH PARTY
9 TO THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OTHER THAN THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY, AN
10 “OTHER PARTY”) ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT (1) NO PROVISION OF THIS
11 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE
12 BETWEEN OR AMONG THE PARTIES OR THEIR ATTORNEYS AND OTHER ADVISORS, IS
13 OR WAS INTENDED TO BE, NOR WILL ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION OR DISCLOSURE
14 CONSTITUTE OR BE CONSTRUED OR BE RELIED UPON AS, TAX ADVICE WITHIN THE
15 MEANING OF UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 230 (31 CFR PART
16 10, AS AMENDED); (2) THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY (A) HAS RELIED EXCLUSIVELY
17 UPON HIS, HER, OR ITS OWN, INDEPENDENT LEGAL AND TAX COUNSEL FOR ADVICE
18 (INCLUDING TAX ADVICE) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, (B)
19 HAS NOT ENTERED INTO THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BASED UPON THE
20 RECOMMENDATION OF ANY OTHER PARTY OR ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR TO ANY
21 OTHER PARTY, AND (C) IS NOT ENTITLED TO RELY UPON ANY COMMUNICATION OR
22 DISCLOSURE BY ANY ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR TO ANY OTHER PARTY TO AVOID ANY
23 TAX PENALTY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY; AND (3) NO
24 ATTORNEY OR ADVISOR TO ANY OTHER PARTY HAS IMPOSED ANY LIMITATION
25 THAT PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY SUCH ATTORNEY’S OR ADVISOR’S
26 TAX STRATEGIES (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH LIMITATION IS LEGALLY
27 BINDING) UPON DISCLOSURE BY THE ACKNOWLEDGING PARTY OF THE TAX
28 TREATMENT OR TAX STRUCTURE OF ANY TRANSACTION, INCLUDING ANY

TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED BY THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

23. Settlement Awards Do Not Trigger Additional Benefits. All payments made under the Settlement shall be deemed to be paid to the payee solely in the year in which such payments actually are issued to the payee. It is expressly understood and agreed that payments made under this Settlement shall not in any way entitle Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, or any Aggrieved Employee to additional compensation or benefits under any new or additional compensation or benefits, or any bonus, contest, or other compensation or benefit plan or agreement in place during the Class Period, nor will it entitle Plaintiff, Participating Class Members, or any Aggrieved Employee to any increased retirement, 401K benefits or matching benefits, or deferred compensation benefits (notwithstanding any contrary language or agreement in any benefit or compensation plan document that might have been in effect during the Class Period).

24. Duties of the Parties with Respect to Obtaining Preliminary Approval of the Settlement. Plaintiff will obtain a hearing date from the Court for Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement, which Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting, and submit this Settlement Agreement to the Court in support of said motion. Class Counsel will provide Defendants' Counsel a draft of the preliminary approval motion before filing it with the Court. Defendants agree not to oppose the motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement consistent with this Settlement Agreement. By way of said motion, Plaintiff will apply for the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order seeking the following:

- a. Conditionally certifying the Class for settlement purposes only;
- b. Granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement;
- c. Preliminarily appointing Plaintiff as the representative of the Class;
- d. Preliminarily appointing Class Counsel as counsel for the Class;
- e. Approving as to form and content, the mutually-agreed upon and proposed Class Notice and directing its mailing by First Class U.S. Mail;
- f. Approving the manner and method for Class Members to request exclusion from or object to the Class Settlement as contained herein and within the Class Notice; and

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g. Scheduling a Final Approval Hearing at which the Court will determine whether Final Approval of the Settlement should be granted.

25. Notice of Settlement to the LWDA. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(1)(2), Class Counsel shall notify the LWDA of the Settlement.

26. Delivery of Class List. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of Preliminary Approval, Defendants will provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator.

27. Notice by First-Class U.S. Mail.

a. Within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the Class List from Defendants, the Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database or any other similar services available, such as provided by Experian, for information to update and correct for any known or identifiable address changes, and will mail a Class Notice in English, Spanish, and Mandarin (in the form attached as **Exhibit A** to this Settlement Agreement) to all Class Members via First-Class U.S. Mail, using the most current, known mailing addresses identified by the Settlement Administrator.

b. Any Class Notice returned to the Settlement Administrator as undeliverable on or before the Response Deadline will be sent promptly via First-Class U.S. Mail to the forwarding address affixed thereto and the Settlement Administrator will indicate the date of such re-mailing on the Class Notice. If no forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator will promptly attempt to determine the correct address using a skip-trace or other search, using the name, address, and/or Social Security number of the Class Member, and perform a single re-mailing within five (5) calendar days.

c. Compliance with the procedures described herein above shall constitute due and sufficient notice to Class Members of the Settlement and shall satisfy the requirements of due process. Nothing else shall be required of or done by the Parties, Class Counsel, or Defendants' Counsel to provide notice of the Settlement.

28. Disputes Regarding Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. Class Members will have an opportunity to dispute the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods which have been credited to them, as reflected in their respective Class Notices, by submitting a timely and valid Dispute to the

1 Settlement Administrator, by mail, postmarked on or before the Response Deadline. The date of the
2 postmark on the return mailing envelope will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Dispute
3 has been timely submitted. Absent evidence rebutting the accuracy of Defendants' records and data
4 as they pertain to the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to be credited to a disputing Class
5 Member, Defendants' records will be presumed to be correct and determinative of the dispute.
6 However, if a Class Member produces information and/or documents to the contrary, the Settlement
7 Administrator will evaluate the materials submitted by the Class Member and the Settlement
8 Administrator will resolve and determine the number of eligible Workweeks and/or Pay Periods that
9 the disputing Class Member should be credited with under the Settlement. The Settlement
10 Administrator's decision on such disputes will be final and non-appealable.

11 29. Requesting Exclusion from the Class Settlement. Any Class Member wishing to be
12 excluded from the Class Settlement must submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion to the
13 Settlement Administrator, by mail, postmarked on or before the Response Deadline. The date of the
14 postmark on the return mailing envelope will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request
15 for Exclusion has been timely submitted. The Settlement Administrator will certify jointly to Class
16 Counsel and Defendants' Counsel the number of timely and valid Requests for Exclusion that are
17 submitted, and also identify the individuals who have submitted a timely and valid Request for
18 Exclusion in a declaration that is to be filed with the Court in advance of the Final Approval Hearing.
19 At no time will any of the Parties or their counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Class Members
20 to request exclusion from the Class Settlement. Any Class Member who submits a Request for
21 Exclusion is prohibited from making any objection to the Class Settlement. Any Class Member who
22 submits a timely and valid Request for Exclusion will not be bound by the Class Settlement and will
23 not be issued an Individual Settlement Payment. Any Class Member who does not affirmatively
24 request exclusion from the Class Settlement by submitting a timely and valid Request for Exclusion
25 will be bound by all of the terms of the Class Settlement, including and not limited to those pertaining
26 to the Released Class Claims, as well as any judgment that may be entered by the Court if it grants
27 Final Approval to the Settlement. Notwithstanding the above, all Aggrieved Employees will be bound
28 to the PAGA Settlement and will be issued their Individual PAGA Payment, irrespective of whether

1 they submit a Request for Exclusion.

2 30. Objecting to the Class Settlement. To object to the Class Settlement, Participating
3 Class Members must submit a timely and complete Notice of Objection to the Settlement
4 Administrator, by mail, postmarked on or before the Response Deadline. The date of the postmark on
5 the return mailing envelope will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Notice of Objection
6 has been timely submitted. The Settlement Administrator will certify jointly to Class Counsel and
7 Defendants' Counsel the number of Notices of Objection that are submitted (specifying which ones
8 were timely and complete and which were not), and also attach them to a declaration that is to be filed
9 with the Court in advance of the Final Approval Hearing. At no time will any of the Parties or their
10 counsel seek to solicit or otherwise encourage Participating Class Members to object to the Class
11 Settlement or appeal from the Final Approval Order and Judgment. Participating Class Members,
12 individually or through counsel, may also present their objection orally at the Final Approval Hearing,
13 regardless of whether they have submitted a Notice of Objection.

14 31. Declaration by Settlement Administrator. Class Counsel shall obtain a signed
15 declaration from the Settlement Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the
16 Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting
17 the security of information in the Class List; amount of insurance coverage for any data breach,
18 defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of
19 interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff,
20 Class Counsel or Defendants' Counsel.

21 32. Reports by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall provide
22 weekly reports to counsel for the Parties providing: (a) the number of undeliverable and re-mailed
23 Class Notices; (ii) the number of Class Members who have submitted Disputes; (iii) the number of
24 Class Members who have submitted Requests for Exclusion; and (iv) the number of Participating
25 Class Members who have submitted Notices of Objection. Additionally, the Settlement Administrator
26 will provide to counsel for the Parties any updated reports regarding the administration of the
27 Settlement Agreement as needed or requested, and immediately notify the Parties when it receives a
28 request from an individual or any other entity regarding inclusion in the Class and/or Settlement or

1 regarding a Dispute.

2 33. Defendants' Right to Rescind. If more than ten percent (10%) of the Class Members
3 submit timely and valid Requests for Exclusion, Defendants may elect to rescind the Settlement
4 Agreement. Defendants must exercise this right of rescission in writing that is provided to Class
5 Counsel within seven (7) calendar days of the Settlement Administrator notifying the Parties of the
6 number of Class Members who have submitted timely and valid Requests for Exclusion following the
7 Response Deadline. If Defendants exercises this option, Defendants shall pay any costs of settlement
8 administration owed to the Settlement Administrator incurred up to that date.

9 34. Certification of Completion. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the
10 Settlement Administrator will provide a written declaration under oath to certify such completion to
11 the Court and counsel for all Parties.

12 35. Duties of the Parties with Respect to Obtaining Final Approval of the Settlement. After
13 the Response Deadline, a Final Approval Hearing will be conducted to determine whether Final
14 Approval of the Settlement should be granted, along with the amounts properly payable for: (a)
15 Individual Settlement Shares; (b) Individual PAGA Payments; (c) LWDA Payment; (d) Attorneys'
16 Fees and Costs; (e) Enhancement Payment; and (f) Settlement Administration Costs. The Final
17 Approval Hearing will not be held earlier than thirty (30) calendar days after the Response Deadline.
18 Plaintiff and Class Counsel will be responsible for drafting the motion seeking Final Approval of the
19 Settlement. Class Counsel will provide Defendants' Counsel a draft of the final approval motion
20 before filing it with the Court. By way of said motion, Plaintiff will apply for the entry of the Final
21 Approval Order and Judgment, which will provide for, in substantial part, the following:

22 a. Approval of the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and directing
23 consummation of its terms and provisions;

24 b. Certification of the Participating Class;

25 c. Approval of the application for Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Class Counsel;

26 d. Approval of the application for Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff;

27 e. Directing Defendants to fund all amounts due under the Settlement Agreement
28 and ordered by the Court; and

1 f. Entering judgment in the Actions, while maintaining continuing jurisdiction, in
2 conformity with California Rules of Court 3.769 and the Settlement Agreement.

3 36. Funding of the Gross Settlement Amount. Defendants will fund the Gross Settlement
4 Amount in installments as follows:

5 a. First Installment: Defendants will deposit Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero
6 Cents (\$200,000.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount within seven (7) business days
7 after the Court grants preliminary approval of this Settlement or by January 31, 2027,
8 whichever is later (“First Installment”), into a Qualified Settlement Fund (“QSF”)
9 within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.468B-1, *et seq.*, to be established
10 by the Settlement Administrator.

11 b. Remaining Installments: Defendants will deposit Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars
12 and Zero Cents (\$700,000.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount in equal monthly
13 installments of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) beginning on
14 February 28, 2027 or the last day of the month after payment of the First Installment
15 (\$200,000.00) was made, or whichever is later, and continuing monthly until the Gross
16 Settlement Amount is paid in full (“Installment Payment(s)”, into the QSF.

17 c. Any failure by Defendants to timely pay the First Installment or any Installment
18 Payment shall be an event of default. Within three (3) business days of any default,
19 the Settlement Administrator shall email counsel for both Parties notifying them of any
20 default (the “Default Notice”). Defendants shall have no more than five (5) business
21 days from the date of the Default Notice to cure the default. Any default that is not
22 cured by the 10th business day from the date of the Default Notice shall entitle Plaintiff
23 to move ex parte to have all remaining unpaid Installment Payment(s) immediately
24 accelerated and judgment entered against Defendants for the remaining unpaid
25 Installment Payment(s).

26 d. Defendants shall provide all information necessary for the Settlement Administrator to
27 calculate necessary payroll taxes including its official name, 8-digit state
28 unemployment insurance tax ID number, and other information requested by the
Settlement Administrator, no later than seven (7) calendar days after Final Approval.

1 37. Distribution of the Gross Settlement Amount. Within five (5) business days of the
2 Effective Date and full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, the Settlement Administrator will
3 issue the Individual Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members, Individual PAGA Payments
4 to Aggrieved Employees, LWDA Payment to the LWDA, Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff,
5 Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Class Counsel, and Settlement Administration Costs to itself. The
6 Settlement Administrator shall also set aside the Employer Taxes and all employee-side payroll taxes,
7 contributions, and withholding, and timely forward these to the appropriate government authorities.

8 38. Settlement Checks. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for undertaking
9 appropriate deductions, required tax reporting, and issuing the Individual Settlement Payments by way
10 of check to the Participating Class Members and the Individual PAGA Payments by way of check to
11 the Aggrieved Employees in accordance with this Settlement Agreement. When issuing payments,
12 the Settlement Administrator may combine the Individual Settlement Payment and Individual PAGA
13 Payment into one check if the intended recipient for both payments is one individual. Participating
14 Class Members and Aggrieved Employees are not required to submit a claim to be issued an Individual
15 Settlement Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment. Each Individual Settlement Payment and
16 Individual PAGA Payment check will be valid and negotiable for one hundred and eighty (180)
17 calendar days from the date the checks are issued, and thereafter, shall be canceled. Any funds
18 associated with such canceled checks shall be distributed by the Settlement Administrator to the State
19 of California's Unclaimed Property Division in the name of the Participating Class Member. The
20 Parties agree that this disposition results in no "unpaid residue" under California Civil Procedure Code
21 Section 384, as the entire Net Settlement Amount will be paid out to Participating Class Members,
22 whether or not they cash their settlement checks. Therefore, Defendants will not be required to pay
23 any interest on such amounts. The Settlement Administrator shall undertake amended and/or
24 supplemental tax filings and reporting required under applicable local, state, and federal tax laws that
25 are necessitated due to the cancellation of any Individual Settlement Payment and/or Individual PAGA
26 Payment checks. Participating Class Members whose Individual Settlement Payment checks are
27 canceled shall, nevertheless, be bound by the Class Settlement, and Aggrieved Employees whose
28 Individual PAGA Payment checks are canceled shall, nevertheless, be bound by the PAGA Settlement.

1 39. Class Settlement Release. Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross
2 Settlement Amount, Plaintiff and all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their
3 respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and
4 assigns will be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released, settled, compromised, relinquished,
5 and discharged the Released Parties of all Released Class Claims.

6 40. PAGA Settlement Release. Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross
7 Settlement Amount, Plaintiff and all Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their
8 respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and
9 assigns will be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released, settled, compromised, relinquished,
10 and discharged the Released Parties of all Released PAGA Claims. The foregoing release shall be
11 binding on Plaintiff, the Aggrieved Employees, and the State of California, and shall bar by res judicata
12 any claim under PAGA brought by any person, including the Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of the
13 State of California, as to any claims predicated on the Released PAGA Claims.

14 41. Plaintiff's General Release. Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross
15 Settlement Amount, Plaintiff, individually and on his own behalf, will be deemed to have fully, finally,
16 and forever released, settled, compromised, relinquished, and discharged the Released Parties from
17 any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees,
18 damages, or causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever, known or unknown, suspected or
19 unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from his employment and/or
20 separation of employment with Defendants, which Plaintiff, at any time up until the execution of this
21 Settlement Agreement, had or claimed to have or may have. It is agreed that this is a general release
22 and is to be broadly construed as a release of all claims, provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing,
23 this Paragraph expressly does not include a release of any claims that cannot be released hereunder by
24 law. Any and all rights granted under any state or federal law or regulation limiting the effect of this
25 Settlement Agreement, including the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, ARE
26 HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVED. Section 1542 of the California Civil Code reads as follows:

27 **A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR**
28 **OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER**

1 FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM
2 OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH
3 THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

4 42. Final Approval Order and Judgment. The Parties shall provide the Settlement
5 Administrator with a copy of the Final Approval Order and Judgment once it is entered by the Court,
6 and the Settlement Administrator shall post the Final Approval Order and Judgment on its website for
7 sixty (60) calendar days. No individualized notice of the Final Approval Order and Judgment to the
8 Class will be required.

9 43. Continued Jurisdiction. After entry of the judgment pursuant to the Settlement, the
10 Court will have continuing jurisdiction pursuant to Rule 3.769 of the California Rules of Court and
11 Section 664.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, for purposes of addressing: (a) the
12 interpretation and enforcement of the terms of the Settlement, (b) settlement administration matters,
13 and (c) such post-judgment matters as may be appropriate under court rules or as set forth in this
14 Settlement Agreement.

15 44. Effects of Termination or Rescission of Settlement. Termination or rescission of the
16 Settlement Agreement shall have the following effects:

17 a. The Settlement Agreement shall be void and shall have no force or effect, and
18 no Party shall be bound by any of its terms;

19 b. In the event the Settlement Agreement is terminated, Defendants shall have no
20 obligation to make any payments to any Party, Class Member, or attorney, except that the terminating
21 Party shall pay the Settlement Administrator for services rendered up to the date the Settlement
22 Administrator is notified that the Settlement has been terminated;

23 c. The Preliminary Approval Order and Final Approval Order and Judgment,
24 including any order certifying the Class, shall be vacated;

25 d. The Settlement Agreement and all negotiations, statements, and proceedings
26 relating thereto shall be without prejudice to the rights of any of the Parties, all of whom shall be
27 restored to their respective positions in the Actions prior to the execution of the Settlement Agreement;

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1 e. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any ancillary documents, actions,
2 statements, or filings in furtherance of the Settlement (including all matters associated with the
3 mediation) shall be admissible or offered into evidence in the Actions or any other action for any
4 purpose whatsoever; and

5 f. Any documents generated to bring the Settlement into effect, will be null and
6 void, and any order or judgment entered by the Court in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement will
7 likewise be treated as void from the beginning.

8 45. No Prior Assignments. The Parties and their counsel represent, covenant, and warrant
9 that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign,
10 transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause
11 of action or right herein released and discharged.

12 46. Exhibits Incorporated by Reference. The terms of this Settlement include the terms set
13 forth in any attached exhibits, which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.
14 Any exhibits to this Settlement Agreement are an integral part of the Settlement.

15 47. Entire Agreement. This Settlement Agreement and any attached exhibits constitute the
16 entirety of the Parties' agreement relating to the settlement and transaction completed thereby, and all
17 prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral
18 or written and whether by a Party or such Party's legal counsel, are merged herein. No other prior or
19 contemporaneous written or oral agreements may be deemed binding on the Parties. The Parties
20 expressly recognize California Civil Code Section 1625 and California Code of Civil Procedure
21 Section 1856(a), which provide that a written agreement is to be construed according to its terms and
22 may not be varied or contradicted by extrinsic evidence, and the Parties agree that no such extrinsic
23 oral or written representations or terms will modify, vary, or contradict the terms of this Settlement
24 Agreement.

25 48. Interim Stay of Proceedings. The Parties agree to hold in abeyance all proceedings in
26 the Actions (including with respect to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 583.310), except
27 such proceedings necessary to implement and complete this Settlement Agreement, pending the Final
28 Approval Hearing to be conducted by the Court.

1 49. Amendment or Modification. Prior to the filing of the motion for preliminary approval
2 of the Settlement, the Parties may not amend or modify any provision of this Settlement Agreement
3 except by written agreement signed by counsel for all Parties. After the filing of the motion for
4 preliminary approval of the Settlement, the Parties may not amend or modify any provision of this
5 Settlement Agreement except by written agreement signed by counsel for all the Parties and subject
6 to Court approval. A waiver or amendment of any provision of this Settlement Agreement will not
7 constitute a waiver of any other provision.

8 50. Authorization to Enter into Settlement Agreement. Counsel for all Parties warrant and
9 represent they are expressly authorized by the Parties whom they represent to negotiate this Settlement
10 Agreement and to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant
11 to this Settlement Agreement to effectuate its terms and to execute any other documents required to
12 effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement. The Parties warrant that they understand and have
13 full authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement, and further intend that this Settlement
14 Agreement will be fully enforceable and binding on all Parties, and agree that it will be admissible
15 and subject to disclosure in any proceeding to enforce its terms, notwithstanding any mediation
16 confidentiality provisions that otherwise might apply under state or federal law.

17 51. Signatories. It is agreed that because the members of the Class are so numerous, it is
18 impossible or impractical to have each Participating Class Member or Aggrieved Employee execute
19 this Settlement Agreement. The Class Notice will advise all Class Members of the binding nature of
20 the Class Settlement as to the Participating Class Members and the binding nature of the PAGA
21 Settlement as to the Aggrieved Employees, and the releases provided for by this Settlement Agreement
22 shall have the same force and effect as if this Settlement Agreement were executed by each
23 Participating Class Member and Aggrieved Employee.

24 52. Binding on Successors and Assigns. This Settlement Agreement will be binding upon,
25 and inure to the benefit of, the successors or assigns of the Parties hereto, as previously defined.

26 53. California Law Governs. All terms of this Settlement Agreement and attached exhibits
27 hereto will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California.

28 54. Execution and Counterparts. This Settlement Agreement is subject only to the
execution of all Parties. However, this Settlement Agreement may be executed in one or more
counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them, including facsimile, electronic, and scanned

copies of the signature page, will be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

55. Acknowledgement that the Settlement is Fair and Reasonable. The Parties believe this Settlement Agreement is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement of the Actions and have arrived at this Settlement after arm's length negotiations and in the context of adversarial litigation, taking into account all relevant factors, present and potential. The Parties further acknowledge that they are each represented by competent counsel and that they have had an opportunity to consult with their counsel regarding the fairness and reasonableness of this Settlement Agreement. In addition, if necessary to obtain approval of the Settlement, the Mediator may execute a declaration supporting the Settlement and the reasonableness of the Settlement and the Court may, in its discretion, contact the Mediator to discuss the Settlement and whether or not the Settlement is objectively fair and reasonable.

56. Invalidity of Any Provision. Before declaring any provision of this Settlement Agreement invalid, the Court will first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedents so as to define all provisions of this Settlement Agreement valid and enforceable.

57. Plaintiff's Cooperation. Plaintiff agrees to sign this Settlement Agreement and, by signing this Settlement Agreement, is hereby bound by the terms herein and agrees to fully cooperate to implement the Settlement.

58. Non-Admission of Liability. The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement to resolve the dispute that has arisen between them and to avoid the burden, expense, and risk of continued litigation. In entering into this Settlement Agreement, Defendants do not admit, and specifically denies, it has violated any federal, state, or local law; violated any regulations or guidelines promulgated pursuant to any statute or any other applicable laws, regulations, or legal requirements; breached any contract; violated or breached any duty; engaged in any misrepresentation or deception; or engaged in any other unlawful conduct with respect to its employees. Neither this Settlement Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations connected with it, shall be construed as an admission or concession by Defendants of any such violations or failures to comply with any applicable law. Except as necessary in a proceeding to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement, this Settlement Agreement and its terms and provisions shall not be offered or received

1 as evidence in any action or proceeding to establish any liability or admission on the part of Defendants
2 or to establish the existence of any condition constituting a violation of, or a non-compliance with,
3 federal, state, local, or other applicable law.

4 59. Captions. The captions and paragraph numbers in this Settlement Agreement are
5 inserted for the reader's convenience, and in no way define, limit, construe, or describe the scope or
6 intent of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement.

7 60. Mutual Preparation. The Parties have had a full opportunity to negotiate the terms and
8 conditions of this Settlement Agreement. Accordingly, this Settlement Agreement will not be
9 construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it may have
10 been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that, because of the arms-length
11 negotiations between the Parties, all Parties have contributed equally to the preparation of this
12 Settlement Agreement.

13 61. Representation By Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented
14 by counsel throughout all negotiations that preceded the execution of this Settlement Agreement, and
15 that this Settlement Agreement has been executed with the consent and advice of counsel, and
16 reviewed in full.

17 62. All Terms Subject to Final Court Approval. All amounts and procedures described in
18 this Settlement Agreement herein will be subject to final Court approval.

19 63. Notices. All notices, demands, and other communications to be provided concerning
20 the Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third
21 business day after mailing by First Class U.S. Mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed
22 as follows:

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64. Cooperation and Execution of Necessary Documents. All Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other in good faith and use their best efforts to implement the Settlement, including and not limited to, executing all documents to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement. If the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement the Settlement Agreement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties may seek the assistance of the Mediator and then the Court to resolve such disagreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto knowingly and voluntarily executed this First Amended Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement between Plaintiff and Defendants:

IT IS SO AGREED.

PLAINTIFF RYAN NGUYEN

Dated: 09/23/2026



Plaintiff Ryan Nguyen

**DEFENDANT BOILING POINT
RESTAURANTS (S. CA), INC.**

Dated: _____

Full Name: _____

Title: _____
On behalf of Defendant Boiling Point
Restaurants (S. CA), Inc.

**DEFENDANT BOILING POINT GROUP,
INC.**

Dated: _____

Full Name: _____

Title: _____
On behalf of Defendant Boiling Point Group,
Inc.

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

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Plaintiff Ryan Nguyen

**DEFENDANT BOILING POINT
RESTAURANTS (S. CA), INC.**

Dated: 09/24/2026

Full Name: Chi How Choo

Title: CEO
On behalf of Defendant Boiling Point
Restaurants (S. CA), Inc.

**DEFENDANT BOILING POINT GROUP,
INC.**

Dated: 09/24/2026

Full Name: Chi How Chow

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Dated: September 24, 2026


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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Ngyuen v. Boiling Point Restaurants, et al.
Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. 24STCV27983
Ngyuen v. Boiling Point Restaurants, et al.
Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles, Case No. 24STCV34590

PLEASE READ THIS CLASS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

You have received this Class Notice because Defendants' records indicate that you may be eligible to take part in the class action settlement reached in the above-referenced case.

You do not need to take any action to receive a settlement payment.

This Class Notice is designed to advise you of your rights and options with respect to the settlement, and how you can request to be excluded from the Class Settlement, object to the Class Settlement, and/or dispute the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods that you are credited with, if you so choose.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT: A class and representative action settlement has been reached between Plaintiff Ryan Nguyen ("Plaintiff") and Defendants Boiling Point Restaurant (S. CA), Inc. and Boiling Point Group, Inc. (together, "Defendants") (Plaintiff and Defendants are collectively referred to as the "Parties") in the cases entitled *Ngyuen v. Boiling Point Restaurants (S. CA), Inc., et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV27983 ("Class Action") and *Ngyuen v. Boiling Point Restaurants (S. CA), Inc., et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 24STCV34590 ("PAGA Action"), which may affect your legal rights. On [date of Preliminary Approval], the Court granted preliminary approval of the settlement and scheduled a hearing on [hearing date] at [hearing time] ("Final Approval Hearing") to determine whether or not the Court should grant final approval of the settlement.

I. IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

"Aggrieved Employee(s)" means all current and former non-exempt, hourly paid employees who worked for Defendants in California at any time during the PAGA Period.

"Class" or "Class Member(s)" means all current and former non-exempt, hourly paid employees who worked for Defendants in California at any time during the Class Period.

"Class Period" means the period from October 25, 2020 through September 26, 2024.

"Class Settlement" means the settlement and resolution of all Released Class Claims.

"PAGA Period" means the period from October 23, 2023 through October 31, 2025.

"PAGA Settlement" means the settlement and resolution of all Released PAGA Claims.

II. BACKGROUND OF THE ACTION

On October 23, 2024, Plaintiff provided written notice to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and Defendants of the specific provisions of the California Labor Code that Plaintiff contends were violated ("PAGA Notice"). On October 25, 2024, Plaintiff commenced a putative class action lawsuit by filing a Class Action Complaint ("Operative Class Complaint") in the Class Action. On December 30, 2024, Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Enforcement Action Under the Private Attorneys General Act, Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698 *Et Seq.* ("Operative PAGA Complaint") in the PAGA Action, which alleged one cause of action under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 pursuant to California Labor Code Section 2698 *et seq.* ("PAGA"). Together, the Action and PAGA Action are referred to as the "Actions."

Plaintiff contends that Defendants failed to properly pay minimum and overtime wages, provide compliant meal and rest breaks and associated premiums, timely pay wages during employment and upon termination of employment and associated waiting-time penalties, provide accurate wage statements, and reimburse business expenses, and thereby engaged in unfair business practices in violation of the California Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*, and conduct that

gives rise to penalties under PAGA. Plaintiff seeks, among other things, recovery of unpaid wages and meal and rest period premiums, unreimbursed business expenses, restitution, penalties, interest, and attorneys' fees and costs.

Defendants deny all of the allegations in the Actions or that they violated any law.

The Parties participated in mediation with a respected class action mediator, and as a result, the Parties reached a settlement. The Parties have since entered into a Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement ("Settlement" or "Settlement Agreement").

On [Date of Preliminary Approval], the Court entered an order preliminarily approving the Settlement. The Court has appointed Apex Class Action LLC as the administrator of the Settlement ("Settlement Administrator"), Plaintiff Ryan Nguyen as representative of the Class ("Class Representative"), and the following Plaintiff's attorneys as counsel for the Class ("Class Counsel"):

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If you are a Class Member, you need not take any action to receive an Individual Settlement Payment, but you have the opportunity to request exclusion from the Class Settlement (in which case you will not receive an Individual Settlement Payment), object to the Class Settlement, and/or dispute the Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you, if you so choose, as explained more fully in Sections III and IV below. If you are an Aggrieved Employee, you do not need to take any action to receive an Individual PAGA Payment; you will not have the opportunity to object or seek exclusion from the PAGA Settlement and all Aggrieved Employees will be bound to the PAGA Settlement if the Court grants final approval of the Settlement.

The Settlement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in the Settlement is intended or will be construed as an admission by Defendants that the claims in the Actions have merit or that Defendants have any liability to Plaintiff, Class Members, or Aggrieved Employees. Plaintiff and Defendants, and their respective counsel, have concluded and agree that, in light of the risks and uncertainties to each side of continued litigation, the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and is in the best interests of the Class Members, the State of California, and Aggrieved Employees.

III. SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

A. Settlement Formula

The total gross settlement amount is Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$900,000.00) (the "Gross Settlement Amount"). The portion of the Gross Settlement Amount that is available for payment to Class Members is referred to as the "Net Settlement Amount." The Net Settlement Amount will be the Gross Settlement Amount less the following payments which are subject to approval by the Court: (1) attorneys' fees, in an amount not to exceed one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount (i.e., \$300,000.00), and reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses, in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents_ (\$35,000.00) to Class Counsel; (2) Enhancement Payment in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000.00) to Plaintiff for his services in the Actions; (3) the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) allocated toward civil penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA Amount"), of which the LWDA will be paid 65% (\$32,500.00) ("LWDA Payment") and the remaining 35% (\$17,500.00) will be distributed to Aggrieved Employees ("Aggrieved Employees' Amount"); and (4) Settlement Administration Costs in an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$14,500.00) to the Settlement Administrator.

Class Members are eligible to receive payment under the Class Settlement of their *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Amount (“Individual Settlement Share”) based on the number of weeks each Class Member worked for Defendants as a non-exempt, hourly paid employee in California during the Class Period (“Workweeks”). The Settlement Administrator has divided the Net Settlement Amount by the Workweeks of all Class Members to yield the “Estimated Workweek Value,” and multiplied each Class Member’s individual Workweeks by the Estimated Workweek Value to yield an estimated Individual Settlement Share that each Class Member may be entitled to receive under the Class Settlement (which is listed in Section III.C below). Class Members who do not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion (“Participating Class Members”) will be issued their final Individual Settlement Payment.

Each Individual Settlement Share will be allocated as twenty percent (20%) as wages, which will be reported on an IRS Form W-2, and eighty percent (80%) as penalties, interest, and non-wage damages, which will be reported on an IRS Form 1099 (if applicable). Each Individual Settlement Share will be subject to reduction for the employee’s share of payroll taxes and withholdings with respect to the wages portion of the Individual Settlement Shares resulting in a net payment to the Participating Class Member (“Individual Settlement Payment”). The employers’ share of taxes and contributions in connection with the wages portion of Individual Settlement Shares (“Employer Taxes”) will be paid by Defendants separately and in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount.

Aggrieved Employees are eligible to receive payment under the PAGA Settlement of their *pro rata* share of the Aggrieved Employee Amount (“Individual PAGA Payment”) based on the number of pay periods each Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants as a non-exempt, hourly paid employee in California during the PAGA Period (“Pay Periods”). The Settlement Administrator had divided the Aggrieved Employees Amount, i.e., 35% of the PAGA Amount, by the Pay Periods of all Aggrieved Employees to yield the “PAGA Pay Period Value,” and multiplied each Aggrieved Employee’s individual Pay Periods by the Pay Period Value to yield each Aggrieved Employee’s Individual PAGA Payment.

Each Individual PAGA Payment will be allocated as one hundred percent (100%) penalties, will not be subject to taxes or withholdings, and will be reported on IRS Form 1099 (if applicable).

Defendants will fund the Gross Settlement Amount in installments as follows:

- Defendants will deposit Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount within seven (7) business days after the Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement or by January 31, 2027, whichever is later, into a qualified settlement account to be established by the Settlement Administrator.
- Defendants will deposit Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$700,000.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount in equal monthly installments of Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) beginning on February 28, 2027 or the last day of the next month after payment of the First Installment (\$200,000.00) was made, or whichever is later, and continuing monthly until the Gross Settlement Amount is paid in full (“Installment Payment(s)).

If the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, Individual Settlement Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will be distributed within five (5) business days after final approval and the full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount.

If the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, Individual Settlement Payments will be mailed to Participating Class Members and Individual PAGA Payments will be mailed to Aggrieved Employees at the address that is on file with the Settlement Administrator. **If the address to which this Class Notice was mailed is not correct, or if you move after you receive this Class Notice, you must provide your correct mailing address to the Settlement Administrator as soon as possible to ensure you receive any payment that you may be entitled to under the Settlement.**

B. Your Workweeks and Pay Periods (if applicable) Based on Defendants’ Records

According to Defendant’s records:

- **From October 25, 2020 through September 26, 2024 (i.e., the Class Period), you are credited as having worked [REDACTED] Workweeks.**
- **From October 23, 2023 through October 31, 2025 (i.e., the PAGA Period), you are credited as having worked [REDACTED] Pay Periods.**

If you wish to dispute the Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you, you must submit your dispute in writing to the

Settlement Administrator (“Dispute”). The Dispute must: (a) contain the case name and number of the Class Action (*Ngyuen v. Boiling Point Restaurants, et al.*, Case No. 24STCV27983; (b) contain your full name, signature, address, telephone number, and the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number; (c) clearly state that you dispute the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you and what you contend is the correct number; and (d) be returned by mail to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address listed in Section IV.B below, postmarked **on or before [Response Deadline]**.

C. Your Estimated Individual Settlement Share and Individual PAGA Payment (if applicable)

As explained above, your estimated Individual Settlement Share and Individual PAGA Payment (if applicable) is based on the number of Workweeks and Pay Periods (if applicable) credited to you.

Under the terms of the Settlement, your Individual Settlement Share is estimated to be \$ [redacted]. The Individual Settlement Share is subject to reduction for the employee’s share of taxes and withholdings with respect to the wages portion of the Individual Settlement Share and will only be distributed if the Court approves the Settlement and after the Settlement goes into effect.

Under the terms of the Settlement, your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$ [redacted] and will only be distributed if the Court approves the Settlement and after the Settlement goes into effect.

The settlement approval process may take multiple months. Your Individual Settlement Share and Individual PAGA Payment (if applicable) reflected in this Class Notice is only an estimate. Your actual Individual Settlement Payment and Individual PAGA Payment (if applicable) may be higher or lower.

D. Release of Claims

Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff and all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns will be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released, settled, compromised, relinquished, and discharged the Released Parties of all Released Class Claims.

Upon the Effective Date and full funding of the Gross Settlement Amount, Plaintiff and all Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns will be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released, settled, compromised, relinquished, and discharged the Released Parties of all Released PAGA Claims. The foregoing release shall be binding on Plaintiff, the Aggrieved Employees, and the State of California, and shall bar by res judicata any claim under PAGA brought by any person, including the Aggrieved Employees, on behalf of the State of California, as to any claims predicated on the Released PAGA Claims.

“Released Class Claims” means any and all claims that were or could have been alleged in the Operative Class Complaint that arose during the Class Period including without limitation with respect to the following claims: (a) failure to pay overtime wages, including failure to include additional remuneration when calculating overtime wages; (b) failure to provide compliant meal periods or pay meal period premiums in lieu thereof; (c) failure to authorize and permit compliant rest periods or pay rest period premiums in lieu thereof; (d) failure to pay minimum and straight time wages; (e) failure to timely pay all earned wages and final paychecks due at time of separation of employment; (f) failure to timely pay wages during employment; (g) failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements; (h) failure to keep requisite payroll records; (i) failure to reimburse necessary business-related expenses and costs; (j) failure to pay all accrued and vested vacation and sick pay; and (k) all claims under California Business & Professions Code § 17200 for unfair business practices that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of action or legal theories described above; and (l) violation of the California Industrial Wage Orders that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of action or legal theories described above, as well as any potential penalties, interest or attorneys’ fees associated with all of such causes of action under California law.

“Released PAGA Claims” means all claims, demands, rights, liabilities and causes of action under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the claims asserted in the Operative PAGA Complaint, the PAGA Notice (and any amendments thereto) and ascertained in the course of the

PAGA Action, arising during or with respect to the PAGA Period.

“Released Parties” means Defendants and any of their past, present, and/or future, directors, officers, partners, principals, trustees, shareholders, owners, members, managers, employees, administrators, agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, DBAs, parents, and subsidiaries.

E. Attorneys’ Fees and Costs to Class Counsel

Class Counsel will seek attorneys’ fees in an amount not to exceed one-third (1/3) of the Gross Settlement Amount (i.e., \$300,000.00) and reimbursement of litigation costs and expenses in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$35,000.00) (collectively, “Attorneys’ Fees and Costs”), subject to approval by the Court. The Attorneys’ Fees and Costs granted by the Court will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Class Counsel has been prosecuting the Actions on behalf of Plaintiff, Class Members, and Aggrieved Employees on a contingency fee basis (that is, without being paid any money to date) and has been paying all litigation costs and expenses.

F. Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff

Plaintiff will seek the amount of Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$5,000.00) (“Enhancement Payment), in recognition of his services in connection with the Actions. The Enhancement Payment will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, subject to approval by the Court, and if awarded, it will be paid to Plaintiff in addition to his Individual Settlement Payment and Individual PAGA Payment that he is entitled to under the Settlement.

G. Settlement Administration Costs to Settlement Administrator

Payment to the Settlement Administrator is estimated not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$14,500.00) (“Settlement Administration Costs”) for the costs of the notice and settlement administration process, including and not limited to, the expense of notifying the Class Members of the Settlement, processing Requests for Exclusion, Notices of Objection, and Disputes, calculating Individual Settlement Shares, Individual Settlement Payments, and Individual PAGA Payments, and distributing payments and tax forms under the Settlement, and shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount, subject to approval by the Court.

IV. WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS AS A CLASS MEMBER?

A. Participate in the Settlement

If you want to participate in the Class Settlement and receive money from the Class Settlement, you do not have to do anything. You will automatically be included in the Class Settlement and issued your Individual Settlement Payment unless you decide to exclude yourself from the Class Settlement.

Unless you elect to exclude yourself from the Class Settlement and if the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, you will be bound by the terms of the Class Settlement and any judgment that may be entered by the Court based thereon, and you will release the Released Class Claims against the Released Parties as described in Section III.D above.

If you are an Aggrieved Employee and the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, you will automatically be included in the PAGA Settlement and issued your Individual PAGA Payment. This means you will be bound by the terms of the PAGA Settlement and any judgment that may be entered by the Court based thereon, and you will release the Released PAGA Claims against the Released Parties as described in Section III.D above.

As a Class Member and Aggrieved Employee (if applicable), you will not be separately responsible for the payment of attorney’s fees or litigation costs and expenses, unless you retain your own counsel, in which event you will be responsible for your own attorney’s fees and expenses.

B. Request Exclusion from the Class Settlement

Class Members may request to be excluded from the Class Settlement by submitting a letter (“Request for Exclusion”) to the Settlement Administrator, at the following address:

[Settlement Administrator]

[Mailing Address]

A Request for Exclusion must: (a) contain the case name and number of the Class Action (*Nguyen v. Boiling Point Restaurants, et al.*, Case No. 24STCV27983); (b) contain your full name, signature, address, telephone number, and last four (4) digits of your Social Security number; (c) clearly state that you do not wish to be included in the Class Settlement; and (d) be returned by mail to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address above, postmarked **on or before [Response Deadline]**.

If the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, any Class Member who submits a timely and valid Request for Exclusion will not be issued an Individual Settlement Payment, will not be bound by the Class Settlement (and the release of Released Class Claims described in Section III.D above), and will not have any right to object to, appeal, or comment on the Class Settlement. Class Members who do not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion will be deemed Participating Class Members and will be bound by all terms of the Class Settlement, including those pertaining to the release of claims described in Section III.D above, as well as any judgment that may be entered by the Court based thereon. Aggrieved Employees will be bound to the PAGA Settlement (and the release of Released PAGA Claims described in Section III.D above) and will still be issued an Individual PAGA Payment, irrespective of whether they submit a Request for Exclusion.

C. Object to the Class Settlement

You can object to the Class Settlement as long as you have not submitted a Request for Exclusion by submitting a written objection (“Notice of Objection”) to the Settlement Administrator.

The Notice of Objection must: (a) contain the case name and number of the Class Action (*Nguyen v. Boiling Point Restaurants, et al.*, Case No. 24STCV27983); (b) contain your full name, signature, address, telephone number, and the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number; (c) contain a written statement of all grounds for the objection accompanied by any legal support for such objection; (d) contain copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based; and (e) be returned by mail to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address listed in Section IV.B above, postmarked **on or before [Response Deadline]**.

You may also appear at the Final Approval Hearing and present your objection orally, regardless of whether you have submitted a Notice of Objection.

V. FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing in Department 11 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, located at Spring Street Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, on **[date]**, at **[time]**, to determine whether the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court also will be asked to approve and grant the Attorneys’ Fees and Costs to Class Counsel, Enhancement Payment to Plaintiff, and Settlement Administration Costs to the Settlement Administrator.

The Final Approval Hearing may be continued without further notice to the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. It is not necessary for you to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, although you may appear if you wish to.

You can find more information regarding appearing remotely through LA Court Connect online at: <https://www.lacourt.org/lacceligibility/ui/civil.aspx?casetype=ci>

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The above is a summary of the basic terms of the Settlement. For the precise terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, you should review the detailed Settlement Agreement and other papers, which are on file with the Court.

You may view the Settlement Agreement and other documents filed in the Actions by visiting Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, California 90012, during normal business hours, or by online by visiting the following website: <https://www.lacourt.ca.gov/pages/lp/access-a-case/tp/find-case-information/cp/os-civil-case-access>

You may also visit the Settlement Administrator’s website at **[redacted]** for key documents in the Actions.

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT OR THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK FOR INFORMATION

REGARDING THIS SETTLEMENT.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CALL THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR AT THE FOLLOWING TOLL-FREE NUMBER: [INSERT], OR YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT CLASS COUNSEL.