PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement") is made and entered into between Plaintiff Alma Castillejos ("Plaintiff") acting in her private attorneys general capacity, and Defendant Banc of California ("Defendant"). The Agreement refers to Plaintiff and Defendant collectively as "Parties," or individually as "Party."

1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1. "Action(s)" means: *Alma Castillejos v. Banc of California et al.,* Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVRI2501017, filed on January 27, 2025.

1.2. "Administrator" means Apex Class Action LLC, the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to appoint to administer the Settlement.

1.3. "Administration Expenses Payment" means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator's "not to exceed" bid submitted to the Court in connection with approval of this Settlement.

1.4. "Aggrieved Employees" means all individuals who worked at least one shift in California as a non-exempt, hourly employee of Defendant during the PAGA Period.

1.5. "Aggrieved Employee Data" means Aggrieved Employee identifying information in Defendant's possession including the Aggrieved Employee's name, last-known mailing address, Social Security number, and number of PAGA Pay Periods.

1.6. "Aggrieved Employee Address Search" means the Administrator's investigation and search for current Aggrieved Employee mailing addresses using all reasonably available sources, methods and means including, but not limited to, the National Change of Address database, skip traces, and direct contact by the Administrator with Aggrieved Employees.

1.7. "Approval Order" means the proposed Court Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement.

1.8. "Court" means the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside.

1.9. "Defendant" means Banc of California. On November 30, 2023, Pacific Western Bank ("PWB") merged with and into Banc of California, with Banc of California continuing as the surviving legal corporation.

1.10. "Defense Counsel" means Aaron A Buckley and Lucy Peritz of Quarles & Brady LLP

1.11. "Effective Date" means the means the later of: (i) the 61st day after service of notice of entry of the Approval Order and Judgment, if no appeal, review, or writ has been

filed; or (ii) if an appeal, review, or writ is sought from the Approval Order and Judgment, the day after the Approval Order and Judgment is affirmed or the appeal, review, or writ is dismissed or denied, and the Approval Order and Judgment is no longer subject to further judicial review.

1.12. "Gross PAGA Settlement Amount" means the total sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000), which is the maximum amount Defendant agrees to pay under the Settlement, except as provided in paragraph 8 below. The Gross PAGA Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Service Awards, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The Gross PAGA Settlement Amount shall be all-in with no reversion to Defendant and no claim forms required. The Gross PAGA Settlement Amount excludes the individual settlements separately paid to Plaintiff for a General Release of her claims, addressed further herein. As such, the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount does not include Plaintiff's individual settlement, which is being separately funded by Defendant and memorialized in separate individual settlement agreements.

1.13. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 35% of the PAGA Payment calculated according to the number of Pay Periods the Aggrieved Employee worked during the PAGA Period compared to the total PAGA Pay Periods all Aggrieved Employees worked.

1.14. "Judgment" means the judgment entered by the Court based upon the Approval Order.

1.15. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the agency entitled, under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (m).

1.16. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 65% of the PAGA Payment paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (m).

1.17. "PAGA" means the Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, *et seq*.).

1.18. "PAGA Counsel" means Norman B. Blumenthal, Kyle R. Nordrehaug, Aparajit Bhowmik, Nicholas J. De Blouw, Jeffrey S. Herman, Sergio J. Puche, and Trevor G. Moran of the law firm of Blumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP ("BNBD") and John Gomez and Chandler Roth of Gomez Trial Attorneys ("GTA").

1.19. "PAGA Counsel Fees Payment" and "PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment" mean the amounts allocated to PAGA Counsel for reimbursement of reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, respectively, incurred to prosecute the Action.

1.20. "PAGA Notice(s)" means Plaintiff's December 9, 2024 letter to the Defendant and the LWDA, providing notice pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a).

1.21. "PAGA Payment" means the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff's Service Award, and Administration Expenses Payment, which after these deductions is the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, allocated 35% to the Aggrieved Employees and the 65% to LWDA in settlement of PAGA claims.

1.22. "PAGA Pay Period" means any pay period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendant in California for at least one shift during the PAGA Period.

1.23. "PAGA Period" means the period from December 9, 2023 through the earlier of the date the Court entered an order and Judgment approving the settlement, or October 15, 2026.

1.24. "Plaintiff" means Alma Castillejos, the named plaintiff in the Action.

1.25. "Plaintiff's Service Award" means the service payment made to Plaintiff in order to compensate her for initiating the Action, performing work in support of the Action, undertaking the risk of liability for Defendant's expenses, and for the release of individual PAGA claims by Plaintiff.

1.26. "Released PAGA Claims" means all claims for PAGA civil penalties that were alleged in the PAGA Notice that were also alleged in the Operative Complaint, which occurred during the PAGA Period during employment in a non-exempt position in California. The Release PAGA Claims expressly exclude all other claims, including Plaintiff's individual claims that are subject to a separate individual settlement agreement, or other Aggrieved Employee's claim for wages or damages, or claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, California class claims, and PAGA claims outside of the PAGA period.

1.27. "Released Parties" means Defendant and its officers, directors, employees and agents.

1.28. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Action effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.

2. RECITALS

2.1. On December 9, 2024, Plaintiff served a PAGA Notice upon Defendant, Pacific Western Bank, and the LWDA regarding Defendant's alleged wage and hour violations, including failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to properly record and provide legally required meal and rest periods, failure to pay minimum wages, failure to pay overtime wages and sick pay wages, failure to reimburse employees for required expenses, failure to provide suitable seating, and failure to provide wages when due.

2.2. On February 27, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Representative Action Complaint in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, alleging one cause of action against Defendant and Pacific Western Bank for civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code §§ 2699, *et seq*. (PAGA) for violations of Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218, 221, 226(a), 226.7, 227.3, 246, 510, 512, 558(a)(1)(2), 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2100, 2802, California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 11040, Subdivision 5(A)-(B), California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 1 1070(14) (Failure to Provide Seating), and the applicable Wage Order(s). Plaintiff's Representative Action Complaint shall be the operative complaint in the Action ("Operative Complaint").

2.3. On April 1, 2025, Plaintiff submitted a Demand for Arbitration to Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS"), alleging individual claims for 1) Discrimination in Violation of FEHA; (2) Harassment in Violation Of FEHA; (3) Retaliation in Violation of FEHA; (4) Failure to Prevent Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation in Violation of FEHA; (5) Violation of Labor Code § 1102.5; (6) Wrongful Termination of Employment in Violation of Public Policy; (7) Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress.

2.4. On July 17, 2026, the Parties participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Lou Marlin, Esq., a respected private mediator of wage and hour representative and class actions. Following the mediation and additional post-mediation negotiations, each side, represented by its respective counsel, was able to agree to settle the Action based upon a mediator's proposal which was memorialized in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding.

2.5. Prior to the mediation, the Parties conducted significant investigation and informal discovery of the facts and law. Defendant produced documents relating to employee payroll spreadsheets, their policies, practices, and procedures regarding paying non-exempt employees for all hours worked, overtime, meal and rest period policies, payroll and operations policies and more. The Parties agree that the above-described investigation and evaluation, as well as the information exchanged during the settlement negotiations, are sufficient to assess the merits of the Parties' positions and to compromise the issues on a fair and equitable basis.

2.6. As part of this Settlement, the Parties agreed to stipulate to a stay of Defendant's Appeal of the Court's order denying Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration.

2.7. As a result of the settlement, the Parties have agreed to fully and finally resolve the PAGA Released Claims alleged in the Action pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

3.1. Gross PAGA Settlement Amount. Except as provided in paragraph 8 below, Defendant promises to pay Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000), and no more as the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount. The Gross PAGA Settlement Amount includes the

Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees, the LWDA PAGA Payment, PAGA Counsel Fees Payment, PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiff's Service Award, and the Administration Expenses Payment. Defendant has no obligation to pay the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 4.3 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross PAGA Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. The Gross PAGA Settlement Amount shall be all-in and none of the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount will revert to Defendant. The Gross PAGA Settlement Amount excludes any individual settlement separately paid to Plaintiff for a General Release of her claims, addressed further herein.

3.2. Payments from the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Approval Order:

3.2.1 To PAGA Counsel: A PAGA Counsel Fees Payment of not more than one-third (1/3) of the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be $100,000 and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment in an amount as documented in PAGA Counsel's billing statement and not more than $30,000. The PAGA Counsel Fees Payment shall be allocated among PAGA Counsel as follows: 75% to BNBD and 25% to GTA. Defendant will not oppose requests for Court approval of these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. If the Court does not approve or approves less than the amounts requested for the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and/or the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the PAGA Payment, and this will not affect approval of the settlement. Released Parties shall have no liability to PAGA Counsel or any other Plaintiff's counsel arising from any claim to any portion of any PAGA Counsel Fee Payment and/or PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. PAGA Counsel may choose to appeal any reduction in the award of fees by the Court, but regardless of the appeal's outcome, the other Settlement terms will not be affected. The Administrator will pay the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. PAGA Counsel assumes full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and hold Defendant harmless, and indemnifies Defendant, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments.

3.2.2 To the Administrator: An Administration Expenses Payment not to exceed $9,339 except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less, or the Court approves payment less than $9,339, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the PAGA Payment.

3.2.3 To the LWDA and Aggrieved Employees: PAGA Payment in the amount of not less than $145,661 to be paid from the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, with 65% (no less than $94,679.65) allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 35% (no less than $50,981.35) allocated to the Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate each Individual PAGA Payment by (a) dividing the amount of the Aggrieved Employees' 35% share of PAGA Payment by the total number of PAGA

Period Pay Periods worked by all Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Period Pay Periods. Aggrieved Employees assume full responsibility and liability for any taxes owed on their Individual PAGA Payment. If the Court approves the PAGA Payment of less than the amount requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the PAGA Payment. Because the Individual PAGA Payments are payments in compromise and settlement of a claim for alleged civil penalties, the Individual PAGA Payments will be treated as non-wage income with no tax withholdings to be made, and the Administrator will report, if required by applicable tax laws, the Individual PAGA Payments on IRS Forms 1099 to the respective Aggrieved Employees and applicable governmental authorities.

3.2.4 To Plaintiff: Plaintiff shall request from the Court a Service Award payment in the amount of $15,000. This amount shall be paid exclusively from the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount. Defendant shall not oppose Plaintiff's requests for a Service Award in this amount. In the event the Service Award is approved for less than $15,000, the unawarded difference will be added to the PAGA Payment and not to Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, or Defendant. These payments will be reported on IRS Form 1099 issued to Plaintiff by the Settlement Administrator. Notwithstanding any other term of this Settlement Agreement, any reduction by the Court of the Service Award shall not be sufficient grounds to void the Settlement Agreement. As stated herein, the Plaintiff's Service Award in this Settlement Agreement shall not release Plaintiff's individual non-PAGA claim, which are being separately settled through a separate individual confidential settlement agreement and funded outside of the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount. Plaintiff assumes full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the PAGA Representative Service Award.

4. SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND PAYMENTS.

4.1. Aggrieved Employee Pay Periods. Defendant has represented that the Aggrieved Employees consist of approximately 953 employees who collectively worked 35,025 PAGA Pay Periods during the PAGA Period.

4.2. Aggrieved Employee Data. Within fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date, Defendant will deliver the Aggrieved Employee Data to the Administrator in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Aggrieved Employee's privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Aggrieved Employee Data in confidence, use the Aggrieved Employee Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Aggrieved Employee Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Defendant has a continuing duty to immediately notify PAGA Counsel if it discovers that the Aggrieved Employee Data omitted employee identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Aggrieved Employee Data as soon as reasonably feasible. The Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Aggrieved Employee Data.

4.3. Funding Gross PAGA Settlement Amount. Defendant shall fully fund the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than fourteen (14) days after both of the following have occurred: (1) the Effective Date; and (2) the Administrator has provided a completed and signed IRS Form W9 to Defendant to facilitate payment. Defendant will request IRS Form W9 from the Administrator within five (5) days of the Effective Date.

4.4. Payments from the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount. Within fourteen (14) days after Defendant funds the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, and the PAGA Counsel Expenses Payment. Disbursement of the PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment shall not precede disbursement of Individual PAGA Payments.

4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Aggrieved Employees via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the void date, which is one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct an Aggrieved Employee Address Search for all Aggrieved Employees whose checks are returned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within seven (7) days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Aggrieved Employee Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Aggrieved Employees whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Aggrieved Employee whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Aggrieved Employee prior to the void date.

4.4.3. For any Aggrieved Employee whose Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Aggrieved Employee, thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).

4.4.4. The payment of Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Defendant to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to the Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.

5. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Defendant fully funds the entire Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, Plaintiff, the State of California, Aggrieved Employees,

and PAGA Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:

5.1 Release by Plaintiff and the State of California. Plaintiff, the State of California, and all Aggrieved Employees are deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released the Released Parties from all "Released PAGA Claims."

5.2 Separate Individual Claims. Pursuant to a separate confidential settlement agreement, in addition to the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount, Defendant have agreed to separately pay Plaintiff individual settlements to resolve all of her individual non-PAGA claims. The individual settlements are made in exchange for a general release of all of Plaintiff's individual non-PAGA claims arising out of her employment with Defendant, including a waiver of any unknown claims pursuant to California Civil Code § 1542, which will be detailed in a separate confidential settlement agreement.

5.3 Release by PAGA Counsel. PAGA Counsel release on behalf of their present and former attorneys, employees, agents, successors and assigns the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA Counsel Fees incurred in connection with the Operative Complaint and PAGA Notice, and the PAGA Period facts stated in the Operative Complaint and the PAGA Notice.

6. MOTION OR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file an application or motion for approval of this Settlement.

6.1 Plaintiff's Responsibilities. Plaintiff will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining approval of this Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)) including (i) a draft proposed Order Granting Approval of PAGA Settlement; (ii) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Aggrieved Employee Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, defalcation of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Aggrieved Employees or the LWDA; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel or Defense Counsel; (iii) a signed declaration from PAGA Counsel's firm attesting to its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Operative Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (l)(2)); and (iv) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Aggrieved Employees and/or the Administrator.

6.2 Responsibilities of PAGA Counsel. PAGA Counsel is responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the application or motion for approval of this Settlement. PAGA Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.

6.3 Duty to Cooperate. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed application or motion for approval of this Settlement and/or the supporting declarations and

documents, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant the motion for approval of this Settlement or conditions its approval on any material change to this Agreement, PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns. Any dispute between the parties as to the terms of the Settlement shall be presented to the mediator for resolution.

7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

7.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected Apex Class Action, LLC to serve as the Administrator and verified that, as a condition of appointment, Apex Class Action, LLC agrees to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of prior experiences administering settlements.

7.2. Employer Identification Number. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for the purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to the state and federal tax authorities.

7.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator immediately shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.

7.4. Administrator Duties. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.

8. AGGRIEVED EMPLOYEE SIZE ESTIMATES AND ESCALATOR CLAUSE. Based on its records, Defendant has represented that the Aggrieved Employees collectively worked 35,025 PAGA Pay Periods as of July 17, 2026. Following execution of this Agreement, but prior to Plaintiff filing her Motion for Approval of PAGA Settlement, Defendant will provide a written estimate of the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by the Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period. No later than eight (8) days following the close of the PAGA Period, Defendant will confirm in writing the actual number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by the Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period, which the Parties can present to the Court at the hearing for Plaintiff's Motion for Approval of PAGA Settlement. If the actual number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA Period increases by more than 10% above this estimate, then Defendant may elect to: (i) end the PAGA Period on the date in which the PAGA Pay Period count reaches 10% above 35,025; or (2) increase the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount proportionately. For example, if the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by Aggrieved Employees during the PAGA period is 11% higher than the 35,025 estimate, the Gross PAGA Settlement Amount will increase by 1% based on the following formula: updated Gross PAGA Settlement Amount =

updated total PAGA Pay Periods, divided by 35,025, multiplied by $300,000.

9. CONTINUING JURISDICTION OF THE COURT. The Parties agree that after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Action, and the Settlement pursuant to C.C.P. Section 664.6 solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.

9.1 Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the PAGA Counsel Fees Payment and PAGA Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, the Parties and their respective counsel waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If another party appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the PAGA Payment.

10. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

10.1 No Admission of Liability or Representative Action Treatment or Manageability for Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an admission by Defendant that any of the allegations in the Operative Complaint have merit, nor should it be intended or construed as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendant's defenses in the Action have merit. The Parties agree that representative action treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. As such, Defendant denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind and further denies that, for any purpose other than settling the Lawsuit, this action is appropriate for representative treatment. If, for any reason, the Court does not approve this Settlement, Defendant reserves all available defenses to the claims in the Action, and Plaintiff reserves the right to contest Defendant's defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation or legal or regulatory matter (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate this Settlement and Agreement).

10.2 Integrated Agreement. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.

10.3 Attorney Authorization. PAGA Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendant, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably

required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.

10.4 Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator for resolution.

10.5 No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

10.6 No Tax Advice. Neither Plaintiff, PAGA Counsel, Defendant, nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.

10.7 Modification of Agreement. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.

10.8 Agreement Binding on Successors. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.

10.9 Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.

10.10 Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.

10.11 Confidentiality. Other than information necessary to secure Court approval of this settlement, the Parties agree to keep confidential all matters relative to this Settlement, including the terms of the Settlement and the facts and circumstances leading up to it. If asked about the disputes between the Parties, the Parties shall provide no other statement than "the matter has been resolved" or "the matter has settled." The Parties may, however, discuss the terms of this Settlement with their spouses, attorneys, financial advisors, tax advisors, and accountants, or upon a valid court order, as well as with auditors, regulators, or as required by law, at which time the individual

receiving information about the terms of this Settlement shall be informed that the terms of this Settlement are confidential, and the individual may not reveal or disclose to any third party the terms of the Settlement.

10.12 Use and Return of Aggrieved Employee Data. Information provided to PAGA Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the PAGA Data provided to PAGA Counsel by Defendant in connection with discovery, the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court.

10.13 Headings. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.

10.14 Calendar Days. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.

10.15 Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed as follows:

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10.16 Execution in Counterparts. This Settlement Agreement is subject only to the execution of all Parties. However, this Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronic signature, or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.

10.17 Court Filings. The Parties agree not to object to any Court filings consistent with this Agreement.

10.18 No Other Pending Claims. Plaintiff represents that, other than the arbitration pending before JAMS, she does not have any other pending claims, complaints, charges, or lawsuits of any kind whatsoever with any court, governmental agency, or other regulatory body with respect to any matter arising out of their employment with Defendant or otherwise related to Defendant.

10.19 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, including Defendant's appeal of the trial court's order denying Defendant's motion to compel Plaintiff to arbitrate individual PAGA claims, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that the time within which to bring this action to trial under Code of Civil Procedure Section 583.310 shall be extended for a period of not less than one (1) year starting from the date of the signing of this agreement by all parties until the entry of the order approving this Settlement or, if not entered, the date this agreement shall no longer be of any force or effect.

11. EXECUTION BY PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The Parties and their counsel hereby execute this Agreement.

Dated: 09/28/2026

Alma Castillejos (Sep 28, 2026 09:43:25 PDT)

Plaintiff Alma Castillejos

Dated: _____

Brian Farrell, Deputy General Counsel
Defendant Banc of California

Dated: 9/28/26

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10.18 No Other Pending Claims. Plaintiff represents that, other than the arbitration pending before JAMS, she does not have any other pending claims, complaints, charges, or lawsuits of any kind whatsoever with any court, governmental agency, or other regulatory body with respect to any matter arising out of their employment with Defendant or otherwise related to Defendant.

10.19 Stay of Litigation. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, including Defendant's appeal of the trial court's order denying Defendant's motion to compel Plaintiff to arbitrate individual PAGA claims, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement that the time within which to bring this action to trial under Code of Civil Procedure Section 583.310 shall be extended for a period of not less than one (1) year starting from the date of the signing of this agreement by all parties until the entry of the order approving this Settlement or, if not entered, the date this agreement shall no longer be of any force or effect.

11. EXECUTION BY PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The Parties and their counsel hereby execute this Agreement.

Dated: _____

Plaintiff Alma Castillejos

Dated: 9/25/26

Brian Farrell, Deputy General Counsel
Defendant Banc of California

Dated: _____

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