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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

ANA L. ALEJO PEREZ, individually, and on
behalf of others similarly situated

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE WEST OAKLAND HEALTH
COUNCIL, an unknown business entity; and
DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO.: **24CV080106**

COMPLAINT

CLASS ACTION:

1. Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods
2. Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods
3. Failure to Pay Overtime Wages
4. Failure to Pay Minimum Wages
5. Failure to Pay All Wages Due to Discharged and Quitting Employees
6. Failure to Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements
7. Failure to Indemnify Employees for Necessary Expenditures Incurred in Discharge of Duties
8. Unfair and Unlawful Business Practices

REPRESENTATIVE ACTION:

9. Penalties under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act, as Representative Action

1 PLAINTIFF ANA L. ALEJO PEREZ (“PLAINTIFF”), individually and on behalf of all
2 other aggrieved employees and Class Members, demanding a jury trial, hereby alleges as follows:

3 **INTRODUCTION**

4 1. PLAINTIFF brings this action on behalf of herself and all other Class Members of
5 Defendants THE WEST OAKLAND HEALTH COUNCIL, an unknown business entity (“WEST
6 OAKLAND HEALTH COUNCIL”); and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive (collectively
7 “DEFENDANTS”) to recover penalties arising from unpaid wages earned and due, including but
8 not limited to unpaid and illegally calculated overtime compensation, illegal meal and rest period
9 policies, failure to pay all wages due to discharged or quitting employees, failure to maintain
10 required records, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to timely pay wages
11 during employment, failure to indemnify employees for necessary expenditures and/or losses
12 incurred in discharging their duties.

13 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

14 2. The Superior Court of the State of California has jurisdiction in this matter because
15 PLAINTIFF is a resident of the State of California and DEFENDANTS are citizens and residents
16 of, and/or regularly conduct business in California. Further, no federal question is at issue because
17 the claims are based solely on California law.

18 3. Venue is proper in this judicial district and the County of Alameda, California
19 because PLAINTIFF and other Class Members performed work for DEFENDANTS in the County
20 of Alameda and many of DEFENDANTS’ unlawful actions and omissions, as set forth herein,
21 occurred in the County of Alameda.

22 **PARTIES**

23 4. PLAINTIFF is a resident of the State of California. At times material to this
24 complaint, PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANTS as a non-exempt employee within the
25 State of California.

26 5. PLAINTIFF, on behalf of herself and other similarly situated current and former
27 non-exempt employees of DEFENDANTS in the State of California (“CLASS MEMBERS”) at
28 any time during the four years preceding the filing of this action, and continuing while this action

1 is pending (“CLASS PERIOD”), brings this class action to recover, among other things, wages and
2 penalties from unpaid wages earned and due, including but not limited to unpaid minimum wages,
3 unpaid and illegally calculated overtime compensation, illegal meal and rest period policies, failure
4 to properly pay all accrued sick time owed, failure to properly pay all reporting time pay, failure to
5 properly pay employee tips and/or gratuities, failure to pay all wages due to discharged and quitting
6 employees, failure to indemnify employees for necessary expenditures and/or losses incurred in
7 discharging their duties, failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements, failure to maintain
8 required records, and interest, attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses.

9 6. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that DEFENDANT
10 WEST OAKLAND HEALTH COUNCIL is, and at all times relevant hereto was, a corporation
11 authorized to conduct business in the State of California, and does conduct business in the State of
12 California. Specifically, upon information and belief, WEST OAKLAND HEALTH COUNCIL
13 maintains offices and conducts business in the County of Alameda, State of California.

14 7. The true names and capacities of DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are unknown to
15 PLAINTIFF at this time, and PLAINTIFF therefore sues such Defendants under fictitious names.
16 PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each Defendant designated as a
17 DOE is in some manner highly responsible for the occurrences alleged herein, and that PLAINTIFF
18 and other CLASS MEMBERS’ injuries and damages, as alleged herein, were proximately caused
19 by the conduct of such DOE Defendants. PLAINTIFF will seek leave of the court to amend this
20 complaint to allege the true names and capacities of such DOE Defendants when ascertained.

21 8. At all relevant times herein, DEFENDANTS were the joint employers of
22 PLAINTIFF and other Class Members. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges,
23 that at all times material to this complaint DEFENDANTS were the alter egos, divisions, affiliates,
24 integrated enterprises, joint employers, subsidiaries, parents, principals, related entities, co-
25 conspirators, authorized agents, partners, joint venturers, and/or guarantors, actual or ostensible, of
26 each other. Each defendant was completely dominated by his, her, or its co-defendant, and each
27 was the alter ego of the other.

28 9. At all relevant times herein, PLAINTIFF and other CLASS MEMBERS were

1 employed by DEFENDANTS under employment agreements that were partly written, partly oral,
2 and partly implied. In perpetrating the acts and omissions alleged herein, DEFENDANTS, and
3 each of them, acted pursuant to, and in furtherance of, their policies and practices of not paying
4 PLAINTIFF and other CLASS MEMBERS all wages earned and due, through methods and
5 schemes which include, but are not limited to, failing to pay overtime premiums; failing to provide
6 rest and meal periods; failing to properly maintain records; failing to provide accurate itemized
7 statements for each pay period; failure to properly pay all accrued sick time owed; failing to timely
8 pay wages during employment; failing to properly compensate PLAINTIFF and other CLASS
9 MEMBERS for necessary expenditures; and requiring, permitting or suffering the employees to
10 work off the clock, in violation of the California Labor Code (“Labor Code”) and the applicable
11 Industrial Welfare Commission (“IWC”) Wage Order.

12 10. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each and every one
13 of the acts and omissions alleged herein were performed by, and/or attributable to, all
14 DEFENDANTS, each acting as agents and/or employees, and/or under the direction and control of,
15 each of the other DEFENDANTS, and that said acts and failures to act were within the course and
16 scope of said agency, employment and/or direction and control.

17 11. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful actions of DEFENDANTS,
18 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have suffered, and continue to suffer, from loss of earnings
19 in amounts as yet unascertained, but subject to proof at trial, and within the jurisdiction of this
20 Court.

21 12. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 558.1, DEFENDANTS and any person acting
22 on behalf of any of the DEFENDANTS, are liable for violating, or causing to violate, any provision
23 regulating minimum wages or hours and days of work in any order of the Industrial Welfare
24 Commission, or Labor Code §§ 203, 226, 226.7, 1193.6, 1194, or 2802.

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1 **CLASS ACTION DESIGNATION**

2 13. This action is appropriately suited for a Class Action because:

3 a. The potential class is a significant number. Joinder of all current and former
4 employees individually would be impractical.

5 b. This action involves common questions of law and fact to the potential class
6 because the action focuses on DEFENDANTS' systematic course of illegal payroll practices and
7 policies, which was applied to all non-exempt employees in violation of the Labor Code, the
8 applicable IWC wage order, and the Business and Professions Code which prohibits unfair business
9 practices arising from such violations.

10 c. The claims of PLAINTIFF are typical of the class because DEFENDANTS
11 subjected all non-exempt employees to identical violations of the Labor Code, the applicable IWC
12 wage order, and the Business and Professions Code.

13 d. PLAINTIFF is able to fairly and adequately protect the interests of all
14 members of the class because it is in his best interests to prosecute the claims alleged herein to
15 obtain full compensation due to them for all services rendered and hours worked.

16 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

17 **Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods**

18 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1197; IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 11]**

19 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

20 14. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
21 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

22 15. During the CLASS PERIOD, as part of DEFENDANTS' illegal payroll policies and
23 practices to deprive their non-exempt employees all wages earned and due, DEFENDANTS
24 required, permitted or otherwise suffered PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to take less than
25 the 30-minute meal period, or to work through them, and have failed to otherwise provide the
26 required meal periods to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS pursuant to California Labor Code
27 § 226.7, 512 and IWC Orders No. 4-2001, § 11.

28 16. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and IWC Wage

1 Order No. 4-2001, § 11 by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS who were
2 not provided with a meal period, in accordance with the applicable wage order, one additional hour
3 of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a meal period was
4 not provided.

5 17. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7, 510, 1194, 1197,
6 and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001 by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS
7 for all hours worked during their meal periods.

8 18. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS
9 MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned
10 and due, interest, penalties, expenses, and costs of suit.

11 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods**

13 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512; IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 12]**

14 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

15 19. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
16 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

17 20. At all times relevant herein, as part of DEFENDANTS' illegal payroll policies and
18 practices to deprive their non-exempt employees all wages earned and due, DEFENDANTS failed
19 to provide rest periods to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS as required under California Labor
20 Code §§ 226.7 and 512, and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 12.

21 21. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code § 226.7 and IWC Wage
22 Order No. 4-2001, § 12 by failing to pay PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS who were not
23 provided with a rest period, in accordance with the applicable wage order, one additional hour of
24 compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a rest period was not
25 provided.

26 22. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS
27 MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned
28 and due, interest, penalties, expenses, and costs of suit.

1 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **Failure to Pay Overtime Wages**

3 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, 1198; IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 3]**

4 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

5 23. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
6 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

7 24. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001,
8 § 3, DEFENDANTS are required to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all
9 overtime, which is calculated at one and one-half (1 ½) times the regular rate of pay for all hours
10 worked in excess of eight (8) hours per day and/or forty (40) hours per week, and for the first eight
11 (8) hours on the seventh consecutive workday, with double time for all hours worked in excess of
12 twelve (12) hours in any workday and for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours on the
13 seventh consecutive day of work in any workweek.

14 25. PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are current and former non-exempt
15 employees entitled to the protections of California Labor Code §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage Order
16 No. 4-2001. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and
17 CLASS MEMBERS for all overtime hours worked as required under the foregoing provisions of
18 the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Order by, among other things: failing to pay overtime
19 at one and one-half (1 ½) or double the regular rate of pay as provided by California Labor Code
20 §§ 510, 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 3; requiring, permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF
21 and CLASS MEMBERS to work off the clock; requiring, permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and
22 CLASS MEMBERS to work through meal and rest breaks; illegally and inaccurately recording
23 time in which PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS worked; failing to properly maintain
24 PLAINTIFF's and CLASS MEMBERS' records; failing to provide accurate itemized wage
25 statements to PLAINTIFF for each pay period; failing to properly pay employees reporting time on
26 occasions when they were required to report for work, and did report, but were not put to work or
27 were furnished less than half of their usual or scheduled day's work; failing to include all forms of
28 remuneration when calculating the regular rate of pay for purposes of paying overtime; and other

1 methods to be discovered.

2 26. In violation of California law, DEFENDANTS have knowingly and willfully
3 refused to perform their obligations to compensate PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all
4 wages earned and all hours worked. As a proximate result, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS
5 have suffered, and continue to suffer, substantial losses related to the use and enjoyment of such
6 wages, lost interest on such wages, and expenses and attorneys' fees in seeking to compel
7 DEFENDANTS to fully perform their obligations under state law, all to their respective damages
8 in amounts according to proof at time of trial, and within the jurisdiction of this Court.

9 27. DEFENDANTS' conduct described herein violates California Labor Code §§ 510,
10 1194, 1198 and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 3. Therefore, pursuant to California Labor Code
11 §§ 200, 203, 226, 558, 1194, 1197.1, and other applicable provisions under the California Labor
12 Code and IWC Wage Orders, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to recover the
13 unpaid balance of wages owed to them by DEFENDANTS, plus interest, penalties, attorneys' fees,
14 expenses, and costs of suit.

15 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

16 **Failure to Pay Minimum Wages**

17 **[Cal Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197; IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 4]**

18 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

19 28. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
20 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

21 29. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197, and IWC Wage Order No. 4-
22 2001, § 4, payment to an employee of less than the applicable minimum wage for all hours worked
23 in a payroll period is unlawful.

24 30. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS failed to pay PLAINTIFF and
25 CLASS MEMBERS minimum wages for all hours worked by, among other things: requiring,
26 permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work off the clock; requiring,
27 permitting or suffering PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to work through meal and rest breaks;
28 illegally and inaccurately recording time in which PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS worked;

1 failing to properly maintain PLAINTIFF's and CLASS MEMBERS' records; failing to provide
2 accurate itemized wage statements to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for each pay period;
3 failing to properly pay employees reporting time on occasions when they were required to report
4 for work, and did report, but were not put to work or were furnished less than half of their usual or
5 scheduled day's work; and other methods to be discovered.

6 31. DEFENDANTS' conduct described herein violates California Labor Code §§ 1194,
7 1197, and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 4. As a proximate result of the aforementioned
8 violations, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to
9 proof at trial. Therefore, pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 200, 203, 226, 558, 1194, 1197.1,
10 and other applicable provisions under the Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders, PLAINTIFF and
11 CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of wages owed to them by
12 DEFENDANTS, plus interest, penalties, attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of suit.

13 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

14 **Failure to Pay All Wages Due to Discharged and Quitting Employees**

15 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203]**

16 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

17 32. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
18 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

19 33. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 201, 202, and 203, DEFENDANTS are
20 required to pay all earned and unpaid wages to an employee who is discharged. California Labor
21 Code § 201 mandates that if an employer discharges an employee, the employee's wages accrued
22 and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately.

23 34. Furthermore, pursuant to California Labor Code § 202, DEFENDANTS are required
24 to pay all accrued wages due to an employee no later than 72 hours after the employee quits his or
25 her employment, unless the employee provided 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention to
26 quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting.

27 35. California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to pay, in
28 accordance with California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202, any wages of an employee who is

1 discharged or who quits, the employer is liable for waiting time penalties in the form of continued
2 compensation to the employee at the same rate for up to 30 workdays.

3 36. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS have willfully failed to pay accrued
4 wages and other compensation to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS in accordance with
5 California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202.

6 37. As a result, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all available
7 statutory penalties, including the waiting time penalties provided in California Labor Code § 203,
8 together with interest thereon, as well as other available remedies.

9 38. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and omissions,
10 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been deprived of compensation in an amount according
11 to proof at the time of trial, but in excess of the jurisdiction of this Court, and are entitled to recovery
12 of such amounts, plus interest thereon, and attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to California Labor
13 Code §§ 1194 and 2699.

14 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **Failure to Furnish Accurate Itemized Wage Statements**

16 **[Cal. Labor Code §§ 226, 1174; IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 7]**

17 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

18 39. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
19 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

20 40. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS routinely failed to provide
21 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS with timely, accurate, and itemized wage statements in
22 writing showing each employee's gross wages earned, total hours worked, all deductions made, net
23 wages earned, the name and address of the legal entity or entities employing PLAINTIFF and
24 CLASS MEMBERS, and all applicable hourly rates in effect during each pay period and the
25 corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate, in violation of California Labor Code
26 § 226 and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 7.

27 41. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS knowingly and intentionally failed to
28 provide PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS with timely, accurate, and itemized wage statements

1 in accordance with California Labor Code § 226(a).

2 42. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and omissions,
3 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial,
4 and seek all wages earned and due, plus interest thereon. Additionally, PLAINTIFF and CLASS
5 MEMBERS are entitled to all available statutory penalties, including but not limited to civil
6 penalties pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 226(e), 226.3, and 1174.5, and an award of costs,
7 expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees, including but not limited to those provided in California
8 Labor Code § 226(e), as well as other available remedies.

9 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **Failure to Indemnify Employees for Necessary Expenditures Incurred in Discharge of**
11 **Duties**

12 **[Cal. Labor Code § 2802]**

13 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

14 43. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
15 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

16 44. California Labor Code § 2802(a) requires an employer to indemnify an employee
17 for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the
18 discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer.

19 45. During the CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS knowingly and willfully failed to
20 indemnify PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for all business expenses and/or losses incurred
21 in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties while working under the direction of
22 DEFENDANTS, including but not limited to expenses for use of cell phones, and other
23 employment-related expenses, in violation of California Labor Code § 2802.

24 46. As a proximate result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful actions and omissions,
25 PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial,
26 and seek reimbursement of all necessary expenditures, plus interest thereon pursuant to California
27 Labor Code § 2802(b). Additionally, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to all
28 available statutory penalties and an award of costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees,

1 including those provided in California Labor Code § 2802(c), as well as other available remedies.

2 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

3 **Unfair and Unlawful Business Practices**

4 **[Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 et. seq.]**

5 **(Against all DEFENDANTS)**

6 47. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference, as though fully set forth, the
7 allegations in the foregoing paragraphs.

8 48. Each and every one of DEFENDANTS' acts and omissions in violation of the
9 California Labor Code and/or the applicable IWC Wage Order as alleged herein, including but not
10 limited to DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to provide required meal periods, DEFENDANTS'
11 failure and refusal to provide required rest periods, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to pay
12 overtime compensation, DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to pay minimum wages,
13 DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to pay all wages due to discharged or quitting employees,
14 DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to furnish accurate itemized wage statements;
15 DEFENDANTS' failure and refusal to maintain required records, DEFENDANTS' failure and
16 refusal to indemnify PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS for necessary expenditures and/or losses
17 incurring in discharging their duties, constitutes an unfair and unlawful business practice under
18 California Business and Professions Code § 17200 et seq.

19 49. DEFENDANTS' violations of California wage and hour laws constitute a business
20 practice because DEFENDANTS' aforementioned acts and omissions were done repeatedly over a
21 significant period of time, and in a systematic manner, to the detriment of PLAINTIFF and CLASS
22 MEMBERS.

23 50. DEFENDANTS have avoided payment of wages, overtime wages, meal periods,
24 rest periods, and other benefits as required by the California Labor Code, the California Code of
25 Regulations, and the applicable IWC Wage Order. Further, DEFENDANTS have failed to record,
26 report, and pay the correct sums of assessment to the state authorities under the California Labor
27 Code and other applicable regulations.

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51. As a result of DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices, DEFENDANTS have reaped unfair and illegal profits during the CLASS PERIOD at the expense of PLAINTIFF, CLASS MEMBERS, and members of the public. DEFENDANTS should be made to disgorge their ill-gotten gains and to restore them to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS.

52. DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices entitle PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS to seek preliminary and permanent injunctive relief, including but not limited to orders that DEFENDANTS account for, disgorge, and restore to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS the wages and other compensation unlawfully withheld from them. PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS are entitled to restitution of all monies to be disgorged from DEFENDANTS in an amount according to proof at the time of trial, but in excess of the jurisdiction of this Court.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Representative Action for Civil Penalties

[Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698–2699.5]

(Against All DEFENDANTS)

53. PLAINTIFF incorporates herein by specific reference as though fully set forth the allegations in all preceding paragraphs, with the exception of paragraph 13.

54. PLAINTIFF is an “aggrieved employee” within the meaning of California Labor Code § 2699(c), and a proper representative to bring a civil action on behalf of herself and other current and former employees of DEFENDANTS pursuant to the procedures specified in California Labor Code § 2699.3, because PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS were employed by DEFENDANTS and the alleged violations of the California Labor Code were committed against PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS.

55. Pursuant to the California Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), Labor Code §§ 2698–2699.5, PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS seeks to recover civil penalties, including but not limited to penalties under California Labor Code §§ 2699, 210, 226.3, 558, 1174.5, 1197.1, and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001, § 20, from DEFENDANTS in a representative action for the violations set forth above, including but not limited to violations of California Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 204, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1174, 1194, 1197, 1198, and 2802. PLAINTIFF

1 and CLASS MEMBERS are also entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs
2 pursuant to California Labor Code § 2699(g)(1).

3 56. Pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 2699.3, PLAINTIFF gave written notice on
4 January 17, 2024 by online filing to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
5 ("LWDA") and by certified mail to DEFENDANTS of the specific provisions of the California
6 Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories
7 to support the alleged violations. More than sixty-five (65) days have passed and the LWDA has
8 not provided notice to PLAINTIFF that it intends to investigate the alleged violations.

9 57. Therefore, PLAINTIFF has complied with all of the requirements set forth in
10 California Labor Code § 2699.3 to commence a representative action under PAGA.

11 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

12 **WHEREFORE**, PLAINTIFF, individually and on behalf of all other persons similarly
13 situated, respectfully prays for relief against DEFENDANTS and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,
14 and each of them, as follows:

- 15 1. For compensatory damages in an amount to be ascertained at trial;
- 16 2. For restitution of all monies due to PLAINTIFF and CLASS MEMBERS, as well
17 as disgorged profits from DEFENDANTS' unfair and unlawful business practices;
- 18 3. For meal and rest period compensation pursuant to California Labor Code § 226.7
19 and IWC Wage Order No. 4-2001;
- 20 4. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 1194.2 and 1197.1;
- 21 5. For preliminary and permanent injunctive relief enjoining DEFENDANTS from
22 violating the relevant provisions of the California Labor Code and the IWC Wage Orders, and from
23 engaging in the unlawful business practices complained of herein;
- 24 6. For waiting time penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 203;
- 25 7. For statutory and civil penalties according to proof, including but not limited to all
26 penalties authorized by the California Labor Code §§ 226(e);
- 27 8. For interest on the unpaid wages at 10% per annum pursuant to California Labor
28 Code §§ 218.6, 1194, 2802, California Civil Code §§ 3287, 3288, and/or any other applicable

1 provision providing for pre-judgment interest;

2 9. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 1194,
3 2699, 2802, California Civil Code § 1021.5, and any other applicable provisions providing for
4 attorneys' fees and costs;

5 10. For declaratory relief;

6 11. For an order requiring and certifying the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth,
7 Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Causes of Action as a class action;

8 12. For an order appointing PLAINTIFF as class representative, and PLAINTIFF's
9 counsel as class counsel; and

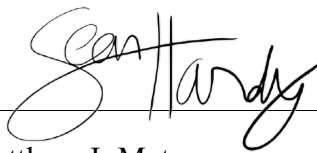
10 13. For such further relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

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12 DATED: June 17, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

13 **MATERN LAW GROUP, PC**

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15 By: _____



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21 on behalf of others similarly situated
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLAINTIFF hereby demands a jury trial with respect to all issues triable of right by jury.

DATED: June 17, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

MATERN LAW GROUP, PC

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Hardy", is written over a horizontal line.

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