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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ANA MIRANDA MENDOZA and MARIA
GARCIA, individuals on behalf of themselves,
the State of California, as a private attorney
general, and on behalf of all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RICH & FAMOUS, INC. DBA BIG GREEN
CLEANING COMPANY, a California
Corporation; and DOES 1 TO 50,

Defendants.

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SUPERIOR COURT of CALIFORNIA
COUNTY of SANTA BARBARA

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Case Number: 20CV04009

AMENDED
~~Proposed~~ Order Granting Preliminary
Approval of Class Action Settlement

Date: June 12, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dept.: A4
Judge: Hon. Donna D. Geck

1 Plaintiffs' unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of a Class Action Settlement came
2 before this Court on June 12, 2026 in Department A4, the Honorable Donna D. Geck presiding.
3 The Court having considered the papers submitted in support of the application of the parties,
4 HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

5 1. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement and the Settlement Class
6 based upon the terms set forth in the Settlement Agreement and Release of Class Action (the
7 "Settlement Agreement") attached herein as **Exhibit A**. All terms used herein shall have the same
8 meaning as defined in the Settlement Agreement. The settlement set forth in the Settlement
9 Agreement appears to be fair, adequate and reasonable to the Class, and the Court preliminarily
10 approves the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including, without limitation:

- 11 a. A non-reversionary Gross Settlement Amount of **\$3,670,933.04**;
- 12 b. Court approved attorneys' fees to Class Counsel of up to **\$1,223,644.35**,
13 representing one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount;
- 14 c. Court approved litigation costs to Class Counsel of up to **\$50,000.00**;
- 15 d. Enhancement Award of **\$20,000.00** (\$10,000.00 to each Class
16 Representative);
- 17 e. Enhancement Award of **\$47,000.00** (\$1,000.00 to each Additional Plaintiff);
- 18 f. Fees and Costs of the Settlement Administrator of up to **\$17,950.00**; and
- 19 g. A PAGA allocation of \$150,000.00, with **\$112,500.00** (i.e., 75%) payable to
20 the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency for its portion of
21 the PAGA penalties.

22 2. This Court has considered the papers in support of the Motion and the Settlement
23 Agreement and finds that, pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769(d), the proposed Class
24 should be certified for settlement purposes only. Specifically, the Court finds for settlement
25 purposes only that: (a) the proposed Class is ascertainable; (b) the proposed Class is sufficiently
26 numerous; (c) the proposed Class meets the commonality requirements; (d) the claims of the Class
27 Representatives are typical of the claims of the proposed Class Members; (e) the Class
28 Representatives' counsel has and is able to adequately represent the proposed Class; (f) the Class
Representatives are adequate to represent the Class; and (g) class-wide treatment of this dispute is

1 superior to individual litigation because common issues predominate over individual issues for
2 settlement purposes.

3 3. The Settlement falls within the range of reasonableness and appears to be
4 presumptively valid, subject only to any objections that may be raised at the final fairness hearing
5 and final approval by this Court.

6 4. A final fairness hearing on the question of whether the proposed Settlement and the
7 attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel should be finally approved as fair, reasonable and
8 adequate as to the members of the Class is scheduled on the date and time set forth in the
9 implementation schedule in Paragraph 13 below.

10 5. This Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice of Proposed Class Action
11 Settlement ("Class Notice"), attached to the Settlement Agreement as **Exhibit 1**, and the Share
12 Form, in substantially the form attached to the Settlement Agreement as **Exhibit 2**. The Court
13 approves the procedure for Class Members to participate in, to opt out of, and to object to, the
14 Settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

15 6. The Court directs the mailing of the Class Notice by first class mail to the Class
16 Members in accordance with the Implementation Schedule set forth below. The Court finds the
17 dates selected for the mailing and distribution of the Notice, as set forth in the Implementation
18 Schedule, meet the requirements of due process and provide the best notice practicable under the
19 circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto.

20 7. It is ordered that the Settlement Class is preliminarily certified for settlement
21 purposes only.

22 8. The Court preliminarily certifies for settlement purposes only the Settlement Class
23 defined as follows: *all individuals who are or were employed by Defendants as non-exempt*
24 *employees in California during the Class Period. See Settlement Agreement, at § 1.40. The Class*
25 *Period is defined as the period from December 3, 2016, through February 5, 2025. See Settlement*
26 *Agreement, at § 1.11.*

27 9. The Court preliminarily approves for settlement purposes only the PAGA
28 Settlement Class defined as follows: *all individuals who are or were employed by Defendants as*
non-exempt employees in California during the PAGA Period. See Settlement Agreement, at §

1 1.31. The PAGA Period shall mean the period from December 3, 2019, through February 5, 2025.
2 *See* Settlement Agreement, at § 1.30.

3 10. All Settlement Class members who do not timely opt out will release those claims
4 alleged, or that reasonably could have been alleged, arising out of or related to the allegations set
5 forth in the Complaint and/or PAGA notice to the LWDA, which arose during the Class Period,
6 including claims for: **(1)** failure to pay minimum wage for all hours worked in violation of Labor
7 Code sections 1194 and 1194.2, and the Applicable Wage Order; **(2)** failure to pay proper overtime
8 wages in violation of Labor Code sections 510, 1197, and 1198, and the Applicable Wage Order;
9 **(3)** failure to provide compliant rest periods and pay missed rest break premiums in violation of
10 Labor Code section 226.7 and the Applicable Wage Order; **(4)** failure to provide compliant meal
11 periods and pay missed meal period premiums in violation of Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512,
12 and the Applicable Wage Order; **(5)** failure to maintain accurate employment records in violation
13 of Labor Code section 1174; **(6)** failure to pay timely wages during employment in violation of
14 Labor Code sections 204, 210; **(7)** failure to pay all wages due and owing at separation in violation
15 of Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203; **(8)** failure to reimburse business expenses in violation
16 of Labor Code sections 2802 and 2804; **(9)** failure to provide complete and accurate wage
17 statements in violation of Labor Code sections 226 and 226.3; **(10)** deceptive, fraudulent, or
18 otherwise unlawful business practices based on the foregoing in violation of California's Unfair
19 Competition Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 17200–17210); **(11)** statutory penalties based on the
20 foregoing pursuant to PAGA (Lab. Code, §§ 2698-2699.6); and **(12)** all claims for liquidated
21 damages, penalties, interest, fees, costs based on the foregoing. *See* Settlement Agreement, at §
22 1.35.

23 11. The Court confirms Ana Miranda Mendoza and Maria Garcia as Class
24 Representatives, and Jonathan Melmed and Laura Supanich of Melmed Law Group P.C. as Class
25 Counsel.

26 12. The Court appoints ILYM Group, Inc. as the Settlement Administrator.

27 13. The Court orders the following **Implementation Schedule** for further proceedings:
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a.	Deadline for Defendant to Submit Class Member Information to Settlement Administrator	[within 14 days after the Preliminary Approval Date]
b.	Deadline for Settlement Administrator to Mail Notice to Class Members	[within 28 days after the Preliminary Approval Date]
c.	Deadline for Class Members to Postmark Requests for Exclusion	[45 days after mailing of the Class Notice]
d.	Deadline for Class Members to submit any Objections to Settlement	[45 days after mailing of the Class Notice]
e.	Deadline for Settlement Administrator to provide a Declaration of Due Diligence and Proof of Mailing to Class Counsel	[21 days prior to Final Approval and Fairness Hearing]
f.	Deadline for Class Counsel to file Motion for Final Approval of Settlement, including Request for Attorneys' Fees and Costs	[16 Court days prior to Final Approval and Fairness Hearing]
g.	Final Approval and Fairness Hearing	December 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

14. If any of the dates in this Implementation Schedule falls on a weekend, bank or court holiday, the time to act shall be extended to the next business day.

15. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Action for all purposes pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.769 and California Rule of Civil Procedure section 664.6 to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 07/29/2026



Hon. Donna D. Geck

Judge of the Superior Court, Santa Barbara

Exhibit A

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**Settlement Agreement and Release of Class
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLASS ACTION

This Settlement Agreement and Release of Class Action (“Settlement Agreement”) is made and entered into by: **(1)** Plaintiffs Ana Miranda Mendoza and Maria Garcia (collectively “Plaintiffs”), individually and in their representative capacity on behalf of the Settlement Class, as defined below, and as private attorneys general on behalf of the State of California; and **(2)** Defendants Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company and Allen Paul Williams (“Defendants”). Plaintiffs and Defendants are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.” This Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the Court, pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.769, subdivisions (c), (d), and (e), and is made for the sole purpose of attempting to consummate settlement of the action on a class-wide basis subject to the following terms and conditions. As detailed below, if the Court does not enter an order granting final approval of this Settlement Agreement or the conditions precedent are not met for any reason, this Settlement Agreement is void and of no force or effect whatsoever.

1. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified below. To the extent terms or phrases used in this Settlement Agreement are not specifically defined below, but are defined elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement, they are incorporated by reference into this definition section.

1.1. ACTION

“Action” shall mean the following civil action: *Ana Miranda Mendoza, et al. v. Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company*, case number 20CV04009, currently pending before the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Barbara.

1.2. ADDITIONAL PLAINTIFFS

“Additional Plaintiffs” shall refer to Alberto Adrian Lagunas Roman, Alberto Martinez Cruz, Antonia Castanon, Araceli Gonzales Macias, Arturo De La Rosa, Asminda Ramirez, Aureo Cardenas, Blanca Hernandez, Carlos Linares, Cipriana Estrada Rodriguez, Daniel Anthony Lopez, David Alvarado, Deyanira Lopez Silva, Elvia Roman Navarro, Estefania Rodriguez Reyes, Fernando Palua, Georgina Huaste, Gerardo Rojas Baez, Giovanni Reyna, Guadalupe Sosa, Jaime Ortiz Ruiz, Jesus Graciano, Jorge Gonzalez, Jose Manuel Martinez, Jose Samayoa, Juan Galaha, Juan Pablo Reyna Salas,

Leonardo De Jesus, Lourdes Flores Mendoza, Lucrecia Morales, Margarita Diaz, Margarito Ortiz Garcia, Maria Arevalo, Maria Hernandez Corrales, Maria Isabel Villa Cruz, Maria Mejia, Maria Nava, Maria Ruiz Cervantes, Norwa Reyna, Rain Logan Ford, Ricardo Nunez, Rosalba Tinoco, Sabino Dominguez, Silvia Burrou Adrade, Victor Antonio, and Yesenia Mayo.

1.3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

“Administrative Expenses” shall include all costs and expenses associated with and paid to the third-party settlement administrator, which are estimated not to exceed \$100,000.00.

1.4. APPLICABLE WAGE ORDER

“Applicable Wage Order” shall mean the California Industrial Welfare Commission (“IWC”) Wage Order applicable to the facts of this case. (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 8, § 1100.)

1.5. CLAIMS

“Claims” shall mean the claims asserted in the Action.

1.6. CLASS ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES

“Class Attorney Fees and Expenses” shall mean the portion of the Gross Settlement Amount attributable to attorney fees and litigation expenses. The Parties agree that the fee-portion of the Class Attorney Fees and Expenses shall be up to one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount (i.e., \$1,223,644.35), as approved by the Court, and the award of costs and expenses shall be up to an additional \$50,000.00. If the Escalator Provision described below is triggered so as to increase the Gross Settlement Amount, the Parties agree that the fee portion of the Class Attorney Fees and Expenses will increase proportionally such that the total amount of attorneys’ fees remains one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount *after* the upward adjustment required by the Escalator Provision is implemented.

1.7. CLASS COUNSEL

“Class Counsel” shall mean Jonathan Melmed and Laura Supanich of Melmed Law Group P.C.

1.8. CLASS MEMBER

“Class Member” shall mean any person who is a prospective member of the Settlement Class, or, if such person is incompetent or deceased, the person’s legal guardian, executor, heir, or successor-in-interest.

1.9. CLASS NOTICE

“Class Notice” shall mean the *Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement*, as set forth in the form of **Exhibit 1** attached hereto, or as otherwise approved by the Court, which is to be mailed to Class Members along with the Share Form.

1.10. CLASS PARTICIPANTS

“Class Participants” shall mean all Class Members who do not timely request exclusion from the Class Settlement.

1.11. CLASS PERIOD

“Class Period” shall mean the period from December 3, 2016, through February 5, 2025.

1.12. CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

“Class Representatives” shall mean Plaintiffs Ana Miranda Mendoza and Maria Garcia.

1.13. CLASS SETTLEMENT

“Class Settlement” shall mean the settlement embodied in this Settlement Agreement, which is subject to Court approval.

1.14. COMPLAINT

“Complaint” shall mean the currently-operative complaint in the Action.

1.15. COURT

“Court” shall mean the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Barbara.

1.16. DEFENDANTS

“Defendants” shall mean Defendant Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company, and Allen Paul Williams.

1.17. DEFENSE COUNSEL

“Defense Counsel” shall mean the attorneys representing Defendants.

1.18. EFFECTIVE DATE

“Effective Date” shall be the date when all of the following events have occurred: **(a)** this Settlement Agreement has been executed by all Parties and by Class Counsel and Defense Counsel; **(b)** the Court has given preliminary approval to the Class Settlement; **(c)** notice has been given to the

Settlement Class providing them with an opportunity to request exclusion from the Class Settlement; (d) the Court has held a Final Approval and Fairness Hearing and entered a final order and judgment certifying the Settlement Class and approving this Settlement Agreement; and (e) the later of the following events: (i) the expiration of the period for filing any appeal, writ, or other appellate proceeding opposing the Class Settlement has elapsed without any appeal, writ, or other appellate proceeding having been filed; (ii) the dismissal of any appeal, writ, or other appellate proceeding opposing the Class Settlement with no right to pursue further remedies or relief; or (iii) any appeal, writ, or the issuance of such other final appellate order upholding the Court's final order with no right to pursue further remedies or relief. In this regard, it is the intention of the Parties that the Class Settlement shall not become effective until the Court's order approving the Class Settlement is completely final and there is no further recourse by an appellant or objector who seeks to contest the Class Settlement. If no objections are filed, the Effective Date shall be after steps (a) through (d) are completed (i.e., the date that the court has entered a final order and judgment certifying the Settlement Class and approving this Settlement Agreement).

1.19. EMPLOYEE'S TAXES AND REQUIRED WITHHOLDING

"Employee's Taxes and Required Withholding" shall mean the employee's share of any and all applicable federal, state, or local payroll taxes, including those collected under authority of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA), and/or the State Unemployment Tax Act (SUTA) on the portion of any Class Participant's Individual Settlement Amount that constitutes wages. The Employee's Taxes and Required Withholdings will be withheld from and paid out of the Individual Settlement Amounts paid from the Net Settlement Amount.

1.20. EMPLOYER'S TAXES

"Employer's Taxes" shall mean and refer to Defendants' share of payroll taxes (e.g., Unemployment Insurance, Employment Training Tax, Social Security, and Medicare taxes) that is owed on the portion of any Class Participant's Individual Settlement Amount that constitutes wages. The Employer's Taxes shall be separately paid by Defendants and shall not be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount or Net Settlement Amount.

1.21. FINAL APPROVAL AND FAIRNESS HEARING

“Final Approval and Fairness Hearing” shall mean the final hearing held to ascertain the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Class Settlement.

1.22. GROSS SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

“Gross Settlement Amount” is the agreed upon non-reversionary settlement amount totaling \$3,670,933.04 to be paid by Defendants in full settlement of the Released Claims asserted in this case, inclusive of the Administrative Expenses, the Employee’s Taxes and Required Withholdings, the Class Attorney Fees and Expenses, the Incentive Awards, and PAGA Payment. Defendants shall separately pay its share of the Employer’s Taxes in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount on the portion of each Individual Settlement Amount allocated as wages.

1.23. HEARING ON PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

“Hearing on Preliminary Approval” shall mean the hearing held on the motion for preliminary approval of the Class Settlement.

1.24. INCENTIVE AWARDS

“Incentive Awards” shall mean any additional monetary payment provided to the Class Representatives and Additional Plaintiffs for their efforts and risks on behalf of the Settlement Class in this Action.

1.25. INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

“Individual Settlement Amount” shall mean the amount which is ultimately distributed to each Class Participant, less any Employee’s Taxes and Required Withholdings. The Individual Settlement Amount does not include any portion of the PAGA Payment.

1.26. NET SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

“Net Settlement Amount” shall mean the Gross Settlement Amount minus: Administrative Expenses; Class Attorney Fees and Expenses; 75% of the share of the Gross Settlement Amount allocated toward penalties pursuant to the Labor Code Private Attorney General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”), codified at Labor Code sections 2698 through 2699.6, which are payable to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”); and Incentive Awards.

1.27. OPT OUT

“Opt Out” shall refer to the process of submitting a timely and valid request for exclusion from the Class Settlement in accordance with the terms of the Class Notice and no later than the Response Deadline.

1.28. OPT-OUTS

“Opt-Outs” shall mean all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class Settlement in accordance with the terms of the Class Notice and no later than the Response Deadline.

1.29. PAGA PAYMENT

“PAGA Payment” means the penalties pursuant to PAGA that the Parties have agreed is a reasonable sum to be paid in settlement of the PAGA claims included in the Action, which is \$150,000.00. The PAGA Payment is to be approved by the Court pursuant to Labor Code section 2699 and is to be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) (i.e., \$112,500.00) to the LWDA and twenty-five percent (25%) (i.e., \$37,500.00) to the PAGA Settlement Class. Class Counsel shall give timely notice of this Settlement Agreement to the LWDA pursuant to Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (l)(2).

1.30. PAGA PERIOD

“PAGA Period” shall mean the period from December 3, 2019, through February 5, 2025.

1.31. PAGA SETTLEMENT CLASS

“PAGA Settlement Class” shall mean all individuals who are or were employed by Defendants as non-exempt employees in California during the PAGA Period.

1.32. PARTIES

“Parties” shall mean Plaintiffs and Defendant.

1.33. PLAINTIFFS

“Plaintiffs” shall mean Plaintiffs Ana Miranda Mendoza and Maria Garcia.

1.34. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL DATE

“Preliminary Approval Date” shall mean the date upon which the Court enters an order preliminarily approving this Settlement Agreement.

1.35. RELEASED CLAIMS

“Released Claims” shall mean those claims arising out of or related to the allegations set forth in the operative complaint and/or PAGA notice to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency that arose during the Class Period and/or PAGA Period, including claims for: **(1)** failure to pay minimum wage for all hours worked in violation of Labor Code sections 1194 and 1194.2, and the applicable IWC Wage Order(s); **(2)** failure to pay proper overtime wages in violation of Labor Code sections 510, 1197, and 1198, and the applicable IWC Wage Order(s); **(3)** failure to provide compliant rest periods and pay missed rest break premiums in violation of Labor Code section 226.7 and the applicable IWC Wage Order(s); **(4)** failure to provide compliant meal periods and pay missed meal period premiums in violation of Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512, and the applicable IWC Wage Order(s); **(5)** failure to maintain accurate employment records in violation of Labor Code section 1174; **(6)** failure to pay timely wages during employment in violation of Labor Code sections 204, 210; **(7)** failure to pay all wages due and owing at separation in violation of Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203; **(8)** failure to reimburse business expenses in violation of Labor Code sections 2802 and 2804; **(9)** failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements in violation of Labor Code sections 226 and 226.3; **(10)** deceptive, fraudulent, or otherwise unlawful business practices based on the foregoing in violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 17200–17210); **(11)** statutory penalties based on the foregoing pursuant to PAGA (Lab. Code, §§ 2698-2699.6); and **(12)** all claims for liquidated damages, penalties, interest, fees, costs based on the foregoing.

No other claims are released other than those claims specifically plead in the Complaint or otherwise specifically identified herein. This Settlement Agreement will not release any person, party, or entity from claims, if any, by Class Members for workers compensation, unemployment, or disability benefits of any nature. Nor does it release any claims, actions, or causes of action which may be possessed by Class Members under state or federal discrimination statutes, including, without limitation, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, §§ 12900–12996); the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Civ. Code, § 51); the California Constitution; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000, et seq.); the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.); the

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq.); and all of their implementing regulations and interpretive guidelines.

1.36. RELEASED PARTIES

“Released Parties” shall mean Defendants and all of Defendants’ subsidiaries, affiliates, shareholders, principals, managers, officers, directors, employees, members, agents, predecessors, successors, and assigns.

1.37. RELEASING PARTIES

“Releasing Parties” shall mean every Class Participant and all persons purporting to act on their behalf or purporting to assert a claim under or through them, including, but not limited to, their dependents, heirs, assigns, beneficiaries, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, agents, trustees, conservators, guardians, personal representatives, and successors-in-interest, whether individual, class, representative, legal, equitable, direct or indirect, or any other type or in any other capacity.

1.38. RESPONSE DEADLINE

“Response Deadline” shall mean the date forty-five (45) days following the date on which the Settlement Administrator first mails Class Notice to the Class Members and the last day on which Class Members may submit a request for exclusion and/or objection to Class Settlement.

1.39. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR

“Settlement Administrator” shall mean ILYM Group, Inc. which the Parties have agreed will be responsible for administration of the Class Settlement and related matters.

1.40. SETTLEMENT CLASS

“Settlement Class” shall mean all individuals who are or were employed by Defendants as non-exempt employees in California during the Class Period. Defendant represents that the Settlement Class consists of approximately 2,240 Class Members that worked a total of approximately 218,184 workweeks during the Class Period.

1.41. SHARE FORM

“Share Form” shall mean the *Class Action Settlement Share Form*, as set forth in the form of **Exhibit 2** attached hereto, or as otherwise approved by the Court, which is to be mailed to Class Members along with the Class Notice.

1 **2. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

2 **2.1. PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS**

3 Plaintiffs, individually and in their representative capacity on behalf of the Settlement Class,
4 and as private attorneys general on behalf of the State of California, have alleged the following
5 violations: **(1)** failure to pay minimum wage for all hours worked in violation of Labor Code sections
6 1194 and 1194.2, and the Applicable Wage Order; **(2)** failure to pay proper overtime wages in violation
7 of Labor Code sections 510, 1197, and 1198, and the Applicable Wage Order; **(3)** failure to provide
8 compliant rest periods and pay missed rest break premiums in violation of Labor Code section 226.7
9 and the Applicable Wage Order; **(4)** failure to provide compliant meal periods and pay missed meal
10 period premiums in violation of Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512, and the Applicable Wage Order;
11 **(5)** failure to maintain accurate employment records in violation of Labor Code section 1174;
12 **(6)** failure to pay timely wages during employment in violation of Labor Code sections 204, 210;
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14 and 203; **(8)** failure to reimburse business expenses in violation of Labor Code sections 2802 and 2804;
15 **(9)** failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements in violation of Labor Code sections 226
16 and 226.3; **(10)** deceptive, fraudulent, or otherwise unlawful business practices based on the foregoing
17 in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 17200–17210); and
18 **(11)** statutory penalties based on the foregoing pursuant to PAGA (Lab. Code, §§ 2698–2699.6).

19 **2.2. DISCOVERY, INVESTIGATION, RESEARCH, AND MEDIATION**

20 Class Counsel has conducted significant informal discovery during the prosecution of the
21 Action. This discovery, investigation, and prosecution has included, among other things, **(a)** over a
22 dozen telephonic conferences with Plaintiffs; **(b)** inspection and analysis of hundreds of pages of
23 documents and other information produced by Plaintiffs and Defendants; **(c)** analysis of employment
24 data from a sample of Class Members; **(d)** an analysis of the legal positions taken by Defendants;
25 **(d)** investigation into the viability of class treatment of the claims asserted in the Action; **(e)** analysis
26 of potential class-wide damages, including information sufficient to understand Defendants' potential
27 defenses to Plaintiffs' claims; **(f)** research of the applicable law with respect to the claims asserted in
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1 the Complaint and the potential defenses thereto; and (g) assembling and analyzing of data for
2 calculating damages.

3 Class Counsel and the Class Representatives have vigorously prosecuted this case, and
4 Defendants have vigorously contested it. The Parties have engaged in sufficient investigation and
5 discovery to assess the relative merits of the claims of the Class Representatives and of the defenses to
6 them. After such discovery, investigation, and prosecution, the Parties attended a full-day mediation
7 with an experienced employment law mediator, which culminated in a settlement in principle, the terms
8 of which are elaborated in this Settlement Agreement.

9 **2.3. ALLEGATIONS OF THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES AND BENEFITS OF**
10 **CLASS SETTLEMENT**

11 The document and data exchange in this matter, as well as discussions between counsel, have
12 been adequate to give the Class Representatives and Class Counsel a sound understanding of the merits
13 of their positions and to evaluate the value of the claims of the Settlement Class. The informal discovery
14 conducted in this Action and the information exchanged by the Parties through pre-mediation
15 discussions are sufficient to reliably assess the merits of the Parties' respective positions and to
16 compromise the issues on a fair and equitable basis.

17 The Class Representatives and Class Counsel believe that the claims, causes of action,
18 allegations, and contentions asserted in the Action have merit. However, the Class Representatives and
19 Class Counsel recognize and acknowledge the expense and delay of continued lengthy proceedings
20 necessary to prosecute the Action against Defendants through trial and through appeals. Class Counsel
21 has taken into account the uncertain outcome of the litigation, the risk of continued litigation in complex
22 actions such as this, as well as the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation, and the potential
23 difficulty of obtaining certification of the Settlement Class as well as trying the claims of the class.
24 Class Counsel is mindful of the potential problems of proof under, and possible defenses to, the claims
25 alleged in the Action.

26 The Class Representatives and Class Counsel believe that the settlement set forth in this
27 Settlement Agreement confers substantial benefits upon Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class and that an
28 independent review of this Settlement Agreement by the Court in the approval process will confirm

1 this conclusion. Based on their own independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel has
2 determined that the settlement set forth in this Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of Plaintiffs
3 and the Class Members.

4 **2.4. DEFENDANTS' DENIALS OF WRONGDOING AND LIABILITY**

5 Defendants have denied and continue to deny all allegations, claims, and contentions alleged
6 by Plaintiffs in the Action. Defendants have expressly denied and continue to deny all charges of
7 wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts, or omissions
8 alleged in the Action. Defendants contend that they complied with California and federal wage and
9 hour laws and have dealt legally and fairly with Plaintiffs and the Class Members.

10 Defendants further deny that, for any purpose other than settling this Action, these claims are
11 appropriate for class or representative treatment. Nonetheless, Defendants have concluded that further
12 proceedings in the Action would be protracted and expensive and that it is desirable that the Action be
13 fully and finally settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement
14 Agreement to dispose of burdensome and protracted litigation, to permit the operation of Defendants'
15 respective businesses without further expensive litigation and the distraction and diversion of their
16 personnel with respect to matters at issue in the Action. Defendants have also taken into account the
17 uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases such as the Action.
18 Defendants have, therefore, determined that it is desirable and beneficial to it that the Action be settled
19 in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

20 **2.5. INTENT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT**

21 The Class Settlement set forth herein intends to achieve the following: **(1)** entry of an order
22 approving the Class Settlement; **(2)** entry of judgment of the Action; **(3)** discharge of the Released
23 Parties from liability for any and all of the Released Claims; and **(4)** discharge of Defendants from
24 liability for any and all claims arising out of the Action.

25 **3. CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS**

26 For the purposes of this Settlement Agreement and the Class Settlement of this Action only, the
27 Parties agree to conditional class certification of the Settlement Class. Defense Counsel believes this
28 conditional certification is appropriate because the Released Claims are being compromised without

1 need to establish the elements of those claims on which liability turns. The certification of the
2 Settlement Class shall not constitute, in this or any other proceeding, an admission of any kind by
3 Defendants, including without limitation, that certification of a class for trial purposes is or would be
4 warranted, appropriate or proper; or that Plaintiffs could establish any of the requisite elements for
5 class treatment of any of the claims in the Action.

6 If the Settlement Agreement is not finally approved by the Court, the Effective Date is not
7 achieved, or the Class Settlement is rejected, terminated, or otherwise rendered null and void as set
8 forth herein, then certification of the Settlement Class shall be automatically vacated, shall be void *ab*
9 *initio*, of no force or effect, and shall not constitute evidence or a binding determination that the
10 requirements for certification of a class for trial purposes in this Action or in any other action which
11 have been, are or can be, satisfied. Further, if the Agreement does not reach the Effective Date,
12 Plaintiffs agree that Plaintiffs will not argue, claim, reference, or otherwise raise any preliminary
13 approval of the Settlement Class in connection with any later proceeding before the Court.

14 **4. APPOINTMENT OF CLASS COUNSEL**

15 For purposes of this Settlement Agreement and subject to the Court's approval, the Parties agree
16 to the appointment of Class Counsel as counsel for the Settlement Class and the effectuation of the
17 Class Settlement pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

18 **5. CONSIDERATION**

19 **5.1. SETTLEMENT AMOUNT**

20 The Parties agree to settle this Action for the Gross Settlement Amount of \$3,670,933.04. There
21 shall be no reversion to Defendants. Defendants shall pay the Gross Settlement Amount in full. The
22 Gross Settlement Amount and other actions and forbearances taken by Defendants shall constitute
23 adequate consideration for the Class Settlement and will be made in full and final settlement of: the
24 Released Claims, the Class Attorney Fees and Expenses, Administrative Expenses, the Incentive
25 Awards, the PAGA Payment (and any payments to individual PAGA Class Members resulting from
26 the PAGA Payment), and any other obligation of Defendants under this Settlement Agreement (other
27 than the Employer's Taxes on the portion of the Net Settlement Amount allocated to the payment of
28 wages).

After the Court issues an order preliminarily approving this Class Settlement, the Settlement Administrator will distribute the Class Notice to the Class Members, which shall describe the terms of the Class Settlement and procedures to Opt Out, object, or participate in the Class Settlement as well as the Share Form, which shall identify the Class Member, the number of workweeks worked by each Class Member (“Workweeks”), as well as the estimated amount of the Individual Settlement Amount the Class Member can expect to receive once the Class Settlement becomes effective on the Effective Date. Class Members shall be given the opportunity to challenge their Workweeks information.

5.2. INCENTIVE AWARDS FOR CLASS REPRESENTATIVES AND ADDITIONAL PLAINTIFFS

Plaintiffs may petition the Court to approve Incentive Awards in an amount up to \$10,000.00 for Ana Miranda Mendoza and \$10,000.00 for Maria Garcia to acknowledge their efforts on behalf of the Settlement Class in this Action, including assisting in the investigation and consulting with Class Counsel and providing crucial documents to Class Counsel.

Plaintiffs may further petition the Court to approve Incentive Awards in an amount up to \$1,000.00 each (for a total of \$47,000.00) to Alberto Adrian Lagunas Roman, Alberto Martinez Cruz, Antonia Castanon, Araceli Gonzales Macias, Arturo De La Rosa, Asminda Ramirez, Aureo Cardenas, Blanca Hernandez, Carlos Linares, Cipriana Estrada Rodriguez, Daniel Anthony Lopez, David Alvarado, Deyanira Lopez Silva, Elvia Roman Navarro, Estefania Rodriguez Reyes, Fernando Palua, Georgina Huaste, Gerardo Rojas Baez, Giovanni Reyna, Guadalupe Sosa, Jaime Ortiz Ruiz, Jesus Graciano, Jorge Gonzalez, Jose Manuel Martinez, Jose Samayoa, Juan Galaha, Juan Pablo Reyna Salas, Leonardo De Jesus, Lourdes Flores Mendoza, Lucrecia Morales, Margarita Diaz, Margarito Ortiz Garcia, Maria Arevalo, Maria Hernandez Corrales, Maria Isabel Villa Cruz, Maria Mejia, Maria Nava, Maria Ruiz Cervantes, Norwa Reyna, Rain Logan Ford, Ricardo Nunez, Rosalba Tinoco, Sabino Dominguez, Silvia Burrou Adrade, Victor Antonio, and Yesenia Mayo (“Additional Plaintiffs”), to acknowledge their efforts on behalf of the Settlement Class in this Action, including assisting in the investigation and consulting with Class Counsel and providing crucial documents to Class Counsel.

Defendants shall not oppose any request by Plaintiffs for Incentive Awards in such an amount. Any Incentive Award approved by the Court shall be paid to the Class Representatives and Additional

1 Plaintiffs from the Gross Settlement Amount and shall be in addition to any distribution to which they
2 may otherwise be entitled as a Class Participant. Any Incentive Award approved by the Court shall not
3 be considered wages, and the Settlement Administrator shall issue to Plaintiffs an IRS Form 1099
4 reflecting such payment. Class Representatives and Additional Plaintiffs outlined above shall be
5 responsible for the payment of all taxes with respect to any Incentive Award approved by the Court
6 and shall hold Defendants harmless from all liability with regard thereto.

7 **5.3. PAYMENT TO CLASS PARTICIPANTS**

8 Each Class Participant shall be eligible to receive payment of the Individual Settlement
9 Amount, which is a share of the Net Settlement Amount based on the pro rata number of weeks worked
10 by the Class Members during the Class Period as a proportion of all weeks worked by all Class
11 Members. Each Class Participant, including Plaintiffs, shall be responsible for the payment of the
12 Employee's Taxes and Required Withholding with respect to his or her Individual Settlement Amount
13 and shall hold Defendants harmless from any and all liability with regard thereto.

14 **5.4. PAYMENT TO PAGA SETTLEMENT CLASS**

15 Each member of the PAGA Settlement Class shall be entitled to receive a portion of the PAGA
16 Payment. The PAGA Payment shall consist of the penalties pursuant to PAGA that the Parties have
17 agreed is a reasonable sum to be paid in settlement of the PAGA claims included in the Action, which
18 is \$150,000.00. The PAGA Payment must be approved by the Court pursuant to Labor Code section
19 2699 and is to be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) (i.e., \$112,500.00) to the LWDA
20 and twenty-five percent (25%) (i.e., \$37,500.00) to the PAGA Settlement Class. The portion of the
21 PAGA Payment allocated to the PAGA Settlement Class shall be distributed to the PAGA Settlement
22 Class based on the pro rata number of pay periods worked by each particular PAGA Settlement Class
23 member during the PAGA Period as a proportion of all pay periods worked by all members of the
24 PAGA Settlement Class.

25 **5.5. TAX TREATMENT AND PAYMENT**

26 For the purpose of calculating Employee's Taxes and Required Withholding for the Individual
27 Settlement Amounts for Class Participants (including any payments to the Class Representatives but
28 exclusive of their Incentive Award), the Parties agree that 20% of each Individual Settlement Amount

1 shall constitute payment in the form of wages (and each Class Participant will be issued an IRS Form
2 W-2 for such payment to him or her), and 80% of each Individual Settlement Amount shall constitute
3 penalties and interest (and each Class Participant will be issued an IRS Form 1099 for such payment
4 to him or her). Prior to final distribution, the Settlement Administrator shall calculate the total
5 Employee's Taxes and Required Withholding due as a result of the wage portion of Class Participants'
6 anticipated Individual Settlement Amounts and such actual amount will be deducted from the Net
7 Settlement Amount. Additionally, prior to the funding of the Gross Settlement Amount and final
8 distribution, the Settlement Administrator shall calculate the total Employer's Taxes due on the wage
9 portion of the Class Participants' Individual Settlement Amounts and issue instructions to Defendant
10 to separately fund these tax obligations/withholdings. The Parties understand that Plaintiffs and the
11 Class Participants who receive any payment pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be solely
12 responsible for all other individual tax obligations.

13 With respect to the PAGA Payment and any payments made to individual members of the
14 PAGA Settlement Class, all such payments shall be treated as payments owing for penalties and interest
15 thereon and shall not be considered wages. The Settlement Administrator shall issue to members of the
16 PAGA Settlement Class an IRS Form 1099 reflecting such payment. Members of the PAGA Settlement
17 Class shall be solely responsible for the payment of all taxes with respect to any PAGA payments made
18 to them.

19 **5.6. NO EFFECT ON EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

20 Neither the Class Settlement nor any amounts paid under the Class Settlement will modify any
21 previously credited hours, days, or weeks of service under any employee benefit plan, policy or bonus
22 program sponsored by Defendants. Such amounts will not form the basis for additional contributions
23 to, benefits under, or any other monetary entitlement under Defendants' sponsored benefit plans,
24 policies, or bonus programs. The payments made under the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall
25 not be applied retroactively, currently, or on a going forward basis, as salary, earnings, wages, or any
26 other form of compensation for the purposes of any of Defendants' benefit plan, policy, or bonus
27 program. Defendants retain the right to modify the language of its benefits plans, policies, and bonus
28 programs to reflect this intent and to make clear that any amounts paid pursuant to this Settlement

1 Agreement are not for “weeks worked,” “weeks paid,” “weeks of service,” or any similar measuring
2 term as defined by applicable plans, policies, and bonus programs for purpose of eligibility, vesting,
3 benefit accrual, or any other purpose, and that additional contributions or benefits are not required by
4 this Settlement Agreement. Defendants do not consider the Class Settlement payments “compensation”
5 for purposes of determining eligibility for, or benefit accrual within, any benefit plans, policies, or
6 bonus programs, or any other plan sponsored by Defendants.

7 **5.7. CLASS ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES**

8 As part of the motion for final approval of the Class Settlement, Class Counsel may apply for
9 an award of Class Attorney Fees and Expenses with the fee portion not to exceed one-third of the Gross
10 Settlement Amount (i.e., \$1,223,644.35) and the award of costs and expenses up to an additional
11 \$50,000.00. Defendants agree to not object to any such fee, cost, or expense application in those
12 amounts.

13 As a condition of this Class Settlement, Class Counsel has agreed to pursue fees only in the
14 manner reflected by this subsection. Any Class Attorney Fees and Expenses awarded by the Court shall
15 be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount prior to arriving at the Net Settlement Amount and shall
16 not constitute payment to any Class Members. If Class Counsel voluntarily reduces the request for
17 Class Attorney Fees and Expenses or the Court’s award of Class Attorney Fees and Expenses is less
18 than set forth above, the Net Settlement Amount shall be recalculated to reflect the actual Class
19 Attorney Fees and Expenses awarded.

20 The Class Attorney Fees and Expenses approved by the Court shall reflect: **(a)** all work
21 performed and costs and expenses incurred by, or at the direction of, any attorney purporting to
22 represent the Settlement Class through the date of this Settlement Agreement; **(b)** all work to be
23 performed and costs to be incurred in connection with approval by the Court of the Class Settlement;
24 **(c)** all work to be performed and costs and expenses, if any, incurred in connection with administering
25 the Class Settlement through the Effective Date and dismissal of the Action with prejudice; and **(d)** may
26 be based on the “catalyst theory” and/or the “common fund doctrine.”
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1 **6. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

2 **6.1. COSTS AND EXPENSES**

3 All costs and expenses due to the Settlement Administrator in connection with its administration
4 of the Class Settlement, including, but not limited to, providing the Class Notice, locating Class
5 Members, processing Opt Out requests and objections, distributing the portion of the PAGA Payment
6 payable to the LWDA, distributing the portion of the PAGA Payment payable to the members of the
7 PAGA Settlement Class, and calculating, administering and distributing Individual Settlement
8 Amounts to the Class Participants and related tax forms, shall be paid from the Gross Settlement
9 Amount, and is not expected to exceed \$100,000.00.

10 **6.2. PAYMENT BY DEFENDANT**

11 Defendants shall deposit the Gross Settlement Amount in a lump sum payment plus the
12 employer-side payroll taxes to the Settlement Administrator within fourteen (14) days of the Effective
13 Date. In no event shall Defendants be obligated to pay or deposit with the Settlement Administrator
14 more than \$3,670,933.04 plus the Employer's Taxes, except where the Escalator Provision is triggered.

15 **7. NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS AND CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION PROCESS**

16 **7.1. THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

17 The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for: mailing the Class Notice and Share Form
18 (**Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**, respectively) to Class Members; posting notice of entry of final order and
19 judgment certifying the Class Settlement and approving this Settlement Agreement; handling inquiries
20 from Class Members concerning the Class Notice; determining Individual Settlement Amounts;
21 determining individual payments to members of the PAGA Settlement Class; maintaining the
22 settlement funds in an appropriate interest-bearing account; preparing, administering, and distributing
23 Individual Settlement Amounts to Class Participants; preparing, administering, and distributing
24 individual payments to members of the PAGA Settlement Class; distributing the portion of the PAGA
25 Payment payable to the LWDA; issuing a final report and performing such other duties as the Parties
26 may direct. Additionally, the Settlement Administrator will handle all tax document preparation and
27 reporting, including state and federal tax forms, if any.

On a weekly basis, the Settlement Administrator will provide reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with summary information updating them as to the number of validated and timely objections and Opt Out requests. The Settlement Administrator will serve on Class Counsel and Defense Counsel via e-mail date-stamped copies of the original Opt Out requests and objections no later than seven (7) days after their receipt. The Settlement Administrator will provide Class Counsel with proof of mailing of the Class Notice, without listing individual Class Member names which the Settlement Administrator will file with the Court at the time Class Counsel files its motion in support of the Court's Final Approval and Fairness Hearing.

No later than thirty (30) days prior to the Final Approval and Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will compile and deliver to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel a report with summary information regarding: **(a)** the total amount of final Individual Settlement Amounts of each Class Participant, without any identifying personal information; **(b)** the number of Class Participants to receive such payments, and **(c)** the final number of Opt-Outs and objections.

Administrative Expenses are not anticipated to exceed \$100,000.00. Prior to the calculation and distribution of the Individual Settlement Amounts, the Settlement Administrator shall calculate the total Administrative Expenses through the conclusion of their services and such actual amount will be deducted from the Gross Settlement Amount prior to the final calculation of the Individual Settlement Amounts.

7.2. NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS

Notice shall be provided to Class Members in the following manner: Within fourteen (14) days after the Preliminary Approval Date, Defendant shall provide the Settlement Administrator with an updated list of Class Members and members of the PAGA Settlement Class containing names, social security numbers, dates of employment, last-known addresses, and phone numbers (the "Database"). The Database shall be marked "Confidential – Settlement Administrator's Eyes Only." Class Counsel shall not receive a copy of this list.

Within twenty-eight (28) days following the Preliminary Approval Date, the Settlement Administrator shall determine the number of workweeks worked by each Class Member, populate the data for each Class Member accordingly, and send each Class Member the Class Notice via first-class,

1 United States mail. The Class Notice shall also contain an easily-understood statement alerting the
2 Class Members that, unless they elect to Opt Out of the Class Settlement, the Class Member is releasing
3 and waiving all Released Claims against the Released Parties.

4 The Class Notice will inform Class Members of their estimated share of the settlement and the
5 number of workweeks they worked during the Class Period. Class Members may dispute their
6 workweeks if they believe they worked more weeks in the Class Period than Defendant's records show
7 by submitting information to the Settlement Administrator no later than forty-five (45) days after being
8 mailed the Class Notice and Share Form by the Settlement Administrator, which is the defined
9 Response Deadline. The Settlement Administrator will jointly work with Plaintiffs and Defendant to
10 resolve the dispute in good faith. If Plaintiffs and Defendant cannot agree over the workweeks to be
11 credited, the Settlement Administrator shall make the final decision based on the information presented
12 by the Class Member and Defendant.

13 **7.3. OPT OUT PROCEDURE**

14 Class Members who do not timely Opt Out of the Class Settlement will be deemed to participate
15 in the Class Settlement and shall become Class Participants without having to submit a claim form or
16 take any other action. To Opt Out of the Class Settlement, the Class Member must submit a letter or
17 postcard to the Settlement Administrator by the Response Deadline. The Opt Out request must state
18 the Class Member's name, address, telephone number, and signature. The Opt Out request should state
19 something to the effect of:

20 "I WISH TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS IN THE *ANA*
21 *MIRANDA MENDOZA, ET AL. V. RICH & FAMOUS, INC. DBA BIG GREEN*
22 *CLEANING COMPANY* LAWSUIT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I ASK TO BE
23 EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, I WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY
24 MONEY FROM THE CLASS SETTLEMENT OF THIS LAWSUIT AND WILL NOT
25 BE RELEASING ANY CLAIMS I MIGHT HAVE."

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27 Any Opt Out request that is not postmarked by the Response Deadline will be invalid. If prior
28 to the Response Deadline any Class Notice mailed to a Class Member is returned as having been

1 undelivered by the United States Postal Service, the Settlement Administrator shall perform a skip trace
2 search and seek an address correction for such Class Members, and a second Class Notice will be sent
3 to any new or different address obtained.

4 It will be presumed that, if an envelope containing the Class Notice has not been returned within
5 thirty (30) days of the mailing, the Class Member received the Class Notice. At least twenty-one (21)
6 days prior to the Final Approval and Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator shall provide Class
7 Counsel and Defense Counsel with a Declaration of Due Diligence and Proof of Mailing with regard
8 to the mailing of the Class Notice and its attempts to locate Class Members. The declaration shall
9 specify the number of Class Members to whom the Class Notice was sent and the number of Class
10 Members to whom the Class Notice was not delivered, as well as information relating to the number
11 of Opt-Outs and objectors. Class Counsel shall file this declaration with the Court.

12 If the Settlement Administrator determines that an Opt Out request returned by a Class Member
13 before the Response Deadline is deficient, then the Settlement Administrator shall mail a deficiency
14 letter to that Class Member identifying the problem. If a Class Member submits both a dispute and an
15 Opt Out request, the Settlement Administrator shall make reasonable attempts to clarify as if the Opt
16 Out request were deficient. If the Class Member fails to cure the deficiency, the Opt Out request shall
17 be disregarded and the claim will be paid, and the Class Member will become bound by the judgment.

18 Class Participants will be bound by the Release of Released Claims set forth in the definition
19 of "Released Claims" provided in this Settlement Agreement.

20 A request to Opt Out of the Class Settlement shall **not** serve to exclude the Class Member from
21 participation in the PAGA Settlement Class. Opt-Outs shall still be entitled to their share of the PAGA
22 Payment. Class Members who are also members of the PAGA Settlement Class shall have no right or
23 ability to opt out of the portion of this Settlement Agreement releasing PAGA claims.

24 **7.4. OBJECTION PROCEDURE**

25 The Class Notice shall inform the Class Members of their right to object to the Class Settlement
26 if they do not Opt Out. Any Class Participants who wish to object to the Class Settlement may submit
27 a written objection to the Settlement Administrator no later than the Response Deadline. Only Class
28 Participants may object to the Settlement. The objection should include the case name and number and

must set forth, in clear and concise terms, a statement of the reasons why the objector believes that the Court should find that the proposed Class Settlement is not in the best interest of the Settlement Class and the reasons why the Class Settlement should not be approved, including the legal and factual arguments supporting the objection. If an objector also wishes to appear at the Final Approval and Fairness Hearing, in person or through an attorney, they may do so. The Settlement Administrator will promptly serve copies of any objection or notice of intention to appear on Class Counsel and Defense Counsel. Class Members wishing to make an objection may appear at the Final Approval and Fairness Hearing, either in person or through a lawyer retained at their own expense.

7.5. NOTICE OF FINAL JUDGMENT

Within seven (7) days after the Court has held a Final and Fairness Approval Hearing and entered a final order certifying the Class for settlement purposes only and approving the Class Settlement, the Settlement Administrator will give notice of judgment to Class Members pursuant to rule 3.771(b) of the California Rules of Court, by posting a copy of said order and final judgment on its website at a web address to be included in the Class Notice.

8. CLASS SETTLEMENT FUNDING AND DISTRIBUTION

8.1. ALLOCATION OF THE GROSS SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

The claims of all Class Members are settled for the Gross Settlement Amount of \$3,670,933.04, which will be allocated as follows:

1. The Administrative Expenses, estimated not to exceed \$100,000.00;
2. Class Counsel's attorney fees not to exceed \$1,223,644.35;
3. Class Counsel's litigation costs and expenses not to exceed \$50,000.00;
4. The Incentive Awards to the Class Representatives, not to exceed \$20,000.00;
5. The Incentive Awards to the Additional Plaintiffs, not to exceed \$47,000.00; and
6. PAGA Payment to LWDA of \$112,500.00.

For purposes of calculating the estimated Individual Settlement Amounts, the Settlement Administrator shall calculate the estimated Net Settlement Amount based on the estimated values provided above prior to sending Notice to the Class Members. Prior to final distribution, the Settlement

1 Administrator shall recalculate the final Net Settlement Amount based on the actual values of the
2 amounts in each category.

3 **8.2. CALCULATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS FOR**
4 **CLASS PARTICIPANTS**

5 Individual Settlement Amounts to be paid to Class Participants shall be paid from the Net
6 Settlement Amount. The portion of the Net Settlement Amount shall be distributed pro rata on a
7 “checks cashed” basis based on the proportional number of weeks worked by each Class Member
8 during the Class Period.

9 Defendants will provide the Settlement Administrator with any information reasonably
10 necessary to perform the calculation of number of workweeks for each Class Member, and any other
11 reasonably required information the Settlement Administrator requests to perform the calculations
12 required under this Settlement Agreement. Defendants shall have no responsibility for deciding the
13 validity of the Individual Settlement Amounts or any other payments made pursuant to this Settlement
14 Agreement, shall have no involvement in or responsibility for the determination or payment of
15 Employee’s Taxes and Required Withholding, and shall have no liability for any errors made with
16 respect to such Employee’s Taxes and Required Withholding. Although the Settlement Administrator
17 will calculate and pay the standard Employee’s Taxes and Required Withholding on the portion of the
18 Individual Settlement Amounts constituting wages on their behalf, Plaintiffs and Class Participants
19 represent and understand that they shall be solely responsible for any and all tax obligation associated
20 with their respective Individual Settlement Amounts and Incentive Awards.

21 **8.3. CALCULATION OF THE PAYMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF**
22 **THE PAGA SETTLEMENT CLASS**

23 Each member of the PAGA Settlement Class shall be entitled to receive a portion of the PAGA
24 Payment. The PAGA Payment shall consist of the penalties pursuant to PAGA that the Parties have
25 agreed is a reasonable sum to be paid in settlement of the PAGA claims included in the Action, which
26 is \$150,000.00. The PAGA Payment is to be approved by the Court pursuant to Labor Code section
27 2699 and is to be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) (i.e., \$112,500.00) to the LWDA
28 and twenty-five percent (25%) (i.e., \$37,500.00) to the PAGA Settlement Class.

1 The portion of the PAGA Payment allocated to the PAGA Settlement Class shall be distributed
2 to the PAGA Settlement Class based on the pro rata number of pay periods worked by each particular
3 PAGA Settlement Class member during the PAGA Period as a proportion of all pay periods worked
4 by all PAGA Settlement Class members during the PAGA Period. Each member of the PAGA
5 Settlement Class, including Plaintiffs, shall be responsible for the payment of the Employee's Taxes
6 and Required Withholding with respect to their share of the PAGA Payment and shall hold Defendant
7 harmless from any and all liability with regard thereto.

8 Defendants will provide the Settlement Administrator with any information reasonably
9 necessary to perform the calculation of number of pay periods worked for each PAGA Settlement Class
10 member, and any other reasonably required information the Settlement Administrator requests to
11 perform the calculations required under this Settlement Agreement. Defendants shall have no
12 responsibility for deciding the validity of the individual payment amounts allocated to each member of
13 the PAGA Settlement Class or any other payments made pursuant to this Settlement Agreement, shall
14 have no involvement in or responsibility for the determination or payment of Employee's Taxes and
15 Required Withholding, and shall have no liability for any errors made with respect to such Employee's
16 Taxes and Required Withholding.

17 The members of the PAGA Settlement Class shall be solely responsible for any and all tax
18 obligation associated with their respective shares of the PAGA Payment.

19 **8.4. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES**

20 The Settlement Administrator shall distribute to Class Counsel any attorney fees and expenses
21 approved by the Court no later than twenty-one (21) days after the Effective Date.

22 **8.5. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF INCENTIVE AWARD**

23 The Settlement Administrator shall distribute to Class Representatives and Additional Plaintiffs
24 the Incentive Award approved by the Court no later than twenty-one (21) days after the Effective Date.

25 **8.6. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF PAGA PAYMENT TO THE LWDA**

26 The Settlement Administrator shall distribute to the LWDA the portion of the PAGA Payment
27 due to it and approved by the Court no later than twenty-one (21) days after the Effective Date.
28

**8.7. TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES AND REQUIRED WITHHOLDING AND
INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNTS**

The Settlement Administrator shall make every effort to pay the Employee's Taxes and Required Withholding associated with each Class Participant's Individual Settlement Amount and mail the Individual Settlement Amount to each Class Participant, by first-class United States mail, to the last-known address no later than twenty-one (21) days after the Effective Date. If the Settlement Administrator is not able to do so within the time period set forth above, it shall so inform Class Counsel and Defense Counsel and provide an approximate date by which the Employee's Taxes and Required Withholding shall be paid and the Individual Settlement Amounts will be mailed. Under no circumstances shall the Settlement Administrator distribute checks to Class Participants until all Individual Settlement Amounts have been considered, calculated, and accounted for, and all of the remaining monetary obligations have been calculated and accounted for.

Within two hundred ten (210) days of mailing the Individual Settlement Amounts to Class Participants, the Settlement Administrator shall file with the Court and provide to Class Counsel a declaration of payment. If any Class Participant is deceased, payment shall be made payable to the estate of that Class Member and delivered to the executor or administrator of that estate, unless the Settlement Administrator has received an affidavit or declaration pursuant to California Probate Code section 13101, in which case payment shall be made to the affiant(s) or declarant(s).

8.8. NON-CASHED SETTLEMENT CHECKS

Any funds associated with checks that have not been cashed within one hundred eighty (180) days, will become void and the Individual Settlement Amount associated with the uncashed check will be remitted pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 384 to either (a) The Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara (FSA) or (b) the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County. The Parties agree that this disposition results in no "unpaid residue" within the meaning of California Civil Procedure Code section 384, as the entire Net Settlement Amount will be paid out to Class Participants, whether or not they all cash their Individual Settlement Amount checks. Therefore, Defendants shall not be required to pay any interest on said amount. For the purposes of determining whether Defendants have met their financial obligation to pay the Individual Settlement Payment, Defendants will be deemed to

1 have fulfilled its obligation upon the mailing of the check to the Class Member, regardless of whether
2 such Class Member subsequently negotiates the check.

3 **8.9. DISPUTES REGARDING CLASS MEMBER WORKWEEKS DATA OR**
4 **PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT SHARES**

5 Class Member Workweeks and the corresponding Individual Settlement Amount shall be
6 calculated using the employment and payroll records of Defendants, which presumptively shall be
7 deemed to be full, complete, and accurate for purposes of this Settlement Agreement. To overcome
8 that presumption, any Class Member objecting to the accuracy of the number of Workweeks or amount
9 of the Individual Settlement Amount must submit documentary evidence, such as pay stubs or other
10 written employment records, to the Settlement Administrator. Each Class Member may dispute the
11 number of Workweeks or their estimated Individual Settlement Amount contained on their Class
12 Notice ("Workweeks Dispute"). Any such Workweeks Dispute must be mailed or faxed to the
13 Settlement Administrator by the Class Member, postmarked or fax-stamped on or before the Response
14 Deadline. The Settlement Administrator shall immediately provide copies of all disputes to counsel for
15 Defendants, shall inform Class Counsel of the dispute without disclosing the identity of the Class
16 Member making the dispute, and shall immediately attempt to resolve all such disputes directly with
17 relevant Class Members with the assistance of Defendants, Defense Counsel, and Class Counsel. If the
18 dispute cannot be resolved, it shall be submitted to the Settlement Administrator for its final, non-
19 appealable decision. The Settlement Administrator shall use its best efforts to resolve all such disputes
20 prior to the Effective Date. If, however, a dispute arises or is not resolved until after the Settlement
21 Amount has been distributed, the initial calculation shall stand (as Defendants shall be under no
22 obligation to pay any amounts in excess of the Gross Settlement Amount under this Settlement
23 Agreement).

24 **9. NULLIFICATION OF THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

25 **9.1. NON-APPROVAL OF THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

26 The Class Settlement and conditional class certification shall be considered null and void, and
27 neither the Class Settlement, conditional class certification, nor any of the related negotiations or
28 proceedings, shall be of any force or effect, and all Parties to the Class Settlement shall stand in the

1 same position, without prejudice, as if the Class Settlement had been neither entered into nor filed with
 2 the Court, if any of the following occur: **(a)** the Court should for any reason fail to approve this
 3 Settlement Agreement in the form agreed to by the Parties; **(b)** the Court should for any reason fail to
 4 enter a judgment with prejudice of the Action, or **(c)** the approval of the Class Settlement and judgment
 5 is reversed, modified, or declared or rendered void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties may
 6 attempt in good faith to cure any perceived defects in this Settlement Agreement to facilitate approval.

7 **9.2. PARTIES' RIGHTS TO VOID CLASS SETTLEMENT; ESCALATOR** 8 **PROVISION**

9 If 10% or more members of the Settlement Class timely submit Opt Out requests, Defendant(s)
 10 shall have the right (but not the obligation) to void the settlement described in this MOU. If the number
 11 of workweeks worked by the Class Members during the Class Period is 218,184 then the GSA shall be
 12 increased proportionately for each additional Workweek above 218,184. If this provision is triggered
 13 so as to increase the GSA, the Parties agree that the portion of the GSA allocated to attorneys' fees will
 14 increase proportionally such that the total amount of attorneys' fees remains one-third of the GSA after
 15 the upward adjustment required by this provision is implemented.

16 **9.3. INVALIDATION**

17 Invalidation of any material portion of this Settlement Agreement shall invalidate the Class
 18 Settlement in its entirety, unless the Parties subsequently agree in writing that the remaining provisions
 19 of the Class Settlement are to remain in full force and effect.

20 **9.4. STAY ON APPEAL**

21 If a timely appeal from the approval of the Class Settlement and judgment, the judgment shall
 22 be stayed, and Defendants shall not be obligated to fund the Gross Settlement Amount or take any other
 23 actions required by this Settlement Agreement until all appeal rights have been exhausted by operation
 24 of law.

25 **10. MOTIONS FOR COURT APPROVAL**

26 **10.1. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

27 As soon as practicable after execution of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel will submit
 28 this Settlement Agreement to the Court along with a Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class

1 Settlement. Each party shall cooperate to present the Class Settlement to the Court for preliminary
2 approval in a timely fashion.

3 **10.2. FINAL APPROVAL**

4 The Final Approval and Fairness Hearing shall be held before the Court. At the Final Approval
5 and Fairness Hearing, Plaintiffs shall move the Court for the entry of the final order certifying the
6 Settlement Class for settlement purposes only and approving the Class Settlement as being fair,
7 reasonable, and adequate to the Class Participants within the meaning of California Rules of Court,
8 Rule 3.769, subdivisions (c), (d) and (e), and for the entry of a final judgment of the Action consistent
9 with the terms of the Class Settlement and rule 3.769, subdivision (h), of the California Rules of Court.
10 Class Counsel and Defense Counsel shall submit to the Court such pleadings and/or evidence as may
11 be required for the Court's determination.

12 **11. RELEASES AND WAIVERS**

13 **11.1. RELEASE OF CLAIMS BY THE SETTLEMENT CLASS**

14 Upon the Effective Date, the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to each release the Released
15 Parties, and each of them, of and from any and all Released Claims arising during the Class Period. It
16 is the desire of the Parties and the Releasing Parties to fully, finally, and forever settle, compromise,
17 and discharge the Released Claims. Each of the Releasing Parties, including each Class Participant,
18 will be bound by the release of Released Claims as a result of the Class Settlement and to the terms of
19 the final judgment and the satisfaction of such judgment.

20 Class Participants will be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that their claims for wages
21 and/or penalties in the Action are disputed, and that their Individual Settlement Amount constitutes
22 payment of all sums allegedly due to them. Class Participants will be deemed to have acknowledged
23 and agreed that California Labor Code section 206.5 is not applicable to the Individual Settlement
24 Amount. That section provides in pertinent part as follows:

1 “An employer shall not require the execution of a release of a claim or right on account
2 of wages due, or to become due, or made as an advance on wages to be earned, unless
3 payment of those wages has been made.”

4 **11.2. RELEASE OF CLAIMS BY PLAINTIFFS**

5 Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and their dependents, heirs and assigns, beneficiaries,
6 devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, agents, trustees, conservators, guardians, personal
7 representatives, and successors-in-interest, whether individual, class, representative, legal, equitable,
8 direct or indirect, or any other type or in any other capacity, shall and does hereby forever release,
9 discharge and agree to hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all charges, complaints, claims,
10 liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, damages, actions, causes of action, suits,
11 rights, demands, costs, losses, debts and expenses (including attorney fees and costs), known or
12 unknown, at law or in equity, which they may now have or may have after the signing of this Settlement
13 Agreement, arising out of or in any way connected with their employment with Defendants including,
14 the Released Claims, claims that were asserted or could have been asserted in the Complaint, and any
15 and all transactions, occurrences, or matters between the Parties occurring prior to the date this
16 Settlement Agreement is fully executed. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this release
17 shall include, but not be limited to, any and all claims under: **(a)** the Americans with Disabilities Act;
18 **(b)** Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; **(c)** the Civil Rights Act of 1991; **(d)** 42 U.S.C. § 1981;
19 **(e)** the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; **(f)** the Fair Labor Standards Act; **(g)** the Equal Pay
20 Act; **(h)** the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended; **(i)** the Consolidated Omnibus
21 Budget Reconciliation Act; **(j)** the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; **(k)** the Family and Medical Leave Act;
22 **(l)** the Civil Rights Act of 1966; **(m)** the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; **(n)** the
23 California Constitution; **(o)** the California Labor Code; **(p)** the California Government Code; **(q)** the
24 California Civil Code; and **(r)** any and all other federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances,
25 regulations, rules, and other laws, and any and all claims based on constitutional, statutory, common
26 law, or regulatory grounds as well as any other claims based on theories of wrongful or constructive
27 discharge, breach of contract or implied contract, fraud, misrepresentation, promissory estoppel, or
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1 intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress, or damages under
2 any other federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, regulations, rules, or laws. This release is for any
3 and all relief, no matter how denominated, including, but not limited to, back pay, front pay, vacation
4 pay, bonuses, compensatory damages, tortious damages, liquidated damages, punitive damages,
5 damages for pain and suffering, and attorney fees and costs, and Plaintiffs hereby forever releases,
6 discharges and agrees to hold harmless Defendants and the Released Parties from any and all claims
7 for attorney fees and costs arising out of the matters released in this Settlement Agreement.

8 Plaintiffs specifically acknowledge that they are aware of and familiar with the provisions of
9 California Civil Code section 1542, which provides as follows:

10 “A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not
11 know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that,
12 if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the
13 debtor or released party.”
14

15 Plaintiffs, being aware of California Civil Code section 1542, hereby expressly waives and
16 relinquishes all rights and benefits they may have under section 1542 as well as any other statutes or
17 common law principles of a similar effect. Plaintiffs may hereafter discover facts in addition to or
18 different from those which they now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of
19 all the claims referenced herein, but agrees that, upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs shall and hereby
20 does fully, finally, and forever settle and release any and all claims against the Released Parties, known
21 or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, that were asserted or could have
22 been asserted upon any theory of law or equity without regard to the subsequent discovery of existence
23 of such different or additional facts.

24 **11.3. CIRCULAR 230 DISCLAIMER**

25 Each party to this Settlement Agreement (for purposes of this section, the “Acknowledging
26 Party”; and each party to this Agreement other than the Acknowledging Party, an “Other Party”)
27 acknowledges and agrees that **(1)** no provision of this Settlement Agreement, and no written
28 communication or disclosure between or among the parties or their attorneys and other advisers, is or

was intended to be, nor shall any such communication or disclosure constitute or be construed or be relied upon as, tax advice within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 C.F.R. Part 10); **(2)** the Acknowledging Party **(a)** has relied exclusively upon her or its own independent legal and tax advisers for advice (including tax advice) in connection with this Settlement Agreement, **(b)** has not entered into this Settlement Agreement based upon the recommendation of any other party or any attorney or advisor to any other party, and **(c)** is not entitled to rely upon any communication or disclosure by any attorney or advisor to any other party to avoid any tax penalty that may be imposed on the Acknowledging Party; and **(3)** no attorney or advisor to any other party has imposed any limitation that protects the confidentiality of any such attorney's or adviser's tax strategies (regardless of whether such limitation is legally binding) upon disclosure by the Acknowledging Party of the tax treatment or tax structure of any transaction, including any transaction contemplated by this Settlement Agreement.

12. DUTIES OF THE PARTIES

12.1. MUTUAL FULL COOPERATION

The Parties agree to cooperate fully with one another to accomplish and implement the terms of this Settlement Agreement. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, execution of such other documents and the taking of such other actions as may reasonably be necessary to fulfill the terms of this Settlement Agreement. The Parties shall use their best efforts, including all efforts contemplated by this Settlement Agreement and any other efforts that may become necessary by court order or otherwise, to effectuate this Settlement Agreement and the terms set forth herein. As soon as practicable after execution of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel, with the cooperation of Defendants and Defense Counsel, shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to secure the Court's final approval of this Settlement Agreement.

12.2. DUTY TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CLASS SETTLEMENT

The Parties agree to abide by all of the terms of this Settlement Agreement in good faith and to support the Class Settlement fully and to use their best efforts to defend this Class Settlement from any legal challenge, whether by appeal or collateral attack.

1 **12.3. DUTIES PRIOR TO COURT APPROVAL**

2 Class Counsel shall promptly submit this Settlement Agreement to the Court for preliminary
3 approval and determination by the Court as to its fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness. Promptly
4 upon execution of this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel shall apply to the Court for the entry of a
5 preliminary order scheduling a hearing on the question of whether the proposed Class Settlement
6 should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to the Class Members, approving as to form
7 and content the proposed Class Notice and Share Form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2**,
8 respectively, and directing the mailing of the Class Notice to Class Members. While Defendants can
9 reserve its right to object to facts or assertions made in the moving papers, Defense Counsel shall file
10 a notice of non-opposition to the granting of the motion for preliminary approval or join in the motion.

11 **13. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

12 **13.1. VOIDING THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

13 Pending Court approval and other than as provided herein, if any of the conditions set forth in
14 this Settlement Agreement are not met and satisfied, this Settlement Agreement may, at the option of
15 either Plaintiffs or Defendants, be ineffective, void, and of no further force and effect, and may not be
16 used or be admissible in any subsequent proceeding, either in this Court or in any other court or forum.
17 If either Party decides to void the Settlement Agreement, then the Settlement Agreement and
18 conditional class certification shall be considered void, and neither the Settlement Agreement,
19 conditional class certification, nor any of the related negotiations or proceedings, shall be of any force
20 or effect, and the Parties shall stand in the same position, without prejudice, as if this Settlement
21 Agreement had been neither entered into nor filed with the Court. Should any Party choose to void the
22 Class Settlement under this subsection, such Party shall be responsible for all Settlement Administrator
23 fees and costs actually incurred.

24 **13.2. DIFFERENT FACTS**

25 The Parties acknowledge that, except for matters expressly represented herein, the facts in
26 relation to the dispute and all claims released by the terms of this Settlement Agreement may turn out
27 to be different from the facts now known by each party and/or its counsel, or believed by such Party or
28 counsel to be true, and each Party therefore expressly assumes the risk of the existence of different or

1 presently unknown facts, and agrees that this Settlement Agreement shall be in all respects effective
2 and binding despite such difference.

3 **13.3. NO PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS**

4 The Parties represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned,
5 transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity any
6 portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right herein released and discharged
7 except as set forth herein.

8 **13.4. NON-ADMISSION**

9 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as or deemed to be an admission by
10 any Party of any liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing toward any other Party, or any other
11 person, and the Parties specifically disclaim any liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing
12 toward each other or any other person. Each of the Parties has entered into this Settlement Agreement
13 with the intention to avoid further disputes and litigation with the attendant inconvenience, expenses,
14 and contingencies. Nothing herein shall constitute any admission by Defendant of wrongdoing or
15 liability, or of the truth of any factual allegations in the Action. Nothing herein shall constitute any
16 admission by Defendants regarding the merits of the Claims in this Action, including but not limited
17 to claims for unpaid wages or violations under California or federal law. Nothing herein shall constitute
18 an admission by Defendants that the Action was properly brought as a class or representative action
19 other than for settlement purposes. To the contrary, Defendants have denied and continues to deny each
20 and every material factual allegation and all Claims. To this end, the Class Settlement of the Action,
21 the negotiation and execution of this Settlement Agreement, and all acts performed or documents
22 executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement or the Class Settlement are not,
23 shall not be deemed to be, and may not be used as, an admission or evidence of any wrongdoing or
24 liability on the part of Defendants or of the truth of any of the factual allegations in the Complaint in
25 the Action; and are not, shall not be deemed to be, and may not be used as, an admission or evidence
26 of any fault or omission on the part of Defendants in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding
27 in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal.
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13.5. NON-EVIDENTIARY USE

Neither this Agreement nor any of its terms, nor any statements or conduct in the negotiation or drafting of it, shall be offered or used as evidence by Plaintiffs, any Class Member (including any individual who requested to be excluded from the Settlement Class), Defendants, or its, her, his, or their respective counsel, in the Action, except as is reasonably necessary to effectuate the Settlement Agreement's purpose and terms. This Settlement Agreement may, however, be used by Defendants and the Released Parties to prove or defend against any claim released herein by any Class Member in any judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative, or governmental proceeding.

13.6. MEDIA OR PRESS

Plaintiffs and Defendants, and their respective counsel, recognize, accept, and agree that the Parties to this Settlement Agreement desire that the terms of this Settlement Agreement, the fact of the Class Settlement embodied in this Settlement Agreement, the disposition of the Action, the Action, and all matters relating to the litigation of the Action, including discovery proceedings therein, and evidence obtained during the course of the Action, shall not be discussed with or presented to the media or press.

13.7. NON-RETALIATION

Defendants understand and acknowledge that they have a legal obligation to not retaliate against any Class Member who elects to participate in the Class Settlement or elects to Opt Out of the Class Settlement. Defendants will refer any inquiries regarding this Class Settlement to the Settlement Administrator or Class Counsel and will not discourage Class Members who are employees, directly or indirectly, from making claims, opting out, or objecting to the Class Settlement. None of the Parties, or their respective attorneys or agents, shall solicit or encourage any Class Members, directly or indirectly, to Opt Out of the Class Settlement.

13.8. CONSTRUCTION

The Parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement are the result of lengthy, intensive, arms-length, non-collusive negotiations between the Parties and that this Settlement Agreement is not to be construed in favor of or against any party by reason of the extent to which any party or its counsel participated in the drafting of this Settlement Agreement. If any of the dates in this

1 Settlement Agreement fall on a weekend, bank or court holiday, the time to act shall be extended to the
2 next business day.

3 **13.9. GOVERNING LAW**

4 This Settlement Agreement is intended to and shall be governed by the laws of the State of
5 California, without regard to conflict of law principles, in all respects, including execution,
6 interpretation, performance, and enforcement.

7 **13.10. NOTICES**

8 Except for Class Member notices required to be made by the Settlement Administrator, all
9 notices or other communications required or permitted under this Settlement Agreement shall be in
10 writing and shall be sufficiently given if delivered in person to the party or their counsel by U.S.
11 certified mail, postage prepaid, e-mail, facsimile, or overnight delivery addressed to the address of the
12 party appearing in this Settlement Agreement.

13 **13.11. CAPTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

14 Section titles or captions contained herein are inserted as a matter of convenience and for
15 reference only and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this Settlement Agreement
16 or any provision thereof.

17 **13.12. MODIFICATION**

18 This Settlement Agreement may not be changed, altered, or modified, except in writing signed
19 by the Parties or the Parties' counsel on their behalf. If preliminary or final approval of this Settlement
20 Agreement has been granted by the Court, then any such amendments or modifications to this
21 Settlement Agreement shall be approved by the Court. This Settlement Agreement may not be
22 discharged except by performance in accordance with its terms or by a writing signed by the Parties.

23 **13.13. INTEGRATION CLAUSE**

24 This Settlement Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the
25 Class Settlement of the Action and the transactions contemplated thereby, and all prior or
26 contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral or written,
27 and whether by a party or such party's legal counsel, are hereby superseded. No rights under this
28 Settlement Agreement may be waived except in writing as provided above.

13.14. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Settlement Agreement shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the Parties and Class Members (excluding only persons who timely Opt Out) and their respective present and former heirs, trustees, executors, administrators, representatives, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, employees, insurers, attorneys, accountants, auditors, advisors, consultants, pension plans, welfare benefit plans, fiduciaries, parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, related companies, joint ventures, predecessors, successors, and assigns.

13.15. CORPORATE SIGNATORIES

Any person executing this Settlement Agreement or any such related document on behalf of a corporate signatory or on behalf of a partnership hereby warrants and promises, for the benefit of all Parties hereto, that such person has been duly authorized by such corporation or partnership to execute this Settlement Agreement or any such related document.

13.16. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS

This Settlement Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by all of the undersigned. The Parties may execute this Settlement Agreement in counterparts, and execution of counterparts shall have the same force and effect as if all Settling Parties had signed the same instrument.

13.17. ATTORNEY FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES

Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, each party shall bear her or its own attorney fees, costs, and expenses, taxable or otherwise, incurred by them in or arising out of the Action and shall not seek reimbursement thereof from any other party to this Settlement Agreement.

13.18. ACTION TO ENFORCE AGREEMENT

In any suit or court action to enforce the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover her or its attorney fees and costs.

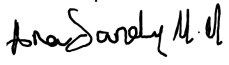
14. EXECUTION

The Parties and their counsel have executed this Settlement Agreement on the date below their signatures or the signature of their representatives. The date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the date of the latest signature.

APPROVAL AND EXECUTION BY PARTIES

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

Dated: 12/15/2025

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Ana Miranda Mendoza
Plaintiff and Class Representative

Dated: _____

Maria Garcia
Plaintiff and Class Representative

DEFENDANTS:

Dated: _____

Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning
Company

By: _____

Title: _____

Dated: _____

Allen Williams

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL

CLASS COUNSEL:

Dated: _____

Melmed Law Group P.C.

Laura Supanich
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

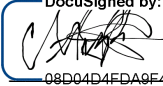
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CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

Dated: _____

Ana Miranda Mendoza
Plaintiff and Class Representative

Dated: 11/24/2025 _____

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Maria Garcia
Plaintiff and Class Representative

DEFENDANTS:

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Company

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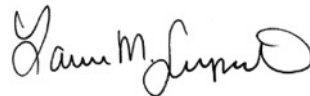
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CLASS COUNSEL:

Dated: 12/16/2025 _____

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Laura Supanich
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

APPROVAL AND EXECUTION BY PARTIES

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:

Dated: _____

Ana Miranda Mendoza
Plaintiff and Class Representative

Dated: _____

Maria Garcia
Plaintiff and Class Representative

DEFENDANTS:

Dated: 12/15/25

Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning
Company



By: ALLEN WILLIAMS

Title: PRESIDENT

Dated: 12/15/25


Allen Williams

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL

CLASS COUNSEL:

Dated: _____

Melmed Law Group P.C.

Laura Supanich
Attorneys for Plaintiffs

1 **DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL:**

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3 Dated: 12/16/2025

Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP



John Rubiner
Attorneys for Defendant

EXHIBIT 1

Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement

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5 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
6 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

7 ANA MIRANDA MENDOZA and MARIA
8 GARCIA, individuals on behalf of themselves,
9 the State of California, as private attorneys
10 general, and on behalf of all others similarly
11 situated,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 RICH & FAMOUS, INC. DBA BIG GREEN
14 CLEANING COMPANY, a California
15 corporation; and DOES 1 TO 50,

16 Defendants.
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Case No.: 20CV04009

Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement

18 *A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*
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1 **NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

2 *You may be eligible to receive a settlement payment. Please read this notice carefully.*

3 A proposed class action settlement agreement (the “Settlement”) has been reached between:
4 **(1)** Plaintiffs Ana Miranda Mendoza and Maria Garcia (collectively “Plaintiffs”), individually and in
5 their representative capacity on behalf of a group of prospective class members defined below, and as
6 private attorneys general on behalf of the State of California; and **(2)** Defendants Rich & Famous, Inc.
7 dba Big Green Cleaning Company and Allen Paul Williams (“Defendants”). The Settlement resolves
8 disputed claims against Defendants arising out of its compensation practices during the period from
9 December 3, 2016, through February 5, 2025 (the “Class Period”) as applied to all individuals who are
10 or were employed by Defendants as non-exempt employees in California during the Class Period
11 (“Class Members”).

12 The Court has granted preliminary approval of the Settlement and ordered this notice to be sent
13 to you because you may be entitled to money under the Settlement and because the Settlement affects
14 your legal rights.

15 **NO ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO RECEIVE MONEY UNDER THE**
16 **SETTLEMENT:** If you are a Class Member (as defined above) and received this notice, you are
17 automatically included in the Settlement and do not need to take any further action to receive a
18 payment. If you accept your settlement amount, you will release the claims described below.

19 **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE LAWSUIT**

20 Plaintiffs, individually and in their representative capacity on behalf of the Class Members, and
21 as private attorneys general on behalf of the State of California, are pursuing a lawsuit against
22 Defendants in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Barbara in the
23 matter of *Ana Miranda Mendoza, et al. v. Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company*,
24 case number **20CV04009** (the “Action”). The Action sought recovery for Defendants’ alleged:
25 **(1)** failure to pay minimum wage for all hours worked; **(2)** failure to pay proper overtime wages;
26 **(3)** failure to provide compliant rest periods and pay missed rest break premiums; **(4)** failure to provide
27 compliant meal periods and pay missed meal period premiums; **(5)** failure to maintain accurate
28 employment records; **(6)** failure to pay timely wages during employment; **(7)** failure to pay all wages

1 due and owing at separation; **(8)** failure to reimburse business expenses; **(9)** failure to provide complete
2 and accurate wage statements; and **(10)** deceptive, fraudulent, or otherwise unlawful business practices
3 based on the foregoing in violation of California’s Unfair Competition Law.

4 **Defendants deny all liability, deny all allegations in the Action, and have raised various**
5 **defenses to the claims.** Defendants assert that they fully complied with all applicable wage and hour
6 laws, and contend that civil penalties under PAGA are not warranted. Defendants also deny that the
7 Action is suitable for class certification. Defendants have entered into the Settlement solely for
8 purposes of resolving this dispute to avoid costly, disruptive, and time-consuming litigation and do not
9 admit to any wrongdoing or liability.

10 The Court has not ruled on the merits in the Action. By approving the Settlement and issuing
11 this notice, the Court is *not* suggesting which side would win or lose the case if it went to trial or
12 whether the claims are suitable for class certification. To avoid the additional expense, inconvenience,
13 and risk of continued litigation, however, Plaintiffs and Defendants (the “Parties”) have concluded that
14 it is in their respective best interests and the interests of the Class Members to settle the Action on the
15 terms summarized in this notice. The Settlement was reached after Defendants provided extensive
16 information and documents to Plaintiffs’ counsel, and after lengthy arms-length non-collusive
17 negotiations between the Parties, including mediation with an experienced and well-respected mediator
18 in California. In these negotiations, both sides recognized the substantial risk of the Court deciding
19 against them at trial and determined that the Settlement was a fair, reasonable, and adequate way to
20 resolve the disputed claims.

21 Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs’ counsel—Jonathan Melmed and Laura Supanich of Melmed Law
22 Group P.C. (“Class Counsel”)—support the Settlement. Among the reasons for support are the defenses
23 to liability potentially available to Defendants, the risk of denial of class certification, the inherent risk
24 of trial on the merits, and the delays and uncertainties associated with litigation. Plaintiffs and Class
25 Counsel believe that the settlement described in this notice is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best
26 interests of Plaintiffs and the Class Members.

27 Under the Settlement, the following settlement class will be certified under California law: *all*
28 *individuals who are or were employed by Defendants as non-exempt employees in California during*

1 *the Class Period*. The “Class Period” is defined as the period from December 3, 2016, through February
2 5, 2025. The Settlement provides for a gross settlement amount of \$3,670,933.04, a share of which is
3 to be distributed to the Class Members based on the pro rata number of weeks worked by the Class
4 Members during the Class Period as a proportion of all weeks worked by all Class Members. In
5 exchange for their share of the settlement amount, all participating Class Members will be deemed to
6 have released Defendants from liability on the terms described in this notice.

7 On [date of preliminary approval], the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement and
8 conditionally certified the settlement class. This notice is being sent to you because Defendants’ records
9 indicate that you worked for Defendants during the Class Period and that you meet the definition
10 required to be treated as a Class Member.

11 **2. IF YOU ARE STILL EMPLOYED BY DEFENDANTS, THIS SETTLEMENT WILL**
12 **NOT AFFECT YOUR EMPLOYMENT.**

13 California law strictly prohibits retaliation. Further, Defendants are prohibited by law from
14 taking any adverse action against or otherwise targeting, retaliating, or discriminating against any Class
15 Member because of the Class Member’s participation or decision not to participate in the Settlement.

16 **3. TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT**

17 Defendants have agreed to pay \$3,670,933.04 (the “Gross Settlement Amount”) to resolve the
18 claims in the Action. The Parties agreed to the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount:

- 19 1. **Settlement Administration Costs.** The Court has approved ILYM Group, Inc. to act
20 as the “Settlement Administrator,” who is sending this notice to you and will perform
21 many other duties relating to the Settlement. Under the Settlement, up to \$100,000.00
22 will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to pay the Settlement Administration
23 Costs.
- 24 2. **Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses.** Class Counsel have been prosecuting the Action on
25 behalf of the Class Members on a contingency fee basis (that is, without being paid any
26 money to date) and have been paying all litigation costs and expenses. To date, the
27 Parties have aggressively litigated many aspects of the case including investigation,
28 settlement efforts, and a full-day mediation session. The Court will determine the actual

amount awarded to Class Counsel as attorneys' fees, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Class Members are not personally responsible for any of Class Counsel's attorneys' fees or expenses. Class Counsel will ask for fees of one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount (i.e., \$1,223,644.35) as reasonable compensation for the work Class Counsel performed and will continue to perform in the Action. Class Counsel also will ask for reimbursement of up to \$50,000.00 for the costs Class Counsel incurred in connection with the Action.

3. **Service Payment to Class Representatives.** Class Counsel will ask the Court to provide a service payment to Plaintiffs in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Ana Miranda Mendoza and \$10,000.00 for Maria Garcia to compensate them for their efforts on behalf of the Class Members in the Action, including assisting in the investigation and consulting with Class Counsel and providing crucial documents to Class Counsel. Plaintiffs also may receive a share of the Settlement as a Class Member.

4. **Service Payment to Additional Plaintiffs.** Class Counsel will ask the Court to provide a service payment to the Additional Plaintiffs Alberto Adrian Lagunas Roman, Alberto Martinez Cruz, Antonia Castanon, Araceli Gonzales Macias, Arturo De La Rosa, Asminda Ramirez, Aureo Cardenas, Blanca Hernandez, Carlos Linares, Cipriana Estrada Rodriguez, Daniel Anthony Lopez, David Alvarado, Deyanira Lopez Silva, Elvia Roman Navarro, Estefania Rodriguez Reyes, Fernando Palua, Georgina Huaste, Gerardo Rojas Baez, Giovanni Reyna, Guadalupe Sosa, Jaime Ortiz Ruiz, Jesus Graciano, Jorge Gonzalez, Jose Manuel Martinez, Jose Samayoa, Juan Galaha, Juan Pablo Reyna Salas, Leonardo De Jesus, Lourdes Flores Mendoza, Lucrecia Morales, Margarita Diaz, Margarito Ortiz Garcia, Maria Arevalo, Maria Hernandez Corrales, Maria Isabel Villa Cruz, Maria Mejia, Maria Nava, Maria Ruiz Cervantes, Norwa Reyna, Rain Logan Ford, Ricardo Nunez, Rosalba Tinoco, Sabino Dominguez, Silvia Burrou Adrade, Victor Antonio, and Yesenia Mayo ("Additional Plaintiffs") in the amount of \$1,000.00 each, for a total of \$47,000.00 to compensate them for their efforts on behalf of the Class Members in the Action, including assisting in the investigation

and consulting with Class Counsel and providing crucial documents to Class Counsel. Plaintiffs also may receive a share of the Settlement as a Class Member.

5. **PAGA Payment.** The Parties have agreed on a reasonable sum to be paid in settlement of the PAGA claims included in the Action, which is \$150,000.00. The PAGA Payment is to be approved by the Court pursuant to Labor Code section 2699 and is to be distributed as follows: seventy-five percent (75%) (i.e., \$112,500.00) to the LWDA and twenty-five percent (25%) (i.e., \$37,500.00) to the individuals who come within the definition of an “aggrieved employee” for the purposes of the Settlement (i.e., all individuals who are or were employed by Defendants as non-exempt employees in California during the PAGA Period). The “PAGA Period” is defined for these purposes to mean the period from December 3, 2019, through February 5, 2025.

After deducting the amounts above, the balance of the settlement amount will form the “Net Settlement Amount” for distribution to the Class Members.

4. DISTRIBUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT TO THE CLASS MEMBERS

Each eligible Class Member who does not request exclusion from the Settlement will be deemed a “Class Participant” and will receive a share from the Net Settlement Amount which will be distributed pro rata based on the proportional number of weeks worked by each Class Member during the Class Period (the “Individual Settlement Amount”). If any Class Member requests exclusion from the Settlement, his or her share will be distributed to the remaining Class Participants.

Twenty percent (20%) of each Individual Settlement Amount will constitute payment in the form of wages (and each Class Participant will be issued an IRS Form W-2 for such payment to him or her), and Eighty percent (80%) of each Individual Settlement Amount will constitute penalties and interest (and each Class Participant will be issued an IRS Form 1099 for such payment to him or her).

Defendants, or their proxies, shall take all usual and customary deductions from the Individual Settlement Amount payments that are distributed as wages, including, but not limited to, state and federal tax withholding, disability premiums, and unemployment insurance premiums. There will be no deduction taken from the interest or penalty distribution—it will, however, be reported on IRS Form 1099 as income. Class Participants are responsible for the proper income tax treatment of their

1 Individual Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administrator, Defendants, and their counsel, and Class
2 Counsel cannot provide tax advice. Accordingly, Class Members should consult with their tax advisors
3 concerning the tax consequences and treatment of payments they receive under the Settlement.

4 The workweeks you worked for Defendants during the Class Period will be calculated based
5 on Defendants' records. If you feel that you were not credited with the correct number of workweeks
6 worked during the Class Period, you may submit evidence to the Settlement Administrator on or before
7 [Response Deadline] with documentation to establish the number of workweeks you claim to have
8 actually worked during the Class Period. **Documentation sent to the Settlement Administrator will**
9 **not be returned or preserved, so do not send originals.** The Parties and the Settlement Administrator
10 will promptly evaluate the evidence submitted and discuss in good faith how many workweeks should
11 be credited. The Settlement Administrator will make the final decision as to how many weeks are
12 credited and report the outcome to the Class Participant. If you are unsatisfied with the decision, you
13 may submit an objection, which is explained below.

14 Settlement checks will be mailed to all Class Participants after the Court grants final approval
15 of the Settlement and judgment is entered.

16 **5. THE RELEASE OF CLAIMS**

17 If the Court approves the Settlement, the Court will enter judgment and the Settlement will bind
18 all Class Participants. The Class Participants will then be barred from bringing any "Released Claims"
19 against the "Released Parties" as those terms are defined below.

20 The "Released Parties" are Defendant Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company
21 and all of Defendant's subsidiaries, affiliates, shareholders, members, agents, predecessors, successors,
22 and assigns.

23 The "Released Claims" are those claims arising out of or related to the allegations set forth in
24 the operative complaint and/or PAGA notice to the California Labor and Workforce Development
25 Agency that arose during the Class Period and/or PAGA Period, including claims for: **(1)** failure to pay
26 minimum wage for all hours worked in violation of Labor Code sections 1194 and 1194.2, and the
27 applicable IWC Wage Order(s); **(2)** failure to pay proper overtime wages in violation of Labor Code
28 sections 510, 1197, and 1198, and the applicable IWC Wage Order(s); **(3)** failure to provide compliant

1 rest periods and pay missed rest break premiums in violation of Labor Code section 226.7 and the
2 applicable IWC Wage Order(s); **(4)** failure to provide compliant meal periods and pay missed meal
3 period premiums in violation of Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512, and the applicable IWC Wage
4 Order(s); **(5)** failure to maintain accurate employment records in violation of Labor Code section 1174;
5 **(6)** failure to pay timely wages during employment in violation of Labor Code sections 204, 210;
6 **(7)** failure to pay all wages due and owing at separation in violation of Labor Code sections 201, 202,
7 and 203; **(8)** failure to reimburse business expenses in violation of Labor Code sections 2802 and 2804;
8 **(9)** failure to provide complete and accurate wage statements in violation of Labor Code sections 226
9 and 226.3; **(10)** deceptive, fraudulent, or otherwise unlawful business practices based on the foregoing
10 in violation of California's Unfair Competition Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 17200–17210);
11 **(11)** statutory penalties based on the foregoing pursuant to PAGA (Lab. Code, §§ 2698-2699.6); and
12 **(12)** all claims for liquidated damages, penalties, interest, fees, costs based on the foregoing. No other
13 claims are released other than those claims specifically plead in the operative complaint in the Action.

14 The Settlement does *not* release Defendants or any person, party, or entity from claims, if any,
15 by Class Members for workers compensation, unemployment, or disability benefits of any nature. Nor
16 does it release any claims, actions, or causes of action which may be possessed by Class Members
17 under state or federal discrimination statutes, including, without limitation, the California Fair
18 Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, §§ 12900–12996); the Unruh Civil Rights Act (Civ. Code,
19 § 51); the California Constitution; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000, et seq.);
20 the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq.); the Employee Retirement Income
21 Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq.); and all of their implementing regulations and
22 interpretive guidelines.

23 Class Members who do not request exclusion from the Settlement will be deemed to have
24 acknowledged and agreed that their claims for wages and penalties in the Action are disputed, and that
25 the Settlement payments constitute payment of all sums allegedly due to them. Class Members will be
26 deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that California Labor Code section 206.5 is not applicable
27 to the Settlement payments. That section provides in pertinent part as follows:
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1 “An employer shall not require the execution of a release of a claim or right on account
2 of wages due, or to become due, or made as an advance on wages to be earned, unless
3 payment of those wages has been made.”

4 **6. YOUR OPTIONS**

5 **6.1. DO NOTHING AND RECEIVE YOUR PORTION OF THE SETTLEMENT**

6 If you do nothing, you will be automatically included as a Class Participant in the Settlement
7 and will receive a settlement payment. You do *not* have to take any further action to receive your
8 settlement payment. It is, however, the responsibility of all Class Members to ensure that the Settlement
9 Administrator has your current address on file, or you may not receive important information or a
10 settlement payment. The estimated amount of your settlement payment if you do nothing is included
11 on the attached *Class Action Settlement Share Form*.

12 **6.2. REQUEST EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS AND THE SETTLEMENT**

13 If you do *not* wish to take part in the class action portion of the Settlement (the “Class
14 Settlement”), you may exclude yourself (i.e., opt out of the Class Settlement) by sending the Settlement
15 Administrator a letter or card postmarked no later than [Response Deadline] that specifically requests
16 exclusion from the Class Settlement in this case. The request for exclusion must include your name,
17 address, telephone number, and signature, and it should state:

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19 “I wish to be excluded from the settlement class in the case of *Ana Miranda Mendoza,*
20 *et al. v. Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company.* I understand that if I
21 ask to be excluded from the settlement class, I will not receive any money from the
22 settlement of this lawsuit and will not be releasing any claims I might have.”

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24 Send the request for exclusion directly to the Settlement Administrator at the following address
25 by no later than [Response Deadline]:

26 [Insert Settlement Administrator Address]

27 Any person who submits a timely request for exclusion from the Class Settlement shall, upon
28 receipt, no longer be a Class Member, shall be barred from participating in the Class Settlement, and

1 shall receive no benefits from the class action portion of the Settlement. If you want confirmation of
2 receipt of your request for exclusion, please send it by United States certified mail, return receipt
3 requested, or contact the Settlement Administrator.

4 **Importantly**, Class Members who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class
5 Settlement will *not* be excluded from their share of the PAGA Payment. Requesting exclusion from
6 the Class Settlement applies solely to the Class Members' entitlement to the class action portion of the
7 Settlement and not their entitlement to the PAGA Payment. If you request exclusion from the Class
8 Settlement you will still be entitled to your share, if any, of the PAGA Payment.

9 **6.3. OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT**

10 You have the right to object to the terms of the Settlement if you do not request exclusion. If,
11 however, the Court rejects your objection, you will still be bound by the terms of the Settlement. If you
12 wish to object to the Settlement, or any portion of it, you may file with the Settlement Administrator
13 and the Court a written objection stating your name, address, telephone number, dates of employment
14 with Defendants, the case name and number, each specific reason in support of your objection, and any
15 legal support for each objection. Objections in writing must be mailed to the Settlement
16 Administrator—[Insert Settlement Administrator Address]—by no later than [Response Deadline] to
17 be considered. **Objections that do not include all required information, or that are not timely**
18 **submitted, might not be considered by the court.**

19 If you choose to object to the Settlement, you may also appear to speak at the final approval
20 and fairness hearing scheduled for [Final Approval Hearing Date], at [Final Approval Hearing Time]
21 in Department [Court Department] of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of
22 Santa Barbara, located at [Court Location]. You have the right to appear either in person or through
23 your own attorney at this hearing.

24 If you object to the Settlement, you will remain a Class Member, and if the Court approves the
25 Settlement, you will receive payment and be bound by the terms of the Settlement in the same way as
26 Class Members who do not object. Any Class Member who does not object in the manner provided
27 above shall have waived any objection to the Settlement, whether by appeal or otherwise.
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1 The Court may, at the time of the final approval and fairness hearing, have certain social
2 distancing requirements or procedures for attendance at hearings. If you wish to object to the Settlement
3 by speaking at the final approval and fairness hearing, you may contact Class Counsel, whose
4 information is provided below, for more information about the Court's current social distancing
5 procedures. You may also review the Court's website for the most current information.

6 **7. HOW TO UPDATE OR CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS**

7 If you move after receiving this notice or if it was misaddressed, please contact the Settlement
8 Administrator, [Settlement Administrator], at [Settlement Administrator Phone] or by email at
9 [Settlement Administrator Email], as soon as possible. **This is important to ensure that future notices
10 and/or the Settlement payment reach you.**

11 **8. NOTICE OF FINAL JUDGMENT IF THE SETTLEMENT IS APPROVED**

12 Within seven (7) days after the Court has held a final and fairness approval hearing and entered
13 a final order approving the Settlement, if it chooses to do so, the Settlement Administrator will post a
14 copy of that order and final judgment on its website at the following website address:

15 [Case-Specific Settlement URL (to be added by Settlement Administrator)]

16 **9. IF THE SETTLEMENT IS NOT APPROVED**

17 If the Settlement is not approved by the Court, or if any of its conditions are not satisfied, the
18 Settlement may be voided, in which case no money will be paid, and the case will return to litigation.
19 If that happens, there is no assurance: **(1)** that the class will be certified by the Court; **(2)** that any
20 decision at trial would be in favor of Class Members; **(3)** that a trial decision, if any, would be as
21 favorable to the Class Members as the Settlement; or **(4)** that any favorable trial decision would be
22 upheld if an appeal was filed.

23 **10. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

24 **PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR CONTACT THE COURT.** If you have any questions about
25 the settlement, you may contact the Settlement Administrator at: [Settlement Administrator Phone] or
26 by e-mail at [Settlement Administrator Email]. You may also contact Class Counsel at the addresses
27 or phone numbers listed below.
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EXHIBIT 2

Class Action Settlement Share Form

CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT SHARE FORM

Ana Miranda Mendoza, et al. v. Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company
Case Number 20CV04009

Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Barbara

The proposed class action settlement agreement (the “Settlement”) described in the accompanying *Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement* resolves disputed claims against Defendants Rich & Famous, Inc. dba Big Green Cleaning Company and Allen Paul Williams (“Defendants”) arising out of its compensation practices during the period from December 3, 2016, through February 5, 2025 (the “Class Period”) as applied to all individuals who are or were employed by Defendants as non-exempt employees in California during the Class Period (“Class Members”).

You are receiving this form because you are believed to be a Class Member. **According to Defendant’s records, you worked [REDACTED] workweeks for Defendant during the Class Period. Accordingly, your share of the Settlement is currently estimated to be \$[REDACTED],** which is an estimate of your allocated portion the Net Settlement Amount, as that term is defined in the accompanying *Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement*. Your estimated share of the Settlement may increase depending on factors such as, but not limited to, the number of Class Members who effectively exclude themselves from the Settlement.

You do not need to do anything to receive money under the Settlement.

If you believe the information provided above as to the number of your workweeks is incorrect and wish to dispute it, please contact the Settlement Administrator no later than **[Response Deadline]** at:

[Settlement Administrator Contact Information]

If you dispute the information stated above, the information Defendants provided to the Settlement Administrator will control unless you are able to provide documentation that establishes otherwise. Any disputes, along with supporting documentation, must be postmarked no later than **[Response Deadline]**.

Do not send originals; documentation sent to the claims administrator will not be returned or preserved.