

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
**COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE  
FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL**

*(Ruby Cisneros v. Englewood Marketing Group, Inc.*

Case No. CIVSB2404080)

*The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!*

***It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.***

**You may be eligible to receive money** from an employee class action lawsuit (“Action”) against Englewood Marketing Group, Inc. and its affiliated companies (“EMG”) for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by a former EMG employee, Ruby Cisneros (“Plaintiff”) and seeks payment of (1) back and premium wages, statutory penalties, and interest for a class of non-exempt hourly employees who work or worked for EMG in California during the Class Period (January 29, 2020, through March 23, 2025) (“Class Members”); and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”) for all non-exempt hourly employees who work or worked for EMG in California during the PAGA Period (January 26, 2023 through March 23, 2025 ) (“PAGA Members”).

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring EMG to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring EMG to fund Individual PAGA Payments and to make a payment to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”).

Based on EMG’s records, and the Parties’ current assumptions, **your Individual Class Payment is estimated to be \$<<MERGED\_ClassAward>> (less withholding) and your Individual PAGA Payment is estimated to be \$<<MERGED\_PAGAAward>>.** The actual amount you may receive will likely be different and will depend on a number of factors. (If no amount is stated for your Individual PAGA Payment, then according to EMG’s records you are not eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment under the Settlement because you didn’t work during the PAGA Period.)

The above estimates are based on EMG’s records showing that **you worked <<MERGED\_ClassWW>> workweeks** during the Class Period and **you worked<<MERGED\_PAGAPP>> pay periods** during the PAGA Period. If you believe that you worked more workweeks and/or pay periods during either period, you can submit a challenge by the deadline date. See Section 4 of this Notice.

The Court has already preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement and approved this Notice. The Court has not yet decided whether to grant final approval. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or do not act. Read this Notice carefully. You will be deemed to have carefully read and understood it. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will decide whether to finally approve the Settlement and how much of the Settlement will be paid to Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s attorneys (“Class Counsel”). The Court will also decide whether to enter a judgment that requires EMG to make payments under the Settlement and requires Class Members and PAGA Members to give up their rights to assert certain claims against EMG. You may attend the Final Approval Hearing on February 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 32 of the San Bernardino County Superior Court, located at San Bernardino County Superior Court, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 90013 and be heard by the Court.

If you worked for EMG during the Class Period and/or the PAGA Period, you have two basic options under the Settlement:

- (1) **Do Nothing.** You don’t have to do anything to participate in the proposed Settlement and be eligible for an Individual Class Payment and/or an Individual PAGA Payment, if applicable. As a Participating Class Member, though, you will give up your right to assert Class Period wage claims and PAGA Period penalty claims against EMG.
- (2) **Opt-Out of the Class Settlement.** You can exclude yourself from the Class Settlement (opt-out) by submitting the written Request for Exclusion or otherwise notifying the Administrator in writing. Alternatively, you can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. If you opt-out of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against EMG. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement, and thus, if you are a PAGA Member, you remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment regardless of whether you opt out of the Class Settlement.

**EMG will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.**

**SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT**

<b>You Don't Have to Do Anything to Participate in the Settlement</b>	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment (if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage claims against EMG that are covered by this Settlement (Released Claims).
<b>You Can Opt-out of the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement</b>  <b>The Opt-out Deadline is</b>  <b><u>December 1, 2025</u></b>	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice.  You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement. EMG must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all PAGA Members and the PAGA Members must give up their rights to pursue Released Claims (defined below).
<b>Participating Class Members Can Object to the Class Settlement but not the PAGA Settlement</b>  <b>Written Objections Must be Submitted by</b>  <b><u>December 1, 2025</u></b>	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The Court's decision whether to finally approve the Settlement will include a determination of how much will be paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff who pursued the Action on behalf of the Class. You are not personally responsible for any payments to Class Counsel or Plaintiff, but every dollar paid to Class Counsel and Plaintiff reduces the overall amount paid to Participating Class Members. You can object to the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff if you think they are unreasonable. See Section 7 of this Notice.
<b>You Can Participate in the</b> <b><u>February 24, 2026</u></b>  <b>Final Approval Hearing</b>	The Court's Final Approval Hearing is scheduled to take place on February 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. . You don't have to attend but you do have the right to appear (or hire an attorney to appear on your behalf at your own cost), in person, by telephone or by using the Court's virtual appearance platform. Participating Class Members can verbally object to the Settlement at the Final Approval Hearing. See Section 8 of this Notice.
<b>You Can Challenge the Calculation of Your Workweeks/Pay Periods</b>  <b>Written Challenges Must be Submitted by</b>	The amount of your Individual Class Payment and Individual PAGA Payment (if any) depend on how many workweeks you worked at least one day during the Class Period and how many Pay Periods you worked at least one day during the PAGA Period, respectively. The number of Workweeks and number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked according to EMG's records is stated on the first page of this Notice. If you disagree with either of these numbers, you must challenge it by December 1, 2025. See Section 4 of this Notice.

**1. WHAT IS THE ACTION ABOUT?**

Plaintiff is a former EMG employee. The Action accuses EMG of violating California labor laws, asserting claims based on EMG's alleged: (1) failure to pay minimum and overtime wages; (2) failure to provide meal and/or rest periods; (3) failure to pay all sick time; (4) failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements; and (5) failure to pay all wages due upon separation of employment; and (6) failure to reimburse necessary business expenses. Plaintiff also asserted a violation of California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"). Based on the same claims, Plaintiff has also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) ("PAGA"). Plaintiff is represented by attorneys in the Action: Mehrdad Bokhour of

EMG strongly denies violating any laws or failing to pay any wages and contends it complied with all applicable laws.

## **2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?**

So far, the Court has made no determination whether EMG or Plaintiff is correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiff and EMG hired an experienced, neutral mediator in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating an agreement to settle the case rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement (“Agreement”) and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiff and EMG have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the Court’s Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, EMG does not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

## **3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?**

1. EMG Will Pay \$454,572.19 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement). EMG has agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payment, Class Counsel’s attorney’s fees and expenses, the Administrator’s expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, EMG will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 30 days after the Judgment entered by the Court becomes final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if Participating Class Members object to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.
2. Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
  - A. Up to \$150,008.82 (33% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees and up to \$25,000 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses on the Action without payment.
  - B. Up to \$10,000 as a Class Representative Award to Plaintiff for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel and representing the Class. A Class Representative Award will be the only monies Plaintiff will receive other than Plaintiff’s Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment.
  - C. Up to \$6,000 will be paid to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
  - D. Up to \$10,000 for PAGA Penalties, 75% allocated to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the PAGA Members based on their PAGA Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

3. Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the “Net Settlement”) by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.
4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiff and EMG are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 20% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages (“Wage Portion”) and 80% to interest and penalties (“Non-Wage Portion.”). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms issued to Participating Class Members. EMG will separately pay employer payroll taxes it owes on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

Although Plaintiff and EMG have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes. You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor, at your own expense, if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the monies will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name.

If the monies represented by your check are sent to the Controller's Unclaimed Property, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.

6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, no later than December 1, 2025, that you wish to opt-out ("Response Deadline"). The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by December 1, 2025, Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her/their representative setting forth a Class Member's first and last name, home address, email address or telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. The Request for Exclusion must be postmarked by the Response Deadline to be considered timely. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against EMG.

You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against EMG based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.

7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline to enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiff and EMG have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: EMG will not pay any money and Class Members and PAGA Members will not release any claims against EMG.
8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, ILYM Group, Inc. (the "Administrator"), to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members' Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member challenges over Workweeks, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator's contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
9. Participating Class Members' Release. After the Judgment is final and EMG has fully funded the Gross Settlement and separately paid all employer payroll taxes, Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against EMG or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

In consideration for their awarded Individual Class Payments, as of the date the Settlement becomes Final and has been fully funded, all Participating Class Members release all claims that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the facts stated in the Operative Complaint that arose during the Class Period.

10. PAGA Members' PAGA Release. After the Court's judgment is final, and EMG has paid the Gross Settlement (and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes), all PAGA Members will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against EMG, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all PAGA Members, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against EMG or its related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The PAGA Members' Releases for Participating and Non-Participating Class Members are as follows:

All Participating and Non-Participating Class Members who are PAGA Members are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, any and all claims for civil penalties under PAGA against EMG and the Released Parties that arise out of or reasonably relate to the claims alleged in the Action or that could have been alleged based on the factual allegations in the Action.

#### 4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

1. Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks worked by each individual Participating Class Member during the Class Period.
2. Individual PAGA Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing \$2,500.00 by the total number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by all PAGA Members during the PAGA Period, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of PAGA Pay Periods worked by each individual PAGA Member during the PAGA Period.
3. Workweek/Pay Period Challenges. The number of Workweeks you worked during the Class Period and the number of PAGA Pay Periods you worked during the PAGA Period, as recorded in EMG's records, are stated in the first page of this Notice. You have until December 1, 2025, to challenge the number of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods credited to you. You can submit your challenge by signing and sending a letter to the Administrator via mail, email or fax. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

You need to support your challenge by sending copies of pay stubs or other records. The Administrator will accept EMG's calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods based on EMG's records as accurate unless you send copies of records containing contrary information. You should send copies rather than originals because the documents will not be returned to you. The Administrator will resolve Workweek and/or Pay Period challenges based on your submission and on input from Class Counsel (who will advocate on behalf of Participating Class Members) and EMG's Counsel. You can challenge the Administrator's decision at the Final Approval Hearing.

#### 5. HOW WILL I GET PAID?

1. Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single check to every Participating Class Member (i.e., every Class Member who doesn't opt-out) including those who also qualify as PAGA Members. The single check will combine the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment (if any).
2. Non-Participating Class Members. The Administrator will send, by U.S. mail, a single Individual PAGA Payment check to every PAGA Member who opts out of the Class Settlement (i.e., every Non-Participating Class Member).

**Your check will be sent to the same address as this Notice. If you change your address, be sure to notify the Administrator as soon as possible. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's contact information.**

#### 6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your first and last name, home address, email address or telephone number, and a simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will exclude you based on any writing communicating your request to be excluded. Be sure to personally sign your request, identify the Action as *Ruby Cisneros v. Englewood Marketing Group, Inc.*, Case No. CIVSB2404080, and include your identifying information (full name, home address, telephone number, approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid. **You must send your request to the Administrator to be excluded by December 1, 2025, or it will be invalid.** Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.

#### 7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?

Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiff and EMG are asking the Court to approve. At least 16 days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel and/or Plaintiff will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Payment stating (i) the amount Class Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiff is requesting as a Class Representative Service payment. Upon reasonable request, Class Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website <https://ilymgroup.com/EnglewoodMarketingGroup> or the Court's website <https://cap.sb-court.org/search>.

A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Settlement Agreement, the Motion for Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Service Payment may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiff are too high or too low. **The deadline for sending written objections to the Administrator is December 1, 2025.** Be sure to tell the Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. Make sure you identify the Action *Ruby Cisneros v. Englewood Marketing Group*,

Inc., Case No. CIVSB2404080, and include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment for EMG and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator’s contact information.

Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection. See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval Hearing.

**8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?**

You can, but don’t have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing February 24, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 6 of the San Bernardino County Superior Court, located at San Bernardino County Superior Court, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 90013. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer, at your own expense, to attend) either personally.

It’s possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the Administrator’s website <https://ilymgroup.com/EnglewoodMarketingGroup> beforehand or contact Class Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.

**9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

The Agreement sets forth everything EMG and Plaintiff have promised to do under the proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement documents is to go to ILYM Group, Inc.’s website at <https://ilymgroup.com/EnglewoodMarketingGroup>. You can also telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to (<https://cap.sb-court.org/search>) and entering the Case Number for the Action, Case No. CIVSB2404080.

**DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO  
OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.**

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Settlement Administrator:

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**10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?**

If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your check is already void you should contact the Unclaimed Property Fund for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.

**11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?**

To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise change your mailing address.