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[PROPOSED] ORDER RE MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

ORDER

- 1. This matter came on for hearing on June 28, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Department CX103 of the above-captioned court on the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation for Class Action Settlement (hereinafter "Settlement Agreement").
- 2. The Court, having fully reviewed the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declarations filed in support thereof, the Settlement Agreement (ROA 107), including the proposed Notice of Proposed Settlement Class Action Settlement, and in recognition of the Court's duty to make a preliminary determination as to the reasonableness of any proposed class action settlement, and if preliminarily determined to be reasonable, to ensure proper notice is provided to Settlement Class Members in accordance with due process requirements, and to set a Final Approval Hearing to consider the proposed Settlement Agreement as to the good faith, fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of any proposed settlement, and having heard the argument of Counsel for the respective parties, the Court

HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS AND ORDERS:

3. It appears to the Court on a preliminary basis that the Total Settlement Amount ("TSA") is fair and reasonable to the Class Members when balanced against the probable outcome of further litigation relating to class certification, the liability and damages issues involved, and the potential for appeals. It further appears that sufficient investigation, research, and litigation has been conducted such that counsel for the Parties at this time is able to reasonably evaluate their respective positions. It further appears that the Settlement at this time will avoid substantial costs, delay and risks that would be presented by the further prosecution of the litigation. It further appears that the proposed Settlement has been reached as the result of intensive, serious and non-collusive negotiations between the Parties. ACCORDINGLY, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, THE MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT IS HEREBY GRANTED, AND AS A PART OF SAID PRELIMINARY APPROVAL, THE COURT HEREBY ORDERS THAT THE SETTLEMENT CLASS BE CONDITIONALLY CERTIFIED FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY, AND THAT JAMES HAWKINS, APLC AND LAWYERS

FOR JUSTICE PC BE CONDITIONALLY AND PRELIMINARILY APPOINTED CLASS COUNSEL. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

- 4. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the Settlement between Plaintiff and Defendant appear to be within the range of reasonableness of a settlement which could ultimately be given final approval by this Court. The Court preliminarily finds that the terms of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate, pursuant to Section 382 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.
- 5. The Court notes that Defendants have agreed to a non-reversionary TSA of \$1,350,000.00. Defendant will pay out the entirety of the TSA to the Participating Class Members and PAGA Settlement Group Members, less deductions for attorneys' fees and costs, the service payment, reasonable expenses of the third-party Settlement Administrator, and the LWDA for PAGA penalties.
- 6. The Court finds that the elements of numerosity, commonality, typicality and adequacy have been established to support conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, with Plaintiff acting as the Class Representative.
- 7. The Court hereby appoints, for settlement purposes, Plaintiffs Christopher S. Moorehead, Monique Blackmon, and Dayana Navarro as the Class Representatives and finds Plaintiffs are adequate representatives for the Settlement Class for settlement purposes. The Court further finds that James Hawkins APLC and Lawyers for Justice PC have preliminarily established adequacy to be appointed as Class Counsel and appoints them as Class Counsel.
 - 8. The Class as identified in the Settlement is provisionally certified by this Order.
 - 9. The Court finds that the proposed manner of class notice is adequate.
 - 10. The Court approves ILYM Group, Inc., to serve as the Settlement Administrator.
- 11. The Court further hereby approves the proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement and Orders to the notice to be mailed to the Settlement Class.
- 12. The Court finds that the Notice of Class Action Settlement, attached herein as **Exhibit 1**, constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, is in full compliance with the laws of the State of California and, to the extent applicable, the United States Constitution and the requirements of due process. The Court further finds that the Notice of Class Action Settlement

fully and accurately informs Settlement Class Members of all material elements of the proposed Settlement, of each Settlement Class Member's right to be excluded from the Settlement Class, and each Settlement Class Member's right and opportunity to object to the proposed Settlement. The Notice of Class Action Settlement adequately advises the Class about: the Class Action; the terms of the proposed Settlement and the benefits available to each Settlement Class Member; each Settlement Class Member's right to participate, submit an exclusion/Opt-Out, or Objection to the proposed Settlement, and the timing and procedures for doing so; the temporary and conditional certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only; preliminary Court approval of the proposed Settlement; timing and procedures for distributing the Gross Settlement and the Individual Settlement Payments to the Participating Class Members; and the date of the Final Approval Hearing as well as the rights of the Settlement Class to file documentation in support of or in opposition to and appear in connection with said hearing.

- 13. ACCORDINGLY, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, THE COURT HEREBY APPROVES THE PROPOSED CLASS NOTICE PACKET TO THE CLASS AND FINDS that mailing to the last known address of the Settlement Class, as specifically described within the Settlement Agreement, constitutes an effective method of notifying Settlement Class Members of their rights with respect to the proposed Settlement. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:
- 14. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of Preliminary Approval, Defendant will provide the Class List to the Settlement Administrator.
- 15. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Within fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the Class List from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator will mail the Notice to all Class Members via regular First-Class U.S. Mail, using the most current, known mailing addresses identified based on the Class List.
- 16. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Prior to mailing, the Settlement Administrator will perform a search based on the National Change of Address Database for information to update and correct for any known or identifiable address changes. Any Notices returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-deliverable on or before the Response Deadline will be sent promptly via

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regular First-Class U.S. Mail to the forwarding address affixed thereto and the Settlement Administrator will indicate the date of such remailing on the Notice. If no forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator will promptly attempt to determine the correct address using a skip-trace, or other search using the name, address and/or Social Security number of the Class Member involved, and will then perform a single re-mailing. Those Class Members who receive a re-mailed Notice, whether by skip-trace or by request, will have between the later of (a) an additional forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of re-mailing, or (b) the original Response Deadline to postmark a Request for Exclusion or submit a Notice of Objection to the Class Settlement.

17. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED all Class Members will be mailed a Notice. Each Notice will provide: (a) information regarding the nature of the Action; (b) a summary of the Settlement's principal terms; (c) the Class definition; (d) the total number of Workweeks credited to the Class Member and, if applicable, total number of PAGA Pay Periods credited to the Class Member if he or she is a PAGA Employee; (e) each Class Member's estimated. Individual Settlement Payment, and if applicable, estimated Individual PAGA Payments; (f) the formula for calculating Individual Settlement Payments and Individual PAGA Payments; (g) the deadlines by which the Class Member must submit Requests for Exclusion or Notices of Objection to the Class Settlement; (h) the release of Released Class Claims and Released PAGA Claims, as set forth herein: and (j) the date for the Final Approval Hearing.

18. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Class Members will have an opportunity to dispute the number of Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods to which they have been credited, and may produce evidence to the Settlement Administrator showing that such information is inaccurate. Absent evidence rebutting Defendant's records, Defendant's records will be presumed determinative. However, if a Class Member produces evidence to the contrary, the Settlement Administrator will evaluate the evidence submitted by the Class Member and will make the final decision as to the number of eligible Workweeks and/or PAGA Pay Periods that should be credited. Disputes must be submitted by the initial Response Deadline, or as otherwise possibly extended due to re-mailing or agreement of the Parties. All such disputes are to be resolved not later than fortyfive (45) calendar days after the Response Deadline.

- 19. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED if a Class Member's Request for Exclusion is defective as to the requirements listed herein, that Class Member will be given an opportunity to cure the defect(s). The Settlement Administrator will mail the Class Member a cure letter within three (3) business days of receiving the defective submission to advise the Class Member that his or her submission is defective and that the defect must be cured to render the Request for Exclusion valid. The Class Member will have until the later of (a) the Response Deadline or (b) fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of the cure letter, whichever date is later, to postmark, e-mail or fax a revised Request for Exclusion. If a Class Member responds to a cure letter by filing a defective Request for Exclusion, then the Settlement Administrator will have no further obligation to give notice of a need to cure. If the revised Request for Exclusion is not postmarked or received by that period, it will be deemed untimely.
- 20. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED any Class Member wishing to opt out from the Class Settlement must sign and postmark a written Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator within the Response Deadline. The date of the postmark on the return mailing envelope will be the exclusive means to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. All Requests for Exclusion will be submitted to the Settlement Administrator, who will certify jointly to Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel the Requests for Exclusion that were timely submitted. The Request for Exclusion does not apply to the PAGA Settlement and the release of the Released PAGA Claims. PAGA Employees who submit a valid Request for Exclusion will still be issued their Individual PAGA Payment and bound to the PAGA Settlement.
- 21. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any disputes not resolved by the Settlement Administrator concerning the administration of the Settlement will be resolved by the Court under the laws of the State of California. Prior to any such involvement of the Court, counsel for the Parties will confer in good faith to attempt to resolve the dispute without involving the Court.
- 22. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Final Approval Hearing shall be held on November 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in Department CX103 of the above captioned Courthouse to consider the fairness, adequacy and reasonableness of the proposed Settlement preliminarily approved by this Order Granting Preliminary Approval, and to consider the application of Class

Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees, costs, and class representative enhancement. The Court may continue the Final Approval Hearing to another date at its discretion.

- 23. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all briefs and materials in support of an Order Granting Final Approval and application for attorneys' fees and costs and class representative enhancement shall be filed with this Court no later than sixteen (16) court days before the date set for the Final Approval Hearing.
- 24. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if for any reason the Court does not execute and file an Order Granting Final Approval and Judgment, or if the Effective Date does not occur for any reason whatsoever, the Settlement Agreement and the proposed Settlement which is the subject of this Order and all evidence and proceedings had in connection therewith shall be without prejudice to the status quo ante rights of the Parties to the litigation as more specifically set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- 25. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pending further order of this Court, all proceedings in this matter except those contemplated herein and in the Settlement Agreement are stayed.
- 26. The Court expressly reserves the right to adjourn or continue the Final Approval Hearing from time to time without further notice to the Class.
- 27. Final judgment regarding the settlement will be posted on ILYM Group, Inc.'s, website www.xxxx.com.
- 28. The Court reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over the Action and the Parties under Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6 and California Rules of Court § 3.769(h) for the purpose of supervising implementation, enforcement, construction, administration, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: _		_	_			, 2024

HON. LON F. HURWITZ

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS

Coordination Proceeding Special Title (Cal. Rule of Court 3.550)

BLACKROCK LOGISTICS WAGE AND HOUR CASES

Included Actions:

Christopher S. Moorhead v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. 30-2019-01072494-CU-OE-CXC], Orange County Superior Court

Christopher S. Moorhead v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. 30-2019-01100070-CU-OE-CXC], Orange County Superior Court

Monique Blackmon v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. CIV DS 2002910], San Bernardino Superior Court

Dayana Navarro v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. RG 19039142], Alameda Superior Court JCCP CASE NO.: 5100

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT

JUDGE: LON F. HURWITZ DEPT: CX103

I. WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

This notice explains that a settlement has been reached in the following cases entitled:

- (1) Christopher S. Moorhead v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. 30-2019-01072494-CU-OE-CXC], Orange County Superior Court;
- (2) Christopher S. Moorhead v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. 30-2019- 01100070- CU-OE-CXC], Orange County Superior Court;
- (3) Monique Blackmon v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. CIVDS2002910], San Bernardino Superior Court; and
- (4) Dayana Navarro v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. RG19039142], Alameda Superior Court.

(herein referred as "The Lawsuits"). You are receiving this notice because the records of Blackrock Logistics Inc., ("Defendant" or "Blackrock") indicate that you are a current or former non-exempt employee that falls within the following proposed "Class", which is defined as:

All current and former non-exempt, hourly-paid employees who worked for Defendant in California during the period between May 28,2015 through December 31, 2022 (the "Class").

This is <u>not</u> a notice of a lawsuit against you. <u>You are not being sued</u>. The Lawsuit was brought on behalf of all persons who are members of the Class ("Class Members"), for their benefit. Your participation, or non-participation, in the Settlement will not affect your employment with Blackrock in any way whatsoever.

The Court has ordered that this notice be sent to you because Blackrock's records indicate that you are a Class Member. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the proposed Settlement of the Lawsuits. The notice is also intended (i) to describe the Settlement, including how the Net Settlement Amount will be allocated and how the Settlement may affect you, and (ii) to advise you of your rights and options with respect to the Settlement.

II. WHAT IS THIS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ABOUT?

This Class and Representative Action Settlement Agreement and Release ("Settlement" or "Agreement") which encompasses the coordinated actions:

- (1) Christopher S. Moorhead v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. 30-2019-01072494-CU-OE-CXC], Orange County Superior Court;
- (2) Christopher S. Moorhead v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. 30-2019- 01100070- CU-OE-CXC], Orange County Superior Court;
- (3) Monique Blackmon v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. CIVDS2002910], San Bernardino Superior Court; and
- (4) Dayana Navarro v. Blackrock Logistics, Inc. [Case No. RG19039142], Alameda Superior Court.

The Lawsuits alleged various wage and hour causes of action premised on alleged violations of the California Labor Code including the failure to: pay minimum wages, overtime wages, failure to provide meal periods, failure to provide rest periods, failure to timely pay wages, failure to pay wages during employment, failure to provide accurate wage statements, failure to reimburse business expenses incurred, failure to keep requisite payroll records, and for civil penalties pursuant to the Private Attorney's General Act.

Blackrock maintains that it has complied with all applicable state and federal laws. Blackrock denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind associated with the claims asserted in the Lawsuits. Blackrock agreed to the terms of the Settlement in order to avoid the time and expense associated with litigation.

For the purpose of avoiding the time and expense of further litigation, the ultimate outcome of which is uncertain, and to provide a fair and reasonable resolution of this legal dispute, Plaintiffs and Blackrock have negotiated a settlement whereby Blackrock has agreed to pay One-Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,350,000.00) to resolve the Lawsuits, and Class Members will be eligible to receive a portion of this amount. This Settlement is **not** an admission by Blackrock of any liability.

III. WHAT DOES THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OFFER?

Under the terms of the parties' Settlement, the following will occur if the Settlement is given final approval by the Court:

- A. Blackrock will pay One-Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,350,000.00) to settle the claims of all Class Members who do not timely opt-out.
- B. A Settlement Administrator has been appointed by the Court to administer the Settlement. The Settlement Administrator will pay from the One-Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,350,000.00): (1) Plaintiffs' counsel's attorneys' fees of the litigation, up to the amount of \$450,000.00; (2) Plaintiff's counsels' litigation costs, up to the amount of \$50,000.00; (3) The expenses of administering the Settlement, estimated at approximately \$37,500.00; (4) Class Representative Enhancement Payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to each named Plaintiff; and (5) \$101,250.00 to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), representing 75% of the \$135,000.00 allocated to the settlement of Plaintiffs' claim for penalties under PAGA. The remainder of the \$1,350,000.00, currently estimated to be at least \$565,000.00 will be available to be distributed to all Class Members; this amount is called the "Net Settlement Amount".
- C. The Net Settlement Amount to be distributed to the Class Members will be calculated by the Settlement Administrator by determining the total number of weeks worked by each Participating Class Member ("Individual Workweeks") and the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members ("Class Workweeks") during the Class Period based on the Class List provided by Defendant. The formula used to calculate your settlement share is as follows:

Individual Settlement Payment = (Individual Workweeks ÷ Total Workweeks of Participating Class Members) × Net Settlement Amount.

The Settlement Administrator will also calculate the total number of PAGA Pay Periods for each Aggrieved Employee ("PAGA Pay Periods") and the total number of PAGA Pay Periods of all PAGA Employee ("Total PAGA Pay Periods") during the PAGA Period. The formula used to calculate your PAGA settlement share is as follows:

Individual PAGA Payment = (Individual PAGA Pay Periods ÷ Total PAGA Pay Periods of all PAGA Employee) × 25% of PAGA Payment.

D. If the Court grants final approval of the Settlement and you do not opt-out of the Settlement, then you will release Blackrock and any parent, subsidiary, affiliate, predecessor or successor entity, and all agents, employees, contracting parties, joint employers, officers, directors and attorneys thereof, (collectively the "Released Parties") from:

Any and all claims during the time period of between May 28,2015 through December 31, 2022, alleged in either or both civil Complaints or those that could have been brought based on the claims asserted in the operative civil Complaints and/or the LWDA letters including the following claims for: (1) failure to pay all regular wages, minimum wages and overtime wages due; (2) failure to provide meal periods or compensation in lieu thereof; (3) failure to provide rest periods or compensation in lieu thereof; (4) failure to reimburse necessary business expenses; (5) failure to provide complete, (6) accurate wage statements; (7) failure

to timely pay wages during employment and at the time of termination or resignation; (8) failure to maintain records; and (9) unfair business practices under Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq.

IV. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

A. You may accept your share of the \$1,350,000.00 settlement and be bound by the release of all claims described above and all other terms of the Settlement Agreement as approved by the Court. In order to receive your Individual Settlement Payment, you do not need to do anything.

Based on Blackrock's internal records, which will be presumed to be correct unless evidence to the contrary is timely submitted to the Settlement Administrator, as set forth in Section II ¶ 63:

Blackrock's records reflect that you worked for Blackrock in California for weeks during the Class Period, and your estimated gross Individual Settlement Share is sestAmounts. This is an estimated number and may change based on the Settlement Administrator's final calculation of the Net Settlement Amount.

The Individual Settlement Payments will be paid by check after the Court grants final approval of the Settlement. Your check will be mailed to you by the Settlement Administrator. Your check will remain valid and negotiable for 300 days from the date on which it is mailed. If any Class Member's Individual Settlement Payment check is not cashed within 300 days after it is mailed, or an envelope mailed to a Class Member is returned and no forwarding address can be located, then any such amounts shall be transmitted to the Alliance for Children's Rights.

- B. You may opt out of the Settlement, and thus not participate in it, in which case you will not receive your Individual Settlement Payment and you will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement. In order to opt out, you must send a written request for exclusion by United States mail to the Settlement Administrator, ILYM Group Inc., [insert address], by [date] (the "Response Deadline"). In order to be considered valid, your request for exclusion must be in writing and: (1) contain the name and address of the Class Member requesting exclusion; (2) contain a statement expressing that the Class Member elects to be excluded from the Settlement; (3) be signed by the Class Member; and (4) be postmarked not later than [Response Deadline] and returned to the Settlement Administrator at the specified address. If you elect to Opt- Out you will not be able to participate in the settlement, and will not receive a share of the settlement proceeds.
- C. You may dispute the Calculations of Your Individual Settlement Payment. In order to dispute the amount of your Individual Settlement Payment, and the number of workweeks used to calculate the Individual Settlement Payment, you must a send a written dispute by United States mail to the Settlement Administrator, ILYM Group Inc., [insert address], by [Response Deadline]. In order to be considered, your dispute must be (1) timely; and (2) accompanied by records or documentation supporting your position such as wage statements, W2 forms, time records, calendars, memoranda, emails, or any other type of documentation. In response to any timely dispute, the Settlement Administrator will use Blackrock's records and any information you provide to resolve any dispute about your workweek data.
- D. You may object to the Settlement. The procedures for objecting to the settlement are described below in Section VIII of this form.

V. WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT?

- A. The Settlement Administrator will calculate your Individual Settlement Payment based on your number of credited workweeks and will issue and mail you a check.
- B. It is important for the Settlement Administrator and the parties to the Lawsuits to have your current address in order to be able to send you other mailings regarding the Lawsuits. You should contact the Settlement Administrator to report any change of your address after you receive this notice. Failure to report a change of address may result in you not receiving your Individual Settlement Amount.

VI. HEARING ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

A Final Fairness Hearing, at which the Court will decide whether or not the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, will be held on November 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in Department CX103 of the Orange County Superior Court, 751 W Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701. The Court may adjourn or continue the hearing without further notice to you. You are not required to attend the hearing. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. However, you are welcome to attend the hearing at your own expense.

VII. PROCEDURES FOR OBJECTING TO SETTLEMENT

- A. You may object to the proposed Settlement as unfair, unreasonable, and/or inadequate or believe the Settlement should not be finally approved for any reason. You cannot ask the Court to order a different settlement; the Court can only approve or reject the Settlement.
- B. Any objection to the Settlement must be in writing. All written objections and supporting papers must include the following: (i) the full name and signature of the objecting Class Member; (ii) be submitted to the Settlement Administrator; (iii) set forth, in clear and concise terms, a statement of the reasons why the objector believes that the Court should find that the proposed Settlement is not in the best interest of the Class and the reasons why the Settlement should not be approved, including the legal and factual arguments supporting the objection; (v) state whether the objecting Class Member is represented by counsel, and identify any such counsel; (vi) be filed or postmarked on or before [Response Deadline]. If you do decide to file your written objections and supporting papers in person, please visit the Court's website at https://www.occourts.org/locations/exc.html, for the most current information about in-person access to the Court.

The Court retains final authority with respect to the consideration and admissibility of any objections. Counsel for the Parties shall file any response to any objections at least ten (10) court days before the date of the Final Fairness and Approval Hearing.

However, if you do not opt out of the Settlement you may appear at the final approval hearing and voice an objection, whether or not you submit a prior written objection.

C. If you do not object in this manner as described, you will have given up your right to object to the Settlement. If you file an objection, you do not have to come to the Court to talk about it. As long as you submit your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to appear in Court on your behalf.

D. If you do not make your objection in the manner provided for in this notice, you will be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be barred from making any objection to or appealing the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement.

VIII. EXAMINATION OF COURT PAPERS AND QUESTIONS

This notice summarizes the Settlement. For more detailed information you may review Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, operative complaints, the Settlement Agreement, Order of Preliminary Approval, and a Notice of Judgment, and all other settlement related documents and motions, which are posted for your review at www.xxxx.com. Additionally, all papers filed in the Lawsuits, including Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and all settlement related documents and motions may be examined by accessing the Court docket, JCCP Case Number 5100, in this case through the Court's online services system, at https://www.occourts.org/locations/cxc.html. There may be a fee required to review the materials via the online court system. Additionally, all papers filed in the Lawsuits, including Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and all settlement related documents and motions are on file with the Clerk of the Court, JCCP Case Number 5100, which is located in the office of the Clerk of the Orange County Superior Court, 751 W Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701 and is available for viewing during regular office hours (Mon.—Fri., 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays). However, please visit the Court's website at https://www.occourts.org/locations/cxc.html for the most current information about in-person access to the Court.

If you have any questions, you can call the Settlement Administrator at 1-xxx-xxxx or any of the attorneys representing the Class (see below for Class Counsel's phone number).

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PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE TO INQUIRE ABOUT THIS SETTLEMENT