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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

AMANDA FRLEKIN, AARON GREGOROFF,  
SETH DOWLING, DEBRA SPEICHER; AND  
TAYLOR KALIN, on behalf of themselves and  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. 13cv03451-WHA (lead)  
Case No. 13cv04727-WHA (consolidated)

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS  
ACTION SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT (ECF NO. 416-2), AS  
AMENDED (ECF NO. 446-1)**

1 Plaintiffs Seth Dowling, Aaron Gregoroff, Taylor Kalin, and Debra Speicher, on behalf of  
 2 themselves and each of the Settlement Class Members, and Plaintiffs Amanda Frlekin and Taylor  
 3 Kalin on behalf of themselves, the State of California, and the PAGA Settlement Class Members,  
 4 filed a motion for final approval of the Parties' Stipulation Regarding Class and Private Attorneys  
 5 General Act Settlement and Release<sup>1</sup> in the above-referenced consolidated action. Plaintiffs' motion  
 6 for final approval came on regularly for hearing on July 7, 2022, in Courtroom 12 on the 19th Floor  
 7 of the United States Courthouse located at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California  
 8 94102, before the Honorable William Alsup.

9 Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class Members were represented by their counsel, McLaughlin  
 10 & Stern, LLP and Kralowec Law, P.C. Defendant Apple Inc. ("Defendant") was represented by its  
 11 counsel, DLA Piper LLP (US).

12 The Court has: (1) reviewed and considered the terms and conditions of the proposed  
 13 Settlement; (2) reviewed and considered the results of the Notices of Settlement mailed and emailed  
 14 to Settlement Class Members in accordance with the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval  
 15 of Class and Private Attorneys General Act Settlement and Notice Procedures entered on December  
 16 28, 2021 (the "Preliminary Approval Order"); (3) reviewed and considered the motions for  
 17 Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, Class Representative Payments, and Service Payment and held a  
 18 hearing on those motions; (4) held a Final Approval Hearing; (5) taken into account the presentations  
 19 and other proceedings at the Final Approval Hearing; and (6) considered the Settlement in the  
 20 context of all prior proceedings had in this Action.

21 Based thereon, the Court enters the following **FINDINGS** and **CONCLUSIONS**:

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 24 <sup>1</sup> After the Court preliminarily approved the Parties' Settlement, the Parties entered into an  
 25 Amendment to Stipulation Regarding Class and private Attorneys General Act Settlement and  
 26 Release dated June 24, 2022 ("Amendment"), pursuant to which Apple agreed to pay an additional  
 27 \$569,959.60 to account for an additional 203,557 shifts worked by Participating Settlement Class  
 28 Members that were not included in Apple's prior calculation of the number of shifts worked by such  
 individuals. Additionally, Apple agreed to increase the PAGA Settlement Amount by \$8,549.39  
 from \$448,500 to \$457,049.39. The Total Settlement Amount was therefore increased by  
 \$578,508.99 from \$29,900,000 to \$30,478,508.99. All references to "Settlement" or "Settlement  
 Agreement" used herein are to the November 2021 Settlement as amended pursuant to the  
 Amendment.

1 A. Capitalized terms used in this Order that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the  
2 meaning assigned to them in the Settlement Agreement.

3 B. The Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over the Action and all acts within the Action, and  
4 over all the Parties to the Action, including Plaintiffs, Defendant, the State of California, Settlement  
5 Class Members, and PAGA Settlement Class Members.

6 C. In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court conditionally modified the certified class  
7 definition to include the New Class Members for a revised class definition comprising the  
8 “Settlement Class Members.” In response to the Notices of Settlement, 5 New Class Members  
9 requested exclusion from the Settlement. Accordingly, the Court’s order preliminarily approving  
10 modification of the class definition to include all New Class Members (except for the 5 New Class  
11 Members who opted out of the Settlement) is now finally certified for settlement purposes. Class  
12 Counsel and the appointed Class Representatives have fairly and adequately represented all  
13 Settlement Class Members for purposes of negotiating and seeking approval of the Settlement.

14 D. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order and according to the Declaration of Steve Platt  
15 dated June 15, 2022, the appointed Settlement Administrator, Angeion Group, mailed by First Class  
16 U.S. Mail a Notice of Settlement for Existing Class Members who are PAGA Class Members who  
17 worked shifts during the Class Period (Dkt. 444-1, Ex. A); a Notice of Settlement for Existing Class  
18 Members who are PAGA Class Members who worked no shifts during the Class Period<sup>2</sup> (Dkt. 444-  
19 1, Ex. B); a Notice of Settlement for Existing Class Members who are not PAGA Settlement Class  
20 Members and who worked shifts during the Class Period (Dkt. 444-1, Ex. C); a Notice of Settlement  
21 for Existing Class Members who are not PAGA Class Members and who worked no shifts during  
22 the Class Period (Dkt. 444-1, Ex. D); a Notice of Settlement for New Class Members who worked  
23 shifts during the Class Period (Dkt. 444-1, Ex. E); and a Notice of Settlement for New Class  
24 Members who worked no shifts during the class period (Dkt. 444-1, Ex. F). The Settlement  
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27 <sup>2</sup> Some Settlement Class Members were employed by Apple during the Class Period, but worked  
28 no shifts during that Class Period because, for example, they were on vacation or on leave.

1 Administrator also emailed the Notice of Settlement in the form attached to the Settlement  
2 Agreement as Exhibit A to Existing Class Members and the Notice of Settlement in the form  
3 attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibit B to New Class Members, at the email address for  
4 such individuals, if any, included in the Employee List.

5 The Notices of Settlement fairly and adequately advised Settlement Class Members of the  
6 terms of the proposed Settlement, of the preliminary approval of the proposed Settlement, of their  
7 right to receive their shares of the Total Settlement Amount, of the scope and effect of the Released  
8 Class Claims, of Settlement Class Members' rights relating to objecting to the Settlement, of New  
9 Class Members' rights relating to opting out of the Settlement, of the date of the Final Approval  
10 Hearing, and of Settlement Class Members' right to appear at the Final Approval Hearing. Settlement  
11 Class Members had adequate time to consider this information and to use the procedures identified  
12 in the Notices of Settlement. The Court finds and determines that this notice procedure afforded  
13 adequate protections to Settlement Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an  
14 informed decision regarding approval of the Settlement based on the responses of Settlement Class  
15 Members. The Court finds and determines that the Notices of Settlement provided to Settlement  
16 Class Members was the best notice practicable, which satisfied the requirements of law and due  
17 process.

18 E. The Court finds that Plaintiffs' notices of the proposed Settlement, and the Amendment to  
19 the Settlement, submitted to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA")  
20 were sufficient and valid pursuant to California Labor Code section 2699(*l*). The LWDA has not  
21 filed any document related to this Action with the Court.

22 F. The Court finds that Defendant's notice of the proposed Settlement submitted to the Attorney  
23 General of the United States and the appropriate State officials fully and adequately complied with the  
24 notice requirements set forth in the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715. Neither the  
25 Attorney General of the United States nor any State official filed any document related to this action  
26 with the Court. The Court concludes that Apple is not required to provide notice of the Amendment  
27 to the Settlement Agreement to the relevant Attorneys General because no Attorney General objected  
28 to the original settlement and the Amendment merely adds benefits for the Settlement Class Members.

1 *See, e.g., Smith v. Levine Leichtman*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 198138 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 26, 2014)  
2 (holding that an updated notice was not required because the amendments benefitted the class and  
3 the no Attorney General objected to the originally proposed settlement); *Demmings v. KKW*  
4 *Trucking, Inc.*, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 159749 (D. Or. Sep. 19, 2018) (same).

5 G. In response to the Notices of Settlement, no Settlement Class Members objected to the  
6 Settlement and only 5 New Class Members requested exclusion from the Settlement.

7 H. The Settlement is in all respects fair, reasonable, adequate, and proper, and in the best  
8 interests of the Settlement Class Members. In reaching this conclusion, the Court considered a  
9 number of factors, including: (1) the strength of Plaintiffs' claims; (2) the risk, expense, complexity,  
10 and likely duration of further litigation; (3) the amount offered in settlement; (4) the extent of  
11 discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings; (5) the experience and views of Class Counsel  
12 and Defense Counsel; and (6) the reaction of the Settlement Class Members to the proposed  
13 Settlement. The Court finds that the Settlement offers significant monetary recovery to all  
14 Participating Settlement Class Members, and finds that such recovery is fair, reasonable, and  
15 adequate when balanced against the risk of further litigation related to damages issues. The Court  
16 further finds that counsel for the Parties engaged in extensive investigation, research, and discovery  
17 such that Class Counsel and Defense Counsel were able to reasonably evaluate their respective  
18 positions at the time of settlement. The Court finds that the Settlement will avoid substantial  
19 additional costs by all Parties, as well as avoid the risks and delay inherent to further prosecution of  
20 the Action. The Court further finds that the Settlement has been reached as the result of serious and  
21 non-collusive arms-length negotiations. The Court further finds that the relief provided for under  
22 PAGA is genuine, meaningful, and consistent with PAGA's underlying purpose of benefitting the  
23 public. Thus, the Court finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement and  
24 finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate. Accordingly, the Court  
25 directs the Parties to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms.

26 I. Participating Settlement Class Members (as certified below) shall be subject to all of the  
27 provisions of the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, and this Final Approval Order and the  
28 Judgment to be entered by the Clerk of the Court, as set forth herein, including with respect to the

1 Released Class Claims.

2 On the basis of the foregoing findings and conclusions, as well as the submissions and  
3 proceedings referred to above, **NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,**  
4 **ADJUDGED,** and **DECREED:**

5 1. Plaintiffs' motion for final approval of the Settlement is **GRANTED**. The Settlement  
6 is hereby approved as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class  
7 Members, and the requirements of due process and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 have been  
8 satisfied. The Parties are ordered and directed to effectuate the Settlement according to its terms.

9 2. The Court, having found that each of the elements of Rule 23 are satisfied, certifies  
10 the following Class regarding the Class Claims: All current and former non-exempt employees of  
11 Defendant who worked at an Apple retail store in California between July 25, 2009 and August 10,  
12 2015 who were previously provided notice of the Action in 2015 and who did not opt out of the  
13 class (*i.e.*, Existing Class Members),<sup>3</sup> and all individuals who began working as a non-exempt  
14 employee at an Apple retail store in California between August 3, 2015 and December 26, 2015 and  
15 to whom a notice of class certification was not mailed in 2015 (*i.e.*, New Class Members).<sup>4</sup>

16 3. Plaintiffs' motion for approval of Settlement Administration Costs is **GRANTED**.  
17 For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby confirms the  
18 appointment of Angeiffon Group as the Settlement Administrator to administer the Settlement as  
19 more specifically set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and further finally approves Settlement  
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22 <sup>3</sup> However, the definition of Existing Class Members is amended to include Daniel Soto. While  
23 the records of the administrator who served notice of certification of 2015 indicate Mr. Soto  
24 requested exclusion from the case. Mr. Soto submitted a sworn declaration stating he did not  
25 submit the request. Mr. Soto will be added to the Settlement Class. His shifts will be paid first  
26 from any residual resulting from uncashed checks under the Settlement. If these residual funds are  
27 insufficient to pay for Mr. Soto's shifts, the remainder will be paid from Class Counsel's  
28 attorneys' fee award.

26 <sup>4</sup> During the notice period for this Settlement, Apple discovered that 105 New Class Members  
27 were omitted from the list of Settlement Class Members to whom notice of this Settlement was  
28 mailed. The parties have submitted a separate settlement agreement (see ECF 448.), which this  
Court has preliminarily approved, to ensure those 105 employees are given notice of, and afforded  
the opportunity to settle their claims on the same terms as, this Settlement.

1 Administration Costs, as fair and reasonable, of Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
2 (\$89,500.00).

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4 4. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby  
5 confirms the appointment of Plaintiffs Seth Dowling, Aaron Gregoroff, Taylor Kalin, and Debra  
6 Speicher (all of whom were previously appointed as Class Representatives for the Existing Class  
7 Members) as the Class Representatives for the Settlement Class Members. Further, Plaintiffs' motion  
8 for approval of Class Representatives Payments is **GRANTED**. The Court finally approves the Class  
9 Representative Payments, as fair and reasonable, to Plaintiffs Seth Dowling, Aaron Gregoroff, Taylor  
10 Kalin, and Debra Speicher in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) each, for the reasons  
11 stated in the accompanying order granting motions for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, Class  
12 Representative Payments, and Service Payment. The Court hereby orders the Settlement  
13 Administrator to distribute the Class Representative Payments to the Class Representatives in  
14 accordance with this Order and the provisions of the Settlement.<sup>5</sup>

15 5. Plaintiffs' motion for approval of the Service Payment is **GRANTED**. For purposes  
16 of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court finally approves the Service Payment, as  
17 fair and reasonable, to Plaintiff Amanda Frlekin in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars  
18 (\$2,000.00), for the reasons stated in the accompanying order granting motions for Attorneys' Fees,  
19 Litigation Costs, Class Representative Payments, and Service Payment. The Court hereby orders the  
20 Settlement Administrator to distribute the Service Payment to Plaintiff Amanda Frlekin in accordance  
21 with this Order and the provisions of the Settlement.

22 6. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby  
23 extends the appointment of Class Counsel McLaughlin & Stern, LLP and Kralowec Law P.C. (with  
24 Lee Shalov of McLaughlin & Stern, LLP as Lead Counsel) to also represent the New Class Members,  
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27 <sup>5</sup> Should any Named Plaintiff or Class Representative refuse to accept their service award or class  
28 representative payment of \$2,000, such payment shall revert to the general settlement fund for the  
benefit of the class.



1 such that Class Counsel represents all Settlement Class Members for purposes of the Settlement.  
2 Further, Plaintiffs' motion for approval of Attorneys' Fees is **GRANTED**. The Court finally approves  
3 the payment of Attorneys' Fees in the amount of Nine Million Thirty-Nine Thousand One Hundred  
4 Thirty-Seven Dollars and fourteen cents (\$9,039,137.14) as fair and reasonable for the reasons stated  
5 in the accompanying order granting motions for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, Class  
6 Representative Payments, and Service Payment. The Attorneys' Fees shall fully satisfy all legal fees  
7 for all attorneys representing Plaintiffs in the Action (including McLaughlin & Stern LLP; Kralowec  
8 Law, P.C.; the Law Office of Louis Ginsberg, P.C.; the Blanchard Law Group, APC; Peter R. Dion-  
9 Kindem, P.C., and the Holmes Law Group, APC). The Attorneys' Fees award shall be allocated to  
10 the firms that have represented the Plaintiffs in this matter in the amounts and at the times set forth in  
11 the accompanying order granting motions for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, Class  
12 Representative Payments, and Service Payment. The Court's allocation of the Attorneys' Fees  
13 among the law firms that have represented Plaintiffs in the Action shall not affect the total amount  
14 of Attorneys' Fees awarded in this case or require Defendant to pay more for Attorneys' Fees. No  
15 other attorneys or law firms shall be entitled to any award of attorneys' fees from Defendant in any  
16 way connected with the Action.

17           7. Plaintiffs' motion for approval of Litigation Costs is **GRANTED**. For purposes of  
18 this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court finally approves the payment of Litigation  
19 Costs in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and  
20 forty three cents (\$380,223.43) as fair and reasonable, for the reasons stated in the accompanying  
21 order granting motions for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, Class Representative Payments, and  
22 Service Payment. The Litigation Costs shall fully satisfy all litigation costs incurred by the attorneys  
23 representing Plaintiffs in the Action (including McLaughlin & Stern LLP; Kralowec Law, P.C.; the  
24 Law Office of Louis Ginsberg, P.C.; the Blanchard Law Group, APC; Peter R. Dion-Kindem, P.C.,  
25 and the Holmes Law Group, APC). The issue of allocation of the Litigation Costs award is addressed  
26 in the Court's accompanying order granting motions for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, Class  
27 Representative Payments, and Service Payment. The Court's allocation of the Litigation Costs  
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1 among the law firms that have represented Plaintiffs in the Action shall not affect the total amount  
2 of Litigation Costs awarded in this case or otherwise require Defendant to pay more for Litigation  
3 Costs. No other attorneys or law firms shall be entitled to any award of costs from Defendant in any  
4 way connected with the Action. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator to distribute  
5 the Litigation Costs in accordance with the provisions of this Order, the Court's order granting  
6 motions for Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Costs, Class Representative Payments, and Service Payment,  
7 and the Settlement Agreement.

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9 8. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby  
10 approves the PAGA Settlement Amount in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand  
11 Forty-Nine Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$457,049.39) as fair and reasonable. Pursuant to the  
12 terms of the Settlement Agreement, seventy-five percent (75%) of the PAGA Settlement Amount  
13 (*i.e.*, \$342,787.04) shall be distributed to the LWDA and twenty-five percent (25%) of the PAGA  
14 Settlement Amount (*i.e.*, \$114,262.35) shall be distributed to the PAGA Settlement Class Members.  
15 Payment of the PAGA Settlement Amount shall resolve all claims for civil penalties under PAGA  
16 for the PAGA Claims alleged in the Action. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator  
17 to distribute the PAGA LWDA Payment to the LWDA and to distribute the PAGA Settlement Class  
18 Member Payments to the PAGA Settlement Class Members in accordance with the provisions of  
19 this Order and the Settlement Agreement.

20 9. For purposes of this Final Approval Order and this Settlement, the Court hereby  
21 approves the Individual Class Payments in the aggregate amount of Twenty Million Five Hundred  
22 Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and three cents (\$20,502,599.03) as fair,  
23 reasonable, and adequate. The Court hereby orders the Settlement Administrator to distribute the  
24 Individual Class Payments to Participating Settlement Class Members in accordance with the  
25 provisions of this Order and the Settlement Agreement.

1           10. Any check for a Participating Settlement Class Member to whom a Notice of  
2 Settlement was not delivered shall be submitted to the California State Controller’s Office for  
3 unclaimed funds.

4           11. Any checks issued to Participating Settlement Class Members or PAGA Settlement  
5 Class Members shall remain valid and negotiable for one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days  
6 from the date of their issuance and then shall become void on the 181st day after mailing, *i.e.*, the  
7 Void Date. Any re-mailed or re-issued check shall remain valid and negotiable for one hundred eighty  
8 (180) calendar days from the date the original check was mailed, or thirty (30) calendar days from  
9 the date the re-issued check is re-mailed, whichever date is later. Any unclaimed funds resulting from  
10 Settlement Class Members’ failure to cash Individual Class Payment checks and/or Individual PAGA  
11 Payment checks by the Void Date shall be transmitted by the Settlement Administrator to the  
12 California Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc. (“Boys & Girls Clubs”), with the funds designated to  
13 be used in California for the Boys & Girls Clubs’ Workforce Readiness program/job training, within  
14 fourteen (14) calendar days of the Void Date. The Court approves the Boys & Girls Clubs as an  
15 appropriate recipient of these funds. Any refunded employee-side payroll taxes corresponding to the  
16 wage component of any uncashed Individual Class Payment checks shall be transmitted by the  
17 Settlement Administrator to the Boys & Girls Clubs with the funds designated to be used in California  
18 for Boys & Girls Clubs’ Workforce Readiness program/job training, within fourteen (14) calendar  
19 days of the Settlement Administrator’s receipt of the refunded employee-side payroll taxes. Any  
20 refunded employer-side payroll taxes corresponding to the wage component of any uncashed  
21 Individual Class Payment checks shall be returned to Apple within fourteen (14) calendar days of the  
22 Settlement Administrator’s receipt of the refunded employer-side payroll taxes.

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24           12. As of the Effective Date, Plaintiffs Seth Dowling, Aaron Gregoroff, Amanda  
25 Frlekin, Taylor Kalin, and Debra Speicher shall be deemed to have provided a Complete and  
26 General Release to the Released Parties.

1           13.     As of the Effective Date, Plaintiffs Amanda Frlekin and Taylor Kalin – on behalf of  
 2 themselves, the State of California, and PAGA Settlement Class Members – shall be deemed to  
 3 have fully and irrevocably released the Released Parties from the PAGA Claims, as defined in the  
 4 Settlement Agreement.<sup>6</sup> Plaintiffs Amanda Frlekin and Taylor Kalin, the State of California, and  
 5 PAGA Settlement Class Members will release such Released PAGA Claims for the PAGA Period,  
 6 *i.e.*, from July 25, 2012 through and including December 31, 2015. Plaintiffs Amanda Frlekin and  
 7 Taylor Kalin, the State of California, and PAGA Settlement Class Members may discover facts in  
 8 addition to or different from those they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject  
 9 matter of the Released PAGA Claims, but upon the Effective Date, they shall be deemed to have –  
 10 and by operation of this Final Approval Order and the Judgment that will be entered concurrently  
 11 herewith, they shall have – fully, finally, and forever settled and released any and all of the Released  
 12 PAGA Claims. On behalf of the State of California and all PAGA Settlement Class Members,  
 13 Plaintiffs Amanda Frlekin and Taylor Kalin agree that, as of the Effective Date, Plaintiffs Amanda  
 14 Frlekin and Taylor Kalin, the State of California, and all PAGA Settlement Class Members are  
 15 hereby forever barred and enjoined from prosecuting the Released PAGA Claims against the  
 16 Released Parties. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to create a basis for imposing monetary  
 17 sanctions against Settlement Class Members, but rather is intended to confirm the finality of the  
 18 releases provided in the Settlement.

19           14.     As of the Effective Date, Class Representatives and each of the Participating  
 20 Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have fully and irrevocably released the Released  
 21 Parties from the Class Claims, as defined in the Settlement Agreement. Participating Settlement  
 22 Class Members will release such Released Class Claims for the Class Period, *i.e.*, from July 25, 2009  
 23 through and including December 31, 2015.<sup>7</sup> Class Representatives and Participating Settlement  
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 26 <sup>6</sup> This release, however, will not apply to the 105 additional employees who did not receive notice  
 27 of this settlement and whose claims are being settled separately.

28 <sup>7</sup> This release, however, will not apply to the 105 additional employees who did not receive notice  
 of this settlement and whose claims are being settled separately

1 Class Members may discover facts in addition to or different from those they now know or believe  
2 to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Class Claims, but upon the Effective  
3 Date, they shall be deemed to have – and by operation of this Final Approval Order and the Judgment  
4 that will be entered concurrently herewith, they shall have – fully, finally, and forever settled and  
5 released any and all of the Released Class Claims. On behalf of all Participating Settlement Class  
6 Members, Class Representatives agree that, as of the Effective Date, Class Representatives and all  
7 Participating Settlement Class Members are hereby forever barred and enjoined from prosecuting  
8 the Released Class Claims against the Released Parties. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to  
9 create a basis for imposing monetary sanctions against Settlement Class Members, but rather is  
10 intended to confirm the finality of the releases provided in the Settlement.

11           15.     The terms of the Settlement Agreement, and this Final Approval Order and the  
12 Judgment that will be entered concurrently herewith, are binding on Plaintiffs, the State of  
13 California, Participating Settlement Class Members, and the PAGA Settlement Class Members,  
14 and those terms shall have, to the fullest extent permitted by law, *res judicata* and other preclusive  
15 effect in all pending and future claims, lawsuits, or other proceedings maintained by or on behalf  
16 of the State of California, Participating Settlement Class Members and PAGA Settlement Class  
17 Members, to the extent those claims, lawsuits or other proceedings fall within the scope of Released  
18 Class Claims and/or Released PAGA Claims as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

19           16.     Neither this Final Approval Order, the Judgment, the Settlement Agreement, nor any  
20 document referred to herein, nor any action taken to carry out the Settlement Agreement is, may be  
21 construed as, or may be used as an admission by or against Defendant or any of the other Released  
22 Parties of any fault, wrongdoing, or liability whatsoever. Nor is this Final Approval Order or the  
23 Judgment a finding of the validity of any of the Class Claims or PAGA Claims in the Action or of  
24 any wrongdoing by Defendant or any of the other Released Parties. The entering into or carrying  
25 out of the Settlement Agreement, and any negotiations or proceedings related thereto, shall not in  
26 any event be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission or concession with regard to  
27 the denials or defenses by Defendant or any of the other Released Parties and shall not be offered  
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1 in evidence against Defendant or any of the Released Parties in any action or proceeding in any  
2 court, administrative agency or other tribunal for any purpose whatsoever other than to enforce the  
3 provisions of this Final Approval Order and the Judgment, the Settlement Agreement, or any related  
4 agreement or release. Notwithstanding these restrictions, any of the Released Parties may file in  
5 the Action or in any other proceeding this Final Approval Order, the Judgment, the Settlement  
6 Agreement, or any other papers and records on file in the Action as evidence of the Settlement and  
7 to support a defense of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, waiver, or other theory of claim  
8 preclusion, issue preclusion, or similar defense.

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10 17. In the event that the Settlement does not become final and effective in accordance  
11 with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, then this Final Approval Order, the Judgment and all  
12 orders entered in connection herewith, shall be rendered null and void and be vacated. Moreover,  
13 any funds tendered by Defendant shall be returned and/or retained by Defendant consistent with  
14 the terms of the Settlement.

15 18. Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after the Void Date, the Parties shall file with  
16 the Court and post to the Settlement Administrator's website a post-distribution accounting setting  
17 forth: (a) the Total Settlement Amount; (b) the total number of Settlement Class Members; (c) the  
18 total number of Settlement Class Members to whom a Notice of Settlement was sent and not returned  
19 as undeliverable; (d) the number and percentage of opt-outs; (e) the number and percentage of  
20 objections; (f) the average and median recovery per Participating Settlement Class Member; (g) the  
21 largest and smallest amounts paid to Participating Settlement Class Members; (h) the methods of  
22 notice and the method of payment to Settlement Class Members; (i) the number and value of checks  
23 not cashed; (j) the amounts distributed to the cy pres recipient; (k) the Settlement Administration  
24 Costs; (l) the Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Costs; and (m) the Attorneys' Fees in terms of  
25 percentage of the settlement fund, and the multiplier, if any.

26 19. The terms of the Settlement Agreement, and this Final Approval Order, and the  
27 Judgment that will be entered concurrently herewith, are binding on the Parties.  
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20. Judgment will be entered separately.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** Dated:

August 13, 2022.

  
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Hon. William Alsup  
United States District Judge