

## STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation of Settlement (“Settlement Agreement”) is reached by and between Plaintiff Raul Nunez (“Plaintiff”), individually and on behalf of all members of the Settlement Class (defined below), on one hand, and Defendant TK Services, Inc. (“Defendant”), on the other hand. Plaintiff and Defendant are referred to herein collectively as the “Parties.” Plaintiff and the Settlement Class are represented by Paul K. Haines of Haines Law Group, APC and Scott M. Lidman, Elizabeth Nguyen, and Milan Moore of Lidman Law, APC (collectively, “Class Counsel”). Defendant is represented by Elaine B. Alston and Paul D. Copenbarger of Copenbarger & Associates.

On November 6, 2017, Plaintiff filed a Complaint against Defendant in Los Angeles County Superior Court, in the matter entitled *Raul Nunez v. TK Services, Inc.*, Case No. BC682512 (the “Action”) alleging the following claims against Defendant: (a) failure to pay all overtime wages owed; (b) failure to pay all minimum wages owed; (c) failure to pay all wages at the agreed-upon rate; (d) failure to provide meal periods, or premium pay for non-compliant meal periods; and (e) failure to pay all wages upon termination; and (g) unlawful deductions from wages. As a result of the foregoing alleged violations, Plaintiff contends that Defendant is further liable to Plaintiff and the Settlement Class (defined below) because it engaged in unlawful business practices pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17200 that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of action or legal theories described above. Defendant denies Plaintiff’s claims.

Given the uncertainty of litigation, Plaintiff and Defendant wish to settle both individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class, aggrieved employees and the State of California. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Defendant agree as follows:

1. **Settlement Class.** For the purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, Plaintiff and Defendant stipulate to the certification of the following Settlement Class:

All current and former non-exempt, hourly employees of Defendant TK Services, Inc. who worked for Defendant in California at any time from November 6, 2013 through date of preliminary approval of the Settlement.

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the “Class Period” shall mean the time period of November 6, 2013 through the date of preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement.

The Parties agree that certification for purposes of this Settlement Agreement is not an admission that class certification is proper under Section 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure. If for any reason this Settlement Agreement is not approved or is terminated, in whole or in part, this conditional agreement to class certification will be inadmissible and will have no effect in this matter or in any claims brought on the same or similar allegations, and the Parties shall revert to the respective positions they held prior to entering into the Settlement Agreement.

2. **PAGA Employees.** For the purposes of this Settlement Agreement only, Plaintiff and Defendant stipulate to the following definition of PAGA Employees:

All current and former non-exempt, hourly employees of Defendant TK Services, Inc. who worked for Defendant in California at any time from November 6, 2016 through date of preliminary approval of the Settlement.

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the “PAGA Period” and release under the PAGA shall mean the time period between November 6, 2016 through the date of preliminary approval.

3. **Amendment to Complaint.** In connection with the mediation, Defendant provided Plaintiff with time punch and pay data and other information relating to the members of the Settlement Class. That information was analyzed by Plaintiff, and the Parties negotiated this Settlement with the intention of resolving not only the claims asserted in the Complaint, but also claims for: (i) failure to authorize and permit rest periods, or pay premium pay for non-compliant rest periods, (ii) failure to issue accurate, itemized wage statements; and (iii) violations of the Labor Code Private Attorney General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”) that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of action or legal theories alleged in the Complaint and also related to rest periods and wage statements. Therefore, as a material term and condition of this Settlement, the Parties agree to stipulate, for settlement purposes only, that Plaintiff be granted leave to file a First Amended Complaint to add causes of action for (i) failure to authorize and permit rest periods, or pay premium pay for non-compliant rest periods, (ii) failure to issue accurate, itemized wage statements; and (iii) violations of the PAGA. Defendant shall cooperate, as necessary, to stipulate to and/or otherwise effectuate the filing of the First Amended Complaint. Defendant shall cooperate, as necessary, to with respect to Plaintiff sending a letter to the Labor & Workforce Development Agency asserting claims based on the allegations asserted in the proposed First Amended Complaint in the Action. This Settlement is expressly conditioned upon the Court granting leave to file the First Amended Complaint. If the Court denies preliminary or final approval of this settlement for any reason, then the First Amended Complaint shall be stricken and the pleadings in this Lawsuit shall be restored as if no settlement was reached by the parties. The Proposed First Amended Complaint is attached to this Settlement as **Exhibit A**. If the Court grants preliminary approval and leave for Plaintiff to file the First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff shall file the First Amended Complaint within ten court days, and Defendant is not required to file an answer to the First Amended Complaint

4. **Release by Settlement Class Members and Plaintiff.** Plaintiff and every member of the Settlement Class (except those who timely and properly submit a Request for Exclusion as set forth below) will fully and forever completely release and discharge Defendant, and all of its past and present officers, directors, shareholders, managers, employees, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, consultants, and its respective successors and predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents and attorneys, (collectively the “Released Parties”), as follows:

- A. Settlement Class Members’ Release: Settlement Class members and Plaintiff will release all claims, demands, rights, liabilities and causes of action that were pled in the operative Complaint in the Action (which is the proposed First Amended Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A), or which could have been pled in the operative Complaint in the Action (which is the proposed First Amended Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A) based on the factual allegations therein, that arose during the Class Period including but not limited to the following claims:

(a) failure to pay all overtime wages owed; (b) failure to pay all minimum wages owed; (c) failure to pay all wages at the agreed-upon rate; (c) failure to provide meal periods, or premium pay for non-compliant meal periods; (d) failure to authorize and permit rest periods, or premium pay for non-complaint rest periods; (e) failure to provide accurate, itemized wage statements; (f) failure to timely pay wages upon separation of employment; and (g) all claims for unfair business practices that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of action or legal theories described above(collectively, the “Released Claims”).

B. The time period for the release of the Released Claims shall be the same time period as the Class Period.

C. PAGA Release: PAGA Employees, including Plaintiff, will release and forever discharge all claims, demands, rights, liabilities and causes of action for penalties under California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 against the Released Parties based on (as alleged in the letter to the Labor & Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) October 28, 2020 and the operative Complaint (which is the proposed First Amended Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A) for: (a) failure to pay all overtime wages owed; (b) failure to pay all minimum wages owed; (c) failure to pay all wages at the agreed-upon rate; (c) failure to provide meal periods, or premium pay for non-compliant meal periods; (d) failure to authorize and permit rest periods, or premium pay for non-complaint rest periods; (e) failure to provide accurate, itemized wage statements; and (f) failure to timely pay wages upon separation of employment (collectively, “PAGA Released Claims”). The PAGA Period and the time period of the PAGA Released Claims is defined as the time period of November 6, 2016 through date of preliminary approval of the Settlement (“PAGA Period”).

D. In light of the Class Representative Service Award, Plaintiff agrees to release, in addition to the Released Claims described above, all claims, whether known or unknown, under federal law or state law against the Released Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plaintiff understands that this release includes unknown claims, which includes waiving all rights and benefits afforded by Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides:

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

E. Notwithstanding the above, nor anything else in this Settlement, the waiver and release in this Settlement does not apply to (i) those rights that as a matter of law cannot be waived, including, but not limited to, workers’ compensation claims, pending or otherwise and/or benefits to be received by Plaintiff in workers’

compensation pursuant to the jurisdiction of workers' compensation; and (ii) rights or claims arising out of this Settlement.

- F. The releases identified herein will only be effective on the date that Defendant fully funds the Gross Settlement Amount.

5. **Gross Settlement Amount.** As consideration, Defendant agrees to pay a "Gross Settlement Amount" of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,750,000.00) (unless such Gross Settlement Amount is increased pursuant to Paragraph 3.E. below) in full and complete settlement of the Action, as follows:

- A. The Parties have agreed to engage Phoenix Settlement Administrators (or other mutually agreeable alternative Settlement Administrator) as the "Settlement Administrator" to administer this Settlement. All administrative costs shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount.
- B. With the exception of the Settlement Administrator's fees, if required by the Settlement Administrator, the Gross Settlement Amount shall be deposited by Defendant into a qualified settlement fund set up by the Settlement Administrator for the benefit of participating Settlement Class members. Defendant agrees to deposit the Gross Settlement Amount with the Settlement Administrator within thirty (30) calendar days after the "Effective Date" which is defined as the latter of: (a) the Court's final approval of the settlement if no objections by or on behalf of Settlement Class members have been filed; (b) the time for appeal has expired if an objection has been filed and no appeal has been filed or withdrawn; or (c) the final resolution of any appeal that has been filed.
- C. This is a non-reversionary settlement. The Gross Settlement Amount includes:
- (1) All payments (including interest) to the Settlement Class members;
  - (2) All costs of the Settlement Administrator and settlement administration, which are anticipated to be no greater than Ten Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,000.00);
  - (3) Up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,500.00) for Plaintiff's Class Representative Service Award, in recognition of his contributions to the Action, and his service to the Settlement Class. Even in the event that the Court reduces or does not approve the requested Class Representative Service Award, Plaintiff shall not have the right to revoke this Settlement Agreement, and this Settlement shall remain binding;
  - (4) Up to one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount in Class Counsel's attorneys' fees [estimated to be Five Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$583,333.33), unless the Gross Settlement Amount is increased pursuant to Paragraph 4.E. below], plus actual costs and expenses incurred by Class Counsel related to the Action as supported by declaration, which are currently estimated to be

no greater than Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00). In the event that the Court reduces or does not approve the requested Class Counsel attorneys' fees and/or costs, Class Counsel shall not have the right to revoke this Settlement Agreement, and it will remain binding; and

(5) Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount has been set aside by the Parties as PAGA civil penalties. Per Labor Code § 2699(i), seventy-five percent (75%) of such penalties, or Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$37,500.00) will be payable to the Labor & Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%), or Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,500.00), will be payable to certain Settlement Class members as the "PAGA Amount," as described below.

D. Defendant's share of payroll taxes shall be paid by Defendant separately from, and in addition to, the Gross Settlement Amount.

E. **Unexpected Workweeks/Escalator Clause.** Defendant represents that there are an estimated 46,613 workweeks worked by Class Members during the Class Period. If the number of pay periods during the Class Period is more than 10% greater than this figure (*i.e.*, if there are 51,275 or more workweeks worked by the settlement class members during the Class Period), Defendant agrees to increase the Gross Settlement Amount on a proportional basis to the extent the number of workweeks exceed the total (*i.e.*, if there was 15% increase in the number of workweeks worked during the Class Period, Defendant would agree to increase the Gross Settlement Amount by 15%). For the purposes of this Section the Class Period shall be no later than ninety (90) days after the October 6, 2020 mediation,

6. **Payments to the Settlement Class.** Settlement Class members are not required to submit a claim form to receive a payment ("Settlement Award") from the Settlement. Settlement Awards will be determined and paid as follows:

A. The Settlement Administrator shall first deduct from the Gross Settlement Amount the amounts approved by the Court for Class Counsel's attorneys' fees, Class Counsel's costs and expenses, Plaintiff's Class Representative Service Award, the Settlement Administrator's fees and expenses for administration, and the amount designated as PAGA civil penalties payable to the LWDA. The remaining amount shall be known as the "Net Settlement Amount."

B. From the Net Settlement Amount, the Settlement Administrator will calculate each Settlement Class member's Settlement Award based on the following formula:

i. The Net Settlement Amount shall be allocated to Settlement Class members who worked during the Class Period, as follows: each participating Settlement Class member shall receive a proportionate settlement share

based upon the number of workweeks worked as a non-exempt employee during the Class Period, the numerator of which is the Settlement Class member's total workweeks worked as a non-exempt employee during the Class Period, and the denominator of which is the total workweeks worked as non-exempt employees by all Settlement Class members (who do not opt out) who worked during the Class Period.

- C. PAGA Amount: Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,500.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount has been designated as the "PAGA Amount" as described above. Each PAGA Employee shall receive a portion of the PAGA Amount proportionate to the number of workweeks that he or she worked during this PAGA Period which will be calculated by multiplying the PAGA Amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the PAGA Employee's number of workweeks worked as a non-exempt employee during this time period, and the denominator of which is the total number of workweeks worked by all PAGA Employees.
- D. Within ten (10) calendar days following Defendant's deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount with the Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator will calculate Settlement Award amounts and provide the same to counsel for the Parties for review and approval. Within seven (7) calendar days of approval by counsel for the Parties, the Settlement Administrator will prepare and mail Settlement Awards, less applicable taxes and withholdings, to participating Settlement Class members. The Settlement Administrator shall simultaneously pay the withholdings to the applicable authorities with the necessary reports, submitting copies to Defendant's counsel.
- E. For purposes of calculating applicable taxes and withholdings, each Settlement Award shall be allocated as follows: Seventy-five percent (75%) as penalties and interest; and Twenty-Five percent (25%) as wages. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to participating Settlement Class members IRS Forms W-2 for amounts deemed "wages" and IRS Forms 1099 for the amounts allocated as penalties and interest. Each Settlement Class member who receives a Settlement Award will be responsible for correctly characterizing the payment for tax purposes and for payment of any taxes owing on said amount. Notwithstanding the treatment of the payments to each Settlement Class member above, none of the payments called for by this Settlement Agreement, including the wage portion, are to be treated as earnings, wages, pay or compensation for any purpose of any applicable benefit or retirement plan, unless required by such plans.
- F. Each member of the Settlement Class who receives a Settlement Award must cash the check(s) within 180 days from the date the Settlement Administrator mails it/them. Any funds payable to Settlement Class members whose checks were not cashed within 180 days after mailing will escheat to the California Secretary of State- Unclaimed Property Fund under the unclaimed property laws in the name of the Settlement Class member.

7. **Attorneys' Fees and Costs.** Defendant will not object to Class Counsel's request for a total award of attorneys' fees of one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be Five Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$583,333.33) (unless the Gross Settlement Amount is increased pursuant to Paragraph 4.E. above, in which case the attorneys' fees shall increase accordingly). Additionally, Class Counsel will request an award of actual costs and expenses as supported by declaration, in an amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00) from the Gross Settlement Amount. These amounts will cover any and all work performed and any and all costs incurred in connection with this litigation, including without limitation: all work performed and all costs incurred to date; and all work to be performed and costs to be incurred in connection with obtaining the Court's approval of this Settlement Agreement, including any objections raised and any appeals necessitated by those objections. Class Counsel will be issued an IRS Form 1099 by the Settlement Administrator when the Settlement Administrator pays the fee award allowed by the Court.

8. **Class Representative Service Award.** Defendant will not object to a request for a Class Representative Service Award of up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$7,500.00) to Plaintiff for his time and risk in prosecuting this case, and his service to the Settlement Class. This award will be in addition to Plaintiff's Settlement Award as a Settlement Class member and shall be reported on an IRS Form 1099 issued by the Settlement Administrator. Even in the event that the Court reduces or does not approve the requested Service Award, Plaintiff shall not have the right to revoke this Settlement, and it will remain binding.

9. **Settlement Administrator.** Defendant will not object the appointment of Phoenix Settlement Administrators as Settlement Administrator. Defendant will not object to Plaintiff's seeking permission to pay up to Ten Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$10,000.00) for its services from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for sending notices and for calculating Settlement Awards and preparing all checks and mailings, calculating Defendant's share of taxes payable on the wages, which shall be paid by Defendant separate and apart from the Gross Settlement Amount, and other duties as described in this Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall be authorized to pay itself from the Gross Settlement Amount by Class Counsel only after Settlement Awards have been mailed to all participating Settlement Class members.

10. **Preliminary Approval.** Within a reasonable time after execution of this Settlement Agreement by the Parties, Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for the entry of an Order:

- A. Conditionally certifying the Settlement Class for purposes of this Settlement Agreement;
- B. Appointing Paul K. Haines of Haines Law Group, APC and Scott M. Lidman, Milan Moore and Elizabeth Nguyen of Lidman Law, APC as Class Counsel;
- C. Appointing Raul Nunez as Class Representative for the Settlement Class;
- D. Approving Phoenix Settlement Administrators as Settlement Administrator;

- E. Preliminarily approving this Settlement Agreement and its terms as fair, reasonable, and adequate;
- F. Approving the form and content of the Notice Packet (which is comprised of the Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Settlement and Notice of Settlement Award, drafts of which are attached collectively hereto as **Exhibit B**), and directing the mailing of same; and
- G. Scheduling a Final Approval hearing.

11. **Notice to Settlement Class.** Following preliminary approval, the Settlement Class shall be notified as follows:

- A. Within fifteen (15) calendar days after entry of an order preliminarily approving this Agreement, Defendant will provide the Settlement Administrator with the names, last known addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, positions held, the number of workweeks worked (or information allowing the Settlement Administrator to calculate same) as a non-exempt employee by each Settlement Class member while employed during the Class Period and PAGA Period (the "Class Data"). The Class Data shall be provided to the Settlement Administrator in an electronic format satisfactory to the Settlement Administrator.
- B. Within ten (10) business days from receipt of this information, the Settlement Administrator shall (i) run the names of all Settlement Class members through the National Change of Address ("NCOA") database to determine any updated addresses for Settlement Class members; (ii) update the address of any Settlement Class member for whom an updated address was found through the NCOA search; (iii) calculate the estimated Settlement Award for each Settlement Class member; and (iv) mail a Notice Packet to each Settlement Class member at his or her last known address or at the updated address found through the NCOA search, and retain proof of mailing.
- C. Requests for Exclusion. Any Settlement Class member who wishes to opt-out of the Settlement must complete and mail a Request for Exclusion (defined below) to the Settlement Administrator within sixty (60) calendar days of the date of the initial mailing of the Notice Packets (the "Response Deadline").
  - i. The Notice Packet shall state that Settlement Class members who wish to exclude themselves from the Settlement must submit a Request for Exclusion by the Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion must: (1) contain the name, address, telephone number and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the Settlement Class member; (2) contain a statement that the Settlement Class member wishes to be excluded from the Settlement; (3) be signed by the Settlement Class member; and (4) be postmarked by the Response Deadline and mailed to the Settlement Administrator at the address specified in the Class Notice. If the Request for Exclusion does not contain the information listed in (1)-(3), it will not be deemed valid for exclusion from the Settlement,



except a Request for Exclusion not containing a Class Member's telephone number and/or last four digits of the Social Security number will be deemed valid. The date of the postmark on the Request for Exclusion shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a Request for Exclusion has been timely submitted. Any Settlement Class member who requests to be excluded from the Settlement Class will not be entitled to any recovery under this Settlement Agreement and will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement or have any right to object, appeal or comment thereon.

- ii. The Parties agree there is no statutory or other right for any Settlement Class member to opt out or otherwise exclude himself or herself from the PAGA portion of the Settlement. A Settlement Class member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion shall still receive his or her proportionate share of the PAGA Amount.

D. Objections. Members of the Settlement Class who do not request exclusion may object to this Settlement Agreement as explained in the Class Notice by mailing a written objection with the Settlement Administrator (who shall serve all objections as received on Class Counsel and Defendant's counsel). Class Counsel shall file any objections with the Court. Defendant's counsel and Class Counsel shall file any responses to objections no later than the deadline to file the Motion for Final Approval. To be valid, any written objection must: (1) contain the objecting Settlement Class member's full name and current address, as well as contact information for any attorney representing the objecting Settlement Class member for purposes of the objection; (2) include all objections and the factual and legal bases for same; (3) include any and all supporting papers, briefs, written evidence, declarations, and/or other evidence, if any; and (4) be postmarked no later than the Response Deadline. Members of the Settlement Class who do not request exclusion may also object to the Settlement by appearing at the Final Approval Hearing in person or virtually irrespective of whether they submitted any written objections.

E. Notice of Settlement Award / Disputes. Each Notice Packet mailed to a Settlement Class member shall disclose the amount of the Settlement Class member's estimated Settlement Award as well the Settlement Class member's number of pay periods worked as a non-exempt employee during the Class Period. Settlement Class members will have the opportunity, should they disagree with Defendant's records regarding the information stated in the Notice of Settlement Award, to provide documentation and/or an explanation to show contrary information. Any such dispute, including any supporting documentation, must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator and postmarked by the Response Deadline. If there is a dispute, the Settlement Administrator will consult with the Parties to determine whether an adjustment is warranted. The Settlement Administrator shall determine the eligibility for, and the amounts of, any Settlement Awards under the terms of this Settlement Agreement. If a resolution cannot be reached by and among the Parties and the Settlement Administrator, the Court will render all final decisions on disputes.

- F. Any Notice Packets returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-delivered on or before the Response Deadline shall be re-mailed to the forwarding address affixed thereto. If no forwarding address is provided, the Settlement Administrator shall make reasonable efforts, including utilizing a “skip trace,” to obtain an updated mailing address within three (3) business days of receiving the returned Notice Packet. If an updated mailing address is identified before the Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall resend the Notice Packet to the Settlement Class member immediately, and in any event within three (3) business days of obtaining the updated address. The address identified by the Settlement Administrator as the current mailing address shall be presumed to be the best mailing address for each Settlement Class member. Settlement Class members to whom Notice Packets are re-mailed after having been returned as undeliverable to the Settlement Administrator shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of re-mailing, or until the Response Deadline has expired, whichever is later, to submit a Request for Exclusion, Objection, or dispute. Notice Packets that are re-mailed shall inform the recipient of this adjusted deadline. If a Settlement Class member’s Notice Packet is returned to the Settlement Administrator more than once before the Response Deadline, the Settlement Administrator shall continue to make reasonable efforts to obtain an updated mailing address. Nothing else shall be required of, or done by, the Parties, Class Counsel, or Defendant’s Counsel to provide notice of the proposed settlement.

12. **Final Approval.** Following preliminary approval and the close of the period for filing requests for exclusion, objections, or disputes under this Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for entry of an Order:

- A. Granting final approval to the Settlement Agreement and adjudging its terms to be fair, reasonable, and adequate;
- B. Approving Plaintiff’s and Class Counsel’s application for attorneys’ fees and costs, Class Representative Service Award, and settlement administration costs; and
- C. Entering judgment pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.769 and posting notice of the judgment on a static website created and maintained by the Settlement Administrator.

13. **Non-Admission of Liability.** Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall operate or be construed as an admission of any liability or that class certification is appropriate in any context other than this Settlement. In particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, nothing about this Settlement Agreement shall be offered or construed as an admission of liability, wrongdoing, impropriety, responsibility, or fault whatsoever on the part of Defendant and/or the Released Parties, and it shall not be construed as or deemed to be evidence of, or an admission or concession that the any Settling Class member has suffered any damage. Each of the Parties has entered into this Settlement Agreement to avoid the burden and expense of further litigation. Pursuant to California Evidence Code Section 1152, this Settlement Agreement is inadmissible in any proceeding, except a proceeding to approve, interpret, or enforce this Settlement Agreement.

If Final Approval does not occur, the Parties agree that this Settlement Agreement is void, but remains protected by California Evidence Code Section 1152.

14. **Non-disclosure and Non-publication.** Prior to the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, Plaintiff and Class Counsel agree not to disclose or publicize the Settlement Agreement contemplated herein, the fact of the Settlement Agreement, its terms or contents, or the negotiations underlying the Settlement Agreement, in any manner or form, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity, except to Settlement Class members and as shall be contractually required to effectuate the terms of the Settlement Agreement as set forth herein. However, for the limited purpose of allowing Class Counsel to prove adequacy as class counsel in other actions, Class Counsel may disclose the names of the Parties in this Action, the venue/case number of this Action, and a general description of the Action, to a court in a declaration by Class Counsel. Class Counsel may also include a general description of the Settlement on their respective websites but may not include the name(s) of any of the Parties, or the case name or case number of the Action.

15. **Legal Developments.** The Parties agree that Plaintiff will submit to the Court a motion for preliminary approval of this Settlement containing all of the terms and conditions contained herein notwithstanding any new legal developments regarding the Released Claims.

16. **Waiver and Amendment.** The Parties may not waive, amend, or modify any provision of this Settlement Agreement except by a written agreement signed by all of the Parties, and subject to any necessary Court approval. A waiver or amendment of any provision of this Settlement Agreement will not constitute a waiver of any other provision.

17. **Attorneys' Fees:** In the event of any dispute arising out of the interpretation, performance, or breach of any provision of this Settlement Agreement, the prevailing party in such dispute(s) shall be entitled to recover her and/or its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred arising from such dispute.

18. **Notices.** All notices, demands, and other communications to be provided concerning this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by receipted delivery and by e-mail at the addresses set forth below, or such other addresses as either Party may designate in writing from time to time:

if to Defendant: Paul D. Copenbarger and Elaine B. Alston of Copenbarger & Associates, 27201 Puerta Real, Suite 300, Mission Viejo, California 92691; [ca@copenbargerlaw.com](mailto:ca@copenbargerlaw.com) and [elaine@copenbargerlaw.com](mailto:elaine@copenbargerlaw.com)

if to Plaintiff: Scott M. Lidman, Elizabeth Nguyen, and Milan Moore of Lidman Law, APC, 2155 Campus Drive, Suite 150 El Segundo, California 90245; [slidman@lidmanlaw.com](mailto:slidman@lidmanlaw.com) and [enguyen@lidmanlaw.com](mailto:enguyen@lidmanlaw.com)

Paul K. Haines, Haines Law Group, APC, 2155 Campus Drive, Suite 180, El Segundo, California 90245; [phaines@haineslawgroup.com](mailto:phaines@haineslawgroup.com)

19. **Cooperation.** The Parties agree to work cooperatively, diligently and in good faith to ensure that all documents necessary to effectuate this Settlement are properly and timely filed.

20. **Entire Agreement.** This Settlement Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, and supersedes all negotiations, presentations, warranties, commitments, offers, contracts, and writings prior to the date hereof relating to the subject matters hereof.

21. **Counterparts.** This Settlement Agreement may be executed by one or more of the Parties on any number of separate counterparts and delivered electronically, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

DATED:

DEFENDANT TK SERVICES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: Apr 9, 2021

PLAINTIFF RAUL NUNEZ

By: Raul Nunez (Apr 9, 2021 14:43 CDT)

Plaintiff and Settlement Class Representative

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**


DATED:

COPENBARGER & ASSOCIATES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elaine B. Alston  
Attorneys for Defendant TK Services, Inc.


DATED: April 9, 2021

HAINES LAW GROUP, APC

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul K. Haines  
Attorneys for Plaintiff Raul Nunez

DATED: April 9, 2021

LIDMAN LAW, APC

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott M. Lidman  
Attorneys for Plaintiff Raul Nunez

DATED:

PLAINTIFF RAUL NUNEZ

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff and Settlement Class Representative

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DATED: *March 11, 2021*

COPENBARGER & ASSOCIATES

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Elaine B. Alston  
Attorneys for Defendant TK Services, Inc.

DATED:

HAINES LAW GROUP, APC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Paul K. Haines  
Attorneys for Plaintiff Raul Nunez

DATED:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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if to Plaintiff: Scott M. Lidman, Elizabeth Nguyen, and Milan Moore of Lidman Law, APC, 2155 Campus Drive, Suite 150 El Segundo, California 90245; [slidman@lidmanlaw.com](mailto:slidman@lidmanlaw.com) and [enguyen@lidmanlaw.com](mailto:enguyen@lidmanlaw.com)

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20. **Counterparts.** This Settlement Agreement may be executed by one or more of the Parties on any number of separate counterparts and delivered electronically, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

DATED:

DEFENDANT TK SERVICES, INC.

By: 

Its: President of TK Services, Inc

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

RAUL NUNEZ, as an individual and on  
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TK SERVICES, INC., a California  
corporation; and DOES 1 through 100,

Defendants.

Case No.: BC682512

**FIRST AMENDED CLASS AND  
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION  
COMPLAINT:**

- (1) FAILURE TO PAY ALL  
OVERTIME WAGES OWED  
(LABOR VODE §§ 204, 510, 558,  
1194, 1198)**
- (2) FAILURE TO PAY ALL MINIMUM  
WAGES OWED (LABOR CODE §§  
1194, 1194.2, 1197);**
- (3) FAILURE TO PAY ALL WAGES AT  
THE AGREED-UPON RATE  
(LABOR CODE §§ 221-223);**

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- (4) **FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS (LABOR CODE §§ 226.7, 512);**
- (5) **FAILURE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT REST PERIODS (LABOR CODE §§ 226.7, 516, 558);**
- (6) **FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE, ITEMIZED WAGE STATEMENTS (LABOR CODE § 226 *et seq.*);**
- (7) **WAITING TIME PENALTIES (LABOR CODE §§ 201-203);**
- (8) **UNFAIR COMPETITION (BUS & PROF CODE § 17200 *et seq.*); and**
- (9) **CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER THE LABOR CODE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACTION OF 2004 (LABOR CODE § 2698 *et seq.*)**

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL  
UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE**

1 Plaintiff Raul Nunez (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated,  
2 hereby brings this First Amended Class and Representative Action Complaint (“FAC”) against  
3 TK SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive (collectively  
4 “Defendants”), and on information and belief alleges as follows:

5 **JURISDICTION**

6 1. Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, hereby brings this  
7 FAC for recovery of unpaid wages and penalties under California Business & Professions Code  
8 § 17200 *et. seq.*, Labor Code §§ 201-203, 204, 218 *et seq.*, 221-223, 226 *et seq.*, 226.7, 510, 512,  
9 516, 558, 1192, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2698 *et seq.*, and Industrial Welfare  
10 Commission Wage Order 1 (“Wage Order 1”), in addition to seeking declaratory relief and  
11 restitution. This Complaint is brought pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382. This  
12 Court has jurisdiction over Defendants’ violations of the California Labor Code because the  
13 amount in controversy exceeds this Court's jurisdictional minimum.

14 **VENUE**

15 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. §§  
16 395(a) and 395.5, as at least some of the acts and omissions complained of herein occurred in the  
17 County of Los Angeles. Defendants own, maintain offices, transact business, have agent(s)  
18 within the County of Los Angeles, and/or otherwise are found within the County of Los Angeles,  
19 and Defendants are within the jurisdiction of this Court for purposes of service of process.

20 **PARTIES**

21 3. Plaintiff is an individual over the age of eighteen (18). At all relevant times herein,  
22 Plaintiff was and currently is, a California resident. During the four years immediately preceding  
23 the filing of the Complaint in this action and within the statute of limitations periods applicable  
24 to each cause of action pled herein, Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt  
25 employee. Plaintiff was, and is, a victim of Defendants’ policies and/or practices complained of  
26 herein, lost money and/or property, and has been deprived of the rights guaranteed by Labor Code  
27 §§ 201-203, 204, 218 *et seq.*, 221-223, 226 *et seq.*, 226.7, 510, 512, 516, 558, 1192, 1194, 1194.2,  
28 1197, 1197.1, 1198, 2698 *et seq.*, ; California Business & Professions Code § 17200 *et seq.*

1 (“Unfair Competition Law”); and Wage Order 1, which sets employment standards for the  
2 manufacturing industry, which includes the industry in which Plaintiff worked for Defendants.

3 4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that during the four  
4 years preceding the filing of the FAC and continuing to the present, Defendants did (and continue  
5 to do) business by manufacturing what it represents are the most dependable and durable  
6 refrigeration and heating units (temperature control units) for truckers, trailers, rail cars and  
7 ocean-going containers around the globe. Defendants further provide maintenance and other  
8 services related to their temperature control units they manufacture. Defendants employed  
9 Plaintiff and other, similarly-situated non-exempt employees within, among other counties, Los  
10 Angeles County and the state of California and, therefore, were (and are) doing business in Los  
11 Angeles County and the State of California.

12 5. Plaintiff does not know the true names or capacities, whether individual, partner,  
13 or corporate, of the defendants sued herein as DOES 1 to 100, inclusive, and for that reason, said  
14 defendants are sued under such fictitious names, and Plaintiff will seek leave from this Court to  
15 amend this FAC when such true names and capacities are discovered. Plaintiff is informed, and  
16 believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of said fictitious defendants, whether individual,  
17 partners, or corporate, were responsible in some manner for the acts and omissions alleged herein,  
18 and proximately caused Plaintiff and the Classes (as defined in Paragraph 19) to be subject to the  
19 unlawful employment practices, wrongs, injuries and damages complained of herein.

20 6. Plaintiff is informed, and believes, and thereon alleges, that at all times mentioned  
21 herein, Defendants were and are the employers of Plaintiff and all members of the Classes.

22 7. At all times herein mentioned, each of said Defendants participated in the doing  
23 of the acts hereinafter alleged to have been done by the named Defendants; and furthermore, the  
24 Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, servants, and employees of each and every one of  
25 the other Defendants, as well as the agents of all Defendants, and at all times herein mentioned  
26 were acting within the course and scope of said agency and employment. Defendants, and each  
27 of them, approved of, condoned, and/or otherwise ratified each and every one of the acts or  
28 omissions complained of herein.

1           8.       At all times mentioned herein, Defendants, and each of them, were members of  
2 and engaged in a joint venture, partnership, and common enterprise, and acting within the course  
3 and scope of and in pursuance of said joint venture, partnership, and common enterprise. Further,  
4 Plaintiff alleges that all Defendants were joint employers for all purposes of Plaintiff and all  
5 members of the Classes.

6                           **GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

7           9.       Defendants maintain shops/branches/locations at which they manufacture, sell and  
8 service their temperature control units in California in Los Angeles, San Diego, Fontana,  
9 Stockton, Redding, San Leandro and Sacramento. Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a  
10 non-exempt employee in various positions, the last of which was Shop Foreman, from  
11 approximately 1987 through approximately February 26, 2016. Plaintiff performed various duties  
12 during his employment with Defendants, including, without limitation, installing and servicing  
13 temperature control units.

14          10.       During his employment with Defendants, Plaintiff was typically scheduled to work  
15 commencing at approximately 7:30 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. However, Plaintiff would  
16 often arrive at work and commence working prior to his scheduled start time. Despite clocking  
17 in and commencing work prior to the scheduled start of his shift, Defendants would only pay  
18 Plaintiff from the scheduled start of his shift, rather than from the time that he clocked in and  
19 actually began performing work for Defendants. At all relevant times, Defendants knew and/or  
20 reasonably should have known that Plaintiff was working and providing services to Defendants  
21 at their direction and control.

22          11.       Throughout Plaintiff’s employment with Defendants, Defendants would keep  
23 track of Plaintiff’s time worked and would unlawfully shave Plaintiff’s work time and/or round  
24 Plaintiff’s work time such that Plaintiff would not be fully paid for all time worked. This time-  
25 shaving/rounding practice utilized by Defendants was not even-handed over time and would  
26 almost exclusively round and shave in Defendants’ favor such that Plaintiff was routinely  
27 underpaid for his time worked. For example, on February 19, 2016, Plaintiff’s time records  
28 indicate he worked a portion of the day from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., yet was only allotted 4.5

1 hours of work time instead of the actual 5 hours worked. There are many instances within  
2 Plaintiff's records indicating his time was rounded and/or shaved by Defendants and in their  
3 favor, resulting in Plaintiff being routinely underpaid his wages. Further, had Plaintiff been  
4 properly allotted all the time he actually worked, including the time unlawfully shaved/rounded  
5 and the time he worked before and after his scheduled shift, he would have often worked in excess  
6 of 8 hours in a day and/or 40 hours in a week resulting in overtime which was either not paid, or  
7 underpaid.

8 12. During Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Plaintiff was not required to and  
9 did not keep track of and/or clock out and in for his meal periods. Rather, Defendants would  
10 instead auto-deduct thirty (30) minutes of time from Plaintiff's daily work time to account for  
11 meal periods regardless of whether the meal periods were actually taken, and also regardless of  
12 whether the meal periods lasted less than thirty (30) minutes. This practice by Defendants resulted  
13 in Defendants not properly tracking the time worked by Plaintiff, and also resulted in Defendants  
14 paying Plaintiff less than he was owed for the work he performed. Further, because Defendants  
15 were unlawfully auto-deducting from Plaintiff's work time thirty (30) minutes per day regardless  
16 of whether Plaintiff actually took a meal period and/or regardless of whether Plaintiff took a meal  
17 period of less than thirty (30) minutes, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff for that unlawfully  
18 deducted time, resulting in unpaid minimum, straight-time and overtime wages.

19 13. Throughout Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Plaintiff and other non-  
20 exempt employees would receive annual non-discretionary bonuses, and other forms of non-  
21 discretionary pay (hereinafter the aforementioned forms of pay are collectively referred to as  
22 "Incentive Pay"). As a result of Plaintiff receiving Incentive Pay, Defendants did not properly  
23 calculate Plaintiff's regular rate of pay for overtime purposes, thereby causing Plaintiff to be  
24 underpaid all of his required overtime wages.

25 14. Throughout Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Plaintiff was not provided  
26 all required meal periods due to Defendants' meal period policies/practices which fail to provide  
27 uninterrupted, duty-free 30-minute meal periods. Specifically, Defendants had a policy/practice  
28 of not always providing an uninterrupted, duty-free 30-minute meal period to non-exempt

1 employees who worked shifts in excess of five hours. Specifically, the nature of Plaintiff's duties  
2 often required him to skip his meal period and/or take a meal period of less than thirty (30)  
3 minutes in duration. When this occurred, it was the result of Defendants' directions and not  
4 because of Plaintiff's own choosing. Further, Plaintiff was often required to commence his meal  
5 period later than the end of his fifth hour of work. Indeed, Defendants would prepare schedules  
6 which included time for taking a lunch, and the schedules would often schedule a lunch to  
7 commence well-after the end of the fifth hour of work. Again, this was at the direction of  
8 Defendants and not because of Plaintiff's own choosing, and resulted in Plaintiff's meal period  
9 being scheduled later than the law requires. Although Plaintiff was not provided with all legally-  
10 compliant meal periods to which he was entitled, Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff with  
11 the required meal period premium for each workday in which he experienced a meal period  
12 violation as mandated by Labor Code § 226.7. Upon information and belief, during at least a  
13 portion of the class period, Defendants maintained no payroll code or other mechanism for the  
14 payment of meal period premium payments under Labor Code § 226.7 in the event that a legally  
15 compliant meal period was not provided to their non-exempt employees.

16 15. In addition, throughout Plaintiff's employment with Defendants, Plaintiff was not  
17 authorized and permitted to take legally required rest periods due to Defendants' unlawful rest  
18 period policies and practices. Specifically, Defendants' required Plaintiff and other non-exempt  
19 employees to remain on the work premises during their rest periods, resulting in Defendants  
20 failing to relinquish control over how employees spend their time during rest periods in violation  
21 of California law.

22 16. On those occasions when Plaintiff was not authorized and permitted to take all  
23 legally-compliant rest periods to which he was entitled, Defendants failed to compensate Plaintiff  
24 with the required rest period premium for each workday in which he experienced a rest period  
25 violation as mandated by Labor Code § 226.7. Further, upon information and belief, during at  
26 least a portion of the class period, Defendants maintained no payroll code or other mechanism for  
27 paying rest period premiums when Defendants failed to provide a legally compliant rest period.

28 17. As a result of Defendants' failure to pay all minimum, overtime and agreed-upon

1 wages, as well as meal and rest period premium wages, Defendants maintained inaccurate payroll  
2 records and issued inaccurate wage statements to Plaintiff.

3 18. As a further result of Defendants' failure to pay all minimum, overtime and agreed-  
4 upon wages, and meal and rest period premium wages, Defendants failed to pay all wages owed  
5 to Plaintiff upon his separation of employment from Defendants.

6 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

7 19. **Class Definitions:** Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself and the  
8 following Classes pursuant to § 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure:

9 a. The Overtime Class consists of all of Defendants' current and former non-exempt  
10 employees in California who worked in excess of 8 hours in a work day and/or in  
11 excess of 40 hours in a work week, and: (i) were subject to Defendants'  
12 timekeeping system; (ii) received Incentive Pay; and/or (iii) had automatic  
13 deductions taken for purported meal periods, during the four years preceding the  
14 filing of the lawsuit through the present.

15 b. The Minimum Wage Class consists of all of Defendants' current and former non-  
16 exempt employees in California who: (i) were subject to Defendants' timekeeping  
17 system; and/or (ii) had automatic deductions taken for purported meal periods,  
18 during the four years preceding the filing of the lawsuit through the present.

19 c. The Agreed-Upon Rate Class consists of all of Defendants' current and former  
20 non-exempt employees in California who: (i) were subject to Defendants'  
21 timekeeping system; and/or (ii) had automatic deductions taken for purported meal  
22 periods, during the four years preceding the filing of the lawsuit through the  
23 present.

24 d. The Meal Period Class consists of all of Defendants' current and former non-  
25 exempt employees in California who: worked at least one shift in excess of 5.0  
26 hours during the four years immediately preceding the filing of the lawsuit through  
27 the present.



1 e. The Rest Period Class consists of all of Defendants' current and former non-  
2 exempt employees who worked at least one shift in excess of 3.5 hours during the  
3 four years immediately preceding the filing of the lawsuit through the present.

4 f. The Wage Statement Class consists of all members of the: (i) Minimum Wage  
5 Class; (ii) Overtime Class; (iii) Agreed-Upon Rate Class; (iv) Meal Period Class;  
6 and/or (v) Rest Period Class, during the one year immediately preceding the filing  
7 of the lawsuit through the present.

8 g. The Waiting Time Penalty Class consists of all members of the: (i) Overtime  
9 Class; (ii) Minimum Wage Class; (iii) Agreed-Upon Rate Class; (iv) Meal Period  
10 Class; and/or (v) Rest Period Class, who separated their employment with  
11 Defendants during the three years immediately preceding the filing of the lawsuit  
12 through the present.

13 h. The UCL Class consists of all members of the: (i) Overtime Class; (ii) Minimum  
14 Wage Class; (iii) Agreed-Upon Rate Class; (iv) Meal Period Class; (v) Rest Period  
15 Class; (vi) Wage Statement Class; and (vii) Waiting Time Penalty Class, during  
16 the four years immediately preceding the filing of the lawsuit through the present.

17 20. Plaintiff reserves the right under Rule 3.765(b) of the California Rules of Court,  
18 to amend or modify the description of the various classes with greater specificity or further  
19 division into subclasses or limitation to particular issues.

20 21. **Numerosity/Ascertainability:** The members of the Classes are so numerous that  
21 joinder of all members would be unfeasible and not practicable. The membership of the Classes  
22 is unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, it is estimated that the members of the Classes  
23 number greater than one hundred (100) individuals. The identity of such membership is readily  
24 ascertainable via inspection of Defendants' employment records.

25 22. **Common Questions of Law and Fact Predominate/Well Defined Community**  
26 **of Interest:** There are common questions of law and fact as to Plaintiff and all other similarly  
27 situated employees, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members. Those  
28 common questions include, without limitation:

- i. Whether Defendants properly paid all minimum wages, agreed-upon wages and/or overtime wages at the regular rate to members of the Minimum Wage Class, Agreed-Upon Rate Class and Overtime Class pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 221, 510, 558, 1192, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1 and 1198;
- ii. Whether Defendants provided all legally compliant meal periods to members of the Meal Period Class pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512;
- iii. Whether Defendants authorized and permitted all legally compliant rest periods to members of the Rest Period Class pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 516;
- iv. Whether Defendants furnished legally compliant wage statements to members of the Wage Statement Class pursuant to Labor Code § 226;
- v. Whether Defendants' policies and/or practices for the timing and amount of payment of final wages to members of the Waiting Time Class at the time of their separation of employment were lawful; and
- vi. Whether Defendants engaged in unlawful, unfair, illegal, and/or deceptive business practices by and through the wage and hour policies and practices described above, and whether as a result Defendants owe the classes restitution.

23. **Predominance of Common Questions:** Common questions of law and fact predominate over questions that affect only individual members of the Classes. The common questions of law set forth above are numerous and substantial and stem from Defendants' policies and/or practices applicable to each individual class member, such as Defendants' uniform minimum wage, agreed-upon wage, overtime wage payment, and meal and rest period policies/practices. As such, the common questions predominate over individual questions concerning each individual class member's showing as to their eligibility for recovery or as to the amount of their damages.

24. **Typicality:** The claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Classes because Plaintiff was employed by Defendants as a non-exempt employee in California during the statute(s) of limitations period applicable to each cause of action pled in the Complaint. As alleged herein, Plaintiff, like the members of the Classes, was not provided all legally required minimum

1 wages, agreed-upon wages, and overtime wages, was not provided with all required meal periods,  
2 was not authorized and permitted to take all required rest periods, did not receive meal and rest  
3 period premium wages when he was not provided compliant meal and periods, was not provided  
4 with accurate, itemized wage statements, and was not paid all wages upon termination of his  
5 employment.

6       25.     **Adequacy of Representation:** Plaintiff is fully prepared to take all necessary steps  
7 to represent fairly and adequately the interests of the members of the Classes. Moreover,  
8 Plaintiff's attorneys are ready, willing and able to fully and adequately represent the members of  
9 the Classes and Plaintiff. Plaintiff's attorneys have prosecuted and defended numerous wage-  
10 and-hour class actions in state and federal courts in the past and are committed to vigorously  
11 prosecuting this action on behalf of the members of the Classes.

12       26.     **Superiority:** The California Labor Code is broadly remedial in nature and serves  
13 an important public interest in establishing minimum working conditions and standards in  
14 California. These laws and labor standards protect the average working employee from  
15 exploitation by employers who have the responsibility to follow the laws and who may seek to  
16 take advantage of superior economic and bargaining power in setting onerous terms and  
17 conditions of employment. The nature of this action and the format of laws available to Plaintiff  
18 and members of the Classes make the class action format a particularly efficient and appropriate  
19 procedure to redress the violations alleged herein. If each employee were required to file an  
20 individual lawsuit, Defendants would necessarily gain an unconscionable advantage since they  
21 would be able to exploit and overwhelm the limited resources of each individual plaintiff with  
22 their vastly superior financial and legal resources. Moreover, requiring each member of the  
23 Classes to pursue an individual remedy would also discourage the assertion of lawful claims by  
24 employees who would be disinclined to file an action against their former and/or current employer  
25 for real and justifiable fear of retaliation and permanent damages to their careers at subsequent  
26 employment. Further, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual class members, even  
27 if possible, would create a substantial risk of inconsistent or varying verdicts or adjudications  
28 with respect to the individual class members against Defendants herein; and which would

1 establish potentially incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants; and/or legal  
2 determinations with respect to individual class members which would, as a practical matter, be  
3 dispositive of the interest of the other class members not parties to adjudications or which would  
4 substantially impair or impede the ability of the class members to protect their interests. Further,  
5 the claims of the individual members of the Classes are not sufficiently large to warrant vigorous  
6 individual prosecution considering all of the concomitant costs and expenses attending thereto.  
7 As such, the Classes identified in Paragraph 19 are maintainable as a Class under § 382 of the  
8 Code of Civil Procedure.

9 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **FAILURE TO PAY ALL OVERTIME WAGES**

11 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

12 27. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

13 28. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194 and  
14 1198 which provide that all non-exempt employees are entitled to all overtime wages for all  
15 overtime worked (hours in excess of 8 in one day and/or 40 in one week), and provide a private  
16 right of action for the failure to pay all overtime compensation for overtime work performed.

17 29. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to properly compensate  
18 Plaintiff and the members of the Overtime Class for all overtime hours worked pursuant to  
19 California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1194, and Wage Order 1. Labor Code § 510 and Wage Order  
20 1, Section 3 require an employer to pay an employee “one and one-half (1½) times the regular  
21 rate of pay” for work in excess of 8 hours per workday and/or in excess of 40 hours per workweek.  
22 Labor Code § 510 and Wage Order 1, Section 3 also require an employer to pay an employee  
23 double the employee’s regular rate for work in excess of 12 hours each workday and/or in excess  
24 of 8 hours on the seventh consecutive day of work in the workweek. Defendants caused Plaintiff  
25 and the members of the Overtime Class to work in excess of 8 hours in a workday and/or 40 hours  
26 in a workweek but did not properly compensate Plaintiff and the members of the Overtime Class  
27 at one and one-half their regular rate of pay for such hours. Defendants also caused Plaintiff and  
28 the members of the Overtime Class to work in excess of 12 hours in a workday but did not

1 properly compensate Plaintiff and the members of the Overtime Class at double their regular rate  
2 of pay for such hours.

3 30. The foregoing practices and policies are unlawful and create entitlement to  
4 recovery by Plaintiff and the members of the Overtime Class in a civil action for the unpaid  
5 amount of overtime premium owing, including interest thereon, as well as statutory penalties,  
6 civil penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs of suit, pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 218.5, 218.6,  
7 510, 558, 1194 and 1198, Wage Order 1, California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 California  
8 Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, and Civil Code §§ 3287(b) and 3289.

9 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **FAILURE TO PAY ALL MINIMUM WAGES OWED**

11 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

12 31. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

13 32. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 558, 1194 and  
14 1198 which provide that all non-exempt employees are entitled to all minimum wages for all  
15 hours worked, and provide a private right of action for the failure to pay all minimum wage  
16 compensation for all work performed.

17 33. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to properly compensate  
18 Plaintiff and the members of the Minimum Wage Class for all hours worked pursuant to California  
19 Labor Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1198, and Wage Order 1. Wage Order 1, Section 4 requires an  
20 employer to pay to every employee on the established payday for the period involved not less  
21 than the applicable minimum wage for all hours worked in the payroll period. Defendants caused  
22 Plaintiff and the members of the Minimum Wage Class to work hours in a workweek but did not  
23 properly compensate Plaintiff and the members of the Minimum Wage Class at least minimum  
24 wages for such hours.

25 34. At all times relevant herein, Defendants lacked good faith and had no reasonable  
26 grounds for believing that their practices in failing to pay all minimum wages owed at the  
27 applicable rate was not a violation of any provision of the Labor Code relating to minimum wage,  
28 or an order of the Industrial Welfare Commission. Defendants therefore, in addition to owing

1 minimum wages to Plaintiff and the members of the Minimum Wage Class, also owe liquidated  
2 damages in an amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid, and interest thereon, pursuant to  
3 Labor Code § 1194.2.

4 35. The foregoing practices and policies are unlawful and create entitlement to  
5 recovery by Plaintiff and the members of the Minimum Wage Class in a civil action for the unpaid  
6 amount of minimum wages owing, including interest thereon, as well as statutory penalties,  
7 liquidated damages, civil penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs of suit, pursuant to Labor Code  
8 §§ 204, 218.5, 218.6, 558, 1194, 1194.2, 1197, 1197.1 and 1198, Wage Order 1, California Code  
9 of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, and Civil Code §§  
10 3287(b) and 3289.

11 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **FAILURE TO PAY ALL AGREED-UPON WAGES**

13 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

14 36. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

15 37. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204 and 221-223 which  
16 provide that all non-exempt employees are entitled to be paid all wages owed at the rate agreed  
17 upon with their employer, and provide a private right of action for the failure to pay all wages  
18 owed at the agreed-upon rate for all work performed.

19 38. At all times relevant herein, Defendants were required to properly compensate  
20 Plaintiff and the members of the Agreed-Upon Rate Class for all hours worked at the rate agreed  
21 to with Defendants, pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 221-223. At all relevant times herein,  
22 Defendants required Plaintiff and the members of the Agreed-Upon Rate Class to remain under  
23 Defendants' control and perform work without paying them therefor, which resulted in Plaintiff  
24 and the members of the Agreed-Upon Rate Class to earn less than the agreed rate for their work.  
25 This pattern and practice by Defendants of failing to pay the agreed-upon rate for all work  
26 performed violates the Labor Code and constitutes unjust enrichment.

27 39. The foregoing practices and policies are unlawful and create entitlement to  
28 recovery by Plaintiff and the members of the Agreed-Upon Rate Class in a civil action for the

1 unpaid amount of agreed-upon wages owing, including interest thereon, as well as statutory  
2 penalties, civil penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs of suit, pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204,  
3 218.5, 218.6, 221, and 558 California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 California Code of Civil  
4 Procedure § 1021.5, and Civil Code §§ 3287(b) and 3289.

5 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS**

7 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

8 40. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

9 41. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants  
10 failed in their affirmative obligation to provide all of their non-exempt employees in California,  
11 including Plaintiff and members of the Meal Period Class, with all legally compliant meal periods  
12 in accordance with the mandates of the California Labor Code and Wage Order 1, § 11. Despite  
13 Defendants' violations, Defendants did not pay an additional hour of pay to Plaintiff and members  
14 of the Meal Period Class at their respective regular rates of compensation, in accordance with  
15 California Labor Code §§ 226.7, and 512.

16 42. As a result, Defendants are responsible for paying premium compensation for meal  
17 period violations including interest thereon, as well as statutory penalties, civil penalties, and  
18 costs of suit, pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558, Wage Order 1, California Code of  
19 Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and Civil Code §§ 3287(b) and 3289.

20 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **FAILURE TO AUTHORIZE AND PERMIT REST PERIODS**

22 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

23 43. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

24 44. Wage Order 1, § 12 and California Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516 and 558 establish  
25 the right of employees to be authorized and permitted to take a paid rest period of at least ten (10)  
26 minutes net rest time for each four (4) hour period worked, or *major fraction thereof*.

27 45. As alleged herein, Defendants failed to authorize and permit Plaintiff and members  
28 of the Rest Period Class to take all required rest periods. Specifically, Defendants maintained a

1 policy or practice of requiring its non-exempt employees remain on the work premises during rest  
2 periods in violation of California law.

3 46. The foregoing violations create an entitlement to recovery by Plaintiff and  
4 members of the Rest Period Class in a civil action for the unpaid amount of rest period premiums  
5 owing, including interest thereon, as well as statutory penalties, civil penalties, and costs of suit  
6 according to California Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, 558, Wage Order 1, California Code of Civil  
7 Procedure § 1021.5, and Civil Code §§ 3287(b) and 3289.

8 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE, ITEMIZED WAGE STATEMENTS**

10 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

11 47. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs as though  
12 fully set forth herein.

13 48. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants  
14 knowingly and intentionally, as a matter of uniform practice and policy, failed to furnish Plaintiff  
15 and the Wage Statement Class Members with accurate, itemized wage statements that included  
16 among other requirements, accurate total gross wages earned, meal and rest period premiums, and  
17 total net wages earned in violation of Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*

18 49. Defendants' failure to furnish Plaintiff and the members of the Wage Statement  
19 Class with complete and accurate, itemized wage statements resulted in actual injury, as said  
20 failures led to, among other things, accurate total gross wages earned, meal and rest period  
21 premiums, and total net wages earned in violation of Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*

22 50. Defendants' failures created an entitlement to Plaintiff and members of the Wage  
23 Statement Class in a civil action for damages and/or penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 226,  
24 including statutory penalties civil penalties, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs according to suit  
25 pursuant to Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*

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1 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
2 **WAITING TIME PENALTIES**  
3 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

4 51. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

5 52. This cause of action is brought pursuant to Labor Code §§ 201-203, which require  
6 an employer to pay all wages immediately at the time of termination of employment in the event  
7 the employer discharges the employee or the employee provides at least 72 hours of notice of  
8 his/her intent to quit. In the event the employee provides less than 72 hours of notice of his/her  
9 intent to quit, said employee's wages become due and payable not later than 72 hours upon said  
10 employee's last date of employment.

11 53. Defendants failed to timely pay Plaintiff all of his final wages at the time of  
12 termination, which include, among other things, underpaid minimum, regular and overtime wages  
13 and meal period premium wages. Further, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon  
14 alleges, that as a matter of uniform policy and practice, Defendants continue to fail to pay  
15 members of the Waiting Time Penalty Class all earned wages at the end of employment in a  
16 timely manner pursuant to the requirements of Labor Code §§ 201-203. Defendants' failure to  
17 pay all final wages was willful within the meaning of Labor Code § 203.

18 54. Defendants' willful failure to timely pay Plaintiff and the members of the Waiting  
19 Time Penalty Class their earned wages upon separation from employment results in a continued  
20 payment of wages up to thirty (30) days from the time the wages were due. Therefore, Plaintiff  
21 and members of the Waiting Time Penalty Class are entitled to compensation pursuant to Labor  
22 Code § 203, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit.

23 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
24 **UNFAIR COMPETITION**  
25 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

26 55. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

27 56. Defendants have engaged and continue to engage in unfair and/or unlawful  
28 business practices in California in violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200

1 *et seq.*, by failing to pay all overtime, minimum and/or agreed-upon wages owed, failing to  
2 provide all required meal periods, and failing to pay meal period premium wage payments.

3 57. Defendants' utilization of these unfair and/or unlawful business practices deprived  
4 Plaintiff and continues to deprive members of the Classes of compensation to which they are  
5 legally entitled, constitutes unfair and/or unlawful competition, and provides an unfair advantage  
6 over Defendants' competitors who have been and/or are currently employing workers and  
7 attempting to do so in honest compliance with applicable wage and hour laws.

8 58. Because Plaintiff is a victim of Defendants' unfair and/or unlawful conduct alleged  
9 herein, Plaintiff for himself and on behalf of the members of the Classes, seeks full restitution of  
10 monies, as necessary and according to proof, to restore any and all monies withheld, acquired  
11 and/or converted by Defendants pursuant to Business and Professions Code §§ 17203 and 17208.

12 59. The acts complained of herein occurred within the last four years immediately  
13 preceding the filing of the Complaint in this action.

14 60. Plaintiff was compelled to retain the services of counsel to file this court action to  
15 protect his interests and those of the Classes, to obtain restitution and injunctive relief on behalf  
16 of Defendants' current non-exempt employees, and to enforce important rights affecting the  
17 public interest. Plaintiff has thereby incurred the financial burden of attorneys' fees and costs,  
18 which he is entitled to recover under Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.

19 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **LABOR CODE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT OF 2004**

21 **(AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**

22 61. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all previous paragraphs.

23 62. Defendants have committed several Labor Code violations against Plaintiff and  
24 other aggrieved employees. Plaintiff, an "aggrieved employee" within the meaning of Labor Code  
25 § 2698 *et seq.*, acting on behalf of himself and other aggrieved employees, brings this  
26 representative action against Defendants to recover the civil penalties due to Plaintiff, the other  
27 aggrieved employees, and the State of California according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §  
28 558 and § 2699 (a) and (f) including, but not limited to: (1) \$100.00 for each initial violation for

1 each failure to pay each employee and \$200.00 for each subsequent violation or willful or  
2 intentional violation pursuant to Labor Code § 210 for each failure to pay each employee, plus  
3 25% of the amount unlawfully withheld; (2) \$250.00 for each initial violation and \$1,000.00 for  
4 each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 226.3 per employee per pay period; (3)  
5 \$50.00 for each initial violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor  
6 Code § 558 per employee per pay period; and/or (4) \$100.00 for each initial violation and \$200.00  
7 for each subsequent violation per employee per pay period for those violations of the Labor Code  
8 for which no civil penalty is specifically provided, based on the following Labor Code violations:

- 9 a) Defendants violated Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194, and 1198 by failing to  
10 pay Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees all overtime compensation earned;
- 11 b) Defendants violated Labor Code §§ 1182.12, 1194, 1194.2, and 1197 by failing  
12 to pay Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees the statutory minimum wage for  
13 all hours worked;
- 14 c) Defendants violated Labor Code §§ 221-223 by failing to pay Plaintiff and other  
15 aggrieved employees their agreed-upon rate for their hours worked;
- 16 d) Defendants violated Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558 by failing to provide all  
17 legally required meal periods and failing to pay meal period premiums to  
18 Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees;
- 19 e) Defendants violated Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, and 558 by failing to authorize  
20 and permit all legally required rest periods and failing to pay rest period  
21 premiums to Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees;
- 22 f) Defendants violated Labor Code § 226 by failing to furnish Plaintiff and other  
23 aggrieved employees with accurate and compliant itemized wage statements;
- 24 g) Defendants violated Labor Code § 204 by failing to pay Plaintiff and other  
25 aggrieved employees all earned wages at least twice during each calendar month;
- 26 h) Defendants violated Labor Code § 1174 by failing to maintain accurate records  
27 on behalf of Plaintiff and other aggrieved employees; and  
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1 i) Defendants violated Labor Code § 203 by failing to pay Plaintiff and other  
2 aggrieved employees for all wages owed at the time of their termination of  
3 employment.

4 63. On October 28, 2020, Plaintiff notified Defendants via certified mail, and the  
5 California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) via e-mail, of Defendants’  
6 violations of the California Labor Code and Plaintiff’s intent to bring a claim for civil penalties  
7 under California Labor Code § 2698 et seq. with respect to violations of the California Labor  
8 Code identified in Paragraph 62 (a)-(i). Now that sixty-five days have passed from Plaintiff  
9 notifying Defendants of these violations, Plaintiff has exhausted his administrative requirements  
10 for bringing a claim under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act with respect to these  
11 violations.

12 64. Plaintiff was compelled to retain the services of counsel to file this court action to  
13 protect his interests and the interests of other aggrieved employees, and to assess and collect the  
14 civil penalties owed by Defendants. Plaintiff has thereby incurred attorneys’ fees and costs,  
15 which they are entitled to receive under California Labor Code § 2699.

16 **PRAYER**

17 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment for himself and for all others on whose behalf  
18 this suit is brought against Defendants, as follows:

- 19 1. For an order certifying the proposed Classes;
- 20 2. For an order appointing Plaintiff as representative of the Classes;
- 21 3. For an order appointing Counsel for Plaintiff as Counsel for the Classes;
- 22 4. Upon the First Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general and  
23 special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 510, 558, 1194 and 1198.
- 24 5. Upon the Second Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general and  
25 special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, 558, 1194, 1197, 1197.1 and  
26 1198;
- 27 6. Upon the Third Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general and  
28 special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 204, and 221-223;

1           7.       Upon the Fourth Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general and  
2 special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 512, and 558;

3           8.       Upon the Fifth Cause of Action, for compensatory, consequential, general and  
4 special damages according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§ 226.7, 516, and 558;

5           9.       Upon the Sixth Cause of Action, for statutory wage statement penalties pursuant  
6 to Labor Code § 226 *et seq.*;

7           10.      Upon the Seventh Cause of Action, for statutory waiting time penalties pursuant  
8 to Labor Code §§ 201-203;

9           11.      Upon the Eighth Cause of Action, for restitution to Plaintiff and members of the  
10 Classes of all money and/or property unlawfully acquired by Defendants by means of any acts or  
11 practices declared by this Court to be in violation of Business and Professions Code § 17200 *et*  
12 *seq.*;

13           12.      Upon the Ninth Cause of Action, for civil penalties due to Plaintiff, other  
14 aggrieved employees, and the State of California according to proof pursuant to Labor Code §§  
15 558 and 2699(a) and (f) including, but not limited to: (1) \$100.00 for each initial violation for  
16 each failure to pay each employee and \$200.00 for each subsequent violation or willful or  
17 intentional violation pursuant to Labor Code § 210 for each failure to pay each employee, plus  
18 25% of the amount unlawfully withheld; (2) \$250.00 for each initial violation and \$1,000.00 for  
19 each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor Code § 226.3 per employee per pay period; (3)  
20 \$50.00 for each initial violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation pursuant to Labor  
21 Code § 558 per employee per pay period; and/or (4) \$100.00 for each initial violation and \$200.00  
22 for each subsequent violation per employee per pay period for those violations of the Labor Code  
23 for which no civil penalty is specifically provided, based on the Labor Code violations cited in  
24 Paragraph 62 (a)-(i) above.

25           13.      Prejudgment interest on all due and unpaid wages pursuant to California Labor  
26 Code § 218.6 and Civil Code §§ 3287 and 3289;

27           14.      On all causes of action, for attorneys' fees and costs as provided by Labor Code §  
28 218.5 and Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and all other applicable statutes; and

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15. For such other and further relief the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

Respectfully submitted,  
LIDMAN LAW, APC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott M. Lidman  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
RAUL NUNEZ

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial with respect to all issues triable by jury.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

Respectfully submitted,  
LIDMAN LAW, APC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott M. Lidman  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
RAUL NUNEZ

**EXHIBIT B**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

RAUL NUNEZ,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TK SERVICES, INC., a California corporation; and  
Does 1 through 100,

Defendants.

Case No. BC682512

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS  
ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

To: All current and former non-exempt, hourly employees of Defendant TK Services, Inc. who worked for Defendant in California at any time from November 6, 2013 through date of preliminary approval of the Settlement. Collectively, these employees will be referred to as "Settlement Class members."

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY  
YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED WHETHER YOU ACT OR NOT**

***Why should you read this notice?***

The Court has granted preliminary approval of a proposed class action settlement (the "Settlement") in *Raul Nunez v. TK Services, Inc., et al.*, Case No. BC682512 (the "Lawsuit"). Because your rights may be affected by the Settlement, it is important that you read this notice carefully.

You may be entitled to money from this Settlement. Defendant's records show that you were employed by TK Services, Inc. ("TK Services" or "Defendant") as a non-exempt employee in California between November 6, 2013, and the date the Court enters the order granting preliminary approval of this Settlement. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the "Class Period" shall mean the time period of November 6, 2013 through the date the Court enters the order granting preliminary approval of this Settlement.

The Court ordered that this Notice be sent to you because you may be entitled to money under the Settlement and because the Settlement affects your legal rights.

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with a brief description of the Lawsuit, to inform you of the terms of the Settlement, to describe your rights in connection with the Settlement, and to explain what steps you may take to participate in, object to, or exclude yourself from the Settlement. If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement and the Court finally approves the Settlement, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement and any final judgment.

***What is this case about?***

Plaintiff Raul Nunez ("Plaintiff") brought this Lawsuit against Defendant, seeking to assert claims on behalf of a class of current and former non-exempt employees who worked for Defendant in California at any time beginning November 6, 2013. Plaintiff is known as the "Class Representative," and his attorneys, who also represent the interests of all Settlement Class members, are known as "Class Counsel."

The Lawsuit alleges that TK Services failed to provide Settlement Class members all minimum, overtime, and/or agreed-upon wages, failed to provide all legally required meal periods, and failed to authorize and permit all legally required rest periods. As a result of the foregoing alleged violations, Plaintiff also alleges that TK Services failed to provide accurate, itemized wage statements, failed to pay all wages upon termination of employment, engaged in unfair business practices and is liable for civil penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA").



TK Services denies that it has done anything wrong. TK Services further denies that it owes Settlement Class members any wages, restitution, penalties, or other damages. Accordingly, the Settlement constitutes a compromise of disputed claims and should not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of TK Services, which expressly denies all liability.

The Court has not ruled on the merits of Plaintiff's claims. However, to avoid additional expense, inconvenience, and interference with its business operations, TK Services has concluded that it is in its best interests and the interests of Settlement Class members to settle the Lawsuit on the terms summarized in this Notice. After TK Services provided relevant information to Class Counsel, the Settlement was reached after mediation and arm's-length negotiations between the parties.

The Class Representative and Class Counsel support the Settlement. Among the reasons for support are the defenses to liability potentially available to TK Services, the risk of denial of class certification, the inherent risks of trial on the merits, and the delays and uncertainties associated with litigation.

**If you are still employed by TK Services, your decision about whether to participate in the Settlement will not affect your employment. California law and TK Services' policies strictly prohibit unlawful retaliation.** TK Services will not take any adverse employment action against or otherwise target, retaliate, or discriminate against any Settlement Class member because of the Settlement Class member's decision to either participate or not participate in the Settlement.

***Who are the Attorneys?***

<p>Attorneys for the Plaintiff/Settlement Class Members:</p> <p><b>LIDMAN LAW, APC</b> Scott M. Lidman slidman@lidmanlaw.com Elizabeth Nguyen enguyen@lidmanlaw.com Milan Moore mmoore@lidmanlaw.com 2155 Campus Drive, Suite 150 El Segundo, California 90245 Tel: (424) 322-4772 Fax: (424) 322-4775 www.lidmanlaw.com</p> <p><b>HAINES LAW GROUP, APC</b> Paul K. Haines phaines@haineslawgroup.com 2155 Campus Drive, Suite 180 El Segundo, California 90245 Tel: (424) 292-2350 Fax: (424) 292-2355 www.haineslawgroup.com</p>	<p>Attorneys for Defendant TK Services, Inc.:</p> <p><b>COPENBARGER &amp; ASSOCIATES</b> Paul D. Copenbarger paul@copenbargerlaw.com Elaine B. Alston elaine@copenbargerlaw.com 27201 Puerta Real, Suite 300 Mission Viejo, CA 92691 Tel: (949) 420-4575 Fax: (714) 979-9044</p>
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***What are the terms of the Settlement?***

On **INSERT DATE OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**, the Court preliminarily certified a class, for settlement purposes only, of all current and former non-exempt employees who worked for TK Services in California at any time from November 6, 2013 through **the date the Court enters the order granting preliminary approval of this Settlement**. Settlement Class members who do not opt out of the Settlement

pursuant to the procedures set forth in this Notice will be bound by the Settlement and will release their claims against Defendant as described below.

Defendant has agreed to pay \$1,750,000.00 (the “Gross Settlement Amount”) to fully resolve all claims in the Lawsuit, including payments to Settlement Class members, attorneys’ fees and expenses, payment to the Labor Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”), settlement administration costs, and the Class Representative’s Service Award. Defendant’s share of payroll taxes associated with any wage payments to Settlement Class members shall be paid by Defendant separately from, and in addition to, the Gross Settlement Amount.

The following deductions from the Gross Settlement Amount will be requested by the parties:

Settlement Administration Costs. The Court has approved Phoenix Settlement Administrators to act as the “Settlement Administrator,” who is sending this Notice to you and will perform many other duties relating to the Settlement. The Court has approved setting aside up to \$10,000.00 from the Gross Settlement Amount to pay the Settlement administration costs.

Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses. Class Counsel have been prosecuting the Lawsuit on behalf of the Settlement Class Members on a contingency fee basis (that is, without being paid any money to date) and have been paying all litigation costs and expenses. The Court will determine the actual amount awarded to Class Counsel as attorneys’ fees, which will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount. Settlement Class members are not personally responsible for any of Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees or expenses. Class Counsel will ask for fees of up to one-third of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is estimated to be \$583,333.33, as reasonable compensation for the work Class Counsel performed and will continue to perform in this Lawsuit through Settlement finalization. Class Counsel also will ask for reimbursement of up to \$40,000.00 for verified costs Class Counsel incurred in connection with the Lawsuit.

Service Award to Class Representative. Class Counsel will ask the Court to award the Class Representative a service award in the amount of \$7,500.00, to compensate him for his service and extra work provided on behalf of the Settlement Class members.

LWDA Payment. Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve a payment in the total amount of \$50,000.00 as and for alleged civil penalties, payable pursuant to the California Labor Code Private Attorney General Act (“PAGA”). Per Labor Code § 2699(i), seventy-five percent (75%) of such penalties, or \$37,500.00 will be payable to the LWDA, and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%), or (\$12,500.00), will be payable to certain Settlement Class members as the “PAGA Amount,” as described below.

Calculation of Individual Settlement Class Members’ Settlement Award. After deducting the Court-approved amounts above, the balance of the Gross Settlement Amount will form the Net Settlement Amount (“NSA”), which will be distributed to all Settlement Class members who do not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion (described below). The NSA is estimated at approximately \$1,071,666.67, to be shared among an estimated 400 Settlement Class members. The NSA will be divided as follows:

- (i) The Net Settlement Amount shall be allocated to Settlement Class members who worked during the Class Period, as follows: each participating Settlement Class member shall receive a proportionate settlement share based upon the number of workweeks worked as a non-exempt employee during the Class Period, the numerator of which is the Settlement Class member’s total workweeks worked as a non-exempt employee during the Class Period, and the denominator of which is the total workweeks worked as non-exempt employees by all Settlement Class members (who do not opt out) who worked during the Class Period.
- (ii) In addition, Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,500.00) of the Gross Settlement Amount has been designated as the “PAGA Amount” as described above. Each Settlement Class member who was employed by Defendant at any time from

November 6, 2016 to **the date of preliminary approval** (the “PAGA Period”) of this Settlement shall receive a portion of the PAGA Amount proportionate to the number of workweeks that he or she worked as a non-exempt employee during this time period. Each Settlement Class member who worked during this time period shall receive a portion of the PAGA Amount, and which will be calculated by multiplying the PAGA Amount by a fraction, the numerator of which is the Settlement Class members’ number of workweeks worked as a non-exempt employee during this time period, and the denominator of which is the total number of workweeks worked by all Settlement Class members as non-exempt employees during this time period.

Payments to Settlement Class Members. If the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, Settlement Awards will be mailed to all Settlement Class members who did not submit a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.

Payment by Defendant of Gross Settlement Amount. With the exception of the Settlement Administrator’s fees, if required by the Settlement Administrator, the Gross Settlement Amount shall be deposited by Defendant into a qualified settlement fund set up by the Settlement Administrator for the benefit of participating Settlement Class members. Defendant agrees to deposit the Gross Settlement Amount with the Settlement Administrator within thirty (30) calendar days after the “Effective Date” which is defined as the latter of: (a) the Court’s final approval of the settlement if no objections by or on behalf of Settlement Class members have been filed; (b) the time for appeal has expired if an objection has been filed and no appeal has been filed or withdrawn; or (c) the final resolution of any appeal that has been filed.

Within ten (10) calendar days following TK Services’ deposit of the Gross Settlement Amount with the Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator will calculate Settlement Award amounts and provide the same to counsel for the Parties for review and approval. Within seven (7) calendar days of approval by counsel for the Parties, the Settlement Administrator will prepare and mail Individual Settlement Awards, less applicable taxes and withholdings, to participating Settlement Class members.

Each member of the Settlement Class who receives a Settlement Award must cash the check within 180 days from the date the Settlement Administrator mails it. Any funds payable to Settlement Class members who checks were not cashed within 180 days after mailing will be submitted to the California Secretary of State-Unclaimed Property Fund under the unclaimed property laws in the name of the Settlement Class member.

Allocation and Taxes. For tax purposes, each Settlement Award shall be allocated as follows: 75% as penalties and interest; and 25% as wages. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for issuing to participating Settlement Class members IRS Forms W-2 for amounts deemed “wages” and IRS Forms 1099 for the amounts allocated as penalties and interest. Settlement Class members are responsible for the proper income tax treatment of the Individual Settlement Awards. The Settlement Administrator, Defendant and its counsel, and Class Counsel cannot provide tax advice. Accordingly, Settlement Class members should consult with their tax advisors concerning the tax consequences and treatment of payments they receive under the Settlement.

Release. If the Court approves the Settlement, the Settlement Class, and each Settlement Class member who has not submitted a timely and valid Request for Exclusion, will fully and forever completely release and discharge Defendant, and all of its past and present officers, directors, shareholders, managers, employees, agents, principals, heirs, representatives, accountants, auditors, consultants, and its respective successors and predecessors in interest, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents and attorneys, (collectively the “Released Parties”), from all claims, demands, rights, liabilities and causes of action that were pled in the operative Complaint in the Action, or which could have been pled in the operative Complaint in the Action based on the factual allegations therein, that arose during the Class Period with respect to the following claims: ((a) failure to pay all overtime wages owed; (b) failure to pay all minimum wages owed; (c) failure to pay all wages at the agreed-upon rate; (c) failure to provide meal periods, or premium pay for non-compliant meal periods; (d) failure to authorize and permit rest periods, or premium pay for non-complaint rest periods; (e) failure to provide accurate, itemized wage statements; (f) failure to timely pay wages upon separation of employment; and (g) all claims for unfair business practices that could have been premised on the facts, claims, causes of

action or legal theories described above (collectively, the “Released Claims”). The period of the Release shall extend to the limits of the Class Period.

PAGA Release and PAGA Employees. If the Court approves the Settlement, all PAGA Employees will release the Release Parties from all claims, demands, rights, liabilities and causes of action for penalties under California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 against the Released Parties based on (as alleged in the letter to the Labor & Workforce Development Agency (“LWDA”) October 28, 2020 and the operative Complaint (which is the proposed First Amended Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit A) for: (a) failure to pay all overtime wages owed; (b) failure to pay all minimum wages owed; (c) failure to pay all wages at the agreed-upon rate; (c) failure to provide meal periods, or premium pay for non-compliant meal periods; (d) failure to authorize and permit rest periods, or premium pay for non-complaint rest periods; (e) failure to provide accurate, itemized wage statements; and (f) failure to timely pay wages upon separation of employment (collectively, “PAGA Released Claims”).

The time period of the PAGA Released Claims is defined as the time period of November 6, 2016 through **date of preliminary approval of the Settlement** (“PAGA Period”)

The Parties acknowledge that under the release, the right of the LWDA to investigate the released PAGA claims is not released, but Released Claims do include any claims for penalties by a Class Member as a result of any such LWDA investigation, and Class Members are waiving their right to act as a private attorney general as to the Released Claims..

You cannot submit a Request for Exclusion from the PAGA Release.

The release identified herein shall be effective following Defendant’s payment of the Gross Settlement Amount in full.

Conditions of Settlement. The Settlement is conditioned upon the Court entering an order at or following the Final Approval Hearing finally approving the Settlement as fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class, and the entry of Judgment.

#### ***How can I claim money from the Settlement?***

Do Nothing. If you do nothing, you will be entitled to your share of the Settlement based on the proportionate number of individual workweeks you worked during the Class Period (as explained above), and as stated in the accompanying Notice of Settlement Award. You also will be bound by the Settlement, including the release of claims stated above.

#### ***What other options do I have?***

Dispute Information in Notice of Settlement Award. Your award is based on the proportionate number of workweeks you worked during the Class Period, and also whether you have worked between November 6, 2016 and **the date the Court enters the order granting preliminary approval of this Settlement**. The information contained in Defendant’s records regarding all of these factors, along with your estimated Settlement Award, is listed on the accompanying Notice of Settlement Award. If you disagree with the information in your Notice of Settlement Award, you may submit a dispute, along with any supporting documentation, in accordance with the procedures stated in the Notice of Settlement Award. Any disputes, along with supporting documentation, must be postmarked no later than **<<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>**. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS; DOCUMENTATION SENT TO THE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR WILL NOT BE RETURNED OR PRESERVED.**

The Parties and the Settlement Administrator will evaluate the evidence submitted and discuss in good faith how to resolve any disputes submitted by Settlement Class members. The Settlement Administrator’s decision regarding any dispute will be final.

Exclude Yourself from the Settlement. If you **do not** wish to take part in the Settlement, you may exclude yourself by sending to the Settlement Administrator a written “Request for Exclusion from the Class Action

Settlement” letter or card postmarked no later than <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>, with your name, address, telephone number, last four digits of your social security number, and your signature. The Request for Exclusion should state:

“I WISH TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS IN THE NUNEZ V. TK SERVICES LAWSUIT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I ASK TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, I WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY MONEY FROM THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS LAWSUIT.”

Send the Request for Exclusion directly to the Settlement Administrator at <<INSERT ADMINISTRATOR CONTACT INFO>>. Any person who files a timely Request for Exclusion from the Settlement shall, upon receipt by the Settlement Administrator, no longer be a Settlement Class member, shall be barred from participating in any portion of the Settlement, and shall receive no benefits from the Settlement.

If you submit a Request for Exclusion, you will only be excluded from the Released Claims. You cannot submit a Request for Exclusion from the PAGA Release. You will receive a proportionate share of the PAGA Payment regardless of whether you exclude yourself from the Settlement if you were employed between November 6, 2016 and [date of preliminary approval of the Settlement].

**Do not submit both a Dispute and a Request for Exclusion.** If you do, the Request for Exclusion will be invalid, you will be included in the Settlement Class, and you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement.

Objecting to the Settlement. You also have the right to object to the terms of the Settlement. However, if the Court rejects your objection, you will still be bound by the terms of the Settlement. If you wish to object to the Settlement, or any portion of it, you must mail a written objection to the Settlement Administrator. Your written objection must include your name, address, as well as contact information for any attorney representing you regarding your objection, the case name and number, each specific reason in support of your objection, and any legal or factual support for each objection together with any evidence in support of your objection. Objections must be in writing and must be postmarked on or before <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>.

Whether or not you submit a written objection, if you choose to object to the Settlement, you may also appear at the Final Approval Hearing scheduled for <<FINAL APPROVAL HEARING DATE/TIME>> in Department SSC-14 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, located at 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. You have the right to appear either remotely, in person or through your own attorney at this hearing. Any attorney who intends to represent an individual objecting to the Settlement must file a notice of appearance with the Court and serve counsel for all parties on or before <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>. All objections or other correspondence must state the name and number of the case, which is *Raul Nunez v. TK Services, Inc., et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC682512.

Any Settlement Class member who elects to appear personally at the Court for any reason related to this Lawsuit must comply with the Court’s social distancing and mandatory face covering requirements, as well as any other orders related to COVID-19. All such rules and orders can be located at the Court’s website: [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org).

For more information on how to appear remotely, please visit the Court’s website at <http://www.lacourt.org/division/civil/CI0040.aspx> and <https://www.lacourt.org/lacc/>.

If you object to the Settlement, you will remain a member of the Settlement Class, and if the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement in the same way as Settlement Class members who do not object.

***What is the next step?***

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on the adequacy, reasonableness, and fairness of the Settlement on <<FINAL APPROVAL HEARING DATE/TIME>>, in Department SSC-14 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, located at 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The Court also will be asked to rule on Class Counsel’s request for attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of documented costs and expenses

and the Service Award to the Class Representative. The Final Approval Hearing may be postponed without further notice to Settlement Class members. **You are not required to attend the Final Approval Hearing, although any Settlement Class member is welcome to attend the hearing.**

Any changes to date, time, or location of the Final Approval Hearing will be posted on the Settlement Administrator's website (<http://.com>). Notice of the Court's final judgment will also be posted on the Settlement Administrator's website.

***How can I get additional information?***

This Notice is only a summary of the Lawsuit and the Settlement. For more information, you may inspect the Court's files and the Settlement Agreement at the Office of the Clerk of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, located at 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, during regular court hours. Due to COVID, appointments are required for clerk's office services. Please visit the Court's website at [http://www.lacourt.org/newsmedia/uploads/142020529162327NR\\_Clerks\\_Office\\_05\\_29\\_20-FINAL.pdf](http://www.lacourt.org/newsmedia/uploads/142020529162327NR_Clerks_Office_05_29_20-FINAL.pdf) and <https://www.lacourt.org/> for information on how to make an appointment in the Clerk's Office. You may also contact Class Counsel using the contact information listed above for more information.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT, TK SERVICES, OR ITS ATTORNEYS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SETTLEMENT OR THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS**

***REMINDER AS TO TIME LIMITS***

The deadline for submitting any Disputes, Requests for Exclusion, or Objections is **<<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>**. These deadlines will be strictly enforced.

**BY ORDER OF THE COURT ENTERED ON <<PRELIM APPROVAL DATE>>.**

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT AWARD**

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Please complete, sign, date and return this Form to Phoenix Settlement Administrators <<ADMINISTRATOR CONTACT INFO>> ONLY IF (1) your personal contact information has changed, and/or (2) you wish to dispute any of the items listed in Section (III), below. It is your responsibility to keep a current address on file with the Claims Administrator.

**(I) Please type or print your name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

(First, Middle, Last)

**(II) Please type or print the following identifying information if your contact information has changed:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Former Names (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_

New Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip Code

**(III) Information Used to Calculate Your Individual Settlement Payment:**

According to TK Services, Inc.'s ("TK Services") records:

- (a) You worked a total of [ ] workweeks for TK Services during the period November 6, 2013 through the date the Court enters the order granting preliminary approval of this Settlement; and
- (b) You worked a total of [ ] workweeks for TK Services during the period November 6, 2016 through the date the Court enters the order granting preliminary approval of this Settlement.

**Based on the above, your Individual Settlement Payment is estimated to be \$ [ ] .**

**(IV) If you disagree with any of the information contained in Section III (a)-(b) above, please explain why in the space provided below and include copies of any supporting evidence or documentation with this form:**

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If you dispute the above information from TK Services' records, TK Services' records will control unless you are able to provide documentation that establishes that TK Services' records are mistaken. If there is a dispute about whether TK Services' information or yours is accurate, and the dispute cannot be resolved informally, the dispute will be resolved by the Parties and the Settlement Administrator as described in the "Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement" that accompanies this Form. Any unresolved disputes will be submitted to the Court for a final determination.

**ANY DISPUTES, ALONG WITH ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN <<RESPONSE DEADLINE>>.**