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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CENTRAL DISTRICT

### SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE

ALBINO LUGO-RODRIGUEZ, as an individual, ELIZABETH VILLANUEVA, as an individual, and on behalf of all similarly situated employees,

Plaintiff,

V.

MY WORLD ENTERPRISES, INC., dba ALONDRA HOT WINGS, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. Case No. BC637677

## **CLASS ACTION**

## [PROPOSED] ORDER RE MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL

Assigned for all purposes to: Hon. Carolyn B. Kuhl; Dept. SS12

Date:

April 6, 2021

Time:

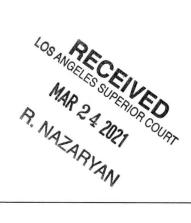
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Complaint Filed:

October 20, 2016



## [PROPOSED] ORDER

On October 1, 2020, this Court provisionally certified a Settlement Class consisting of all California non-exempt employees of Defendants who worked at any time between December 16, 2014, and August 22, 2019.

The Maximum Settlement Amount shall be distributed as follows: (1) Class Counsel attorneys fees in the amount of thirty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-six dollars and fifty cents (\$34,996.50) which represents one-third of the gross settlement amount; (2) Class Counsel costs in the amount of twenty-three thousand three hundred dollars and forty cents (\$23,300.40); (3) Class Representative Enhancement Award of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) to each of the two named Plaintiffs; (4) Claims Administration Costs of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00.)

The remaining amount shall be allocated to the Net Settlement Amount, which will be distributed in its entirety to Settlement Class Members who have not excluded themselves from the Settlement Agreement. The Claims Administrator shall issue payment according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

Any settlement checks that remain uncashed one hundred eighty (180) or more calendar days after issuance shall be voided. The Claims Administrator shall forward all voided settlement checks to the California State Controller's Office's Unclaimed Property Division. The Claims Administrator shall also compile a list of the Participating Class Members for whom their funds were deposited with the California State Controller's Office's Unclaimed Property Division. In such event, the Participating Class Member shall nevertheless remain bound by the Settlement. The Parties agree that good cause exists for the Court to approve this distribution because the unclaimed funds are unclaimed reimbursements of employees that will be held by the State of California for the benefit of these employees, who may request receipt of payment form the California State Controller's Office's Unclaimed Property Division.

The Court finds an attorney's fee award based on one-third of the total recovery is justified in light of the efficiency and quality of the settlement in the face of substantial risks. The Court's award as a percentage of the Maximum Settlement Amount is guided by the California Supreme Court's decision concerning the awarding of fees from monetary funds for class members. (See *Laffitte v. Robert Half Intern. Inc.*, (2016) 1 Cal. 5<sup>th</sup> 480, 503.) Class Counsel proceeded on a contingency basis despite the uncertainty of any fee award. Class Counsel was necessarily precluded from pursuing other potential sources of fees because of the work in connection with this Action. The Court further orders that the costs of administration of the Settlement Agreement, as set forth in the declaration of Taylor Mitzner, from Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions, be paid out of the Settlement Agreement in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00.)

The Court hereby awards a Class Representative Enhancement Award in the amount of four thousand five hundred (\$4,5000.00) for each of the two Plaintiffs. The Court finds that Plaintiffs have undertaken significant risk and performed valuable services on behalf of the Settlement Class, and that this award would have a negligible impact on the claims of any of the Settlement Class Members.

The Court shall hold a status conference for final accounting on 20

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The Court orders that the final accounting report, to be filed no later than shall include all information necessary for the Court to determine the total amount actually paid to class members and the amount to be tendered to the State Controller's Office. The Court orders the Claims Administrator, Phoenix Settlement Administrators, to include on check stubs sent to each participating Class Member notice informing the Class Member he or she can obtain a copy of the signed final order and judgment in this case on the Class Administrator's website. The Court further orders the Claims Administrator shall post the final signed order and judgment in this action on their website under a specified "Judgment" tab. Accordingly, the Court orders all Parties and their counsel to cooperate in fulfilling the terms of the Settlement Agreement, consistent with this Order, and this Court shall retain jurisdiction to effectuate the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including the binding effect of the releases set forth in the Settlement Agreement. IT IS SO ORDERED. 6 2021 THE HONORABLE CAROLYN B. KUHL [PROPOSED] ORDER

# PROOF OF SERVICE Code of Civ. Proc. § 1013a, subd. (3) STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 249 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 814, Long Beach, California, 90802.

On March 24, 2021, I served true copies of the following document described as: [PROPOSED] ORDER RE MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL. The documents were served on the interested parties in this action, addressed as follows:

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By electronic service: Based on a court order, I caused the document(s) to be sent to the persons at the electronic service addresses listed above by transmission through CASE ANYWHERE.

(State): I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 24, 2021, at Long Beach, California.

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Gilbert Martinez