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23 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

24 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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

27 Plaintiff,

28 vs.

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

Defendants.

Case No. BC682512

*[Assigned for All Purposes to Hon. Kenneth R.
Freeman, SSC-14]*

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

Date: June 15, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Dept.: SSC-14

Action Filed: November 6, 2017

Trial Date: None Set

1 The Motion of Plaintiff Raul Nunez (“Plaintiff”) for Preliminary Approval of Class Action
2 Settlement will come on regularly for hearing before this Court on June 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The
3 Court, having considered the proposed Stipulation of Settlement (the “Settlement”), attached as Exhibit
4 1 to the Declaration of Scott M. Lidman filed concurrently with the Motion; having considered
5 Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Memorandum of Points and
6 Authorities in support thereof, and supporting declarations filed therewith; and good cause appearing,
7 **HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:**

8 1. The Court GRANTS preliminary approval of the class action settlement as set forth in
9 the Settlement and finds its terms to be within the range of reasonableness of a settlement that ultimately
10 could be granted approval by the Court at a Final Fairness Hearing. For purposes of the Settlement,
11 the Court finds that the proposed Settlement Class is ascertainable and that there are a sufficiently well-
12 defined community of interest among the members of the Settlement Class in questions of law and fact.
13 Therefore, for settlement purposes only, the Court grants conditional certification of the following
14 Settlement Class:

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

17 2. The Proposed First Amended Complaint attached to the Settlement as Exhibit A is hereby
18 approved and shall be filed by Plaintiff Raul Nunez within five (5) court days of this Order is signed by
19 the Court.

20 3. For purposes of the Settlement, the Court designates named Plaintiff Raul Nunez as Class
21 Representative, and Scott M. Lidman, Elizabeth Nguyen, and Milan Moore of Lidman Law, APC and
22 Paul Haines of Haines Law Group, APC as Class Counsel.

23 4. The Court designates Phoenix Settlement Administrators as the third-party Settlement
24 Administrator for mailing notices.

25 5. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice Packet (which is comprised of the
26 Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Settlement and Notice of Settlement Award) which is attached
27 to the Settlement as Exhibit B.

28 6. The Court finds that the form of notice to the Settlement Class regarding the pendency of

1 the action and of the Settlement, and the methods of giving notice to members of the Settlement Class,
2 constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute valid, due, and sufficient
3 notice to all members of the Settlement Class. The form and method of giving notice complies fully
4 with the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382, California Civil Code section
5 1781, California Rules of Court 3.766 and 3.769, the California and United States Constitutions, and
6 other applicable law.

7 7. The Court further approves the procedures for Settlement Class Members to opt out of or
8 object to the Settlement, as set forth in the Class Notice.

9 8. The procedures and requirements for filing objections in connection with the Final
10 Fairness Hearing are intended to ensure the efficient administration of justice and the orderly
11 presentation of any Settlement Class Member's objection to the Settlement, in accordance with the due
12 process rights of all Settlement Class Members.

13 9. The Court directs the Settlement Administrator to mail the Notice Packet to the members
14 of the Settlement Class in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

15 10. The Class Notice shall provide at least 60 calendar days' notice for members of the
16 Settlement Class to opt out of, or object to, the Settlement.

17 11. The Final Fairness Hearing on the question of whether the Settlement should be finally
18 approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate is scheduled in Department SSC-14 of this Court, located at
19 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 on November 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

20 12. At the Final Fairness Hearing, the Court will consider: (a) whether the Settlement should
21 be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate for the Settlement Class; (b) whether a judgment
22 granting final approval of the Settlement should be entered; and (c) whether Plaintiff's application for
23 reasonable attorneys' fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, service award to Plaintiff, and payment
24 to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") for penalties under the Labor Code
25 Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") should be granted.

26 13. Counsel for the parties shall file memoranda, declarations, or other statements and
27 materials in support of their request for final approval of the Settlement, attorneys' fees, litigation
28 expenses, Plaintiff's service award, settlement administration costs, and payment to the LWDA for

1 PAGA penalties prior to the Final Fairness Hearing according to the time limits set by the Code of Civil
2 Procedure and the California Rules of Court.

3 14. An implementation schedule is below:

4 Event	Date	Actual Date¹
5 Defendant to provide Class Data to Settlement Administrator	15 calendar days after issuance of the preliminary approval order	June 30, 2021
6 Settlement Administrator to mail Notice Packets to Class Members	10 business days after receiving Class Information from Defendant	July 15, 2021
7 Deadline for Class Members to request exclusion from, submit disputes, or object to, the Settlement	60 calendar days after mailing of the Notice by the Settlement Administrator	September 13, 2021
8 Deadline for Plaintiff to file Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement:	16 court days before Final Fairness Hearing	October 13, 2021
9 Final Fairness Hearing:		November 4, 2021

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13 15. Pending the Final Fairness Hearing, all proceedings in this action, other than
14 proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Settlement and this Order,
15 are stayed.

16 16. Counsel for the parties are hereby authorized to utilize all reasonable procedures in
17 connection with the administration of the Settlement which are not materially inconsistent with either
18 this Order or the terms of the Settlement.

19 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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21 Dated: _____, 2021

22 _____
23 Honorable Kenneth R. Freeman
24 Judge of the Superior Court

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28 ¹ These dates are based on the Court granting preliminary approval at the hearing, currently noticed for June 15, 2021.

1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

2 *Raul Nunez v. TK Services, Inc.*

3 Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC682512

4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
5) ss.
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

7 I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and
8 not a party to the within action; my business address is 2155 Campus Drive, Suite 150, El Segundo,
9 California 90245.

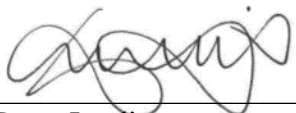
10 On June 15, 2021, I served the document(s) described as: **[PROPOSED] ORDER**
11 **GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**
12 on the interested party(ies) in this action as follows:

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21 **(BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE)** I caused a true and correct copy of the document(s) described
22 above to be electronically served via Case Anywhere on counsel of record at the electronic service
23 addresses listed above.

24 **(STATE)** I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is
25 true and correct.

26 Executed on June 15, 2021, at El Segundo, California.

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Dana Joudi