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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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ALEXANDRA PELGRIFT, individually, on behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated, and on behalf of aggrieved employees pursuant to the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA");

Plaintiff,

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THE 21ST AMENDMENT BREWERY CAFÉ, LLC; a California limited liability company; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: CGC-20-585227

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS **ACTION SETTLEMENT, CONDITIONAL** CERTIFICATION, APPROVAL OF CLASS NOTICE, SETTING OF FINAL APPROVAL **HEARING DATE**

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TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

The Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement was set for hearing on March 18,2022, at 11:00 a.m. The Court provided a tentative ruling prior to oral argument. The parties submitted on the tentative ruling. The Court having considered the papers submitted in support of the Motion, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The following Class is conditionally certified for purposes of settlement only: any and all persons who have been employed by Defendant The 21st Amendment Brewery Cafe, LLC ("Defendant") as non-exempt employees in California at any time from October 7, 2018 through October 15, 2021 ("Class" and "Class Period").
- 2. The Court grants preliminary approval of the settlement based upon the terms set forth in the Second Amended Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement," "Settlement," or "Agreement") attached as Exhibit 7 to the Second Supplemental Declaration of Douglas Han filed March 4, 2022. Capitalized terms shall have the definitions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- 3. The Settlement appears to be fair, adequate, and reasonable to the Class, subject to any objections that may be raised at the final approval hearing and final approval by this Court.
- 4. Plaintiff Alexandra Pelgrift ("Plaintiff") is conditionally approved as the Class Representative for the Class.
- 5. Douglas Han, Shunt Tatavos-Gharajeh, and Haig Hogdanian of Justice Law Corporation are conditionally approved as Class Counsel for the Class.
- 6. A Final Approval Hearing on the question of whether the Settlement Agreement, the Attorney Fee Award, the Cost Award, and the Class Representative Enhancement Payment should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to all Class Members who do not submit a valid and timely request to exclude themselves from the Settlement ("Participating Class Members") is scheduled on the date and time set forth in Paragraph 13 below.
- 7. The Court confirms Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions ("Phoenix") as the Settlement Administrator.
 - 8. The proposed payment of Administration Costs to Phoenix is not to exceed \$11,000 and is

- 9. The Court also hereby conditionally approves payment from the Maximum Settlement Amount the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA") Payment of \$20,000, seventy-five percent (75%) of which (\$15,000) will be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and twenty-five percent (25%) of which (\$5,000) shall be distributed to the aggrieved employees eligible to recover the PAGA Payment that consist of all individuals employed by Defendant as non-exempt employees in California from April 15, 2019 through October 15, 2021 ("PAGA Payment," "Eligible Aggrieved Employees," and "PAGA Timeframe") proportionate to the number of pay periods that they worked during the PAGA Timeframe.
- 10. The Court approves, as to form and content, the revised Notice of Class Action Settlement ("Class Notice") as attached as Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement. The Court also approves the procedure for Class Members to participate in, to opt out of, and to object to the Settlement as set forth in the Class Notice. The Court approves, as to form and content, the revised Election Not to Participate In ("Opt Out" From) Class Action Settlement ("Exclusion Form") the Class Members may use to opt out of the Settlement as attached as Exhibit B to the Settlement Agreement. In addition, the Court approves, as to form and content, the Notice of Objection Form ("Objection Form") the Class Members may use to object to the Settlement as attached as Exhibit C to the Settlement Agreement. The Class Notice, Exclusion Form, and Objection Form are collectively known as the Notice Packet.
- 11. The Court directs the distribution of the Notice Packet to Class Members via first-class U.S. Mail and email in accordance with the implementation schedule set forth in paragraph 13 below. The Court finds the dates selected for the distribution of the Notice Packet, as set forth in the Implementation Schedule, meet the requirements of due process and provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled.
- 12. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699, subdivision (l)(3), Plaintiff shall submit a copy of this Order to the LWDA within ten (10) days after entry of order.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Class Members

objections to

Settlement

Settlement Administrator

Enhancement Payment Final Approval Hearing

Deadline for Defendant to submit Class

Deadline for Settlement Administrator

to mail and email the Notice Packet to

Deadline for Class Members to request

exclusion from Settlement or postmark

Deadline for Class Counsel to file

Deadline for Class Counsel to file

Motion for Attorney Fee Award, Cost Award, and Class Representative

Motion for Final Approval

Settlement to

List to Settlement Administrator

16 Dated: March 18, 2022

Ethan P. Schulman

Honorable Ethan P. Schulman Judge of the Superior Court

August 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Department

Within twenty-one (21) calendar days after

Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the

Within sixty (60) calendar days from the

entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

receipt of the Class List from Defendant.

initial mailing of the Notice Packet.

July 13, 2022

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

(CCP 1010.6(6) & CRC 2.251)

I, Ericka Larnauti, a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of San Francisco, certify that I am not a party to the within action.

On March 18, 2022, I electronically served the attached document via File & ServeXpress on the recipients designated on the Transaction Receipt located on the File & ServeXpress website.

Dated: March 18, 2022

T. Michael Yuen, Clerk

By:

Ericka Larnauti, Deputy Clerk