CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CLASS NOTICE

This Class Action and PAGA Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between Plaintiffs Daniel Espinoza, Maria Aceves, Lynn DeLeon, Corrine Tate, Daisy Lepe, Leslie Perez, Nancy Castillo, Shartisca Booker, Alma R. Perez, Nancy Johnson Moulton, Lawrence J. Williamson, Deniece Bowen, Aston Whitehead, Mona Rae Tan and Gabriela Rivera-Garcia ("Plaintiffs") and defendants Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC and PCPR, LLC on behalf of all facilities owned and/or managed by Pacifica Defendants ("Pacifica Defendants") FrankCrum 1, Inc., FrankCrum 11, Inc., Trion Solutions I, Inc., Trion Solutions II, Inc., Oasis Staffing, Inc., NorthStar Senior Living, Inc. and Etros Living, LLC ("PEO and Management Defendants") as further defined herein. The Agreement refers to Plaintiffs, Pacifica Defendants, and PEO and Management Defendants collectively as the "Parties," or individually as a "Party."

1. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>.

- 1.1. "Actions" means the Plaintiffs' lawsuits, including all lawsuits deemed coordinated in JCCP No. 5099 Pacifica SL Wage and Hour Cases alleging wage and hour violations against Pacifica Defendants and PEO and Management Defendants, and including the following Covered Complaints, and as set forth in the Amended Consolidated Complaint:
 - 1.1.1. Espinoza, et al. v. Pacifica North County SL LP, et al. Case No.: 56-2018-00518602-CU-OE-VTA (Ventura Superior Court 10-09-18)
 - 1.1.2. Perez, et al. v. Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC, et al. Case No. BCV-19-102130 SDS (Kern County Superior Court 07-31-19)
 - 1.1.3. Lepe v. Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC, et al. Case No. 19CHCV00940 (Los Angeles Superior Court 11-21-19)

1	1.1.4.	Tate v. Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC, Case No. 37-2019-
2		00064284-CU-OE-CTL (San Diego County Superior Court – 12-03-19)
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4	1.1.5.	A. Perez v. Pacifica Senior Living Case No. 37-2020-00013914-CU-OE-CTL
5		(San Diego Superior Court – 03-12-20)
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7	1.1.6.	Williamson v. Avalon Health Care, Inc., et al. Case No. RG190137159
8		(Alameda Superior Court – 04-04-19)
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10	1.1.7.	Moulton v. Pacifica Senior Living Management LLC, et al. Case No. 37-2020-
11		00045281-CU-OE-CTL (San Diego Superior Court – 12-09-20)
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13	1.1.8.	Bowen v. Pacifica Senior Living, et al. Case No. CIV-SB-2124748 (San
14		Bernardino Superior Court – 08-24-21)
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16	1.1.9.	Bowen v. Pacifica Senior Living, et al. Case No. CIV-SB-2132269 (San
17		Bernardino Superior Court – 11-12-21)
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19	1.1.10.	Tan v. Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC, et al. Case No. 30-2022-
20		01249156-CU-WT-CXS (Orange County Superior Court – 03-04-22)
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22	1.1.11.	Tan v. Pacifica Senior Living Management LLC, et al, Case No. 30-2022-
23		01258972-CU-OE-CXC (Orange County Superior Court – 05-10-22)
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25	1.1.12.	Aston Whitehead v. Pacifica Senior Living Management LLC, et al. Case No.
26		4:18-cv-01767-JSW (Northern District CA – 7-28-17)
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- 1.2. "Administrator" means Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions the neutral entity the Parties have agreed to ask the Court to appoint to administer the Settlement.
- 1.3. "Administration Expenses Payment" means the amount the Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount to reimburse its reasonable fees and expenses in accordance with the Administrator's "not to exceed" bid submitted to and approved by the Court in connection with Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.4. "Aggrieved Employees" means non-exempt employees who are or previously were employed at, or who worked for the benefit of, any facility owned and/or managed by Pacifica Defendants, and including PCPR LLC, in California during the period of July 28, 2016 until the date of preliminary approval or December 11, 2022, whichever occurs first (the "PAGA Period"), including Covered Facilities.
- 1.5. "Amended Consolidated Complaint" means, for the purposes of effectuating this Settlement, the Amended Consolidated Complaint to be filed by Class Counsel encompassing all of the claims brought by each of the Named Plaintiffs against Covered Facilities in any of the coordinated actions and LWDA letters, as well as claims considered in the course of litigation, mediation, and settlement negotiations in the matters, including any claims under Labor Code 2810.5, changes in law (such as Ferra v Loews Hollywood Hotel, LLC, 11 Cal. 5th 858 (2021) or paid sick leave and/or supplemental paid sick leave legislation.
- 1.6. "Class" means all non-exempt employees who are or were previously employed at, or who worked for the benefit of, any facility owned and/or managed by Defendant Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC ("Pacifica Defendants"), and including PCPR LLC, in California during the period of October 9, 2014, to the date of preliminary approval or December 11, 2022, whichever occurs first (the "Class Period"), including the following facilities, which includes facilities which were named in any of the pending coordinated lawsuits, as well as those facilities listed herein below in Paragraph 1.19, some of which have not been named or identified in

- 1.15. "Class Representatives Service Payment" means the payment to each Class Representative for initiating a Covered Complaint which is part of the Actions and providing services in support of the Actions.
- 1.16. "Court" means the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura.
- 1.17. "Covered Complaint" means any of the Complaints incorporated in the Amended Consolidated Complaint.
- 1.18. "Covered Employee" means all non-exempt employees who are or were previously employed at, or who worked for the benefit of, any facility owned and/or managed by Defendant Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC ("Pacifica Defendants"), and including PCPR LLC, in California during the Class Period.
- 1.19. "Covered Facility" means the each of the following facilities and the Covered Employees during the Class Period:

Employees during the Class Period: Entity Name DBA Name Purchased Closed/				
Enuty Name	DDA Name	Date	Transfer	
1. Pacifica Regency Palms LLC	Alta Vista Senior Living	2/1/2019	Transici	
2. Pacifica SL Anaheim Hills LLC/HSRE Meridian at Anaheim Hills TRS, LLC, PSLM Payroll LLC	Meridian At Anaheim Hills	1/1/2012		
3. Pacifica Bakersfield LP	Pacifica Senior Living Bakersfield	1/31/2008		
4. Pacifica Carmichael LLC	The Atrium of Carmichael	12/24/2020		
5. Pacifica Chino Hills LP	Pacifica Senior Living Chino Hills	7/16/2010		
6. Pacifica Citrus Heights LLC	The Crest at Citrus Heights	12/24/2020		
7. Pacifica Concordia LP	Pacifica Senior Living Country Crest	6/8/2012		
8. Pacifica Daly LLC	Pacifica Senior Living Mission Villa	7/1/2014		
9. Pacifica North County SL LP	Pacifica Senior Living Escondido	1/22/2013		
10. HSRE Pacifica Fresno OPCO LP, PSLM Payroll Fresno	Pacifica Senior Living Fresno	12/31/2020		
11. Pacifica SFO LLC	The Village At Hayes Valley	12/15/2016		

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1	12. Pacifica SL Grove Street LP	Healdsburg, A Pacifica Senior Living Community	2/1/2018	
2	13. Pacifica SL Hemet		3/15/2016	
3	LLC 14. TGH-Chino LP/HSRE	Pacifica Senior Living	11/1/2012	
4	Pacifica Senior Living	Hillsborough	11/1/2012	
5	Hillsborough TRS, LLC, PSLM Payroll Hillsborough			
6	LLC			
7	15. Pacifica Hollywood LLC	Hollywood Hills, A Pacifica Senior Living Community	6/17/2020	
	16. Pacifica Laguna Hills	<u> </u>	4/1/2020	
8	LLC 17. HSRE Pacifica	Pacifica Senior Living	12/31/2020	
9	Menifee Valley OPCO LP,	Menifee		
10	PSLM Payroll Menifee LLC 18. Pacifica Senior Living	Pacifica Senior Living	4/28/2015	
11	Merced LLC	Merced		
12	19. St Pauls Modesto LP	Pacifica Senior Living Modesto	8/26/2008	
13	20. Pacifica Monte Vista LLC	Monte Vista Village	4/29/2021	
14	21. Pacifica Newport Mesa LLC	Pacifica Senior Living Newport Mesa	9/6/2013	
15	22. Pacifica Somerfield	*	4/1/2020	
16	LLC, Pacifica Northridge LP 23. Pacifica Oakland LLC	Northridge Pacifica Senior Living	7/1/2014	
17		Oakland Heights		
18	24. Casitas Oceanside Two LP/HSRE Pacifica Senior	Pacifica Senior Living Oceanside	4/1/2019	
19	Living Oceanside TRS, LLC,	Cocambiac		
	PSLM Payroll Oceanside LLC 25. Pacifica L 32 LLC	Pacifica Senior Living	5/3/2011	
20		Oxnard		
21	26. Pacifica SL Palm Springs LLC	Pacifica Senior Living Palm Springs	6/1/2018	
22	27. P Monterey LP	The Park Lane	12/22/2007	
23	28. Pacifica Riverside SL	Pacifica Senior Living:	1/1/2012	
24	LP	Riverside Legacies Memory Care		
25	29. Pacifica Sakura	Sakura Gardens of Los	12/1/2019	9/1/2021
26	Gardens ICF LLC 30. Pacifica SL Boyle LLC	Angeles Sakura Gardens of Los	2/5/2016	
27		Angeles		10/01/0001
28	31. Pacifica San Bernardino LLC	Parkside Senior Apartments	4/1/2020	12/31/2021
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32. P San Leandro LP	Pacifica Senior Living San Leandro	2/25/2008
33. Pacifica SLO LLC	Avila Senior Living At Downtown SLO	5/23/2019
34. Pacifica L 24 LLC	Meridian At Lake San Marcos	7/22/2013
35. Pacifica Coast LP	Pacifica Senior Living Santa Barbara	4/22/2015
36. West Lyons LP	Pacifica Senior Living Santa Clarita	7/10/2008
37. Pacifica Sierra Vista LP	Assisted Living	
38. Pacifica Orange County LLC	Pacifica Senior Living South Coast	10/12/2016
39. Pacifica Union City LLC	Pacifica Senior Living Union City	5/16/2014
40. Pacifica Senior Living Vacaville LLC	Pacifica Senior Living Vacaville	5/15/2015
41. Pacifica Valley Crest LP	Valley Crest Memory Care	1/1/2012
42. Pacifica East Lake LLC	Pacifica Senior Living Vista	8/1/2018
43. Pacifica SL Vermont LLC		2/27/2015
44. Pacifica SL Lincoln LLC		

- 1.20. "Covered PEOs and Management Companies" means PEO and Management Defendants (including FrankCrum 1, Inc., FrankCrum 11, Inc., Trion Solutions I, Inc., Trion Solutions II, Inc., Oasis Staffing, Inc., NorthStar Senior Living, Inc., and Etros Living, LLC, solely as to Covered Employees at Covered Facilities, as well as any other Professional Employer Organizations that provided services to Pacifica Defendants at a Covered Facility relating to Covered Employees during the Class Period and/or PAGA Period.
- 1.21. "Defendants" means Pacifica Defendants and PEO and Management Defendants collectively.
- 1.22. "Defense Counsel" means Robert S. Blumberg and Melanie Rollins, Littler
 Mendelson, PC., on behalf of Pacifica Defendants, Trion I and Trion II; Thomas

- Ingrassia, Petit Kohn Ingrassia Lutz & Dolin, PC, on behalf of FrankCrum 1 and FrankCrum 11.
- 1.23. "Effective Date" means the date by when both of the following have occurred:
 (a) the Court enters a Judgment on its Order Granting Final Approval of the
 Settlement; and (b) the Judgment is final. The Judgment is final as of the latest of the
 following occurrences: (a) if no Participating Class Member objects to the
 Settlement, the day the Court enters Judgment; (b) if one or more Participating Class
 Members objects to the Settlement, the day after the deadline for filing a notice of
 appeal from the Judgment; or if a timely appeal from the Judgment is filed, the day
 after the appellate court affirms the Judgment and issues a remittitur.
- 1.24. "Final Approval" means the Court's order granting final approval of the Settlement.
- 1.25. "Final Approval Hearing" means the Court's hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.26. "Final Judgment" means the Judgment Entered by the Court upon Granting Final Approval of the Settlement.
- 1.27. "Gross Settlement Amount" means Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$4,250,000.00) which is the total amount Pacifica Defendants agree to pay under the Settlement except as provided in Paragraph 9 below. The Gross Settlement Amount will be used to pay Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, Class Representatives Service Payment, and the Administrator's Expenses. The Gross Settlement Amount shall be all-in, with no reversion to any Released Parties. The employer's share of payroll taxes shall not be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount and shall remain the sole responsibility of Pacifica Defendants. Other than payroll taxes or in the event the escalator clause is triggered, in no event will Pacifica Defendants' total payment to resolve this matter exceed \$4,250,000.

- 1.28. "Individual Class Payment" means the Participating Class Member's pro rata share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated according to the number of Workweeks worked for the benefit of any Covered Facility owned and/or managed by Pacifica Defendants or PCPR LLC during the Class Period based upon hire and termination data maintained by Pacifica Defendants and/or PCPR, LLC during the Class Period, without the need to submit a claim form.
- 1.29. "Individual PAGA Payment" means the Aggrieved Employee's pro rata share of 25% of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of pay periods they were employed at or worked for the benefit of, any Covered Facility owned and/or managed by Pacifica Defendants or PCPR LLC, based upon hire and termination data maintained by Pacifica Defendants and/or PCPR, LLC during the PAGA Period, without the need to submit a claim form.
- 1.30. "LWDA" means the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.
- 1.31. "LWDA PAGA Payment" means the 75% of the PAGA Penalties paid to the LWDA under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (i).
- 1.32. "Net Settlement Amount" means the Gross Settlement Amount, less the following payments in the amounts approved by the Court: Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, Class Representative Service Payments, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Administration Expenses Payment. The remainder is to be paid to Participating Class Members as Individual Class Payments.
- 1.33. "Non-Participating Class Member" means any Class Member who opts out of the Settlement by sending the Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion.
- 1.34. "Pacifica Defendants" means Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC and PCPR, LLC and all the entities listed in Section 1.19 defining the terms "Covered Facility".
- 1.35. "PAGA Pay Period" means any Pay Period during which an Aggrieved Employee worked at a Covered Facility for at least one day during the PAGA Period.

- 1.47. "Released Parties" means: Pacifica Defendants as to all Covered Facilities, and Covered Professional Employer Organizations ("PEOs") and Management Companies solely as to Covered Employees at Covered Facilities, as well as any other PEOswho provided services to Pacifica Defendants at a Covered Facility during the Class Period and/or PAGA Period and each of their respective former and present directors, officers, shareholders, owners, members, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries and affiliates within the scope of the Settlement.
- 1.48. "Request for Exclusion" means a Class Member's submission of a written request to be excluded from the Class Settlement signed by the Class Member.
- 1.49. "Response Deadline" means sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails Notice to Class Members and Aggrieved Employees, and shall be the last date on which a Class Member may: (a) timely fax, email, or mail his or her Request for Exclusion from the Settlement, or (b) timely fax, email, or mail his or her Objection to the Settlement. Class Members to whom Notice Packets are re-sent after having been returned undeliverable to the Administrator shall have an additional fourteen (14) calendar days beyond the original the Response Deadline for their submission to be deemed timely..
- 1.50. "Settlement" means the disposition of the Actions effected by this Agreement and the Judgment.
- 1.51. "Workweek" means any week during which a Class Member worked at a Covered Facility for at least one day, during the Class Period.

2. RECITALS.

2.1. On October 9, 2018, Plaintiffs Daniel Espinoza, Maria Aceves and Lynn DeLeon commenced this Action by filing a PAGA Complaint alleging a single cause of action against Pacifica Defendants for penalties arising from various alleged wage and hour violations. On July 31, 2019, Plaintiffs Corrine Tate, Daisy Lepe, Leslie Perez, Nancy Castillo and Shartisca Booker filed a putative class action Complaint against Pacifica

- Defendants and an entity named as "Frank Crum" alleging various wage and hour violations arising from their employment with Pacifica Defendants.
- 2.2. Thereafter, various additional Plaintiffs filed their class and/or PAGA actions against Pacifica Defendants and PEO and Management Defendants. Defendants have responded to each of the Plaintiffs' Complaints.
- 2.3. Pacifica Defendants filed a Request for Coordination, which was initially granted by the May 5, 2020 Order of Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sukauye, Chief Justice of California and Chair of the Judicial Council Court. The Coordinated matters were then assigned to the Superior Court for the County of Ventura, which Court accepted the assignment on August 17, 2020. Thereafter, Pacifica Defendants have filed motions seeking to coordinate each of the later filed Complaints, and said motions have been granted by the Court, resulting in each of the Covered Actions being deemed part of the Pacifica SL Wage and Hour Cases, JCCP 5099.
- 2.4. For the purposes of effectuating this Settlement, Class Counsel shall file an Amended Consolidated Complaint encompassing all of the claims brought by each of the Named Plaintiffs against the Covered Facilities in all of the coordinated actions and LWDA letters, as well as claims considered in the course of litigation, mediation, and settlement negotiations in the matters, including any claims under Labor Code 2810.5, recent changes and/or interpretations of such laws (such as those articulated in Ferra v Loews Hollywood Hotel, LLC, 11 Cal. 5th 858 (2021), and paid sick leave and supplemental paid sick leave legislation.
- 2.5. Pacifica Defendants and PEO and Management Defendants deny the allegations in the Amended Consolidated Complaint, and all Covered Complaints, deny any failure to comply with the laws identified in the Amended Consolidated Complaint and deny any and all liability for the causes of action alleged.
- 2.6. Pursuant to Labor Code section 2699.3, subd.(a), Plaintiffs gave timely written notice to Pacifica Defendants and the LWDA by sending the PAGA Notices.

- 2.7. On February 11, 2020, Pacifica Defendants and Counsel for Plaintiffs in the *Espinoza* and *Perez* matters participated in an all-day mediation presided over by Tripper Ortman, Esq., which did not result in a resolution of this matter. On September 2, 2021, Pacifica Defendants, PEO and Management Defendants and Counsel for some of the Plaintiffs, including Plaintiffs in the *Espinoza* and *Perez* matters, participated in a second all-day mediation presided over by Michael Dickstein, Esq. This mediation narrowed the issues, but did not result in resolution. After considerable further negotiations during the following six-month period, including Counsel for the remaining Plaintiffs, the Mediator made a Mediator's Proposal for a global settlement of all Covered Complaints in the Coordinated Action, which was ultimately accepted by the Parties, and led to this Agreement to settle the Actions.
- 2.8. Prior to mediating and negotiating the Settlement, Plaintiffs obtained, through formal and informal discovery, documents including thousands of pages of time records, payroll records, and policies regarding Pacifica Defendants and the Covered Facilities. Plaintiffs' investigation was sufficient to satisfy the criteria for court approval set forth in *Dunk v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801 and *Kullar v. Foot Locker Retail, Inc.* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 116, 129-130 ("*Dunk/Kullar*").
- 2.9. The Court has not granted class certification.
- 2.10. The Parties, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel represent that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or affected by the Settlement.

3. MONETARY TERMS.

3.1. Gross Settlement Amount. Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph 9 below,
Pacifica Defendants promise to pay four million two hundred fifty thousand dollars
(\$4,250,000), and no more, as the Gross Settlement Amount and to separately pay
any and all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portions of the Individual Class
Payments. Pacifica Defendants have no obligation to pay the Gross Settlement

Amount (or any payroll taxes) prior to the deadline stated in Paragraph 6.1 of this Agreement. The Administrator will disburse the entire Gross Settlement Amount without asking or requiring Participating Class Members or Aggrieved Employees to submit any claim as a condition of payment. None of the Gross Settlement Amount will revert to Defendants.

- 3.2. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. The Administrator will make and deduct the following payments from the Gross Settlement Amount, in the amounts specified by the Court in the Final Approval:
 - 3.2.1. To Plaintiffs: Class Representative Service Payments to the Class Representatives of not more than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) each to Plaintiffs Daniel Espinoza, Maria de Aceves, Lynn Deleon, Leslie Perez, Corrine Tate, Daisy Lepe, Nancy Castillo, Shartisca Booker, Lawrence J. Williamson and Aston Whitehead, and payments of not more than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) each to Plaintiffs Alma R. Perez, Nancy Johnson Moulton, Deniece Bowen, Mona Rae Tan and Gabriela Rivera-Garcia (in addition to any Individual Class Payment and any Individual PAGA Payment the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a Participating Class Member and Aggrieved Employee). Defendants will not oppose Plaintiffs' requests for Class Representatives Service Payments that do not exceed these amounts. As part of the motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment, Plaintiffs will seek Court approval for any Class Representative Service Payments no later than sixteen (16) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves any Class Representative Service Payment in an amount that is less than the amount requested, the Administrator will retain the remainder in the Net Settlement Amount. The Administrator will issue an IRS Form 1099to each of the recipients of the Class Representative Service Payments. Plaintiffs each

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assume full responsibility and liability for employee taxes owed on the Class Representative Service Payments.

3.2.2. To Class Counsel: A Class Counsel Fees Payment of not more than thirtyfive percent (35%) of the Gross Settlement Amount, which is currently estimated to be one million four hundred eighty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,487,500.00) and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment which is currently estimated to be not more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00). Class Counsel may seek Litigation Expenses in an amount to be documented in Class Counsels' billing statement, and as approved by the Court. . Defendants will not oppose requests for these payments provided that they do not exceed these amounts. Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will file a motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Litigation Expenses Payment no later than 16 court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing. If the Court approves any Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment in an amount that is less than the amounts requested, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount. Released Parties shall have no liability to Class Counsel or any other Plaintiff's Counsel arising from any claim to any portion of any Class Counsel Fee Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment. The Administrator will pay the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Expenses Payment using one or more IRS 1099 Forms. Class Counsel assume full responsibility and liability for taxes owed on the Class Counsel Fees Payment and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and hold Released Parties harmless, and indemnify Released Parties, from any dispute or controversy regarding any division or sharing of any of these Payments. Fees shall be divided between Class Counsel as determined by Class Counsel and approved by the Court. Disputes among Class Counsel or rejection by the Court of the amount claimed regarding the allocation of Class

Counsel Attorneys' Fees shall not be a basis for objecting to, or withdrawing from, or attempting to rescind, this Settlement Agreement. Disputes among Class Counsel or rejection by the Court of the amount of claims regarding the allocation of Class Counsel Attorneys' Expenses shall not be a basis for objecting to, or withdrawing from this Settlement Agreement. Defendants shall not object to, or otherwise oppose, a fee request or expense request consistent with this paragraph.

- 3.2.3. To the Administrator: An Administrator Expenses Payment not to exceed \$67,950.00, except for a showing of good cause and as approved by the Court. To the extent the Administration Expenses are less than, or the Court approves payment in an amount less than \$67,950.00, the Administrator will allocate the remainder to the Net Settlement Amount, to be distributed to the Participating Class Members.
- 3.2.4. To Each Participating Class Member: An Individual Class Payment calculated by (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all Participating Class Members during the Class Period and (b) multiplying the result by each Participating Class Member's Workweeks.
 - 3.2.4.1. Tax Allocation of Individual Class Payments. Thirty-three percent (33%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of wage claims (the "Wage Portion").

 The Wage Portions are subject to tax withholdings and will be reported on an IRS Form W-2. The remaining sixty-seven percent (67%) of each Participating Class Member's Individual Class Payment will be allocated to settlement of claims for interest, penalties, unreimbursed expenses and any other non-wage damages (the "Non-Wage Portion"). The Non-Wage Portions are not subject to wage withholdings and will be reported on IRS Form 1099. Participating

- hundred ninety-eight (11,198) Class Members who collectively worked a total of two hundred fifty thousand seven hundred twenty-four (250,724) Pay Periods.
- 4.2. <u>Class Data</u>. Not later than 15 business days after the Court grants Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Pacifica Defendants will deliver the Class Data to the Administrator, in the form of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. To protect Class Members' privacy rights, the Administrator must maintain the Class Data in confidence, use the Class Data only for purposes of this Settlement and for no other purpose, and restrict access to the Class Data to Administrator employees who need access to the Class Data to effect and perform under this Agreement. Pacifica Defendants have a continuing duty to immediately notify Class Counsel if they discover that the Class Data omitted Class Member identifying information and to provide corrected or updated Class Data as soon as reasonably feasible. Without any extension of the deadline by which Pacifica Defendants must send the Class Data to the Administrator, the Parties and their counsel will expeditiously use best efforts, in good faith, to reconstruct or otherwise resolve any issues related to missing or omitted Class Data.
- 4.3. <u>Funding of Gross Settlement Amount</u>. Pacifica Defendants shall fully fund the Gross Settlement Amount, and also fund the amounts necessary to pay Defendants' share of payroll taxes by transmitting the funds to the Administrator no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date.
- 4.4. Payments from the Gross Settlement Amount. Within fourteen (14) days after Pacifica Defendants fund the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will mail checks for all Individual Class Payments, all Individual PAGA Payments, the LWDA PAGA Payment, the Administration Expenses Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and the Class Representative Service Payments. Disbursement of the Class Counsel Fees Payment, the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and the Class Representative Service

Payments shall not precede disbursement of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments.

- 4.4.1. The Administrator will issue checks for the Individual Class Payments and/or Individual PAGA Payments and send them to the Class Members via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid. The face of each check shall prominently state the date (not less than 180 days after the date of mailing) when the check will be voided. The Administrator will cancel all checks not cashed by the void date. The Administrator will send checks for Individual Settlement Payments to all Participating Class Members (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator will send checks for Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Individual Class Payment and the Individual PAGA Payment. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.
- 4.4.2. The Administrator must conduct a Class Member Address Search for all other Class Members whose checks are retuned undelivered without USPS forwarding address. Within seven (7) days of receiving a returned check the Administrator must re-mail checks to the USPS forwarding address provided or to an address ascertained through the Class Member Address Search. The Administrator need not take further steps to deliver checks to Class Members whose re-mailed checks are returned as undelivered. The Administrator shall promptly send a replacement check to any Class Member whose original check was lost or misplaced, requested by the Class Member prior to the void date.

- 4.4.3. For any Class Member whose Individual Class Payment check or Individual PAGA Payment check is uncashed and cancelled after the void date, the Administrator shall transmit the funds represented by such checks to the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in the name of the Class Member thereby leaving no "unpaid residue" subject to the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 384, subd. (b).
- 4.4.4. The payment of Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments shall not obligate Released Parties to confer any additional benefits or make any additional payments to Class Members or Aggrieved Employees (such as 401(k) contributions or bonuses) beyond those specified in this Agreement.
- 6. RELEASES OF CLAIMS. Effective on the date when Pacifica Defendants fully fund the entire Gross Settlement Amount and fund all employer payroll taxes owed on the Wage Portion of the Individual Class Payments, Plaintiffs, Class Members, and Class Counsel will release claims against all Released Parties as follows:
 - 6.1. Plaintiffs' Release. Each Plaintiff and his or her respective former and present spouses, representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns generally, release and discharge Released Parties from all claims, transactions, or occurrences that occurred during the Class Period, including, but not limited to: (a) all claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged, based on the facts contained, in the Amended Consolidated Complaint and (b) all PAGA claims that were, or reasonably could have been, alleged based on facts contained in the Amended Consolidated Complaint, Plaintiffs' PAGA Notices, or ascertained during the Actions and released under 6.2, below. ("Plaintiffs' Release.") Plaintiffs' Release does not extend to any claims or actions to enforce this Agreement, or to any claims for vested benefits, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, social security benefits, workers' compensation benefits that arose at any time. Plaintiffs acknowledge that Plaintiffs may discover facts or law different from, or in addition to, the facts or law that Plaintiffs now know or believe to be true but agree,

nonetheless, that Plaintiffs' Release shall be and remain effective in all respects, notwithstanding such different or additional facts or Plaintiffs' discovery of them.

6.1.1. <u>Plaintiffs' Waiver of Rights Under California Civil Code Section 1542</u>. For purposes of Plaintiffs' Release, each Plaintiff expressly waives and relinquishes the provisions, rights, and benefits, if any, of section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which reads:

A general release does not extend to claims that 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.

6.2. Release by Participating Class Members: Upon entry of final judgment and subject to Pacifica Defendants' full payment of the Gross Settlement Amount, Released Parties shall be entitled to a release from all Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims under state or federal law alleged or which could have been alleged based on the facts in the Amended Consolidated Complaint, and any of the individual Complaints in the Coordinated Action filed on behalf of any Named Plaintiffs, including and not limited to, any claims under Labor Code 2810.5, recent changes and/or interpretations in law (such as in Ferra v Loews Hollywood Hotel, LLC, 11 Cal. 5th 858 (2021), and relating to paid sick leave and supplemental paid sick leave legislation (and interpretations thereof), which occurred during the Class Period during employment in a non-exempt position in California at a Covered Facility. Except as set forth in Section 6.3 of this Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

- 6.3. Release by Aggrieved Employees (including Nonparticipating Class Members):

 Upon entry of final judgment and subject to Pacifica Defendants' full payment of the Gross Settlement Amount, Released Parties shall be entitled to a release from the State of California and PAGA Aggrieved Employees of all PAGA claims alleged or which could have been alleged based on the facts set forth in the Amended Consolidated Complaint, and any and all of the PAGA notices filed on behalf of any Named Plaintiff in the Coordinated Action, which occurred during the PAGA Period during employment of PAGA Aggrieved Employees in a non-exempt position in California at a Covered Facility.
- 7. MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL. The Parties agree to jointly prepare and file a motion for preliminary approval ("Motion for Preliminary Approval"), including a joint Stipulation to file the Amended Consolidated Complaint.
 - 7.1. <u>Defendants' Declarations in Support of Preliminary Approval</u>. Within thirty (30) days of the full execution of this Agreement, Pacifica Defendants and PEO and Management Defendants will prepare and deliver to Class Counsel a signed Declaration from Pacifica Defendants and PEO and Management Defendants and Defense Counsel which shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.
 - 7.2. Plaintiffs' Responsibilities. Class Counsel will prepare and deliver to Defense Counsel all documents necessary for obtaining Preliminary Approval within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement including: (i) a draft of the notice, and memorandum in support, of the Motion for Preliminary Approval that includes an analysis of the Settlement under *Dunk/Kullar* and a request for approval of the PAGA Settlement under Labor Code Section 2699, subd. (f)(2)); (ii) a draft proposed Order Granting Preliminary Approval and Approval of PAGA Settlement; (iii) a draft proposed Class Notice; (iv) a signed declaration from the Administrator attaching its "not to exceed" bid for administering the Settlement and attesting to its willingness to

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serve; competency; operative procedures for protecting the security of Class Data; amounts of insurance coverage for any data breach, embezzlement of funds or other misfeasance; all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members; and the nature and extent of any financial relationship with Plaintiff, Class Counsel or Defense Counsel; (v) a signed declaration from each Plaintiff confirming willingness and competency to serve and disclosing all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflicts of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator; (v) a signed declaration from each Class Counsel firm attesting to its competency to represent the Class Members; its timely transmission to the LWDA of all necessary PAGA documents (initial notice of violations (Labor Code section 2699.3, subd. (a)), Amended Consolidated Complaint (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(1)), this Agreement (Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1)(2)); (vi) Joint Stipulation to File an Amended Consolidated Complaint, including the proposed Amended Consolidated Complaint; and (vii) all facts relevant to any actual or potential conflict of interest with Class Members, and/or the Administrator. In their Declarations, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel shall aver that they are not aware of any other pending matter or action asserting claims that will be extinguished or adversely affected by the Settlement.

- 7.3. Responsibilities of Counsel. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel are jointly responsible for expeditiously finalizing and filing the Motion for Preliminary Approval no later than sixty (60) days after the full execution of this Agreement; obtaining a prompt hearing date for the Motion for Preliminary Approval; and for appearing in Court (or via remote telephonic or video appearance) to advocate in favor of the Motion for Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel is responsible for delivering the Court's Preliminary Approval to the Administrator.
- 7.4. <u>Duty to Cooperate</u>. If the Parties disagree on any aspect of the proposed Motion for Preliminary Approval and/or the supporting declarations and documents, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the

Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve the disagreement. If the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval or conditions Preliminary Approval on any material change to this Agreement, Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously work together on behalf of the Parties by meeting in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to modify the Agreement and otherwise satisfy the Court's concerns. Any dispute between the Parties as to the remaining terms of the Settlement Agreement shall be presented to the mediator Michael Dickstein, Esq. for assistance with resolution. With the exception of the Gross Settlement Amount and scope of release, non-material changes to the Settlement Agreement by the Court shall not invalidate the Settlement Agreement.

8. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

- 8.1. Selection of Administrator. The Parties have jointly selected and proposed Phoenix

 Class Action Administration Solutions to serve as the Administrator and verified that,
 as a condition of appointment, Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions agrees
 to be bound by this Agreement and to perform, as a fiduciary, all duties specified in
 this Agreement in exchange for payment of Administration Expenses. The Parties
 and their Counsel represent that they have no interest or relationship, financial or
 otherwise, with the Administrator other than a professional relationship arising out of
 prior experiences administering settlements.
- 8.2. <u>Employer Identification Number</u>. The Administrator shall have and use its own Employer Identification Number for purposes of calculating payroll tax withholdings and providing reports to state and federal tax authorities.
- 8.3. Qualified Settlement Fund. The Administrator shall establish a settlement fund that meets the requirements of a Qualified Settlement Fund ("QSF") under US Treasury Regulation section 468B-1.
- 8.4. Notice to Class Members.
 - 8.4.1. No later than three (3) business days after receipt of the Class Data, the Administrator shall notify Class Counsel that the list has been received and

- state the number of Class Members, PAGA Members, Workweeks, and Pay Periods in the Class Data.
- 8.4.2. Using best efforts to perform as soon as possible, and in no event later than fourteen (14) days after receiving the Class Data, the Administrator will send to all Class Members identified in the Class Data, via first-class United States Postal Service ("USPS") mail, the Class Notice with Spanish translation substantially in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A. The first page of the Class Notice shall prominently estimate the dollar amounts of any Individual Class Payment and/or Individual PAGA Payment payable to the Class Member, and the number of Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods used to calculate these amounts. Before mailing Class Notices, the Administrator shall update Class Member addresses using the National Change of Address database.
- 8.4.3. Not later than three (3) business days after the Administrator's receipt of any Class Notice returned by the USPS as undelivered, the Administrator shall remail the Class Notice using any forwarding address provided by the USPS. If the USPS does not provide a forwarding address, the Administrator shall conduct a Class Member Address Search, and re-mail the Class Notice to the most current address obtained. The Administrator has no obligation to make further attempts to locate or send Class Notice to Class Members whose Class Notice is returned by the USPS a second time.
- 8.4.4. The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, Challenges to
 Workweeks and/or Pay Periods, as set forth in paragraph 8.6, and Requests for
 Exclusion, as set forth in paragraph 8.5 will be extended an additional
 fourteen (14) days beyond the sixty (60) days otherwise provided in the Class
 Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Administrator
 will inform the Class Member of the extended deadline with the re-mailed
 Class Notice.

8.4.5. If the Administrator, Defendants or Class Counsel are contacted by or otherwise discover any person(s) who believe they should have been included in the Class Data and should have received a Class Notice, the Parties will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith make an effort to agree on whether to include them as Class Members. If the Parties agree, such persons will be Class Members entitled to the same rights as other Class Members, and the Administrator will send, via email or overnight delivery, a Class Notice requiring them to exercise options under this Agreement not later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of Class Notice, or the Response Deadline in the Class Notice, which ever is later.

8.5. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-Outs).

- 8.5.1. Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from (opt-out of) the Class Settlement must send the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail, a signed, written Request for Exclusion not later than sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed). A Request for Exclusion is a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative that reasonably communicates the Class Member's election to be excluded from the Settlement and includes the Class Member's name, address and email address or telephone number. To be valid, a Request for Exclusion must be timely faxed, emailed, or postmarked by the Response Deadline.
- 8.5.2. The Administrator may not reject a Request for Exclusion as invalid because it fails to contain all the information specified in the Class Notice. The Administrator shall accept any Request for Exclusion as valid if the Administrator can reasonably ascertain the identity of the person as a Class Member and the Class Member's desire to be excluded. The Administrator's determination shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. If the Administrator has reason to question the authenticity of a

- Request for Exclusion, the Administrator may demand additional proof of the Class Member's identity. The Administrator's determination of authenticity shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.
- 8.5.3. Every Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid Request for Exclusion is deemed to be a Participating Class Member under this Agreement, entitled to all benefits and bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, including the Participating Class Members' Releases under Paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of this Agreement, regardless of whether the Participating Class Member actually receives the Class Notice or objects to the Settlement.
- 8.5.4. Every Class Member who submits a valid and timely Request for Exclusion is a Non-Participating Class Member and shall not receive an Individual Class Payment or have the right to object to the class action components of the Settlement. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in Paragraph 6.4 of this Agreement and are eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment.
- 8.6. Challenges to Calculation of Workweeks. Each Class Member shall have sixty (60) days after the Administrator mails the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice is re-mailed) to challenge the number of Class Workweeks and PAGA Pay Periods (if any) allocated to the Class Member/Aggrieved Employee in the Class Notice. The Class Member may challenge the allocation by communicating with the Administrator via fax, email or mail. The Administrator must encourage the challenging Class Member to submit supporting documentation. In the absence of any contrary documentation, the Administrator is entitled to presume that the Workweeks contained in the Class Notice are correct so long as they are consistent with the Class Data. The Administrator's determination of

each Class Member's allocation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge. The Administrator shall promptly provide copies of all challenges to calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods to Defense Counsel and Class Counsel, as well as the Administrator's determination regarding the validity of the challenge(s).

8.7. Objections to Settlement.

- 8.7.1. Only Participating Class Members may object to the class action components of the Settlement and/or this Agreement, including contesting the fairness of the Settlement, and/or amounts requested for the Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Class Representative Service Payments.
- 8.7.2. Participating Class Members may send written objections to the Administrator, by fax, email, or mail. In the alternative, Participating Class Members may appear in Court (or hire an attorney to appear in Court) to present verbal objections at the Final Approval Hearing. A Participating Class Member who elects to send a written objection to the Administrator must do so not later than sixty (60) days after the Administrator's mailing of the Class Notice (plus an additional fourteen (14) days for Class Members whose Class Notice was re-mailed).
- 8.7.3. Non-Participating Class Members have no right to object to any of the class action components of the Settlement.
- 8.8. <u>Administrator Duties</u>. The Administrator has a duty to perform or observe all tasks to be performed or observed by the Administrator contained in this Agreement or otherwise.
 - 8.8.1. Website, Email Address and Toll-Free Number. The Administrator will establish, maintain, and use an internet website to post information of interest to Class Members including the date, time and location for the Final Approval Hearing and copies of the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary

Approval, the Preliminary Approval, the Class Notice, the Motion for Final Approval, the Motion for Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and Class Representative Service Payments, the Final Approval and the Judgment. The Administrator will also maintain and monitor an email address, a toll-free telephone number, and a fax number to receive Class Member calls, faxes and emails.

- 8.8.2. Requests for Exclusion (Opt-outs) and Exclusion List. The Administrator will promptly review on a rolling basis Requests for Exclusion to ascertain their validity. Not later than five (5) days after the expiration of the deadline for submitting Requests for Exclusion, the Administrator shall email a list to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel containing (a) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have timely submitted valid Requests for Exclusion ("Exclusion List"); (b) the names and other identifying information of Class Members who have submitted invalid Requests for Exclusion; (c) copies of all Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement submitted (whether valid or invalid).
- 8.8.3. Weekly Reports. The Administrator must, on a weekly basis, provide written reports to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel that, among other things, tally the number of: Class Notices mailed or re-mailed, Class Notices returned undelivered, Requests for Exclusion (whether valid or invalid) received, objections received, challenges to Workweeks and/or Pay Periods received and/or resolved, and checks mailed for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments ("Weekly Report"). The Weekly Reports must include the Administrator's assessment of the validity of Requests for Exclusion and attach copies of all Requests for Exclusion and objections received.
- 8.8.4. Workweek and/or Pay Period Challenges. The Administrator has the authority to address and make final decisions consistent with the terms of this

Agreement on all Class Member challenges over the calculation of Workweeks and/or Pay Periods. The Administrator's decision shall be final and not appealable or otherwise susceptible to challenge.

- 8.8.5. Administrator's Declaration. Not later than fourteen (14) days before the date by which Class Counsel are required to file the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, the Administrator will provide to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its due diligence and compliance with all of its obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its mailing of Class Notice, the Class Notices returned as undelivered, the re-mailing of Class Notices, attempts to locate Class Members, the total number of Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement it received (both valid and invalid), the number of written objections, and attach the Exclusion List. The Administrator will supplement its declaration as needed or requested by the Parties and/or the Court. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration(s) in Court.
- 8.8.6. Final Report by Settlement Administrator. Within ten (10) days after the Administrator disburses all funds in the Gross Settlement Amount, the Administrator will provide Class Counsel and Defense Counsel with a final report detailing its disbursements by employee identification number only of all payments made under this Agreement. At least fifteen (15) days before any deadline set by the Court, the Administrator will prepare, and submit to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, a signed declaration suitable for filing in Court attesting to its disbursement of all payments required under this Agreement. Class Counsel is responsible for filing the Administrator's declaration in Court.
- 9. CLASS SIZE ESTIMATES and ESCALATOR CLAUSE. Based on a review of its records through January 27, 2022, Pacifica Defendants estimate there are eleven thousand one hundred ninety-eight (11,198) Class Members who collectively worked a total of two

hundred fifty thousand seven hundred twenty-four (250,724) Pay Periods. Pacifica Defendants will provide a declaration verifying these representations. Should the Parties, or the Settlement Administrator, determine that these representations regarding the scope of the class in existence as of January 27, 2022, were inaccurate by more than ten percent (10%), the Gross Settlement Amount shall increase proportionately by the amount in excess of ten percent (10%), based upon the increased number of Pay Periods or Class Members, with the greater increase controlling. For the sake of clarity, if the number of Pay Periods worked by Settlement Class Members during the Class Period up to January 27, 2022, was 15% greater than 250,724, i.e. there were 288,333 Pay Periods , the Gross Settlement Amount would increase by 5%, adding \$212,500.00 to the Gross Settlement Amount. Pacifica Defendants shall be solely responsible for any such additional settlement payments.

- 10. PACIFICA DEFENDANTS' RIGHT TO WITHDRAW. If the number of valid Requests for Exclusion identified in the Exclusion List exceeds five percent (5%) of the total of all Class Members, by number or Workweeks, Pacifica Defendants may, but are not obligated to, elect to withdraw from the Settlement. The Parties agree that, if Pacifica Defendants withdraw, the Settlement shall be void *ab initio*, have no force or effect whatsoever, and that neither Party will have any further obligation to perform under this Agreement; provided, however, Pacifica Defendants will remain responsible for paying all Settlement Administration Expenses incurred to that point. Pacifica Defendants must notify Class Counsel and the Court of their election to withdraw not later than fourteen (14) days after the Administrator sends the final Exclusion List to Defense Counsel; late elections will have no effect.
- 11. MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL. Not later than sixteen (16) court days before the calendared Final Approval Hearing, Class Counsel will file in Court, a motion for final approval of the Settlement that includes a request for approval of the PAGA settlement under Labor Code section 2699, subd. (1), a Proposed Final Approval Order and a proposed Judgment (collectively "Motion for Final Approval"). Class Counsel shall provide drafts of these documents to Defense Counsel not later than seven (7) days prior to filing the Motion

for Final Approval. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel will expeditiously meet and confer in person or by telephone, and in good faith, to resolve any disagreements concerning the Motion for Final Approval.

- 11.1. Response to Objections. Each Party retains the right to respond to any objection raised by a Participating Class Member, including the right to file responsive documents in Court no later than five (5) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, or as otherwise ordered or accepted by the Court.
- Approval on any material change to the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), the Parties will expeditiously work together in good faith to address the Court's concerns by revising the Agreement as necessary to obtain Final Approval. The Court's decision to award less than the amounts requested for the Class Representative Service Payments, Class Counsel Fees Payment, Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment and/or Administrator Expenses Payment shall not constitute a material modification to the Agreement within the meaning of this paragraph.
- 11.3. <u>Continuing Jurisdiction of the Court</u>. The Parties agree that, after entry of Judgment, the Court will retain jurisdiction over the Parties, Actions, and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement and/or Judgment, (ii) addressing settlement administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as are permitted by law.
- 11.4. Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, specifically including the Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment set forth in this Settlement, the Parties, their respective counsel, and all Participating Class Members who did not object to the Settlement as provided in this Agreement, waive all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to post-judgment and appellate proceedings, the right to file motions to vacate judgment, motions for new trial, extraordinary

writs, and appeals. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose such motions, writs or appeals. If an objector appeals the Judgment, the Parties' obligations to perform under this Agreement will be suspended until such time as the appeal is finally resolved and the Judgment becomes final, except as to matters that do not affect the amount of the Net Settlement Amount.

- 11.5. Appellate Court Orders to Vacate, Reverse, or Materially Modify Judgment. If the reviewing Court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment in a manner that requires a material modification of this Agreement (including, but not limited to, the scope of release to be granted by Class Members), this Agreement shall be null and void. The Parties shall nevertheless expeditiously work together in good faith to address the appellate court's concerns and to obtain Final Approval and entry of Judgment, sharing, on a 50-50 basis, any additional Administration Expenses reasonably incurred after remittitur. An appellate decision to vacate, reverse, or modify the Court's award of the Class Representatives Service Payments or any payments to Class Counsel shall not constitute a material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, as long as the Gross Settlement Amount remains unchanged.
- **12. AMENDED JUDGMENT.** If any amended judgment is required under Code of Civil Procedure section 384, the Parties will work together in good faith to jointly submit and a proposed amended judgment.

13. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

13.1. No Admission of Liability, Class Certification or Representative Manageability for
Other Purposes. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly
disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as an
admission by Defendants that any of the allegations in the Amended Consolidated
Complaint, or any underlying Complaint, have merit or that Defendants have any
liability for any claims asserted; nor should it be intended or construed as an
admission by Plaintiffs that Defendants' defenses in the Actions have merit. The

Parties agree that class certification and representative treatment is for purposes of this Settlement only. If, for any reason the Court does not grant Preliminary Approval, Final Approval or enter Judgment, Defendants reserve the right to contest certification of any class for any reasons, and Defendants reserve all available defenses to the claims in the Actions, and Plaintiffs reserve the right to move for class certification on any grounds available and to contest Defendants' defenses. The Settlement, this Agreement and Parties' willingness to settle the Actions will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (except for proceedings to enforce or effectuate the Settlement and this Agreement).

13.2. Confidentiality Prior to Preliminary Approval. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendants and Defense Counsel separately agree that, until the Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement is filed, they and each of them will not disclose, disseminate and/or publicize, or cause or permit another person to disclose, disseminate or publicize, any of the terms of the Agreement directly or indirectly, specifically or generally, to any person, corporation, association, government agency, or other entity except: (1) to the Parties' attorneys, accountants, or spouses, all of whom will be instructed to keep this Agreement confidential; (2) counsel in a related matter; (3) to the extent necessary to report income to appropriate taxing authorities; (4) in response to a court order or subpoena; or (5) in response to an inquiry or subpoena issued by a state or federal government agency. Each Party agrees to immediately notify each other Party of any judicial or agency order, inquiry, or subpoena seeking such information. Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendants and Defense Counsel separately agree not to, directly or indirectly, initiate any conversation or other communication, before the filing of the Motion for Preliminary Approval, with any third party regarding this Agreement or the matters giving rise to this Agreement except to respond only that "the matter was resolved," or words to that effect. This paragraph does not restrict Class Counsel's communications with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.

- 13.3. No Solicitation. The Parties separately agree that they and their respective counsel and employees will not solicit any Class Member to opt out of or object to the Settlement, or appeal from the Judgment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to restrict Class Counsel's ability to communicate with Class Members in accordance with Class Counsel's ethical obligations owed to Class Members.
- 13.4. <u>Integrated Agreement</u>. Upon execution by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement together with its attached exhibits shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, superseding any and all oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements made to or by any Party.
- 13.5. Attorney Authorization. Class Counsel and Defense Counsel separately warrant and represent that they are authorized by their represented Plaintiffs and their represented Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents reasonably required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement including any amendments to this Agreement.
- 13.6. Cooperation. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts, in good faith, to implement the Settlement by, among other things, modifying the Settlement Agreement, submitting supplemental evidence and supplementing points and authorities as requested by the Court. In the event the Parties are unable to agree upon the form or content of any document necessary to implement the Settlement, or on any modification of the Agreement that may become necessary to implement the Settlement, the Parties will seek the assistance of a mediator and/or the Court for resolution.
- 13.7. No Prior Assignments. The Parties separately represent and warrant that they have not directly or indirectly assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or encumber to any person or entity and portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of action, or right released and discharged by the Party in this Settlement.

- 13.8. <u>No Tax Advice</u>. Neither Plaintiffs, Class Counsel, Defendants nor Defense Counsel are providing any advice regarding taxes or taxability, nor shall anything in this Settlement be relied upon as such within the meaning of United States Treasury Department Circular 230 (31 CFR Part 10, as amended) or otherwise.
- 13.9. <u>Modification of Agreement</u>. This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their representatives, and approved by the Court.
- 13.10. <u>Agreement Binding on Successors</u>. This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- 13.11. <u>Applicable Law</u>. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the internal laws of the state of California, without regard to conflict of law principles.
- 13.12. <u>Cooperation in Drafting</u>. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- 13.13. <u>Confidentiality</u>. To the extent permitted by law, all agreements made, and orders entered during the Actions and in this Agreement relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive the execution of this Agreement.
- 13.14. <u>Use and Return of Class Data</u>. Information provided to Class Counsel pursuant to Cal. Evid. Code §1152, and all copies and summaries of the Class Data provided to Class Counsel by Defendants in connection with the mediation, other settlement negotiations, or in connection with the Settlement, may be used only with respect to this Settlement, and no other purpose, and may not be used in any way that violates any existing contractual agreement, statute, or rule of court. Not later than 90 days after the date when the Court discharges the Administrator's obligation to provide a Declaration confirming the final pay out of all Settlement funds, Plaintiffs shall destroy all paper and electronic versions of Class Data received from Defendants unless, prior to the Court's discharge of the Administrator's obligation, Pacifica

- Defendants make a written request to Class Counsel for the return, rather than the destructions, of Class Data.
- 13.15. <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive heading of any section or paragraph of this Agreement is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
- 13.16. <u>Calendar Days</u>. Unless otherwise noted, all reference to "days" in this Agreement shall be to calendar days. In the event any date or deadline set forth in this Agreement falls on a weekend or federal legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.
- 13.17. Notice. All notices, demands or other communications between the Parties in connection with this Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third business day after mailing by United States mail, or the day sent by email or messenger, addressed to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel at their address as registered with the State Bar of California.
- 13.18. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts by facsimile, electronically (i.e. DocuSign), or email which for purposes of this Agreement shall be accepted as an original. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same instrument if counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves signed counterparts. Any executed counterpart will be admissible in evidence to prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
- 13.19. <u>Stay of Litigation</u>. The Parties agree that upon the execution of this Agreement the litigation shall be stayed, except to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties further agree that upon the signing of this Agreement, pursuant to CCP section 583.330, the date to bring a case to trial under CCP section 583.310 be extended for the entire period of this settlement process.

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COURT APPROVED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND HEARING DATE FOR FINAL COURT APPROVAL

JCCP No. 5099 Pacifica SL Wage and Hour Cases

The Superior Court for the State of California authorized this Notice. Read it carefully!

It's not junk mail, spam, an advertisement, or solicitation by a lawyer. You are not being sued.

You may be eligible to receive money from an employee class action lawsuit ("Action") against Pacifica Senior Living Management, LLC and PCPR, LLC ("Pacifica Defendants") on behalf of all Covered Facilities owned or managed by Pacifica Defendants, and including Professional Employer Organizations ("PEOs") acting on behalf of Pacifica Defendants, FrankCrum 1, Inc., FrankCrum 11, Inc., Trion Solutions I, Inc., Trion Solutions II, Inc., Oasis Staffing, Inc., NorthStar Senior Living, Inc. and Etros Living, LLC ("PEO and Management Defendants") for alleged wage and hour violations. The Action was filed by former Pacifica Employees: Daniel Espinoza, Maria Aceves, Lynn DeLeon, Corrine Tate, Daisy Lepe, Leslie Perez, Nancy Castillo, Shartisca Booker, Alma R. Perez, Nancy Johnson Moulton, Lawrence J. Williamson, Deniece Bowen, Aston Whitehead, Mona Rae Tan and Gabriela Rivera-Garcia ("Plaintiffs") and seeks payment of (1) back wages, penalties and other relief for a class of hourly employees ("Class Members") who worked for Pacifica Defendants at certain Covered Facilities during the Class Period from October 9, 2014 to); and (2) penalties under the California Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") for all hourly employees who worked for Pacifica Defendants at certain Covered Facilities during the PAGA Period from July 28, 2016 to ______) ("Aggrieved Employees").

The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class Settlement requiring Pacifica Defendants to fund Individual Class Payments, and (2) a PAGA Settlement requiring Pacifica Defendants to fund Individual PAGA Payments and pay penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA").

Administrator in writing. If you opt-out of the class action portion of the Settlement, you will not receive an Individual Class Payment. You will, however, preserve your right to personally pursue Class Period wage claims against Defendants, and, if you are an Aggrieved Employee, remain eligible for an Individual PAGA Payment. You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.

Defendants will not retaliate against you for any actions you take with respect to the proposed Settlement.

SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

You Don't Have to Do	If you do nothing, you will be a Participating Class Member, eligible	
Anything to Participate	for an Individual Class Payment and an Individual PAGA Payment	
in the Settlement	(if any). In exchange, you will give up your right to assert the wage	
	claims against Defendants that are covered by this Settlement	
	(Released Claims).	
You Can Opt-out of the	If you don't want to fully participate in the proposed Settlement, you	
Class Settlement but not	can opt-out of the Class Settlement by sending the Administrator a	
the PAGA Settlement	written Request for Exclusion. Once excluded, you will be a Non-	
	Participating Class Member and no longer eligible for an Individual	
The Opt-out Deadline is	Class Payment. Non-Participating Class Members cannot object to	
	any portion of the proposed Settlement. See Section 6 of this Notice.	
	You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the proposed Settlement.	
	Defendants must pay Individual PAGA Payments to all Aggrieved	
	Employees and the Aggrieved Employees must give up their rights to	
	pursue Released Claims (defined below).	
Participating Class	All Class Members who do not opt-out ("Participating Class	
Members Can Object to	Members") can object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement. The	
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Plaintiffs are former employees who worked for Pacifica Defendants at one of the Covered Facilities during the Class Period. The Action accuses Defendants of violating California labor laws by

¹ Covered facilities include the following entities: Pacifica Regency Palms LLC; Pacifica SL Anaheim Hills LLC/HSRE Meridian at Anaheim Hills TRS, LLC, PSLM Payroll LLC; Pacifica

failing to pay overtime wages, minimum wages, sick pay, vacation pay, timely wages due during employment and upon termination, and reimbursable expenses, and failing to provide meal periods and rest breaks, or to pay premiums for non-complaint meal and rest breaks, failing to give Wage Theft Prevention Act notices, and accurate itemized wage statements. Based on the same claims, Plaintiffs have also asserted a claim for civil penalties under the California Private Attorneys General Act (Labor Code §§ 2698, et seq.) ("PAGA"). Plaintiffs are represented by attorneys in the Action including: Gaines & Gaines, APLC; Lawyers for Justice, PC; Lebe Law Firm, APC; Mashiri Law Firm and The Jami Law Firm P.C.; Setareh Law Group, Lavi & Ebrahimian; Burton Employment Law and James Hawkins, APLC ("Class Counsel.") Defendants strongly deny violating any laws or failing to

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE ACTION HAS SETTLED?

pay any wages and contends they complied with all applicable laws.

So far, the Court has made no determination whether Defendants or Plaintiffs are correct on the merits. In the meantime, Plaintiffs and Defendants hired an experienced, neutral mediator Michael Dickstein, Esq. in an effort to resolve the Action by negotiating to end the case by agreement (settle the case) rather than continuing the expensive and time-consuming process of litigation. The negotiations were successful. By signing a lengthy written settlement agreement ("Agreement") and agreeing to jointly ask the Court to enter a judgment ending the Action and enforcing the Agreement, Plaintiffs and Defendants have negotiated a proposed Settlement that is subject to the

Bakersfield LP; Pacifica Carmichael LLC; Pacifica Chino Hills LP; Pacifica Chino Hills LP; Pacifica Citrus Heights LLC; Pacifica Concordia LP; Pacifica Daly LLC; Pacifica North County SL LP; HSRE Pacifica Fresno OPCO LP, PSLM Payroll Fresno; Pacifica SFO LLC; Pacifica SL Grove Street LP; Pacifica SL Hemet LLC; TGH-Chino LP/HSRE Pacifica Senior Living Hillsborough TRS, LLC, PSLM Payroll Hillsborough LLC; Pacifica Hollywood LLC; Pacifica Laguna Hills LLC; HSRE Pacifica Menifee Valley OPCO LP, PSLM Payroll Menifee LLC; Pacifica Senior Living Merced LLC; St Pauls Modesto LP; Pacifica Monte Vista LLC; Pacifica Newport Mesa LLC; Pacifica Somerfield LLC, Pacifica Northridge LP; Pacifica Oakland LLC; Casitas Oceanside Two LP/HSRE Pacifica Senior Living Oceanside TRS, LLC, PSLM Payroll Oceanside LLC; Pacifica L 32 LLC; Pacifica SL Palm Springs LLC; P Monterey LP; Pacifica Riverside SL LP; Pacifica Sakura Gardens ICF LLC; Pacifica SL Boyle LLC; Pacifica San Bernardino LLC; P San Leandro LP; Pacifica SLO LLC; Pacifica L 24 LLC; Pacifica Coast LP; West Lyons LP; Pacifica Sierra Vista LP; Pacifica Orange County LLC; Pacifica Union City LLC; Pacifica Senior Living Vacaville LLC; Pacifica Valley Crest LP; Pacifica East Lake LLC; Pacifica SL Vermont LLC; and Pacifica SL Lincoln LLC.

Court's Final Approval. Both sides agree the proposed Settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. By agreeing to settle, Defendants do not admit any violations or concede the merit of any claims.

Plaintiffs and Class Counsel strongly believe the Settlement is a good deal for you because they believe that: (1) Defendants have agreed to pay a fair, reasonable and adequate amount considering the strength of the claims and the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation; and (2) the Settlement is in the best interests of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees. The Court preliminarily approved the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate, authorized this Notice, and scheduled a hearing to determine Final Approval.

3. WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT?

- 1. Defendants Will Pay \$4,250,000.00 as the Gross Settlement Amount (Gross Settlement).

 Defendants have agreed to deposit the Gross Settlement into an account controlled by the Administrator of the Settlement. The Administrator will use the Gross Settlement to pay the Individual Class Payments, Individual PAGA Payments, Class Representative Service Payments, Class Counsel's attorney's fees and expenses, the Administrator's expenses, and penalties to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). Assuming the Court grants Final Approval, Defendants will fund the Gross Settlement not more than 30 days after the Judgment entered by the Court becomes final. The Judgment will be final on the date the Court enters Judgment, or a later date if any Participating Class Member objects to the proposed Settlement or the Judgment is appealed.
- 2. <u>Court Approved Deductions from Gross Settlement</u>. At the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiffs and/or Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve the following deductions from the Gross Settlement, the amounts of which will be decided by the Court at the Final Approval Hearing:
 - A. Up to \$1,487,500.00 (35% of the Gross Settlement) to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and up to \$100,000.00 for their litigation expenses. To date, Class Counsel have worked and incurred expenses in the Action without payment.

- B. Class Representative Service Payments to the Class Representatives of not more than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) each to Plaintiffs Daniel Espinoza, Maria de Aceves, Lynn Deleon, Leslie Perez, Corrine Tate, Daisy Lepe, Nancy Castillo, Shartisca Booker, Lawrence J. Williamson and Aston Whitehead, and payments of not more than seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) each to Plaintiffs Alma R. Perez, Nancy Johnson Moulton, Deniece Bowen, Mona Rae Tan and Gabriela Rivera-Garcia for filing the Action, working with Class Counsel, and representing the Class.
- C. Up to \$67,950.00 to the Administrator for services administering the Settlement.
- D. Up to \$200,000.00 for PAGA Penalties, allocated 75% to the LWDA PAGA Payment and 25% in Individual PAGA Payments to the Aggrieved Employees based on their PAGA Period Pay Periods.

Participating Class Members have the right to object to any of these deductions. The Court will consider all objections.

- 3. <u>Net Settlement Distributed to Class Members</u>. After making the above deductions in amounts approved by the Court, the Administrator will distribute the rest of the Gross Settlement (the "Net Settlement") by making Individual Class Payments to Participating Class Members based on their Class Period Workweeks.
- 4. Taxes Owed on Payments to Class Members. Plaintiffs and Defendants are asking the Court to approve an allocation of 33% of each Individual Class Payment to taxable wages ("Wage Portion") and 67% to interest, penalties, unreimbursed expenses and any other non-wage damages ("Non-Wage Portion). The Wage Portion is subject to withholdings and will be reported on IRS W-2 Forms. Defendants will separately pay employer payroll taxes they owe on the Wage Portion. The Individual PAGA Payments are counted as penalties rather than wages for tax purposes. The Administrator will report the Individual PAGA Payments and the Non-Wage Portions of the Individual Class Payments on IRS 1099 Forms.

 Although Plaintiffs and Defendants have agreed to these allocations, neither side is giving you any advice on whether your Payments are taxable or how much you might owe in taxes.

You are responsible for paying all taxes (including penalties and interest on back taxes) on any Payments received from the proposed Settlement. You should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement.

- 5. Need to Promptly Cash Payment Checks. The front of every check issued for Individual Class Payments and Individual PAGA Payments will show the date when the check expires (the void date). If you don't cash it by the void date, your check will be automatically cancelled, and the funds will be deposited with the California Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund in your name. If the amount represented by your check is sent to the Controller's Unclaimed Property Fund, you should consult the rules of the Fund for instructions on how to retrieve your money.
- 6. Requests for Exclusion from the Class Settlement (Opt-Outs). You will be treated as a Participating Class Member, participating fully in the Class Settlement, unless you notify the Administrator in writing, not later than ________, that you wish to opt-out. The easiest way to notify the Administrator is to send a written and signed Request for Exclusion by the _______ Response Deadline. The Request for Exclusion should be a letter from a Class Member or his/her representative setting forth the Class Member's name, present address, telephone number, and a simple statement electing to be excluded from the Settlement. Excluded Class Members (i.e., Non-Participating Class Members) will not receive Individual Class Payments, but will preserve their rights to personally pursue wage and hour claims against Defendants.

 You cannot opt-out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement. Class Members who exclude themselves from the Class Settlement (Non-Participating Class Members) remain eligible for Individual PAGA Payments and are required to give up their right to assert PAGA claims against Defendants based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action.
- 7. The Proposed Settlement Will be Void if the Court Denies Final Approval. It is possible the Court will decline to grant Final Approval of the Settlement or decline to enter a Judgment. It is also possible the Court will enter a Judgment that is reversed on appeal. Plaintiffs and

Defendants have agreed that, in either case, the Settlement will be void: Defendants will not pay any money and Class Members will not release any claims against Defendants.

- 8. Administrator. The Court has appointed a neutral company, Phoenix Class Action Administration Solutions (the "Administrator") to send this Notice, calculate and make payments, and process Class Members' Requests for Exclusion. The Administrator will also decide Class Member Challenges over Workweeks, mail and re-mail settlement checks and tax forms, and perform other tasks necessary to administer the Settlement. The Administrator's contact information is contained in Section 9 of this Notice.
- 9. Participating Class Members' Release. After the Judgment is final and Pacifica Defendants have fully funded the Gross Settlement (and separately paid all employer payroll taxes), Participating Class Members will be legally barred from asserting any of the claims released under the Settlement. This means that unless you opted out by validly excluding yourself from the Class Settlement, you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendants or related entities for wages based on the Class Period facts and PAGA penalties based on PAGA Period facts, as alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Participating Class Members will be bound by the following release:

All Participating Class Members, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, release Released Parties from (i) all claims under state or federal law that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, based on the Class Period facts stated in the Amended Consolidated Complaint and ascertained in the course of the Action including, overtime wages, minimum wages, sick pay, vacation pay, timely wages due during employment and upon termination and reimbursable expenses and failing to provide meal periods, rest breaks, Wage Theft Prevention Act notices and accurate itemized wage statements, any claims under Labor Code 2810.5, changes in law (such as *Ferra v Loews Hollywood Hotel, LLC*, 11 Cal. 5th 858 (2021) or paid sick leave or supplemental paid sick leave legislation which occurred during the Class Period during employment in a non-exempt position in California at a Covered Facility. Except as set forth in Section 6.3 of the

Settlement Agreement, Participating Class Members do not release any other claims, including claims for vested benefits, wrongful termination, violation of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, unemployment insurance, disability, social security, workers' compensation, or claims based on facts occurring outside the Class Period.

10. Aggrieved Employees' PAGA Release. After the Court's judgment is final, and Pacifica Defendants have paid the Gross Settlement (and separately paid the employer-side payroll taxes), all Aggrieved Employees will be barred from asserting PAGA claims against Defendants, whether or not they exclude themselves from the Settlement. This means that all Aggrieved Employees, including those who are Participating Class Members and those who opt-out of the Class Settlement, cannot sue, continue to sue, or participate in any other PAGA claim against Defendants or their related entities based on the PAGA Period facts alleged in the Action and resolved by this Settlement.

The Aggrieved Employees' Releases for Participating and Non-Participating Class Members are as follows:

Upon entry of final judgment and subject to Pacifica Defendants' full payment of the Gross Settlement Amount, Released Parties shall be entitled to a release from the State of California and PAGA Aggrieved Employees of all PAGA claims alleged or which could have been alleged based on the facts set forth in the Amended Consolidated Complaint, and any and all of the PAGA notices filed on behalf of any Named Plaintiff in the Coordinated Action, which occurred during the PAGA Period during employment of PAGA Aggrieved Employees in a non-exempt position in California at a Covered Facility.

4. HOW WILL THE ADMINISTRATOR CALCULATE MY PAYMENT?

- Individual Class Payments. The Administrator will calculate Individual Class Payments by

 (a) dividing the Net Settlement Amount by the total number of Workweeks worked by all
 Participating Class Members, and (b) multiplying the result by the number of Workweeks
 worked by each individual Participating Class Member.
- 2. <u>Individual PAGA Payments</u>. The Administrator will calculate Individual PAGA Payments by (a) dividing the Aggrieved Employees' Share of the PAGA Penalties Amount

6. HOW DO I OPT-OUT OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT?

Submit a written and signed letter with your name, present address, telephone number, and a
simple statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement. The Administrator will
exclude you based on any writing communicating your request be excluded. Be sure to
personally sign your request, identify the Action as JCCP No. 5099 Pacifica SL Wage and Hour
Cases, and include your identifying information (full name, address, telephone number,
approximate dates of employment, and social security number for verification purposes). You
must make the request yourself. If someone else makes the request for you, it will not be valid.
The Administrator must be sent your request to be excluded by, or it
will be invalid. Section 9 of the Notice has the Administrator's contact information.
7. HOW DO I OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT?
Only Participating Class Members have the right to object to the Settlement. Before deciding
whether to object, you may wish to see what Plaintiffs and Defendants are asking the Court to
approve. At least days before the Final Approval Hearing, Class
Counsel and/or Plaintiffs will file in Court (1) a Motion for Final Approval that includes, among
other things, the reasons why the proposed Settlement is fair, and (2) a Motion for Fees,
Litigation Expenses and Class Representative Service Payments stating (i) the amount Class
Counsel is requesting for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses; and (ii) the amount Plaintiffs
are requesting as a Class Representative Service Payments. Upon reasonable request, Class
Counsel (whose contact information is in Section 9 of this Notice) will send you copies of these
documents at no cost to you. You can also view them on the Administrator's Website
(url) or the Court's website (url).
A Participating Class Member who disagrees with any aspect of the Agreement, the Motion for
Final Approval and/or Motion for Fees, Litigation Expenses and Class Representative Service
Payments may wish to object, for example, that the proposed Settlement is unfair, or that the
amounts requested by Class Counsel or Plaintiffs are too high or too low. The deadline for
sending written objections to the Administrator is Be sure to tell the
Administrator what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection.

1	Make sure you identify the Action as JCCP No. 5099 Pacifica SL Wage and Hour Cases_and	
2	include your name, current address, telephone number, and approximate dates of employment fo	
3	Pacifica Defendants and sign the objection. Section 9 of this Notice has the Administrator's	
4	contact information.	
5	Alternatively, a Participating Class Member can object (or personally retain a lawyer to object at	
6	your own cost) by attending the Final Approval Hearing. You (or your attorney) should be ready	
7	to tell the Court what you object to, why you object, and any facts that support your objection.	
8	See Section 8 of this Notice (immediately below) for specifics regarding the Final Approval	
9	Hearing.	
10	8. CAN I ATTEND THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING?	
11	You can, but don't have to, attend the Final Approval Hearing on at(time)	
12	in Department 41 of the Ventura Superior Court, located at 800 South Victoria Avenue,	
13	Ventura, California 93009. At the Hearing, the judge will decide whether to grant Final Approval of	
14	the Settlement and how much of the Gross Settlement will be paid to Class Counsel, Plaintiffs, and	
15	the Administrator. The Court will invite comment from objectors, Class Counsel and Defense	
16	Counsel before making a decision. You can attend (or hire a lawyer to attend) either personally or	
17	virtually via the Court's virtual appearance platform. Check the Court's website for the most curren	
18	information.	
19	It's possible the Court will reschedule the Final Approval Hearing. You should check the	
20	Administrator's website beforehand or contact Class	
21	Counsel to verify the date and time of the Final Approval Hearing.	
22	9. HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?	
23	The Agreement sets forth everything Defendants and Plaintiffs have promised to do under the	
24	proposed Settlement. The easiest way to read the Agreement, the Judgment or any other Settlement	
25	documents is to go to (specify entity) 's website at (url) You can also	
26	telephone or send an email to Class Counsel or the Administrator using the contact information	
27	listed below, or consult the Superior Court website by going to	
28	(http://www.ventura.courts.ca.gov/CivilCaseSearch/) and entering the Case Number for the Action,	
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1	Case No. JCCP 5099. You can also make an appointment to personally review court documents in
2	the Clerk's Office at the Courthouse by calling 805-289-8525.
3	DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
4	ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT.
5	<u>Lead Class Counsel</u> : Gaines & Gaines, APLC Name of Attorney: Evan Gaines; Daniel Gaines
6	Email Address: office@gaineslawfirm.com Name of Firm: Gaines & Gaines, APLC
7	Mailing Address: 4550 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 100, Westlake Village, CA 91362 Telephone: (818) 703-8985
8 9	Settlement Administrator:
	Name of Company: Email Address:
10	Email Address: Mailing Address: Telephone: Fax Number:
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12	10. WHAT IF I LOSE MY SETTLEMENT CHECK?
13	If you lose or misplace your settlement check before cashing it, the Administrator will replace it as
14	long as you request a replacement before the void date on the face of the original check. If your
15	check is already void you should consult the Unclaimed Property Fund
16	for instructions on how to retrieve the funds.
17	11. WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?
18	To receive your check, you should immediately notify the Administrator if you move or otherwise
19	change your mailing address.
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