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Plaintiff's motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement, Request for Attorney's Fees and Costs, and Approval of Enhancement Award duly came on for hearing on May 31, 2023, before the above-entitled Court. Attorney Corbett H. Williams appeared on behalf of plaintiff Dany Stasolla and John K. Rubiner of Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP appeared on behalf of defendant Indo Cali Operations.

Having reviewed and considered the evidence and argument before it, the Court finds and orders as follows:

I. **FINDINGS**

Preliminary Approval

1. On January 18, 2023, the Court granted preliminary approval of the Parties' Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release of Claims dated November 29, 2022 and approved certification of a class for settlement purposes only.

Notice to the Class

2. In compliance with the Preliminary Approval Order, the Settlement Administrator mailed copies of the Court-approved Notice of Pendency of Class Action Settlement ("Notice") via first class mail to the Class Members at their last known addresses on March 14, 2023. Mailing of the Notice to Class Members' last known address was the best notice practicable under the circumstances and was reasonably calculated to communicate actual notice of the litigation and the proposed settlement. The Court finds that the Notice satisfies the requirements of California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769.

Optouts and Objections

- 3. Consistent with the Court's January 18, 2023 Order, Class Members had 45 days to optout of or object to the Settlement. Class Members had adequate opportunity to consider the content of the Notice and determine whether to exercise their right to optout or object.
- 4. According to evidence presented to the Court, three Class members elected to optout from the settlement, and one Class Member, Erin Gervaise, responded by stating an objection and by expressly indicating that he wishes to exclude himself from the Settlement. Because Mr. Gervaise

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has chosen to optout, he will not be bound by the Settlement and will not be a member of the Class. Further, because he has opted out, Mr. Gervaise has no standing to object to the settlement. Regardless, the Court has determined that the settlement is fair and adequate and overrules the objection.

Fairness of the Settlement

- 5. The settlement provides for payment by Defendant of the Gross Settlement Amount of \$150,000 to be paid in installments, with the initial installment of \$75,000 due 30 days after the Judgment becomes Final. Defendant will pay the remaining \$75,000 in equal installments of \$6,250 payable beginning 30 days after the Initial Settlement Payment is made and recurring every 30 days thereafter until the entire Gross Settlement Amount is deposited with the Settlement Administrator.
- 6. The settlement was reached through arms-length bargaining between the parties in the context of mediation with a well-known mediator. There is no evidence of collusion in reaching the proposed settlement. Accordingly, the settlement is entitled to a presumption of fairness.
- 7. The Parties' investigation and discovery have been sufficient to allow the Court and counsel to act intelligently.
- 8. The participation rate is high. Of the 520 class members who were mailed Notices, only 1 objected and 3 opted out.
- 9. The consideration to be paid under the terms of the Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate considering the strengths and weaknesses of the claims asserted and the scope the releases given. In determining the fairness of the Settlement, the Court considered Defendant's financial condition and ability to pay.
- 10. Based on the evidence presented, the Court finds that the Agreement is fair, adequate, and reasonable and in the best interests of the Participating Class Members.

PAGA Payment

11. The Agreement provides for a PAGA Payment of \$5,000. The Court finds that the PAGA Payment and the allocation of \$3,750 to the LWDA and \$1,250 to PAGA Members is fair and reasonable.

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Class Counsel Fees Payment and Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment

- 12. The Settlement provides for a Class Counsel Fees Payment of no more than 33.33% of the Gross Settlement Amount (\$50,000) as fees for legal services rendered. The Court finds that an attorney fee award of \$50,000 to Class Counsel is reasonable and is consistent with similar awards in common fund cases. The award is also supported by Cross Counsel's lodestar, which itself is supported by the declaration of Class Counsel and is in line with market rates for legal services.
- 13. The Settlement Further provides for a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of up to \$12,000. Class Counsel has presented evidence of litigation expenses of \$10,762.64, which the Court finds reasonable.

Class Representative Service Payment

14. The Settlement provides for a Class Representative Service Payment of up to \$5,000.00 to Plaintiff. The Court finds a Class Representative Service Payment to Plaintiff of \$5,000.00 is reasonable in light of the risks and burdens undertaken by Plaintiff.

Settlement Administration Expenses

15. The Settlement provides for payment to the Settlement Administrator of up to \$7,500 for services related to the Class Notice, processing opt-outs, processing objections, and distributing settlement payments. The Declaration of the Settlement Administrator provides its fees for services are \$7,500. That amount is reasonable in light of the work performed by the Settlement Administrator.

II. ORDERS

16. The Class is certified for the purposes of settlement only. The Settlement Class is hereby defined to include:

All delivery drivers employed by Indo Cali Operations from March 17, 2017 to April 3, 2022.

17. The Settlement is hereby approved as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interest of the Class. The Parties and the Settlement Administrator are ordered to effectuate the Settlement in accordance its terms and this Order.

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- 18. Class Counsel are awarded a Class Counsel Fees Payment of \$50,000 and a Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment of \$10,762.64. Class Counsel shall not seek or obtain any other compensation or reimbursement from Defendants, Plaintiffs, or members of the Class.
- 19. A Class Representative Service Payment to Plaintiff Dany Stasolla of \$5,000 is approved.
- 20. Payment of \$7,500.00 to the Settlement Administrator as Settlement Administration Costs is approved.
- 21. The PAGA Payment of \$5,000 is approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, with \$3,750 to be paid to the LWDA and the remaining \$1,250 to the PAGA Members.
- 22. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to construe, interpret, implement, and enforce the Settlement, to hear and resolve any contested challenge to a claim for settlement benefits, and to supervise and adjudicate any dispute arising from or in connection with the distribution of settlement benefits.
- 23. It shall not be necessary to send notice of entry of this Order or the Judgment to individual Class Members. However, this Order and the Judgment shall be posted on Settlement Administrator's website as indicated in the Class Notice.
- 24. The Court has set a non-appearance case review concerning disposition of the settlement proceeds for March 13, 2025 and orders Plaintiff's Counsel to file a declaration of counsel or the Settlement Administrator no later than March 6, 2025 concerning the disposition of proceeds. The Court further directs Plaintiff's Counsel to submit a revised proposed judgment at that time accounting for payment of amounts to the cy pres recipient.

SO ORDERED.

06/02/2023 DATED:



Lawrence P. Riff/Judge

Hon. Lawrence P. Riff JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 I, Corbett H. Williams, declare as follows: I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California; I am over the age of eighteen 3 years and am not a party to this action; my business address is 24422 Avenida de la Carlota, Suite 370, Laguna Hills, California, 92653, in said County and State. On June 1, 2023, I served the 4 following document(s): 5 [REVISED PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT 6 7 on the following parties: Counsel for Defendant 8 John K. Rubiner Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP 9 550 South Hope Street, 22nd Floor Los Angeles, California 90071 10 11 by the following means of service: Law Offices of Corbett H. Williams 12 П **BY MAIL**: I placed a true copy in a sealed envelope addressed as indicated above, on the above-mentioned date. I am familiar with the firm's practice of collection and 13 processing correspondence for mailing. It is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of 14 party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit. 15 П BY OVERNIGHT SERVICE: On the above-mentioned date, I placed a true copy 16 of the above mentioned document(s), together with an unsigned copy of this declaration, in a sealed envelope or package designated by Federal Express with 17 delivery fees paid or provided for, addressed to the person(s) as indicated above and deposited same in a box or other facility regularly maintained by Federal Express or 18 delivered same to an authorized courier or driver authorized by Federal Express to receive documents. 19 X **CASE ANYWHERE:** On the above-mentioned date, I caused each such document to be transmitted electronically using the Case Anywhere portal for this matter in 20 accordance with the Court's May 26, 2021 order authorizing electronic service. 21 $|\mathsf{X}|$ (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of 22 California that the foregoing is true and correct. 23 (FEDERAL) I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 24 Executed on June 1, 2023. 25 26 27 28

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