SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

BASIN VALVE COMPANY, a California Corporation; BLAIR – MARTIN CO., INC.; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive,

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

JOSE DOMINGUEZ on behalf of himself and on behalf of all persons similarly situated,

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Kern County Superior Court By Sophia Munoz Alvarez, Deputy

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios

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| 12 | JOSE DOMINGUEZ on behalf of himself and on behalf of all persons similarly | Case No: BCV-21-100069 | |
| 13 | situated, | CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR: | |
| 14 | Plaintiff, | 1) UNFAIR COMPETITION IN VIOLATION | |
| 15 | V. | OF CAL. BUS. & PROF. CODE §17200 et seq; | |
| 16 | BASIN VALVE COMPANY, a California Corporation; BLAIR – MARTIN CO., INC.; | 2) FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ | |
| 17 | and DOES 1-50, Inclusive, | 1194, 1197 & 1197.1; 3) FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME WAGES IN | |
| 18 | Defendants. | VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 510, et seq; | |
| 19 | | 4) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED MEAL PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. | |
| 20 | | LAB. CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE ORDER; | |
| 21 | | 5) FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED REST PERIODS IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. | |
| 22 | | CODE §§ 226.7 & 512 AND THE APPLICABLE IWC WAGE ORDER; | |
| 23 | | 6) FAILURE TO REIMBURSE EMPLOYEES FOR REQUIRED EXPENSES IN | |
| 24 | | VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE § 2802; 7) FAILURE TO PROVIDE WAGES WHEN | |
| 25 | | DUE IN VIOLATION OF CAL. LAB. CODE §§ 201, 202 AND 203. | |
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| 27 | | DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL | |
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Plaintiff Jose Dominguez, an individual, ("PLAINTIFF"), on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated current and former employees, alleges on information and belief, except for his own acts andknowledge which are based on personal knowledge, the following:

PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS

- Defendant BASIN VALVE COMPANY ("Defendant BVC") is a California corporation and at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial and regular business throughout California.
- 2. Defendant BLAIR MARTIN CO., INC. ("Defendant BMC") is a California corporation and at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial and regular business throughout California.
- 3. Defendant BVC and Defendant BMC were the joint employers of PLAINTIFF as evidenced by the contracts signed and by the company the PLAINTIFF performed work for respectively, and are therefore jointly responsible as employers for the conduct alleged herein and collectively referred to herein as "DEFENDANTS".
- 4. DEFENDANTS, own and operate a valve repair business in California, including the Bakersfield, California branch where PLAINTIFF worked.
- 5. PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANTS in California as a non-exempt employee entitled to minimum wages, overtime pay and meal and rest periods from June of 2012 to February of 2019. PLAINTIFF was at all times relevant mentioned herein classified by DEFENDANTS as a non-exempt employee paid on an hourly basis, entitled to minimum wage and overtime pay and to compliant meal and rest breaks.
- 6. PLAINTIFF bring this Class Action on behalf of himself and a California class, defined as all individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant BVC and/or Defendant BMC in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the "CALIFORNIA CLASS") at any time during the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of the Complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the "CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD"). The amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of CALIFORNIA CLASS Members is under five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

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- 7. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of himself and a CALIFORNIA CLASS in order to fully compensate the CALIFORNIA CLASS for their losses incurred during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD caused by DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice which failed to lawfully compensate these employees for all their time worked. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice alleged herein is an unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practice whereby DEFENDANTS retained and continues to retain wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS seek an injunction enjoining such conduct by DEFENDANTS in the future, relief for the named PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who have been economically injured by DEFENDANTS' past and current unlawful conduct, and all other appropriate legal and equitable relief.
- 8. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, subsidiary, partnership, associate or otherwise of defendants DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are presently unknown to PLAINTIFF who therefore sue these Defendants by such fictitious names pursuant to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 474. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of Does 1 through 50, inclusive, when they are ascertained. PLAINTIFF is informed and believes, and based upon that information and belief allege, that the Defendants named in this Complaint, including DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are responsible in some manner for one or more of the events and happenings that proximately caused the injuries and damages hereinafter alleged
- 9. The agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendants and each of them acting on behalf of the Defendants acted within the course and scope of his, her or its authority as the agent, servant and/or employee of the Defendants, and personally participated in the conduct alleged herein on behalf of the Defendants with respect to the conduct alleged herein. Consequently, the acts of each Defendant are legally attributable to the other Defendants and all Defendants are jointly and severally liable to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, for the loss sustained as a proximate result of the conduct of the Defendants' agents, servants and/or employees.

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- 10. Pursuant to the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, DEFENDANTS were required to pay PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all their time worked, meaning the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer, including all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work. From time to time, DEFENDANTS required PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to work without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANTS' control. Specifically, due to DEFENDANTS' unlawful rounding policy, PLAINTIFF performed work before and after the beginning of his shift, spending time under DEFENDANTS' control for which he was not compensated. Moreover, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were not compensated for work they performed while "on-call" for DEFENDANTS. As a result, the PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members forfeited minimum wage and overtime compensation by regularly working without their time being accurately recorded and without compensation at the applicable minimum wage and overtime rates. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice not to pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all time worked is evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business records.
- 11. DEFENDANTS consistently required PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members to work off the clock without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANTS' control performing work duties. From time to time, when PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members performed work for DEFENDANTS, the work was rounded out and PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members did not receive compensation for that time. Specifically, DEFENDANTS would round out PLAINTIFF's and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members' time by recording pre-set hours worked and meal breaks on paper timesheets, regardless of the actual time PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members performed work for DEFENDANTS. Further, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were from time to time required to travel to DEFENDANTS' office and retrieve supplies before traveling to their job sites. DEFENDANTS failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for their time spent under DEFENDANTS' control while traveling from

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- and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for their time spent "on-call" while under DEFENDANTS' control. As such, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were not compensated by
- DEFENDANTS for all time worked.
- 12. As a result, the PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members forfeited hours worked by regularly working without their time being accurately recorded and without compensation at the applicable overtime rates. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice not
- to pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all hours worked, including

overtime hours worked, is evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business records.

- 13. In sum, during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members consistently performed work off-the-clock without the legally
- required minimum and/or overtime compensation for such work. This off-the-clock work was
- performed as a result of common-policies applicable to all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. 13
 - DEFENDANTS knew that this work was being performed by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA
- CLASS Members without compensation. As a result, the PLAINTIFF and the other members of
 - the CALIFORNIA CLASS forfeited hours worked by regularly working without their work being
 - accurately recorded and without compensation. DEFENDANTS' conduct as alleged herein was
 - willful, intentional and not in good faith.
 - 14. As a result of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA
- CLASS Members were also from time to time unable to take off duty meal breaks and were not 20
- fully relieved of duty for meal periods. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members
- were required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANTS for more than five (5) hours during
 - a shift without receiving an off-duty meal break. Further, DEFENDANTS failed to provide
 - PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with a second off-duty meal period each
 - workday in which these employees were required by DEFENDANTS to work ten (10) hours of
 - work. PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members therefore forfeited meal breaks
 - without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANTS' strict corporate policy

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- 15. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, from time to time, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also required to work in excess of four (4) hours without being provided ten (10) minute rest periods. Further, these employees were denied their first rest periods of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of at least two (2) to four (4) hours, a first and second rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of between six (6) and eight (8) hours, and a first, second and third rest period of at least ten (10) minutes for some shifts worked of ten (10) hours or more. When they did have an opportunity to take their rest breaks, PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required to remain on the premises, on-duty and on-call, and subject to DEFENDANTS' control in accordance with DEFENDANTS' written policy. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were also not provided with one hour wages in lieu thereof. As a result of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were periodically denied their proper rest periods by DEFENDANTS and DEFENDANTS' managers.
- 16. Under California law, every employer shall pay to each employee, on the established payday for the period involved, not less than the applicable minimum wage for all hours worked in the payroll period, whether the remuneration is measured by time, piece, commission, or otherwise. Hours worked is defined in the applicable Wage Order as "the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer and includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so."
- 17. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the requirements of the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order, DEFENDANTS as a matter of company policy, practice and procedure, intentionally and knowingly failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked. This uniform policy and practice of DEFENDANTS is intended to purposefully avoid the payment of the correct compensation as required by California law which allowed DEFENDANTS to illegally profit and gain an unfair advantage over competitors who complied with the law. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA CLASS against DEFENDANTS, the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.

- 18. DEFENDANTS as a matter of corporate policy, practice and procedure, intentionally, knowingly and systematically failed to reimburse and indemnify the PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for required business expenses incurred by the PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members in direct consequence of discharging their duties on behalf of DEFENDANTS. Under California Labor Code Section 2802, employers are required to indemnify employees for all expenses incurred in the course and scope of their employment. Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 expressly states that "an employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties, or of his or her obedience to the directions of the employer, even though unlawful, unless the employee, at the time of obeying the directions, believed them to be unlawful."
- 19. In the course of their employment, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members as a business expense, were required by DEFENDANTS to use their own personal vehicles as a result of and in furtherance of their job duties as employees for DEFENDANTS but were not reimbursed or indemnified by DEFENDANTS for the cost associated with the use of their personal vehicles for DEFENDANTS' benefit. Specifically, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required by DEFENDANTS to use their personal vehicles for work related issues. As a result, in the course of their employment with DEFENDANTS the PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS incurred unreimbursed business expenses which included, but were not limited to, costs related to the use of their personal vehicles all on behalf of and for the benefit of DEFENDANTS.
- 20. By reason of this uniform conduct applicable to PLAINTIFF and all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, DEFENDANTS committed acts of unfair competition in violation of the California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. (the "UCL"), by engaging in a company-wide policy and procedure which failed to accurately calculate and record all missed meal and rest periods by PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, and failed to pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members the correct overtime rate. The proper recording of these employees' missed meal and rest breaks, and

21. Specifically, as to PLAINTIFF's pay, he was from time to time unable to take off duty meal and rest breaks and was not fully relieved of duty for his rest and meal periods, and was required to remain on-duty and on-call while on those breaks. PLAINTIFF was required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANTS for more than five (5) hours during a shift without receiving an off-duty meal break. Further, DEFENDANTS failed to provide PLAINTIFF with a second off-duty meal period each workday in which he was required by DEFENDANTS to work ten (10) hours of work. When DEFENDANTS provided PLAINTIFF with a rest break, they required PLAINTIFF to remain on the premises, on-duty and on-call, for the rest break. PLAINTIFF therefore forfeited meal and rest breaks without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANTS' strict corporate policy and practice. To date, DEFENDANTS has not fully paid PLAINTIFF the overtime compensation still owed to him or any penalty wages owed to him under Cal. Lab. Code § 203. The amount in controversy for PLAINTIFF individually does not exceed the sum or value of \$75,000.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 22. This Court has jurisdiction over this Action pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 410.10 and California Business & Professions Code, Section 17203. This action is brought as a Class Action on behalf of PLAINTIFF and similarly situated employees of DEFENDANTS pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382.
- 23. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure, Sections 395 and 395.5, because DEFENDANTS (i) currently maintain and at all relevant times maintained offices and facilities in this County and/or conducts substantial business in this County, and (ii) committed the wrongful conduct herein alleged in this County against members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS

THE CALIFORNIA CLASS

- 24. PLAINTIFF brings the First Cause of Action for Unfair, Unlawful and Deceptive Business Practices pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. (the "UCL") as a Class Action, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, on behalf of a California class, defined as all individuals who are or previously were employed by Defendant BVC and/or Defendant BMC in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the "CALIFORNIA CLASS") at any time during the period beginning four (4) years prior to the filing of the original complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the "CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD"). The amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of CALIFORNIA CLASS Members is under five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).
- 25. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA CLASS against DEFENDANTS, the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.
- 26. DEFENDANTS, as a matter of company policy, practice and procedure, and in violation of the applicable Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order requirements, and the applicable provisions of California law, intentionally, knowingly, and willfully, engaged in a practice whereby DEFENDANTS systematically failed to record all meal and rest breaks missed by PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, even though DEFENDANTS enjoyed the benefit of this work, required employees to perform this work and permitted or suffered to permit this work.
- 27. DEFENDANTS have the legal burden to establish that each and every CALIFORNIA CLASS Member was paid accurately and was provided all meal and rest breaks missed as required by California laws. DEFENDANTS, however, as a matter of uniform and systematic policy and procedure failed to have in place during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD and still fails to have in place a policy or practice to ensure that each and every CALIFORNIA CLASS Member is paid as required by law, so as to satisfy its burden. This common business practice applicable to each and every CALIFORNIA CLASS Member can be adjudicated on a class-wide basis as unlawful, unfair, and/or deceptive under Cal. Business &

Professions Code§§ 17200, et seq. (the "UCL") as causation, damages, and reliance are not elements of this claim.

- 28. The CALIFONRIA CLASS is so numerous that joinder of all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members is impracticable.
- 29. DEFENDANTS uniformly violated the rights of the CALIFORNIA CLASS under California law by:
 - a. Violating the California Unfair Competition Laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq., by unlawfully, unfairly and/or deceptively having in place company policies, practices and procedures that failed to pay all wages due the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked;
 - b. Committing an act of unfair competition in violation of the California Unfair Competition Laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq., by failing to provide mandatory meal and/or rest breaks to PLAINTIFFS and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members;
 - c. Committing an act of unfair competition in violation of, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq., by unlawfully, unfairly and/or deceptively having in place company policies, practices and procedures that uniformly and systematically failed to record and pay PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time worked, including minimum wages owed and overtime wages owed for work performed by these employees; and
 - d. Committing an act of unfair competition in violation of the California Unfair Competition Laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200 *et seq.*, by violating Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members with necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties.
- 30. The Class Action meets the statutory prerequisites for the maintenance of a Class Action as set forth in Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:

- a. The persons who comprise the CALIFORNIA CLASS are so numerous that the joinder of all such persons is impracticable and the disposition of their claims as a class will benefit the parties and the Court;
- Nearly all factual, legal, statutory, declaratory and injunctive relief issues that are raised in this Complaint are common to the CALIFORNIA CLASS will apply uniformly to every member of the CALIFORNIA CLASS;
- c. The claims of the representative PLAINTIFF are typical of the claims of each member of the CALIFORNIA CLASS. PLAINTIFF, like all the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, were classified as a non- exempt employee paid on an hourly basis who was subjected to the DEFENDANTS' deceptive practice and policy which failed to provide the legally required meal and rest periods to the CALIFORNIA CLASS and thereby systematically underpaid compensation to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS. PLAINTIFF sustained economic injury as a result of DEFENDANTS' employment practices. PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were and are similarly or identically harmed by the same unlawful, deceptive, unfair and pervasive pattern of misconduct engaged in by DEFENDANTS; and
- d. The representative PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interest of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, and has retained counsel who are competent and experienced in Class Action litigation. There are no material conflicts between the claims of the representative PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS that would make class certification inappropriate. Counsel for the CALIFORNIA CLASS will vigorously assert the claims of all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members.
- 31. In addition to meeting the statutory prerequisites to a Class Action, this action is properly maintained as a Class Action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:

- a. Without class certification and determination of declaratory, injunctive, statutory and other legal questions within the class format, prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS will create the risk of:
 - Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members
 of the CALIFORNIA CLASS which would establish incompatible
 standards of conduct for the parties opposing the CALIFORNIA CLASS;
 and/or;
 - ii. Adjudication with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS which would as a practical matter be dispositive of interests of the other members not party to the adjudication or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
- b. The parties opposing the CALIFORNIA CLASS have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS, making appropriate class-wide relief with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole in that DEFENDANTS uniformly failed to pay all wages due for all time worked by the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS as required by law;
 - i. With respect to the First Cause of Action, the final relief on behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS sought does not relate exclusively to restitution because through this claim PLAINTIFF seeks declaratory relief holding that the DEFENDANTS' policy and practices constitute unfair competition, along with declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and incidental equitable relief as may be necessary to prevent and remedy the conduct declared to constitute unfair competition;
- c. Common questions of law and fact exist as to the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, with respect to the practices and violations of California law as listed above, and predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, and a Class Action is superior to other available

methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, including consideration of:

- i. The interests of the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS in individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions in that the substantial expense of individual actions will be avoided to recover the relatively small amount of economic losses sustained by the individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members when compared to the substantial expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation;
- ii. Class certification will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that would create the risk of:
 - Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the DEFENDANTS; and/or;
 - Adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudication or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests;
- iii. In the context of wage litigation, because a substantial number of individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members will avoid asserting their legal rights out of fear of retaliation by DEFENDANTS, which may adversely affect an individual's job with DEFENDANTS or with a subsequent employer, the Class Action is the only means to assert their claims through a representative; and
- iv. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because class treatment will obviate the need for unduly and unnecessary duplicative litigation that is likely to

result in the absence of certification of this action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382.

- 32. The Court should permit this action to be maintained as a Class Action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382 because:
 - a. The questions of law and fact common to the CALIFORNIA CLASS predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members because the DEFENDANTS' employment practices are uniform and systematically applied with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS.
 - b. A Class Action is superior to any other available method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS because in the context of employment litigation a substantial number of individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members will avoid asserting their rights individually out of fear of retaliation or adverse impact on their employment;
 - c. The members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are so numerous that it is impractical to bring all members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS before the Court;
 - d. PLAINTIFF, and the other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, will not be able to obtain effective and economic legal redress unless the action is maintained as a Class Action;
 - e. There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and equitable relief for the acts of unfair competition, statutory violations and other improprieties, and in obtaining adequate compensation for the damages and injuries which DEFENDANTS' actions have inflicted upon the CALIFORNIA CLASS;
 - f. There is a community of interest in ensuring that the combined assets of DEFENDANTS are sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the injuries sustained;
 - g. DEFENDANTS have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the CALIFORNIA CLASS, thereby making final class-wide relief appropriate with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole;

- h. The members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are readily ascertainable from the business records of DEFENDANTS; and
- i. Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring an efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims arising out of the conduct of DEFENDANTS as to the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.
- 33. DEFENDANTS maintain records from which the Court can ascertain and identify by job title each of DEFENDANTS' employees who as have been systematically, intentionally and uniformly subjected to DEFENDANTS' company policy, practices and procedures as herein alleged. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend the Complaint to include any additional job titles of similarly situated employees when they have been identified.

THE CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS

- 34. PLAINTIFF further brings the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh causes of Action on behalf of a California sub-class, defined as all members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS classified as non-exempt employees (the "CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS") at any time during the period three (3) years prior to the filing of the original complaint and ending on the date as determined by the Court (the "CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD") pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382. The amount in controversy for the aggregate claim of CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is under five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).
- 35. DEFENDANTS, as a matter of company policy, practice and procedure, and in violation of the applicable Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order requirements, and the applicable provisions of California law, intentionally, knowingly, and willfully, engaged in a practice whereby DEFENDANTS failed to correctly pay for the time worked by PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, and other wages and premiums owed to these employees, even though DEFENDANTS enjoyed the benefit of this work, required employees to perform this work and permitted or suffered to permit this overtime work. DEFENDANTS has uniformly denied these CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members wages to which these employees are entitled in order to unfairly cheat the

competition and unlawfully profit. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS against DEFENDANTS, the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.

- 36. DEFENDANTS maintain records from which the Court can ascertain and identify by name and job title, each of DEFENDANTS' employees who have been systematically, intentionally and uniformly subjected to DEFENDANTS' company policy, practices and procedures as herein alleged. PLAINTIFF will seek leave to amend the Complaint to include any additional job titles of similarly situated employees when they have been identified.
- 37. The CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS is so numerous that joinder of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is impracticable
- 38. Common questions of law and fact exist as to members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, including, but not limited, to the following:
 - a. Whether DEFENDANTS unlawfully failed to correctly calculate and pay compensation due to members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB- CLASS for missed meal and rest breaks in violation of the California Labor Code and California regulations and the applicable California Wage Order;
 - b. Whether DEFENDANTS failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with legally required uninterrupted thirty (30) minute meal breaks and rest periods;
 - c. Whether DEFENDANTS unlawfully failed to correctly calculate and pay minimum wage and overtime compensation to members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS in violation of the California Labor Code and California regulations and the applicable California Wage Order;
 - d. Whether DEFENDANTS have engaged in unfair competition by the above-listed conduct;
 - e. The proper measure of damages and penalties owed to the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS; and
 - f. Whether DEFENDANTS' conduct was willful.

- 39. DEFENDANTS violated the rights of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS under California law by:
 - a. Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, et seq., by failing to correctly pay PLAINTIFFS and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS all wages due for overtime worked, for which DEFENDANTS are liable pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 1194;
 - b. Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 & 1197.1 et seq., by failing to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the correct minimum wage pay for which DEFENDANTS are liable pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194 and 1197;
 - c. Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and 512, by failing to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with all legally required off-duty, uninterrupted thirty (30) minute meal breaks and the legally required rest breaks;
 - d. Violating Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 by failing to reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members with necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their job duties; and
 - e. Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202 and/or 203, which provides that when an employee is discharged or quits from employment, the employer must pay the employee all wages due without abatement, by failing to tender full payment and/or restitution of wages owed or in the manner required by California law to the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS who have terminated their employment.
- 40. This Class Action meets the statutory prerequisites for the maintenance of a Class Action as set forth in Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:
 - a. The persons who comprise the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are so numerous that the joinder of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is impracticable and the disposition of their claims as a class will benefit the parties and the Court;

- b. Nearly all factual, legal, statutory, declaratory and injunctive relief issues that are raised in this Complaint are common to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and will apply uniformly to every member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;
- c. The claims of the representative PLAINTIFF are typical of the claims of each member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. PLAINTIFF, like all the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABORSUB-CLASS, was a non-exempt employee paid on an hourly basis who was subjected to the DEFENDANTS' practice and policy which failed to pay the correct amount of wages due to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. PLAINTIFF sustained economic injury as a result of DEFENDANTS' employment practices. PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were and are similarly or identically harmed by the same unlawful, deceptive, unfair and pervasive pattern of misconduct engaged in by DEFENDANTS; and
- d. The representative PLAINTIFF will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interest of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, and has retained counsel who are competent and experienced in Class Action litigation. There are no material conflicts between the claims of the representative PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS that would make class certification inappropriate. Counsel for the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS will vigorously assert the claims of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members.
- 41. In addition to meeting the statutory prerequisites to a Class Action, this action is properly maintained as a Class Action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:
 - a. Without class certification and determination of declaratory, injunctive, statutory and other legal questions within the class format, prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS will create the risk of:

- Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members
 of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS which would establish
 incompatible standards of conduct for the parties opposing the
 CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS; or
- ii. Adjudication with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS which would as a practical matter be dispositive of interests of the other members not party to the adjudication or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
- b. The parties opposing the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, making appropriate class-wide relief with respect to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole in that DEFENDANTS uniformly failed to pay all wages due for all time worked by the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as required by law;
- c. Common questions of law and fact predominate as to the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, with respect to the practices and violations of California Law as listed above, and predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members, and a Class Action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, including consideration of:
 - i. The interests of the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS in individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions in that the substantial expense of individual actions will be avoided to recover the relatively small amount of economic losses sustained by the individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members when compared to the substantial expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation;
 - ii. Class certification will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that would create the risk of:

- Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the DEFENDANTS; and/or,
- Adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudication or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests;
- iii. In the context of wage litigation because a substantial number of individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members will avoid asserting their legal rights out of fear of retaliation by DEFENDANTS, which may adversely affect an individual's job with DEFENDANTS or with a subsequent employer, the Class Action is the only means to assert their claims through a representative; and,
- iv. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because class treatment will obviate the need for unduly and unnecessary duplicative litigation that is likely to result in the absence of certification of this action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382.
- 42. This Court should permit this action to be maintained as a Class Action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382 because:
 - a. The questions of law and fact common to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members;
 - b. A Class Action is superior to any other available method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS because in the context of employment litigation a substantial number of

individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members will avoid asserting their rights individually out of fear of retaliation or adverse impact on their employment;

- c. The members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are so numerous that it is impractical to bring all members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS before the Court;
- d. PLAINTIFF, and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members, will
 not be able to obtain effective and economic legal redress unless the action is
 maintained as a Class Action;
- e. There is a community of interest in obtaining appropriate legal and equitable relief for the acts of unfair competition, statutory violations and other improprieties, and in obtaining adequate compensation for the damages and injuries which DEFENDANTS' actions have inflicted upon the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;
- f. There is a community of interest in ensuring that the combined assets of DEFENDANTS are sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for the injuries sustained;
- g. DEFENDANTS has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, thereby making final class-wide relief appropriate with respect to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole;
- h. The members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are readily ascertainable from the business records of DEFENDANTS. The CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS consists of all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members classified as non-exempt employees during the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD; and
- i. Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring an efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims

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| 7 | 43. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CAL |
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| 10 | 44. DEFENDANTS are a "person" as that term is de |
| 11 | Code § 17021. |
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| 13 | unfair competition as any unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent busine |
| 14 | authorizes injunctive, declaratory, and/or other equitable relief w |
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| 22 | unfair competition. (Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203). |
| 23 | 46. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANTS |
| 24 | engage in a business practice which violates California law, i |
| 25 | applicable Wage Order(s), the California Code of Regulations |
| 26 | including Sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 206.5, 226.7, 510, 512, |
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Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203 as may be necessary to prevent and remedy the conduct held to constitute unfair competition, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.

- 47. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANTS' practices were unlawful and unfair in that these practices violated public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive unscrupulous or substantially injurious to employees, and were without valid justification or utility for which this Court should issue equitable and injunctive relief pursuant to Section 17203 of the California Business & Professions Code, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.
- 48. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANTS' practices were deceptive and fraudulent in that DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice failed to pay PLAINTIFF, and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, wages due, failed to accurately to record the time worked and failed to reimburse for expenses due to a systematic practice that cannot be justified, pursuant to the applicable Cal. Lab. Code, and Industrial Welfare Commission requirements in violation of Cal. Bus. Code §§ 17200, et seq., and for which this Court should issue injunctive and equitable relief, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, including restitution of wages wrongfully withheld.
- 49. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANTS' practices were also unlawful, unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANTS' employment practices caused PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to be underpaid during their employment with DEFENDANTS.
- 50. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANTS' practices were also unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANTS' uniform policies, practices and procedures failed to provide mandatory meal and/or rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members.
- 51. Therefore, PLAINTIFF demands on behalf of himself and on behalf of each CALIFORNIA CLASS member, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which an off-duty meal period was not timely provided for each five (5) hours of work, and/or one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which a second off-duty meal period was not timely provided for each ten (10) hours of work.

- 52. PLAINTIFF further demands on behalf of himself and on behalf of each CALIFORNIA CLASS member, one (1) hour of pay for each workday in which a rest period was not timely provided as required by law.
- 53. By and through the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein, DEFENDANTS have obtained valuable property, money and services from PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, including earned wages, and has deprived them of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law and contract, all to the detriment of these employees and to the benefit of DEFENDANTS so as to allow DEFENDANTS to unfairly compete against competitors who comply with the law.
- 54. All the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, the California Code of Regulations, and the California Labor Code, were unlawful and in violation of public policy, were immoral, unethical, oppressive and unscrupulous, were deceptive, and thereby constitute unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.
- 55. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are entitled to, and do, seek such relief as may be necessary to restore to them the money and property which DEFENDANTS have acquired, or of which PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have been deprived, by means of the above described unlawful and unfair business practices, including earned but unpaid wages.
- 56. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are further entitled to, and do, seek a declaration that the described business practices are unlawful, unfair and deceptive, and that injunctive relief should be issued restraining DEFENDANTS from engaging in any unlawful and unfair business practices in the future.
- 57. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have no plain, speedy and/or adequate remedy at law that will end the unlawful and unfair business practices of DEFENDANTS. Further, the practices herein alleged presently continue to occur unabated. As a result of the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable legal

| 1 | and economic harm unless DEFENDANTS are restrained from continuing to engage in these |
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| 2 | unlawful and unfair business practices. |
| 3 | SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION |
| 4 | FAILURE TO PAY MINIMUM WAGES |
| 5 | (Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1197.1) |
| 6 | (Alleged By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS against ALL |
| 7 | Defendants) |
| 8 | 58. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, |
| 9 | reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of |
| 10 | this Complaint. |
| 11 | 59. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS |
| 12 | bring a claim for DEFENDANTS' willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code |
| 13 | and the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANTS' failure to accurately |
| 14 | calculate and pay minimum wages to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. |
| 15 | 60. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public |
| 16 | policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked. |
| 17 | 61. Cal. Lab. Code § 1197 provides the minimum wage for employees fixed by the |
| 18 | commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a wage less than |
| 19 | the minimum so fixed is unlawful. |
| 20 | 62. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages, |
| 21 | including minimum wage compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of suit. |
| 22 | 63. DEFENDANTS maintained a uniform wage practice of paying PLAINTIFF and |
| 23 | the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS without regard to the correct |
| 24 | amount of time they work. As set forth herein, DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice was |
| 25 | to unlawfully and intentionally deny timely payment of wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other |
| 26 | members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. |
| 27 | 64. DEFENDANTS' uniform pattern of unlawful wage and hour practices manifested, |
| 28 | without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole, as a result |

of implementing a uniform policy and practice that denies accurate compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS in regards to minimum wage pay.

- 65. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANTS inaccurately calculated the correct time worked and consequently underpaid the actual time worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. DEFENDANTS acted in an illegal attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in violation of the California Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements and other applicable laws and regulations.
- 66. As a direct result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful wage practices as alleged herein, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS did not receive the correct minimum wage compensation for their time worked for DEFENDANTS.
- 67. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were paid less for time worked than they were entitled to, constituting a failure to pay all earned wages.
- 68. By virtue of DEFENDANTS' unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for the true time they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer an economic injury in amounts which are presently unknown to them and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 69. DEFENDANTS knew or should have known that PLAINTIFFS and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were under compensated for their time worked. DEFENDANTS systematically elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor as a matter of uniform company policy, practice and procedure, and DEFENDANTS perpetrated this systematic scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the correct minimum wages for their time worked.

- 70. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California labor laws, and refusing to compensate members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for all time worked and provide them with requisite compensation, DEFENDANTS acted and continue to act intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with conscious and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the consequences to them, and with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal rights, and otherwise causing them injury in order to increase company profits at the expense of these employees.
- 71. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS therefore request recovery of all unpaid wages, according to proof, interest, statutory costs, as well as the assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANTS, in a sum as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the extent minimum wage compensation is determined to be owed to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members who have terminated their employment, DEFENDANTS'S conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or 202, and therefore these individuals are also entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab. Code §203, which penalties are sought herein on behalf of these CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members. DEFENDANTS' conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional and not in good faith. Further, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members are entitled to seek and recover statutory costs.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME COMPENSATION

(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 510, 1194 and 1198)

(Alleged By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS against ALL Defendants)

72. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.

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- 73. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS bring a claim for DEFENDANTS' willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code and the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANTS' failure to accurately calculate the applicable rates for all overtime worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and DEFENDANTS' failure to properly compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for overtime worked, including, work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday and/or forty (40) hours in any workweek.
- 74. Pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 204, other applicable laws and regulations, and public policy, an employer must timely pay its employees for all hours worked.
- 75. Cal. Lab. Code § 510 further provides that employees in California shall not be employed more than eight (8) hours per workday and/or more than forty (40) hours per workweek unless they receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amount specified by law.
- 76. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages, including overtime compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of suit. Cal. Lab. Code § 1198 further states that the employment of an employee for longer hours than those fixed by the Industrial Welfare Commission is unlawful.
- 77. DEFENDANTS maintained a uniform wage practice of paying PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS without regard to the correct amount of overtime worked and correct applicable overtime rate for the amount of overtime they worked. As set forth herein, DEFENDANTS' uniform policy and practice was to unlawfully and intentionally deny timely payment of wages due for the overtime worked by PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, and DEFENDANTS in fact failed to pay these employees the correct applicable overtime wages for all overtime worked.
- 78. DEFENDANTS' uniform pattern of unlawful wage and hour practices manifested, without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole, as a result of implementing a uniform policy and practice that denied accurate compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for all overtime worked,

including, the work performed in excess of eight (8) hours in a workday and/or forty (40) hours in any workweek.

- 79. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANTS inaccurately calculated the amount of overtime worked and the applicable overtime rates and consequently underpaid the actual time worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. DEFENDANTS acted in an illegal attempt to avoid the payment of all earned wages, and other benefits in violation of the California Labor Code, the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements and other applicable laws and regulations.
- 80. As a direct result of DEFENDANTS' unlawful wage practices as alleged herein, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS did not receive full compensation for all overtime worked.
- 81. Cal. Lab. Code § 515 sets out various categories of employees who are exempt from the overtime requirements of the law. None of these exemptions are applicable to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. Further PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are not subject to a valid collective bargaining agreement that would preclude the causes of action contained herein this Complaint. Rather, PLAINTIFF brings this Action on behalf of himself and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS based on DEFENDANTS' violations of non-negotiable, non-waivable rights provided by the State of California.
- 82. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were paid less for time worked than they were entitled to, constituting a failure to pay all earned wages.
- 83. DEFENDANTS failed to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS overtime wages for the time they worked which was in excess of the maximum hours permissible by law as required by Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1194 & 1198, even though PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were required to work, and did in fact work, overtime as to which DEFENDANTS failed

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to accurately record and pay using the applicable overtime rate as evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business records and witnessed by employees.

- 84. By virtue of DEFENDANTS' unlawful failure to accurately pay all earned compensation to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for the true time they worked, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS have suffered and will continue to suffer an economic injury in amounts which are presently unknown to them and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 85. DEFENDANTS knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are under compensated for their overtime worked. DEFENDANTS systematically elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor as a matter of uniform company policy, practice and procedure, and DEFENDANTS perpetrated this systematic scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the applicable overtime rate.
- 86. In performing the acts and practices herein alleged in violation of California labor laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for all time worked and provide them with the requisite overtime compensation, DEFENDANTS acted and continues to act intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with a conscious and utter disregard for their legal rights, or the consequences to them, and with the despicable intent of depriving them of their property and legal rights, and otherwise causing them injury in order to increase company profits at the expense of these employees.
- 87. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS therefore request recovery of all unpaid wages, including overtime wages, according to proof, interest, statutory costs, as well as the assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANTS, in a sum as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other applicable statutes. To the extent overtime compensation is determined to be owed to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members who have terminated their employment, DEFENDANTS'

conduct also violates Labor Code §§ 201 and/or 202, and therefore these individuals are also be entitled to waiting time penalties under Cal. Lab. Code § 203, which penalties are sought herein on behalf of these CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members. DEFENDANTS' conduct as alleged herein was willful, intentional and not in good faith. Further, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members are entitled to seek and recover statutory costs.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED MEAL PERIODS

(Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512)

(Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and against all Defendants)

- 88. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 89. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANTS failed to provide all the legally required off-duty meal breaks to PLAINTIFF and the other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members as required by the applicable Wage Order and Labor Code. The nature of the work performed by PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS MEMBERS did not prevent these employees from being relieved of all of their duties for the legally required off-duty meal periods. As a result of their rigorous work schedules, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were often not fully relieved of duty by DEFENDANTS for their meal periods. Additionally, DEFENDANTS' failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members with legally required meal breaks prior to their fifth (5th) hour of work and prior to their tenth (10th) hour of work is evidenced by DEFENDANTS' business records. As a result, PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS therefore forfeited meal breaks without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANTS' strict corporate policy and practice.
- 90. DEFENDANTS further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR

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PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members with rest break, they

required PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members to stay on

DEFENDANTS' premises for those rest breaks.

| 1 | personal vehicles all on behalf of and for the benefit of DEFENDANTS. Specifically, |
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| 2 | PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were required by DEFENDANTS to use |
| 3 | their personal vehicles for work related issues. DEFENDANTS' uniform policy, practice and |
| 4 | procedure was to not reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS |
| 5 | members for expenses resulting from using their personal vehicles for DEFENDANTS within the |
| 6 | course and scope of their employment for DEFENDANTS. These expenses were necessary to |
| 7 | complete their principal job duties. DEFENDANTS is estopped by DEFENDANTS' conduct to |
| 8 | assert any waiver of this expectation. Although these expenses were necessary expenses incurred |
| 9 | by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members, DEFENDANTS failed |
| 10 | to indemnify and reimburse PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members |
| 11 | for these expenses as an employer is required to do under the laws and regulations of California. |
| 12 | 99. PLAINTIFF therefore demand reimbursement for expenditures or losses incurred |
| 13 | by them and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS members in the discharge of their job |
| 14 | duties for DEFENDANTS, or their obedience to the directions of DEFENDANTS, with interest |
| 15 | at the statutory rate and costs under Cal. Lab. Code § 2802. |
| 16 | SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION |
| 17 | FAILURE TO PAY WAGES WHEN DUE |
| 18 | (Cal. Lab. Code §§201, 202, 203) |
| 19 | (Alleged by PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and against all |
| 20 | Defendants) |
| 21 | 100. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, |
| 22 | reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of |
| 23 | this Complaint. |
| 24 | 101. Cal. Lab. Code § 200 provides that: |
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| 26 | As used in this article:(a) "Wages" includes all amounts for labor performed by |
| 27 | employees of every description, whether the amount is fixed or ascertained by the |
| 28 | standard of time, task, piece, Commission basis, or other method of calculation. (b) |

"Labor" includes labor, work, or service whether rendered or performed under contract, subcontract, partnership, station plan, or other agreement if the labor to be paid for is performed personally by the person demanding payment.

- 102. Cal. Lab. Code § 201 provides, in relevant part, that "If an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately."
 - 103. Cal. Lab. Code § 202 provides, in relevant part, that:

provide payment within 72 hours of the notice of quitting.

If an employee not having a written contract for a definite period quits his or her employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72 hours thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employee who quits without providing a 72-hour notice shall be entitled to receive payment by mail if he or she so requests and designates a mailing address. The date of the mailing shall constitute the date of payment for purposes of the requirement to

- 104. There was no definite term in PLAINTIFF's or any CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members' employment contract.
 - 105. Cal. Lab. Code § 203 provides:

If an employer willfully fails to pay, without abatement or reduction, in accordance with Sections 201, 201.5, 202, and 205.5, any wages of an employee who is discharged or who quits, the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an action therefor is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than 30 days.

| 1 | | damages for minimum wages, overtime wages, unreimbursed expenses, and other |
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| 2 | | compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA |
| 3 | | LABOR SUB-CLASS, during the applicable CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB- |
| 4 | | CLASS PERIOD plus interest thereon at the statutory rate; |
| 5 | С | e. Meal and rest period compensation pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512 and |
| 6 | | the applicable IWC Wage Order; and, |
| 7 | d | l. The wages of all terminated employees from the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB- |
| 8 | | CLASS as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an |
| 9 | | action therefore is commenced, in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code § 203. |
| 10 | 3. (| On all claims: |
| 11 | a | . An award of interest, including prejudgment interest at the legal rate; |
| 12 | b | o. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable; and |
| 13 | С | e. An award of penalties, attorneys' fees and costs of suit, as allowable under the law, |
| 14 | | including, but not limited to, pursuant to Labor Code § 218.5, §1194 and/or §1197. |
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DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL PLAINTIFF demands a jury trial on issues triable to a jury. DATED: January 12, 2021 ZAKAY LAW GROUP, APLC By: Shani O. Zakay Attorney for Plaintiff