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## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

## **DEPARTMENT 613**

VICTOR CORONA and ROSA ALCAUTE,

Plaintiffs,

V,

SAN FRANCISCO BREWING CO., LLC, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendant.

Case No. CGC-20-583125

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

Before the Court is an unopposed motion by plaintiffs Victor Corona and Rosa Alcaute ("Plaintiffs") for final approval of the settlement of class wage-and-hour claims and a related claim for PAGA penalties. The motion came on for hearing, together with their motion for attorney's fees, costs, and service awards<sup>1</sup>, on October 29, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in Department 613, the Honorable Andrew Y.S. Cheng presiding. Arlo Garcia Uriarte (Liberation Law Group, P.C.) appeared via CourtCall for Plaintiffs. Emma Baker (Jackson Lewis, P.C.) appeared via CourtCall for Defendant. The motion is unopposed, and no class members objected in writing or independently appeared at the hearing, either *pro se* or through counsel, to discuss or object to the motion. Additionally, no class member requested exclusion from the settlement. The Court has thoroughly reviewed and analyzed all of the briefing and evidence along with the oral arguments of counsel. On that basis, the Court GRANTS the motion, RESERVES a compliance hearing for February 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with compliance statement due no later than February 20,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Court grants the motion for attorney's fees, costs, and service awards by separate concurrent order.

## 2025, and ORDERS as follows.

- 1. Except as otherwise specified here, the Court adopts and incorporates by reference the terms and definitions of the Agreement.
- 2. The following Settlement Class is certified for settlement purposes: All current and former non-exempt, hourly employees of Defendant who worked in California at any time during the Settlement Class Period, namely April 20, 2018, through March 19, 2024, and did not request exclusion or opt-out of this Settlement.
- 3. The Court finds that the Settlement Class meets the requirements for certification under Code of Civil Procedure section 382 because: (1) the proposed Settlement Class is numerous and ascertainable; (2) there are predominant common questions of law or fact; (3) Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the proposed Settlement Class; and (4) a class action is superior to other methods to efficiently adjudicate this controversy.
- 4. The Court has considered the *Dunk/Kullar* factors and the circumstances surrounding the settlement and finally approves the settlement because it is a fair, adequate, and reasonable settlement in the best interest of the members of the Settlement Class. In reaching this conclusion, the Court notes that no class members objected to or requested exclusion from the settlement.
- 5. The Court appoints Victor Corona and Rosa Alcaute as class representatives and finds they will adequately represent the Settlement Class.
- 6. The Court appoints Arlo Garcia Uriarte of Liberation Law Group, P.C. as Class Counsel. Class Counsel shall represent the Settlement Class in carrying out the terms of the Agreement. The Court finds that Class Counsel will fairly and adequately represent the Settlement Class.
- 7. CPT Group, Inc. shall continue to serve as settlement administrator. CPT Group, Inc. shall carry out all of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Agreement and the Court's final approval orders, including disbursement of funds to class members, Plaintiffs, and Class Counsel. The Court approves payment to CPT Group, Inc. of administrative expenses actually incurred (depending on the number of distributions) in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.
- 8. The notice and plan of distribution approved by this Court met the requirements of due process and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances. As set forth in the declaration

- of Chantal Soto-Najera, CPT Group, Inc. distributed notice in compliance with this Court's preliminary approval order and the Settlement Agreement. The Court finds the administration process to date was adequate and comported with due process.
- 9. The Court approves La Raza Centro Legal as the *cy près* recipient in the event that funds remain unclaimed after all distributions required under the Settlement Agreement. The parties shall obtain approval for any *cy près* distribution if necessary by apprising the Court of the need and proposed amount for said distribution in an updated compliance statement.
- 10. The Court reserves a compliance hearing for February 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. No later than February 20, 2025, the parties shall submit a joint statement setting forth disbursements made, a summary accounting, the number and value of any uncashed settlement checks, and any unresolved issues or other matters the parties need to bring to the Court's attention. The joint statement should include or be accompanied by a declaration from CPT Group, Inc. as needed.
- 11. A copy of this order, the concurrent order on fees, costs, and service awards, and the final judgment shall be served upon the LWDA and posted to the class website within 5 days of this order.
- 12. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6, and Rule 3.769(h) of the California Rules of Court—and without impacting the finality of this order—the Court retains jurisdiction over Plaintiffs, all members of the Settlement Class, and Defendant for the purpose of supervising the implementation, enforcement, construction, administration, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 29, 2024

ANDREW Y.S. CHENG
Judge of the Superior Court

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## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

(CCP 1010.6(6) & CRC 2.251)

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

On October 29, 2024, I electronically served the attached document via File & ServeXpress on the recipients designated on the Transaction Receipt located on the File & ServeXpress website.

Dated: October 29, 2024

Brandon E. Riley, Clerk

By:

Ericka Larnauti, Deputy Clerk