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Amended Final Order and Judgment Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement filed.



FILE D SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 1 SAN BERNARDING DISTRICT MATERN LAW GROUP, PC MATTHEW J. MATERN (SBN 159798) nct 1 5 2020 mmatern@maternlawgroup.com DALIA R. KHALILI (SBN 253840) 3 dkhalili@maternlawgroup.com MIKAEL H. STAHLE (SBN 182599) mstahle@maternlawgroup.com 5 IRINA A. KIRNOSOVA (SBN 312565) ikirnosova@maternlawgroup.com 1230 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 Telephone: (310) 531-1900 Facsimile: (310) 531-1901 8 Attorneys for Plaintiff DAVID SOTO, on behalf of himself and the Class 10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO - SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT 12 CASE NO. CIVDS1414104 Consolidated Cases 13 Previous Case No. CIVDS1602034 **INCLUDED ACTIONS:** 14 **CLASS ACTION** David Soto et al. v. Envision Foods. LLC 15 dba Jack in the Box; JIB Holdings I, [Assigned for All Purposes to Hon. David S. LLC; and Desert Jack, LLC et al. Cohn. Department S261 16 San Bernardino Superior Court [PROPOSED AMENDED] FINAL ORDER Case No. CIVDS1602034 17 AND JUDGMENT GRANING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION 18 Anthony Robles v. JIB Holdings I, LLC SETTLEMENT San Bernardino Superior Court 19 Case No. CIVDS1414104 Date: October 13, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m. 20 Dept.: S26 Ashly Stiffler et al. v. Envision Foods, LLC 21 dba Jack In The Box. et al. San Bernardino Superior Court 22 Case No. CIVDS1903408 23 24 25 26

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TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement came before this Court, the Honorable David S. Cohn presiding, on October 13, 2020. The Court having considered the papers submitted in support of the Motion, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. All terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Stipulation of Class Action Settlement (the "Settlement").
- 2. Consistent with the definitions provided in the Settlement, the term "Settlement Class" and "Settlement Class Members" shall mean all means all current and former employees of Defendants Envision Foods, LLC dba Jack in the Box; JIB Holdings I, LLC; and Desert Jack, LLC et al. (collectively, "JIB"), who worked for JIB as a non-exempt employee within the state of California at any time during the Settlement Period (defined as September 18, 2010, through and including November 15, 2019).
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of these Actions and over all Parties to these Actions, including all Settlement Class Members.
- 4. The Court finds that the Settlement Class is properly certified as a class for settlement purposes.
- 5. The Class Notice provided to the Settlement Class conforms with the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382, California Civil Code section 1781, California Rules of Court 3.766 and 3.769, the California and United States Constitutions, and any other applicable law, and constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances, by providing individual notice to all Settlement Class Members who could be identified through reasonable effort, and by providing due and adequate notice of the proceedings and of the matters set forth therein to the other Settlement Class Members. The Class Notice fully satisfied the requirements of due process.
- 6. The Court finds the Settlement was entered into in good faith, that the settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and that the Settlement satisfies the standards and applicable requirements for final approval of this class action settlement under California law, including the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 and California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769.

- 7. No Settlement Class Members have objected to the terms of the Settlement.
- 8. One Settlement Class Member has requested exclusion from the Settlement Class. The Class Member who has requested exclusion from the Settlement Class has thus been excluded, is not entitled to a Settlement Share, and is not bound by the Judgment in the Actions.
- 9. Upon entry of this Order, payment to the Participating Settlement Class Members shall be effectuated pursuant to the terms of the Settlement.
- 10. In addition to any recovery that the Plaintiff's may receive under the Settlement as Settlement Class Members, and in recognition of each Plaintiff's efforts on behalf of the Settlement Class, the Court hereby approves the payment of a service fee award to Plaintiff David Soto in the amount of \$15,000.00 and service fee awards to Plaintiff's Ashly Stiffler and Anthony Robles in the amount of \$5,000 each.
- 11. The Court approves the payment of attorneys' fees in the sum of \$1,250,000.00 and will issue a further order ruling on how the attorneys' fees are to be apportioned between Class Counsel, Matern Law Group P.C., and counsel of record for Plaintiff Anthony Robles. The Court also approves the reimbursement of litigation expenses in the sum of \$289,327.93 to MLG and in the sum of \$22,017.04 to Lawyers for Justice, PC. for a total of \$311,344.97.
- 12. The Court approves and orders payment in the amount of \$51,500 to CPT Group, Inc. for performance of its settlement administration services.
- 13. The Court approves the settlement of claims under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (California Labor Code section 2698 et seq.) in the total amount of \$150,000. The Court orders payment in the amount of \$112,500.00 to the State of California Labor and Workforce Development Agency in compromise of claims under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (California Labor Code section 2698 et seq.).
- 14. In accordance with California Rule of Court 3.771(b), the Parties are ordered to give notice of this final Order and Judgment to all Settlement Class Members through the website established by the Settlement Administrator for this Settlement.

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15. Excluding only the Settlement Class Member who requested exclusion as identified in
Paragraph 8 above, upon final approval by the Court of the Settlement, and as of the Effective Date,
Plaintiffs and each Settlement Class Members will release JIB, and each of their past, present, and
future agents, employees, officers, directors, partners, trustees, shareholders, attorneys, parents,
subsidiaries, related corporations, divisions, joint venturers, assigns, predecessors, successors,
affiliated organizations, and all persons acting by or through or in concert with any of them, from
all wage and hour claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action, whether known or
unknown, arising during the Class Period, that were asserted or could have been asserted in the
Actions against JIB based on the facts alleged or ascertained during the pendency of the Actions,
under federal and state laws, including statutory, or common law claims for wages, penalties,
liquidated damages, interest, attorneys' fees, litigation costs, restitution, equitable relief or other
relief under Business & Professions Code section 17200, et seq. based on the alleged Labor Code
violations, including, without limitations, the following categories: (a) any and all claims
involving any alleged failure to pay minimum wage; (b) any and all claims involving any alleged
failure to pay employees for all hours worked, including but not limited to any claim for
minimum, straight time, or overtime wages; (c) any and all claims involving any alleged failure to
pay overtime wages; (d) any claim involving failure to include bonuses, other incentive pay, or
compensation of any kind in the "regular rate" of pay; (e) any and all claims arising under state
law involving any alleged failure to properly provide meal periods and/or authorize and permit
rest periods, to pay premiums for missed, late, short or interrupted meal and/or rest periods, or to
pay such premiums as required by Labor Code section 226.7; (f) any claim involving JIB's
workday or workweek; (g) any claim involving travel time; (h) any and all claims arising under
state law involving any alleged failure to properly provide meal periods and/or authorize and
permit rest periods, to pay premiums for missed, late, short or interrupted meal and/or rest periods,
or to pay such premiums as required by Labor Code section 226.7; (i) any and all claims involving
any alleged failure to keep accurate records or to issue proper wage statements to employees; (j)
any and all claims involving any alleged failure to timely pay wages, including but not limited to

any claim that JIB violated Labor Code sections 201, 202, or 204, and any claim for waiting time penalties under Labor Code section 203; (k) any and all claims for unfair business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.; (l) any and all claims for necessary expenditures under Labor Code section 2802; and (m) any and all penalties pursuant to the PAGA arising out of any or all of the aforementioned claims. The Released Claims include all such claims arising under the California Labor Code (including, but not limited to, sections 201, 201.3, 202, 203, 204, 210, 218.5, 218.6, 221, 225.5, 226, 226.3, 226.7, 227.3, 246, 256, 450, 510, 511, 512, 516, 558, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.12, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1197.2, 1198, 1199, 2800, 2802, and 2698 et seq.); the Wage Orders of the California Industrial Welfare Commission; California Business and Professions Code section 17200 et seq.; Civil Code section 3336; the California common law of contract. This release excludes the release of claims not permitted by law.

16. In addition to the Settlement Class Released Claims, any and all Participating Settlement Class Members who cash, deposit or otherwise negotiate the check issued to them for their respective Settlement Share shall also fully release and discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims, causes of action, disputes, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, penalties, and damages (including but not limited to liquidated, exemplary, punitive, and statutory damages), under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. sections 201, et seq., whether suspected or unsuspected, contingent or accrued, known or unknown, that have been pled or could have been pled based upon the factual allegations and issues set forth in the Actions, for any acts occurring during the Settlement Period. Each check to a Participating Settlement Class Member will carry a legend as follows: "By endorsing and cashing or depositing this check, I agree to the release of any and all claims that I may have against JIB under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act pursuant to the terms of the Settlement." The validity of the release in this paragraph shall not be impaired by any action taken by a Participating Settlement Class Member who disputes such legend, such as, for example, by crossing out such legend or signing the check "without prejudice." Notwithstanding the legend and consistent with the terms of this Settlement, all Participating Settlement Class Members will be bound by the Settlement Class Released Claims regardless of whether or not the Participating Class Member

actually receives a check representing his or her respective Settlement Share, or cashes, deposits or otherwise negotiates the check representing his or her respective Settlement Share.

- 17. Upon the Effective Date, all Settlement Class Members, except the excluded individual, shall be and are hereby permanently barred from the initiation or prosecution of any and all of the claims released under the terms of the Settlement.
- 18. Upon completion of administration of the Settlement, the parties shall file a declaration stating that all claims have been paid and that the terms of the Settlement have been completed. In the event that any un-cashed or abandoned checks must be distributed to the Unclaimed Property Fund, following the check negotiation period, the Settlement Administrator will cancel the tax documents associated with those un-cashed or abandoned checks, and the Parties will submit to the Court a revised Judgment that states the final disposition of all amounts under this Settlement, including the aggregate amount of all uncashed checks and any accrued interest, in compliance with California Code of Civil Procedure § 384. Any revised Judgment shall require that all unclaimed funds and any accrued interest shall be distributed to the Unclaimed Property Fund, so that no additional funds from this Settlement remain in the custody of the Settlement Administrator.
- 19. This Judgment is intended to be a final disposition of the Actions in their entirety, and is intended to be immediately appealable.

JUDGMENT

In accordance with and for the reasons stated in the Final Approval Order, Judgment shall be entered whereby the Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members shall take nothing from JIB, except as expressly set forth in the Settlement, which was previously filed, as part of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class Action Settlement.

Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6 and Rule 3.769(h) of the California Rules of Court, this Court reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over this action, the Plaintiffs, Settlement Class Members, and JIB, for the purposes of:

1	(a) supervising the implementation, enforcement, construction, and interpretation of	
2	the Settlement, the Preliminary Approval Order, the plan of allocation, the Final	
3	Approval Order, and the Judgment; and	
4	(b) supervising distribution of amounts paid under this Settlement.	
5	IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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