SUMMONS: (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

FTG AEROSPACE INC., a California Corporation; and Does 1 through 50, Inclusive.

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

MARTINI AVANCENA, an individual, on behalf of himself and on behalf of all persons similarly situated,

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Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

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Sherri R, Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court Victoria XV Kristina Vardas

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. IAVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a

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.sucorte.ca.gov), 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 legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que

pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.	
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111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012	
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:	
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Norman Blumenthal (Bar # 68687) Rlumenthal Nordrehaug Bhowmik De Blouw LLP Phone No.: (858) 551-12	32 23
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NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served	
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other (specify):	

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Plaintiff Martini Avancena ("PLAINTIFF"), an individual, on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated current and former employees, alleges on information and belief, except for his own acts and knowledge which are based on personal knowledge, the following:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Defendant FTG Aerospace Inc. ("DEFENDANT") is a California corporation that at all relevant times mentioned herein conducted and continues to conduct substantial and regular business throughout California.
- 2. DEFENDANT is the supplier of choice for manufacturing high reliability integrated lighting display panels, bezels, keyboards and caution warning annunciators to both the commercial and military transportation markets.
- 3. PLAINTIFF was employed by DEFENDANT in California as a non-exempt employee entitled to overtime pay and meal and rest periods from August of 2018 to January of 2020. PLAINTIFF was at all times relevant mentioned herein classified by DEFENDANT as a non-exempt employee paid in whole or in part on an hourly basis.
- 4. PLAINTIFF brings this Class Action on behalf of himself and a California class, defined as all individuals who are or previously were employed by DEFENDANT in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the "CALIFORNIA CLASS") at any time during the period beginning on the date four (4) years prior to the filing of this 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).
- 5. 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 DEFENDANT's policy and practice which failed to lawfully compensate these employees for all their overtime worked. DEFENDANT's policy and practice alleged herein is an unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practice

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whereby DEFENDANT retained and continues to retain wages due 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 DEFENDANT in the future, relief for the named PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS who have been economically injured by DEFENDANT's past and current unlawful conduct, and all other appropriate legal and equitable relief.

- The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, subsidiary, 6. partnership, associate or otherwise of defendants DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are presently unknown to PLAINTIFF who therefore sues 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 alleges, 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.
- The agents, servants and/or employees of the Defendants and each of them acting 7. 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.

THE CONDUCT

During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT failed and continues 8. to fail to accurately calculate and pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for their overtime worked. DEFENDANT unlawfully and unilaterally failed to accurately calculate wages for overtime worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS in order to avoid paying these employees the correct overtime compensation. As a result, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS forfeited wages due them for working overtime without compensation at the correct overtime rates. DEFENDANT's policy and practice to not pay the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS the correct overtime rate for all overtime worked in accordance with applicable law is evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records. This policy and practice of DEFENDANT was intended to purposefully avoid the payment of the correct overtime compensation as required by California law which allowed DEFENDANT to illegally profit and gain an unfair advantage over competitors who complied with the law.

During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT failed to accurately 9. record and pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for the actual amount of time these employees worked. Pursuant to the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, DEFENDANT is required to pay PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members for all time worked, meaning the time during which an employee was subject to the control of an employer, including all the time the employee was permitted or suffered to permit this work. DEFENDANT required these employees to work off the clock without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANT's control. Specifically, DEFENDANT required PLAINTIFF to work while clocked out during what was supposed to be PLAINTIFF's off-duty meal break. PLAINTIFF was from time to time interrupted by work assignments. As a result, 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. To the extent that the time worked off the clock did not qualify for overtime premium payment, DEFENDANT failed to pay minimum wages for the time worked off-the-clock in violation of Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197, and 1197.1.

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- 10. In violation of the applicable sections of the California Labor Code and the requirements of the Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order, DEFENDANT intentionally and knowingly failed to compensate PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS at the correct rate of pay for all overtime worked. This policy and practice of DEFENDANT is intended to purposefully avoid the payment of the correct overtime compensation as required by California law which allowed DEFENDANT 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 DEFENDANT, the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.
- CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were from time to time unable to take off duty meal breaks and were not fully relieved of duty for meal periods. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were from time to time required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANT for more than five (5) hours during a shift without receiving an off-duty meal break. Further, DEFENDANT failed to provide PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA CLASS Members with a second off-duty meal period from time to time in which these employees were required by DEFENDANT 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 DEFENDANT's corporate policy and practice.
- 12. During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members were from time to time 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 from time to time. 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 DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT's managers. Additionally, the applicable California Wage Order requires employers to provide employees with off-duty rest periods, which the California Supreme Court defined as time during which an employee is relieved from all work related duties and free from employer control. In so doing, the Court held that the requirement under California law that employers authorize and permit all employees to take rest period means that employers must relieve employees of all duties and relinquish control over how employees spend their time which includes control over the locations where employees may take their rest period. Employers cannot impose controls that prohibit an employee from taking a brief walk-five minutes out, five minutes back. Here, DEFENDANT's uniform policy restricted PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members from unconstrained walks and was unlawful based on Defendant's rule which stated PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members could not leave the work premises during their rest period.

- 13. From time to time, DEFENDANT also failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with complete and accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, the correct gross and net wages earned and correct amount of time worked. Cal. Lab. Code § 226 provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees with an accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing, among other things, gross wages earned and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate. Aside, from the violations listed above in this paragraph, DEFENDANT failed to issue to PLAINTIFF an itemized wage statement that lists all the requirements under California Labor Code 226 et seq. As a result, DEFENDANT from time to time provided PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS with wage statements which violated Cal. Lab. Code § 226.
- 14. By reason of this conduct applicable to PLAINTIFF and all CALIFORNIA CLASS Members, DEFENDANT 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 the correct overtime rate for the overtime worked by PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA CLASS Members. The proper calculation of these employees' overtime hour rates is the DEFENDANT's burden. As a result of DEFENDANT's intentional disregard of the obligation to meet this burden, DEFENDANT failed to properly calculate and/or pay all required overtime compensation for work performed by the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS and violated the California Labor Code and regulations promulgated thereunder as herein alleged.

15. Specifically as to PLAINTIFF he was from time to time unable to take off duty meal and rest breaks and was not fully relieved of duty for his meal periods. PLAINTIFF was required to perform work as ordered by DEFENDANT for more than five (5) hours during a shift without receiving an off-duty meal break. Further, DEFENDANT failed to provide PLAINTIFF with a second off-duty meal period from time to time in which he was required by DEFENDANT to work ten (10) hours of work. PLAINTIFF therefore forfeited meal and rest breaks without additional compensation and in accordance with DEFENDANT's strict corporate policy and practice. To date, DEFENDANT has not fully paid PLAINTIFF the minimum wage and 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

- 16. 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 DEFENDANT pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382.
 - 17. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure,

Sections 395 and 395.5, because DEFENDANT (i) currently maintains 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

- 18. 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 in California and classified as non-exempt employees (the "CALIFORNIA CLASS") at any time during the period beginning on the date four (4) years prior to the filing of this 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).
- 19. To the extent equitable tolling operates to toll claims by the CALIFORNIA CLASS against DEFENDANT, the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.
- 20. The California Legislature has commanded that "all wages... ...earned by any person in any employment are due and payable twice during each calendar month, on days designated in advance by the employer as the regular paydays", and further that "[a]ny work in excess of eight hours in one workday and any work in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek . . . shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for an employee." (Lab. Code § 204 and § 510(a).) The Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC), however, is statutorily authorized to "establish exemptions from the requirement that an overtime rate of compensation be paid... ...for executive, administrative, and professional employees, provided [inter alia] that the employee is primarily engaged in duties that meet the test of the exemption, [and] customarily and regularly exercises discretion

and independent judgment in performing those duties..." (Lab. Code § 510(a).) Neither the PLAINTIFF nor the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS and/or the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS qualify for exemption from the above requirements.

- 21. DEFENDANT, in violation of the applicable Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Order requirements, and the applicable provisions of California law, intentionally, knowingly, and wilfully, engaged in a practice whereby DEFENDANT failed to correctly calculate and record overtime compensation for overtime worked by PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, even though DEFENDANT enjoyed the benefit of this work, required employees to perform this work and permitted or suffered to permit this overtime work.
- 22. DEFENDANT has the legal burden to establish that each and every CALIFORNIA CLASS Member is paid the applicable rate for all overtime worked and to accurately calculate the "regular rate of pay" by including the incentive compensation that PLAINTIFF and members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were awarded by DEFENDANT. DEFENDANT, however, 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 the applicable overtime rate for all overtime worked, so as to satisfy their 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.
- 23. At no time during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD was the compensation for any member of the CALIFORNIA CLASS properly recalculated so as to compensate the employee for all overtime worked at the applicable rate, as required by California Labor Code §§ 204 and 510, et seq. At no time during the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD was the overtime compensation for any member of the CALIFORNIA CLASS properly recalculated so as to include all earnings in the overtime compensation calculation as required by California

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2	24.	The (CALIFORNIA CLASS, is so numerous that joinder of all CALIFORNIA
3	CLASS Mei	mbers i	s impracticable.
4	25.	DEF	ENDANT violated the rights of the CALIFORNIA CLASS under California
5	law by:		
6		(a)	Violating the California Unfair Competition Laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code
7			§§ 17200, et seq., by unlawfully, unfairly and/or deceptively having in
8			place company policies, practices and procedures that failed to pay all
9			minimum and overtime wages due the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all time
10			worked, and failed to accurately record the applicable rates of all overtime
11			worked by the CALIFORNIA CLASS;
12		(b)	Committing an act of unfair competition in violation of the California
13			Unfair Competition Laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq., by
14			unlawfully, unfairly, and/or deceptively having in place a company policy,
15			practice and procedure that failed to correctly calculate overtime
16			compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA
17			CLASS; and,
18		(c)	Committing an act of unfair competition in violation of the California
19			Unfair Competition Laws, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq., by
20			failing to provide mandatory meal and/or rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and
21			the CALIFORNIA CLASS members.
22	26.	This	Class Action meets the statutory prerequisites for the maintenance of a Class
23	Action as se	et forth	in Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382, in that:
24		(a)	The persons who comprise the CALIFORNIA CLASS are so numerous
25			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;

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- 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, was subjected to the employment practices of DEFENDANT and was a non-exempt employee paid on an hourly basis and paid additional non-discretionary incentive wages who was subjected to the DEFENDANT's practice and policy which fails to pay the correct rate of overtime wages due to the CALIFORNIA CLASS for all overtime worked by the CALIFORNIA CLASS and thereby underpays overtime compensation to the CALIFORNIA CLASS. PLAINTIFF sustained economic injury as a result of DEFENDANT's employment practices. PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS were and are similarly or identically harmed by the same unlawful, deceptive, and unfair misconduct engaged in by DEFENDANT; 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.
- 27. 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:

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1)	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,

- 2) 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 DEFENDANT failed to pay all wages due. Including the correct overtime rate, for all worked by the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS as required by law;
 - 1) 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 DEFENDANT's 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:

- 1) 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;
- 2) Class certification will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that would create the risk of:
 - A. Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the DEFENDANT; and/or,
 - B. 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;
- 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 DEFENDANT, which may adversely affect an individual's job with DEFENDANT or with a subsequent employer, the Class Action is the only means to assert their claims through a representative; and,
- 4) A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair

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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.

- 28. 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 CLASS predominate over any question affecting only individual CALIFORNIA CLASS Members because the DEFENDANT's employment practices are applied with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS;
 - 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 DEFENDANT's actions have inflicted upon the CALIFORNIA CLASS;

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- There is a community of interest in ensuring that the combined assets of (f) DEFENDANT are sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS for the injuries sustained;
- DEFENDANT has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable (g) to the CALIFORNIA CLASS, thereby making final class-wide relief appropriate with respect to the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a whole;
- The members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS are readily ascertainable from (h) the business records of DEFENDANT; and,
- Class treatment provides manageable judicial treatment calculated to bring (i) a efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims arising out of the conduct of DEFENDANT as to the members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS.
- DEFENDANT maintains records from which the Court can ascertain and identify 29. by job title each of DEFENDANT's employees who have been intentionally subjected to DEFENDANT's conduct 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

PLAINTIFF further brings the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh 30. 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 beginning on the date three (3) years prior to the filing of the 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).

- 31. DEFENDANT, in violation of the applicable Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission ("TWC") Wage Order requirements, and the applicable provisions of California law, intentionally, knowingly, and wilfully, engaged in a practice whereby DEFENDANT failed to correctly calculate overtime compensation for the overtime worked by PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, even though DEFENDANT enjoyed the benefit of this work, required employees to perform this work and permitted or suffered to permit this overtime work. DEFENDANT has denied these CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members overtime wages at the correct amount 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 DEFENDANT, the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD should be adjusted accordingly.
- 32. DEFENDANT maintains records from which the Court can ascertain and identify by name and job title, each of DEFENDANT's employees who have been intentionally subjected to DEFENDANT's conduct 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.
- 33. The CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS is so numerous that joinder of all CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members is impracticable.
- 34. 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 DEFENDANT unlawfully failed to correctly calculate and pay 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;
 - (b) Whether the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are entitled to overtime compensation for overtime worked under the overtime

2	(c) Whether DEFENDANT failed to accurately record the applicable
3	overtime rates for all overtime worked PLAINTIFF and the other members
4	of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;
5	(d) Whether DEFENDANT failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other
6	members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with legally
7	required uninterrupted thirty (30) minute meal breaks and rest periods;
8	(e) Whether DEFENDANT failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other
9	members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with accurate
10	itemized wage statements;
11	(f) Whether DEFENDANT has engaged in unfair competition by the
12	above-listed conduct;
13	(g) The proper measure of damages and penalties owed to the members of the
14	CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS; and,
15	(h) Whether DEFENDANT's conduct was willful.
16	35. DEFENDANT failed to accurately calculate overtime compensation for the
17	CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members and failed to provide accurate records of the
18	applicable overtime rates for the overtime worked by these employees. All of the
19	CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members, including PLAINTIFF, were non-exemp
20	employees who were paid on an hourly basis by DEFENDANT according to company
21	procedures as alleged herein above. This business practice was applied to each and every
22	member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, and therefore, the propriety of this
23	conduct can be adjudicated on a class-wide basis.
24	36. DEFENDANT violated the rights of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS
25	under California law by:
26	(a) Violating Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, et seq., by failing to accurately pay
27	PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB
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- (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 DEFENDANT is 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 LABOR SUB-CLASS with all legally required off-duty, uninterrupted thirty (30) minute meal breaks and the legally required rest breaks; and,
- (d) Violating Cal. Lab. Code § 226, by failing to provide PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with an accurate itemized statement in writing showing all accurate and applicable overtime rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked at each overtime rate by the employee; 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.
- 37. 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 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 LABOR SUB-CLASS, was a non-exempt employee paid on an hourly basis and paid additional non-discretionary incentive wages who was subjected to the DEFENDANT's practice and policy which failed to pay the correct rate of overtime wages due to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for all overtime worked. PLAINTIFF sustained economic injury as a result of DEFENDANT's employment practices. PLAINTIFF and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were and are similarly or identically harmed by the same unlawful, deceptive and unfair misconduct engaged in by DEFENDANT; 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.
- 38. 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,

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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:

- 1) 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,
- 2) 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 DEFENDANT failed to pay all wages due. Including the correct overtime rate, for all overtime 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:
 - 1) The interests of the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-

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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; Class certification will obviate the need for unduly duplicative

- 2) litigation that would create the risk of:
 - Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to A. individual members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS, which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the DEFENDANT; and/or,
 - Adjudications with respect to individual members of the B. 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;
- In the context of wage litigation because a substantial number of 3) individual CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members will avoid asserting their legal rights out of fear of retaliation by DEFENDANT, which may adversely affect an individual's job with DEFENDANT or with a subsequent employer, the Class Action is the only means to assert their claims through a representative; and,
- A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair 4) 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.

- 39. 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 DEFENDANT's actions have inflicted upon the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS;
 - (f) There is a community of interest in ensuring that the combined assets of DEFENDANT are sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for the injuries sustained;

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(g)	DEFENDANT 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 DEFENDANT. 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 a efficient and rapid conclusion to all litigation of all wage and hour related claims arising out of the conduct of DEFENDANT as to the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

For Unlawful Business Practices

[Cal. Bus. And Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS and Against All Defendants)

- 40. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, reallege and incorporate by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of this Complaint.
- 41. DEFENDANT is a "person" as that term is defined under Cal. Bus. and Prof. Code § 17021.
- 42. California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. (the "UCL") defines unfair competition as any unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice. Section 17203 authorizes injunctive, declaratory, and/or other equitable relief with respect to unfair competition as follows:

Any person who engages, has engaged, or proposes to engage in unfair competition may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. The court may make such orders or judgments, including the appointment of a receiver, as may be necessary to prevent the use or employment by any person of any practice which constitutes unfair competition, as defined in this chapter, or as may be necessary to restore to any person in interest any money or property, real or personal, which may have been acquired by means of such unfair competition.

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203.

- 43. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT has engaged and continues to engage in a business practice which violates California law, including but not limited to, the applicable Wage Order(s), the California Code of Regulations and the California Labor Code including Sections 204, 206.5, 210, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, 1197, 1197.1, 1198, for which this Court should issue declaratory and other equitable relief pursuant to Cal. 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.
- 44. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's 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.
- 45. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were deceptive and fraudulent in that DEFENDANT's policy and practice failed to pay PLAINTIFF, and other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, minimum and overtime wages for all time worked, failed to accurately to record the applicable rate of all overtime worked, and failed to provide the required amount of overtime compensation due to miscalculation of the overtime rate 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.

- 46. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unlawful, unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANT's employment practices caused PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS to be underpaid during their employment with DEFENDANT.
- 47. By the conduct alleged herein, DEFENDANT's practices were also unfair and deceptive in that DEFENDANT failed to provide mandatory meal and/or rest breaks to PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA CLASS members.
- 48. 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.
- 49. 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 an off duty paid rest period was not timely provided as required by law.
- 50. By and through the unlawful and unfair business practices described herein, DEFENDANT has obtained valuable property, money and services from PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA CLASS, including earned wages for all overtime worked, 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 DEFENDANT so as to allow DEFENDANT to unfairly compete against competitors who comply with the law.
- 51. 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.
 - 52. 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 DEFENDANT has 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 for all overtime worked.

- 53. 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 DEFENDANT from engaging in any unlawful and unfair business practices in the future.
- 54. 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 DEFENDANT. 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 and economic harm unless DEFENDANT is restrained from continuing to engage in these unlawful and unfair business practices.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

For Failure To Pay Overtime Compensation [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204, 510, 1194 and 1198]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All Defendants)

- 55. 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.
- 56. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS bring a claim for DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code and the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANT's failure to

accurately calculate the applicable rates for all overtime worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and DEFENDANT's 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.

- 57. 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.
- 58. 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 amounts specified by law.
- 59. 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.
- CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were required, permitted or suffered by DEFENDANT to work for DEFENDANT and were not paid for all the time they worked, including overtime work. DEFENDANT maintained a 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, DEFENDANT's 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 DEFENDANT in fact failed to pay these employees the correct applicable overtime wages for all overtime worked.
- 61. DEFENDANT's unlawful wage and hour practices manifested, without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole, as a result of

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implementing a 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.

- In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT 62. 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. DEFENDANT 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.
- As a direct result of DEFENDANT's unlawful wage practices as alleged herein, 63. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS did not receive full compensation for all overtime worked.
- Cal. Lab. Code § 515 sets out various categories of employees who are exempt 64. 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, the PLAINTIFF brings this Action on behalf of himself and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS based on DEFENDANT's violations of non-negotiable, non-waiveable rights provided by the State of California.
- During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, PLAINTIFF and the 65. other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were paid less for time worked that they were entitled to, constituting a failure to pay all earned wages.
- DEFENDANT failed to accurately pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the 66. 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 DEFENDANT failed to accurately record and pay using the applicable overtime rate as evidenced by DEFENDANT's business records and witnessed by employees.

- 67. By virtue of DEFENDANT's 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.
- 68. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS are under compensated for their overtime worked. DEFENDANT elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor and DEFENDANT perpetrated this scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the applicable overtime rate.
- 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, DEFENDANT acted and continues to act intentionally, oppressively, and maliciously toward PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with a conscious of 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.
- 70. 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

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DEFENDANT, 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, DEFENDANT'S 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. DEFENDANT's 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

For Failure To Pay Minimum Wages

[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 1194, 1197 and 1197.1]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS

and Against All Defendants)

- 71. 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.
- 72. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS bring a claim for DEFENDANT's willful and intentional violations of the California Labor Code and the Industrial Welfare Commission requirements for DEFENDANT's failure to accurately calculate and pay minimum and reporting time wages to PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members.
- 73. 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.
- 74. Cal. Lab. Code § 1197 provides the minimum wage for employees fixed by the commission is the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a less wage than

the minimum so fixed in unlawful.

- 75. Cal. Lab. Code § 1194 establishes an employee's right to recover unpaid wages, including minimum wage compensation and interest thereon, together with the costs of suit.
- 76. DEFENDANT maintained a wage practice of paying PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS without regard to the correct amount of time they work. As set forth herein, DEFENDANT's policy and practice was to unlawfully and intentionally deny timely payment of wages due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS.
- 77. DEFENDANT's unlawful wage and hour practices manifested, without limitation, applicable to the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS as a whole, as a result of implementing a 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.
- 78. In committing these violations of the California Labor Code, DEFENDANT inaccurately calculated the correct time worked and consequently underpaid the actual time worked by PLAINTIFF and other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. DEFENDANT 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.
- 79. As a direct result of DEFENDANT's 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 DEFENDANT.
- 80. During the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, DEFENDANT required, permitted or suffered PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members to work without paying them for all the time they were under DEFENDANT's control. PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were paid less for time worked that they were entitled to, constituting a failure to pay all earned wages.
 - 81. By virtue of DEFENDANT's 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.

- 82. DEFENDANT knew or should have known that PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS were under compensated for their time worked. DEFENDANT elected, either through intentional malfeasance or gross nonfeasance, to not pay employees for their labor and DEFENDANT perpetrated this scheme by refusing to pay PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS the correct minimum wages for their time worked.
- laws, and refusing to compensate the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS for all time worked and provide them with the requisite compensation, DEFENDANT 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.
- 84. 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 DEFENDANT, 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, DEFENDANT's 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

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CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members. DEFENDANT's 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 4 FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION 5 For Failure to Provide Required Meal Periods 6 [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512] 7 (By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All 8 9 **Defendants**) 85. 10

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.

- During the CALIFORNIA CLASS PERIOD, from time to time, DEFENDANT 86. 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 from time to time not fully relieved of duty by DEFENDANT for their meal periods. Additionally, DEFENDANT's failure to provide PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members with legally required meal breaks prior to their fifth (5th) hour of work is evidenced by DEFENDANT's 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 DEFENDANT's corporate policy and practice.
- DEFENDANT further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the 87. applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR

SUB-CLASS Members who were not provided a meal period, in accordance with the applicable Wage Order, one additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for each workday that a meal period was not provided.

88. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members have been damaged in an amount according to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses and costs of suit.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

For Failure to Provide Required Rest Periods

[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 & 512]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All Defendants)

- 89. 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.
- 90. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were from time to time 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 from time to time. PLAINTIFF and other CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-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 LABOR SUB-CLASS Members were periodically denied their proper rest periods by DEFENDANT and DEFENDANT's managers.

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1	91. DEFENDANT further violated California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and the
2	applicable IWC Wage Order by failing to compensate PLAINTIFF and CALIFORNIA LABOR
3	SUB-CLASS Members who were not provided a rest period, in accordance with the applicable
4	Wage Order, one additional hour of compensation at each employee's regular rate of pay for
5	each workday that rest period was not provided.
6	92. As a proximate result of the aforementioned violations, PLAINTIFF and
7	CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members have been damaged in an amount according
8	to proof at trial, and seek all wages earned and due, interest, penalties, expenses and costs of
9	suit.
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11	SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION
12	For Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Statements

For Failure to Provide Accurate Itemized Statements [Cal. Lab. Code § 226]

(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All Defendants)

- 93. 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.
- 94. Cal. Labor Code § 226 provides that an employer must furnish employees with an "accurate itemized" statement in writing showing:
 - (1) gross wages earned,
 - (2) total hours worked by the employee, except for any employee whose compensation is solely based on a salary and who is exempt from payment of overtime under subdivision (a) of Section 515 or any applicable order of the Industrial Welfare Commission,
 - (3) the number of piecerate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the employee is paid on a piece-rate basis,

- (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item,
- (5) net wages earned,
- (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid,
- (7) the name of the employee and his or her social security number, except that by January 1, 2008, only the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number may be shown on the itemized statement,
- (8) the name and address of the legal entity that is the employer, and
- (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee.
- 95. From time to time, DEFENDANT also failed to provide PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with complete and accurate wage statements which failed to show, among other things, the correct gross and net wages earned and correct amount of time worked. Cal. Lab. Code § 226 provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees with an accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing, among other things, gross wages earned and all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding amount of time worked at each hourly rate. Aside, from the violations listed above in this paragraph, DEFENDANT failed to issue to PLAINTIFF an itemized wage statement that lists all the requirements under California Labor Code 226 et seq. As a result, DEFENDANT from time to time provided PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS with wage statements which violated Cal. Lab. Code § 226.
- 96. DEFENDANT knowingly and intentionally failed to comply with Cal. Labor Code § 226, causing injury and damages to the PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS. These damages include, but are not limited to, costs expended calculating the correct rates for the overtime worked and the amount of employment

1	taxes which were not properly paid to state and federal tax authorities. These damages are
2	difficult to estimate. Therefore, PLAINTIFF and the other members of the CALIFORNIA
3	LABOR SUB-CLASS may elect to recover liquidated damages of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the
4	initial pay period in which the violation occurred, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each
5	violation in a subsequent pay period pursuant to Cal. Lab. Code § 226, in an amount according
6	to proof at the time of trial (but in no event more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) for
7	PLAINTIFF and each respective member of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS herein).
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9	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
10	For Failure to Pay Wages When Due
11	[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202, 203]
12	(By PLAINTIFF and the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS and Against All
13	Defendants)
14	97. PLAINTIFF, and the other members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS,
15	reallege and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the prior paragraphs of
16	this Complaint.
17	98. Cal. Lab. Code § 200 provides that:
18	As used in this article: (a) "Wages" includes all amounts for labor performed by employees of every
19	description, whether the amount is fixed or ascertained by the standard of time, task, piece, Commission basis, or other method of calculation.
20	(b) "Labor" includes labor, work, or service whether rendered or performed under contract, subcontract, partnership, station plan, or other agreement if the labor to
21	be paid for is performed personally by the person demanding payment.
22	99. Cal. Lab. Code § 201 provides, in relevant part, that "If an employer discharges
23	an employee, the wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable
24	immediately."
25	100. Cal. Lab. Code § 202 provides, in relevant part, that:
2627	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 provide payment within 72 hours of the notice of quitting.

- 101. There was no definite term in PLAINTIFF's or any CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members' employment contract.
 - 102. 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.

- 103. The employment of PLAINTIFF and many CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS Members terminated and DEFENDANT has not tendered payment of overtime wages, to these employees who actually worked overtime, as required by law.
- 104. Therefore, as provided by Cal Lab. Code § 203, on behalf of himself and the members of the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS whose employment has, PLAINTIFF demands up to thirty days of pay as penalty for not paying all wages due at time of termination for all employees who terminated employment during the CALIFORNIA LABOR SUB-CLASS PERIOD, and demands an accounting and payment of all wages due, plus interest and statutory costs as allowed by law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF prays for judgment against each Defendant, jointly and severally, as follows:

- 1. On behalf of the CALIFORNIA CLASS:
 - A) That the Court certify the First Cause of Action asserted by the CALIFORNIA CLASS as a class action pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 382;
 - B) An order temporarily, preliminarily and permanently enjoining and restraining DEFENDANT from engaging in similar unlawful conduct as set forth herein;
 - C) An order requiring DEFENDANT to pay all wages and all sums unlawfuly

withheld from compensation due to PLAINTIFF and the other members of the

- B) Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable; and,
- C) An award of penalties, attorneys' fees and cost of suit, as allowable under the law, including, but not limited to, pursuant to Labor Code §226 and/or §1194.

Dated: July 27, 2020 BLUMENTHAL NORDREHAUG BHOWMIK DE BLOUW LLP

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DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

PLAINTIFF demands a jury trial on issues triable to a jury.

Dated: July 27, 2020

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