Plaintiff JOSE GUTIERREZ ("Plaintiff" or "Mr. Gutierrez") complains and alleges as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This case arises out of the violation of numerous Labor Code provisions by CANNERY SEAFOOD OF THE PACIFIC, LLC ("CSP" or "Defendant"), a California corporation owning a restaurant located in Newport Beach, California. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees seek civil penalties from Defendant for violations of numerous Labor Code provisions, including, but not limited to, sections 201, 202, 203, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, and 2802. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant failed to provide meal periods, failed to provide rest periods, failed to pay overtime wages, failed to reimburse employees for business-related expenses, failed to keep accurate payroll records, and failed to pay waiting time penalties as set forth more fully herein. These violations concern current and past employees of CSP.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Venue is proper in Orange County, because the Defendant maintains its location and transacts business in this county, the obligations and liability primarily arise in this county, and worked was primarily performed by Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in Orange County.
- 3. The California Superior Court has jurisdiction in the matter because the individual claims are under the seventy-five thousand dollar (\$75,000.00) jurisdictional threshold for federal court and, upon information and belief, Plaintiff and Defendant are residents of and/or domiciled in the State of California. Further, there is no federal question at issue as the issues herein is based solely on California Statutes and law, including the Labor Code, Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders, Code of Civil Procedure, Rule of Court, and Business and Professions Code.

THE PARTIES

Plaintiff

4. Individual and Representative Plaintiff JOSE GUTIERREZ is an individual residing in Orange County.

 5. Plaintiff was employed by Defendant as a chef from approximately 2001 through February 20, 2019.

Defendant

- 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that CSP is a California corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and is and/or was Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees' employer during the Relevant Time Period, herein defined as the period of May 22, 2018, through date of entry of judgment.
- 7. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names, capacities, relationships, and extent of participation in the conduct herein alleged of the Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, but on information and belief allege that said Defendants are legally responsible for the occurrences alleged herein, and that the damages of Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were proximately caused by such Defendants. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege the true names and capacities of the DOE Defendants when ascertained.
- 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each Defendant herein was, at all times relevant to this action, the agent, employee, representing partner, and/or joint venture of the remaining Defendants and was acting within the course and scope of the relationship. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, based thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants herein gave consent to, ratified and authorized the acts alleged herein to the remaining Defendants.
- 9. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants herein acted as a "single employer" at all relevant times. At all relevant times, Defendants managed stucco and plastering work across the state of California. Defendants acted in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent of the other Defendants, carried out a joint scheme, business plan or policy in all respects pertinent hereto, and the acts of each Defendant are legally attributable to the other Defendants.

ADMINISTRATIVE PREREQUISITE

10. By this complaint, Plaintiff brings this case as a representative action seeking penalties for the State of California in a representative capacity, as provided by the Private

Attorneys' General Act ("PAGA"), Labor Code sections 2698 et seq., to the extent permitted by law, as an aggrieved employee who was employed by Defendant and subject to alleged violations set forth in Labor Code section 2699.5. Plaintiff specifically alleged the following in his/her notice to the Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and the employer: violation of Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 1194, and 2802.

- 11. Under Labor Code section 2699.3, subdivision (a), a plaintiff may bring a cause of action under PAGA only after giving the Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and the employer notice of the Labor Code sections alleged to have been violated, and after receiving notice from the LWDA of its intention not to investigate, or after 65 days have passed without notice from the LWDA.
- 12. On May 13, 2019, prior to the filing of this complaint, Plaintiff gave written notice of the specific provisions alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations, as required by Labor Code section 2699.3. The written notice was given via certified mail to Defendant(s), and the LWDA by electronically filing the notice via the Department of Industrial Relations website. Plaintiff was given an LWDA case number of LWDA-CM-693808-19. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's notice to the LWDA and Defendant(s), dated May 13, 2019, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 13. Labor Code section 1194 provides that notwithstanding any agreement to work for a lesser wage, an employee receiving less than the legal overtime compensation is entitled to recover in a civil action the unpaid balance of their overtime compensation, including interest thereon, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit.
- 14. During all or a portion of the Relevant Time Period, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were employed by Defendant in the State of California. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were non-exempt employees covered under one (1) or more Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Wage Orders, and Labor Code section 510, and/or other applicable wage orders, regulations and statutes, and were not subject to an exemption for executive, administrative and professional employees, which imposed obligations on the part of

Defendant to pay Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees lawful overtime compensation. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were covered by one (1) or more IWC Wage Orders, and Labor Code section 226.7 and other applicable Wage Orders, regulations, and statutes which imposed an obligation on the part of the Defendant to pay Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees rest and meal period compensation.

- 15. During the Relevant Time Period, Defendant was obligated to pay Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees overtime compensation for all hours worked over eight (8) hours of work in one (1) day or forty (40) hours in one (1) week.
- 16. During the Relevant Time Period, Defendant was obligated to provide Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees with a work free meal and/or rest period.
- 17. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees primarily performed non-exempt work in excess of the maximum regular rate hours set by the IWC in the applicable Wage Orders, regulations or statutes, and therefore entitled Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees to overtime compensation at time and a half rate, and when applicable, double-time rates as set forth by the applicable Wage Orders, regulations and/or statutes.
- 18. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were not paid the above due overtime compensation timely upon the termination of their employment as required by Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203, and are entitled to penalties as provided by PAGA.
- 19. During the Relevant Time Period, Defendant required Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees to work overtime without lawful compensation, in violation of the various applicable Wage Orders, regulations, and statutes, and Defendant: (1) Willfully failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse to pay lawful overtime compensation to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees; and (2) willfully failed and refused, and continue to fail and refuse to pay due and owing wages promptly upon termination of employment to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees.
- 20. During the Relevant Time Period, Defendant failed and/or refused to schedule Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in an overlapping manner so as to reasonably ensure meal and/or rest breaks and/or shift relief for Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved

employees, thereby causing Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees to work without being given paid ten (10) minute rest periods for every four (4) hours or major fraction thereof worked and without being given a thirty (30) minute meal period for shifts of at least five (5) hours and second thirty (30) minute meal periods for shifts of at least ten (10) hours during which Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were relieved of all duties and free to leave the premises. Defendant further failed and/or refused to schedule Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in a manner so as to reasonably ensure meal and/or rest breaks were taken within the required statutory time frame and uninterrupted as required by law. Furthermore, Defendant failed and/or refused to pay Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees one (1) hour's pay at the employees' regular rate of pay as premium compensation for failure to provide rest and/or meal periods or to providing such rest and/or meal periods within the statutory time frame as a result of their scheduling policy.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VIOLATION OF THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE MEAL PERIODS

(Lab. Code, § 226.7 and 512)

- 21. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs.
- 22. Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512 provide that no employer shall employ any person for a work period of more than five (5) hours without providing a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes or employ any person for a work period of more than ten (10) hours without a second meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes.
- 23. Labor Code section 226.7 provides that if an employer fails to provide an employee a meal period in accordance with this section, the employer shall pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that the meal period is not provided in accordance with this section.
 - 24. Defendant failed to schedule Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in an

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25 26 overlapping manner so as to reasonably ensure Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees could take and/or receive uninterrupted and timely meal periods within the statutory timeframe. As a result, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were often forced to forego a meal period and/or work during their meal period. In so doing, Defendant has intentionally and improperly denied meal periods to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in violation of Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512 and other regulations and statutes.

- 25. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees have worked more than five (5) hours in a workday.
- 26. At varying times relevant hereto, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees at times have worked more than ten (10) hours in a workday.
- 27. By virtue of the Defendant's failure to schedule Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in such a way as to provide a meal period, and/or work free meal period to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees thereby causing Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees to suffer, and continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown, but will be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 28. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees request recovery of civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 226.7 for all violations which occurred during the Relevant Time Period, in a sum as provided by the Labor Code and/or other statutes.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VIOLATION OF THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT FOR FAILURE TO

PROVIDE REST PERIODS

(Lab. Code, § 226.7 and 512)

- 29. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs.
- 30. Labor Code section 226.7 provides that employers authorize and permit all employees to take rest periods at the rate of ten (10) minutes rest time per four (4) work hours.
 - 31. Labor Code section 226.7(b) provides that if an employer fails to provide

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employee rest periods in accordance with this section, the employer shall pay the employee one (1) hour of pay at the employees' regular rate of compensation for each workday that the rest period is not provided.

- 32. Defendant failed and or refused to implement a relief system by which Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees could receive rest breaks and/or work free rest breaks. Furthermore, due to Defendant's relief system, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees did not receive his rest breaks within the required statutory time frame. By and through their actions, Defendant intentionally and improperly denied rest periods to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in violation of Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512.
- 33. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees have worked more than four (4) hours in a workday.
- 34. By virtue of Defendant's unlawful failure to provide rest periods to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees as a result of their scheduling and shift relief system, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees have suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages, in amounts which are presently unknown, but will be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 35. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees request recovery of civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 226.7, for all violations which occurred during the Relevant Time Period, in a sum as provided by the Labor Code and/or any other statute.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VIOLATION OF THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT FOR FAILURE TO PAY ALL WAGES INCLUDING MINIMUM WAGE AND OVERTIME WAGES

(Lab. Code, § 1194)

- 36. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs.
- 37. Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees for both minimum wages and overtime premium for hours worked in excess of over eight (8) hours per day and forty (40) hours per week for work performed for the Defendant as a result of being

subjected to Defendant's unlawful rounding scheme. Defendant rounded the wages of all employees to the nearest fifteen (15) minute interval. Plaintiff alleges on information and belief that Defendant's rounding policy on average favored Defendant, and therefore resulted in lost wages for Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees.

- 38. To the extent that such unpaid wages were for hours worked in excess of eight (8) in one day or forty (40) in one week, such wages were required to be paid at an overtime rate of one-and-a-half times each employee's base rate of pay.
- 39. By virtue of Defendant's unlawful failure to provide all wages owed to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees have suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown, but will be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 40. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees request recovery of civil penalties pursuant to Labor Code section 226.7, for all violations which occurred during the Relevant Time Period, in a sum as provided by the Labor Code and/or any other statute.
- 41. Additionally, Plaintiff is entitled to attorneys' fees, costs, pursuant to Labor Code section 1194 and prejudgment interest.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VIOLATION OF THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT FOR FAILURE TO KEEP ACCURATE PAYROLL RECORDS

(Lab. Code, § 1174, 226, subd. (a), (e))

- 42. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs.
- 43. Labor Code section 1174, subdivision (d), requires an employer to keep at a central location in California or at the plant or establishment at which the employees are employed, payroll records showing the hours worked daily, and the wages paid to each employee. Plaintiff is informed and believes, based thereon alleges, that Defendant willfully failed to make or keep accurate records for Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees.

- 44. Labor Code section 226, subdivision (a), requires employers to furnish each employee with a statement that accurately reflects the total number of hours worked and applicable hourly overtime rates in effect during the pay period at the time of each payment of wages or semi-monthly. Labor Code section 226, subdivision (e), provides that if an employer knowingly and intentionally fails to provide a statement itemizing, *inter alia*, the total hours worked by the employee and the applicable hourly overtime rates, causing the employee injury, then the employee is entitled to recover the greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each subsequent violation, up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).
- 45. IWC Wage Order No.16-2001, paragraph 6(A) requires that every employer shall keep accurate information with respect to each employee, including time records showing when each employee begins and ends each work period, the total daily hours worked by each employee and the total hours worked in each payroll period, and applicable rates of pay. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant willfully and intentionally failed to make and/or keep records which accurately reflect the hours worked by Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees. Specifically, Plaintiff believes that Defendant's records do not accurately reflect where Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees worked during their meal and/or rest breaks due to Defendant's failure to schedule Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees in an overlapping manner so as to provide them with a meal and/or rest break.
- 46. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant's failure to keep accurate payroll records, as described above, violated Labor Code section 1174, subdivision (d), and the applicable wage order. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees are entitled to penalties of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the initial violation and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each subsequent violation for every pay period during which these records and information were not kept by Defendant.
- 47. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendant's failure to keep and maintain accurate records and information, as described above, was willful, and Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees are entitled to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per employee pursuant to Labor Code section 1174.5.

- 48. Defendant knowingly and intentionally failed to, and continues to fail to, furnish Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees with timely, itemized statements that accurately reflect the total number of hours worked, as required by Labor Code section 226, subdivision (2), and Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees suffered injury as a result. Consequently, Defendant is liable to Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees for the amounts provided by Labor Code section 226, subdivision (e).
- 49. Plaintiff has complied with the reporting requirements under Labor Code sections 2698-2699, individually and on behalf of all aggrieved employees. Plaintiff requests and is entitled to recover from Defendant's penalties for failure to keep accurate payroll records, interest, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code section 1174, as well as all statutory penalties and attorneys' fees against Defendant.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VIOLATION OF THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT FOR FAILURE TO REIMBURSE FOR NECESSARY EXPENDITURES

(Lab. Code, § 2802)

- 50. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs.
- 51. Labor Code section 2802 states that "An employer shall indemnify his or her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct consequence of the discharge of his or her duties...."
- 52. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were not reimbursed by Defendant for necessary expenditures as a direct consequence of the discharge of their duties.
- 53. Defendant knowingly, willingly, and intentionally attempted to offset the cost of doing business on Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees.
- 54. Defendant had a corporate practice and policy of requiring Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees to shoulder the burden of Defendant's cost of doing business by failing to reimburse Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees for necessary business

expenditures, specifically the cost of utilizing cell phones to communicate with other employees, including Defendant's agents.

55. Accordingly, Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees are entitled to civil penalties in accordance with PAGA, which shall also include all reasonable costs, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and interest.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

VIOLATION OF THE PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT FOR FAILURE TO PAY WAGES OF TERMINATED OR RESIGNED EMPLOYEES

(Lab. Code, § 201, 202, 203)

(Plaintiff against Defendant)

- 67. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the allegations in the preceding paragraphs.
- 68. Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees were entitled to be promptly paid lawful overtime compensation, reimbursement for all necessary business expenditures, and all premiums owed as meal and rest penalties, as required by Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203, upon the termination of their employment with Defendant. Defendant refused and/or failed to promptly compensate Plaintiff and similarly-aggrieved employees all wages owed as a result of the above violations. Plaintiff seeks the payment of civil penalties pursuant to PAGA, and according to proof.
- 69. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees, costs, and prejudgment interest pursuant to Labor Code section 203.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- 1. For penalties in an amount according to proof;
- 2. For reasonable attorney's fees and costs, pursuant to the PAGA; and

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1	3.	For such other and furth	her relief as this Court may deem just and proper.
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff JOSE GUTIERREZ hereby demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.

Dated: February 18, 2020

MAHONEY LAW GROUP, APC

By:

Joshua D. Klein, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff JOSE GUTIERREZ

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 249 East Ocean Boulevard, Suite 814, Long Beach, California, 90802.

On February 18, 2020, I served [] true copies [x] originals of the following document described as: SECOND AMENDED PRIVATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL ACT COMPLAINT. The document was served on the interested parties in this action, addressed as follows:

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Executed on February 18, 2020, at Long Beach, California.

Graciela Guevara