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13 14 15	SOFIA AVALOS, LOUIS BREAZIL, JARED CARROLL, and ALVIN ENGLISH, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, Plaintiffs,	Case No.: 8:18-cv-00871 ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF FLSA AND CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK STATE LAW						
16 17	v. PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL,	COLLECTIVE ACTION AND CLASS ACTION						
18	INC.	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL						
19	Defendant.]						
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Plaintiffs SOFIA AVALOS, LOUIS BREAZIL, JARED CARROLL, and
ALVIN ENGLISH, ("Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and all others similarly
situated, file this Original Complaint against Defendant PAPA JOHN'S
INTERNATIONAL, INC. ("Papa John's" or "Defendant"), showing in support as
follows.

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I. INTRODUCTION AND NATURE OF ACTION

7 1. This is an action brought under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 8 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219, and the Portal-to-Portal Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 251-262 9 (collectively, the "FLSA"). On information and belief, Defendant has engaged in a 10 scheme to require Plaintiffs and similarly situated employees to engage in 11 mandatory training through Papa John's corporate website without paying them for the time they spent performing such work. As a result, Plaintiffs and similarly 12 13 situated employees were denied minimum wages and/or overtime wages in 14 violation of the FLSA.

15 2. This action is also brought under the California Unfair Competition 16 Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200-17210, the California Labor Code, Cal. 17 Lab. Code §§ 510, 1182.11, 1182.12, 1194, and Cal. Wage Orders No. 7-2001, 5-2001 and No. MW-2017 (collectively, "California State Law") for Defendant's 18 19 violations of California State Law including: (1) failure to pay employees working 20 in California state-mandated minimum wages, (2) failure to pay employees 21 working in California overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over forty per week or over eight per 22 23 day, or for the first eight hours of work on the seventh consecutive day of work in

a workweek, and (3) failure to pay employees working in California overtime compensation at a rate of twice their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day, and for any hours worked in excess of eight hours 4 on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek.

5 3. This action is also brought under the New York State Labor Law, 6 N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 198, and 650-665, and the New York State Department of 7 Labor Regulation § 142-2.4, for Defendant's violations of New York State Law 8 including (1) failure to pay employees working in New York state-mandated 9 minimum wages, (2) failure to pay employees working in New York overtime 10 compensation at a rate of one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all 11 hours worked over forty per week; and (3) failure to pay one hour's pay at the 12 basic minimum hourly wage rate in addition to the minimum wage required for 13 any day in which employees work for ten or more hours ("spread of hours").

4. Defendant Papa John's International, Inc. provides materials to train hourly-paid employees through its corporate website. On information and belief, Papa John's International, Inc. requires its franchisees to train employees using these training modules. Training modules include topics such as how to make products, how to greet customers, and how to deliver pizzas. Papa John's employees like Plaintiffs were required to complete this work without pay.

20 5. Plaintiffs were employees of Defendant Papa John's International, 21 Inc. in connection with its pizza delivery and carry-out restaurant business at 22 various locations nationwide. During the times they worked for Defendant, 23 Plaintiffs sometimes did not receive the federally mandated minimum wage, nor

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the state or locally mandated minimum wage due to Defendant's policy or practice 1 2 of requiring that mandatory online training be completed off-the-clock.

3 6. The named Plaintiffs in this case were similarly situated in material 4 respects to other workers nationwide. Plaintiffs and other Papa John's employees 5 were required to complete online corporate training without receiving any 6 compensation whatsoever.

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II. THE PARTIES

Plaintiff Sofia Avalos Α.

9 7. Plaintiff Sofia Avalos is an individual residing in San Bernadino County, California. She has standing to file this lawsuit. 10

11 8. Avalos was a pizza delivery employee of Papa John's International, Inc., who worked at the 208 East Baseline Road; Rialto, California 92376 Papa 12 13 John's location. Avalos was employed from approximately November of 2016 14 through approximately February of 2017.

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Plaintiff Louis Breazil

9. 16 Plaintiff Louis Breazil is an individual residing in Orange County, California. He has standing to file this lawsuit.

18 10. Breazil was a pizza delivery employee of Papa John's International, 19 Inc., who worked at the 1721 West Katella Avenue; Anaheim, CA 92804 Papa 20 John's location. Breazil was employed from approximately August of 2010 21 through approximately October of 2015.

Breazil's written consent to participate in this action is attached to this 22 11. 23 Complaint as Exhibit A.

C. Plaintiff Jared Carroll

12. Plaintiff Jared Carroll is an individual residing in Monmouth County New Jersey. He has standing to file this lawsuit.

4 13. Carroll was a pizza delivery employee of Papa John's International,
5 Inc. who worked at the 357 Monmouth Road; West Long Branch, New Jersey
6 07764 Papa John's location. He has been employed with Papa John's since on or
7 about May of 2017.

8 14. Carroll's written consent to participate in this action is attached to this
9 Complaint as Exhibit B.

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Plaintiff Alvin English

11 15. Plaintiff Alvin English is an individual residing in Queens County,
12 New York. He has standing to file this lawsuit.

13 16. English was a pizza delivery employee of Papa John's International,
14 Inc., who worked at the 529 Stanley Avenue; Brooklyn, New York 11207 Papa
15 John's location.

16 17. English's written consent to participate in this action is attached to17 this Complaint as Exhibit C.

18 E. Putative California Class Action Members

19 18. The putative California Class Action Members are all current and
20 former Papa John's employees who worked at any location in California at any
21 time within the four years prior to the date of filing of this Complaint through the
22 date of the final disposition of this action who were denied minimum and/or

overtime wages in connection with Papa John's policy or practice of requiring 1 2 mandatory training to be completed off-the-clock.

19. Avalos and Breazil seek to represent the California Class Action Members, seeking damages for the California State Law Claims, described further below. Avalos and Breazil are proper class representatives pursuant to Rule 23(a)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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Putative New York Class Action Members

8 20. The putative New York Class Action Members are all current and 9 former Papa John's employees who worked at any location in New York at any 10 time within the six years prior to the date of filing of this Complaint through the date of the final disposition of this action who were denied minimum and/or overtime wages in connection with Papa John's policy or practice of requiring 12 13 mandatory training to be completed off-the clock.

14 21. English seeks to represent the New York Class Action Members, 15 seeking damages for New York State Law Claims, described further below. 16 English is a proper class representative pursuant to Rule 23(a)(4) of the Federal 17 Rules of Civil Procedure.

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G. **Putative Collective Action Members**

19 22. The putative Collective Action Members are all current and former Papa John's employees who worked at any location nationwide at any time within 20 21 the three years prior to the date of filing of this Complaint through the date of the 22 final disposition of this action who were denied minimum and/or overtime wages

in connection with Papa John's policy or practice of requiring mandatory training to be completed off-the-clock.

23. Plaintiffs seek to represent the Collective Action Members for
damages due to unpaid minimum and overtime wages pursuant to the FLSA.
Plaintiffs are similarly situated to the Collective Action Members pursuant to 29
U.S.C. § 216(b).

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Defendant Papa John's International, Inc.

24. Defendant Papa John's International, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware that does business as Papa John's Pizza.

25. Papa John's International, Inc. may be served with process through its registered agent, The Corporation Trust Company, located at Corporation Trust Center; 1209 Orange Street; Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

26. At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant has been an "enterprise engaged in commerce" as defined by the FLSA.

27. At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant employed two or more
employees who engaged in commerce and/or who handled, sold or otherwise
worked on goods or materials that have been moved in or produced for commerce
by any person.

28. Pursuant to publically accessible financial records, at all times
relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant has had gross operating revenues or business
volume in excess of \$500,000.

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III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

29. This Court has federal question jurisdiction over all claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and the FLSA at 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

30. This Court also has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiff's State Law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because those claims derive from a common nucleus of operative fact.

7 31. This Court is empowered to issue a declaratory judgment with respect
8 to all claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 & 2202.

9 32. The United States District Court for the Central District of California
10 has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant does business in
11 California and in this District, and because many of the acts complained of and
12 giving rise to the claims alleged occurred in California and in this District.

33. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)because a substantial part of the events giving rise to all claims occurred in thisDistrict.

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IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND (APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF)

34. Defendant Papa John's International, Inc. ("Papa John's") operates and franchises pizza delivery and carry-out restaurants that sells pizza and other food products from its locations across the country.

35. Plaintiffs and the putative class and collective action members are hourly-paid employees of Papa John's who frequently work in excess of eight or

1 ten hours per day, and frequently work over 40 hours per week, but do not receive
2 compensation or all hours that they worked.

36. Papa John's maintains corporate training materials on its website.

4 37. Defendant maintains control over all of its Papa John's locations 5 nationwide to ensure uniformity. In that regard, all of its employees undergo uniform corporate orientation and training using Defendant's online tools available 6 7 at the company's corporate website. These online training materials, which include 8 guizzes and modules, instruct Papa John's employees on how to deliver pizzas, 9 greet customers, make pizzas, and other topics specific to Defendant's product and unique business model. Through its corporate training website, Defendant 10 11 exercises strict control over the brand by providing employees nationwide with 12 access to a plethora of information necessary for a consistent product (*i.e.*, Papa 13 John's style pizza and Papa John's expected level of customer service) required 14 and expected from all Papa John's restaurants regardless of location. Moreover, its 15 corporate training website serves as a way for Defendant to keep track of its 16 individual employees including what information they have accessed to perform 17 their job and training. Defendant's standardized training programs are not only 18 aimed at its hourly paid employees, but also towards the management who 19 implement the policies and practices that affect hourly paid employees at all Papa John's locations. Thus through the implementation of standardized training and 20 21 support, Defendant can create a homogeneous environment where hourly paid employees operate under the same employment conditions. In fact, through 22

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Defendant's "cookie-cutter" approach to brand management, Papa John's employees
are able to seamlessly transition from location to location.

38. Papa John's required Plaintiffs and other similarly situated hourlypaid employees at Papa John's locations nationwide to complete these training materials in addition to their day-to-day work, which often exceeds eight hours, ten hours per day, or 40 hours per week.

7 39. Because completion of these training materials was mandatory,
8 Plaintiffs and other similarly hourly-paid employees at Papa John's locations
9 nationwide were entitled to be paid for all time spent completing such training
10 materials.

40. Papa John's maintains records of the length of time required to
complete these online training materials, so it had knowledge of all the off-theclock work performed as alleged herein.

41. However, employees like Plaintiffs are or were required to complete these training materials without clocking in to a time clock or otherwise reporting the time they spend or spent completing such training materials.

42. Plaintiffs allege that this policy or practice of requiring completion of mandatory online training was common across Papa John's facilities nationwide.

43. Plaintiffs allege that because their employment experience was common with other hourly-paid employees, class and/or collective action treatment is proper.

44. As a result, hourly-paid Papa John's employees, including Plaintiffs and the putative Class and/or Collective Action Members did not receive all

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1 minimum wage and/or overtime compensation for all hours worked when they 2 completed mandatory online training off-the-clock.

This failure to pay Plaintiffs and similarly situated hourly-paid 45. employees for mandatory online training was willful, intentional, and the result of design rather than mistake or inadvertence. Defendant was aware that the FLSA 6 applied to the employees who worked at their pizza delivery and carry-out restaurants nationwide.

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FLSA CLAIMS FOR MINIMUM WAGES, STRAIGHT TIME **COMPENSATION, AND OVERTIME PAY**

46. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section.

A. **FLSA Coverage**

47. All conditions precedent to this suit, if any, have been fulfilled.

48. At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant is/was an eligible and covered employer under the FLSA pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 203(d).

At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant is/has been an 49. enterprise engaged in commerce under the FLSA pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(1)(A).

50. At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant has employed, and continues to employ, employees including Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action Members who engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce as required by 29 U.S.C. §§ 206-207.

1 51. At all times relevant to this lawsuit, Defendant has had gross
 2 operating revenues or business volume in excess of \$500,000.

B. FLSA Allegations

52. The FLSA applied to Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action Members when they worked as hourly-paid employees at Papa John's locations across the country.

53. At all relevant times, Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action
Members were employees of Defendant pursuant to the FLSA.

54. On information and belief, thousands of hourly-paid employees
worked for Papa John's in connection with its pizza delivery and carry-out
restaurants during the three years preceding the filing of this action.

55. During the relevant time period, Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action Members received no money for performing compensable mandatory online training tasks. *See* 29 C.F.R. § 785.28.

56. Finally, federal law requires employers to make and keep accurate and detailed payroll data for non-exempt employees. 29 U.S.C. § 211(c); 29 C.F.R. § 516.2. Amongst other things, the regulations require employers to make and keep payroll records showing data such as the employee's name, social security number, occupation, time of day and day of week which the workweek begins, regular hourly rate of pay for any week in which overtime pay is due, hours worked each workday and total hours worked each workweek, total daily or weekly straight time earnings, total premium pay for overtime hours, total wages paid each pay period and date of payment and pay period covered by the payment, and records of

remedial payments. 29 C.F.R. § 516.2(a)&(b). Employers are required to maintain the foregoing data for a minimum of three years. 29 C.F.R. § 516.5. Because of the work that Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action Members were required to 4 complete off-the-clock, Defendant has failed to keep accurate records pursuant to 5 the foregoing.

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Collective Action Allegations

57. Plaintiffs seek to bring their claims under the FLSA on behalf of themselves and all other hourly-paid employees who were required to complete online training without compensation in the three years immediately preceding the date on which this action was filed and continuing thereafter through the date on which final judgment is entered. Those who file a written consent will be a party to this action pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).

13 58. Plaintiffs have actual knowledge that putative Collective Action 14 Members have been denied wages for all hours worked in each workweek. 15 Plaintiffs worked with other hourly-paid employees at various Papa John's 16 locations. This resulted in personal knowledge of the treatment of their co-workers 17 at those locations. Furthermore, other hourly-paid employees have shared with the 18 Plaintiffs that they experienced similar pay violations as those described in this 19 Complaint.

20 59. The putative Collective Action Members are similarly situated to 21 Plaintiffs in all relevant respects, having worked on an hourly-pay basis relative to 22 Papa John's pizza delivery and carry-out operations and receiving no pay for the 23 mandatory training they were required to complete.

1	60. The putative Collective Action Members regularly work or have				
2	worked in excess of forty hours during a workweek.				
3	61. Defendant's failure to pay minimum wages and overtime				
4	compensation in connection with mandatory online training results from generally				
5	applicable policies or practices, and does not depend on the personal circumstances				
6	of the putative Collective Action Members.				
7	62. The specific job titles or precise job responsibilities of each putative				
8	Collective Action Member do not prevent collective treatment.				
9	63. Although the exact amount of damages may vary among the putative				
10	Collective Action Members, the damages are easily calculable using a simple				
11	formula uniformly applicable to all of them.				
12	64. Plaintiffs propose that the class of putative Collective Action				
13	Members be defined as:				
14	All current and former hourly-paid employees of Papa John's				
15 16	who were required to complete mandatory online training off-the- clock, and who worked at any location in the United States from any time starting three years before a collective action may be				
	conditionally certified in the case until the date the case resolves. VI. CALIFORNIA STATE LAW CLAIMS				
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18	65. Plaintiffs Sofia Avalos and Louis Breazil (the "California Plaintiffs")				
19	incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this				
20	section.				
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Controlling California State Law and Allegations A.

66. California law requires payment of wages for all hours worked by an employee at a rate no lower than California's minimum wage. Cal. Labor Code. § 1182.12.

5 67. Defendant's policy or practice of requiring that California Plaintiffs 6 and putative California Class Members complete mandatory online training off-7 the-clock resulted in a failure to pay all minimum wages owed.

8 68. California law requires payment of overtime wages to all nonexempt employees at a rate of overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over forty per week, or over eight per day, or for the first eight hours of work on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek, and at a rate of twice the regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day, and for any hours worked in excess of eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek. Cal. Labor Code § 510.

69. California Plaintiffs and putative California Class Members frequently worked in excess of eight hours in a day or forty hours in a week.

70. Defendant's policy or practice of requiring that California Plaintiffs and putative California Class Members complete mandatory online training offthe-clock resulted in a failure to pay all overtime wages owed.

20 71. California law requires employers to pay all wages due to an 21 employee immediately upon discharge and within the time required by law after 22 their employment ends. Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202. Should an employer willfully fail to timely pay its employee, the employer must, as a penalty, continue

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to pay the subject employees' wages until the back wages are paid in full or an
 action is commenced, up to a maximum of thirty days wages. Cal. Labor Code
 § 203.

4 72. Defendant's scheme to withhold payment for mandatory online
5 training resulted in retention of wages to be paid to California Plaintiffs and the
6 putative California Class after their employment with Defendant ended.

7 73. Because California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class were
8 employees of Defendant, its retention of money owed to them after their
9 employment with Defendant ended was a violation of California State Law.

74. Furthermore, California Labor Code § 226(a) requires employers to furnish employees with itemized wage statements including, *inter alia*, an accurate depiction of all hours worked.

75. Defendant's requirement that California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class complete mandatory online training off-the-clock resulted in a violation of the provision of the California Labor Code which requires that employees receive a wage statement containing an accurate representation of their hours of work, total hours worked, gross wages earned, net wages earned, and/or all applicable hourly rates in effect with the corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate.

76. Defendant was aware that its failure to pay minimum wages and overtime compensation was unlawful pursuant to California State Law.

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B. Class Action Allegations

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77. Plaintiffs bring their claims for relief under California State Law, listed above, for violations of California's wage and hour laws as a class action, pursuant to Rules 23(a), (b)(2), & (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

5 78. <u>Numerosity</u> (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(1)) – the California Class is so
6 numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. On information and belief,
7 during the relevant time period thousands of individuals worked for Defendant in
8 the state of California.

9 79. <u>Commonality</u> (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(2)) – Common questions of law
10 and fact exist as to putative members of the California Class, including, but not
11 limited to, the following:

a. Whether Defendant unlawfully failed to pay all wages owed in violation of the California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200-17210, and the California Labor Code and related regulations including the California Private Attorneys General Act, ("PAGA");

b. Whether Defendant maintained a policy or practice of failing to pay the California Class for time spent completing mandatory online training;

c. Whether Defendant unlawfully failed to keep and furnish the putative California Class with records of hours worked, in violation of Cal.
Labor Code §§ 226 & 1174;

d. Whether Defendant's policy or practice of failing to pay the putative California Class all wages due immediately upon discharge violates the California Wage Payment Provisions elaborated above.

Whether Defendant's policy or practice of failing to pay the e. putative California Class all wages due within the time required by law after their employment ends violates California law; and

f. The proper measure of damages sustained by the putative California Class.

80. Typicality (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(3)) – California Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the putative California Class. Plaintiffs, like other California Class Members, were subjected to Defendant's policy or practice of refusing to pay wages for completion of mandatory online training to its employees in violation of California law. Plaintiffs' job duties and claims are typical of those of the putative California Class.

81. Adequacy (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(4)) – California Plaintiffs will fairly 16 and adequately represent and protect the interests of the putative California Class.

17 Adequacy of counsel (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(g) – California Plaintiffs 82. 18 have retained counsel competent and experienced in complex class actions, the 19 FLSA, and state labor and employment litigation. Plaintiffs' counsel has litigated 20 numerous class actions on behalf of nonexempt employees asserting off-the-clock claims under the FLSA and state law. Plaintiffs' counsel intends to commit the 21 22 necessary resources to prosecute this action vigorously for the benefit of all of the 23 putative California Class.

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83. Class certification of the California State Law claims is appropriate pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 23(b)(2) because Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the putative California Class, making 4 appropriate declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class as a whole. Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive 6 relief to end Defendant's policy or practice of refusing to pay wages for completion of mandatory online training to its employees.

8 84. Predominance and superiority (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(b)(3)) – Class 9 certification of the California State Law claims is also appropriate under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because questions of law and fact 10 11 common to the putative California Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the putative California Class, and because a class 12 13 action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication 14 of this litigation. Defendant's common and uniform policies or practices 15 unlawfully fail to compensate the putative California Class. The damages suffered 16 by individual members of the putative California Class are small compared to the 17 expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation. In addition, class 18 certification is superior because it will obviate the need for unduly duplicative 19 litigation which might result in inconsistent judgments about Defendant's policy or 20 practice.

21 Notice (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(c)(2)(B)) - California Plaintiffs intend to 85. send notice to all members of the putative California Class to the extent provided 22 23 by Rule 23.

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92. New York Plaintiff and putative New York Class Members frequently worked in excess of eight hours in a day or forty hours in a week.

93. Defendant's policy or practice of requiring that New York Plaintiff and putative New York Class Members complete mandatory online training offthe-clock resulted in a failure to pay all overtime wages owed.

New York law requires that an employee shall receive one hour's pay 94. at the basic minimum hourly wage rate in addition to the minimum wage required for any day in which said employee works for ten or more hours. N.Y. COMP. CODES R. & REGS. tit. 12, § 142-2.4.

10 Defendant's policy or practice of requiring that mandatory online 95. training be completed off-the-clock violated New York Labor Law on those days when New York Plaintiff and New York Class Members in fact worked for ten or 13 more hours.

New York law sets a six year statute of limitations for claims for 96. wages, and provides for treble damages for willful violations of certain labor laws. N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 198, 663. Defendant is liable for damages for New York Plaintiff and New York Class Members for the period of six years preceding the filing of this Complaint. Defendant's violations of New York law were willful within the meaning of the statute. Id.

20 **B**. **Class Action Allegations**

21 97. Plaintiff brings his claims for relief under New York State Law, listed above, for violations of New York's wage and hour laws as a class action, pursuant 22 23 to Rule 23(a), (b)(2), & (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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 the state of New York.

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6 and fact exist as to putative members of the New York Class, including, but not
7 limited to, the following:

 a. Whether Defendant maintained a policy or practice of failing to pay the New York Class for time spent completing mandatory online training; and

b. The proper measure of damages sustained by the putative California Class.

13 100. <u>Typicality</u> (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(3)) – Plaintiff's claims are typical of
14 those of the putative New York Class. Plaintiff, like other New York Class
15 Members, was subjected to Defendant's policy or practice of refusing to pay wages
16 for completion of mandatory online training to its employees in violation of New
17 York law. Plaintiffs' job duties and claims are typical of those of the putative New
18 York Class.

19 101. <u>Adequacy</u> (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(4)) – Plaintiff will fairly and
20 adequately represent and protect the interests of the putative New York Class.

21 102. <u>Adequacy of counsel</u> (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(g) – Plaintiff has retained
22 counsel competent and experienced in complex class actions, the FLSA, and state
23 labor and employment litigation. Plaintiff's counsel has litigated numerous class

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actions on behalf of nonexempt employees asserting off-the-clock claims under the
FLSA and state law. Plaintiff's counsel intends to commit the necessary resources
to prosecute this action vigorously for the benefit of all of the putative New York
Class.

103. Class certification of the New York State Law claims is appropriate pursuant to Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the putative New York Class, making appropriate declaratory and injunctive relief with respect to Plaintiffs and the putative New York Class as a whole. Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief to end Defendant's policy or practice of refusing to pay wages for completion of mandatory online training to its employees.

104. <u>Predominance</u> and <u>superiority</u> (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(b)(3)) – Class certification of the New York State Law claims is also appropriate under Rule 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because questions of law and fact common to the putative New York Class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the putative New York Class, and because a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation. Defendant's common and uniform policies or practices unlawfully fail to compensate the putative New York Class. The damages suffered by individual members of the putative New York Class are small compared to the expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation. In addition, class certification is superior because it will obviate the need for unduly duplicative

litigation which might result in inconsistent judgments about Defendant's policy or 1 2 practice. 3 105. Notice (FED. R. CIV. P. 23(c)(2)(B)) – Plaintiff intends to send notice 4 to all members of the putative New York Class to the extent provided by Rule 23. 5 106. Plaintiff proposes that the class be defined as: 6 All current and former hourly-paid employees of Papa John's who were required to complete mandatory online training off-the-7 clock, and who worked at any location in New York from any time starting six years prior to the filing of the initial Complaint 8 until the date the case resolves. 9 VIII. CAUSES OF ACTION 10 1. First Claim for Relief – Violation of the FLSA, Failure to **Pay Statutory Minimum Wage and Overtime** 11 107. Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set 12 forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent. 13 108. The foregoing conduct, as alleged, violated the FLSA. 14 109. Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action were employees of 15 Defendant under the FLSA. 29 U.S.C. § 203(d) & 203(e)(1). 16 110. Defendant was and is required to pay its employees, Plaintiffs and the 17 putative Collective Action, at least the minimum wage for all hours worked under 18 forty in a given workweek. 29 U.S.C. § 206. 19 111. Defendant failed to pay Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action 20 the federally-mandated minimum wage for all hours worked under forty in a given 21 workweek due to its policy or practice of refusing to pay wages for completion of 22 mandatory online training to its employees. 23 24 - 24 -

112. Defendant was and is required to pay its employees, Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action, overtime premiums in the amount of one and one half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over forty hours in a given workweek. 29 U.S.C. § 207.

113. Defendant failed to pay Plaintiff and the putative Collective Action their federally mandated overtime wages for all hours worked over 40 in a given workweek.

114. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action are entitled to the full statutory minimum wages set forth in 29 U.S.C. §§ 206 and 207.

115. Defendant's conduct was willful and done to avoid paying minimum wages and overtime. 29 U.S.C. § 255(a). Therefore, Plaintiffs and the putative Collective Action are entitled to recover damages based on the FLSA's three (3) year statutory limitations period.

116. Plaintiffs seek all damages to which they are entitled under the FLSA, including their back minimum wages, back overtime wages, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees and costs, post-judgment interest, and specifically plead recovery for the three (3) year period preceding the filing of this lawsuit through its resolution.

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2. Second Claim for Relief – Violations of California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 17200-17210

117. Plaintiffs Sofia Avalos and Louis Breazil (the "California Plaintiffs") incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

118. The foregoing conduct, as alleged, violates the California Unfair
Competition Law ("UCL"), Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200-17210. The UCL
prohibits unfair competition by prohibiting, *inter alia*, any unlawful or unfair
business acts or practices.

119. At some point more than four years ago, Defendant committed and continue to commit, acts of unfair competition, as defined by the UCL, by, among other things, engaging in the acts and practices described herein. Defendant's conduct as herein alleged has injured California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class by wrongfully denying them earned wages, and therefore was substantially injurious to California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class.

120. Defendant engaged in unfair competition in violation of the UCL by violating, *inter alia*, each of the following laws. Each of these violations constitutes an independent and separate violation of the UCL:

a. The Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201-219, and the Portal-to-Portal Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 251-262;

b. California Labor Code § 1182.12, which provides in pertinent

part:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, on and after July 1, 2014, the minimum wage for all industries shall be not less than nine dollars (\$9) per hour, and on and after January 1, 2016, the minimum wage for all industries shall be not less than ten dollars (\$10) per hour;

c. California Labor Code § 1194, which provides in pertinent part:

Notwithstanding any agreement to work for a lesser wage, any employee receiving less than the legal minimum wage or the legal overtime compensation applicable to the employee is

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1 2	entitled to recover in a civil action the unpaid balance of the full amount of this minimum wage or overtime compensation, including interest thereon, reasonable attorney's fees, and costs of suit;					
3	d. California Labor Code § 1182.13 and MW-2017, setting					
4	minimum wage for 2017 at \$10.50 for employers with 26 or more					
5	employees;					
6	e. California Labor Code §§ 201-203, and 226;					
7	f. California Labor Code § 1174; and					
8	g. California Labor Code § 510, which provides in relevant part:					
9	Any work in excess of eight hours in one workday and any					
10	work in excess of 40 hours in any one workweek and the first eight hours worked on the seventh day of work in any one					
11	workweek shall be compensated at the rate of no less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for an employee. Any					
12	work in excess of 12 hours in one day shall be compensated at the rate of no less than twice the regular rate of pay for an					
13	employee. In addition, any work in excess of eight hours on any seventh day of a workweek shall be compensated at the rate of					
14	no less than twice the regular rate of pay of an employee					
15	121. Defendant's course of conduct, acts, and practices in violation of the					
16	California laws mentioned in the above paragraph constitute a separate and					
17	independent violation of the UCL. Defendant's conduct described herein violates					
18	the policy or spirit of such laws or otherwise significantly threatens or harms					
19	competition.					
20	122. The unlawful and unfair business practices and acts of Defendant,					
21	described above, have injured California Plaintiffs and the putative California					
22	Class in that they were wrongfully denied payment of earned wages.					
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123. California Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the putative 1 2 California Class, seeks restitution in the amount of the respective unpaid wages 3 earned and due at a rate of not less than the minimum wage for all hours worked 4 under 40 in a given workweek or under eight on a given day, and overtime wages 5 earned and due at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for work performed in excess of forty hours in a workweek, or eight hours in a day, 6 7 or for the first eight hours of work performed on the seventh consecutive day of 8 work, and double the regular rate of pay for work performed in excess of twelve 9 hours per day and for all work over eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of 10 work in a workweek.

124. California Plaintiffs seek recovery of attorneys' fees and costs of this action to be paid by Defendant, as provided by the UCL and California Labor Code §§ 218, 218.5, & 1194.

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Third Claim for Relief – Minimum Wage Violations, Cal. Wage Order No. MW-2017; Cal. Labor Code §§ 1182.11, 1182.12, & 1194

125. The California Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

18 126. The California Labor Code requires that all employees be paid
19 minimum wages by their employers. The current California Minimum Wage is
20 \$10.50. Cal. Labor Code. § 1182.12, MW-2017. Before January 1, 2017, the
21 California Minimum Wage was \$10.00; before January 1, 2016, the California
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1 Minimum Wage was \$9.00; and before July 1, 2014, the California Minimum 2 Wage was \$8.00.¹

3 127. The California Minimum Wage is and has, at all times relevant to this 4 lawsuit, always been higher than the minimum wage required by the FLSA. 5 Therefore, the higher California Minimum Wage applies to California Plaintiffs 6 and all members of the putative California Class, defined below. 29 U.S.C. § 7 218(a).

8 128. Defendant's policy or practice of requiring California Plaintiffs and 9 the putative California Class to complete mandatory online training off-the-clock 10 resulted in a violation of these minimum wage provisions.

129. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein, California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class have sustained damages, including loss of earnings for hours worked under forty in a workweek, or under eight hours per day ("straight time") during the four year period relevant to this lawsuit in an amount to be established at trial, prejudgment interest, liquidated damages in an amount equal to the back wages² and costs and 16 attorneys' fees, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.

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See generally, State of Cal. Dep't of Indus. Relations, History of California https://www.dir.ca.gov/iwc/MinimumWageHistorv.htm Wage Minimum (last accessed March 14, 2017).

² See Cal. Labor Code § 1194.2 (authorizing liquidated damages for an employer's failure to pay minimum wages).

4. Fourth Claim for Relief – Overtime Violations, Cal. Wage Order No. 5-2001/7-2001; Cal. Labor Code §§ 510, 1194

130. The California Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

131. California law requires an employer to pay overtime compensation to all nonexempt employees at a rate of overtime compensation at a rate of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for all hours worked over forty per week, or over eight per day, or for the first eight hours of work on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek, and at a rate of twice the regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 12 hours in one day, and for any hours worked in excess of eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek. Cal. Labor Code § 510.

132. California wage and hour laws provide greater protections for workers than the FLSA. Therefore, California wage and hour laws apply to California Plaintiffs and all members of the putative California Class, defined below, where they provide greater protections to workers. 29 U.S.C. § 218(a).

133. Throughout the time period relevant to this claim for relief, California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class worked in excess of eight hours in a workday and/or forty hours in a workweek. California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class also sometimes worked in excess of 12 hours in one day and for over eight hours on a seventh consecutive day of work.

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134. Defendant's policy and practice of requiring that mandatory online training be completed off-the-clock resulted in a violation of these overtime wage provisions.

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4 135. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, as 5 set forth herein, California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class have 6 sustained damages, including loss of earnings for hours of overtime worked on 7 behalf of Defendant during the four year period relevant to this lawsuit in an 8 amount to be established at trial, prejudgment interest, and costs and attorneys' 9 fees, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.

Fifth Claim for Relief - California Record-Keeping 5. Provisions, Cal. Wage Order No. 5-2001/7-2001; Cal. Labor Code §§ 226, 1174, &1174.5

136. The California Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

14 137. Defendant knowingly and intentionally failed to provide timely, 15 accurate, itemized wage statements including, inter alia, hours worked, to 16 California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class in accordance with California Labor Code § 226(a) and the applicable IWC Wage Order. Such failure 18 caused injury to California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class by, among 19 other things, impeding them from knowing the amount of wages to which they 20 were and are entitled. On information and belief, at all times relevant herein, Defendant has failed to maintain records of hours worked by California Plaintiffs 22 24 - 31 -

and the putative California Class as required under California Labor Code § 1174(d).

138. California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class are entitled to
and seek injunctive relief requiring Defendant to comply with Labor Code §§
226(e) & 1174(d), and further seek the amount provided under Labor Code §§
226(e) & 1174.5, including the greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50)
for the initial pay period in which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars
(\$100) per employee for each violation in a subsequent pay period.

6. Sixth Claim for Relief – California Wage Payment Provisions, Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, & 203

139. The California Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

140. California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 require Defendant to pay employees all wages due within the time specified by law. California Labor Code § 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to timely pay such wages, the employer must, as a penalty, continue to pay the subject employees' wages until the back wages are paid in full or an action is commenced, up to a maximum of thirty days of wages.

141. California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class Members who ceased employment with Defendant are entitled to unpaid compensation and other monies, as alleged above, but to date have not received such compensation.

142. More than thirty days have passed since California Plaintiffs and certain putative California Class Members left Defendant's employ.

143. As a consequence of Defendant's willful conduct in not paying
compensation for all hours worked, Plaintiff and the putative California Class
Members whose employment ended during the class period are entitled to thirty
days' wages under Labor Code § 203, together with interest thereon and attorneys'
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7. Seventh Claim for Relief California PAGA Claims Cal. Wage Order No. 5-2001/7-2001; Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698-2699.5

144. The California Plaintiffs incorporate the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

10 145. Under the California Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") of 11 2004, Cal. Labor Code §§ 2698-2699.5, an aggrieved employee, on behalf of 12 himself or herself and other current or former employees as well as the general 13 public, may bring a representative action as a private attorney general to recover 14 penalties for an employer's violations of the California Labor Code and IWC 15 Wage Orders. These civil penalties are in addition to any other relief available 16 under the California Labor Code, and must be allocated 75% to California's Labor 17 and Workforce Development Agency and 25% to the aggrieved employee. Cal. 18 Labor Code § 2699.

146. Pursuant to Cal. Labor Code § 1198, Defendant's failure to pay proper compensation to California Plaintiffs and the putative California Class, failure to keep and furnish them with records of hours worked, and failure to pay them all wages due immediately upon discharge and within the time required by law after

1 their employment ended is unlawful and constitutes violations of the California 2 Labor Code, each actionable under PAGA.

3 147. California Plaintiffs allege, on behalf of themselves and the putative 4 California Class, as well as the general public, that Defendant has violated the 5 following provisions of the California Labor Code and the following provisions of 6 California Wage Orders that are actionable through the Cal. Labor Code and 7 PAGA, as previously alleged herein: Cal. Wage Order No. 5-2001/7-2001, Cal. 8 Labor Code §§ 201-203, 510, 1174, 1174.5, 1182.11, 1182.12, 1194. Each of these 9 violations entitles Plaintiff, as a private attorney general, to recover the applicable 10 statutory civil penalties on her own behalf, on behalf of all aggrieved employees, 11 and on behalf of the general public.

12 148. California Plaintiffs are entitled to civil penalties to be paid by Defendant and allocated as PAGA requires, pursuant to Cal. Labor Code 14 § 2699(a), for Defendant's violations of the California Labor Code and relevant 15 IWC Wage Order(s) for which violations a civil penalty is already specifically 16 provided by law. Further, California Plaintiffs are entitled to civil penalties to be paid by Defendant and allocated as PAGA requires, pursuant to § 2699(f) for 18 Defendant's violations of the California Labor Code and IWC Wage Orders for 19 which violations a civil penalty is not already specifically provided.

20 149. On May 16, 2018, California Plaintiffs provided written notice by 21 certified mail and electronic submission to the California Labor & Workforce 22 Development Agency ("LWDA") and to Defendant through its registered agent of 23 the legal claims and theories of this case contemporaneously with the filing of the

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Complaint in this action. California Plaintiffs awaits a response from the LWDA 1 2 with regard to whether it will investigate the actions in the aforementioned written notice. Accordingly, California Plaintiffs have taken necessary steps to exhaust their administrative remedies, and will amend their pleadings in connection with such exhaustion.

150. Under PAGA, California Plaintiff and the State of California are entitled to recover the maximum civil penalties permitted by law for the violations of the California Labor Code and Wage Order(s) that are alleged in this Complaint.

8. **Eighth Claim for Relief – Minimum Wage Violations, N.Y.** Lab. Law §§ 652, 663.

Plaintiff Alvin English (the "New York Plaintiff") incorporates the 151. preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

152. The New York Labor Law requires that all employees be paid minimum wages by their employers. The current New York Minimum Wage is \$13.00 per hour for large employers. N.Y. Lab. Law § 652. Before December 31, 2017, the New York Minimum Wage was \$11.00 for large employers; before December 31, 2016, the New York Minimum Wage was \$9.00 for large employers; before December 31, 2015, the New York Minimum Wage was \$8.75; before December 31, 2014, the New York Minimum Wage was \$8.00; before December 31, 2013, the New York Minimum Wage was \$7.15. Id.

153. The New York Minimum Wage is and has, at all times relevant to this lawsuit, always been higher than the minimum wage required by the FLSA.

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1 Therefore, the higher New York Minimum Wage applies to New York Plaintiff 2 and all members of the putative New York Class, defined below. 29 U.S.C. § 3 218(a).

4 154. Defendant's policy or practice of requiring New York Plaintiff and the 5 putative New York Class to complete mandatory online training off-the-clock 6 resulted in a violation of these minimum wage provisions.

7 155. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, as 8 set forth herein, New York Plaintiff and the putative New York Class have 9 sustained damages, including loss of earnings for hours worked under forty in a 10 workweek during the six year period relevant to this lawsuit in an amount to be 11 established at trial, prejudgment interest, liquidated damages in an amount equal to 12 the back wages and costs and attorneys' fees, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.³ 13

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9. Ninth Claim for Relief – Overtime Violations, N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 160, 190-199.; N.Y. COMP. CODES R. & REGS. tit. 12, § 142-2.4.

156. New York Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs by reference as if set forth fully in this section, unless inconsistent.

18 157. New York law requires that an employee shall be compensated at a 19 rate of one and one-half times their normal wage rate for all work in excess of forty 20 hours in a workweek. N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 160, 190-199. New York law also requires that an employee shall receive one hour's pay at the basic minimum 22

³ N.Y. Lab. Law §§ 663.

hourly wage rate in addition to the minimum wage required for any day in which said employee works for ten or more hours. N.Y. COMP. CODES R. & REGS. tit. 12, § 142-2.4.

158. New York wage and hour laws provide greater protections for workers than the FLSA. Therefore, New York wage and hour laws apply to New York Plaintiff and all members of the putative New York Class, defined below, where they provide greater protections to workers. 29 U.S.C. § 218(a).

159. Throughout the time period relevant to this claim for relief, New York
Plaintiff and the putative New York Class worked in excess of eight hours in a
workday and/or forty hours in a workweek. New York Plaintiff and the putative
New York Class also sometimes worked in excess of 10 hours in one day.

160. Defendant's policy and practice of requiring that mandatory online training be completed off-the-clock resulted in a violation of these overtime wage provisions.

161. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein, New York Plaintiff and the putative New York Class have sustained damages, including loss of earnings for hours of overtime worked on behalf of Defendant during the six year period relevant to this lawsuit in an amount to be established at trial, prejudgment interest, liquidated damages, treble damages if Defendant's conduct is willful, and costs and attorneys' fees, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.⁴

⁴ N.Y. Lab. Law § 198.

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JURY DEMAND IX.

162. Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial on all causes of action and claims for relief with respect to which they and the putative Collective and California Class Action Members have a right to jury trial.

X. **DAMAGES AND PRAYER**

163. Plaintiffs ask that the Court issue summons for Defendant to appear and answer, and that Plaintiffs and the Collective and California Class Action Members be awarded a judgment against Defendant or order(s) from the Court for the following: An order conditionally certifying this case as an FLSA a. collective action and requiring notice to be issued to all putative Collective Action Members: An order certifying that the California State Law Claims may b. be maintained as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23: An order certifying that the New York State Law Claims may c. be maintained as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23; d. Designation of Plaintiffs Sofia Avalos and Louis Breazil as Representatives of the California Class Action Members; Designation of Alvin English as Representative of the New e. York Class Action Members; f. Designation of attorneys Todd Slobin and Ricardo J. Prieto, of Shellist Lazarz Slobin, LLP, and Melinda Arbuckle, of Baron & Budd, P.C., as Class Counsel for the California Class Action Members: 21 A declaratory judgment that the practices complained of herein g. 22 are unlawful under the FLSA and California and New York State law; 23 24 Case No. 8:18-cv-00871 - 38 -**Original Complaint**

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	h.	An injunction against Defendant and its officers, agents, successors, employees, representatives, and any and all persons acting in concert with Defendant, as provided by law, from engaging in each of the unlawful practices, policies, and patterns set forth herein;				
	i.	An award of damages including all unpaid wages at the FLSA or state-mandated minimum wage rate, overtime compensation for all hours worked over forty in a workweek or, in California, over eight hours in a day and for the first eight hours worked on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek at the applicable time and one half rate, and at the relevant double time rate for hours worked over 12 in a given day and for all hours over eight worked on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek, liquidated damages, and restitution;				
	j. Appropriate statutory penalties;					
	k.	Costs of action incurred herein, including expert fees;				
	1.	Attorneys' fees, including fees pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216; Pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, as provided by law;				
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