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19	behalf of all other similarly situated current and former employees of Defendants	Related Case No. BC686601	
20		CLASS ACTION	
21	Plaintiff,	CONSOLIDATED CLASS ACTION	
22	VS.	COMPLAINT	
23	CKE RESTAURANTS HOLDINGS, INC., a	Assigned for all purposes to: Hon. Amy D. Hogue, Dept. 7	
24	Delaware Corporation; CARL'S JR. RESTAURANTS LLC, a Delaware	, , ,	
25	Corporation; CARL'S JR. FUNDING LLC, a	Complaint Filed: June 8, 2016	
26	Delaware Corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,		
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1	HERMELINDA AGUILAR, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case No.: BC686601	
2	•	Complaint Filed: December 12, 2017	
3	Plaintiff,	1. Failure to Provide Meal Periods	
4	V.	2. Failure to Provide Rest Periods	
5	CKE RESTAURANTS HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware Corporation; CARL'S JR.	3. Failure to pay minimum and straight time wages;	
6	RESTAURANTS LLC, a Delaware Corporation; CARL'S JR. FUNDING LLC, a	4. Failure to pay overtime compensation;	
7 8	Delaware Corporation; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,	5. Failure to provide and maintain accurate	
9		statements, accrued sick leave notices and payroll records;	
10	Defendants.	6. Failure to permit employees to inspect or	
11		copy payroll records;	
12		7. Unfair Business Practices [Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq.];	
13		8. Violation of Cal. Labor Code § 204	
14		(Unpaid Wages During Employment);	
15 16		9. Violation of Labor Code § 2802 (Failure to Reimburse for Necessary Business Expenditures; and	
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18		10. Private Attorneys General Act: Action for Civil Penalties [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698-2699.5].	
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Plaintiffs SALVADOR OCHOA and HERMELINDA AGUILAR (hereinafter "Plaintiffs") on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, have brought this action against Defendants CKE RESTAURANTS HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware Corporation; CARL'S JR. RESTAURANTS LLC, a Delaware Corporation; CARL'S JR. FUNDING LLC, a Delaware Corporation; and DOES 1 through 50 (collectively "DEFENDANTS"). Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege the following:

INTRODUCTION & GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. Plaintiffs bring this action against DEFENDANTS for California Labor Code violations stemming from DEFENDANTS' failure to provide all timely meal and rest periods, failure to pay for all hours worked, including minimum wage, straight time and overtime pay, failure to furnish accurate statements and maintain required records, failure to notify and provide sick leave, failure to pay all wages accrued during employment by utilizing unlawful deductions of time cards, and failure to reimburse for all necessary business expenditures, in accordance with California Labor Code §§ 201-204, 226, 226.7, 245-250, 510, 512, 1174, 1174.5, 1194, 1194.1, 1197, 1198.5, 2802, and Industrial Welfare Commission ("IWC") Order No. 5-2001. Additionally, Plaintiff and Plaintiff Class seek restitution of all monies rightfully belonging to them by virtue of being required to receive payment of wages through a pre-paid debit pay card which was subject to withdrawal fees.
- 2. Plaintiffs bring the First through Ninth Causes of Action individually and as a class action on behalf of themselves and current and former employees of DEFENDANTS (hereinafter collectively referred to as "PLAINTIFFS" or "the Class," and defined more fully below).
- 3. Plaintiffs bring the Tenth Cause of Action as a representative action under the California Private Attorney General Act ("PAGA") to recover civil penalties that are owed to the State of California and to the past and present employees of DEFENDANTS.

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- 4. Plaintiffs and the Class are current and former non-exempt employees of DEFENDANTS that worked for DEFENDANTS in the State of California, for a period of time within the four (4) years preceding the filing of this action.
- 5. Plaintiff SALVADOR OCHOA is a resident of California, County of San Diego. Plaintiff HERMELINDA GUILAR is a resident of California, County of Los Angeles. At all relevant times herein, Plaintiffs were employed by DEFENDANTS in the State of California as non-exempt, hourly employees.
- 6. Throughout the time period involved in this case, DEFENDANTS have wrongfully failed to provide Plaintiffs and the Class with timely, adequate, and duty-free meal periods, by way of specific class-wide company policies and practices including but not limited to their shift and meal period scheduling policies and practices. DEFENDANTS regularly required Plaintiffs and the Class to work in excess of five consecutive hours a day without providing a 30-minute, continuous and uninterrupted, meal period for every five hours of work, and/or without compensating Plaintiffs and the Class for meal periods that were not provided by the end of the fifth hour of work, or tenth hour of work with regard to second meal periods. DEFENDANTS did not inform Plaintiffs and the Class of their right to take a meal period by the end of the fifth hour of work. DEFENDANTS did not inform Plaintiffs and the Class of their right to take a second meal break for shifts longer than 10 hours. DEFENDANTS did not inform Plaintiffs and the Class of their right, for shifts of more than 10 hours, to take a second meal break by the end of the 10th hour. Moreover, DEFENDANTS did not have legally compliant policies or practices providing adequate and duty-free meal periods for Plaintiffs and the Class, nor did DEFENDANTS have legally compliant policies or practices regarding the timing of meal periods.
- 7. Throughout the time period involved in this case, DEFENDANTS have wrongfully failed to authorize and permit Plaintiffs and the Class to take timely and duty-free rest periods. DEFENDANTS regularly required Plaintiffs and the Class to work in excess of four consecutive hours a day without DEFENDANTS authorizing and permitting them to take a 10-minute,

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continuous and uninterrupted, rest period for every four hours of work (or major fraction of four hours), and/or without compensating Plaintiffs and the Class for rest periods that were not authorized and permitted. DEFENDANTS did not properly inform Plaintiffs and the Class of their right to take a rest period for every four hours of work (or major fraction of four hours). Moreover, DEFENDANTS did not have legally compliant policies or practices permitting or authorizing timely rest periods for Plaintiffs and the Class. DEFENDANTS also did not have any policies or practices to verify whether Plaintiffs and the Class were receiving their required rest periods.

8. DEFENDANTS, as a matter of practice and policy, did not furnish Plaintiffs and members of the Class with accurate itemized wage statements that accurately show total hours worked by Plaintiffs and the Class, gross wages earned, net wages earned, sick leave accrued and other information required by Labor Code § 226(a). DEFENDANTS knowingly and intentionally failed to do so because, among other things, the wage statements did not accurately state the total hours worked, the overtime rates, the gross wages earned, and the net wages earned. As a result of these violations of section 226(a), the Plaintiffs and the Class suffered injury because, among other things: (a) the violations led them to believe that they were not entitled to be paid daily minimum wages, overtime wages, meal period premium wages, and rest period premium wages, even though they were entitled; (b) the violations led them to believe that they had been paid the minimum, overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages to which they were entitled, even though they had not been; (c) the violations led them to believe they were not entitled to be paid minimum, overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages at the correct California rate even though they were; (d) the violations led them to believe they had been paid minimum, overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages at the correct California rate even though they had not been; (e) the violations hindered them from determining the amounts of minimum, overtime, meal period premium, and rest period premium wages owed to them; (f) in connection with their employment before and during this action, and in connection with prosecuting this action, the

violations caused them to have to perform mathematical computations to determine the amounts of wages owed to them, computations they would not have to make if the wage statements contained the required accurate information; (g) by understating the wages truly due them, the violations caused them to lose entitlement and/or accrual of the full amount of Social Security, disability, unemployment, and other governmental benefits; (h) the wage statements inaccurately understated the wages, hours, and wages rates and failed to disclose sick leave accrued to which Plaintiffs and the Class were entitled, and Plaintiffs and the Class were paid less than the wages and wage rates to which they were entitled. Thus, Plaintiffs and the Class are owed the amounts provided for in Labor Code § 226(e).

9. During all, or a portion of the Class Period, Plaintiffs and members of the Plaintiff Class were paid wages with a pre-paid debit pay card and were unable to withdraw their entire wages for any given pay period. Further, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and the Plaintiff Class their wages in cash or a form negotiable without discount required by Labor Code § 212. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendants maintained a policy and practice of paying wages by giving employees a pre-paid debit pay card the use of which required a fee to be deducted from the balance of funds loaded onto the card by Defendants upon each withdrawal.

THE PARTIES TO EACH CAUSE OF ACTION

A. Plaintiff

- 10. Plaintiff Salvador Ochoa resides in the State of California, County of San Diego. DEFENDANTS employed Plaintiff as a cashier at their locations at 695 H. Street, Chula Vista, California and 1487 E. H Street, Chula Vista, California.
- 11. Plaintiff Hermelinda Aguilar resides in the State of California, County of Los Angeles. Plaintiff was employed by DEFENDANTS within the Class Period in a non-exempt hourly position prior to the commencement of this action, working at Carl's Jr. in the County of Los Angeles in California.
- 12. Plaintiffs reserve the right to seek leave to amend this complaint to add new plaintiffs, if necessary, in order to establish suitable representative(s) pursuant to *La Sala v*.

American Savings and Loan Association (1971) 5 Cal.3d 864, 872, and other applicable law.

B. Defendants

13. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based upon that information and belief allege, that DEFENDANTS are all corporations authorized to conduct business, and actually conducting business throughout the State of California including the County of San Diego. DEFENDANTS were the employers of Plaintiffs and the current and/or former employer of the putative Class.

14. Plaintiffs do not know the true names or capacities of the persons or entities sued herein as DOES 1-50, inclusive, and therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Each of the DOE Defendants was in some manner legally responsible for the damages suffered by Plaintiffs and the Class as alleged herein. Plaintiffs will amend this complaint to set forth the true names and capacities of these Defendants when they have been ascertained, together with appropriate charging allegations, as may be necessary.

15. At all times mentioned herein, the Defendants named as DOES 1-50, inclusive, and each of them, were residents of, doing business in, availed themselves of the jurisdiction of, and/or injured a significant number of the Plaintiffs and the Class in the State of California.

16. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that at all relevant times each Defendant, directly or indirectly, or through agents or other persons, employed Plaintiffs and the other employees described in the class definitions below, and exercised control over their wages, hours, and working conditions. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that each Defendant acted pursuant to and within the scope of the relationships alleged above, that each Defendant knew or should have known about, and authorized, ratified, adopted, approved, controlled, or aided and abetted the conduct of all other Defendants.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

17. Plaintiffs brings this action individually as well as on behalf of each and all other persons similarly situated, and seeks class certification under California Code of Civil Procedure § 382.

- 18. All claims alleged herein arise under California law for which Plaintiffs seek relief authorized by California law.
 - 19. The proposed Class consists of and is defined as:

All persons employed by Defendants to work in any hourly paid job position as either a temporary or permanent employee, in California at any time beginning June 8, 2012. For purposes of this definition, "Defendants" means CKE Restaurants Holdings, Inc., Carl's Jr. Restaurants, LLC or Carl's Jr. Funding, LLC and any of the fictitiously named defendants (Does 1 through 50).

- 20. Plaintiffs reserve the right to establish other sub-classes as appropriate.
- 21. At all material times, Plaintiffs were members of the Class.
- 22. Plaintiffs undertake this action for the benefit of all Class members.
- 23. There is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the Class is readily ascertainable:
 - (a) <u>Numerosity</u>: The members of the Class (and each subclass, if any) are so numerous that joinder of all members would be unfeasible and impractical. The membership of the entire Class is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time; however, the Class is estimated to be greater than 200 individuals and the identity of such membership is readily ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' records.
 - (b) <u>Typicality</u>: Plaintiffs are qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect the interests of each Class member with whom there is a shared, well-defined community of interest, and Plaintiffs' claims (or defenses, if any) are typical of all Class members' claims as demonstrated herein.
 - (c) Adequacy: Plaintiffs are qualified to, and will, fairly and adequately protect the interests of each Class member with whom there is a shared, well-defined community of interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiffs have no conflicts with or interests

antagonistic to any Class member. Plaintiffs' attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing class action discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiffs have incurred, and throughout the duration of this action, will continue to incur costs and attorneys' fees that have been, are, and will be necessarily expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of each class member.

- (d) <u>Superiority</u>: 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 Class in individually controlling the prosecution or defense of separate actions;
 - 2) The extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by or against members of the Class;
 - 3) The desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of the claims in the particular forum; and
 - 4) The difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of a class action.
- (e) Public Policy Considerations: Employers in the State of California violate employment and labor laws every day. Current employees are often afraid to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. Former employees are fearful of bringing actions because they believe their former employers might damage their future endeavors through negative references and/or other means. Class actions provide the class members who are not named in the complaint with a type of anonymity that allows for the vindication of their rights at the same time as their privacy is protected.
- 24. There are common questions of law and fact as to the Class (and each subclass, if

equitable relief for the statutory violations, and in obtaining adequate compensation for the damages and injuries for which DEFENDANTS are responsible in an amount sufficient to adequately compensate the members of the Class for the injuries sustained;

- (f) Without class certification, the prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of:
 - Inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for DEFENDANTS; and/or
 - Adjudications with respect to the individual members which would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of other members not parties to the adjudications, or would substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests, including but not limited to the potential for exhausting the funds available from those parties who are, or may be, responsible DEFENDANTS; and
- (g) DEFENDANTS have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making final injunctive relief appropriate with respect to the class as a whole.
- 26. Plaintiffs contemplate the eventual issuance of notice to the proposed members of the Class that would set forth the subject and nature of the instant action. DEFENDANTS' own business records may be utilized for assistance in the preparation and issuance of the contemplated notices. To the extent that any further notices may be required, Plaintiffs would contemplate the use of additional techniques and forms commonly used in class actions, such as published notice, e-mail notice, website notice, first-class mail, or combinations thereof, or by other methods suitable to the Class and deemed necessary and/or appropriate by the Court.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against All Defendants for Failure to Provide Meal Periods) [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001]

- 27. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the material allegations set out in this Complaint.
- 28. Under California law, DEFENDANTS have an affirmative obligation to relieve the Plaintiffs and the Class of all duty in order to take their first daily meal periods no later than fifth hour of work in a workday, and to take their second meal periods no later than the tenth hour of work in the workday.
- 29. Despite these legal requirements, DEFENDANTS regularly failed to provide Plaintiffs and the Class with both meal periods as required by California law.
- 30. Under California law, Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to be paid one hour of additional wages for each instance he or she was not provided with all required meal period(s).
- 31. DEFENDANTS regularly failed to pay Plaintiffs and the Class the additional wages to which they were entitled for meal periods and that were not provided.
- 32. As a result, DEFENDANTS are liable to Plaintiffs and the Class for one hour of additional wages for each work day for a meal period that was not provided.
- 33. By failing to keep adequate time records required by Labor Code § 1174(d), DEFENDANTS have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of meal period premium wage compensation due to Plaintiffs and the Class Members.
- 34. California Labor Code section 204 requires employers to provide employees with all wages due and payable twice a month. Throughout the statute of limitations period applicable to this cause of action, Plaintiffs and the Class were entitled to be paid twice a month at rates required by law, including meal period premium wages for each meal period that was not provided. However, during all such times, DEFENDANTS systematically failed and refused to pay Plaintiffs and the Class all such wages due, and failed to pay those wages twice a month.
- 35. DEFENDANTS are also liable to Plaintiffs and the Class for the civil penalties provided for in Labor Code § 558 because of the violations alleged in this cause of action.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against All Defendants for Failure to Provide Rest Periods) [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001]

- 36. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the material allegations set out in this Complaint.
- 37. DEFENDANTS are required by California law to authorize and permit breaks of uninterrupted, net 10-minutes for each four hours of work or major fraction of four hours (i.e. more than two hours). That is, the required number of rest breaks is equal to the number of work hours divided by four, and if the work time is not evenly divided by four, if the remaining fractional part is two hours or less it is rounded down, and if it is more than two hours, it is rounded up. Thus, for example, if an employee's work time is 6 hours and ten minutes, the employee is entitled to two rest breaks. If the work time is nine hours, the employee is still entitled to only two rest breaks. Each failure to authorize rest breaks as so required is itself a violation of California's rest break laws.
- 38. Despite these legal requirements, DEFENDANTS failed to authorize Plaintiffs and the Class to take all timely, net, 10-minute rest breaks owed to them, regardless of whether employees worked more than 4 hours in a workday.
- 39. Under California law, Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to be paid one hour of premium wages rate for each instance he or she was not provided with all required rest break(s).
- 40. DEFENDANTS regularly failed to pay Plaintiffs and the Class the additional wages to which they were entitled for rest breaks DEFENDANTS failed authorize and permit. As a result, DEFENDANTS are liable to Plaintiffs and the Class for one hour of additional wages for each work day when they did not receive a rest break.
- 41. California Labor Code § 204 requires employers to provide employees with all wages due and payable twice a month. Throughout the statute of limitations period applicable to this cause of action, Plaintiffs and the Class were entitled to be paid twice a month at rates required by law, including rest break premium wages for each rest break that was not authorized and permitted. However, during all such times, DEFENDANTS systematically failed and

refused to pay Plaintiffs and the Class all such wages due, and failed to pay those wages twice a month.

42. DEFENDANTS are also liable to Plaintiffs and the Class for the civil penalties provided for in Labor Code § 558 because of the violations alleged in this cause of action.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Minimum Wage and Straight Time Wages) [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 204 and 1194, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001]

- 43. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the material allegations set out in this Complaint.
- 44. "Hours worked" is the time during which an employee is subject to the control of an employer, and includes all the time the employee is suffered or permitted to work, whether or not required to do so.
- 45. At all relevant times herein mentioned, DEFENDANTS knowingly failed to pay Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class compensation for all hours they worked.
- 46. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class are entitled to recover straight time wages for all non-overtime hours worked for DEFENDANTS.
- 47. By and through the conduct described above, the Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class, have been deprived of their rights to be paid wages earned by virtue of their employment with DEFENDANTS.
- 48. By virtue of the DEFENDANTS' unlawful failure to pay additional compensation to the Class for their non-overtime hours worked without pay, the Class has suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown to the Class, but which exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court, and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.
- 49. By failing to keep adequate time records required by Labor Code § 1174(d), DEFENDANTS have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of compensation due Plaintiffs and the Class members.
 - 50. Pursuant to California Labor Code § 1194.2, Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to

recover liquidated damages (double damages) for DEFENDANTS' failure to pay minimum wages.

- 51. California Labor Code § 204 requires employers to provide employees with all wages due and payable twice a month. Throughout the statute of limitations period applicable to this cause of action, Plaintiffs and the Class members were entitled to be paid twice a month at rates required by law, including minimum wages and straight time wages. However, during all such times, DEFENDANTS systematically failed and refused to pay Plaintiffs and the Class members all such wages due, and failed to pay those wages twice a month.
- 52. Plaintiffs and the Class are also entitled to seek recovery of all unpaid wages, interest, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Labor Code §§ 218.5 and 218.6.
- 53. DEFENDANTS are also liable to the Class for the civil penalties provided for in Labor Code § 558 because of the violations alleged in this cause of action.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Failure to Pay Overtime Wages)
[Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1194 and 1198 and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001]

- 54. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the material allegations set out in this Complaint.
- 55. California Labor Code § 510 provides that employees in California shall not be employed more than eight (8) hours in any workday or forty (40) hours in a workweek unless they receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law.
- 56. California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1198 provide that employees in California shall not be employed more than eight hours in any workday unless they receive additional compensation beyond their regular wages in amounts specified by law. Additionally, California Labor Code § 1198 states that the employment of an employee for longer hours than those fixed by the Industrial Welfare Commission is unlawful.
- 57. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class have worked more than eight, and at times more than twelve, hours in a workday, as employees of

DEFENDANTS. Further, at all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class have been paid on an hourly basis.

58. At all times relevant hereto, DEFENDANTS failed to pay the Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class overtime compensation for the hours they have worked in excess of the maximum hours permissible by law as required by California Labor Code § 510 and 1198. Plaintiffs and the Class are regularly required to work overtime hours.

59. By virtue of DEFENDANTS' unlawful failure to pay additional, premium rate compensation to Plaintiffs and the Class for their overtime hours worked, Plaintiffs and members of the Class have suffered, and will continue to suffer, damages in amounts which are presently unknown to them but which exceed the jurisdictional minimum of this Court and which will be ascertained according to proof at trial.

60. By failing to keep adequate time records required by Labor Code § 1174(d), DEFENDANTS have made it difficult to calculate the full extent of overtime compensation due Plaintiffs and the Class members.

61. California Labor Code section 204 requires employers to provide employees with all wages due and payable twice a month. Throughout the statute of limitations period applicable to this cause of action, Plaintiffs and the Class members were entitled to be paid twice a month at rates required by law, including overtime wages. However, during all such times, DEFENDANTS systematically failed and refused to pay Plaintiffs and the Class members all such wages due, and failed to pay those wages twice a month.

62. Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class also request recovery of overtime compensation according to proof, interest, attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 218.5 and 1194(a), as well as the assessment of any statutory penalties against DEFENDANTS, in a sum as provided by the California Labor Code and/or other statutes. Further, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class, are entitled to seek and recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to California Labor Code §§ 218.5 and 1194.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Failure to Provide Accurate Statements and Required Accrued Sick Leave and Maintain Required Records) [Cal. Lab. Code § 226 and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001]

- 63. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the material allegations set out in this Complaint.
- 64. At all material times set forth herein, California Labor Code § 226(a) provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate itemized wage statement in writing showing nine pieces of information, including: (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the employee, (3) the number of piece-rate 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 the last four digits of his or her social security number or an employee identification number other than a social security number, (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.
- 65. At all material times set forth herein, the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014, Labor Code §§ 245 -250 requires employers to provide paid sick leave to employees who works in California for 30 or more days within a year from the beginning of employment. Employees, including part-time and temporary employees, earn at least one hour of paid leave for every 30 hours worked.
- 66. DEFENDANTS have violated the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014, Labor Code § 246(h) requires an employer to provide an employee with written notice that sets forth the amount of paid sick leave available, or accrued paid time off an employer provides in lieu of sick leave on either the employee's itemized wage statement described in Section 226 or in a separate writing provided on the designated pay date with the employee's payment of wages.
 - 67. DEFENDANTS have intentionally and willfully failed to provide employees with

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complete and accurate wage statements. The deficiencies include, among other things, the failure to correctly identify the gross wages earned by Plaintiffs and the members of the Class, the failure to list the true "total hours worked by the employee," the failure to list the true net wages earned, the failure to state the sick leave hours accrued, and the failure to list the name and address of the legal entity(s) that employ Plaintiffs and the Class.

- 68. As a result of DEFENDANTS' violation of California Labor Code § 226(a), Plaintiffs and the members of the Class have suffered injury and damage to their statutorilyprotected rights.
- 69. Specifically, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class have been injured by DEFENDANTS' intentional violation of California Labor Code § 226(a) because they were denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving, accurate, itemized wage statements under California Labor Code § 226(a).
- 70. Calculation of the true wage entitlement for Plaintiffs and the Class is difficult and time consuming. As a result of this unlawful burden, Plaintiffs and the Class were also injured as a result of having to bring this action to attempt to obtain correct wage information following DEFENDANTS' refusal to comply with many of the mandates of California's Labor Code and related laws and regulations.
- 71. Plaintiffs and Class members are entitled to recover from DEFENDANTS the greater of their actual damages caused by DEFENDANTS' failure to comply with California Labor Code § 226(a), or an aggregate penalty not exceeding four thousand dollars per employee.
- 72. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are also entitled to injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code § 226(g).

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Failure to Permit **Employees to Inspect or Copy Personnel and Payroll Records**) [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226 and IWC Wage Order 5)

73. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the material allegations set out in this Complaint.

74. California Labor Code § 226 requires employers to permit current or former employees or their representative access to their payroll records and to allow them to inspect or copy them within twenty-one (21) calendar days that the request is made. However, during all relevant times, DEFENDANTS systematically failed and refused to provide Plaintiffs and the Class said records requested or within the required time from the time of request.

75. DEFENDANTS are liable to Plaintiffs and the Class for the civil penalties provided for in Labor Code § 226(f) because of the violations alleged in this cause of action.

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SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Against all Defendants for Violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.)

- 76. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the material allegations and Causes of Action set out in this Complaint.
- 77. DEFENDANTS, and each of them, are "persons" as defined under Business & Professions Code § 17201.
- 78. DEFENDANTS' conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be, unfair, unlawful, and harmful to Plaintiffs, other Class members, and to the general public. Plaintiffs seek to enforce important rights affecting the public interest within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5.
- 79. DEFENDANTS' activities, as alleged herein, are violations of California law, and constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq.
- 80. A violation of California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. may be predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. All of the acts described herein as violations of, among other things, the California Labor Code, are unlawful and in violation of public policy; and in addition are immoral, unethical, oppressive, fraudulent and unscrupulous, and thereby constitute unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices in violation of

California Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.

Failing to Pay Minimum and Straight Time Wages

81. DEFENDANTS' failure to pay minimum and straight time wages constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.

Failing to Provide Meal Periods

- 82. DEFENDANTS' failure to provide meal periods as required under Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512, and IWC Wage Order No. 1-2001 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq.
- 83. DEFENDANTS' failure to pay premiums for missed, late or short meal periods as required under Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512, and IWC Wage Order No. 1-2001 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. *Safeway, Inc. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County* (2015) 238 Cal.App.45th 1138.
- 84. DEFENDANTS' failure to provide the required compensation guarantee and enhanced enforcement with their policy of noncompliance under §§ 226.7, 512, and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. *Safeway, Inc. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County* (2015) 238 Cal.App.45th 1138.
- 85. DEFENDANTS' failure to provide the required statutory protections constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. *Safeway, Inc. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County* (2015) 238 Cal.App.45th 1138.

Failing to Provide Rest Periods

- 86. DEFENDANTS' failure to provide rest periods as required under Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq.
- 87. DEFENDANTS' failure to pay premiums for missed, late or short rest periods as required under Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226.7 and IWC Wage Order No. 5-2001 constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. *Safeway, Inc. v. Superior Court of Los Angeles County* (2015) 238 Cal.App.45th 1138.

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Failing to Pay Overtime

90. DEFENDANTS' failure to pay overtime compensation and other benefits in violation of Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1197, 1198, Penal Code §§ 484 and 532 (obtaining labor through false pretenses), constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq.

Failing to Provide and Maintain Accurate Statements, Accrued Sick Leave Notices and Payroll Records

91. DEFENDANTS' failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements in accordance with Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226 and 245-250, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.

Failing to Permit Employees to Inspect or Copy Personnel and Payroll Records

92. DEFENDANTS' failure to permit current or former employees or their representative access to their payroll records and to allow them to inspect or copy them, as alleged above, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.

Unlawfully Deducting Wages

- 93. DEFENDANTS' unlawful deduction of wages, as alleged herein, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.
- 94. During all, or a portion of the Class Period, Plaintiffs and members of the Plaintiff Class were paid wages with a pre-paid debit pay card and were unable to withdraw their entire wages for any given pay period. Further, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and Plaintiff Class

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their wages in cash or a form negotiable without discount required by Labor Code § 212. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and based thereon allege that Defendants maintained a policy and practice of paying wages by giving employees a pre-paid debit pay card the use of which required a fee to be deducted from the balance of funds loaded onto the card by Defendants upon each withdrawal. The imposition of these fees and inability to withdraw the entire amount of wages without cost to the employee resulted in an unlawful deduction from wages.

Failing to Reimburse Employees for Necessary Business Expenditures

- 95. DEFENDANTS' unlawful failure to indemnify Plaintiffs and the Class for all necessary business expenditures, as alleged herein, constitutes unlawful and/or unfair activity prohibited by Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.
- 96. By and through their unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices described herein, DEFENDANTS have obtained valuable property, money and services from Plaintiffs and all persons similarly situated, and have deprived Plaintiffs and all persons similarly situated of valuable rights and benefits guaranteed by law.
- Plaintiffs and members of the Class suffered monetary injury as a direct result of 97. DEFENDANTS' wrongful conduct.
- 98. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of members of the Class, are entitled to and seek such relief as may be necessary to disgorge money and/or property which the DEFENDANTS have wrongfully acquired, or of which Plaintiffs have been deprived by means of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are not obligated to establish individual knowledge of the wrongful practices of DEFENDANTS in order to recover restitution.
- 99. Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the Class, are further entitled to and do seek a declaration that the above described business practices are unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent as well as injunctive relief restraining DEFENDANTS and each of them, from engaging in any of the above-described unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices in the future.

- 100. Plaintiffs and the Class have no plain, speedy and/or adequate remedy at law to redress the injuries, which the Class members suffered as a consequence of the DEFENDANTS' unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices. As a result of the unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices described above, Plaintiffs and the Class, have suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable harm unless DEFENDANTS, and each of them, are restrained from continuing to engage in said unfair, unlawful and/or fraudulent business practices.
- 101. Plaintiffs also allege that if DEFENDANTS are not enjoined from the conduct set forth herein above, they will continue to avoid paying the appropriate taxes, insurance and other withholdings.
- 102. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq., Plaintiffs and the Class are entitled to restitution of the lost benefits and compensations and the wages withheld and retained by DEFENDANTS during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this complaint; a permanent injunction requiring DEFENDANTS to pay all outstanding compensations and wages due to Plaintiffs and the Class members; an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION (Against all Defendants for Unpaid Wages During Employment) [Cal. Lab. Code § 204]

- 103. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 104. During the Class Period, Labor Code section 204 applied to Defendants' employment of Plaintiffs and Class Members. At all times relevant hereto, Labor Code section 204 provided that all wages earned by any employee, such as a member of the Class, in any employment between the 1st and 15th days, inclusive, of any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and payable between the 16th and 26th day of the month during which the work were performed.
 - 105. Furthermore, at all times relevant hereto, Labor Code section 204 provides that all

wages earned by any employee, such as a member of the Class, in any employment between the 16th and last day, inclusive, of any calendar month, other than those wages due upon termination of an employee, are due and payable between the 1st and 10th day of the following month.

- 106. During the Class Period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and the rest of the Class wages for all hours worked. Specifically, Plaintiffs are informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants did not compute and/or improperly deducted time from the actual or correct amount of wages due Plaintiffs and the rest of the Class members.
- 107. During the Class Period, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiffs and the rest of the Class members all wages earned and all compensation owed and therefore violated Labor Code section 204. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the rest of the Class are entitled to recover from Defendants all damages, penalties and other remedies available for violation of Labor Code section 204.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against all Defendants for Failure to Reimburse Necessary Business Expenditures) [Cal. Lab. Code § 2802]

- 108. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and realleges each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.
- 109. Defendants failed to indemnify Plaintiffs and the Class for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by Plaintiffs and the Class in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties. Specifically, Defendants failed to indemnify Plaintiffs and the Class for expenditures they incurred on their behalf, including without limitation, purchasing additional uniforms as well as for maintaining such uniforms, specifically, washing and drying of Plaintiffs and Class uniforms, in direct consequence of the discharge of their duties to Defendants.
- 110. Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiffs and the Class for the cost of cleaning, which was necessary for the discharge their duties, but would discipline any employee who failed to adhere to its "dress code" policy.
 - 111. Defendants failed to reimbursed Plaintiffs and the Class for all expenditures.
 - 112. Plaintiffs and the Class are therefore entitled to be paid damages, attorney's fees,

costs, interest, as well as all statutory penalties, against Defendants in accordance with California Labor Code section 2802.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Private Attorneys General Act: Action for Civil Penalties) [Cal. Lab. Code §§ 2698-2699.5]

- 113. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and reallege each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.
- Act of 2004 provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards, agencies or employees for a violation of the California Labor Code, may be recovered through a civil action by an aggrieved employee on behalf of himself or herself, and collectively on behalf of all other current or former employees.
- 115. Whenever the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, or any of its departments, divisions, commissions, boards agencies or employees has discretion to assess a civil penalty, a court in a civil action is authorized to exercise the same discretion, subject to the same limitations and conditions to assess a civil penalty.
- 116. Plaintiffs and the Class are "aggrieved employees" as defined by Labor Code § 2699 in that they are all current or former employees of Defendants, and one or more of the alleged violations was committed against them.
- 117. On October 4, 2017, Plaintiff HERMELINDA AGUILAR gave written notice by certified mail to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and to Defendant Carl's Jr. Restaurants, LLC of the specific provisions alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations as required by Labor Code § 2699.3. Please see a true and correct copy of the letter sent to the LWDA and Defendant Carl's Jr. Restaurants, LLC, dated October 4, 2017, attached herein as Exhibit "A."
- 118. Additionally, on February 24, 2016, Plaintiff SALVADOR OCHOA gave written notice by certified mail to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and to

Defendant Carl's Jr. Restaurants, LLC of the specific provisions alleged to have been violated, including the facts and theories to support the alleged violations as required by Labor Code § 2699.3. Please see a true and correct copy of the letter sent to the LWDA and Defendant Carl's Jr. Restaurants, LLC, dated February 24, 2016, attached herein as Exhibit "B."

- 119. Plaintiffs assert all of the claims in this Complaint against Defendants, individually and on behalf of all aggrieved employees of the Plaintiff Class, in their joint capacities as private attorney general, and seeks all statutory penalties available under the Labor Code.
- 120. Pursuant to Labor Code § 2699 Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all aggrieved employees, request and are entitled to recover from Defendants: unpaid wages, overtime compensation, rest and meal period compensation and penalties, waiting period wages and penalties, and restitution according to proof, penalties for failure to keep accurate payroll records, interest, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Labor Code §§ 218.5, 1194(a), and 1174, as well as all statutory penalties, and attorneys' fees against Defendants, including but not limited to:
 - a) Penalties under Labor Code § 2699 in the amount of \$100 for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each initial violation, and \$200 for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation;
 - b) Penalties under Code of Regulations Title 8 § 11070 in the amount of \$50 for each aggrieved employee per pay period for the initial violation, and \$200 for each aggrieved employee per pay period for each subsequent violation; and
 - c) Any and all additional penalties and sums are provided by the Labor Code and/or other statutes.
- 121. In addition thereto, Plaintiffs seek and are entitled to 50% of all penalties obtained under Labor Code § 2699 to be allocated to the General Fund, and 25% of all penalties obtained to be allocated to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, for education of employers and employees about their rights and responsibilities under the Labor Code and 25% to all aggrieved employees.

Dated: June 24, 2019

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs hereby demand trial by jury on all issues so triable in the Complaint.

Dated: June 24, 2019

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