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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

DALY McCULLOUGH, Individually and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

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FISH MARKET RESTAURANTS, INC., a California Corporation; and DOES 1-10, inclusive

Defendants

CASE NO. 37-2015-00029010-CU-OE-CTL

**CLASS ACTION** 

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF (1) CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT; (2) ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS; and (3) CLASS REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

Date: February 3, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept: C-75

Judge: Hon. Richard E.L. Strauss

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## TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

Plaintiff DALY McCULLOUGH'S <u>Unopposed</u> Motion for Final Approval of (1) Class Action Settlement; (2) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; and (3) Class Representative Award, in the above-captioned matter came on for hearing before this Court on February 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Sullivan Law Group, APC appeared on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class; Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP, appeared on behalf of Defendant. On good cause shown, and pursuant to the authority of California statutory and case law, this Court finds that the settlement between Plaintiff and Defendant was made in good faith pursuant to California Rules of Court, rules 3.769 and 3.770. Accordingly, this Court rules as follows:

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of (1) Class Action Settlement; (2) Attorneys' Fees and Costs; and (3) Class Representative Enhancement Award, is hereby granted.
- 2. Pursuant to this Court's Preliminary Approval order of October 28, 2016, the Notice of Class Action Settlement (the "Class Notice"), and the Opt-Out forms were sent to the Class, which was previously certified in this Court's Preliminary Approval Order, in the manner specified by the parties Class Action Settlement Agreement attached to the Declaration of Eric K. Yaeckel as Exhibit A ("Settlement Agreement") and the Preliminary Approval Order. The Notice Packets informed the Class of the terms of the Settlement, their right to receive their proportional share of the Settlement by not opting out, their right to request exclusion, their right to object to the Settlement, and their right to appear in person or by counsel at the final approval hearing and be heard regarding approval of the Settlement. Adequate periods of time were provided by each of these procedures.
- 3. Out of a total of 2453 Class Members who were sent notice 34 have "Opted-Out" and these
  - 34 19 individuals are hereby excluded from the Class. No (Zero) members of the Class filed written objections to the proposed settlement as part of this notice process and no objectors appeared at the final approval hearing.
- 4. The Court finds and determines that this notice procedure afforded adequate protections to Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an informed decision regarding

- approval of the Settlement based on the responses of Class Members. The Court finds and determines that the notice provided in this case was the best notice practicable, which satisfied the requirements of law and due process.
- 5. The Court further finds and determines that the terms of the Settlement are fair, reasonable and adequate to the Class and to each Class Member. The Class Members who have not expressly sent a request for exclusion ("Opt-Out"), will be bound by the Settlement, that the Settlement is ordered finally approved, and that all terms and provisions of the Settlement should be and hereby are ordered to be consummated.
- 6. The Court finds and determines that the Settlement sums to be paid to the Class Members as provided for by the Settlement are fair and reasonable. The Court hereby gives final approval to and orders the payment of those amounts be made to the Class Members in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.
- 7. The Court finds the payment of \$61,875.00 to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") in settlement of the LWDA's share of the penalties alleged by Plaintiff and compromised under the Settlement is fair and reasonable.
- 8. The Court finds and determines that the Class Representative Enhancement Payments to Plaintiff, Daly McCullough, in the sum of \$10,000.00, in consideration for her service as the Class Representative and for her general releases of all claims against Defendant, is fair and reasonable. The Court hereby gives final approval to and orders that the payment of the Enhancement be paid as provided by the Settlement Agreement and agreed to by the parties.
- 9. The Court finds and determines that the payment to the Claims Administrator, Phoenix Settlement Administrators, in the sum of \$16,500.00 for claims administration expenses incurred and to be incurred in completing its duties pursuant to the terms of the Settlement is fair and reasonable. The Court hereby gives final approval to and orders that the payment of said amount be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount as provided for by the Settlement Agreement and agreed to by the parties.
- 10. The Court finds and determines that the payment of \$275,000.00 as Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees, and \$10,812.74 for Class Counsel's costs, is fair and reasonable. The Court hereby gives

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final approval to and orders that those amounts be paid to the Sullivan Law Group, APC, out of the total settlement amount in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. Aside from these approved payments of attorney's fees and costs from the Gross Settlement Amount, the parties will bear their own fees and costs in this matter, in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

- 11. All "Released Claims" against Defendant by the "Class Members" (as these terms are defined the parties' Settlement Agreement) that have been, or might have been, asserted by any Class Member who did not timely submit a Request for Exclusion ("Opt-Out") form, in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement are hereby released, and all such Class Members shall be forever barred from pursuing any of the Released Claims as set forth in the Settlement Agreement against the Released Parties.
- 12. Accordingly, the Court enters this judgment consistent with the above and the parties' Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.769(h), this Court retains jurisdiction over the parties to enforce this judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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RICHARD E.L STRAUSS

HON. RICHARD E.L. STRAUSS JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT