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14	PEDRO GUZMAN, an individual, REYNALD	Case No.: 37-2019-00011626-CU-OE-CTL		
15	PIERRE, an individual, BLANCA PETRONA JAIMES, an individual, on behalf of themselves	CLASS ACTION		
16		COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND		
17	Plaintiffs,	INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR:		
18	V.	1. FAILURE TO PAY WAGES AND PROVIDE BENEFITS AS		
19	ALLAN COMPANY, INC., a California	REQUIRED UNDER THE SAN		
20	Corporation; SOURCE ONE STAFFING, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company; INVO	DIEGO LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE [San Diego Municipal		
21	PEO, INC. III, a Tennessee Corporation; and DOES 1 through 25, Inclusive,	Code § 22.42.01 <i>et seq.</i>]. 2. FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME		
22		WAGES		
23	Defendants.	3. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE ITEMIZED WAGE STATEMENTS		
24		4. FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY WAGES DUE UPON TERMINATION		
25		5. UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES		
26		[JURY TRIAL DEMANDED]		
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1 On behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public, 2 Plaintiffs PEDRO GUZMAN (hereinafter "GUZMAN" OR "Mr. GUZMAN"), an individual, 3 REYNALD PIERRE (hereinafter "PIERRE" or "Mr. PIERRE"), an individual, and BLANCA 4 PETRONA JAIMES (hereinafter "PETRONA" or "Ms. PETRONA"), an individual (collectively 5 "Plaintiffs") bring this class action against defendants ALLAN COMPANY, INC. (hereinafter 6 "ALLAN"), a California Corporation; SOURCE ONE STAFFING, LLC (hereinafter "SOURCE 7 ONE"), a California Limited Liability Company; INVO PEO, INC. III (hereinafter "INVO"), a Tennessee Corporation; and Does 1 through 25, inclusive (collectively "Defendants"), for unpaid 8 9 wages and benefits, penalties, interest, declaratory and injunctive relief, costs and attorneys' fees 10 resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct and unfair business practices. 11 Plaintiffs allege the following based upon information and belief, the investigation of counsel, 12 and personal knowledge as to the allegations pertaining to themselves. 13 **INTRODUCTION** 14 1. Plaintiffs worked for Defendants as recycling sorters and seek for themselves and all others 15 similarly situated recovery and redress because Defendants have failed to provide Plaintiffs and other 16 members of the putative class with all wages and benefits entitled to them under the law. 17 JURISDICTION AND VENUE 18 2. This Court has jurisdiction over all causes of action asserted herein pursuant to the California 19 Constitution, Article VI, §10, because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts. 20 The monetary damages sought by Plaintiffs total more than this Court's jurisdictional minimum. 21 3. Plaintiffs are citizens of California because their domiciles are in California. 22 4. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because they conduct substantial business in 23 California and have intentionally availed themselves of the laws and markets of California through 24 the operation of their business in California. 25 5. Venue is proper in this Court because a significant portion of the conduct that gives rise to 26 Defendants' liability, as alleged herein, occurred in San Diego County. 27 28

1	PARTIES	
2	Plaintiffs	
3	6. Plaintiff GUZMAN is a natural person who is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a	
4	resident of the County of San Diego in the State of California. Mr. GUZMAN worked for Defendants	
5	at their recycling facility located at 6733 Consolidated Way, San Diego, CA 92121, sorting waste	
6	materials. Mr. GUZMAN was paid minimum wage.	
7	7. Plaintiff PIERRE is a natural person who is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a resident	
8	of the County of San Diego in the State of California. Mr. PIERRE worked for Defendants at their	
9	recycling facility located at 6733 Consolidated Way, San Diego, CA 92121, sorting waste materials	
10	from March 2018 through on or around January 29, 2019, and was paid minimum wage.	
11	8. Plaintiff PETRONA is a natural person who is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a	
12	resident of the County of San Diego in the State of California. Ms. PETRONA worked for Defendants	
13	at their recycling facility located at 6733 Consolidated Way, San Diego, CA 92121, sorting waste	
14	materials until early 2014, when she left her employment. Ms. PETRONA was employed again by	
15	Defendants in January 2015 through November 2015, and again in April 2017 through April 2018	
16	and was paid minimum wage.	
17	Defendants	
18	9. Defendant ALLAN is a California Corporation, conducting substantial business in the County	
19	of San Diego.	
20	10. Defendant SOURCE ONE is a California Limited Liability Company, conducting substantial	
21	business in the County of San Diego.	
22	11. Defendant INVO is a Tennessee Corporation, conducting substantial business in the County	
23	of San Diego.	
24	12. Plaintiffs are presently unaware of the true identities and capacities of fictitiously named	
25	Defendants designated as DOES 1 through 25, but will amend this Complaint or any subsequent	
26	pleading when their identities and capacities have been ascertained according to proof.	
27	13. Plaintiffs believe and thereon allege that each fictitiously named Defendant is responsible, in	
28	some manner, for the occurrences herein alleged and Plaintiffs' injuries and damages as herein alleged	
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1 are directly, proximately and/or legally caused by Defendants and all of their acts.

Plaintiffs believe and thereon allege that each of these Defendants, named herein as DOES,
are the agents, employers, representatives or employees of the other named Defendants and when
performing the acts alleged herein, were acting within the scope of their agency, employment and/or
representative capacity and are therefore responsible for the acts complained of herein.

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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

Plaintiffs, collectively, bring their claims on behalf of a class which consists of all current,
former, and future employees of Defendants, who worked for Defendants in waste management, and
who are due wages and/or benefits under the San Diego Living Wage Ordinance, and who have not
received all of said wages and benefits during the relevant statutory period and who are/were
California residents during the Class Period.

12 16. ALLAN employed Plaintiffs and the putative class to perform work covered by the San Diego13 Living Wage Ordinance during the Class Period.

14 17. SOURCE ONE employed Plaintiffs and the putative class to perform work covered by the15 San Diego Living Wage Ordinance during the Class Period.

16 18. INVO employed Plaintiffs and the putative class to perform work covered by the San Diego
17 Living Wage Ordinance during the Class Period.

18 19. Members of the putative class were not provided wages and benefits due them under the San19 Diego Living Wage Ordinance.

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CLASS ALLEGATIONS

20. Defendants employ or employed Plaintiffs and the putative class in the service of waste
management – in this case recycling, and therefore the employment relationship is now and has been
governed by the San Diego Living Wage Ordinance, which mandates minimum wage rates, and
minimum benefits contributions. Defendants failed to and continue to fail to pay these employees
mandated rates, and instead pay employees, including Plaintiffs, minimum wage.

26 21. Plaintiffs thus bring this action on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated
27 pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382.

28 22. <u>Proposed Class and Nature of the Class Claims.</u> Plaintiffs, as Class Representatives, bring this

action on their own behalf and on behalf of a class comprised of all current, former, and future
 employees of Defendants who worked for Defendants in waste management and are due wages and/or
 benefits under the San Diego Living Wage Ordinance, and who have not received all of said wages
 and benefits during the relevant statutory period and who are/were California residents during the
 Class Period.

6 23. <u>Numerosity.</u> The size of the putative class makes a class action both necessary and efficient. 7 On information and belief, Plaintiffs estimate that the putative class consists of several thousand 8 current and former employees, and an indefinite number of future employees. Members of the 9 putative class are so numerous that joinder is impracticable. The putative class includes future class 10 members whose joinder is inherently impossible.

24. <u>Class Members Ascertainable:</u> Members of the putative class are ascertainable, as the causes
of action deal with unpaid wages and unpaid benefits, and it can be easily determined from
Defendants' records which employees this applies to.

25. <u>Typicality.</u> The claims of the Class Representatives are typical of the claims of the class as a whole. The named Class Representatives are and/or were employed by Defendants during the relevant statutory period. The named Class Representatives were not paid all required wages and benefits. The unlawful policies and practices that have operated to deny the named Class Representatives their wages and benefits required by law are typical of the unlawful practices that have and will continue to operate to deny other class members their wages and benefits to which they are entitled.

26. <u>Common Questions of Law and Fact.</u> This case poses common questions of law and fact
affecting the rights of all class members, including but not limited to: Whether the following
compensation policies and practices are unlawful under applicable municipal and California law:

24 25 A. Failure of Defendants to pay wages as mandated by the San Diego Living Wage Ordinance
 [[San Diego Municipal Code § 22.42.01 *et seq.*];

26 27 B. Failure of Defendants to make contributions to benefits as mandated by the San Diego Living Wage Ordinance;

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- C. Whether equitable relief is warranted under Business and Professions Code §17200 et seq.;
 - D. What relief is necessary to remedy Defendants' unfair and unlawful conduct as herein alleged; and
 - E. Other questions of law and fact.

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6 27. <u>Adequacy of Class Representation.</u> The Class Representatives can adequately and fairly
7 represent the interests of the putative class as defined above, because their individual interests are
8 consistent with, not antagonistic to, the interests of the class.

9 28. <u>Adequacy of Counsel for the Class.</u> Counsel for Plaintiffs possess the requisite resources and
10 ability to prosecute this case as a class action and are experienced labor and employment attorneys
11 who have successfully litigated other cases involving similar issues.

12 29. Propriety of Class Action Mechanism. Class certification is appropriate because Defendants 13 have implemented schemes which are generally applicable to the putative class, making it appropriate 14 to issue declaratory and/or injunctive relief with respect to the class as a whole. Each member of the 15 putative class has been damaged and is entitled to recovery because of Defendants' uniform unlawful policy and/or practices described herein. Class certification is also appropriate because the common 16 17 questions of law and fact predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the 18 class. Further, the prosecution of separate actions against Defendants by individual class members 19 would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications which would establish incompatible 20 standards of conduct for Defendants. For all of these and other reasons, a class action is superior to 21 other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy set forth in this 22 complaint.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

FAILURE TO PAY WAGES AND PROVIDE BENEFITS AS REQUIRED UNDER THE
 SAN DIEGO LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE
 [San Diego Municipal Code § 22.42.01 *et seq.*]
 (Plaintiffs and Putative Class against ALL Defendants)
 30. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference each and every allegation contained in the

1	preceding and subsequent paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.		
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	31. Defendants employ or employed Plaintiffs and the putative class in the service of waste		
3	management – in this case recycling, and therefore the employment relationship is now and has been		
4	governed by the San Diego Living Wage Ordinance, which mandates minimum wage rates, and		
5	minimum benefits contributions. Defendants failed to and continue to fail to pay these employees		
6	mandated rates, and instead pay employees, including Plaintiffs, minimum wage.		
7	32. The Ordinance defines employers who are covered by the Ordinance as follows:		
8 9	Covered employer means any service contractor, financial assistance recipient, City facility employer, or any authorized agent thereof. SDMC 22.4205 [bold emphasis		
	added].		
10 11	33. For our purposes the relevant part being that a "service contractor" is one type of covered employer. The Ordinance defines <i>Service Contractor</i> as follows:		
12	Service contractor means any business that has been awarded a service contract		
13	subject to this Division. SDMC § 22.4205 [bold emphasis added].		
14	34. The Ordinance defines <i>Service Contract</i> as follows:		
15 16	<i>Service contract</i> means a contract between the <i>City</i> and a <i>business</i> , and any applicable subcontracts or franchises, to furnish <i>services</i> . SDMC § 22.4205.		
17	35. Finally, the Ordinance defines <i>Service</i> as follows:		
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10	Services means the following types of employment activities and any other non-		
20	managerial, non-supervisory, or non-professional services that are consistent with the intent of this Division and designated in a <i>City facility agreement, financial assistance agreement,</i> or <i>service contract</i> :		
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23	(q) Waste collection and waste disposal, including recycling; [] SDMC § 22.4205 [bold emphasis added].		
24	26 Under SDMC § 22,4220 severed employers are required to new a higher minimum wage and		
25	36. Under SDMC § 22.4220, covered employers are required to pay a higher minimum wage and		
26	contribute to benefits set by a schedule to be published by the City of San Diego on an annual basis.		
27	The City has and does issues these schedules		
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1	37. Defendants failed to comply with the Living Wage Ordinance and instead paid the state	
2	minimum wage and did not contribute to employee benefits.	
3	38. Defendants knowingly and willfully failed to conform with requirements of the San Diego	
4	Living Wage Ordinance.	
5	39. SDMC § 22.4230 provides for a private right of action to seek unpaid wages and benefit	
6	contributions which should have been paid under the ordinance, treble damages for willful violations,	
7	and attorneys' fees and costs.	
8	40. As a direct and proximate result of these illegal business practices, and willful failure to pay	
9	legal wages, Defendants have failed to pay and continue to fail to pay all wages and benefit	
10	contributions due to Plaintiffs and the putative class.	
11	41. Plaintiffs are entitled to, and hereby seek such relief as set out in SDMC § 22.4230, including	
12	unpaid wages, unpaid benefit contributions, treble damages, and reasonable fees and costs.	
13	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION	
14	FAILURE TO PAY OVERTIME IN VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE § 1194	
15	(Plaintiffs and Putative Class against ALL Defendants)	
16	42. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the preceding	
17	paragraphs.	
18	43. Defendants routinely required Plaintiffs and the putative class to work more than eight (8)	
19	hours per day and/or forty (40) hours per week.	
20	44. Due to the failure of Defendants to pay the proper wages under the Living Wage Ordinance,	
21	they failed to properly calculate and fully compensate Plaintiffs and the putative class for all overtime	
22	wages they earned.	
23	45. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege that the failure of Defendants to fully	
24	compensate Plaintiffs and the putative class for overtime work was willful, purposeful, and unlawful	
25	and done in accordance with the policies and practices of Defendants' operations.	
26	46. As a proximate cause of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiffs and the putative class have	
27	been damaged in an amount according to proof at time of trial. Plaintiffs and the putative class are	
28	entitled to recover the unpaid balance of wages owed, penalties, including penalties available pursuant	
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1	to California Labor Code §558, plus interest, reasonable attorney fees and costs of suit according to		
2	the mandate of California Labor Code §§1194, et seq., and punitive damages for Defendants'		
3	oppressive, malicious, intentional, and fraudulent actions.		
4	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION		
5	FAILURE TO PROVIDE ACCURATE ITEMIZED WAGE STATEMENTS IN		
6	VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE §226		
7	(Plaintiffs and Putative Class against ALL Defendants)		
8	47. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the preceding		
9	paragraphs.		
10	48. Labor Code §226(a) states, <i>inter alia</i> , that employers "shall furnish" to its employees, an		
11	"accurate itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (5) net wages earned,		
12	2 and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the corresponding number of		
13	hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee"		
14	49. Defendants violated Labor Code §226(a) because they failed to furnish to Plaintiffs and the		
15	putative class accurate itemized statements in writing during each pay period. Defendants failed to		
16	accurately report on Plaintiffs' and the Class' wage statements, inter alia: (1) gross wages earned;		
17	(2) net wages earned; and (3) the applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period.		
18	50. Defendants failed to properly pay Plaintiffs and members of the putative class the proper		
19	wages under the Living Wage Ordinance. Accordingly, Defendants violated Labor Code §226 by		
20	failing to accurately report gross and net wages earned by the employees and the proper hourly rate		
21	in effect.		
22	51. In addition, Labor Code §1174(d) and the applicable Wage Order require Defendants to		
23	maintain and preserve, in a centralized location, among other items, records showing the names and		
24	addresses of all employees employed, payroll records showing the hours worked daily by, and the		
25	wages paid to its employees. Lab. Code §1174(d); the applicable Wage Order ¶7.The failure to		
26	comply with Labor Code §1174 is unlawful pursuant to Labor Code §1175(d). Defendants knowingly		
27	and intentionally failed to comply with Labor Code §§226(a), 1174(d), and the applicable IWC Wage		
28	Order, ¶7, by failing to maintain and provide Plaintiffs and the Class with accurate payroll records.		
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Labor Code §§226(e) and (h) provide for the remedy for wage statement violations: 1 52. An employee suffering injury as a result of a knowing and intentional 2 (e) failure by an employer to comply with subdivision (a) is entitled to recover the 3 greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in 4 which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per employee for each 5 violation in a subsequent pay period, not exceeding an aggregate penalty of four 6 thousand dollars (\$4,000), and is entitled to an award of costs and reasonable 7 attorney's fees. 8 An employee may also bring an action for injunctive relief to ensure (h) 9 compliance with this section, and is entitled to an award of costs and reasonable 10 attorney's fees. 11 By knowingly and intentionally failing to keep accurate time records as required by Labor 53. 12 Code §§226, 1174(d), and the applicable IWC Wage Order, ¶7, Defendants have injured Plaintiffs 13 and the putative class and made it difficult to calculate the unpaid wages owed, and losses and 14 expenditures not indemnified by Defendants (including wages, interest and penalties thereon) due 15 Plaintiffs and the putative class. 16 54. Because of Defendants' unlawful acts, Plaintiffs and the putative class are entitled to bring 17 this action to recover damages, ensure compliance and recover costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. 18 Lab. Code §226(e)-(h). 19 FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION 20 FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY WAGES DUE IN VIOLATION OF LABOR CODE § 201, 202, 21 **AND 203** 22 (Plaintiffs and Former Employees against ALL Defendants) 23 55. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the preceding 24 paragraphs. 25 56. Labor Code §201 provides in pertinent part: "If an employer discharges an employee, the 26 wages earned and unpaid at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately...." Labor Code 27 §201(a). 28

1	57. Labor Code §202(a) provides, "If an employee not having a written contract for a definite		
2	period quits his or her employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than 72		
3	hours thereafter, unless the employee has given 72 hours previous notice of his or her intention to		
4	quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of quitting."		
5	58. Labor Code §203 provides in pertinent part: "If an employer willfully fails to pay in		
6	accordance with Sections 201 [or] 202 any wages of an employee who is discharged or who		
7	quits, the wages of the employee shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate		
8	until paid but the wages shall not continue for more than 30 days."		
9	59. Defendants failed to pay earned wages to Plaintiffs and members of the putative class upon		
10	their termination and/or within 72 hours of the last day of their employment with Defendants. More		
11	than 30 days have passed since Plaintiffs and members of the putative class have been terminated		
12	2 and/or quit Defendants' employ.		
13	Because of Defendants' willful conduct in not paying all wages due upon discharge and/or resignation		
14	of employment, Plaintiffs and members of the putative class are entitled to 30-days' wages as a		
15	penalty under Labor Code §203, plus interest thereon. Pursuant to Labor Code §218.5, Plaintiffs and		
16	the putative class are also entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.		
17	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION		
17 18	<u>FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> Unfair Business Practices		
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18 19	Unfair Business Practices [Bus. & Profs Code § 17200, e <i>t seq</i> .]		
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 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 	Unfair Business Practices [Bus. & Profs Code § 17200, et seq.] (Plaintiffs and Putative Class against ALL Defendants) 60. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs. 61. Plaintiffs bring this claim on behalf of themselves, the putative class, and the general public, pursuant to Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. 62. Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. prohibits unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent		
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Plaintiffs are "person(s)" within the meaning of Business and Professions Code § 17204, with
 standing to bring this suit for injunctive relief, restitution, disgorgement, and other appropriate
 equitable relief on behalf of all similarly-situated employees and on behalf of the general public.

64. Systematic violations of Federal, state, municipal, regulatory, or court made law qualifies as
"unfair business practices". *Saunders v Superior Court* (1994) 27 Cal App 4th 832; *People v. McKale* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 626; and *Watson Laboratories, Inc. v Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, Inc.*, 178 F.
Supp. 2d 1099 (2001).

8 65. Defendants have ignored a municipal law providing for minimum wage for covered
9 employees. Labor Code § 90.5(a) sets forth the public policy of this State to enforce minimum labor
10 standards vigorously, to ensure that employees are not required or permitted to work under
11 substandard and unlawful conditions, and to protect employers who comply with the law from those
12 who attempt to gain a competitive advantage by failing to comply with minimum labor standards.

66. Defendants' failure to pay the minimum wage and benefit contributions due to Plaintiffs and
class members, as required by the San Diego Living Wage Ordinance, constitutes unfair, unlawful,
and fraudulent business practices which have been and continue to be deleterious to Plaintiffs and to
those similarly situated and to the general public.

17 67. Through the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have acted contrary to these public policies,
18 have violated specific provisions of the Labor Code, and have engaged in other unlawful and unfair
19 business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*, depriving
20 Plaintiffs, members of the putative class, and other interested persons of rights, benefits, and
21 privileges guaranteed to all employees in California.

68. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants have committed unfair and unlawful business
practices within the meaning of Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, *et seq.* by engaging in
conduct which includes, but is not limited to, failing to pay wages and provide benefits as required
by law.

26 69. As a direct and proximate result of these unfair business practices, Defendants have received
27 and continue to receive funds that rightfully belong to Plaintiffs.

28 70. Plaintiffs are entitled to, and hereby seek such relief as may be necessary to restore to them

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the funds of which they been deprived, by means of Defendants' unlawful and unfair business
 practices.

3 Pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17203, injunctive relief is necessary to prevent 71. 4 Defendants from continuing to engage in unfair business practices as alleged herein. Defendants, and 5 persons acting in concert with them, have done, are now doing, and will continue to do or cause to be 6 done, the above-described unlawful acts unless restrained and enjoined by this Court. Unless the 7 relief prayed for below is granted, a multiplicity of actions will result. Plaintiffs have no plain, speedy, 8 or adequate remedy at law, in that it is difficult to measure the amount of monetary damages that 9 would compensate Plaintiffs or the general public for Defendants' wrongful acts. Further, pecuniary 10 compensation alone would not afford adequate and complete relief. The above-described acts will 11 cause great and irreparable damage to Plaintiffs and the general public if injunctive relief is not 12 granted. 13 14 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 15 WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully pray that this Court award relief as follows: 16 1. An order certifying this case as a class action and appointing Plaintiffs and their 17 counsel to represent the Class; 18 2. Statutory and civil penalties, according to proof; For unpaid wages, benefit contributions, treble damages, and fees and costs under the 19 3. 20 San Diego Living Wage Ordinance at SDMC § 22.4230. 21 4. For general and compensatory damages in an amount according to proof; 22 5. For back pay, front pay and other monetary relief; Preliminary and permanent injunctions enjoining and restraining Defendants from 23 6. 24 continuing the unfair and unlawful business practices set forth above and requiring the 25 establishment of appropriate and effective means to prevent future violations; 26 7. Declaratory relief; 111 27 28 111 CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

1	8.	Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs;
2	9.	Interest; and
3	10.	Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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1	JURY TRIAL DEMAND	
2	Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury tria	l on all issues so triable.
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