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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

10 MARC-ANTONY HALLIDAY, on behalf of )  
11 all others similarly situated, )

12 Plaintiff, )

13 v. )

14 PANDA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC., )  
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16 Defendant. )  
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Case No. 24STCV12667

[Assigned for all purposes to the Hon.  
Theresa M. Traber, Department 1]

**~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY  
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION  
SETTLEMENT**

**FILED**  
Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles

01/06/2026

David W. Slayton, Executive Officer / Clerk of Court

By: A. He Deputy

1 The unopposed motion by Plaintiffs Marc-Antony Halliday, Victoria Ruggeri, Emily  
2 Flessas, Steven Jackson, Elizabeth Jimenez, Stephanie Sarfo, Silas Davis, and Joshua Oluwalowo  
3 (“Plaintiffs”), for preliminary approval of the parties’ proposed <sup>Second Amended</sup> Class Action Settlement  
4 Agreement and Release (the “Agreement”) came on for hearing before this Court on October 20,  
5 2025 at 10:30 a.m. The Court, having considered all papers filed in connection with the motion,  
6 all argument of counsel, and, good cause appearing, hereby ORDERS as follows;

7 1. This Preliminary Approval Order incorporates the Agreement, and the terms used  
8 herein shall have the meanings and/or definitions given to them in the Agreement, as submitted to  
9 the Court with the motion. The Agreement is Exhibit 1 to the Supplemental Declaration of Daniel Srouria  
10 filed on 12/8/25.

11 2. For purposes of the settlement and conditioned upon the settlement receiving final  
12 approval following the final approval hearing, this Court hereby conditionally certifies the  
13 Settlement Class, defined as: “All of the estimated 240,295 individuals, 81,216 of whom have  
14 addresses in California according to Defendant’s records, whose Personally Identifying  
15 Information may have been compromised in the Data Security Incident that is the subject of the  
16 Notice of Security Breach that was sent to Plaintiffs and Class Members on or around April 30,  
17 2024.”<sup>1</sup>

18 3. The Court finds that, for the purposes of settlement: (a) the number of members of  
19 the Settlement Class are so numerous that joinder is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law  
20 and fact common to members of the Settlement Class; (c) the claims of the Plaintiffs are typical of  
21 the claims of the members of the Settlement Class; (d) the Plaintiffs are adequate representatives  
22 for the Settlement Class, and have retained experienced and adequate Class Counsel; (e) the  
23 questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over any  
24 questions affecting any individual members; and (f) a class action is superior to the other  
25 available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

26 4. For the purposes of settlement only, the Court finds and determines that the named  
27 Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class in enforcing  
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<sup>1</sup> Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) the Judge(s) presiding over the Action and members of their immediate families and their staff; (2) Panda and its subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which Panda, has a controlling interest; (3) natural persons who properly execute and submit a Request for Exclusion prior to the expiration of the Opt-Out Period; and (4) the successors or assigns of any such excluded Persons.

1 their rights in the action and appoints them as Class representatives.

2 5. For purposes of settlement only, the Court appoints as Class Counsel Daniel  
3 Srourian of Srourian Law Firm, P.C., Ken Grunfeld of Kopelowitz Ostrow, P.C., John Nelson of  
4 Milberg, PLLC, and Jason Wucetich of Wucetich & Korovilas LLP.

5 6. A.B. Data, Inc. ("A.B. Data") is appointed as Claims Administrator. The Claims  
6 Administrator shall abide by the terms and conditions of the Agreement that pertain to the Claims  
7 Administrator.

8 7. The Final Approval Hearing Date shall be **April 20, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.** before the  
9 Honorable Theresa M. Traber in Department 01, Superior Court of Los Angeles, located at 312  
10 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, to consider: (a) the fairness, reasonableness and  
11 adequacy of the proposed Agreement; (b) any objections made by Settlement Class Members to  
12 the proposed Agreement; (c) whether the Agreement should be finally approved by this Court; (d)  
13 Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and costs; (e) the motion seeking a service award for  
14 the Plaintiffs as Class Representatives; and (f) such other matters as this Court may deem proper  
and necessary.

15 8. Class Counsel are to file and serve the Motion for Final Approval and Motion for  
16 Fees, Costs, and Service Awards by March 26, 2026.

17 9. The proposed forms of Class Notice are attached to the Agreement as Exhibits A-  
18 C are hereby approved for the purpose of notifying the members of the Settlement Class of the  
19 proposed settlement, the Final Approval Hearing date, and the rights of the members of the  
20 Settlement Class to exclude themselves or object to the settlement, and shall be sent to the  
21 members of the Settlement Class substantially in the forms approved. Non-substantive  
22 modifications may be made to the notices by mutual written consent of the parties without further  
23 Court approval. The costs of giving Notice to the Settlement Class Members shall be deducted  
from the common fund.

24 10. The Claims Administrator shall issue the Class Notice by mail within 30 days after  
25 the entry of this Preliminary Approval Order.

26 11. The Long-Form Notice shall be posted on the Settlement Website created by the  
27 Claims Administrator.

28 12. The Notice, as set forth in Exhibit B to the Agreement and to be issued in the

1 manner described in the Agreement, is the best notice practicable, and is reasonably calculated,  
2 under the circumstances, to apprise the members of the Class of the pendency of this action and  
3 their right to participate in, object to, or exclude themselves from the settlement. This Court  
4 further finds that the Notice, as set forth in Exhibit C to the Agreement, is sufficient notice of the  
5 Final Approval Hearing date, the settlement, the Motion for Final Approval and Motion for Fees,  
6 Costs, and Service Award, and other matters set forth in the Agreement, and that the Notice set  
7 forth in Exhibit C of the Agreement fully satisfies the California Rules of Court and due process  
8 of law, to all persons entitled thereto.

9 13. Settlement Class Members who wish to exclude themselves from the Settlement  
10 Class for purposes of this settlement may do so by submitting a Request for Exclusion to the  
11 Claims Administrator that is postmarked no later than 30 days before the Final Approval Hearing.  
12 The Request for Exclusion must comply with the exclusion procedures set forth in the  
13 Agreement. Each Settlement Class Member desiring to exclude him or herself from the  
14 Settlement Class shall timely submit written notice of such intent to the designated address set  
15 forth in the Notice. The written request must clearly manifest the intent to be excluded from the  
16 Settlement Class and must be signed by the Settlement Class Member.

17 14. Settlement Class Members who timely file a Request for Exclusion consistent  
18 with these procedures may not file an objection to the settlement and shall be deemed to have  
19 waived any rights or benefits under this settlement. Settlement Class Members who fail to submit  
20 a valid and timely Request for Exclusion shall be bound by all terms of the Agreement and the  
21 Final Judgment.

22 15. Settlement Class Members who has not timely filed a Request for Exclusion may  
23 object to the granting of final approval to the settlement. Settlement Class Members may object  
24 on their own or may do so through separate counsel at their own expense.

25 16. Any written objection to the settlement must be in writing and mailed to the  
26 Settlement Administrator. All Objections must include the following: (a) the case name *Halliday,*  
27 *et al. v. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc.*, 24STCV12667 (Los Angeles County Superior Court); (b)  
28 the Settlement Class Member's full name, current physical mailing address, and telephone  
number; (c) a statement indicating whether the objection applies only to the objector, a subset of  
the Settlement Class, or the entire Settlement Class, (d) the specific grounds for the objection; and

(e) all documents or writings that the Settlement Class Member desires the Court to consider. All written objections must be postmarked no later than the Objection Deadline. Objections will not be filed with the Court. The Settlement Administrator shall promptly forward any objection(s) it receives to Class Counsel and Panda's Counsel. Notwithstanding the above, the Court will hear from any Class Member who attends the Final Fairness Hearing and asks to speak, including those Class Members who have not submitted an Objection. Any Class Member who does not make their objection(s) in the manner and by the date set forth herein shall be deemed to have waived any objections and shall be forever barred from raising such objections, unless they personally appear at the final approval hearing.

17. Settlement Class Members who have not timely filed a Request for Exclusion may object to the granting of final approval to the settlement by appearing at the Final Approval Hearing and voicing their objection orally.

18. All pretrial proceedings in this action are stayed and suspended until further order of this Court, except such actions as may be necessary to implement the Agreement and this Preliminary Approval Order.

19. In the event that the Agreement is terminated pursuant to its terms, disapproved by any court (including any appellate court), and/or not consummated for any reason, or the Effective Date for any reason does not occur, the order certifying the Settlement Class for purposes of effectuating the settlement, and all preliminary and/or final findings regarding that class certification order, shall be automatically vacated upon notice of the same to the Court, the action shall proceed as though the Settlement Class had never been certified pursuant to this Preliminary Approval Order and such findings had never been made, and the action shall return to the procedural posture on the day before the Agreement was executed, in accordance with this paragraph.

20. For the benefit of the Class and to protect this Court's jurisdiction, this Court retains continuing jurisdiction over the settlement proceedings to ensure the effectuation thereof in accordance with the settlement preliminarily approved herein and the related orders of this Court.

21. The parties are directed to carry out their obligations under the Agreement.

22. Class Counsel shall serve a copy of this Preliminary Approval Order on all named

parties or their counsel within 7 days of receipt.

23. Further litigation in this action shall be stayed pending final approval of the settlement.

**Summary of Applicable Dates**

<b>Final Approval Hearing Date</b>	April 20, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
<b>Deadline to File Motion for Final Approval</b>	March 26, 2026
<b>Deadline to Send Notice to the Class</b>	As soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days after entry of this Preliminary Approval Order.
<b>Claims Deadline</b>	10 days prior to Final Approval Hearing Date.
<b>Objection Deadline</b>	30 days prior to Final Approval Hearing Date.
<b>Opt-Out Deadline</b>	30 days prior to Final Approval Hearing Date.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 01/06/2026



Hon. Theresa M. Traber  
Los Angeles Superior Court

(§ 1013a, 2015.5 C.C.P.)

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