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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CENTRAL DISTRICT

CHRISTOPHER B. CHANDLER, Heir of and) 12 Successor in Interest to DORIS CHANDLER, deceased, individually and on behalf of a class 13 of similarly situated people; DENISE EWELL, 14 Heir of and Successor in Interest to ROBERT) ROSE; MILDRED DeJESUS, Heir of and) 15 Successor in Interest to JOSE F. DE JESUS,

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Case No. BC403866

STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER **GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT RE:** TORRANCE CARE CENTER EAST, INC. AND TORRANCE CARE CENTER WEST, INC.

Assigned to Hon. Ernest M. Hiroshige, Dept. 54

17	Plaintiffs,	
18	VS.	
19 20	LONG BEACH CARE CENTER, INC.; THE	
21	PALMCREST GRAND CARE CENTER, INC., TORRANCE CARE CENTER WEST, INC., TORRANCE CARE CENTER EAST,	
22	INT.; VICKI P. ROLLINS; WILLIAM A.	
23	NELSON; ROLLINS-NELSON HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT	
24	COMPANY, INC., ROLLINSNELSON LTC CORP., DOES 1 through 25, and and DOES	C
25	28 through 75,	
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27	Defendants.	
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		NTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION

1	STIPULATION		
2	WHEREAS on July 14, 2015, the Court heard Plaintiffs Denise Ewell and Mildred DeJesus'		
3	(collectively, "Plaintiffs") Motion for an Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Settlement		
4	Agreement with Torrance Care Center East, Inc. and Torrance Care Center West, Inc. ("Motion for		
5	Preliminary Approval of Settlement");		
6	WHEREAS on July 14, 2015, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of		
7	Settlement;		
8	WHEREAS the parties acknowledge that the Injunction presented to the Court in the Motion for		
9	Preliminary Approval of Settlement did not include Exhibit 1 referenced in Paragraph 5 of the		
10	Injunction, exemplars of staffing documents such as Daily Staffing Schedule and Daily Assignment		
11	Sheets, and therefore agree that Exhibit D attached hereto may be included as Exhibit 1 to the		
12	Injunction;		
:13	WHEREAS through the execution of the instant stipulation, all parties demonstrate their		
14	approval of the instant proposed Order and the Court will have no need to hold the Order for a period of		
15	time;		
16	THEREFORE, the parties stipulate that Plaintiffs and Defendants have reviewed the proposed		
17	Order as set forth below and approve of the proposed Order in its entirety.		
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19	DATED: July $\underline{30}$, 2015 LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH, LLP		
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21	By GEORGE E. NOWOTNY		
22	JUDITH M. TISHKOFF,		
23	Attorneys for Defendants		
24	DATED: July <u>30</u> , 2015 LAW OFFICES OF BEN YEROUSHALMI		
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26	By DENUTEDOUGHANN		
27	BEN YEROUSHALMI RODNEY TOLENTINO,		
28	Attorneys for Plaintiffs Denise Ewell and Mildred DeJesus		
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[PROPOSED] ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, having read and considered the *Stipulation of Settlement* attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> ("Settlement Agreement") between the Plaintiffs and Defendants named in the Operative Complaint and Exhibits thereto, and the Stipulation above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. This Order hereby incorporates by reference the definitions of the Settlement Agreement as though fully set forth herein, and all terms used herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. To the extent that any inconsistencies exist between this Order and the Settlement Agreement (including Exhibits thereto), the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall control.

2. The Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, APC and Yeroushalmi & Associates shall represent the Class in this lawsuit as "Plaintiffs' Class Counsel." Any Class member may enter an appearance in this lawsuit, at their own expense, either individually or through counsel of their own choice. However, if they do not enter an appearance, they will be represented by Plaintiffs' Class Counsel.

3. Denise Ewell, heir of and successors-in-interest to Mr. Robert Rose, deceased (as class representative for residents of TCCW), and Mildred DeJesus, heir of and successor-in-interest to Mr. Jose F. De Jesus (as class representative for residents of TCCE), shall represent the Class in this lawsuit as "Representative Plaintiffs."

4. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement as being in the range of reasonableness of a settlement that could ultimately be granted final approval by the Court.

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The Settlement Administrator shall be Gilardi & Co. LLC.

6. A Final Approval Hearing shall be held on <u>October 27, 2015</u> at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable Ernest M. Hiroshige in Department 54 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Los Angeles, California located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The purpose of the Final Approval Hearing will be to determine whether: (a) the proposed Settlement Agreement and the consideration to the Class described in section V.A of the Settlement Agreement

should be finally approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate; (b) any objections to the 2 Settlement should be overruled; (c) the Attorneys' Fees and Costs sought by Plaintiffs' Class Counsel should be approved in the amounts requested; (d) the settlement of the individual claims is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and (e) the Judgment of Dismissal With Prejudice dismissing the action - as the action pertains to allegations of conduct taking place at Torrance Care Center East, Inc. and Torrance Care Center West, Inc. - with prejudice should be entered.

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7. The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B.

8. The procedure for mailing and distributing the Notice to the Class members shall be as follows: By August 25, 2014, the Defendants shall mail or cause to be mailed by the Settlement Administrator, by U.S. Mail to the last known address of record for each member of the Class, the Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B. Prior to serving the Class Notice, the third party Settlement Administrator to be selected by Class Counsel shall conduct a National Updated Address Search to obtain the most updated contact information on the class members to insure accuracy in service.

9. The Court finds that dissemination of the Class Notice in the manner set forth in this 16 Order meets the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 and California Rule of 17 Court 3.769(f) and due process and constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and 19 shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto.

20 10. Any Class member who wishes to participate in the Settlement may submit a Claim 21 Form (included within the Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B) in the manner as set forth on the 22 Claim Form, to the address listed on the Claim Form. In order to be valid, the Claim Form must be 23 postmarked no later than September 24, 2015.

The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the form attached hereto as Exhibit 11. C, whereby any Class member can request exclusion from the Class (hereinafter, "Opt-out Form"). The Opt-out Form shall be included in the mailing of the Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Any Class members may request exclusion from the Class by mailing the Opt-out Form 12. attached hereto as Exhibit C to the third party Settlement Administrator. In order to be valid, the Opt-

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out Form must be postmarked no later than September 24, 2015. If the Class member submits a valid and timely request for exclusion, such person shall have no rights under the Settlement Agreement, will not be entitled to any payment pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and will not be bound by the Settlement Agreement or Judgment of Dismissal with Prejudice.

Any Class member who wishes to object to all or any party of the proposed Settlement 13. must file written objections with the Clerk of the Court of the Los Angeles County Superior Court in the manner set forth in the Class Notice by September 14, 2015. In addition, Class members who wish to appear at the Final Approval Hearing must so state in their objection. All objections must also be served on both Plaintiffs' Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel as follows:

To Plaintiffs' Class Counsel:

Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, APC c/o Rodney Tolentino 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W Beverly Hills, CA 90212

To Defendants' Counsel:

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP c/o George Nowotny 633 W. 5th Street, Suite 4000 Los Angeles, CA 90071

Only Class members who have timely filed and delivered properly completed written notices of their intent to appear will be entitled to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing unless the Court orders otherwise. Any Class member who does not make his or her objection in the manner provided for herein shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from making any objection to the fairness or adequacy of the proposed Settlement or to the award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs to Plaintiffs' Class Counsel unless otherwise ordered.

24 14. All papers in support of the motion for final approval of the Settlement Agreement and any request by Plaintiffs' Class Counsel for final approval of Attorneys' Fees and Costs shall be filed by October 2, 2015.

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 15. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Final Approval Hearing without
 further notice to the Class members, and retains jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising
 out of or connected with the proposed Settlement Agreement.

16. Pending the Court's ruling at the Final Approval Hearing, neither the named Plaintiffs, Class members, and any other person or entity, or any of them, whether directly, representatively, or in any other capacity, whether or not such persons have appeared in the lawsuit, shall institute or prosecute any of the matters referenced as Released Claims in the Settlement Agreement.

8 17. Neither the Settlement Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the
9 negotiations or proceedings connected with it shall be construed in this action or any other lawsuit as an
10 admission or concession by Defendants of the truth of any of the allegations in this action, or of any
11 liability, fault or wrongdoing of any kind.

Ernest M. Hiroshige

Honorable Ernest M. Hiroshige Judge of the Superior Court

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EXHIBIT A

1 2 3 4 5 6	LAW OFFICES OF BEN YEROUSHALMI Ben Yeroushalmi (SBN 232540) Daniel D. Cho (SBN 105409) Tanaz Rostami (SBN 253184) Rodney Tolentino (SBN 273727) 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W Beverly Hills, CA 90212 Tel: 310-623-1926	YEROUSHALMI & ASSOCIATES Reuben Yeroushalmi (SBN 193981) Peter Sato (SBN 238486) Jason Gianvecchio (SBN 276587) 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W Beverly Hills, CA 90212 Tel: 310-623-1926	
7 8	Fax: 310-623-1930 Attorneys for Plaintiff DENISE EW	Fax: 310-623-1930 VELL and MILDRED DeJESUS	
9	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
10	COUNTY OF 2	LOS ANGEI	LES, CENTRAL DISTRICT
11	CHRISTOPHER B. CHANDLER,		CASE NO. BC403866
12	Successor in Interest to DORIS CH deceased, individually and on beha		STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
13	of similarly situated people; DENISE EWELL, Heir of and Successor in Interest to ROBERT ROSE; MILDRED DEJESUS, Heir of and		Assigned to Hon. Ernest M. Hiroshige, Dept. 54
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15	Successor in Interest to JOSE F. DE	E JESUS,	
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17	LONG BEACH CARE CENTER,	INC., THE	
18	PALMCREST GRAND CARE CENTER, INC.,		
19	TORRANCE CARE CENTER E	AST, INC.,	
20	VICKI P. ROLLINS, WILLIAM A ROLLINS-NELSON HEA	. NELSON, LTHCARE	
21	MANAGEMENT COMPANY ROLLINSNELSON LTC CORP.		
22	through 25, and DOES 28 through 7		
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25	This Stipulation of Settlement is made and entered into by and among Plaintiffs Denise Ewell,		
26	successor in interest to Robert Rose, and Mildred DeJesus, successor in interest to Jose F. De Jesus,		
27			ntiffs and or Representative Plaintiffs"); and the
28	Setting Defendants as defined belo	w, by and three	ough their counsel of record in the Litigation.
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	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT		

The Stipulation of Settlement is intended by the Parties to settle and compromise the 1 2 Litigation as to the Settling Defendants only, and only with respect to allegations against the Settling 3 Defendants of conduct taking place at Torrance Care Center East, Inc. ("TCCE") and Torrance Care Center West, Inc. ("TCCW") only. The Litigation against the Settling Defendants, with respect to 4 5 allegations of conduct taking place at TCCE and TCCW, shall be dismissed with prejudice in its entirety, to fully, finally and forever resolve, discharge and settle the Released Claims, as defined 6 below, according to the terms and conditions set forth herein. The Stipulation of Settlement is 7 8 expressly subject to the preliminary and final approval of the Court.

9 I. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

10 Wherever used in this Stipulation of Settlement, the following terms shall have the meanings
11 specified below:

12 1. "Class" means all persons who resided in TCCE and TCCW, which were owned or 13 operated by one or more of the Settling Defendants during the Class Periods described below, and also includes the family members, legal representatives, or "Successors in Interest" of said persons. 14 Excluded from the Class are any of the Defendants' employees, officers, and directors; legal 15 representatives, successors, and assigns; any entity in which one or more of the Defendants has a 16 17 controlling interest; any judge to whom the Litigation is assigned and all members of his or her immediate family; and all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class pursuant 18 19 to the Class Notice disseminated in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order pursuant to the procedure for such exclusion set forth herein. 20

2. "Class Counsel" means the Representative Plaintiffs' counsel of record in the 21 Litigation, on behalf of all Class Members: 22 23 Ben Yeroushalmi Tanaz Rostami 24 Rodney Tolentino LAW OFFICES OF BEN YEROUSHALMI 25 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W Beverly Hills, CA 90212 26 27 28 //

Reuben Yeroushalmi 1 Peter Sato 2 Jason Gianvecchio YEROUSHALMI & ASSOCIATES 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W 3 Beverly Hills, CA 90212 4 3. "Class Notice" means the "Notice of Class Action Settlement," substantially in the 5 form of **Exhibit "B"** attached hereto, to be disseminated by mail in accordance with the Preliminary 6 Approval Order, informing Persons who fall within the Class of, among other things, the pendency of 7 the Litigation, the material terms of the proposed Settlement, and their options with respect thereto. 8 4. "Class Period" means as follows: from February 9, 2008 through and including July 9 15, 2013 for residents of Torrance Care Center East, Inc. and Torrance Care Center West, Inc. 10 5. "Complaint" means the Individual and Class Action Complaint filed in this Court by 11 Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler on December 15, 2008. "First Amended Complaint" means the 12 First Amended Individual and Class Action Complaint filed in this Court by Plaintiff Christopher B. 13 Chandler on February 9, 2011. The "Second Amended Complaint" means the Second Amended 14 Individual and Class Action Complaint filed in this Court by Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler on 15 October 11, 2011. The "Third Amended Complaint" means the Third Amended Individual and Class 16 Action Complaint filed in this Court by Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler on July 18, 2012. The 17 "Fourth Amended Complaint" means the Fourth Amended Individual and Class Action Complaint 18 filed in this Court by the Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler and Representative Plaintiffs on July 17, 19 2013. "Operative Complaint", as used throughout the settlement approval proceedings, shall refer to 20 the Fourth Amended Complaint. 21 6. "Court" means the Honorable Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige in Department 54 of the Los 22 Angeles Superior Court, before whom the Litigation is pending, or any other Judge and/or 23 Department to which this case is assigned or heard in the future. 24 7. "Settling Defendants" means and includes Torrance Care Center East, Inc., Torrance 25 Care Center West, Inc., Vicki P. Rollins, William A. Nelson, Rollins-Nelson Healthcare Management 26 Company, Inc., and Rollinsnelson Ltc Corp. 27 28 STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

- 8. "<u>Effective Date</u>" means the first date by which all of the events and conditions
 specified in ¶(V)(H)(1) of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred.
- 3 9. "<u>Facility</u>" or "<u>Facilities</u>" means: TORRANCE CARE CENTER EAST, INC. and
 4 TORRANCE CARE CENTER WEST, INC. only.

5 10. "Final" means (a) if no appeal from the Judgment is filed, the date of expiration of the time for the filing or noticing of any appeal from the Judgment; or (b) if an appeal from the Judgment 6 is filed, and the Judgment is affirmed or the appeal dismissed by a judgment or order of the California 7 8 Court of Appeal ("Appellate Judgment"), thirty days after the date of such affirmance or dismissal; or 9 (c) if a petition for review of the Appellate Judgment is filed and denied, the date the petition is 10 denied; or (d) if a petition for review of the Appellate Judgment is filed and granted, or the California Supreme Court orders review of the Appellate Judgment on its own motion, and the Appellate 11 Judgment is affirmed or the review proceeding dismissed, and no petition for a writ of certiorari with 12 13 respect to the California Supreme Court's judgment affirming the Appellate Judgment or dismissing the review proceeding ("Review Judgment") is filed, the date of expiration of the time for the filing of 14 such a petition for a writ of certiorari; or (e) if such a petition for a writ of certiorari is filed and 15 denied, the date the petition is denied; or (f) if such a petition for a writ of certiorari is filed and 16 17 granted, the date of final affirmance of the Review Judgment or final dismissal of the review 18 proceeding initiated by the petition for a writ of certiorari; or (g) should there be no objections to the 19 settlement filed and ultimately ruled upon by the Court, the date of final approval of the settlement by the Court. 20

11. "<u>Final Approval Hearing</u>" means the hearing(s) to be held by the Court to consider
and determine whether the proposed settlement of the Litigation as contained in this <u>Stipulation</u>
should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and whether the Judgment approving the
settlement contained in this <u>Stipulation</u> should be entered.

25 12. "Judgment" means the Judgment, Final Order and Decree to be entered by the Court,
26 substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "D</u>" (without exhibits).

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1 13. "Litigation" means and refers to the case filed by Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler on 2 December 15, 2008 in the Los Angeles Superior Court, case No. BC 403866 which also includes the 3 Complaints defined in $\P 5$.

14. 4 "**Person**" means an individual, corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, 5 association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and their 6 spouses, heirs, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assigns. 7

8 15. "Preliminary Approval Order" means the Order re Preliminary Approval of Class 9 Action Settlement, substantially in the form of **<u>Exhibit E</u>** hereto (without exhibits), preliminarily 10 approving this Stipulation, providing for notification to the Settlement Class of the Notice of Class Action Settlement, substantially in the form of Exhibit "B" hereto, and seeking the scheduling of the 11 Settlement Hearing. 12

13 16. "Released Claims" means and includes any and all claims which the Representative Plaintiffs and/or any member of the Class, including their respective predecessors, successors, agents, 14 representatives, executors, administrators, decedents, dependents, heirs, beneficiaries, attorneys, 15 employees, assignors and assignees, ever had or now has under Health & Safety Code §1430(b) or the 16 Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code §1750, et seq.), both of which are predicated only on 17 violations of nursing staffing requirements as set forth in Health & Safety Code §§1276.5 or 18 1599.1(a). This Release extends only to claims arising from the operations of Torrance Care Center 19 East, Inc. and Torrance Care Center West, Inc. during the respective Class Periods listed in ¶4 of the 20 instant "Definitions" section above. This Release does not extend to claims predicated on violations 21 of any other federal or state laws or regulations (or any other "Patients Rights" under Health & Safety 22 Code §1430(b)) even when such violations may have caused or contributed to insufficient staffing. 23 Individual personal injury claims are specifically excluded from this definition. This Release in no 24 way limits any individual claim for personal injuries, emotional injuries, physical injuries or wrongful 25 death, even in cases where the personal injury, etc., stems in whole or in part from understaffing of a 26 skilled nursing facility. Further specifically excluded from the definition of Released Claims are any 27 claims under Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. and 17500 et seq., which were earlier 28 resolved in favor of Settling Defendants or by earlier order of the Court.

5 STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

"Released Persons" means only the following named defendants in the "Fourth 1 17. Amended Complaint", namely, Torrance Care Center East, Inc., Torrance Care Center West, Inc., 2 3 Vicki P. Rollins, William A. Nelson, Rollins-Nelson Healthcare Management Company, Inc., and Rollinsnelson Ltc Corp., and only for conduct allegedly occurring at TCCE and TCCW, and each of 4 5 them, and each and all of their respective current and former employees, officers, directors, corporations, companies, Limited Liability Companies, affiliates, related entities, partnerships, 6 principals, managing agents, agents, attorneys, insurers, past, present and future divisions, 7 8 predecessors, successors, shareholders, trusts, trustees, representatives, administrators, fiduciaries, 9 heirs, beneficiaries, assigns, subrogees, executors, partners, parents, subsidiaries, parent and 10 subsidiary entities and/or privies.

"Representative Plaintiffs" means the named plaintiffs and putative class 11 18. representative Jose F. De Jesus, by and through his heir and successor in interest Mildred DeJesus; 12 13 Robert Rose, by and through his heir and successor in interest Denise Ewell; and all of their agents, attorneys, insurers, predecessors, successors in interest, heirs, employees, trustees, representatives, 14 administrators, fiduciaries, assigns, subrogees, executors, partners, parents, subsidiaries, relatives, 15 and/or privies. 16

17 19. "Request for Exclusion" means a written request by a Settlement Class Member to be excluded from the Settlement Class. 18

19 20. "Settling Parties" means only the Settling Defendants and Representative Plaintiffs, collectively. 20

21. 21 "Stipulation" means this Stipulation of Settlement, including its attached exhibits, which are incorporated herein by reference. 22

23 II. RECITALS

24 1. Representative Plaintiffs were at all times relevant hereto individuals residing in the 25 State of California.

2. Settling Defendants are in the business of owning, operating and/or managing skilled 26 27 nursing and/or long term care facilities in the State of California, or have been alleged by the 28 Representative Plaintiffs to be in some manner affiliated with other persons or entities who are

engaged in the business of owning, operating and/or managing long term care facilities in the State of
 California.

3. 3 On December 15, 2008, Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler filed an Individual and Class Action Complaint in the above captioned proceeding ("Complaint.") The Complaint asserted the 4 5 following causes of action as Individual Claims: (1) Elder Abuse (Pursuant to the Elder Adult and Dependant Adult Civil Protection Act - Welfare and Institution Code sections 15600 et seq.); (2) 6 Negligence; (3) Willful Misconduct; (4) Constructive Fraud; and (5) Fraud by Misrepresentation. The 7 8 Complaint asserted the following causes of action on a class basis: (6) Violations of California 9 Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 1770 et seq.; (7) Violation of Patient's rights (Health & Safety Code section 1430); (8) Violations of Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et 10 seq.; and (9) Violations of Business and Professions Code §§ 17500, et seq¹. On December 15, 2008. 11 the above captioned proceeding was assigned the Honorable Judge Ernest M. Hiroshige in 12 13 Department 54 of the Los Angeles Superior Court (hereinafter referred to as the "Court").

14 4. The Complaint was amended by the First Amended Complaint, filed in the above
15 captioned proceeding on February 9, 2011, the effect of which was to add TCCE and TCCW, along
16 with additional defendant The Palmcrest Grand Care Center, Inc. to the instant action.

17 5. The First Amended Complaint was amended by the Second Amended Complaint, filed
18 in the above captioned proceeding on October 11, 2011.

19 6. The Second Amended Complaint was amended by the Third Amended Complaint, filed
20 in the above captioned proceeding on July 18, 2012, the effect of which was to clarify the Plaintiff as
21 Christopher B. Chandler, as heir of and successor in interest to Doris Chandler.

7. The Third Amended Complaint was amended by the Fourth Amended Complaint, filed
in the above captioned proceeding on July 17, 2013, the effect of which was to add Representative
Plaintiffs to represent the residents of defendants Torrance Care Center East, Inc. and Torrance Care

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²⁶ ¹ The eighth (8th) and ninth (9th) causes of action, alleging, respectively, violations of Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. and 17500, et seq., were dismissed by order of the Court upon duly noticed motions opposed by Plaintiff.

Center West, Inc. Representative Plaintiff Mildred DeJesus, heir of and successor in interest to Jose F. 1 De Jesus, represents residents of TCCE. Representative Plaintiff Denise Ewell, heir of and successor in 2 3 interest to Robert Rose, represents residents of TCCW. (Collectively, the Plaintiffs' Individual and Class Action Complaint and Fourth Amended Complaint, and together with all alleged causes of action, 4 5 shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Plaintiffs' Action" and or "Litigation").

8. On April 27, 2010, Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler filed a Motion for Class 6 7 Certification on behalf of residents of Long Beach Care Center, Inc. ("LBCC") and as to the Sixth (6th) cause of action for Violations of California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code section 8 1770 et seq. and the Seventh (7th) Cause of Action for Violations of Patient's rights (Health & Saf 9 Code section 1430). On May 21, 2010, the Court tentatively denied Plaintiffs' Motion for Class 10 Certification in its entirety. However, the Court continued the hearing to allow the Court to review 11 Plaintiff Christopher B. Chandler's reply papers. On June 25, 2010, the Court tentatively maintained 12 13 its denial of class certification. Upon oral argument, the Court took the Motion for Class Certification under submission. The Court later continued the hearing for class certification and ordered 14 supplemental briefing. On September 28, 2010, the Court tentatively granted class certification as to 15 the Health and Safety Code section 1430 cause of action and denied certification as to the Consumer 16 Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA") claim. After oral argument, the Court again took the matter under 17 submission. On November 1, 2010, the Court issued a ruling granting certification as to both the 18 19 CLRA claim and the Health and Safety Code section 1430 claim. Defendant LBCC filed a petition for writ of mandate with the Second Appellate District challenging the Court's order granting the 20 Motion for Class Certification as to the 6th and 7th causes of action. After considering seven amici 21 curiae briefs and responsive briefs from various parties, on June 3, 2011, the Second Appellate 22 23 District issued an Order denying LBCC's petition. Defendant LBCC petitioned the California Supreme Court for review of the Court of Appeal's order. The Supreme Court denied this petition on 24 July 27, 2011. 25

9. On October 27, 2014, Representative Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Amend Class 26 27 Certification Order ("Motion to Amend") to add the residents of TCCE and TCCW to the class described in the immediately preceding paragraph for the Sixth and Seventh Causes of Action. On 28

December 4, 2014, the Court granted this Motion to Amend as to the residents of TCCE and TCCW.
 As a result, the currently certified class in the instant action includes all persons who resided in TCCE
 and/or TCCW from February 9, 2008 through July 15, 2013 as to both the Sixth and Seventh Causes
 of Action.

5 10. On December 5, 2011, the Parties engaged in a full day mediation session before Carolyn Vincent, Esq., at ADR Services, Inc. in Los Angeles. A second full day mediation session 6 7 was held with the Honorable Judge Alexander Williams, a retired Los Angeles Superior Court judge 8 on November 27, 2012 at ADR Services, Inc. in Los Angeles. Aside from mediating in person, the 9 Parties conducted dozens of additional conference calls and email communications with and without 10 the participation of the mediators intended to further the process of the global resolution of the claims resolved through the instant Stipulation and the concurrent Individual Settlement. At all times, the 11 negotiations were at arms length, hard fought, and contentious. 12

- 13 11. All parties engaged in extensive discovery aimed at furthering their respective positions. From its inception, the Plaintiffs' Action was contentious, hard fought, and contested on 14 almost every single issue. Just by way of example, Plaintiffs briefed and argued approximately 15 16 twenty (20) motions in the course of the Litigation. Through Class Counsel, Representative Plaintiffs 17 conducted an extensive investigation of the facts which support the allegations raised in the Litigation 18 and in the Fourth Amended Complaint, including ascertaining staffing levels at the facility, as well as 19 gathering and reviewing public records of deficiencies and alleged violations of state and federal regulations assessed upon TCCE and TCCW by the Department of Public Health. 20
- 21 12. After approximately fours years of on and off arms length and at times contentious
 22 negotiations, the Parties agreed to a Settlement of all Class Claims as to TCCE and TCCW.
- 23 13. The Court has made no determination about the merits of Plaintiffs' claims or
 24 Defendants' defenses.
- 25 14. Plaintiffs have agreed to settle the Class Claims pursuant to the provisions of this
 26 Stipulation set forth in detail below, considering, among other things:
 - a. The substantial benefits to the Class under the terms of this Stipulation; and
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- The attendant expense, risks, difficulties, delays, and uncertainties of the continuation b. 1 2 of litigation, trial, post-trial proceedings, and appeals.
- 3 15. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree and believe that this Stipulation provides fair, reasonable and adequate relief to the Class and that settlement on the agreed terms, as set forth below, 4 5 is in the best interests of the Class.
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III. **DEFENDANTS' DENIAL OF LIABILITY**

1. The Settling Defendants deny all allegations of misconduct or wrongdoing, as alleged 7 8 in the Litigation, the Fourth Amended Complaint or at all. Further, Settling Defendants deny that any 9 violation of State Law or Federal Law has occurred, as alleged in the Litigation, the Fourth Amended 10 Complaint or at all, relative to the provision of skilled nursing services. Notwithstanding same, the Settling Defendants have taken into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation and 11 have determined that it is desirable and beneficial that the Litigation be settled in the manner and upon 12 13 the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

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IV. SETTLEMENT RELIEF

After a thorough consideration of the facts and the law, including extensive gathering 15 1. of evidence through discovery and review and analysis of publicly available information, and 16 17 investigation of the law applicable to their claims and to the defenses raised by the Defendants, the 18 Representative Plaintiffs and Class Counsel recognize and acknowledge that the expense and length 19 of the proceedings necessary to prosecute this action through trial and through appeals would likely 20 exceed any benefits that would accrue to Representative Plaintiffs or to members of the Class, even if 21 they were to ultimately prevail in the litigation. The Representative Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have also taken into account the uncertain outcome and the risk of any litigation, as well as the difficulties 22 23 and delays inherent in such litigation. Moreover, the Representative Plaintiffs and Class Counsel are 24 mindful of the inherent problems of proof under, and possible defenses to, the claims asserted or that could be asserted herein. 25

2. 26 The Representative Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe, and the Settling Parties have 27 agreed, that the settlement set forth in this Stipulation confers substantial benefits on behalf of the 28 Class and each of the members thereof. Based on their factual evaluation, and after extensive

settlement discussions, Class Counsel has determined that the settlement set forth in this Stipulation is
 in the best interest of the Class, and that the settlement is fair and reasonable to the members of the
 Class.

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V. TERMS OF STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT

A. <u>Consideration to the Class</u>

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1. Settling Defendants are obligated to pay, under this Stipulation Settlement, \$590,000-6 7 "Total Cash Amount." Of the Total Cash Amount of \$590,000, there will be a "Class Settlement 8 Cash-Fund" to the class totaling \$228,000. All persons who resided in TCCE from February 9, 2008 9 through July 15, 2013 and all persons who resided in TCCW from February 9, 2008 through July 15, 10 2013, are entitled to cash payments of \$400 per person. The Successors in Interest of any deceased persons who resided in TCCE from February 9, 2008 through July 15, 2013 or TCCW from February 11 9, 2008 through July 15, 2013, are entitled to cash payments of \$200 per person. "Successor in 12 13 Interest" is defined as "the beneficiary of the decedent's estate or other successor in interest who succeeds to a cause of action or to a particular item of the property that is the subject of a cause of 14 action," consistent with California Code of Civil Procedure §377.11. Defendants shall make such 15 payments from the Class Settlement Cash-Fund only to those who submit a timely and proper claim 16 using a form substantially similar to that attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**. Upon proper and timely 17 receipt of a claim from either a Class Member or the Successor in Interest to a Class Member, and 18 19 following verification of the residency of the resident during the Class Period, payment shall be made via check mailed 30 days after the properly submitted claim is received by the Defendants and Final 20 21 Approval, as defined herein, of the instant "Stipulation" is completed, whichever is later in time to 22 occur.

2. The Defendants' obligation to pay cash to Class Claimants will be capped at a total
payment of \$228,000 - the "Class Settlement Cash-Fund." All of the costs of Class Notice and
Administration of Settlement shall be borne by the Settling Defendants, and shall be paid by Settling
Defendants above and beyond the Total Cash Amount of \$590,000 under the terms of this Settlement.
In the event that the amount of total claims submitted exceeds \$228,000, the payments to Class
Claimants shall be pro-rated.

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3. In the event that total payments to Class Claimants are less than \$228,000, any unpaid 1 amount ("Unused Funds") will not remit to Defendants, but shall be distributed as follows: Within 2 3 thirty (30) days of the Effective Date of this Class Settlement Agreement the Unused Funds shall be donated by Defendants, by way of an award in the nature of Cy Pres to one or more charitable or non-4 5 profit organizations (the "Proposed Cy Pres Recipients"). The Proposed Cy Pres Recipients shall be selected by Class Counsel, subject to the approval of Defendants, which approval shall not be 6 unreasonably withheld. In the event that Defendants do not approve selection of any of the Cy Pres 7 8 Recipients within five (5) business days of receiving the proposal, the Parties will submit the dispute 9 to the Court, who will have sole authority, after considering briefing from the Settling Parties, to make 10 a binding decision on whether the objectionable Cy Pres Recipients(s) is an appropriate recipient of the Unused Funds. The Parties agree that all Proposed Cy Pres Recipients must serve a purpose that 11 has a nexus with the underlying causes of action in this Litigation, and must be approved by the Court. 12 13 4. Settling Defendants are also obligated to pay \$1,000 to each of the Representative Plaintiffs as incentive payments in compensation for their efforts in pursuing the Litigation. The 14 aforementioned incentive payments are included in the Total Cash Amount of \$590,000 discussed in 15 paragraph V.A.1 above. 16 5. 17 Claim forms shall be due no later than 30 days after the date of the Notice being

18 provided to class members as mandated herein.

19 6. No Person shall have any claim against Representative Plaintiffs, any member of the
20 Class, Class Counsel, Settling Defendants, Released Persons, or counsel for Settling Defendants based
21 upon any matter concerning the Cash Settlement Amount, the Settlement Value, administration of the
22 settlement embodied in this Stipulation, distributions made pursuant to this Stipulation and the
23 settlement contained herein, or upon further orders of the Court.

24 7. As further consideration to the class of persons who resided in TCCE from February 9,
25 2008 through July 15, 2013 and/or TCCW during the same time period, the Injunction attached as
26 Exhibit C to this Stipulation shall be effective for a period of two years from the Effective Date of the

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1 Settlement, pursuant to the terms defined therein and incorporated herein².

8. 2 Separate and apart from the value of the Injunctive relief provided by way of this 3 Stipulation of Settlement, Settling Defendants shall make a Total Cash Amount payment under the settlement of Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$590,000). The Cash Payment of \$590,000 4 5 shall be distributed as follows: (a) \$228,000 will be used for paying cash to the class, and any unused funds from that \$228,000 will go to Cy Pres recipients, as defined above; (b) \$1,000 will be used as 6 7 incentive payments to each of the Representative Plaintiffs as compensation for efforts in pursuing the 8 Litigation (c) Settling Defendants agree to pay \$360,000 to Class Counsel as attorneys' fees, subject to 9 approval of the Court upon a duly noticed motion, which defendants will not oppose. Above and 10 beyond Total Cash Amount of \$590,000, Settling Defendants will also pay for all of the Notice and Administration costs related to this Settlement, and such costs shall not and will not be paid from the 11 12 Total Cash Amount of \$590,000. Furthermore, above and beyond (a) the Cash Payment of \$590,000 13 and (b) the costs of notice and administration which will also be borne by Defendants, Defendants will also pay for all costs and fees associated with the independent monitor selected by Class Counsel to 14 15 enforce the Injunction that is a part of this Settlement, attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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B. <u>Preliminary Approval Order; Scheduling of Settlement Hearing</u>

Promptly after execution of this Stipulation, Class Counsel shall submit this Stipulation
 and its exhibits to the Court and shall apply for entry of a Preliminary Approval Order preliminarily
 approving this Stipulation, providing for mailing of the Class Notice, and scheduling a Settlement
 Hearing on whether the Settlement should be granted final approval, whether the Judgment should be
 entered, and whether the Fee Application should be granted.

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C. <u>Class Notice Procedure And Costs; Confidentiality of Health Information</u>

1. Within 30 (thirty) days of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the Defendants
shall mail or cause to be mailed, by U.S. Mail to the last known residence address of record of each
member of the Class, the Class Notice substantially in the form of Exhibit "B" attached hereto. This

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^{27 &}lt;sup>2</sup> After the filing of the Fourth Amended Complaint, TCCE merged into TCCW, leaving TCCW as the only existing facility out of the two facilities. Therefore, the Injunction only applies to TCCW.

1 mechanism of notice has been chosen by the Settling Parties in light of the privacy rights of residents 2 of long-term care facilities in their personal, financial, and health information, which are subject to the 3 protections of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), the applicable requirements of the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information 4 5 and its implementing regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (45 C.F.R. Parts 160-64; HIPAA Privacy Regulations), and California Civil Code §§ 56 et seq., 1789.29 6 7 and 1798.82, which protect the confidentiality of individually identifiable personal and health 8 information.

9 2. In providing the Class Notice and in all other aspects of administration of this 10 Stipulation of Settlement, the Settling Parties agree to take all measures necessary to comply with the requirements of these laws and any other applicable laws governing the privacy of personal and health 11 information. In particular, Representative Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree to keep confidential any 12 13 personal and health information pertaining to any member(s) of the Class to which they might be exposed in the course of attempting to perform their obligations under this Stipulation and/or any 14 Order(s) of the Court. 15

3. The Defendants shall bear sole responsibility for the costs of providing Class Notice 16 and Administration of Settlement. Above and beyond the Total Cash Amount of \$590,000, 17 18 Defendants shall bear all costs associated with providing Class Notice and Administration of this 19 Settlement. The names of the persons to whom the Class Notice is sent shall remain confidential to 20 the Defendants and a third party Settlement Administrator to be selected by Class Counsel, and shall 21 not be disclosed to Class Counsel or to any other person or entity except by Court Order on good cause shown. 22

23 4. No later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, the third party 24 Settlement Administrator to be selected by Class Counsel shall file a declaration with the Court stating a) that the Class Notice has been sent; b) providing the number of Class Notice letters sent; and c) 25 26 attaching as an exhibit a copy of a non-addressed exemplar notice in the form actually sent to Class 27 Members. Prior to serving the Class Notice, the third party Settlement Administrator to be selected by 28 Class Counsel shall conduct a National Updated Address Search to obtain the most updated contact

1 || information on the class members to insure accuracy in service.

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D. <u>Final Approval Hearing</u>

3 1. Concurrently with or subsequent to the provision of Class Notice, Class Counsel will
4 brief the issue of final approval of the Stipulation of Settlement in accordance with the Preliminary
5 Approval Order or such other or further order(s) of the Court.

- 6 2 At the Final Approval Hearing, the Settling Parties will jointly move for final approval
 7 of the Settlement and entry of the proposed Judgment, and will present their arguments in support
 8 thereof.
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E. <u>Exclusion (Opt Outs)</u>

10 1. Any member of the Class who wishes to be excluded from the Class must submit a
11 written Request for Exclusion no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which Class Notice is
12 mailed. Each written Request for Exclusion must state:

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(a) The Class member's name;

14 (b) The Class member's address and telephone number (the address of an attorney alone is
15 not sufficient); and

16 (c) That the Class member wishes to be excluded from the Class and from participating in
17 the proposed Stipulation.

18 2. After completing a written Request for Exclusion, any Person wishing to be excluded
19 from the Class must also:

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(a) Sign the Request for Exclusion;

(b) Return the Request for Exclusion to the third party Settlement Administrator to be
selected by Class Counsel at the address specified in the Class Notice; and

23 (c) Return the Request for Exclusion so that it is postmarked no later than thirty (30) days
24 after which the date on which Class Notice is mailed.

3. Each member of the Class who timely submits a Request for Exclusion shall no longer
be a member of the Class, shall be barred from participation in this Stipulation, and shall receive no
cash benefits from this Stipulation. In no event shall Representative Plaintiffs be eligible to be
excluded from the Class.

4. Within five (5) business days after the last date on which members of the Class may
 exclude themselves from the Class, the Defendants shall provide Class Counsel with written notice of
 the total number of Persons who requested to exclude themselves from the Class.

- 5. Except as required by law, Representative Plaintiffs and Class Counsel acknowledge 4 5 that it would be a conflict of interest for either or all of them to represent or to actively assist any Person(s) who elect to exclude themselves from the Class in pursuing or considering the pursuit of any 6 claim, action or litigation against any of the Released Persons, that relates to the facts giving rise to 7 8 the Litigation, including but not limited to the alleged failure to staff the facilities in accordance with 9 state and federal regulations at a Facility, any allegedly deceptive advertising or other representation 10 concerning any Facility in any respect, and/or the information provided by any Facility to its prospective or existing residents, whether such claims are known or unknown, suspected or 11 unsuspected. 12
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F. <u>Releases</u>

As of the Effective Date, Representative Plaintiffs and each member of the Class who
 has not validly excluded himself or herself from the Class shall be deemed to have, and by operation
 of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all
 Released Claims and Unknown Claims, as defined herein.

18 2. "Unknown Claims" means any claims which the Representative Plaintiff or a member of the Class does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor as of the Effective Date, which, if 19 known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released 20 Persons, or might have affected his, her or its decision not to object to this Stipulation, which claims 21 only relate and are limited to claims under Health & Safety Code § 1430(b) or violations of the 22 Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code § 1750, et seq.) predicated on violations of nursing 23 staffing requirements as set forth in Health & Safety Code §§ 1276.5 or 1599.1(a) only—and nothing 24 else- whether such claims are known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected. This definition does not 25 extend to claims predicated on violations of other federal or state laws or regulations even when such 26 violations may have caused or contributed to insufficient staffing. Individual personal injury claims 27 are specifically excluded from this definition. This definition in no way limits any individual claim 28

for personal injuries, emotional injuries, physical injuries or wrongful death, even in cases where the
 personal injury, etc., stems in whole or in part from understaffing of a skilled nursing facility.

3 3. With respect to any and all Released Claims against the Released Persons, the Parties
stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Representative Plaintiffs shall expressly waive and
relinquish, and the other members of the Class shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the
Judgment shall have, expressly waived and relinquished, to the fullest extent permitted by law, (a) the
provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which
provides:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

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and (b) any law of any state or territory of the United States, Federal law or principle of common law, 12 or of international or foreign law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent to Section 1542 of the 13 California Civil Code, that relate only to claims under Health & Safety Code § 1430(b) or violations 14 of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code § 1750, et seq.) predicated on violations of nursing 15 staffing requirements as set forth in Health & Safety Code §§ 1276.5 or 1599.1(a) only-and nothing 16 else, including the alleged failure to staff the facilities in accordance with state and federal regulations 17 at a Facility, any allegedly deceptive advertising or other representation concerning compliance with 18 staffing levels, and/or the information provided by TCCE and TCCW to its prospective or existing 19 residents regarding staffing levels at the facilities, whether such claims are known or unknown, 20 suspected or unsuspected. 21

4. The Representative Plaintiffs and the members of the Class may hereafter discover
facts in addition to or different from those which they now know or believe to be true with respect to
the Released Claims, but the Settling Parties hereby stipulate and agree that upon the Effective Date,
Representative Plaintiffs fully, finally and forever settle and release, and each other member of the
Class shall be deemed to, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever
settled and released, any and all Released Claims against the Released Persons, including but not
limited to claims that are known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent,

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whether or not concealed or hidden which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of 1 2 law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, 3 conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts that relate 4 5 only to claims under Health & Safety Code § 1430(b) or violations of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code § 1750, et seq.) predicated on violations of nursing staffing requirements as set forth 6 7 in Health & Safety Code §§ 1276.5 or 1599.1(a) only—and nothing else, including the alleged failure 8 to staff the facilities in accordance with state and federal regulations at a Facility, any allegedly 9 deceptive advertising or other representation concerning compliance with staffing levels, and/or the 10 information provided by TCCE and TCCW to its prospective or existing residents regarding staffing levels at the facilities, whether such claims are known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected. 11 12 The Settling Parties acknowledge that they bargained for the foregoing waiver. 13 5. Upon the Effective Date, all members of the Class shall be bound by the releases set forth herein. 14 G. 15 **Class Counsel's Attorneys' Fees and Costs** 16 Settling Defendants agree to pay Class Counsel attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of 17 Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000), which shall come from the Total Cash Amount of 18 \$590,000. Class counsel intends to file an application for an award of fees and costs in the amount of 19 \$360,000 (the "Fee Application"). Settling Defendants agree not to oppose the Fee Application in any manner. Any fees and costs awarded by the Court to Class Counsel shall be paid within ten (10) days 20 21 after the Judgment becomes Final, as defined herein and subject to the prior approval of the Court. Conditions of Settlement. Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation or 22 H. 23 Termination 24 1. The Effective Date of this Stipulation and settlement shall be the date of occurrence of 25 the last of the following events: 26 (a) The Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) The Court has entered the Judgment, or a judgment substantially in the form of 27 28 Exhibit "D"; and 18 STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

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(c) The Judgment has become Final, as defined herein.

2 2. If all of the conditions described herein are not met, then the Stipulation shall be
3 canceled and terminated unless Class Counsel and Settling Defendants mutually agree in writing to
4 proceed with the Stipulation.

3. In the event that this Stipulation is not approved by the Court or the settlement set forth
in the Stipulation is terminated or fails to become effective in accordance with its terms for whatever
reason, the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective pre-settlement positions in the
Litigation. In such event, the terms and provisions of the Stipulation and any documents relating to it,
shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Settling Parties and shall not be used in this
Litigation or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any Judgment or Order entered by the
Court in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

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I. <u>Intended Beneficiaries</u>

No provision of this Stipulation shall provide any rights to, or be enforceable by, any person or
entity that is not a member of the Class, a Released Person or counsel for Representative Plaintiffs
(solely with respect to fees and disbursements to be paid from the Settlement Amount pursuant to
Court order). No member of the Class may assign or otherwise convey any right to enforce any
provision of this Stipulation.

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J. <u>No Conflict Intended</u>

Any inconsistency between this Stipulation and the other documents referenced herein shall be
resolved in favor of this Stipulation. The headings used in this Stipulation are intended for the
convenience of the reader only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Stipulation.

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K. <u>No Party is the Drafter</u>

23 None of the parties hereto shall be considered to be the drafter of this Stipulation or any
24 provision hereof for the purpose of any statute, case law or rule of interpretation or construction that
25 would or might cause any provision to be construed against the drafter hereof.

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L. <u>Miscellaneous Provisions</u>

27 1. The Settling Parties (a) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this
28 Stipulation; (b) agree to cooperate to the extent necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and

conditions of the Stipulation; (c) agree to exercise their best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms
 and conditions of the Stipulation; and (d) agree to recommend acceptance of the Stipulation by all
 members of the Class.

2. The Settling Parties intend this Stipulation to be a final and complete resolution of all
 disputes between them with respect to the Litigation against TCCE and TCCW. The Stipulation
 compromises claims that are contested and shall not be deemed to be an admission by any Settling
 Party as to the merits of any claim or defense.

8 3. Neither the Stipulation nor the settlement, nor any act performed or document executed 9 pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the settlement: (i) is or may be deemed to be or may 10 be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of any Defendant, or of the propriety of Class Counsel's maintaining this Litigation as a 11 class action; or (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any 12 13 fault or omission of the Defendant in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal, except that the Defendants may file the Stipulation of the 14 15 Judgment in any action that may be brought against it in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, or 16 reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or 17 counterclaim. 18

19 4. The Settling Parties agree, to the extent permitted by law, that all agreements made and orders entered during the course of the Litigation relating to the confidentiality of information shall 20 21 survive this Stipulation. If any of the Settling Parties receives a valid discovery request, subpoena, or other request from a legal proceeding (collectively "Request") seeking the production of such 22 23 agreements and other documents that have been deemed confidential, such party shall provide written 24 notice via facsimile to the other parties of such Request within two (2) business days of receiving such request so that the other parties can seek an appropriate protective order before the material is 25 provided. 26

27 5. All of the Exhibits to the Stipulation are material and integral parts hereof and are fully
28 incorporated herein by this reference.

- 6. The Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by 1 2 or on behalf of all Settling Parties or their respective successors-in-interest.
- 3 7. The Stipulation and the Exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement among 4 the parties hereto, and no representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any party 5 concerning the Stipulation or its Exhibits other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents. Except as otherwise expressed provided in this 6 7 Stipulation, the Settling Parties will bear their own respective costs.
- 8 8. Class Counsel, on behalf of the Class, is expressly authorized by Representative 9 Plaintiffs to take all appropriate action required or permitted to be taken by the Class pursuant to the 10 Stipulation to effectuate its terms and also is expressly authorized to enter into any modifications or amendments to the Stipulation, which are deemed appropriate, on behalf of the Class. 11
- 12 9. Each Person executing the Stipulation or any of its Exhibits on behalf of any party 13 hereto hereby warrants that such person has the full authority to do so.
- 14 10. The Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. Counsel for the 15 16 parties to the Stipulation shall exchange among themselves original signed counterparts and a 17 complete set of original executed counterparts shall be filed with the Court.
- 18 11. The Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and 19 assigns of the parties hereto.
- 12. 20 The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the Stipulation, including the 21 releases of the Released Persons set forth herein, and all parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement embodied in the Stipulation. 22 23 However, any proceeding to enforce this Stipulation shall not be filed unless and until the process of 24 mediation, as set forth in the Injunction approved by the Court as part of these proceedings, shall first be accomplished. 25
- 13. The Stipulation and the Exhibits hereto shall be considered to have been negotiated, 26 27 executed, and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the State of California, and the rights and 28 obligations of the parties to the Stipulation shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and

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governed by, the internal, substantive laws of the State of California without giving effect to that 1 2 State's choice of law principles.

> M. PUBLICITY

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4 1. Class Counsel and Representative Plaintiffs agree that they will not issue any press release regarding this case or the settlement thereof to the press or other media organization prior to 5 the Final Approval of Settlement. Class Counsel and Representative Plaintiffs further agree that they 6 will not voluntarily discuss this case with any member of the press or media prior to the Final 7 8 Approval of Settlement.

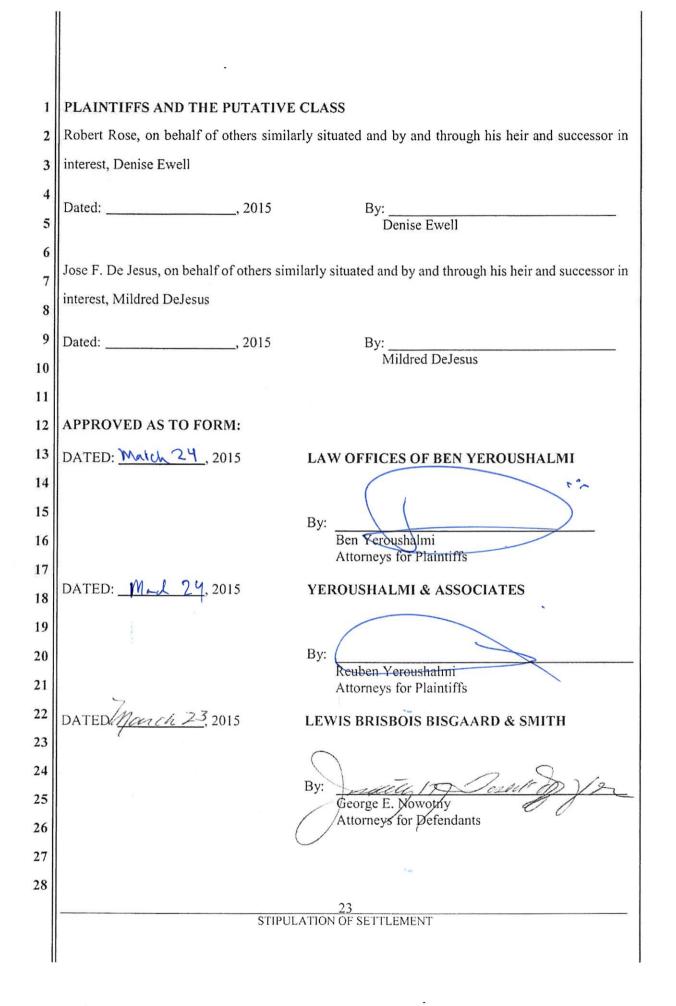
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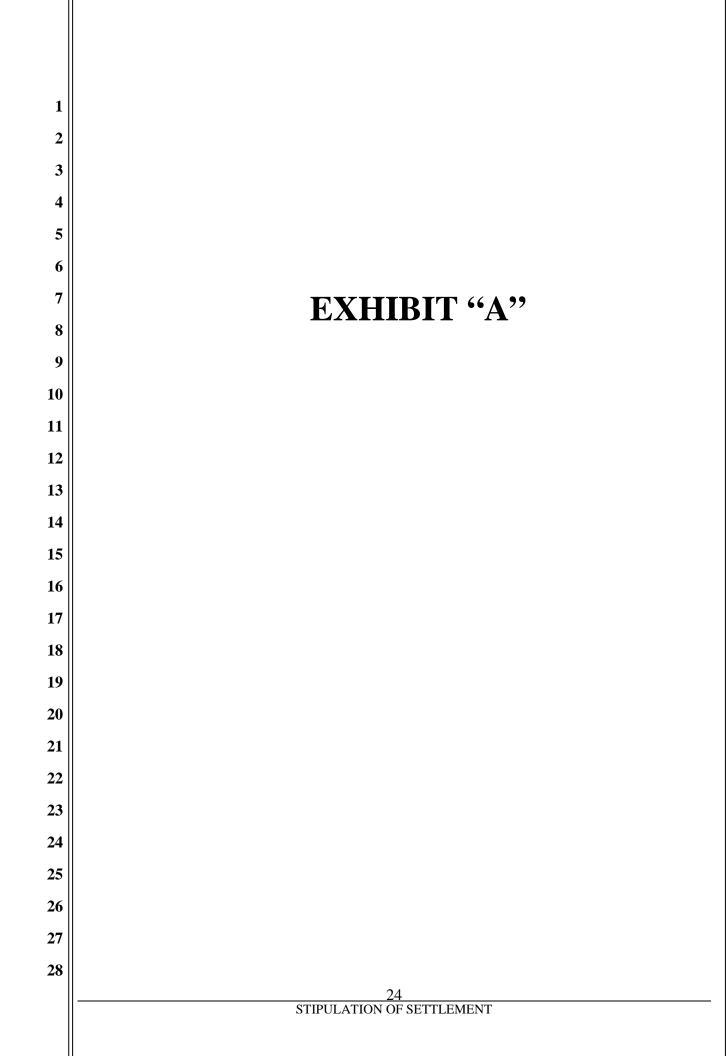
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CLAIM FORM			
IMPORTANT: To qualify for compensation as part of the settlement, you must sign the following Claim Form or a document containing the information in this Claim Form under penalty of perjury.			
You may file only one Claim Form. You must sele Options.	ect and fill in one of the following four (4)		
If at some time during the Class Period you lived i Care Center West, or, if you are the Successor in Interest for Facilities during the Class Period, please complete either O 4:	or a deceased former resident of one of the		
Option (1) – PLEASE PLACE A CHECK IN O	NE OF THE BOXES BELOW IF YOU		
WERE A RESIDENT OF TORRANCE CARE CENTER EAST DURING THE CLASS			
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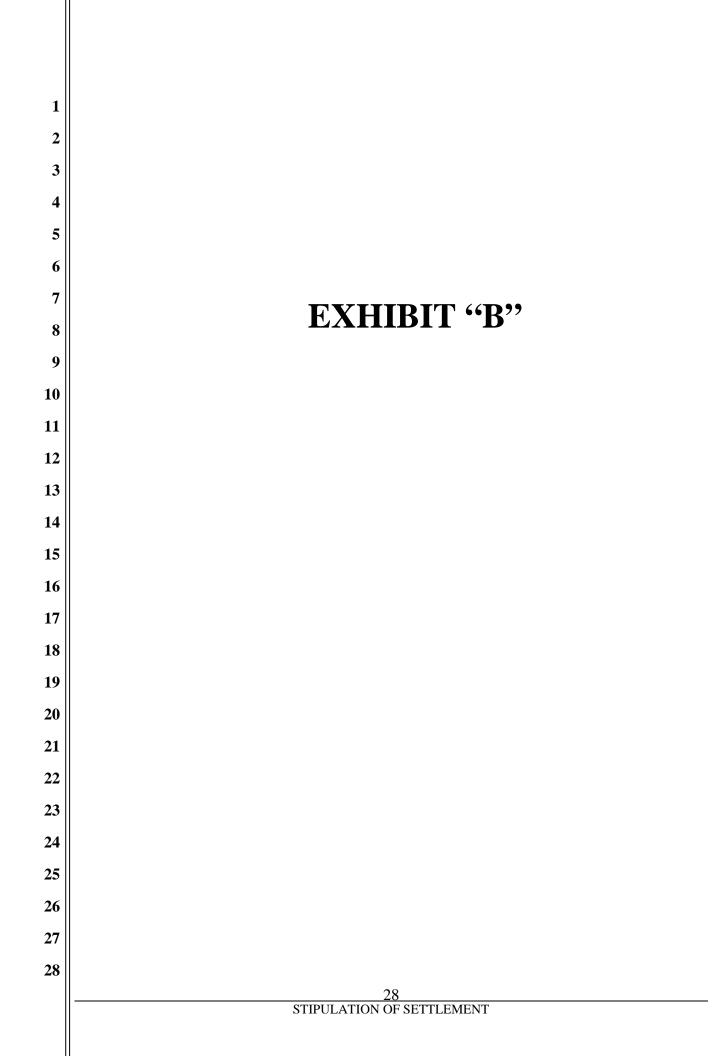
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3 I realize that by reason of the Settlement described herein, I shall be deemed to have fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished and discharged the Settling Defendants and certain of their 4 5 affiliated entities and persons from any and all claims in the action entitled Christopher B. Chandler, et al., v. Long Beach Care Center, Inc., et al., Case No. BC403866, pending in Los Angeles Superior 6 Court, based only on the alleged violations by Defendants: (1) California Health & Safety Code § 7 1430(b) based on alleged violations of Health & Safety Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a) only, and 8 9 (2) the Consumer Legal Remedies Act based on alleged violations of Health & Safety Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a) only, arising from the operations of Torrance Care Center East and Torrance Care 10 Center West. This does not include personal injury claims. Claims for personal injuries (if any) have 11 been specifically excluded from the Released Claims, and, as such, are not being released as part of 12 13 the Settlement. 14 I understand that this claim form is being submitted in a proceeding before the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles. I further affirm that the information contained in 15 16 this form is true and correct, and make the representations contained herein under penalty of perjury. 17 Name of Resident 18 Signature of Resident or Responsible Party 19 Street Address 20 City, State and Zip Code 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 26

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1	IMPORTANT: To have your claim considered, you must mail this form, or a document
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3	executed under penalty of perjury, to Your claim must be postmarked on or before
4	2015 (no later than 30 days from the mailing of the notice).
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1 This Notice pertains to the settlement ("Class Action Settlement") of a class action lawsuit entitled Christopher B. Chandler, et al., v. Long Beach Care Center, Inc., et al., Los Angeles 2 Superior Court Case No. BC403866 (the "Lawsuit"). The Class Action Settlement applies to the following nursing home facilities only: 3 (1) TORRANCE CARE CENTER EAST ("TCCE") and (2) TORRANCE CARE CENTER WEST ("TCCW") (the "Facilities") and their affiliated owners and 4 companies, Vicki P. Rollins, William A. Nelson, Rollins-Nelson Healthcare 5 Management Company, Inc., and Rollinsnelson Ltc Corp. (together with the Facilities, "Defendants"). 6 The Los Angeles Superior Court (the "Court") has ordered that notice be given of the 7 proposed Class Action Settlement in the Lawsuit. If the proposed Class Action Settlement is approved 8 by the Court, your legal rights may be affected. This Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement 9 summarizes the Class Action lawsuit and the settlement, and what you need to do if you want to file a 10 claim, opt out of the class, or object to the settlement. 11 The Lawsuit includes Class Allegations on behalf of a Class of residents of Torrance Care 12 Center East and Torrance Care Center West ("Class Allegations"). The Parties have reached an 13 agreement to settle the Class Allegations, subject to the Court's approval. 14 The damages sought for the Class under the Class Allegations seek relief on behalf of the 15 entire Class of persons who resided in either Torrance Care Center East or Torrance Care Center West 16 during the Class Period. Under the Class Allegations, Representative Plaintiffs allege that the 17 Defendants violated the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code section 1770 et seq) 18 and Health & Safety Code section 1430(b) by allegedly (1) failing to meet California's minimum 19 staffing requirements, (2) failing to employ an adequate number of qualified employees to carry out 20all facility functions at the Facilities operated by the Defendants during the Class Period, and (3) 21 engaging in false, deceptive and misleading advertising regarding the quality of care provide at the 22 Facilities during the Class Period. The Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, any 23

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The Court has already ruled, through contested Class Certification Motions, that the Litigation may be maintained as a Certified Class Action on behalf of the following Class of persons: All persons who resided in Torrance Care Center East, Inc. during the period of February 9, 2008 to July

wrongdoing, as alleged in the Complaint or at all. The Court has made no determination about the

merits of Plaintiffs' claims or Defendants' defenses.

15, 2013 and all persons who resided in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. during the period of 1 2 February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013 ("Class Period"). Excluded from the class are any of the 3 Defendants' officers, directors and employees; legal representatives, successors, and assigns; any entity in which one or more of the Defendants has a controlling interest; any judge to whom the 4 5 Litigation is assigned and all members of his or her immediate family; and all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class. 6

7 **KEY SETTLEMENT TERMS**

8 The parties have negotiated a proposed settlement, the terms of which are set forth in the Class 9 Action Settlement dated ("Settlement"), which is subject to Court approval. The complete Settlement Agreement for the Lawsuit can be obtained at _____ [website]. Here are the 10 key terms of the Settlement: 11

12 1. Injunction. Pursuant to a Court-ordered injunction, the terms of which were negotiated 13 by the parties to the Settlement, Defendants will ensure that nurse staffing levels at Torrance Care Center West, Inc. meet at least the minimum staffing requirements under California law. According 14 to Health & Safety code section 1276.5, skilled nursing facilities operating in California, are required 15 to provide a minimum nursing staff-to-resident ratio of 3.2 Nursing Hours Per Patient Per Day 16 17 ("NHPPD"). Through the instant Settlement, the defendants are agreeing to provide a minimum 18 nursing staff-to-patient ratio of 3.2 NHPPD at Torrance Care Center West, Inc. (Torrance Care 19 Center East, Inc. no longer exists as it was merged into Torrance Care Center West, Inc.) The injunction shall become effective on the Effective Date of the Settlement, if it occurs, and remain in 20 21 place thereafter for at least two years. This injunction, negotiated by the Class Representative and Class Counsel, confers a significant benefit on the Class Members still residing at Torrance Care 22 23 Center West, Inc. All costs associated with the injunction and its enforcement shall be borne entirely 24 by Settling Defendants.

25 Some of the benefits of the Injunction include, but are not limited to, the following: 26 Once a month for two years, Defendant shall provide the Independent Monitor with a monthly

27 report (herein, "Compliance Report") that contains detailed information about the actual and verifiable staffing levels provided by TCCW. The information included within the Compliance 28

Report shall include, but is not limited to: (a) The actual nursing hours for each shift of each day 1 2 during the prior monthly period (the "reporting period"); (b) the resident census for each day during 3 the reporting period; (c) the NHPPD for each day during the reporting period; (d) the hire date, enrollment status, and training commencement date for each nurse assistant who is not yet certified, if 4 5 any, whose hours have been included in the NHPPD calculation during the reporting period; (e) documentary evidence, such as time card correction forms signed by the employee and supervisor, 6 7 for all Nursing Hours claimed for any personnel with primarily administrative and/or non-nursing 8 titles or duties; and (f) documentary evidence demonstrating actual dates, hours and assignments of all 9 registry personnel providing direct nursing care and included in categories of Nursing Staff. 10 Furthermore, Defendant shall provide the Monitor with any other back up data and information requested by the Monitor for the Monitor, if reasonably necessary, to do an in depth audit of the 11 documentation provided by Defendant in support of Defendant's assertion of compliance with all 12 13 terms of the Injunction. The Independent monitor will utilize the Compliance Reports and other staffing information to audit the staffing levels of TCCW - for a period of two years - to ensure 14 15 compliance with the Injunction.

16 The Defendants have also agreed to surprise inspections by the independent monitor to
17 determine compliance with the injunction. Should the monitor find substantial violations of the
18 Injunction to be issued by the Court, there will be corrective action and there may be penalties
19 imposed. The Court will retain jurisdiction to monitor and enforce the injunction.

20 2. Cash Payments to Eligible Class Members. The Defendants' obligation to pay cash to
21 Class Claimants will be capped at a total payment of \$228,000 – the "Class Settlement Cash-Fund."
22 All of the costs of Class Notice and Administration of Settlement shall be borne by Settling
23 Defendants, and shall be paid by Settling Defendants above and beyond the Total Cash Amount of
24 \$590,000 under the terms of this Settlement. In the event that the amount of total claims exceeds
25 \$228,000, the payments to Class Claimants shall be pro-rated. The amount of \$228,000, which is
26 subject to Court approval, will benefit the Class as follows:

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(a): Payments to Current and Former Living Residents of Defendants' Facilities:

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All persons who resided in Torrance Care Center East, Inc. any time from February 9, 2008 to

July 15, 2013, or who resided in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. from February 9, 2008 to July 15,
 2013, are entitled to receive \$400 if they timely submit a Claim Form.

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(b): Payments to Family Members of Deceased Former Residents (Survivors):

4 The Successor in Interest of a deceased resident who resided in Torrance Care Center East,
5 Inc. from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013, or in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. any time from
6 February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013, is entitled to receive \$200 if they timely submit a Claim Form.

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(c) Cy Pres Fund:

8 In the event that total payments to Class Claimants plus half of the costs of Class Notice and
9 Administration of Settlement are less than \$228,000, any unpaid amount ("<u>Unused Funds</u>") will not
10 remit to Defendants, but shall be distributed for the benefit of the Class as follows: the Unused Funds
11 shall be donated by Defendants, by way of equal or approximately equal awards in the nature of Cy
12 Pres to the following charitable or non-profit organizations, which have been approved by the Court as
13 serving a purpose that has a nexus with the underlying causes of action in this Litigation (the
14 "Proposed Cy Pres Recipients"):

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interests of the class in the face of consistently tough and strong resistance from Defendants. For
 Representative Plaintiffs' efforts in pursuing the best interests of the class, Denise Ewell and Mildred
 DeJesus will each receive \$1,000.

4. Attorneys Fees and Litigation Costs. As approved by the Court, two law firms 4 served as "Class Counsel" throughout the Lawsuit on behalf of the Class: the Law Offices of Ben 5 Yeroushalmi, and Yeroushalmi & Associates. Class counsel have worked on the case as to Torrance 6 Care Center East and Torrance Care Center West since at least November 2010, interviewed more 7 than 75 witnesses and obtained signed affidavits in support of Plaintiffs' allegations from 8 approximately 30 such witnesses, reviewed more than 50,000 pages of documents, briefed and argued 9 approximately 20 motions related to these two entities (including two writs or applications to the 10 appellate courts, one of which was a battle with the entire long term care industry seeking to overturn 11 the Court's ruling granting class certification in this matter), succeeded on a vigorously opposed 12 Motion for Class Certification, engaged and extensively consulted expert witnesses and consultants, 13 recalculated years of nurse to patient staffing ratios, and vigorously prepared the case for success at 14 trial. The Litigation settled approximately two months before trial. During these several years of 15 litigation (which included extensive research and investigations of the scope and severity of the 16 Defendants' alleged violations both prior to filing the instant Lawsuit and throughout the Litigation) 17 Class Counsel have received no compensation for their services performed on behalf of residents of 18 Torrance Care Center East and Torrance Care Center West, have advanced substantial litigation 19 expenses on behalf of the Class, and have turned down countless opportunities for paid employment to 20 focus their efforts on this intensely fought litigation. Subject to Court approval, the Defendants have 21 agreed to pay, and Class Counsel will apply for reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs in the 22 amount of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000), and amount which is well below Class 23 Counsel's actual "lodestar" for work and services performed and costs incurred in this action. Any 24 award of attorneys' fees and expenses will be paid separately from, and will not reduce, the benefits 25 provided to Class members under the Settlement. Class Members are not personally liable for any 26 attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' counsel. 27

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Release of All Claims.

2 The Defendants categorically deny any and all allegations made by Plaintiffs in the Litigation, 3 and affirm their ongoing commitment to remain in compliance will all applicable laws and regulations governing skilled nursing facilities in the State of California, including but not limited to the staffing 4 5 requirements of California Health & Safety Code section 1276.5 ("Section 1276.5"). Defendants similarly deny any and all allegations of fraud as related to interactions with consumers, and affirm 6 7 their intent to continue to operate within the terms and provisions of the Consumer Legal Remedies 8 Act. Nevertheless, in exchange for agreeing to the injunction, the cash payments to class members 9 (and to the Successors in Interest of deceased class members) and the other consideration from the 10 Defendants as provided in the Settlement, Defendants and their related entities and affiliates shall be released from the following claims, and only from the following claims: allegations of violations of 11 12 (1) California Health & Safety Code section 1430(b) based only on violations of Health & Safety 13 Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a), and nothing else, and (2) the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, predicated only on misrepresentations of the quality of care as related to the staffing levels in the 14 15 facility, and in particular based on violations of Health & Safety Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a), and nothing else. By releasing these claims, you will be giving up important rights and benefits, 16 including the right to assert these or related claims to a jury. You may wish to consult with your own 17 attorney before deciding to stay in the Class and give up those rights. Claims for personal injuries (if 18 19 any) have been specifically excluded from the Lawsuit, and, as such, are not being released as part of 20 the Settlement. Furthermore, claims for any other "Patients' Rights" violations under Health & Safety 21 Code section 1430(b) other than those claims based on violations of Health & Safety Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a) have also been specifically excluded from the Lawsuit, and, as such, are not being 22 23 released as part of the Settlement.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT:

25 If you are a member of the Certified Class, or you are a Successor In Interest to a deceased Class Member who was a resident of TCCE or TCCW during the certified class periods, and wish to 26 27 participate in the Settlement, you must complete and submit the Claim Form in the manner prescribed 28 therein, to the address listed on the Claim Form. The beneficiaries or surviving family members

(Successors in Interest) of a deceased class member may participate in the Settlement and receive a
 cash payment by following the instructions on the Claim Form. Your interests will be represented by
 Class Counsel. If you choose, you may enter an appearance individually or through your own counsel
 at your own expense. You have the right to consult and/or retain an attorney of your own choice, at
 your own expense, to advise you regarding the Settlement and your rights in connection with the
 Settlement. <u>If you have questions about this settlement, you may contact counsel for the</u>
 Plaintiffs at 310-623-1926.

8 **<u>HOW TO OPT-OUT:</u>**

9 If you are a member of the Class and wish to exclude yourself from the Class, you must mail a 10 signed request for exclusion from the Class to: ______ [Third party administrator to be designated by Class Counsel.] Your request must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days 11 12 after which the date on which the Class Notice is mailed. Your request must contain (1) the name of 13 this lawsuit; (2) your full name and current address; (3) a statement of intention to exclude yourself from this lawsuit; and (4) your signature. If you exclude yourself from the Class, you will not be 14 entitled to participate in or object to the Settlement, you will not be entitled to submit a Claim Form, 15 and you will not be bound by the Settlement or Judgment. 16

17 HOW TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT:

18 If you are a member of the Class and wish to object to or comment upon the Settlement, the 19 objection must contain (1) the name of this lawsuit; (2) your full name and current address; (3) the grounds for your objection; and (4) that you resided in Torrance Care Center East, Inc. any time from 20 21 February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013; or resided in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013. Class Members may so object either on their own or through an attorney hired 22 23 at their own expense. Class Members who intend to appear and be heard at the Final Approval 24 Hearing shall be required to so state in connection with their objection. Objections must be filed with the Court listed below, no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the Class Notice Date. 25 Clerk of the Court 26 Superior Court of the State of California County of Los Angeles 27 111 N. Hill Street,

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Copies of any written objections must also be served on Plaintiffs' Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, at the following addresses: Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, APC, (Plaintiffs' Class Counsel) ,c/o Rodney Tolentino, 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 and Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, (Defendants' Counsel), c/o George Nowotny, Esq., 633 West 5th Street, Suite 4000, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

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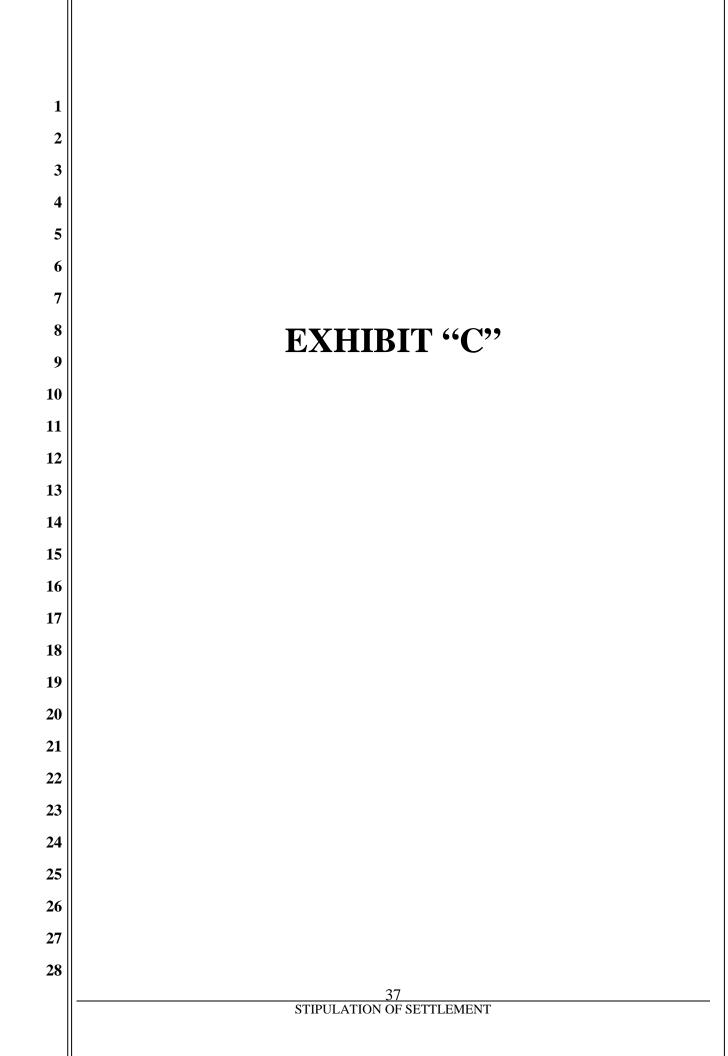
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FINAL APPROVAL HEARING:

7 On _____, 2015, at _____ a.m., the Honorable Ernest M. Hiroshige will hold a hearing in 8 Department 54 of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, located 9 at 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, to determine whether the proposed settlement is fair, 10 adequate and reasonable and should be approved. The hearing may be continued or rescheduled by 11 the Court without further notice. The Court may enter its order at the hearing, or it may consider the 12 matter further and enter its order after the hearing. If the Court approves the proposed settlement, it 13 will enter a judgment that will dismiss the Litigation as to all Class Members, except those Class 14 Members who request to be excluded from the Settlement. All people who meet the Class Definition 15 and do not validly and timely request exclusion from the Class will be forever barred from prosecuting 16 their own lawsuits relating to the conduct alleged in the operative complaint and released trough the 17 Settlement, and they and their heirs, executors, administrators, and representatives shall be deemed to 18 have fully released and forever discharged such claims against Defendants and related persons and 19 entities that in any way relate to the matters alleged in the Litigation. Personal injury claims are 20 excluded from this definition. 21

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2	LAW OFFICES OF BEN YEROUSHALMI	YEROUSH. ASSOCIAT	
3	Ben Yeroushalmi (SBN 232540)	Reuben Yer	oushalmi (SBN
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-	Rodney Tolentino (SBN 273727)	Jason Gianv	vecchio (SBN 276587)
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10	FOR THE COUN	TY OF LOS	SANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT
11	CHRISTOPHER B. CHANDLER,	Heir of and	CASE NO. BC 403866
12	Successor in Interest to DORIS CI deceased, individually and on beha		[Assigned for All Purposes to:
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21	MANAGEMENT COMPANY ROLLINSNELSON LTC CORP.	, INC.,	
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	Defendants.		
23	Pursuant to the parties' st	tipulation, IT	IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND
24	DECREED as follows:		
25	As referenced herein, the t	term "Class (Counsel" means counsel of record for the Class
26			Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, 3600 Wilshire Blvd.,
27			sinces of Ben Teroushanni, 5000 Witshire Divu.,
28	Suite 1407, Los Angeles, California	a 90010.	
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As referenced herein, the term "Facility" means Torrance Care Center West, Inc.

2 This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the claims asserted by the Class Plaintiffs in
3 this action. The following injunction ("Injunction") shall be entered against Torrance Care Center
4 West, Inc. ("Defendant") and any and all predecessors, successors and/or assigns.

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COMPLIANCE WITH Health & Safety Code § 1276.5

1. At all times, Defendant is enjoined and restrained such that Defendant shall comply 6 7 with Health and Safety Code section 1276.5 by providing a minimum of 3.2 actual nursing hours per 8 patient day ("NHPPD"). Pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 1276.5(b), "nursing hours" means 9 the number of hours of work performed per patient day by aides, nursing assistants, orderlies, 10 registered nurses, and licensed vocational nurses (excluding Director of Nurses in Facility of 60 or larger capacity) who perform direct nursing services. In order to count for purposes of the 3.2 11 NHPPD requirement, an "aide" or "orderly" must qualify as a "nurse assistant" as that term is defined 12 13 in Health and Safety Code sections 1337(d)(1) and 1337.5. Any hours worked by private caregivers hired by any resident or the family or friends of any resident to provide care to a resident shall not be 14 calculated as "nursing hours" within the meaning of this Injunction and shall not be credited to 15 Defendant. 16

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COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Defendant will use its best efforts to substantially comply with federal and state statutes
 and regulations governing the operation of a California Skilled Nursing Facility with respect to the
 quality and delivery of care or the physical environment in which such care is provided to patients of
 such skilled nursing facility. The conduct of Defendant shall be governed by any subsequent changes,
 if any, to the language of the state and federal statutes and regulations.

3. At all times, Defendant shall comply with all applicable nurse posting requirements,
including without limitation, 42 C.F.R. § 483.30(e) by posting the following information in a
prominent public place at the Facility: (a) the actual nursing hours for each shift; (b) the resident
census for each day, and the NHPPD for the immediately preceding day. In addition, Defendant shall
retain the daily posted nurse staffing sheets for the term of this Injunction, or the period required under
applicable law, whichever is longer.

THIRD PARTY MONITOR/COMPLIANCE REPORTS

2 4. The parties agree that an independent, third party monitor, knowledgeable and experienced, 3 is required to implement and potentially enforce the terms of this injunction. That monitor shall be proposed by lead class counsel, Ben Yeroushalmi. If, following a good faith evaluation, the proposed 4 5 monitor is not acceptable to all parties, and the parties cannot otherwise agree on a monitor, then each party shall submit the names of two proposed monitors, with curriculum vitae attached, to the 6 Court. The Court shall select the monitor from the four nominations. The monitor, however selected, 7 8 is appointed to review Compliance Reports (defined below) submitted by the Defendant, and to 9 undertake all other necessary actions to monitor and audit Defendant's compliance with all the terms 10 of the injunction. All fees and costs of the Monitor shall be borne entirely by Defendant.

5. Commencing twenty-five (25) days following the end of the month in which this order 11 is approved by the Court, and continuing each month thereafter for as long as this Injunction is in 12 13 effect, Defendant shall provide the Monitor with a monthly report that contains all of the following information (herein, "Compliance Report"): (a) The actual nursing hours for each shift of each day 14 during the prior monthly period (the "reporting period"); (b) the resident census for each day during 15 the reporting period³; (c) the NHPPD for each day during the reporting period; (d) the hire date, 16 17 enrollment status, and training commencement date for each nurse assistant who is not yet certified, if 18 any, whose hours have been included in the NHPPD calculation during the reporting period; 19 (e) documentary evidence, such as time card correction forms signed by the employee and supervisor, for all Nursing Hours claimed for any personnel with primarily administrative and/or non-nursing 20 21 titles or duties; and (f) documentary evidence demonstrating actual dates, hours and assignments of all registry personnel providing direct nursing care and included in categories of "Nursing Staff" as 22 23 defined above. Defendant shall provide the Monitor with the Facility's Daily Staffing Schedule, Daily

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³ "Resident Census" means the average number of residents in the facility on any given calendar day as set forth on the Department of Public Health's All Facility Letter AFL 11-19. If the method of calculating the "Resident Census" is changed by the Department of Public Health during the existence of this Injunction, the "Resident Census" to be provided with the Compliance Report shall be calculated and reported as is then required by the Department's rules and regulations.

Assignment Sheets, Daily Census Calculations and Daily NHPPD Calculations (an exemplar of which 1 is attached as Exhibit "1" to this document), as well as any computer generated report produced, kept 2 3 or maintained by Defendant, or any person or entity acting on behalf of Defendant, which reflects or purports to reflect the actual NHPPD provided by Defendant on each day during the reporting period. 4 5 Furthermore, Defendant shall provide the Monitor with any other back up data and information requested by the Monitor for the Monitor, if reasonably necessary, to do an in depth audit of the 6 7 documentation provided by Defendant in support of Defendant's assertion of compliance with all 8 terms of this Injunction. Any such audit shall be performed no more frequently than quarterly, except 9 that such an audit may be performed more frequently by stipulation between Class Counsel and 10 Defendant or by order of the Court. Defendant shall have the right to redact private information contained within all documents copied and/or submitted for purposes of compliance with this 11 12 Injunction in order to protect privacy interests of Defendant's residents and employees. This data 13 shall not be used by the Monitor for any purposes other than overseeing compliance with this Injunction. Class Counsel may access the data, upon request, only for purposes of enforcing the 14 15 Injunction in this litigation. No individuals identified within the Compliance Report may be directly contacted by the Monitor or Class Counsel without first notifying Defendant of the identity of the 16 individual, the request to speak with the individual and allowing Defendant reasonable opportunity to 17 facilitate the communication. 18

19 6. The Compliance Report shall be signed under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California by the Facility's Director of Nursing or the Facility's Administrator. The 20 Compliance Reports and other documentation reflecting staffing for the preceding month shall be 21 delivered to the monitor, with a copy to Class Counsel, on or before the 25th day of each following 22 23 month.

7. 24 The Monitor shall be permitted to make a surprise inspection at Defendant's facility to determine compliance with this injunction no more than once every six months. Upon arrival to 25 26 Defendant's facility, the Monitor shall announce his/her presence to the Administrator, Director of 27 Nursing, or person in charge. Defendant shall permit the Auditor, as part of any inspection, to 28 examine the original documents purportedly supporting the Compliance Reports. In addition, the

Monitor shall be permitted to inspect any payroll records, if necessary, as part of the Monitor's 1 inspection, even if maintained at a different location from the inspected facility, if determined by the 2 3 Monitor to be necessary. In all circumstances, the Monitor shall in no manner interfere with the right of privacy (including but not limited to all privacy rights under HIPAA) of any and all residents or 4 5 with the delivery of care to residents, whether directly or by his or her own actions or by demands upon staff that cause such an interference. For this reason the Monitor shall coordinate securing the 6 requisite documents and review of any necessary documents with Defendant and any such records will 7 8 be produced only during normal business hours. The Monitor shall prepare a report outlining his/her 9 findings including any alleged violations of this Injunction for each surprise inspection. Any report 10 prepared by the monitor shall be delivered to Class Counsel and Defendant within twenty four (24) hours of its preparation 11

8. In the event that an objectively substantive question is raised by the Class Counsel, the
Monitor, or any of them, with respect to information contained in a Compliance Report, the Monitor
shall request non-privileged, clarifying information or data from the Defendant ("Backup
Information"). Defendant shall provide a good faith response to any such request to both the Monitor
and one law firm designated by Class Counsel not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving
the request.

18 9. Within fifteen (15) days following the Monitor's receipt of the Compliance Report (and 19 any additional information described above) for each month, the Monitor shall prepare a written report 20 (the "Monitor's Report") describing Defendant's compliance with, or violation of, any terms of this 21 Injunction for each reporting period. The Monitor's Report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following information: (a) A specific description of any violation, (b) the Monitor's findings as to 22 23 the actual NHPPD for each day the Monitor determined that there was a violation of the requirement 24 herein to provide at least 3.2 NHPPD, (c) a summary of deficiency notices, citations, or complaints that evidence a violation of any term of this Injunction, and (d) anything the Monitor believes is 25 relevant to Defendant's compliance with this Injunction. A copy of the Monitor's Report shall be 26 27 delivered to Class Counsel and to Defendant.

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1 10. If Defendant wishes to respond to the Monitor's Report, Defendant shall have fourteen
 (14) days from the date the Monitor's Report is received by Defendant's counsel of record to respond
 to the report and or provide supplemental back up data. The Monitor may update the Monitor's
 4 Report in response to Defendant's response or supplemental back up data.

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5 11. Nothing stated in this Injunction shall relieve Defendant from complying with any
6 other applicable federal or state law or regulation.

12. 7 This Injunction shall be effective as of the date the Final Approval Order is signed by 8 the Court and shall remain in full force and effect for two (2) years from that date. If Defendant 9 violates the terms of this Injunction, however, Plaintiffs may apply for a Court order extending the 10 Injunction duration, in addition to any other available remedy. In ruling on any such application, the Court shall not extend the Injunction term unless it finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the 11 failure to comply with this Injunction was intentional, reckless, pervasive or not in good faith. If the 12 13 Court exercises its discretion and orders the Injunction extended, the extension term may be up to, but shall not exceed, twelve (12) months. 14

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ENFORCEMENT/CONTEMPT

16 14. Class Plaintiffs, acting through Class Counsel or a representative or designee appointed
17 by Class Counsel, may move in court against Defendant for order(s) (a) seeking compliance with this
18 Injunction, (b) seeking to hold defendant in Contempt of a Court Order for violating this Injunction, or
19 (c) seeking sanctions/penalties for violations of this Injunction, but may do so only if Defendant
20 committed one or more of the following violations:

- 21 22
- a. Defendant fails to provide a Compliance Report;
- b. Defendant fails to comply with the posting requirements;
- c. Defendant fails to provide 3.2 NHPPD for 4 or more days in any month (whether or not consecutive); or
- 25 d. Defendant fails to cooperate within a reasonable period of time with any reasonable
 26 request of the Monitor pursuant to his or her powers under this Injunction.

27 15. Prior to moving to enforce this Injunction, Class Plaintiffs shall notify Defendant of the
28 alleged violation of the Injunction and any suggested cure for the alleged violation. Defendant shall

have fourteen (14) days from the date that notice is received by Defendant to respond to the issues
 raised by Class Plaintiffs, including a proposed plan of correction, an explanation of circumstances
 surrounding the alleged violation, and any other information that Defendant believes is relevant to the
 issues raised.

5 16. If any claimed violation is not resolved as discussed in paragraph 15 above, the parties
6 shall submit the matter of the claimed violation to mediation using a mediator acceptable to Plaintiffs,
7 Defendant, and the Monitor and who is available through the Southern California office of (a) Judicate
8 West, (b) Alternate Resolution Centers (ARC), or (c) ADR Services, Inc. The parties will use their
9 best efforts to have any such dispute mediated at the earliest available time. Any resolution reached at
10 such mediation will be reduced to a written stipulation and submitted to the Court for approval and
11 order. All costs of mediation shall be borne by Defendants.

12 17. If any claimed violation is not resolved under paragraphs 15 and 16 above, Class
13 Plaintiffs, in their sole discretion, shall be entitled to bring a motion to enforce the injunction. pursuant
14 to paragraph 14 above.

15 18. If Class Plaintiffs establish any violation of this injunction, the Court shall additionally
16 have the power to impose a penalty of \$500 for each of the first three violations, and a penalty of
17 \$1,000 for each subsequent violation. Such penalties shall be payable to one or more of the Cy Pres
18 recipients agreed upon between the parties through the negotiation of the class action settlement of
19 which this injunction is a material part. The Court may also award Class Plaintiffs their reasonable
20 attorneys fees (without a Lodestar multiplier) related to the enforcement of this Injunction.

19. Nothing stated herein shall require Class Plaintiffs to file any motion to enforce the
Injunction. Class Plaintiffs shall not be deemed to have waived any right if they elect to defer or
postpone the filing of any such motion and nothing stated herein shall preclude Class Plaintiffs from
using the Compliance Reports or Monitor's Reports (or the information contained therein) for any
purpose relevant to the enforcement of this Injunction during the term of this injunction.

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OTHER PROVISIONS

27 20. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 664.6, the Court shall retain continuing
28 jurisdiction over all parties and over this action to enforce the terms of this Injunction.

44 STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT 1 21. If Plaintiff seeks to enforce this Injunction, Defendant shall be entitled to raise any
 available defenses which it, in its exclusive discretion, deems appropriate. Without limitation,
 3 Defendant also may argue (if applicable) that the non-compliance was caused by fire, flood,
 earthquake, disease outbreak or some other cause/force majeure reasonably beyond the control of
 Defendant which cannot be overcome by reasonable diligence. In such event Defendant will provide a
 description of and evidence of the event or circumstance and the steps Defendant has taken to mitigate
 the effect to the Compliance monitor.

8 22. If Nursing Hours Per Patient Day Standard set forth by Health and Safety Code section
9 1276.5 is changed, clarified and/or modified by statute or regulation, either substantively or in the
10 manner of state or federal enforcement, the Parties may move the court for modification of this
11 Stipulation consistent with such new statutes and/or regulations.

12 23. It is the understanding and expectation of the parties that this Injunction will be entered
13 as part of a Class Action Settlement of this litigation, and that this Injunction is a material aspect of
14 the Settlement.

15 24. Nothing in this Injunction is intended to, nor shall it be interpreted as, barring or16 precluding Defendant from:

a. Offering to sell or selling the Facility, its premises, contracts, assets, goodwill, or other tangible or intangible property, in whole or in part;

b. Utilizing the Facility, its premises, contracts, assets, goodwill, or other tangible or
intangible property as security for any loan or obligation;

c. Closing the Facility or otherwise terminating operation of the Facility; or

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IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJ	UDGED AND DECREED.
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	Ben Yeroushalmi Attorneys for Plaintiffs
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EXHIBIT 1

DAILY STAFFING SCHEDULES & DAILY ASSIGNMENT SHEETS

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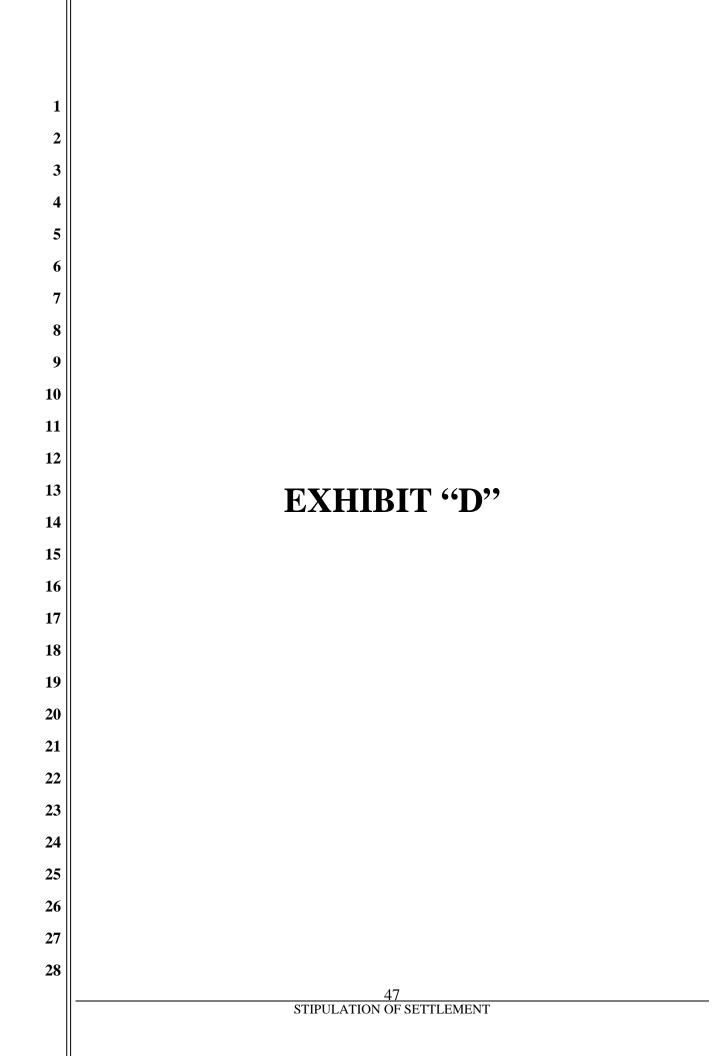
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6	FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS AN	NGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT
7	CHRISTOPHER B. CHANDLER, Heir of and)	Case No. BC403866
8	Successor in Interest to DORIS CHANDLER,) deceased, individually and on behalf of a class	[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL
9	of similarly situated people, ROBERT ROSE, by and through his representative and attorney in)	APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND JUDGMENT
10	fact PATRICIA ASAY; MILDRED DeJESUS) Heir of and Successor in Interest to Jose F. DE	Assigned to Hon. Ernest M. Hiroshige, Dept. 54
11	JESUS,	Action Filed: December 15, 2008
12	Plaintiffs,	
13	VS.) LONG DEACH CADE CENTED INC. THE	
14	LONG BEACH CARE CENTER, INC.; THE) PALMCREST GRAND CARE CENTER, INC.;	
15	TORRANCE CARE CENTER WEST, INC.;) TORRANCE CARE CENTER EAST, INT.;)	
16	VICKI P. ROLLINS; WILLIAM A. NELSON;) ROLLINS-NELSON HEALTHCARE)	
17	MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC.,)	
18	ROLLINSNELSON LTC CORP., DOES 1, through 25, and and DOES 28 through 75,	
19	Defendants.	
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[PROPOSED] ORDER
WHEREAS Plaintiffs' Motion for an Order Granting Final Approval of Settlement Agreemer
("Motion for Final Approval") and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs in this matter was hear
before the Court on, pursuant to the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approva
of Class Action Settlement dated;
WHEREAS the Court considered all documents filed in support of the Stipulation of Settlement
("Settlement Agreement"), including Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval and Motion for Attorney
Fees and Costs, all exhibits and affidavits filed in support of the aforementioned motions, all other
papers and documents filed in the instant action, and all oral arguments presented to the Court;
WHEREAS no objections were asserted to the approval of the Settlement;
Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follow
1. This Order hereby incorporates by reference the definitions of the Settlement
Agreement as though fully set forth herein, and all terms used herein shall have the same meaning
as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. To the extent that any inconsistencies exist between this
Order and the Settlement Agreement (including Exhibits thereto), the terms of the Settlement
Agreement shall control.
2. For the purposes of the Settlement Agreement and this Judgment, a Class of all
persons who resided in Defendant Torrance Care Center East, Inc. ("TCCE") and Defendant
Torrance Care Center West, Inc. ("TCCW"), or their successors, is certified as the Class in this
Settlement.
3. The Class Period is February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013 for residents of Defendants
Torrance Care Center East, Inc. and Torrance Care Center West, Inc.
4. Denise Ewell, heir of and successor-in-interest to Mr. Robert Rose, deceased (as
class representative for residents of TCCW), and Mildred DeJesus, heir of and successor-in-interes
to Mr. Jose F. DeJesus (as class representative for residents of TCCE), shall represent the Class in
this lawsuit as "Representative Plaintiffs."
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5. The Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, APC and Yeroushalmi & Associates shall 1 represent the Class in this lawsuit as "Plaintiffs' Class Counsel." No other Class member entered 2 3 an appearance in this lawsuit subsequent to the Order granting preliminary approval and prior to the Motion for Final Approval hearing. Therefore, all members of the Class are represented by 4 5 Plaintiffs' Class Counsel.

- 6. The Court hereby finds that the Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to 6 7 the consideration to the Class described in section V.A. of the Settlement Agreement, is fair, 8 adequate, and reasonable and therefore grants final approval of the Settlement Agreement.
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- 7. The Settlement Administrator shall be

8. The Court finds that dissemination of the Class Notice in the manner set forth in the 10 Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement met the requirements of 11 12 California Code of Civil Procedure section 382, California Rule of Court 3.769(f), and due process 13 and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances and constituted due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto. 14

9. Excluded from the Settlement are all persons who opted-out of the Settlement 15 Agreement by submitting a written Request for Exclusion within the time designated in the Class 16 17 Notice. The Settlement Administrator shall file with the Court a complete list of all Class members 18 who timely requested exclusion from the Settlement Agreement within 30 days of the filing date of 19 this Order. All persons who timely requested exclusion from the Settlement have no rights under 20 the Settlement Agreement, are not entitled to any payment pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, 21 and are not bound by the Settlement Agreement or Judgment of Dismissal with Prejudice.

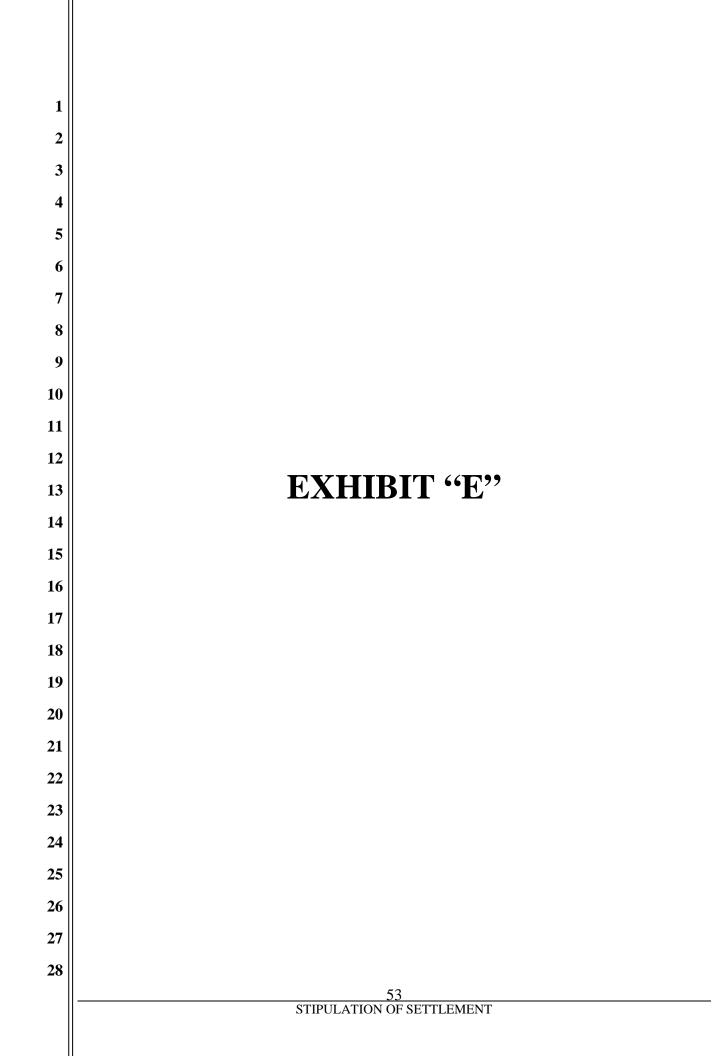
10. Upon the Effective Date as defined in the Settlement Agreement, each and every 22 23 Released Claim (defined in section I.16 of the Settlement Agreement) of each and every Class 24 member and Representative Plaintiffs are and shall be deemed to be conclusively released with 25 regard to Released Persons (defined in section I.17 of the Settlement Agreement).

a. "Released Claims" is defined as the following: any and all claims which the 26 Representative Plaintiffs and/or any member of the Class, including their 27 respective predecessors, successors, agents, representatives, executors, 28

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1		administrators, decedents, dependents, heirs, beneficiaries, attorneys, employees,
2		assignors and assignees, ever had or now has under Health & Safety Code
3		\$1430(b) or the Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code \$1750, et seq.), both
4		of which are predicated only on violations of nursing staffing requirements as set
5		forth in Health & Safety Code §§1276.5 or 1599.1(a). This Release extends only
		to claims arising from the operations of Torrance Care Center East, Inc. and
6		Torrance Care Center West, Inc. during the respective Class Periods listed in
7		Paragraph 3 of the instant Order above. This Release does not extend to claims
8		predicated on violations of any other federal or state laws or regulations (or any
9		other "Patients Rights" under Health & Safety Code §1430(b)) even when such
10		violations may have caused or contributed to insufficient staffing. <u>Individual</u>
11		personal injury claims are specifically excluded from this definition. This
12		Release in no way limits any individual claim for personal injuries, emotional
13		injuries, physical injuries or wrongful death, even in cases where the personal
14		injury, etc., stems in whole or in part from understaffing of a skilled nursing
15		facility. Further specifically excluded from the definition of Released Claims
16		are any claims under Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. and 17500
17		et seq., which were earlier resolved in favor of Settling Defendants or by earlier
18		order of the Court.
19	b.	"Released Persons" is defined as the following: only the following named
20		defendants in the "Fourth Amended Complaint", namely, Torrance Care Center
21		East, Inc., Torrance Care Center West, Inc., Vicki P. Rollins, William A. Nelson,
22		Rollins-Nelson Healthcare Management Company, Inc., and Rollinsnelson Ltc
23		Corp., and only for conduct allegedly occurring at TCCE and TCCW, and each
24		of them, and each and all of their respective current and former employees,
25		officers, directors, corporations, companies, Limited Liability Companies,
26		affiliates, related entities, partnerships, principals, managing agents, agents,
27		attorneys, insurers, past, present and future divisions, predecessors, successors,
28		shareholders, trusts, trustees, representatives, administrators, fiduciaries, heirs,
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Dated:			_, 2015	Honorable Ernest M. Hiroshige
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	16.	This Order and Ju	ugment is final.	
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	13.	Neither the Settle	ment Agreemen	t, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the
the term	ms of tl	ne Settlement Agre	ement, the Injun	ction, and this Judgment.
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	12.	Pursuant to Califo	ornia Rule of Co	urt 3.769(h), the Court retains jurisdiction over the
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10	 Successor in Interest to DORIS CHANDLEF deceased, individually and on behalf of a class c STIPUL 	ATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER
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1	[PROPOSED] ORDER
2	NOW THEREFORE, having read and considered the Stipulation of Settlement attached hereto
3	as Exhibit A ("Settlement Agreement") between the Plaintiffs and Defendants named in the Operative
4	Complaint and Exhibits thereto, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
5	1. This Order hereby incorporates by reference the definitions of the Settlement
6	Agreement as though fully set forth herein, and all terms used herein shall have the same meaning
7	as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. To the extent that any inconsistencies exist between this
8	Order and the Settlement Agreement (including Exhibits thereto), the terms of the Settlement
9	Agreement shall control.
10	2. The Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, APC and Yeroushalmi & Associates shall
	represent the Class in this lawsuit as "Plaintiffs' Class Counsel." Any Class member may enter an
11	appearance in this lawsuit, at their own expense, either individually or through counsel of their own
12	choice. However, if they do not enter an appearance, they will be represented by Plaintiffs' Class
13	Counsel.
14	3. Denise Ewell, heir of and successor-in-interest to Mr. Robert Rose, deceased (as
15	class representative for residents of TCCW), and Mildred DeJesus, heir of and successor-in-interest
16	to Mr. Jose F. DeJesus (as class representative for residents of TCCE), shall represent the Class in
17	this lawsuit as "Representative Plaintiffs."
18	4. The Court hereby preliminarily approves the settlement as set forth in the Settlement
19	Agreement as being in the range of reasonableness of a settlement that could ultimately be granted
20	final approval by the Court.
21	5. The Settlement Administrator shall be
22	6. A Final Approval Hearing shall be held on, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
23	before the Honorable Ernest M. Hiroshige in Department 54 of the Los Angeles Superior Court,
24	Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Los Angeles, California located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles,
25	CA 90012. The purpose of the Final Approval Hearing will be to determine whether: (a) the
26	proposed Settlement Agreement and the consideration to the Class described in section V.A of the
27	Settlement Agreement should be finally approved by the Court as fair, reasonable and adequate; (b)
28	any objections to the Settlement should be overruled; (c) the Attorneys' Fees and Costs sought by
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Plaintiff's Class Counsel should be approved in the amounts requested; (d) the settlement of the
 individual claims is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and (e) the Judgment of Dismissal With
 Prejudice dismissing the action - as the action pertains to allegations of conduct taking place at
 Torrance Care Center East, Inc. and Torrance Care Center West, Inc. only - with prejudice should be
 entered.

6 7. The Court hereby approves, as to form and content, the Class Notice attached hereto
7 as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

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8. The procedure for mailing and distributing the Notice to the Class members shall be as follows: By ______, 2015, the Defendants shall mail or cause to be mailed by the Settlement Administrator, by U.S. Mail to the last known address of record for each member of the Class, the Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B. Prior to serving the Class Notice, the third party Settlement Administrator to be selected by Class Counsel shall conduct a National Updated Address Search to obtain the most updated contact information on the class members to insure accuracy in service.

14 9. The Court finds that dissemination of the Class Notice in the manner set forth in this
15 Order meets the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure section 382 and California
16 Rule of Court 3.769(f) and due process and constitutes the best notice practicable under the
17 circumstances and shall constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto.

18 10. Any Class member who wishes to participate in the Settlement may submit a Claim
19 Form (included within the Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B) in the manner as set forth on
20 the Claim Form, to the address listed on the Claim Form. In order to be valid, the Claim Form must
21 be postmarked no later than ______, 2015.

11. Any Class members may request exclusion from the Class by sending a letter to the
Settlement Administrator by mail as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. In order to be valid, the
Request for Exclusion must be postmarked no later than ______, 2015. If the Class
member submits a valid and timely request for exclusion, such person shall have no rights under the
Settlement Agreement, will not be entitled to any payment pursuant to the Settlement Agreement
and will not be bound by the Settlement Agreement or Judgment of Dismissal with Prejudice.

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1	12. Any Class member who wishes to object to all or any party of the proposed
2	Settlement must file written objections with the Clerk of the Court of the Los Angeles County
3	Superior Court in the manner set forth in the Class Notice by, 2015. In addition,
4	Class members who wish to appear at the Final Approval Hearing must so state in their objection.
5	All objections must also be served on both Plaintiffs' Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel as
6	follows:
7	To Plaintiff's Class Counsel: Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, APC
8	c/o Rodney Tolentino
9	9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W Beverly Hills, CA 90212
10	To Defendants' Counsel:
11	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP
12	c/o George Nowotny 633 West 5 th Street, Suite 4000
13	Los Angeles, CA 90071
14	Only Class members who have timely filed and delivered properly completed written notices of their
15	intent to appear will be entitled to be heard at the Final Approval Hearing unless the Court orders
16	otherwise. Any Class member who does not make his or her objection in the manner provided for
17	herein shall be deemed to have waived such objection and shall forever be foreclosed from making any
17 18	objection to the fairness or adequacy of the proposed Settlement or to the award of Attorneys' Fees and
	Costs to Plaintiff's Class Counsel unless otherwise ordered.
19	13. All papers in support of the motion for final approval of the Settlement Agreement
20	and any request by Plaintiffs' Class Counsel for final approval of Attorneys' Fees and Costs shall be
21	filed by, 2015 .
22	14. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Final Approval Hearing
23	without further notice to the Class members, and retains jurisdiction to consider all further
24	applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement Agreement.
25	15. Pending the Court's ruling at the Final Approval Hearing, neither the named
26	Plaintiff, Class members, and any other person or entity, or any of them, whether directly,
27	representatively, or in any other capacity, whether or not such persons have appeared in the lawsuit,
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1	shall institute or prosecute any of the matters referenced as Released Claims in the Settlement
2	Agreement.
3	16. Neither the Settlement Agreement, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the
4	negotiations or proceedings connected with it shall be construed in this action or any other lawsuit
5	as an admission or concession by Defendants of the truth of any of the allegations in this action, or
6	of any liability, fault or wrongdoing of any kind.
7	IT IS SO ORDERED.
8	Dated:, 2015
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10	Honorable Ernest M. Hiroshige Judge of the Superior Court
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EXHIBIT B

This Notice pertains to the settlement ("Class Action Settlement") of a class action lawsuit entitled Christopher B. Chandler, et al., v. Long Beach Care Center, Inc., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC403866 (the "Lawsuit"). The Class Action Settlement applies to the following nursing home facilities only:

(1) TORRANCE CARE CENTER EAST ("TCCE") and (2) TORRANCE CARE CENTER WEST ("TCCW") (the "Facilities") and their affiliated owners and companies, Vicki P. Rollins, William A. Nelson, Rollins-Nelson Healthcare Management Company, Inc., and Rollinsnelson Ltc Corp. (together with the Facilities, "Defendants").

The Los Angeles Superior Court (the "Court") has ordered that notice be given of the proposed Class Action Settlement in the Lawsuit. If the proposed Class Action Settlement is approved by the Court, your legal rights may be affected. This Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement summarizes the Class Action lawsuit and the settlement, and what you need to do if you want to file a claim, opt out of the class, or object to the settlement.

The Lawsuit includes Class Allegations on behalf of a Class of residents of Torrance Care Center East and Torrance Care Center West ("Class Allegations"). The Parties have reached an agreement to settle the Class Allegations, subject to the Court's approval.

The damages sought for the Class under the Class Allegations seek relief on behalf of the entire Class of persons who resided in either Torrance Care Center East or Torrance Care Center West during the Class Period. Under the Class Allegations, Representative Plaintiffs allege that the Defendants violated the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Civil Code section 1770 et seq) and Health & Safety Code section 1430(b) by allegedly (1) failing to meet California's minimum staffing requirements, (2) failing to employ an adequate number of qualified employees to carry out all facility functions at the Facilities operated by the Defendants during the Class Period, and (3) engaging in false, deceptive and misleading advertising regarding the quality of care provided at the Facilities during the Class Period. The Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, any wrongdoing, as alleged in the Complaint or at all. The Court has made no determination about the merits of Plaintiffs' claims or Defendants' defenses.

The Court has already ruled, through contested Class Certification Motions, that the Litigation may be maintained as a Certified Class Action on behalf of the following Class of persons: All persons who resided in Torrance Care Center East, Inc. during the period of February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013 and all persons who resided in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. during the period of February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013 ("Class Period"). Excluded from the class are any of the Defendants' officers, directors and employees; legal representatives, successors, and assigns; any entity in which one or more of the Defendants has a controlling interest; any judge to whom the Litigation is assigned and all members of his or her immediate family; and all persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the Class.

KEY SETTLEMENT TERMS

The parties have negotiated a proposed settlement, the terms of which are set forth in the Class Action Settlement dated March 24, 2015 ("Settlement"), which is subject to Court approval. The complete Settlement Agreement for the Lawsuit can be obtained at <u>www.yeroushalmilaw.com</u>. Here are the key terms of the Settlement:

1. **Injunction**. Pursuant to a Court-ordered injunction, the terms of which were negotiated by the parties to the Settlement, Defendants will ensure that nurse staffing levels at Torrance Care Center West, Inc. meet at least the minimum staffing requirements under California law. According to Health & Safety code section 1276.5, skilled nursing facilities operating in California, are required to provide a minimum nursing staff-to-resident ratio of 3.2 Nursing Hours Per Patient Per Day ("NHPPD"). Through the instant Settlement, the defendants are agreeing to provide a minimum nursing staff-to-patient ratio of 3.2 NHPPD at Torrance Care Center West, Inc. (Torrance Care Center East, Inc. no longer exists as it was merged into Torrance Care Center West, Inc.) The injunction shall become effective on the Effective Date of the Settlement, if it occurs, and remain in place thereafter for at least two years. This injunction, negotiated by the Class Representative and Class Counsel, confers a significant benefit on the Class Members still residing at Torrance Care Center West, Inc. All costs associated with the injunction and its enforcement shall be borne entirely by Settling Defendants.

Some of the benefits of the Injunction include, but are not limited to, the following:

Once a month for two years, Defendant shall provide the Independent Monitor with a monthly report (herein, "Compliance Report") that contains detailed information about the actual and verifiable staffing levels provided by TCCW. The information included within the Compliance Report shall include, but is not limited to: (a) The actual nursing hours for each shift of each day during the prior monthly period (the "reporting period"); (b) the resident census for each day during the reporting period; (c) the NHPPD for each day during the reporting period; (d) the hire date, enrollment status, and training commencement date for each nurse assistant who is not yet certified, if any, whose hours

have been included in the NHPPD calculation during the reporting period; (e) documentary evidence, such as time card correction forms signed by the employee and supervisor, for all Nursing Hours claimed for any personnel with primarily administrative and/or non-nursing titles or duties; and (f) documentary evidence demonstrating actual dates, hours and assignments of all registry personnel providing direct nursing care and included in categories of Nursing Staff. Furthermore, Defendant shall provide the Monitor with any other back up data and information requested by the Monitor for the Monitor, if reasonably necessary, to do an in depth audit of the documentation provided by Defendant in support of Defendant's assertion of compliance with all terms of the Injunction. The Independent monitor will utilize the Compliance Reports and other staffing information to audit the staffing levels of TCCW - for a period of two years - to ensure compliance with the Injunction.

The Defendants have also agreed to surprise inspections by the independent monitor to determine compliance with the injunction. Should the monitor find substantial violations of the Injunction to be issued by the Court, there will be corrective action and there may be penalties imposed. The Court will retain jurisdiction to monitor and enforce the injunction.

2. **Cash Payments to Eligible Class Members**. The Defendants' obligation to pay cash to Class Claimants will be capped at a total payment of \$228,000 – the "Class Settlement Cash-Fund." All of the costs of Class Notice and Administration of Settlement shall be borne by Settling Defendants, and shall be paid by Settling Defendants above and beyond the Total Cash Amount of \$590,000 under the terms of this Settlement. In the event that the amount of total claims exceeds \$228,000, the payments to Class Claimants shall be pro-rated. The amount of \$228,000, which is subject to Court approval, will benefit the Class as follows:

(a): Payments to Current and Former Living Residents of Defendants' Facilities:

All persons who resided in Torrance Care Center East, Inc. any time from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013, or who resided in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013, are entitled to receive \$400 if they timely submit a Claim Form.

(b): Payments to Family Members of Deceased Former Residents (Survivors):

The Successor in Interest of a deceased resident who resided in Torrance Care Center East, Inc. from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013, or in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. any time from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013, is entitled to receive \$200 if they timely submit a Claim Form.

(c) Cy Pres Fund:

In the event that total payments to Class Claimants plus half of the costs of Class Notice and Administration of Settlement are less than \$228,000, any unpaid amount ("<u>Unused Funds</u>") will not remit to Defendants, but shall be distributed for the benefit of the Class as follows: the Unused Funds shall be donated by Defendants, by way of equal or approximately equal awards in the nature of Cy Pres to the following charitable or non-profit organizations, which have been approved by the Court as serving a purpose that has a nexus with the underlying causes of action in this Litigation (the "Proposed Cy Pres Recipients"):

- a. Museum of Tolerance
- b. Disabled Veterans of America
- c. American Alzheimer's Association
- d. California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform
- e. Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles
- f. Bet Tzedek Legal Services
- g. St. Vincent Meals on Wheels

The Proposed Cy Pres Recipients shall be selected by Class Counsel, subject to the agreement of Defendants and Final Approval of the Court. These funds are to be expended by Defendants over the period of two years after the Judgment becomes Final.

3. **Incentive Payments to Representative Plaintiffs**. Representative Plaintiffs, Denise Ewell and Mildred DeJesus, dutifully served as Class Representatives and zealously pursued the best interests of the class in the face of consistently tough and strong resistance from Defendants. For Representative Plaintiffs' efforts in pursuing the best interests of the class, Denise Ewell and Mildred DeJesus will each receive \$1,000.

Attorneys Fees and Litigation Costs. As approved by the Court, two law firms served as "Class 4. Counsel" throughout the Lawsuit on behalf of the Class: the Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, and Yeroushalmi & Associates. Class counsel have worked on the case as to Torrance Care Center East and Torrance Care Center West since at least November 2010, interviewed more than 75 witnesses and obtained signed affidavits in support of Plaintiffs' allegations from approximately 30 such witnesses, reviewed more than 50,000 pages of documents, briefed and argued approximately 20 motions related to these two entities (including two writs or applications to the appellate courts, one of which was a battle with the entire long term care industry seeking to overturn the Court's ruling granting class certification in this matter), succeeded on a vigorously opposed Motion for Class Certification, engaged and extensively consulted expert witnesses and consultants, recalculated years of nurse to patient staffing ratios, and vigorously prepared the case for success at trial. The Litigation settled approximately two months before trial. During these several years of litigation (which included extensive research and investigations of the scope and severity of the Defendants' alleged violations both prior to filing the instant Lawsuit and throughout the Litigation) Class Counsel have received no compensation for their services performed on behalf of residents of Torrance Care Center East and Torrance Care Center West, have advanced substantial litigation expenses on behalf of the Class, and have turned down countless opportunities for paid employment to focus their efforts on this intensely fought litigation. Subject to Court approval, the Defendants have agreed to pay, and Class Counsel will apply for reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000), an amount which is well below Class Counsel's actual "lodestar" for work and services performed and costs incurred in this action. Any award of attorneys' fees and expenses will be paid separately from, and will not reduce, the benefits provided to Class members under the Settlement. Class Members are not personally liable for any attorneys' fees and expenses to Plaintiffs' counsel.

Release of All Claims. The Defendants categorically deny any and all allegations made by Plaintiffs in 5. the Litigation, and affirm their ongoing commitment to remain in compliance will all applicable laws and regulations governing skilled nursing facilities in the State of California, including but not limited to the staffing requirements of California Health & Safety Code section 1276.5 ("Section 1276.5"). Defendants similarly deny any and all allegations of fraud as related to interactions with consumers, and affirm their intent to continue to operate within the terms and provisions of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act. Nevertheless, in exchange for agreeing to the injunction, the cash payments to class members (and to the Successors in Interest of deceased class members) and the other consideration from the Defendants as provided in the Settlement, Defendants and their related entities and affiliates shall be released from the following claims, and only from the following claims: allegations of violations of (1) California Health & Safety Code section 1430(b) based only on violations of Health & Safety Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a), and nothing else, and (2) the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, predicated only on misrepresentations of the quality of care as related to the staffing levels in the facility, and in particular based on violations of Health & Safety Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a), and nothing else. By releasing these claims, you will be giving up important rights and benefits, including the right to assert these or related claims to a jury. You may wish to consult with your own attorney before deciding to stay in the Class and give up those rights. Claims for personal injuries (if any) have been specifically excluded from the Lawsuit, and, as such, are not being released as part of the Settlement. Furthermore, claims for any other "Patients' Rights" violations under Health & Safety Code section 1430(b) other than those claims based on violations of Health & Safety Code sections 1276.5 or 1599.1(a) have also been specifically excluded from the Lawsuit, and, as such, are not being released as part of the Settlement.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT:

If you are a member of the Certified Class, or you are a Successor In Interest to a deceased Class Member who was a resident of TCCE or TCCW during the certified class periods, and wish to participate in the Settlement, you must complete and submit the Claim Form in the manner prescribed therein, to the address listed on the Claim Form. The beneficiaries or surviving family members (Successors in Interest) of a deceased class member may participate in the Settlement and receive a cash payment by following the instructions on the Claim Form. Your interests will be represented by Class Counsel. If you choose, you may enter an appearance individually or through your own counsel at your own expense. You have the right to consult and/or retain an attorney of your own choice, at your own expense, to advise you regarding the Settlement and your rights in connection with the Settlement. If you have questions about this settlement, you may contact counsel for the Plaintiffs at 310-623-1926.

HOW TO OPT-OUT:

If you are a member of the Class and wish to exclude yourself from the Class, you must complete and mail the enclosed postcard requesting exclusion from the Class to: Christopher B. Chandler, et al., v. Long Beach Care Center, Inc., et al., c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, P.O. Box 8060, San Rafael, CA 94912-8060. Your request must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the Class Notice is mailed. Your request must contain (1) the name of this lawsuit; (2) your full name and current address; (3) a statement of intention to exclude yourself from this lawsuit; and (4) your signature. If you exclude yourself from the Class, you will not be entitled to participate in or object to the Settlement, you will not be entitled to submit a Claim Form, and you will not be bound by the Settlement or Judgment.

HOW TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT:

If you are a member of the Class and wish to object to or comment upon the Settlement, the objection must contain (1) the name of this lawsuit; (2) your full name and current address; (3) the grounds for your objection; and (4) that you resided in Torrance Care Center East, Inc. any time from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013; or resided in Torrance Care Center West, Inc. any time from February 9, 2008 to July 15, 2013. Class Members may so object either on their own or through an attorney hired at their own expense. Class Members who intend to appear and be heard at the Final Approval Hearing shall be required to so state in connection with their objection. Objections must be filed with the Court listed below, no later than twenty (20) calendar days after the Class Notice Date.

Clerk of the Court Superior Court of the State of California County of Los Angeles 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Copies of any written objections must also be served on Plaintiffs' Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, at the following addresses: Law Offices of Ben Yeroushalmi, APC, (Plaintiffs' Class Counsel), c/o Rodney Tolentino, 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 240W, Beverly Hills, CA 90212 and Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, (Defendants' Counsel), c/o George Nowotny, Esq., 633 West 5th Street, Suite 4000, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

FINAL APPROVAL HEARING:

On October 27, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., the Honorable Ernest M. Hiroshige will hold a hearing in Department 54 of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, located at 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, to determine whether the proposed settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable and should be approved. The hearing may be continued or rescheduled by the Court without further notice. The Court may enter its order at the hearing, or it may consider the matter further and enter its order after the hearing. If the Court approves the proposed settlement, it will enter a judgment that will dismiss the Litigation as to all Class Members, except those Class Members who request to be excluded from the Settlement. All people who meet the Class Definition and do not validly and timely request exclusion from the Class will be forever barred from prosecuting their own lawsuits relating to the conduct alleged in the operative complaint and released through the Settlement, and they and their heirs, executors, administrators, and representatives shall be deemed to have fully released and forever discharged such claims against Defendants and related persons and entities that in any way relate to the matters alleged in the Litigation. Personal injury claims are excluded from this definition.

EXHIBIT C



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1	PROOF OF SERVICE
2	I am employed in the City of Beverly Hills, County of Los Angeles, State of California.
3	At the time of service, I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action. My business address is 9100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 240W, Beverly Hills, CA 90212.
4	On July 31, 2015, I served the following document(s):
5	STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT RE: TORRANCE CARE
6	CENTER EAST, INC. AND TORRANCE CARE CENTER WEST, INC.
7	on the interested parties by placing () the original to (X) a true and correct copy thereof in
8	sealed envelope(s) addressed as follows:
9	Judith Tishkoff, Esq.
10	Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP 633 W. 5 th Street, Suite 4000
11 12	Los Angeles, CA 90071
12	Bryan Reid, Esq.
14	Damian Northcutt, Esq. Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP
15	650 E. Hospitality Lane, Suite 600 San Bernardino, CA 92408
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17	<u>X</u> BY MAIL: I enclosed the document(s) in a sealed envelope addressed to the person(s) at the address(es) listed above and placed the envelope for collection and mailing, following our
18	ordinary business practices. I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice, the envelope was deposited in the
19	ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid
20	if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.
21	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
22	foregoing is true and correct.
23	Executed this 31 st of July 2015, at Beverly Hills, California.
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