

## **CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE**

This Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release, dated May 6, 2025, is made and entered into by and among Plaintiffs Jennifer Bente, Raymond Bente, Mary Graham, Alexandra Corona, and Cameron Corona (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), for themselves individually and on behalf of the Settlement Class (as defined below), and Defendant Granite Wellness Centers (“Defendant” or “GWC”). This Settlement Agreement fully and finally resolves and settles all of Plaintiffs’ and the Settlement Class’s Released Claims, upon and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, and subject to the Court’s approval.

### **RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, on or around January 5, 2021, GWC experienced a cybersecurity attack that affected its computer systems (the “Data Security Incident”).

**WHEREAS**, a subsequent investigation determined that during this Data Security Incident a threat actor acquired certain database files that included names, dates of birth, home addresses, dates of care, treatments, treatment providers, health information, health insurance information, driver’s license numbers, medical histories, Social Security numbers, and bank account numbers (collectively, the “Personally Identifying Information”).

**WHEREAS**, GWC began notifying potentially impacted individuals about the Data Security Incident on or around March 5, 2021.

**WHEREAS**, beginning on June 14, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a putative class action related to the Data Security Incident in the Superior Court of California (*Bente, et al. v. Granite Wellness Centers* (Case No: S-CV-0050671)). On September 20, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a First Amended Class Action Complaint.

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for the scheduled mediation, the Parties exchanged certain information and documents. The Parties also prepared for mediation by laying out their respective positions on the litigation, including with respect to the merits, class certification, and settlement, to each other and to the mediator.

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2024, the Parties engaged in a mediation session before Mr. Bruce A. Friedman, Esq. of JAMS. The mediation assisted the Parties in resolving their outstanding differences, but the Parties were unable to reach a settlement on the day of mediation.

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2024, the Parties reached an agreement in principle to resolve the case on a class-wide basis.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms set forth below, this Agreement resolves all actual and potential claims, actions, and proceedings as set forth in the release contained herein, by and on behalf of Plaintiffs and the members of the Settlement Class defined herein, but excludes the claims of all Class Members who opt out of the Settlement Class pursuant to the terms and conditions herein.

**WHEREAS**, Class Counsel have thoroughly examined the law and facts relating to the matters at issue in the Action, Plaintiffs' claims, and GWC's potential defenses, including conducting an independent investigation, participating in mediation, conferring with defense counsel through the settlement negotiation process, as well as conducting an assessment of the merits of expected arguments and defenses throughout the litigation. Based on a thorough analysis of the facts and the law applicable to Plaintiffs' claims in the Action, and taking into account the burden, expense, and delay of continued litigation, including the risks and uncertainties associated with litigating class certification and other defenses GWC may assert, a protracted trial and appeal(s), as well as the opportunity for a fair, cost-effective, and assured method of resolving the claims of the Settlement Class, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that resolution is an appropriate and reasonable means of ensuring that the Class is afforded important benefits expediently. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have also taken into account the uncertain outcome and the risk of continued litigation, as well as the difficulties and delays inherent in such litigation.

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that the terms set forth in this Settlement Agreement confer substantial benefits upon the Settlement Class and have determined that they are fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class.

**WHEREAS**, GWC has similarly concluded that this Agreement is desirable in consideration of its legitimate business interests; to avoid the time, risks, and expense of defending protracted litigation; and to resolve finally and completely the claims of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class.

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement, whether or not consummated, and any actions or proceedings taken pursuant to this Agreement, are for settlement purposes only. GWC specifically denies any and all wrongdoing. The existence of, terms in, and any action taken under or in connection with this Agreement shall not constitute, be construed as, or be admissible in evidence as, any admission by GWC of (i) the validity of any claim, defense, or fact asserted in the Action or any other pending or future action, or (ii) any wrongdoing, fault, violation of law, or liability of any kind on the part of the Parties.

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby fully incorporated in, and made a part of, this Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises, covenants, and agreements herein described and for other good and valuable consideration acknowledged by each of them to be satisfactory and adequate, and intending to be legally bound, the Parties do hereby mutually agree, as follows:

## **1. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- 1.1 "Action" means the case captioned, *Bente, et al. v. Granite Wellness Centers* (Case No: S-CV-0050671), pending in the Placer County Superior Court.
- 1.2 "Administrative Expenses" means all charges and expenses incurred by the Settlement Administrator in the administration of this Settlement, including,

without limitation, all expenses and costs associated with claims administration, the Notice Plan, and providing Notice to the Settlement Class. Administrative Expenses also include all reasonable third-party fees and expenses incurred by the Settlement Administrator in administering the terms of this Agreement.

- 1.3 “Agreement” or “Settlement Agreement” means this Class Action Settlement Agreement and Release. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are set forth herein including the exhibits hereto.
- 1.4 “Approved Claim(s)” means a claim as evidenced by a Claim Form submitted by a Class Member that (a) is timely and submitted in accordance with the directions on the Claim Form and the terms of this Agreement; (b) is physically signed or electronically verified by the Class Member; (c) satisfies the conditions of eligibility for a Settlement Benefit as set forth herein; and (d) has been approved by the Settlement Administrator.
- 1.5 “Business Days” means Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, excluding holidays observed by the federal government.
- 1.6 “California Statutory Cash Payment” means the payment to which Class Members who are currently residents of California (and/or who resided in California at any point between January 5, 2021, and the claim filing deadline) will be entitled to receive pursuant to the Settlement.
- 1.7 “Claimant” means a Class Member who submits a Claim Form for a Settlement Payment.
- 1.8 “Claim Form” means the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, as approved by the Court. The Claim Form must be submitted physically (via U.S. Mail) or electronically (via the Settlement Website) by Class Members who wish to file a claim for their given share of the Settlement benefits pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Claim Form shall be available for download from the Settlement Website. The Settlement Administrator shall mail a Claim Form, in hardcopy form, to any Class Member who so requests.
- 1.9 “Claims Deadline” means the date by which all Claim Forms must be received to be considered timely and shall be set as the date ninety (90) days after the Notice Date. The Claims Deadline shall be clearly set forth in the Long Form Notice, the Short Form Notice, and the Claim Form.
- 1.10 “Class Counsel” means Gregory Haroutunian of Clayco C. Arnold, A Professional Corporation; and Rachele R. Byrd of Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP (collectively “Class Counsel”).
- 1.11 “Class Member” means a member of the Settlement Class.
- 1.12 “Class Representatives” and “Plaintiffs” mean Jennifer Bente, Raymond Bente, Mary Graham, Alexandra Corona, and Cameron Corona.

- 1.13 “Court” means the Superior Court for the State of California, Placer County.
- 1.14 “Data Security Incident” refers to the unauthorized access of Personally Identifying Information that is the subject of the Action and that occurred on GWC’s computer network on or around January 5, 2021.
- 1.15 “Documented Loss” refers to monetary losses incurred by a Class Member and supported by Reasonable Documentation, as defined herein. A Documented Loss must be supported by Reasonable Documentation demonstrating that a Class Member actually incurred unreimbursed losses and consequential expenses that are more likely than not a result of the Data Security Incident and were incurred on or after January 5, 2021.
- 1.16 “Effective Date” means the date upon which the Settlement contemplated by this Agreement shall become effective as set forth in Section 10.1 below.
- 1.17 “Entity” means any person, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, agency, or other organization of any type.
- 1.18 “GWC’s Counsel” means the law firm Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP.
- 1.19 “GWC” or “Defendant” means Granite Wellness Centers and its current and former affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, and successors.
- 1.20 “Fee Award and Costs” means the amount of attorneys’ fees and reimbursement of reasonable litigation costs and expenses awarded by the Court to Class Counsel, to be paid from the Settlement Fund.
- 1.21 “Final Approval Hearing” means the hearing to be conducted by the Court to determine the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the Settlement pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure and whether to issue the Final Approval Order and the Judgment.
- 1.22 “Final Approval Order” means the order to be entered by the Court after the Final Approval Hearing which approves this Settlement Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.
- 1.23 “Judgment” means a judgment rendered by the Court, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.
- 1.24 “Long Form Notice” means the long form notice of the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.
- 1.25 “Net Settlement Fund” means the amount of funds that remain in the Settlement Fund after funds are paid from or allocated for payment for the following: (i) reasonable Administrative Expenses incurred pursuant to this Settlement Agreement; (ii) Service Awards approved by the Court; (iii) any Fee Award and Costs; and (iv) applicable Taxes, if any.

- 1.26 “Notice” means notice of the proposed class action settlement to be provided to Class Members pursuant to the Notice Plan approved by the Court in connection with preliminary approval of the Settlement. The Notice shall consist of the Short Form Notice, the Long Form Notice, the Settlement Website, and the toll-free telephone line.
- 1.27 “Notice Date” means the date upon which Notice is initially disseminated to the Settlement Class by the Settlement Administrator, which shall be no later than thirty (30) days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.
- 1.28 “Notice Plan” means the settlement notice program, as approved by the Court, developed by the Settlement Administrator and described in this Agreement for disseminating Notice to the Class Members of the terms of this Agreement and the Final Approval Hearing.
- 1.29 “Objection Deadline” means the date by which Class Members must postmark to the Settlement Administrator required copies of any written objections, pursuant to the terms and conditions herein, to this Settlement Agreement and to any application and motion for (i) the Fee Award and Costs, and (ii) the Service Awards, which shall be sixty (60) days following the Notice Date. The deadline for mailing an objection will be clearly set forth in the Notice.
- 1.30 “Opt-Out Period” means the period in which a Class Member may submit a request to exclude him or herself from the Settlement (“Request for Exclusion”), pursuant to the terms and conditions herein, which shall expire sixty (60) days following the Notice Date. The deadline for filing a Request for Exclusion will be clearly set forth in the Notice.
- 1.31 “Parties” means the Plaintiffs and Defendant.
- 1.32 “Personally Identifying Information” means information potentially compromised in the Data Security Incident, including Class Members’ names, dates of birth, home addresses, dates of care, treatments, treatment providers, health information, health insurance information, driver’s license numbers, medical histories, Social Security numbers, and bank account numbers.
- 1.33 “Preliminary Approval Order” means an order by the Court that preliminarily approves the Settlement (including, but not limited to, the forms and procedure for providing Notice to the Settlement Class), permits Notice to the proposed Settlement Class, establishes a procedure for Class Members to object to or opt out of the Settlement, and sets a date for the Final Approval Hearing, without material change to the Parties’ agreed-upon proposed Preliminary Approval Order attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.
- 1.34 “Reminder Notice” means a subsequent Notice sent by U.S. Mail to all Class Members who have not yet filed a claim and for whom the Settlement Administrator has a mailing address. A Reminder Notice may be sent by the Settlement Administrator thirty (30) days prior to the Claims Deadline if the claims

rate (as calculated by the Settlement Administrator) is less than 5% of the Settlement Class forty-five 45 days prior to the Claims Deadline. Class Counsel shall decide, in their sole discretion, whether or not to direct the Settlement Administrator to send a Reminder Notice. Any Reminder Notice will be paid for out of the Settlement Fund.

- 1.35 “Reasonable Documentation” means documentation supporting a claim for Documented Loss including, but not limited to, credit card statements, bank statements, invoices, telephone records, and receipts.
- 1.36 “Released Claims” means any claim, liability, right, demand, suit, obligation, damage, including consequential damage, loss or cost, punitive damage, attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses, action or cause of action, of every kind or description—suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, liquidated or unliquidated, legal, statutory, or equitable—that was or could have been asserted on behalf of the Settlement Class in the Action related to or arising from the Data Security Incident.
- 1.37 “Released Parties” means (1) Defendant; (2) each of its parents, subsidiaries, sibling entities, administrators, successors, reorganized successors, insurers, and members; and (3) the current and former directors, officers, trustees, shareholders, employees, partners, contractors, agents, lenders, investors, and attorneys of each of the entities listed in categories (1) and (2) in this paragraph. Each of the Released Parties may be referred to individually as a “Released Party.”
- 1.38 “Service Awards” means the amount awarded by the Court and paid to the Class Representatives in recognition of their role in this litigation, as set forth below.
- 1.39 “Settlement” means this settlement of the Action by and between the Parties, and the terms thereof as stated in this Settlement Agreement.
- 1.40 “Settlement Administrator” means Angeion Group, the third-party class action settlement administrator selected by the Parties subject to the approval of the Court. Under the supervision of Class Counsel, the Settlement Administrator shall oversee and implement the Notice Plan and receive any Requests for Exclusion from the Class. Class Counsel and GWC may, by agreement, substitute a different Settlement Administrator, subject to Court approval.
- 1.41 “Settlement Benefit(s)” means any Settlement Payment, the Documented Loss Payments, the Alternative Cash Payments, the Prospective Relief set forth in Sections 2 and 3 herein, and any other benefits Class Members receive pursuant to this Agreement, including non-monetary benefits and relief, the Fee Award and Costs, and Administrative Expenses.
- 1.42 “Settlement Class” and “Class” mean all individuals residing in the United States whose personally identifiable information or protected health information was accessed or acquired without authorization during the Data Security Incident. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) the Judge(s) presiding over the Action

and members of their immediate families and their staff; (2) GWC and its affiliates, including its subsidiaries, parent companies, successors, and predecessors, any Entity in which GWC has a controlling interest, and its current or former officers and directors; (3) natural persons who properly execute and submit a Request for Exclusion prior to the expiration of the Opt-Out Period; and (4) the successors or assigns of any such excluded natural person.

- 1.43 “Settlement Fund” means the sum of \$725,000 to be paid by GWC, as specified in Section 3.1 of this Agreement.
- 1.44 “Settlement Payment” means any payment to be made to any Class Member for Approved Claims pursuant to Section 3.3 herein.
- 1.45 “Settlement Website” means the Internet website to be created, launched, and maintained by the Settlement Administrator, and which allows for the electronic submission of Claim Forms and Requests for Exclusion, and provides access to relevant case documents including this Settlement Agreement, the Long Form Notice, information about the submission of Claim Forms, and other relevant documents, including downloadable Claim Forms.
- 1.46 “Short Form Notice” means the summary notice of the Settlement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 1.47 “Targeted Media Notice” means Notice of the Settlement to be provided to Class Members through a combination of traditional media publications and digital social media to ensure those for whom GWC does not have email or mailing addresses are adequately notified.
- 1.48 “Taxes” means all federal, state, or local taxes of any kind on any income earned by the Settlement Fund and the expenses and costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, interest, penalties and the reasonable expenses of tax attorneys and accountants). All (i) Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties) arising with respect to the income earned by the Settlement Fund, including any Taxes or tax detriments that may be imposed upon the Released Parties or their counsel with respect to any income earned by the Settlement Fund for any period during which the Settlement Fund does not qualify as a “qualified settlement fund” for federal or state income tax purposes, and (ii) expenses and costs incurred in connection with the operation and implementation of this Agreement (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and/or accountants and mailing and distribution costs and expenses relating to filing (or failing to file) the returns described in this Agreement) (“Tax Expenses”), shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund. Further, Taxes and Tax Expenses shall be treated as, and considered to be, an Administrative Expense and shall be timely paid by the Settlement Administrator, out of the Settlement Fund, without prior order from the Court and the Settlement Administrator shall be authorized (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to Class Members with Approved Claims any funds necessary to pay

such amounts, including the establishment of adequate reserves for any Taxes and Tax Expenses (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(l)(2)). The Parties hereto agree to cooperate with the Settlement Administrator, each other, and their tax attorneys and accountants to the extent reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement. For the purpose of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Settlement Administrator shall be the “administrator.” The Settlement Administrator shall timely and properly file or cause to be filed all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund and the escrow account (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the election described in this Agreement) shall be consistent with this Section and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated Taxes, interest or penalties) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided in this Agreement.

## **2. BUSINESS PRACTICE COMMITMENTS**

2.1 In consideration for the Settlement and Releases provided herein, GWC has committed to implement or maintain the following measures to secure personal information within its servers:

- (a) apply the principle of least privilege to limit internal access to data, including user and administrative accounts;
- (b) conduct periodic security assessments of its systems, including threat monitoring using extended detection and response (XDR); independent, third-party security risk assessments and audits; internal and external vulnerability scanning; and static application security testing (SAST) and dynamic application security testing (DAST), and will address material findings detected thereby on a risk-prioritized basis;
- (c) documented incident response plans and disaster recovery policies and procedures;
- (d) firewalls, intrusion detection and protection software, and other network monitoring tools;
- (e) periodic training and testing of GWC’s security personnel on its incident detection and response procedures; and
- (f) periodic security awareness training and education to inform its employees about cybersecurity threats.

2.2 GWC will provide to Class Counsel a declaration detailing the remedial security measures prior to the Final Approval Hearing.



### 3. SETTLEMENT FUND / MONETARY PAYMENT / BENEFITS DETAILS

- 3.1 GWC will pay, or cause to be paid, \$725,000 to the Settlement Administrator on a non-reversionary basis to settle the case (the “Settlement Fund”). The Settlement Fund will be the complete, total, and final extent of the Released Parties’ liability in connection with the settlement of the Action, but for the expense(s) associated with the Business Practice Commitments to which GWC has committed, set forth in Section 2, which are separate and apart from the Settlement Fund. The Parties agree that no portion of the Settlement Fund shall ever be paid or returned to GWC. The Settlement Fund will be applied to payment of Settlement Payments, Administrative Expenses, any Fee Award and Costs, and any Service Awards. GWC shall make, or cause to be made, the payment into an escrow account controlled by the Settlement Administrator (as defined below) (“Settlement Escrow Account”) over the following period: (1) \$608,334.00 shall be paid within thirty (30) days following preliminary approval; (2) \$58,834.00 shall be paid within ninety (90) days following preliminary approval; and (3) the remaining balance of \$57,832.00 shall be paid within one-hundred eighty (180) days following preliminary approval. If final approval is not granted for any reason, the balance of the Settlement Escrow Account (after payment of costs associated with notice and administration necessary for the preliminary and final approval process), plus any interest earned on the Settlement Escrow Account, shall be returned to GWC, within ten (10) days after such denial of final approval.
- 3.2 The Settlement Fund is to be deposited in an interest-bearing bank escrow account established and administered by the Settlement Administrator (the “Escrow Account”). The Escrow Account shall be held in a Qualified Settlement Fund (defined below) in interest-bearing bank account deposits with commercial banks with excess capital exceeding One Billion United States Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,000,000,000.00), with a rating of “A” or higher by S&P and in an account that is fully insured by the United States Government or the FDIC.
- (a) All interest on the funds in the Escrow Account shall accrue to the benefit of the Settlement Class. Any interest shall not be subject to withholding and shall, if required, be reported appropriately to the Internal Revenue Service by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator is responsible for the payment of all Taxes.
  - (b) The funds in the Escrow Account shall be deemed a “qualified settlement fund” within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 at all times after the creation of the Escrow Account. All Taxes shall be paid out of the Escrow Account. Defendant, Defendant’s Counsel, Plaintiffs, and Class Counsel shall have no liability or responsibility for any of the Taxes. The Escrow Account shall indemnify and hold Defendant, Defendant’s Counsel, Plaintiffs, and Class Counsel harmless for all Taxes (including, without limitation, Taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification). For the purpose of the Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury regulations thereunder, the Settlement Administrator shall be designated as the

“administrator” of the Settlement Fund. The Settlement Administrator shall timely and properly file all informational and other tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)). Such returns (as well as the election described in the previous paragraph) shall be consistent with this paragraph and in all events shall reflect that all taxes (including the Taxes, any estimated Taxes, interest, or penalties) on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided herein. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain control over the Settlement Fund and shall be responsible for all disbursements. The Settlement Administrator shall not disburse any portion of the Settlement Fund except as provided in this Agreement and with the written agreement of Class Counsel and Defendant’s Counsel or by order of the Court. All funds held by the Settlement Administrator shall be deemed and considered to be *in custodia legis* of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as such funds shall be distributed pursuant to this Agreement or further order of the Court.

3.3 Settlement Payments. Each Class Member may qualify and submit a claim for either (i) a Documented Loss Payment, or (ii) an Alternative Cash Payment (plus a California Statutory Cash Payment, if the Class Member is eligible):

(a) Documented Loss Payment. Class Members may submit a claim for actual out of pocket losses fairly attributable to the Data Security Incident and time spent dealing with it (in accordance with the schedule below), up to \$5,000 per individual. These losses must be accompanied by appropriate documentation, as determined by the Settlement Administrator, to be valid. These losses must be justified and documented for tasks such as:

(i) Long distance telephone charges.

(ii) Cell phone minutes (if charged by the minute).

(iii) Internet usage charges (if either charged by the minute or incurred solely as a result of the Data Security Incident).

(iv) Costs of credit reports purchased between January 5, 2021, and the Claims Deadline.

(v) Documented costs paid for credit monitoring services and/or fraud resolution services purchased between January 5, 2021, and the Claims Deadline, provided the claimant provides a sworn statement that the monitoring or service was purchased primarily because of the Data Security Incident and not for other purposes.

(vi) Documented expenses directly associated with dealing with identity theft or identity fraud related to the Data Security Incident.

(vii) Other documented losses incurred by Class Members that are fairly traceable to the Data Security Incident as determined by the Settlement Administrator.

(viii) Any claim submitted by a Class Member for a Documented Loss Payment that is deemed by the Settlement Administrator to be deficient (and which cannot be cured after a reasonable period of time) will be deemed to be a claim for an Alternative Cash Payment, rather than be denied outright.

(b) Alternative Cash Payment. In lieu of making a Documented Loss Payment under section 3.3(a) above, Class Members may submit a claim to receive an alternative cash payment made on a *pro rata* basis, estimated to be \$750.00, subject to proration (“Alternative Cash Payment”). The amount of the Alternative Cash Payment will be determined in accordance with the Plan of Allocation in Section 3.8 after amounts sufficient to pay valid claims for Documented Loss Payments and California Statutory Cash Payments, any Fee Award and Costs approved by the Court, any Service Awards approved by the Court, Administrative Expenses, and Taxes have been deducted from the Settlement Fund. Plaintiffs will not need to supply any documentary proof to select this option.

(c) California Statutory Cash Payment. In addition to making a claim under Sections 3.3(a)-(b), Class Members who are residents of California (and/or who resided in California at any point between January 5, 2021, and the Claims Deadline) will be entitled to an additional cash payment (“California Statutory Cash Payment”) in the amount of \$100, which may be adjusted on a pro-rata basis should the total amount of valid claims after other allowed deductions exceed the Settlement Fund. To qualify for the California Statutory Cash Payment, Class Members will have to provide proof of California residency. A sworn attestation shall satisfy the proof requirement for California residency.

3.4 Settlement Payment Methods. Class Members will be provided the option to receive any Settlement Payment due to them pursuant to the terms of this Agreement via various digital methods. In the event that Class Members do not exercise this option with the Settlement Administrator, they will receive their Settlement Payment via a physical check sent to them by U.S. Mail.

3.5 Deadline to File Claims. Claim Forms must be postmarked or received electronically by the Claims Deadline.

3.6 The Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall have the authority to determine whether a Claim Form is valid, timely, and complete. To the extent the Settlement Administrator determines a claim is deficient for a reason other than late posting, within a reasonable amount of time, the Settlement Administrator shall notify the Claimant of the deficiencies and notify the Claimant that he or she shall have thirty (30) days to cure the deficiencies and re-submit the

claim. No notification is required for late-posted claims. The Settlement Administrator shall exercise reasonable discretion to determine whether the Claimant has cured the deficient claim. If the Claimant fails to cure the deficiency, the claim shall stand as denied, and the Class Member shall be so notified if practicable.

- 3.7 Timing of Settlement Benefits. Within thirty (30) days after the later of: (i) the Effective Date; or (ii) the date all Claim Forms have been processed subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator shall cause funds to be distributed to each Class Member who is entitled to funds based on the selection made on their given Claim Form.
- 3.8 Plan of Allocation. It is the intention of the parties to distribute to Class Members as much of the Settlement Fund as practicable. Accordingly, the Settlement Fund shall be used to make payments in the following order: (i) all Administrative Expenses and Taxes; (ii) Class Counsel's Fee Award and Costs and Service Awards; (iii) approved Documented Losses Payments (up to \$5,000 per person); and (iv) approved California Statutory Cash Payments. The amount remaining shall be divided by the number of and allocated for approved Alternative Cash Payments. Any claims for Documented Loss Payments under Section 3.3(a) that were rejected for that category, or that were approved for an amount less than the amount of the Alternative Cash Payment will also be eligible for the Alternative Cash Payment under this formula, as opposed to being rejected outright.
- 3.9 Deadline to Deposit or Cash Physical Checks. Class Members with Approved Claims who receive a Documented Loss Payment, Alternative Cash Payment, and/or California Statutory Cash Payment by physical check, shall have one hundred and twenty (120) days following distribution to deposit or cash their benefit check.
- 3.10 Residual Funds. The Settlement is designed to exhaust the Settlement Fund. To the extent any money remains in the Net Settlement Fund more than 120 days after the distribution of all payments described above to the Class Members, a subsequent Settlement payment will be evenly distributed to all Class Members with approved claims for monetary payments under either paragraphs 3.3(a), (b) or (c) above and who cashed or deposited the initial payment they received, provided that the per Class Member amount is equal to or greater than three dollars (\$3.00). The distribution of residual funds shall continue until the check or digital payment amounts in a distribution would be less than three dollars (\$3.00), whereupon the amount remaining in the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be distributed to the State Bar of California's Justice Gap Fund or another *cy pres* recipient mutually agreed upon by the Parties and approved by the Court.
- 3.11 Returned Payments. For any Settlement Payment returned to the Settlement Administrator as undeliverable (including, but not limited to, when the intended recipient is no longer located at the address), the Settlement Administrator shall make one additional effort to make any digital payments and engage in a reasonable

effort to find a valid address (in the case of physical checks) and resend the Settlement Payment within thirty (30) days after the physical check is returned to the Settlement Administrator as undeliverable.

- 3.12 Custody of Settlement Fund. The Settlement Fund shall be deposited into the Escrow Account but shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the entirety of the Settlement Fund is distributed pursuant to this Settlement Agreement or returned to those who paid the Settlement Fund in the event this Settlement Agreement is voided, terminated, or canceled. In the event this Settlement Agreement is voided, terminated, or canceled due to lack of approval from the Court or any other reason, any amounts remaining in the Settlement Fund after payment of all Administrative Expenses incurred in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including all interest earned on the Settlement Fund net of any Taxes, shall be returned to GWC and/or its insurer, and no other person or Entity shall have any further claim whatsoever to such amounts.
- 3.13 Non-Reversionary. This is a non-reversionary settlement. As of the Effective Date, all rights of GWC and/or its insurer in or to the Settlement Fund shall be extinguished, except in the event this Settlement Agreement is voided, cancelled, or terminated, as set forth herein. In the event the Effective Date occurs, no portion of the Settlement Fund shall be returned to GWC and/or its insurers.
- 3.14 Payment/Withdrawal Authorization. No amounts from the Settlement Fund may be withdrawn unless (i) expressly authorized by the Court's order granting approval to the Settlement Agreement or (ii) approved by the Court. The Parties, by agreement, may authorize the periodic payment of actual reasonable Administrative Expenses from the Settlement Fund as such expenses are invoiced without further order of the Court. The Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and GWC with notice of any withdrawal or other payment the Settlement Administrator proposes to make from the Settlement Fund before the Effective Date at least seven (7) Business Days prior to making such withdrawal or payment.
- 3.15 Payments to Class Members. The Settlement Administrator, subject to such supervision and direction of the Court and/or Class Counsel as may be necessary or as circumstances may require, shall administer and/or oversee the distribution of the Settlement Fund to Class Members pursuant to this Agreement.
- 3.16 Taxes. All Taxes relating to the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, shall be considered an Administrative Expense, and shall be timely paid by the Settlement Administrator without prior order of the Court. Further, the Settlement Fund shall indemnify and hold harmless the Parties and their counsel for Taxes (including, without limitation, taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification payments). The Parties and their respective counsel have made no representation or warranty with respect to the tax treatment by any Class Representative or any Class Member of any payment or transfer made pursuant to this Agreement or derived from or made pursuant to the Settlement Fund. Taxes do not include any federal, state, and local tax owed by any Claimant, Class

Representative, or Class Member as a result of any benefit or payment received as a result of the Settlement. Each Claimant, Class Representative, or Class Member shall be solely responsible for the federal, state, and local tax consequences to him, her, or it of the receipt of funds from the Settlement Fund pursuant to this Agreement.

### 3.17 Limitation of Liability

- (a) GWC, the Released Parties, the Class Representatives and Class Counsel shall not have any responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to (i) any act, omission or determination of Class Counsel, the Settlement Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents, in connection with the administration of the Settlement or otherwise; (ii) the management, investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the formulation, design, or terms of the disbursement of the Settlement Fund; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any losses suffered by, or fluctuations in the value of the Settlement Fund; or (vi) the payment or withholding of any Taxes, expenses, and/or costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund or the filing of any returns.
- (b) The Settlement Administrator shall indemnify and hold Class Counsel, the Settlement Class, Class Representatives, and GWC and GWC's Counsel, harmless for (i) any act or omission or determination of the Settlement Administrator, or any of Settlement Administrator's designees or agents, in connection with the Notice Plan and the administration of the Settlement; (ii) the management, investment, or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the formulation, design, or terms of the disbursement of the Settlement Fund; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any losses suffered by, or fluctuations in the value of the Settlement Fund; or (vi) the payment or withholding of any Taxes, expenses, and/or costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund or the filing of any returns.

## 4. **RELEASE**

- 4.1 Upon the Effective Date, and in consideration of the Settlement benefits described herein, the Class Representatives and all Class Members identified in the Settlement Class List in accordance with Section 6.5, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, predecessors, and successors, and any other person purporting to claim on their behalf, release and discharge all Released Claims, against each of the Released Parties, and agree to refrain from instituting, directing or maintaining any lawsuit, contested matter, adversary proceeding, or miscellaneous proceeding against each of the Released Parties that relates to the Data Security Incident or otherwise arises out of the same facts and circumstances set forth in the operative First Amended Class Action Complaint in this Action. This Settlement releases claims against only the Released Parties. This Settlement

does not release, and it is not the intention of the Parties to this Settlement to release, any claims against any other unidentified third-party. Nor does this Release apply to any Class Member who timely excludes himself or herself from the Settlement, or to any Class Member (or the estate of any Class Member) who is deceased.

- 4.2 The Parties understand that if the facts upon which this Agreement is based are found hereafter to be different from the facts now believed to be true, each Party expressly assumes that risk of such possible difference in facts and agrees that this Agreement shall remain effective notwithstanding such difference in facts. The Parties agree that in entering this Agreement, it is understood and agreed that each Party relies wholly upon its own judgment, belief, and knowledge and that each Party does not rely on inducements, promises, or representations made by anyone other than those embodied herein.

## 5. REQUIRED EVENTS AND COOPERATION BY PARTIES

- 5.1 Preliminary Approval. Class Counsel shall submit this Agreement to the Court and shall promptly move the Court to enter the Preliminary Approval Order, in the form attached as **Exhibit D**.
- 5.2 Cooperation. The Parties shall, in good faith, cooperate, assist, and undertake all reasonable actions and steps in order to accomplish all requirements of this Agreement on the schedule set by the Court, subject to the terms of this Agreement. If, for any reason, the Parties determine that the schedule set by the Court is no longer feasible, the Parties shall use their best judgment to amend the schedule to accomplish the goals of this Agreement.
- 5.3 Certification of the Settlement Class. For purposes of this Settlement only, Plaintiffs and GWC stipulate to the certification of the Settlement Class, which is contingent upon the Court entering the Final Approval Order and Judgment of this Settlement and the occurrence of the Effective Date. Should: (1) the Settlement not receive final approval from the Court, or (2) the Effective Date not occur, the certification of the Settlement Class shall be void. GWC reserves the right to contest class certification for all other purposes. Plaintiffs and GWC further stipulate to designate the Class Representatives as the representatives for the Settlement Class.
- 5.4 Final Approval. The Parties shall request that the Court schedule the Final Approval Hearing for a date that is no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days after the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order.

## 6. CLASS NOTICE, OPT OUTS, AND OBJECTIONS

- 6.1 Notice shall be disseminated pursuant to the Court's Preliminary Approval Order.
- 6.2 The Settlement Administrator shall oversee and implement the Notice Plan approved by the Court. All costs associated with the Notice Plan shall be paid from the Settlement Fund.

- 6.3 Direct Notice. No later than the Notice Date, or such other time as may be ordered by the Court, the Settlement Administrator shall disseminate the Notice to the Class Members. Notice of the Settlement will be provided by postcard with a tear-off claim form and by email where available (in a manner to appropriately protect the confidential nature of the data at issue, if necessary) to the same list of approximately 5,790 addresses that were mailed notice of the Data Security Incident. Notice will also be provided by Targeted Media Notice to ensure adequate reach where GWC is not in possession of accurate mail or email addresses, which is detailed below in section 6.4. A Reminder Notice may be sent by the Settlement Administrator thirty (30) days prior to the Claims Deadline in the event that the claims rate (as calculated by the Settlement Administrator) is less than 5% of the Settlement Class 45 days prior to the Claims Deadline. Class Counsel shall decide, in their sole discretion, whether or not to direct the Settlement Administrator to send a Reminder Notice. Any Reminder Notice will be paid for out of the Settlement Fund.
- 6.4 Targeted Media Notice. In addition to the direct notice efforts via mail and email, the Settlement Administrator shall also issue the Targeted Media Notice no later than the Notice Date, or such other time as may be ordered by the Court. The Targeted Media Notice will be disseminated in accordance with the notice plan as described in the Declaration of the Settlement Administrator detailing the Notice Plan which will be filed with the Court in support of Preliminary Approval of this Settlement Agreement.
- 6.5 Settlement Class List. Within ten (10) days after the issuance of the Preliminary Approval Order, GWC will provide to the Settlement Administrator a list of the names and whatever contact information is available of the 17,924 Class Members that it has in its possession, custody, or control, and which have had confirmed deceased individuals removed. Everyone on the Settlement Class List for whom a mailing address is known will be provided with a unique identifier that they will be asked for when they submit claims.
- 6.6 Confidentiality. Any information relating to Class Members provided to the Settlement Administrator pursuant to this Agreement shall be provided solely for the purpose of providing Notice to the Class Members (as set forth herein) and allowing them to recover under this Agreement; shall be kept in strict confidence by the Parties, their counsel, and the Settlement Administrator; shall not be disclosed to any third party; shall be destroyed after all distributions to Class Members have been made; and shall not be used for any other purpose. Moreover, because the Class Member list and information contained therein will be provided to the Settlement Administrator solely for purposes of providing the Class Notice and Settlement benefits and processing opt-out requests, the Settlement Administrator will execute a confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement with Class Counsel and GWC's Counsel, and will ensure that any information provided to it by Class Members, Class Counsel, GWC, or GWC's Counsel, will be secure and used solely for the purpose of effecting this Settlement.



- 6.7 Fraud Prevention. The Settlement Administrator shall use reasonable and customary fraud-prevention mechanisms to prevent (i) submission of Claim Forms by persons other than potential Class Members, (ii) submission of more than one Claim Form per person, and (iii) submission of Claim Forms seeking amounts to which the claimant is not entitled. In the event a Claim Form is submitted without a unique Class Member identifier, the Settlement Administrator shall employ reasonable efforts to ensure that the claimant is a Class Member and the claim is valid. Anyone who has a good faith belief that he or she is a Class Member but did not receive the Short Form Notice from the Settlement Administrator will have a reasonable opportunity to provide proof that he or she is a Class Member.
- 6.8 Settlement Website. Prior to any dissemination of the Short Form Notice and prior to the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall cause the Settlement Website to be launched on the Internet in accordance with this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall create the Settlement Website. The Settlement Website shall contain information regarding how to submit Claim Forms (including submitting Claims Forms electronically through the Settlement Website) and relevant documents, including, but not limited to, the Long Form Notice, the Claim Form, this Agreement, the Preliminary Approval Order entered by the Court, and the operative First Amended Class Action Complaint in the Action, and will (on its URL landing page) notify the Class of the date, time, and place of the Final Approval Hearing. The Settlement Website shall also provide the toll-free telephone number and mailing address through which Class Members may contact the Settlement Administrator directly. The Settlement Website shall also allow for submission of Requests for Exclusion electronically through the Settlement Website.
- 6.9 Opt-Outs/Requests for Exclusion. The Notice shall explain that the procedure for Class Members to opt out and exclude themselves from the Settlement Class is by notifying the Settlement Administrator in writing, postmarked no later than sixty (60) days after the Notice Date. Any Class Member may submit a Request for Exclusion from the Settlement at any time during the Opt-Out Period. To be valid, the Request for Exclusion must be postmarked or received by the Settlement Administrator on or before the end of the Opt-Out Period. In the event a Class Member submits a Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator via U.S. Mail, such Request for Exclusion must be in writing and must identify the case name, “*Bente, et al. v. Granite Wellness Centers*”; state the name, address, and telephone number of the Class Member seeking exclusion; be physically signed by the person(s) seeking exclusion; and must also contain a statement to the effect, “I hereby request to be excluded from the proposed Settlement Class in *Bente, et al. v. Granite Wellness Centers*.” Any person who elects to request exclusion from the Settlement Class shall not (i) be bound by any orders or Judgment entered in the Action, (ii) be entitled to relief under this Agreement, (iii) gain any rights by virtue of this Agreement, or (iv) be entitled to object to any aspect of this Agreement. Requests for Exclusion may only be done on an individual basis, and no person may request to be excluded from the Settlement Class through “mass” or “class” opt outs.

- 6.10 Objections. The Notice shall explain that the procedure for Class Members to object to the Settlement is by submitting written objections to the Settlement Administrator, via mail, no later than the Objection Deadline or by appearing, either in person or via Court approved remote access, at the Final Approval Hearing. Any Class Member may enter an appearance in the Action, at their own expense, individually or through counsel of their own choice. Any Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement, the Settlement benefits, Service Awards, and/or the Fee Award and Costs, or to appear at the Final Approval Hearing and show cause, if any, for why the Settlement should not be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class, why a final Judgment should not be entered thereon, why the Settlement benefits should not be approved, or why the Service Awards and/or the Fee Award and Costs should not be granted, may do so, but must proceed as set forth in this paragraph. No Class Member or other person will be heard on such matters unless they have filed in this Action the objection, together with any briefs, papers, statements, or other materials the Class Member or other person wishes the Court to consider, by the Objection Deadline, or unless they appear, either in person or via Court approved remote access, at the Final Approval Hearing. All written objections and supporting papers must clearly: (a) state the Class Member's full name, current mailing address, and telephone number; (b) include proof that the Class Member is a member of the Settlement Class (e.g., copy of the Settlement Notice, copy of the original notice of the Data Security Incident); (c) identify the specific factual and legal grounds for the objection; (d) identify all counsel representing the Class Member, if any; (e) include a list, including case name, court, and docket number, of all other cases in which the objector and/or the objector's counsel has filed an objection to any proposed class action settlement in the past five (5) years; and (f) contain a statement regarding whether the Class Member (or counsel of his or her choosing) intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing. All written objections must be submitted to the Settlement Administrator by mailing them to: [ANGEION'S ADDRESS]. All written objections must be postmarked on or before the Objection Deadline, as set forth above. Any Class Member who does not make their objections in the manner and by the date set forth in this paragraph shall be deemed to have waived any objections and shall be forever barred from raising such objections.

## 7. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

### 7.1 Submission of Claims.

- (a) Submission of Electronic and Hard Copy Claims. Class Members may submit electronically verified Claim Forms to the Settlement Administrator through the Settlement Website or may download Claim Forms to be filled out, signed, and submitted physically by mail to the Settlement Administrator. Claim Forms must be submitted electronically or postmarked during the Claims Period and on or before the Claims Deadline. The Settlement Administrator shall reject any Claim Forms that are incomplete, inaccurate, or not timely received and will provide claimants

notice and the ability to cure defective claims, unless otherwise noted in this Agreement.

- (b) Review of Claim Forms. The Settlement Administrator will review Claim Forms submitted by Class Members to determine whether they are eligible for a Settlement Payment.

## 7.2 Settlement Administrator's Duties.

- (a) Cost-Effective Claims Processing. The Settlement Administrator shall, under the supervision of the Court, administer the relief provided by this Agreement by processing Claim Forms in a rational, responsive, cost-effective, and timely manner and calculate Settlement Payments in accordance with this Agreement.
- (b) Dissemination of Notices. The Settlement Administrator shall disseminate Notice pursuant to the Notice Plan as provided in this Agreement.
- (c) Maintenance of Records. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain reasonably detailed records of its activities under this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator shall maintain all such records as required by applicable law in accordance with its business practices and such records will be made available to Class Counsel and GWC's Counsel upon request. The Settlement Administrator shall also provide reports and other information to the Court as the Court may require. Upon request, the Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and GWC's Counsel with information concerning Notice, administration, and implementation of the Settlement. Without limiting the foregoing, the Settlement Administrator also shall:
  - (i) Receive Requests for Exclusion from Class Members and provide Class Counsel and GWC's Counsel a copy thereof no later than five (5) days following the deadline for submission of the same. If the Settlement Administrator receives any Requests for Exclusion or other requests from Class Members after expiration of the Opt-Out Period, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly provide copies thereof to Class Counsel and GWC's Counsel;
  - (ii) Provide weekly reports to Class Counsel and GWC's Counsel that include, without limitation, reports regarding the number of Claim Forms received, the number of Claim Forms approved by the Settlement Administrator, the amounts claimed in the Claim Forms received (including a breakdown of what types of claims were received and approved), and the categorization and description of Claim Forms rejected by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall also, as requested by Class Counsel

or GWC's Counsel and from time to time, provide the amounts remaining in the Net Settlement Fund;

- (iii) Make available for inspection by Class Counsel and GWC's Counsel the Claim Forms and any supporting documentation received by the Settlement Administrator at any time upon reasonable notice;
- (iv) Cooperate with any audit by Class Counsel or GWC's Counsel, who shall have the right, but not the obligation, to review, audit, and evaluate all Claim Forms for accuracy, veracity, completeness, and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7.3 Requests For Additional Information: In the exercise of its duties outlined in this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator shall have the right to reasonably request additional information from the Parties or any Class Member who submits a Claim Form.

## **8. SERVICE AWARDS**

- 8.1 Class Representatives and Class Counsel may seek Service Awards to the Class Representatives of up to \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) per Class Representative. Class Counsel may file a motion seeking Service Awards for the Class Representatives on or before fourteen (14) days before the Objection Deadline.
- 8.2 The Settlement Administrator shall pay the Service Awards approved by the Court to the Class Representatives from the Settlement Fund. Such Service Awards shall be paid by the Settlement Administrator, in the amount approved by the Court, within ten (10) business days after the Effective Date.
- 8.3 In the event the Court declines to approve, in whole or in part, the payment of the Service Awards in the amounts requested, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. No decision by the Court, or modification or reversal or appeal of any decision by the Court, concerning the amount of the Service Awards shall constitute grounds for cancellation or termination of this Agreement.
- 8.4 The Parties did not discuss or agree upon the amount of the Service Awards for which Class Representatives can apply until after they had agreed upon the substantive terms of the Settlement.

## **9. ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES**

- 9.1 Class Counsel may file a motion seeking an award of attorneys' fees of up to 33.3% (thirty-three and three tenths' percent) of the Settlement Fund (i.e., \$241,425), and, additionally, reasonably incurred litigation expenses and costs (i.e., Fee Award and Costs), not to exceed \$20,000, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Objection Deadline. The motion for a Fee Award and Costs shall be posted on the Settlement

Website. The Settlement Administrator shall pay any Fee Award and Costs awarded by the Court to Class Counsel in the amount approved by the Court, from the Settlement Fund, within one (1) business day after the Effective Date.

- 9.2 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, Class Counsel shall have the sole and absolute discretion to allocate any approved Fee Award and Costs amongst themselves.
- 9.3 The Settlement is not conditioned upon the Court's approval of an award of Class Counsel's Fee Award and Costs or Service Awards.
- 9.4 GWC reserves the right to challenge or object to Plaintiffs' requested Fee Award and Costs.

## **10. EFFECTIVE DATE, MODIFICATION, AND TERMINATION**

- 10.1 The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be the first day after all of the following conditions have occurred:
  - (a) GWC and Class Counsel execute this Agreement;
  - (b) The Court enters the Preliminary Approval Order attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, without material change;
  - (c) Notice is provided to the Settlement Class consistent with the Preliminary Approval Order;
  - (d) The Court enters the Final Approval Order; and
  - (e) The Final Approval Order has become "Final" because: (i) the time for appeal, petition, rehearing, or other review has expired; or (ii) if any appeal, petition, request for rehearing, or other review has been filed, the Final Approval Order is affirmed without material change or the appeal is dismissed or otherwise disposed of, no other appeal, petition, rehearing or other review is pending, and the time for further appeals, petitions, requests for rehearing or other review has expired.
- 10.2 In the event the terms or conditions of this Settlement Agreement are materially modified by any court, any Party, in its sole discretion, to be exercised within fourteen (14) days after such modification, may declare this Settlement Agreement null and void. In the event of a material modification by any court, and in the event the Parties do not exercise their unilateral options to withdraw from this Settlement Agreement pursuant to this Paragraph, the Parties shall meet and confer within seven (7) days of such ruling to attempt to reach an agreement as to how best to effectuate the court-ordered modification. For the avoidance of doubt, a "material modification" shall not include any reduction by the Court of the Fee Award and Costs and/or Service Awards.

- 10.3 Except as otherwise provided herein, in the event the Settlement is terminated, the Parties to this Agreement, including Class Members, shall be deemed to have reverted to their respective status in the Action immediately prior to the execution of this Agreement, and, except as otherwise expressly provided, the Parties shall proceed in all respects as if this Agreement and any related orders had not been entered. In addition, the Parties agree that in the event the Settlement is terminated, any orders entered pursuant to the Agreement shall be deemed null and void and vacated and shall not be used in or cited by any person or Entity in support of claims or defenses.
- 10.4 In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to any provision herein, then the Settlement proposed herein shall become null and void and shall have no legal effect, and the Parties will return to their respective positions existing immediately before the execution of this Agreement.
- 10.5 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, in the event this Agreement is not approved by any court, or terminated for any reason, or the Settlement set forth in this Agreement is declared null and void, or in the event that the Effective Date does not occur, Class Members, Plaintiffs, and Class Counsel shall not in any way be responsible or liable for any of the Administrative Expenses, or any expenses, including costs of Notice and administration associated with this Settlement or this Agreement, except that each Party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

## **11. NO ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING OR LIABILITY**

- 11.1 This Agreement, whether or not consummated, any communications and negotiations relating to this Agreement or the Settlement, and any proceedings taken pursuant to the Agreement:
- (a) shall not be offered or received against GWC as evidence of or construed as or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by GWC with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by any Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any other litigation, or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, breach of duty, or wrongdoing of GWC;
  - (b) shall not be offered or received against GWC as evidence of a presumption, concession or admission of any fault, misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved or made by GWC;
  - (c) shall not be offered or received against GWC as evidence of a presumption, concession or admission with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, breach of duty, or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against GWC, in any other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Agreement; provided, however, that if this

Agreement is approved by the Court, the Parties may refer to it to effectuate the liability protection granted them hereunder;

- (d) shall not be construed against GWC as an admission or concession that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the relief that could be or would have been awarded after trial; and
- (e) shall not be construed as or received in evidence as an admission, concession, or presumption against the Class Representatives or any Class Member that any of their claims are without merit or that any defenses asserted by GWC have any merit.

## **12. REPRESENTATIONS**

- 12.1 Each Party represents that: (i) such Party has full legal right, power, and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement, subject to Court approval; (ii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by such Party and the consummation by such Party of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been duly authorized by such Party; (iii) this Agreement constitutes a valid, binding, and enforceable agreement; and (iv) no consent or approval of any person or Entity is necessary for such Party to enter into this Agreement.

## **13. NOTICE**

- 13.1 All notices to Class Counsel provided for in this Agreement shall be sent by email (to all email addresses set forth below) and by First-Class mail to all of the following:

**CLAYEO C. ARNOLD**  
**A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION**  
Gregory Haroutunian  
865 Howe Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
gharoutunian@justice4you.com

**WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER**  
**FREEMAN & HERZ LLP**  
Rachele R. Byrd  
750 B Street, Suite 1820  
San Diego, CA 92101  
byrd@whafh.com

*Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel*

- 13.2 All notices to GWC or GWC's Counsel provided for in this Agreement shall be sent by email and First-Class mail to the following:

**CONSTANGY, BROOKS,  
SMITH & PROPHETE, LLP**

Allen Sattler  
David A. Yudelson  
2029 Century Park East  
Suite 1100  
Los Angeles, CA 90067  
asattler@constangy.com  
dyudelson@constangy.com

*Counsel for Defendant*

- 13.3 All notices to the Settlement Administrator provided for in this Agreement shall be sent by email and First-Class mail to the following address:

[insert]

- 13.4 The notice recipients and addresses designated in this Section may be changed by written notice agreed to by the Parties and posted on the Settlement Website.

#### **14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- 14.1 Representation by Counsel. The Class Representatives and GWC represent and warrant that they have been represented by, and have consulted with, the counsel of their choice regarding the provisions, obligations, rights, risks, and legal effects of this Agreement and have been given the opportunity to review independently this Agreement with such legal counsel and agree to the particular language of the provisions herein.
- 14.2 Best Efforts. The Parties agree that they will make all reasonable efforts needed to reach the Effective Date and fulfill their obligations under this Agreement.
- 14.3 Contractual Agreement. The Parties understand and agree that all terms of this Agreement, including the exhibits thereto, are contractual and are not a mere recital, and each signatory warrants that he, she, or it is competent and possesses the full and complete authority to execute and covenant to this Agreement on behalf of the Party that they or it represents.
- 14.4 Integration. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties, and no representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any Party concerning this Agreement other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized herein.
- 14.5 Drafting. The Parties agree that no single Party shall be deemed to have drafted this Agreement, or any portion thereof. This Settlement Agreement is a collaborative



effort of the Parties and their attorneys that was negotiated on an arm's-length basis between parties of equal bargaining power. Accordingly, this Agreement shall be neutral, and no ambiguity shall be construed in favor of or against any of the Parties. The Parties expressly waive any otherwise applicable presumption(s) that uncertainties in a contract are interpreted against the party who caused the uncertainty to exist.



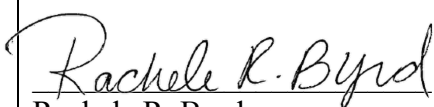
- 14.6 Modification or Amendment. This Agreement may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by a writing signed by the persons who executed this Agreement or their successors-in-interest.
- 14.7 Waiver. The failure of a Party hereto to insist upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such Party's rights or remedies or a waiver by such Party of any default by another Party in the performance or compliance of any of the terms of this Agreement. In addition, the waiver by one Party of any breach of this Agreement by any other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Agreement.
- 14.8 Severability. Should any part, term, or provision of this Agreement be declared or determined by any court or tribunal to be illegal or invalid, the Parties agree that the Court may modify such provision to the extent necessary to make it valid, legal, and enforceable. In any event, such provision shall be separable and shall not limit or affect the validity, legality, or enforceability of any other provision hereunder.
- 14.9 Successors. This Settlement Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, and assigns of the Parties thereto.
- 14.10 Governing Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California, without reference to its conflict of law provisions, except to the extent the federal law of the United States requires that federal law governs.
- 14.11 Resolution of Disputes. The Parties agree to submit any disputes related to the Settlement Agreement to Bruce A. Friedman of JAMS in the first instance.
- 14.12 Interpretation.
  - (a) Definitions apply to the singular and plural forms of each term defined.
  - (b) Definitions apply to the masculine, feminine, and neuter genders of each term defined.
  - (c) Whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they shall not be limiting but rather shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation."
- 14.13 Fair and Reasonable. The Parties and their counsel believe this Agreement is a fair and reasonable compromise of the disputed claims, and in the best interest of the

Parties, and have arrived at this Agreement as a result of arm's-length negotiations with the assistance of an experienced mediator.

- 14.14 Retention of Jurisdiction. The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Agreement shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Settlement and the Parties for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Agreement.
- 14.15 Headings. Any headings contained herein are for informational purposes only and do not constitute a substantive part of this Agreement. In the event of a dispute concerning the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the headings shall be disregarded.
- 14.16 Exhibits. The exhibits to this Agreement and any exhibits thereto are an integral and material part of the Settlement. The exhibits to this Agreement are expressly incorporated by reference and made part of the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- 14.17 Counterparts and Signatures. This Agreement 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 provided that counsel for the Parties to this Agreement shall exchange among themselves original signed counterparts. Digital signatures shall have the same force and effect as the original.
- 14.18 Facsimile and Electronic Mail. Transmission of a signed Agreement by facsimile or electronic mail shall constitute receipt of an original signed Agreement by mail.
- 14.19 No Assignment. Each Party represents and warrants that such Party has not assigned or otherwise transferred (via subrogation or otherwise) any right, title, or interest in or to any of the Released Claims.
- 14.20 Deadlines. If any of the dates or deadlines specified herein falls on a weekend or legal holiday, the applicable date or deadline shall fall on the next Business Day. All reference to "days" in this Agreement shall refer to calendar days, unless otherwise specified. The Parties reserve the right, subject to the Court's approval, to agree to any reasonable extensions of time that might be necessary to carry out any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 14.21 Dollar Amounts. All dollar amounts are in United States dollars, unless otherwise expressly stated.

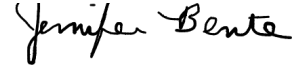
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized counsel:

Dated: <u>5/5/25</u>	Dated: <u>May 6, 2025</u>
For Defendants Granite Wellness Centers	For Plaintiffs and Settling Class Members

 ALLEN SATTLER DAVID A. YUDELSON CONSTANGY, BROOKS, SMITH & PROPHETE, LLP	 Gregory Haroutunian CLAYEO C. ARNOLD, APC   Rachele R. Byrd WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER FREEMAN & HERZ LLP
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Class Representatives:

Dated: 12 / 19 / 2024



Jennifer Bente

Dated: 12 / 19 / 2024



Raymond Bente

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Graham

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Alexandra Corona

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Cameron Corona

Class Representatives:

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Jennifer Bente

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Raymond Bente

Dated: 12 / 17 / 2024

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