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19 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
20 FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA
21 CIVIL UNLIMITED

22 SHARON FELKER; HERMAN GRISHAVER;
EDGAR CRUZ SORIANO; and JEANACE
23 ZETINO, individually and on behalf of other
similarly situated individuals,

24 Plaintiffs,

25 vs.

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27 JRK RESIDENTIAL GROUP, INC.; JRK
PROPERTY HOLDINGS, INC.; and DOES 1-
28 100,

29 Defendants.
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Case No.: SCV-267587

DECLARATION OF SHARON FELKER

Complaint Filed: December 22, 2020
Trial Date: N/A

1 1. My name is Sharon Felker.

2 2. I was a resident of JRK's apartment complex in Petaluma, California, known as
3 The Vineyard and later The Gove, from 2016 to 2023. I have been a named plaintiff in this case
4 since the case was filed in December 2020.

5 3. I estimate that I have spent approximately 50 hours on activities related to this
6 case. This includes meetings and phone calls and other communications with my attorneys;
7 reviewing the filings in the case; reviewing discovery requests from JRK, assisting my attorneys
8 with discovery, and reviewing my responses and amended responses to JRK's written discovery
9 requests; collecting documents before and during the litigation; preparing for my deposition and
10 sitting for my deposition; and evaluating settlement proposals.

11 4. My name was used in the case name and in all the public filings. This exposed me
12 to a certain level of publicity, which was at times unwelcome. This case was in the news,
13 including in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. I was interviewed by the Press Democrat about the
14 case. I remained a resident at a JRK apartment complex for several years after the case was filed.
15 During that time, I was very concerned that the case would negatively affect JRK's treatment of
16 me and my daughter and grandchildren who lived with me. This caused me stress and
17 distraction.

18 5. As a part of my role as a lead plaintiff in the case, I had to review many
19 documents, assist in the preparation of documents and consult with my lawyers about numerous
20 aspects of the case. I read complaints in the case to make sure that any allegations of which I had
21 knowledge were correct and accurate. I also reviewed other filings in the case, and some of the
22 Judge's rulings. JRK served lengthy discovery requests, and I worked with my attorneys to
23 respond and then to provide amended responses. I consulted with my attorneys before and after
24 each mediation, and during the period of negotiations and I reviewed the settlement documents
25 with my attorneys. I estimate that I spent at least 25 hours reviewing documents in the case,
26 assisting in the preparation of discovery responses and amended responses and consulting with
27 my attorneys regarding developments in the case, discovery and settlement negotiations.

28 6. Over the past five years, I estimate that I had 15 to 20 meetings, telephone calls
29 with my attorneys concerning the facts of the case, discovery, the progress of the case, mediation
30 and settlement negotiations. I also exchanged messages and had many other communications
31 with my attorneys throughout the case. Because I work long hours, finding the time and energy
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1 to do what was required of me as a plaintiff and class representative often was personally
2 difficult.

3 7. I collected hundreds of documents related to my apartment rental at The
4 Vineyard, such as leases, notices, communications with JRK, billing records, court documents
5 and similar records. I estimate that I spent at least 10 hours to gather all these records together to
6 provide them to my attorneys.

7 8. My deposition was held in November 2023. I took a full day off work to sit for
8 the deposition. I spent several hours preparing for the deposition with my attorneys. I was
9 questioned by JRK's lawyer for more than four hours. She asked me extensive questions about
10 very personal matters, including questions about my personal finances, my family, and my work
11 history. I estimate in total I spent approximately 12 hours preparing for my deposition and in the
12 deposition.


13 This document was executed in Sonoma, California. I declare under penalty of perjury
14 under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and based upon my
15 personal knowledge, and that if called upon to testify, I could verify the accuracy of the same.
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17 Dated: 10-16-25.

18 Sharon Felker

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