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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

RONA KOMINS, on behalf of herself, her children,
B.K. and M.K, and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVE YONAMINE, JOHN LIBBY,
MOBILITYWARE, LLC; DOES 1-100, inclusive,
and ROES Software Development Kit Business
Entities 1-100, inclusive.

Defendants.

Case No: 19STCV24865

**MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Date: September 18, 2024

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Dept.: 14

Judge: Hon. Kenneth R. Freeman

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 On June 11, 2024, this Court granted preliminary approval of a proposed class action settlement
3 (the “Settlement”) between Plaintiff Rona Komins (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Dave Yonamine, John
4 Libby, and MobilityWare, LLC (together, “Defendants”). Plaintiff now respectfully requests that the
5 Court grant final approval of the Settlement and enter the [Proposed] Final Approval Order and
6 Judgment submitted herewith.

7 The Settlement merits final approval. Under its terms, MobilityWare will update each of the
8 MobilityWare Gaming Apps to include a permanent, clear, and conspicuous pop-up notification that:
9 (i) informs app users of MobilityWare’s privacy policy and collection of personal information, and of
10 app users’ ability to opt out of selling of their personal information as applicable based on their
11 regional privacy laws; (ii) informs app users that MobilityWare will delete personal information
12 collected by app users upon request; and (iii) asks users to confirm that they are at least 18 years of age.
13 Agreement § 7.2. MobilityWare will not collect, share, or sell personal information from new app users
14 whose device settings indicate that they are in the United States unless and until the app users have (i)
15 scrolled through the entirety of the notification, (ii) confirmed that they have read the notification, and
16 (iii) confirmed that they are at least 18 years of age. Agreement § 7.2. Further, Defendants have agreed
17 to make a \$100,000.00 *cy pres* payment, split equally between the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a
18 non-profit digital rights group that champions user privacy (*see* <https://www.eff.org/about>), and the
19 Electronic Privacy Information Center, a public interest non-profit research and advocacy organization
20 established to “secure the fundamental right to privacy in the digital age for all people...” *See*
21 <https://epic.org/about/>. Agreement § 7.3.

22 This is an excellent recovery for the Settlement Class. The Settlement emerged only after
23 extensive arm’s-length negotiations, including a mediation session with the Honorable Jay C. Gandhi
24 (Ret.) of JAMS, several months of post-mediation negotiations, and multiple status conferences with
25 the Court. The Settlement provides certainty, finality, and valuable injunctive and *cy pres* relief. In its
26 June 11, 2024 Preliminary Approval Order, this Court found that the Settlement fell within the range of
27 possible approval, and preliminarily concluded that it was fair, reasonable, and adequate, so as to
28 warrant submission to members of the Settlement Class for their consideration. In conformity with the
Preliminary Approval Order, RG/2 Claims Administration, LLC (“RG/2”) has fully disseminated

1 notice to the Class. *See* Declaration of Stephanie Valerio submitted concurrently herewith (“Valerio
2 Decl.”), ¶¶ 1-8. As of the date of this filing, no class members have objected to or opted out of the
3 settlement. Accordingly, the Court should grant final approval of the Settlement.

4 **II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

5 On July 17, 2019, Plaintiff filed a Class Action Complaint in the Superior Court of California
6 for the County of Los Angeles (the “Court”), captioned *Rona Komins v. Dave Yonamine, et al.*, Case
7 No. 19STCV24865. Plaintiff’s complaint alleged that as users download and play MobilityWare’s
8 gaming apps, Defendants automatically collect personal information about the users and track online
9 behavior. *See* Third Amended Complaint (“TAC”). Plaintiff’s operative complaint alleged causes of
10 action for (a) violations of California’s Constitutional Right to Privacy, (b) Intrusion Upon Seclusion,
11 (c) violations of California’s Unfair Competition Law, (d) Fraud by Omission, (e) Negligent
12 Misrepresentation, and (f) Quasi-Contract. *See* TAC.

13 On February 11, 2020, Defendants filed a Motion to Compel Arbitration, arguing that Plaintiff
14 was required to arbitrate her claims. Defendants’ Motion to Compel Arbitration was denied on August
15 20, 2020. On September 30, 2020, Defendants filed a Joint Brief regarding Defendants’ Demurrer to
16 Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint. On October 20, 2020, the Court entered an Order declining to
17 rule on the demurrer and permitting Plaintiff to file a further amended complaint. On October 26, 2020,
18 Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint. On November 25, 2020, Defendants Dave Yonamine and
19 John Libby demurred to Plaintiff’s Second Amended Complaint, and all Defendants filed a Motion to
20 Strike Plaintiff’s Second Amended Complaint. On February 9, 2021, the Court overruled Defendants’
21 Demurrer and Motion to Strike in their entirety, except that it *sua sponte* struck Plaintiff’s claim for
22 unjust enrichment with leave to amend to file a claim for quasi-contract. On March 1, 2021, Plaintiff
23 filed a Third Amended Complaint which substituted a claim for quasi-contract in place of the claim for
24 unjust enrichment. *See* TAC.

25 On March 31, 2021, Defendants filed a Notice of Removal to federal court, and filed a Motion
26 to Dismiss on April 7, 2021. *See Komins v. Yonamine, et al.* (C.D. Cal.) Case No. 2:21-cv-02757-
27 MCS-RAO, at Dkt. Nos. 1, 9. On April 19, 2021, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Remand, and on April 21,
28 2021, Plaintiff filed an opposition to Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss. *See id.* at Dkt. Nos. 11-12. On
May 17, 2021, the action was remanded to Superior Court. *See id.* at Dkt. No. 28 [Order Granting

1 Motion to Remand]. On May 28, 2021, Defendants filed a Motion to Transfer Venue. On July 2, 2021,
2 the Court denied Defendants’ Motion to Transfer Venue. On July 7, 2021, Defendants filed an Answer
3 to Plaintiff’s Third Amended Complaint in which they denied Plaintiff’s allegations and asserted
4 affirmative defenses.

5 The parties exchanged multiple rounds of written discovery and attended multiple informal
6 discovery conferences with the Court concerning the written discovery. *See* Declaration of Ronald A.
7 Marron filed concurrently herewith (“Marron Decl.”), ¶ 5. After motion practice and significant
8 discovery efforts, the Parties attended a full day mediation session before the Honorable Judge Jay C.
9 Gandhi (Ret.) of JAMS. *Id.* On November 2, 2021, the Parties attended their full-day mediation session
10 before Judge Gandhi, where they agreed in principle to certain terms of an injunctive relief class action
11 settlement. *Id.* Following the first mediation session, the Parties participated in further telephonic
12 sessions with Judge Gandhi and engaged in extensive negotiations to finalize the text of the Settlement
13 Agreement themselves, as well as a notice plan and proposed order for the Court. *Id.*

14 The Settlement Agreement is the product of vigorous, adversarial, and competent representation
15 of the Parties and substantive negotiations throughout the pendency of this litigation. *See* Marron Decl.
16 ¶ 6. Plaintiff’s counsel exercised due diligence to confirm the adequacy, reasonableness, and fairness
17 of the settlement, both before and after mediation. *Id.* Plaintiff’s counsel was aware of the attendant
18 strengths, risks, and uncertainties of Plaintiff’s claims, and Defendants’ defenses, during the course of
19 negotiations. *Id.* Defendants, throughout the course of the litigation, have vigorously denied any
20 wrongdoing or liability, and contend that they would be wholly successful in defeating Plaintiff’s
21 claims at or before trial.

22 Despite the vigorous opposition on both sides, the Parties appreciate the costs and uncertainty
23 attendant to any litigation, and have agreed to a proposed settlement agreement. Marron Decl., ¶ 7.
24 Plaintiff’s counsel agreed to settle the action pursuant to the provisions of the Settlement, after
25 considering, among other things: (i) the substantial benefits to Plaintiff and the Class under the terms of
26 the Settlement; (ii) the uncertainty of being able to prevail at trial; (iii) the uncertainty relating to
27 Defendants’ defenses and the expense of additional motion practice in connection therewith; (iv) the
28 attendant risks, difficulties and delays inherent in litigation, especially in complex actions such as this;

1 and (v) the desirability of consummating this Settlement promptly in order to provide substantive relief
2 to Plaintiff and the Class without unnecessary delay and expense. *Id.*

3 After several status conferences with the Court and additional briefing submitted on February
4 22, 2022, April 21, 2023, August 9, 2023, and December 14, 2023, Plaintiff filed an amended
5 settlement agreement on March 29, 2024. The Court granted the motion for preliminary class
6 settlement on June 11, 2024 and set the final approval hearing for September 18, 2024. The deadline to
7 submit any opt-out notices and written objections was set for August 19, 2024.

8 The Class Notice program was fully executed in accordance with its design and under the
9 terms approved by the Court. *See* Valerio Decl., ¶¶ 3-8. In consultation and collaboration with the
10 Parties, RG/2 Claims Administration established a settlement website and provided the Court-ordered
11 social media notice to Settlement Class Members. *Id.*, ¶¶ 4-6. The notice procedures are consistent with
12 the class-action notice plan that was approved by this Court and constitute the best notice practicable
13 under the circumstances. Valerio Decl., ¶ 8.

14 The deadline for Settlement Class Members to submit written objections or requests to be
15 excluded from the Settlement Class was August 19, 2024. To date, there have been zero (0) written
16 objections to the settlement and zero (0) request for exclusion. Valerio Decl., ¶ 7.

17 III. LEGAL STANDARD

18 The final settlement or compromise of an entire class action requires the approval of the court
19 after a hearing. Cal. R. Ct. 3.769(a). The approval of a proposed settlement of a class action suit is a
20 matter within the broad discretion of the trial court. *Wershba v. Apple Computer, Inc.* (2001) 91
21 Cal.App.4th 224, 234-35, disapproved of on other grounds by *Hernandez v. Restoration Hardware,*
22 *Inc.* (2018) 4 Cal.5th 260. In considering a potential settlement for preliminary approval purposes, the
23 court does not have to reach any ultimate conclusions on the issues of fact and law on the merits of the
24 dispute, and need not engage in a trial on the merits. *See Wershba*, 91 Cal.App.4th at 239-240; *Dunk*
25 *v. Ford Motor Co.* (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 1794, 1801.

26 Before final approval, the Court must conduct an inquiry into the fairness of the proposed
27 settlement. Cal. R. Ct. 3.769(g). The approval of a proposed settlement of a class action suit is a
28 matter within the broad discretion of the trial court. *Wershba*, 91 Cal.App.4th at 234-35; *Dunk*, 48

1 Cal.App.4th at 1801. The law favors settlement, particularly in class actions where substantial
2 resources can be conserved by avoiding the time, cost and rigors of formal litigation. See 4 Newberg
3 on Class Actions (4th ed. 2009) § 11.41. As a practical matter, the overwhelming majority of
4 proposed settlements are approved when the court is satisfied that arm’s length bargaining took place
5 during settlement negotiations and experienced class counsel recommends approval of the settlement.
6 4 Newberg on Class Actions § 11:42 (4th ed. 2009), p. 118-119. Plaintiff’s Motion for Preliminary
7 Approval explained how this case met all the requirements for Class Certification. This motion,
8 therefore, focuses on final approval.

9 **IV. SUMMARY OF THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

10 **A. The Settlement Class**

11 The Settlement Class is defined as “all persons who played any of the following MobilityWare
12 Gaming Apps on a mobile device in the United States at any time between July 17, 2015 and June 11,
13 2024:

- 14 • Solitaire;
- 15 • Tripeaks Solitaire,
- 16 • Pyramid Solitaire,
- 17 • FreeCell Solitaire,
- 18 • Crown Solitaire,
- 19 • Spider Solitaire,
- 20 • Spider Go Solitaire,
- 21 • Castle Solitaire,
- 22 • Addiction Solitaire,
- 23 • Mahjong Solitaire,
- 24 • Yukon Russian Solitaire Game,
- 25 • Aces Up Solitaire,
- 26 • Destination Solitaire,
- 27 • Hearts Card Game,
- 28 • Puzzle Cats,
- Sudoku Simple,
- Spades Card Game,
- Tropical Treats,
- Word Wiz,
- Word Warp,
- Sunny Shapes,
- Word Search,
- Tetra Block – Puzzle Game,
- Dice Merge Puzzle Master,

- Blackjack,
- Match & Rescue – Match 3 Game,
- Vegas Blvd Slots,
- Block Party Bingo,
- 52 Card Pick-up,
- Excite Bear – Animal Bikers, and
- Monopoly Solitaire.”

Settlement Agreement § 2.31.

B. Injunctive Relief

The Settlement provides for significant injunctive relief whereby Defendants have agreed to provide added disclosures relating to the collection and use of personal information by the MobilityWare apps. Agreement § 7.2. Defendants have also agreed to implement certain business practices in order to better ensure that children do not have their data collected by the MobilityWare apps. *Id.* Specifically, MobilityWare will update each of the MobilityWare Gaming Apps to include a permanent, clear, and conspicuous pop-up notification that: (i) informs app users of MobilityWare’s privacy policy and collection of personal information, and of app users’ ability to opt out of selling of their personal information as applicable based on their regional privacy laws; (ii) informs app users that MobilityWare will delete personal information collected by app users upon request; and (iii) asks users to confirm that they are at least 18 years of age. *Id.* MobilityWare will not collect, share, or sell personal information from new app users whose device settings indicate that they are in the United States unless and until the app users have (i) scrolled through the entirety of the notification, (ii) confirmed that they have read the notification, and (iii) confirmed that they are at least 18 years of age. Agreement § 7.2.

The value of these substantive changes to Defendants’ business practices cannot be overstated. These changes help achieve the goals of this lawsuit, address the harm allegedly caused to the Settlement Class, and provide invaluable relief going forward. *See, e.g., McDonald v. Killoo A/S* (N.D. Cal. Sept. 24, 2020) Nos. 17-cv-04344-JD, 17-cv-04419-JD, 17-cv-04492-JD, 2020 WL 5702113, at *5 (granting preliminary approval of injunctive-relief-only settlement in privacy case involving gaming apps); *Campbell v. Facebook Inc.* (N.D. Cal. Aug. 18, 2017) No. 13-CV-05996-PJH, 2017 WL 3581179, at *5 (granting final approval of injunctive-relief-only settlement where Defendants agreed to

1 make additional disclosures to users about its policies regarding use of data), *aff'd*, 951 F.3d 1106 (9th
2 Cir. 2020).

3 **C. Cy Pres Relief**

4 The Settlement also provides for a \$100,000.00 *cy pres* payment, split equally between the
5 Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit digital rights group that champions user privacy (*see*
6 <https://www.eff.org/about>), and the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a public interest non-profit
7 research and advocacy organization established to “secure the fundamental right to privacy in the
8 digital age for all people...” *See* <https://epic.org/about/>. Agreement § 7.3. This is an excellent recovery
9 for the Settlement Class. *See, e.g., In re Netflix Privacy Litig.* (N.D. Cal. 2013) No. 5:11–CV–00379,
10 2013 WL 1120801, at *11 (approving settlement for injunctive relief and *cy pres*-only relief, finding *cy*
11 *pres* distribution “has been found to be an appropriate relief mechanism” in online privacy cases); *Lane*
12 *v. Facebook, Inc.* (9th Cir. 2012) 696 F.3d 811, 821 (*cy pres* distribution appropriate where “the proof
13 of individual claims would be burdensome or distribution of damages costly.”).

14 **D. Release**

15 As of the date the injunctive relief described in Section 7.2 of the Settlement Agreement is
16 fully provided, the Settlement Class will release any and all claims for injunctive or equitable relief
17 brought for, by, or on behalf of, Settlement Class Members, that are asserted in the Operative
18 Complaint. Agreement § 10.1. The Settlement Class will not release any claims for damages or other
19 monetary relief (whether actual, nominal, punitive, exemplary, statutory, or otherwise) for any
20 Settlement Class Member. *Id.* Further, the released claims do not include any claims from minors who
21 are under the age of 18 as of the Effective Date. *Id.*

22 **E. Attorneys’ Fees/Costs and Class Representative Enhancement Award**

23 The Settlement Agreement provides that Class Counsel “will petition the Court for Fees and
24 Costs (including the cost of notice and the Incentive Award) in the total amount of \$800,000.00” and
25 that Class Counsel “will specifically petition the Court for an Incentive Award to Plaintiff in the
26 amount of \$7,500.00.” Agreement §§ 8.1 – 8.2. Plaintiff has fully addressed the reasonableness of the
27 requested attorneys’ fees, costs, and incentive award in her motion for attorneys’ fees filed on August
28 5, 2024.

1 **F. Notice Has Been Fully Disseminated**

2 In accordance with the Settlement Agreement and the Court’s Order Granting Preliminary
3 Approval, RG/2 has fully disseminated notice to the Class. Valerio Decl., ¶¶ 3-8. The settlement
4 website (www.mobilitywareclassaction.com) was established in accordance with the Preliminary
5 Approval Order and Class Litigation Settlement Agreement dated March 27, 2024. Valerio Decl., ¶ 4.
6 The website provides important information about the settlement, including links to the notices, links
7 to important documents including the Settlement Agreement and Order Granting Preliminary
8 Approval, and contact information for the Notice Administrator. Valerio Decl., ¶ 4. RG/2 Claims also
9 made available a toll-free phone number at (866) 742-4955 for Class Members to speak with a live
10 operator or leave a voicemail message requesting a returned call. Valerio Decl., ¶ 5.

11 On July 6, 2024 through August 4, 2024, RG/2 Claims launched a digital media notice using
12 banner ads placed on the Google Display network, a social media notice using paid banner ads on the
13 Facebook and Instagram social media platforms and paid search Notice ads placed on Google and
14 Bing search engines. Valerio Decl., ¶ 6. The ad campaign totaled 3,982,327 impressions. *Id.*

15 **G. Opt-Outs and Objections**

16 Any Class Member who did not wish to be a part of this Settlement Agreement was permitted
17 to request to be excluded by submitting a Request for Exclusion to the Notice Administrator by
18 August 19, 2024. Settlement Agreement § 5.1. The deadline to request exclusion has passed. To date,
19 the Notice Administrator received zero (0) requests for exclusion. Valerio Decl., ¶ 7.

20 Any Class Member who objects to the Settlement may submit to the Notice Administrator a
21 written statement of objection by the August 19, 2024 response deadline. Settlement Agreement § 5.2.
22 To date, no written objections have been received. Valerio Decl., ¶ 7. Class members who fail to make
23 objections in writing to the Notice Administrator by the response deadline may still make their
24 objections orally at the final approval/settlement fairness hearing. Settlement Agreement § 5.3.

25 **V. THE COURT SHOULD GRANT FINAL APPROVAL**

26 **A. This Class Action Settlement Is Entitled to a Presumption of Fairness**

27 This settlement agreement deserves the presumption of fairness. Under California law, a
28 “presumption of fairness exists if (1) the settlement is reached through arm’s length bargaining; (2)

1 investigation and discovery are sufficient to allow counsel and the court to act intelligently; (3)
2 counsel is experienced in similar litigation; and (4) the percentage of objectors is small.” *Dunk*, 48
3 Cal.App.4th at 1802.

4 Here, the first and second factors are clearly met. The settlement in this litigation is the result
5 of hard-fought capable advocacy on both sides. Marron Decl., ¶¶ 12. There was no collusion in
6 creating this Agreement, which is the result of skilled negotiation. *Id.* The parties exchanged formal
7 discovery that formed the basis of negotiations and included information necessary for Class Counsel
8 to ensure that the settlement was proper. *Id.* That information permitted the Class Representative and
9 her counsel to make informed decisions about settlement and allowed the parties to fully evaluate the
10 strengths and weaknesses of their claims. Defendants continue to deny liability in this matter, but have
11 agreed to this Settlement nonetheless. Settlement Agreement § 12.4. Altogether, this Settlement
12 Agreement is entitled to the presumption of fairness.

13 Third, the Law Office of Ronald A. Marron has extensive experience handling class action
14 cases and class action settlements, and are qualified Class Counsel. Marron Decl., ¶¶ 14-52. Class
15 Counsel has worked diligently to prosecute this case and to reach a fair settlement for the Settlement
16 Class. *Id.* Therefore, the experience of counsel is not in question.

17 Finally, it is expected that the number of objections and opt-outs will be small. As of the date
18 of this motion, there have been zero written objections, and zero opt-outs. Valerio Decl., ¶ 7. The
19 response deadline for written objections and opt outs has passed, and class members may only present
20 verbal objections if they appear the final approval hearing. Settlement Agreement § 5.3. The lack of
21 known objections and opt-outs shows that the Class itself is willing to participate in the settlement.
22 Therefore, this settlement has a presumption of fairness.

23 **B. Additional Factors Support Final Approval of the Class Action Settlement**

24 Other factors courts consider also demonstrate that the settlement is fair. Under California law:

25 The trial court’s discretion is broad, and is to be exercised through the application
26 of several well-recognized factors. The list, which “is not exhaustive and should
27 be tailored to each case,” includes “the strength of plaintiffs’ case, the risk,
28 expense, complexity and likely duration of further litigation, the risk of
maintaining class action status through trial, the amount offered in settlement, the
extent of discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings, the experience
and views of counsel, the presence of a governmental participant, and the reaction

1 of the class members to the proposed settlement.” “The most important factor is
2 the strength of the case for plaintiffs on the merits, balanced against the amount
3 offered in settlement.” While the court “must stop short of the detailed and
4 thorough investigation that it would undertake if it were actually trying the case,”
it “must eschew any rubber stamp approval in favor of an independent
evaluation.”

5 *Munoz v. BCI Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Los Angeles* (2010) 186 Cal. App. 4th 399, 407–08 (internal
6 quotations and citations omitted).

7 The Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable and adequate and is in the best interest of the
8 Settlement Class in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of loss of class
9 certification, loss on the merits of each claim, significant delay, and defenses asserted by Defendants.
10 Proceeding also has its risks of appellate issues. *See* Marron Decl., ¶ 9. Plaintiff and Class Counsel
11 recognize the expense and burden of continuing to litigate and try this action against Defendants
12 through possible appeals, which could take several years. *Id.* Class Counsel has also considered the
13 uncertain outcome and risk of litigation. *Id.*

14 **C. The Settlement Class Received Adequate Notice of the Settlement**

15 “The principal purpose of notice to the class is the protection of the integrity of the class action
16 [settlement] process.” *Cartt v. Superior Court* (1975) 50 Cal.App.3d 960, 970. The proposed notice
17 of settlement must “fairly apprise the class members of the terms of the proposed compromise and of
18 the options open to dissenting class members.” *Wershba*, 91 Cal.App.4th 224, 251.

19 The Court should find that the notice was adequate and comports with due process. As an
20 initial matter, because this Settlement provides for injunctive relief to the Class without releasing
21 claims for monetary relief, notice to the class is not necessarily required. *See Hefczyc v. Rady*
22 *Children's Hosp.-San Diego* (2017) 17 Cal. App. 5th 518, 535; *Savaglio v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* (Cal.
23 Super. Ct. 2003) 2003 Cal. Super. LEXIS 6704, *43 (“The [classes] are certified to seek injunctive
24 and declaratory relief only, so the Court is inclined to order that it is not necessary to provide class
25 members with notice and an opportunity to opt out of the class.”); *Baumrind v. Brandstorm Inc.* (Cal.
26 Super. Ct. 2021) 2021 Cal. Super. LEXIS 7434, *10 (“As the class settlement provides for injunctive
27 relief only and requires no release of rights by any Settlement Class Member to any statutory damages
28 or monetary relief, the Parties agree that no notice will be sent to any Settlement Class Member.”).

1 Notwithstanding, the class notice disseminated to Settlement Class Members fairly apprised
2 Settlement Class Members of the relevant details regarding the settlement and the options available to
3 them, and were in the same basic form of the Proposed Settlement Notice approved by this Court at
4 the Preliminary Approval hearing. Valerio Decl., ¶¶ 3-8 & Exs. A-C. The settlement website
5 (www.mobilitywareclassaction.com) was established in accordance with the Preliminary Approval
6 Order and Class Litigation Settlement Agreement dated March 27, 2024. Valerio Decl., ¶ 4. RG/2
7 Claims also made available a toll-free phone number at (866) 742-4955 for Class Members to speak
8 with a live operator or leave a voicemail message requesting a returned call. Valerio Decl., ¶ 5.
9 Between July 6, 2024 and August 4, 2024, RG/2 Claims launched a digital media notice using banner
10 ads placed on the Google Display network, a social media notice using paid banner ads on the
11 Facebook and Instagram social media platforms and paid search Notice ads placed on Google and
12 Bing search engines. Valerio Decl., ¶ 6. The ad campaign totaled 3,982,327 impressions. *Id.*
13 Accordingly, the Settlement Class received notice of the Settlement.

14 **D. The Settlement Is Fair and Adequate**

15 1. The Settlement is the Product of Serious, Informed, Non-collusive Negotiations

16 The settlement in this litigation is the result of hard-fought capable advocacy on both sides.
17 Marron Decl., ¶ 12. There was no collusion in creating this Agreement, which is the result of skilled
18 negotiation. *Id.* The parties exchanged formal discovery that formed the basis of negotiations. *Id.*
19 Defendant continues to deny liability in this matter, but has agreed to this Settlement nonetheless.
20 Settlement Agreement § 12.4. Altogether, this Settlement Agreement is entitled to the presumption of
21 fairness.

22 2. The Settlement has no “Obvious Deficiencies”

23 The proposed settlement has no obvious deficiencies and is well within the range of
24 reasonableness that supports possible final approval. First, all class members received the same
25 Notice and opportunity to object to the settlement and to reap the benefit of the injunctive and *cy pres*
26 relief after settlement has been approved. The injunctive and *cy pres* relief provided by the settlement
27 will benefit the Settlement Class fairly and equally. The goals of the litigation have been met.
28

1 3. The Settlement Does Not Favor the Class Representative or Segments of the Class

2 The settlement does not improperly grant preferential treatment to Class Representative or
3 segments of the Settlement Class in any way. All members of the Class will receive the same
4 injunctive and *cy pres* relief. Settlement Agreement §§ 7.2 – 7.3. Ms. Komins will be treated the
5 same as all other Class Members, except for her Incentive Award of \$7,500, subject to the Court’s
6 approval. Settlement Agreement § 8.2. The proposed Incentive Award is fair and well earned, as Ms.
7 Komins has been an active participant and advocate for the Class throughout the past five (5) years.
8 Marron Decl., ¶ 10.

9 4. The Settlement Falls Within the Range of Possible Judicial Approval

10 In approving class action settlements, the court should consider relevant factors including the
11 strength of plaintiff’s case, the risk, expense, complexity and likely duration of further litigation, the
12 risk of maintaining class action status through trial, the amount of discovery completed and the stage
13 of the proceedings, and the experience and views of counsel. *In re Microsoft I-V Cases*, 135
14 Cal.App.4th at 723. In this case, the evidence supports the conclusion that the Settlement falls within
15 the range of judicial approval. *See, e.g., McDonald v. Killoo A/S* (N.D. Cal. Sept. 24, 2020) Nos. 17-
16 cv-04344-JD, 17-cv-04419-JD, 17-cv-04492-JD, 2020 WL 5702113, at *5 (granting preliminary
17 approval of injunctive-relief-only settlement and noting that “any damage award” for claims of
18 intrusion upon seclusion and violations of the California constitutional right to privacy, the UCL, and
19 various consumer protection statutes “was uncertain and likely to have been nominal for most class
20 members”); *Campbell v. Facebook Inc.* (N.D. Cal. Aug. 18, 2017) No. 13-CV-05996-PJH, 2017 WL
21 3581179, at *5 (granting final approval of injunctive-relief-only settlement where Defendants agreed
22 to make additional disclosures to users about its policies regarding use of data), *aff’d*, 951 F.3d 1106
23 (9th Cir. 2020); *see also In re Netflix Privacy Litig.* (N.D. Cal. 2013) No. 5:11–CV–00379, 2013 WL
24 1120801, at *11 (approving settlement for injunctive relief and *cy pres*-only relief, finding *cy pres*
25 distribution “has been found to be an appropriate relief mechanism” in online privacy cases); *Lane v.*
26 *Facebook, Inc.* (9th Cir. 2012) 696 F.3d 811, 821 (*cy pres* distribution appropriate where “the proof of
27 individual claims would be burdensome or distribution of damages costly.”). Class Counsel achieved a
28 successful result on behalf of the Settlement Class.

1 **VI. CONCLUSION**

2 The parties have committed substantial amounts of time and energy resolving this matter. The
3 proposed settlement is a fair and reasonable compromise of the issues in dispute. The Settlement
4 Class was provided with notice of the settlement, had the opportunity to object and/or opt out, and
5 based upon the lack of objections and opt-outs, appears to consent to the Settlement Agreement. After
6 weighing the substantial, certain, and immediate benefits of this settlement against the uncertainty of
7 trial and appeal, the parties believe that the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and
8 that it warrants the Court’s final approval.

9 Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant final approval of the Class Action
10 Settlement, and sign the proposed order and judgment filed concurrently with this motion.

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