

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JENNY LISETTE FLORES, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MERRICK GARLAND, Attorney
General, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. CV 85-4544-DMG (AGRx)

**ORDER APPROVING
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
DISMISSING WITH PREJUDICE
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS
[1313] [1182]**

THIS CAUSE comes before the Court upon the filing of Plaintiffs' Notice of Non-Receipt of Class Member Objections and Unopposed Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement [Doc. # 1313].

UPON CONSIDERATION of the parties' Joint Stipulation To Dismiss EAJA Motion With Prejudice and Proposal Regarding Notice to Flores Class Members Of Settlement (the "Settlement Agreement") [Doc. # 1292] and Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Court finds that:

The parties engaged in non-collusive, arm's-length negotiations to resolve Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorneys' Fees ("MAF") [Doc. # 1182];

The proposed Settlement Agreement requires Defendants to pay Plaintiffs \$540,210.40 in settlement of Plaintiff's claims and any potential claims for attorneys' fees, litigation costs, and related expenses pursuant to the MAF, and the MAF supports an award of this size;

1 There is no evidence of collusion between the parties regarding fees, or of
2 Plaintiffs putting their interests in obtaining fees ahead of the interests of the Class;

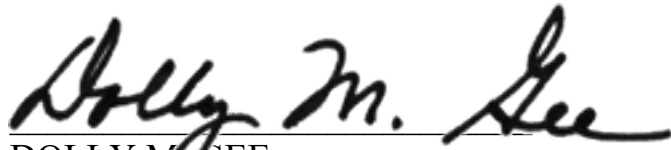
3 The Notice of the proposed Settlement Agreement provided to the Class
4 satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(1) and due
5 process; and

6 Counsel have received no objections from Class Members or their family
7 members concerning the proposed Settlement Agreement [Doc. # 1322 at ¶¶ 6, 7].

8 For all these reasons, the Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair,
9 adequate, and reasonable, and **APPROVES** the Settlement Agreement. Plaintiffs'
10 Motion for Final Approval is **GRANTED**. The Court further **ORDERS** that
11 Plaintiffs' Motion for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs [Doc. # 1182], is
12 **DENIED WITH PREJUDICE as moot** pursuant to the Stipulation of the Parties.

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14 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 DATED: January 25, 2023


DOLLY M. GEE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE