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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MALIK TUCKER and
REGINALD WILLIAMS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KING COUNTY,
WASHINGTON,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00002-RAJ

**ORDER GRANTING FINAL
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

The Court, having considered Plaintiffs’ Motion for Final Approval of Proposed Class Action Settlement (Dkt. # 42, the “Final Approval Motion”), the exhibits thereto, and the record in this case, finds good cause to enter the following Order.

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Final Approval of Settlement

1. This Order incorporates by reference the Settlement Agreement, Dkt. # 39-1, and all definitions therein.
2. The Court grants final approval of the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate, under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2) and due process requirements.

1 3. The Court finds that Named Plaintiffs Malik Tucker and Reginald Williams
2 have adequately represented the Settlement Class; the Settlement was negotiated at arm's
3 length; the relief provided for the Settlement Class is adequate, taking into account: (i) the
4 costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal, (ii) the effectiveness of the proposed method of
5 distributing relief to the Settlement Class, including the method of processing Class
6 Member claims, (iii) the terms of the proposed award of attorneys' fees and
7 reimbursement of costs and other expenses, as well as the Service Award to the Named
8 Plaintiffs, and (iv) any agreement required to be identified under Federal Rule of Civil
9 Procedure 23(e)(3); and the Settlement treats Class Members equitably relative to one
10 another.

11 4. Pursuant to the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, Dkt. # 41, for purposes
12 of this Settlement only, the Settlement Class is defined as follows:

13 a. No Warrants Subclass: all persons who (i) were detained by Defendant King
14 County for more than 48 hours without a determination of probable cause
15 or a warrant for their arrest at any time between January 2, 2021 and April
16 23, 2025, and (ii) *were not detained* pursuant to a warrant in an unrelated
17 matter during the pendency of their detention.

18 b. Warrants Subclass: all persons who (i) were detained by Defendant King
19 County for more than 48 hours without a determination of probable cause
20 or a warrant for their arrest at any time between January 2, 2021 and April
21 23, 2025, and (ii) *were also detained* pursuant to a warrant in an unrelated
22 matter during the pendency of their detention.

23 **Notice**

24 5. The Court finds that the Class Notice and notice process (i) were
25 implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (ii) constituted the best
26 practicable notice; (iii) constituted notice that is reasonably calculated, under the
27 circumstances, to apprise members of the Settlement Class of the pendency of the Action,

1 their right to object to and/or opt-out of the proposed settlement and to appear at the Final
2 Approval Hearing, and their right to obtain monetary and other relief; (iv) were reasonable
3 and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to receive notice;
4 and (v) met all applicable requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2)(B)
5 and due process.

6 **Settlement Administration**

7 6. Pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Order, American Legal Claim
8 Services, LLC is the Settlement Administrator. Dkt. # 41 ¶ 12. The Settlement
9 Administrator shall distribute and account for payments from the Settlement Fund as set
10 forth in the Settlement Agreement. All costs associated with the Class Notice and
11 administering the Settlement and the Settlement Fund, including all costs and fees
12 incurred by the Settlement Administrator, Class Counsel, and any third party engaged to
13 assist with the settlement administration, will not exceed \$50,000.00.

14 7. The Settlement Administrator shall file a final report of claims and
15 settlement payments within 60 calendar days after the conclusion of all distributions from
16 the Settlement Fund.

17 **Service Award**

18 8. The Court approves Class Counsel's petition for a Service Award to the
19 Named Plaintiffs in the amount of \$5,000.00 each per Named Plaintiff.

20 **Attorneys' Fees and Expenses**

21 9. The Court approves Class Counsel's petition for attorneys' fees and
22 expenses of \$440,000.00, plus the difference between the amount Class Counsel requested
23 as a Service Award and that which the Court ordered.

24 **Requests to Opt-Out**

25 10. Any persons who submitted timely and proper requests to opt-out of the
26 Settlement are excluded from the Settlement Class and are not bound by the terms of the
27 Settlement Agreement or this Judgment.

1 **Judgment and Retention of Jurisdiction**

2 11. The Final Judgment is hereby entered in this Action. The Court retains
3 continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (i) the Parties for purposes of the
4 administration, interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the Settlement; (ii) the
5 distribution or allocation of the Settlement Fund; (iii) any request regarding residual funds;
6 and (iv) the Class Members for matters relating to this Action.

7 12. The terms of the Settlement Agreement and of this Final Approval Order
8 and Judgment shall be binding on, and have res judicata and preclusive effect on, the
9 Defendant, Named Plaintiffs, and all Class Members (regardless of whether they received
10 a distribution from the Settlement Fund), as well as their respective agents, employees,
11 independent contractors, representatives, spouses, children, heirs, administrators,
12 executors, trustors, trustees, beneficiaries, predecessors-in-interest, successors-in-interest,
13 assigns, and attorneys.

14 13. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise
15 expressly provided in the Settlement Agreement. Named Plaintiffs and the Settlement
16 Class Members have conclusively compromised, settled, discharged, dismissed, and
17 released all released claims against the Defendant and the other Released Parties freely
18 and voluntarily and upon the advice of Class Counsel.

19 **Appeal**

20 14. Only Class Members who submitted timely and proper objections may
21 appeal this Final Approval Order and Judgment. Any Class Member who wishes to appeal
22 the Final Approval Order and Judgment must post a bond with the Court in an amount to
23 be determined by the Court as a condition of prosecuting such appeal.

24 **Injunction**

25 15. All Class Members are forever enjoined and barred from (i) filing,
26 commencing, prosecuting, intervening, or participating (as class members or otherwise)
27 in any other lawsuit or administrative, regulatory, arbitration, or other proceeding in any

1 jurisdiction relating to or arising out of the factual or legal allegations alleged in the
2 Action, which were asserted or that could have been claimed, raised or asserted in the
3 Action; and (ii) organizing Settlement Class Members into a separate class for purposes
4 of pursuing as a purported class action any lawsuit or administrative, regulatory,
5 arbitration, or other proceeding (including by seeking to amend a pending complaint to
6 include class allegations, or seeking class certification in a pending action) relating to or
7 arising out of the factual or legal allegations alleged in the Action, which were asserted or
8 that could have been claimed, raised or asserted in the Action. All Class Members are
9 hereby deemed to have forever released any and all matters, claims, and causes of action
10 as provided for in the Settlement Agreement.

11 **Other Provisions**

12 16. The parties shall, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Settlement
13 Agreement, take all necessary and appropriate steps to execute the terms and conditions
14 of the Settlement Agreement and this Final Approval Order and Judgment.

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16 DATED this 5th day of December, 2025.

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20 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
21 United States District Judge
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