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The Honorable J. Andrew Toynebee

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS

KIMBERLY N. PIZL, individually and on  
behalf of all those similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NORTHWEST PREMIER INVESTMENTS,  
INC., a Washington corporation,

Defendant.

No. 23-2-01101-21

ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL  
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND  
DISMISSING ACTION WITH PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement. The Court has considered all papers and materials submitted by the parties in support of the proposed Settlement Agreement, including Plaintiff's preliminary and final memoranda in support of approval of the Settlement Agreement, and the Declarations of James B. Pizl and Kaylie O'Connor (on behalf of CPT Group Inc.) with Respect to Notification and Administration in support of the proposed settlement. As used herein, all terms defined in the Settlement Agreement shall have the same meaning here. Having considered these materials and statements at the Final Approval Hearing, the Court, being fully advised, has determined that the proposed Settlement Agreement should be approved as fair, adequate, and reasonable. In making this determination, the Court has considered the likelihood of success of both Plaintiff's claims and Defendant's defenses. The Court has also considered the status and extent of the Parties' investigation, research, discovery, and negotiations with respect to Plaintiff's claims and

1 Defendant's defenses. Finally, the Court finds that all settlement negotiations were conducted in  
2 good faith and at arms' length and that there was no collusion. Good cause appearing therefore, it  
3 is hereby

4 ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

5 1. The Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement dated  
6 July 5, 2024 ("Preliminary Order"), which incorporates language (1) Certifying the Settlement  
7 Class; (2) Authorizing Notice; and (3) Setting Final Fairness Hearing, is hereby incorporated  
8 herein as though fully set forth in this Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of  
9 Class Action Settlement and Dismissing Action with Prejudice ("Final Judgment").

10 2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, the Parties, and the  
11 members of the Settlement Class previously certified by the Court. All Settlement Class Members  
12 are bound by the Settlement Agreement and this Final Judgment.

13 3. The Court hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and finds that it is, in all  
14 respects, fair, adequate, and reasonable to the Settlement Class Members.

15 4. The Court finds that the Settlement Class Notice ("Notice"), which consisted of an  
16 individual notice by first-class mail to the last-known address of each Settlement Class Member  
17 and by email where an email address was available, provided the best notice practicable under the  
18 circumstances. The Notice provided due and adequate notice of these proceedings and of the  
19 matters set forth therein, including the pendency of the action, the terms of the proposed Settlement  
20 Agreement, and the procedure for submitting objections to the Settlement Agreement, to all  
21 persons entitled to such notice. The Declaration of Kaylie O'Connor confirms that the Notice was  
22 mailed in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and the Court's Preliminary  
23 Order. The Court finds and concludes that said Notice fully satisfied the requirements of CR  
24 23(c)(2) and CR 23(e) and the requirements of due process.

25 5. No objections to the Settlement Agreement have been communicated to the  
26 Settlement Administrator, Settlement Class Counsel or filed with the Court, and none were raised

1 at the Final Approval Hearing. Settlement Class Members who failed to present objections to the  
2 Settlement Agreement are hereby deemed to have waived any such objections and are forever  
3 foreclosed from making any objections to the Settlement or appealing this Final Judgment.

4 6. Consistent with the Settlement Agreement, neither this Final Judgment, nor the fact  
5 or substance of the Settlement Agreement, shall be considered a concession or admission by or  
6 against the Released Parties of any wrongdoing or legal liability.

7 7. The Court finds that Plaintiff and Class Counsel adequately represented the  
8 Settlement Class for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement.

9 8. The Court finds that Class Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and  
10 costs is fair and reasonable, and hereby approves Class Counsel's request for a fees' award in the  
11 amount of \$705,000 plus litigation costs of \$765.97, which sums shall be paid out of the Settlement  
12 Amount as provided by the Settlement Agreement. This payment is in full and final payment of  
13 any claim for fees and costs incurred by Class Counsel in this case.

14 9. The Court approves payment in the amount of \$10,000 to Kimberly N. Pizl as the  
15 Named Plaintiff Incentive Award, to be paid by Defendant from the Settlement Amount, in  
16 recognition of her services on behalf of the Settlement Class in this action.

17 10. The Court further approves payment in the amount of up to \$18,000 to CPT Group  
18 from the Settlement Amount for its services provided in the administration of the Settlement.


19 11. The Parties and the Settlement Administrator are hereby directed to proceed with  
20 the settlement payment and administration procedures specified under the terms of the Settlement  
21 Agreement. The Parties are hereby authorized, without further approval from the Court, to  
22 mutually agree to and adopt such amendments, modifications and expansions of the Settlement  
23 Agreement and all exhibits thereto as (i) are consistent in all material respects with this Final  
24 Judgment, (ii) are consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and (iii) do not limit the  
25 rights of the Settlement Class Members.

1 12. The Court hereby dismisses this action and any and all Released Claims with  
2 prejudice as to Kimberly N. Pizl, and all Settlement Class Members, and without costs or attorneys'  
3 fees to any party except as provided under the terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Final  
4 Judgment. As used herein, and as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, as it relates to the  
5 Settlement Class. The term "Released Claims" means all claims raised or that could have been  
6 raised based on the facts alleged in the Class Action Complaint through December 31, 2023. For  
7 clarity, this means any and all claims, whether known or unknown, that were brought or that could  
8 have been brought based on any facts alleged in violations of RCW 49.58.110 by failing to post  
9 the wage scale or salary range on any job from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

10 13. Without affecting the finality of this Final Judgment for purposes of appeal, the  
11 Court reserves jurisdiction over the Parties as to all matters relating to the administration,  
12 consummation, enforcement and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and the Final  
13 Judgment, and for any other necessary purposes.

14 14. Pending the funding of the settlement amount by Defendant, this case, including all  
15 individual and class claims presented thereby, is hereby dismissed, with prejudice.

16 IT IS SO ORDERED this 22 Day of November 2024

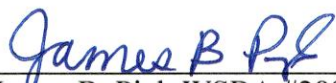
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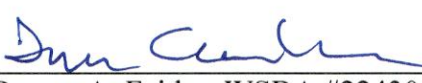
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