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13 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
14 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

15 HARRIETT MITCHELL, *et al.*,
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17 Plaintiffs,

18 vs.

19 CORELOGIC VALUATION
20 SOLUTIONS, INC., CORELOGIC
PLATINUM VALUATIONS
21 SOLUTIONS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive
22 Defendants.

Case No.: 8:17-cv-02274-DOC-DFMx

**ORDER GRANTING
PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS, FAIR
LABOR STANDARDS ACT
(FLSA) COLLECTIVE, AND
PRIVATE ATTORNEYS
GENERAL ACT (PAGA)
REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
SETTLEMENT AND
CONDITIONAL
CERTIFICATION OF
SETTLEMENT CLASS**

Hon. David O. Carter

1 Plaintiffs’ Unopposed Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class, Fair Labor
2 Standards Act (FLSA) Collective, and Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA)
3 Representative Action Settlement and Conditional Certification of Settlement Class was
4 scheduled for hearing on May 11, 2020 at 8:30am in the District Court for the Central
5 District of California, the Honorable David O. Carter presiding. The Court, having
6 considered the papers submitted in support of the application of the Parties, determined that
7 matter was suitable for decision without a hearing, and HEREBY ORDERS THE
8 FOLLOWING:

9 To the extent terms in this Order are defined in the Joint Stipulation for Settlement
10 and Release of Class and Collective Action Claims (the “Settlement Agreement”),
11 submitted to the Court as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Bryan J. Schwartz, Esq., such terms
12 shall have the same meanings in this Order as in the Settlement Agreement.

13 For settlement purposes only, the Court grants class certification to the proposed class
14 of Appraisers, appoints named Plaintiff Harriett Mitchell as Class Representative, and
15 appoints Bryan Schwartz Law and Nichols Kaster, LLP as Class Counsel. I find counsel is
16 experienced in representing plaintiffs in such matters and the named Plaintiff has no known
17 conflicts with the Class and worked in the Appraiser position at issue during the relevant
18 period.

19 The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement based upon the terms set
20 forth in the Settlement Agreement and the preliminary approval Motion, and based upon
21 the Schwartz, Helland, Mitchell, Summers, and Adams Declarations in support of the
22 agreement and related exhibits, and all of the briefing and information submitted in this
23 case to date. The Settlement appears to be fair, adequate and reasonable to the Class.

24 The Settlement is supported by the recommendations of counsel and was negotiated
25 at arms’ length, and is thus presumptively valid, subject to any objections that may be raised
26 at the final fairness hearing and to final approval by this Court.

1 To comply with the Ninth Circuit’s decision in *In re Bluetooth Headset Litigation*,
2 654 F.3d 935 (9th Cir. 2011), Class Counsel will file their motion for fees and costs more
3 than 15 days before the deadline to opt out of or object to the Settlement, on or before July
4 6, 2020.

5 A final fairness hearing on whether the proposed Settlement, attorneys’ fees to Class
6 Counsel, the Class Representatives’ enhancement payment, and the *cypres* recipient should
7 be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate as to the members of the Settlement Class
8 will be held on August 31, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Hon. David O. Carter,
9 Courtroom 9D, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Santa Ana
10 Division.

11 The Court approves, as to form and content, the Notices of Class Action Settlement
12 to the California Class, the FLSA Collective, the PAGA group, and Current and Former
13 Opt-ins (“Notices of Settlement”) attached to the Declaration of Matthew C. Helland as
14 Exhibit A. The Court approves the procedure for Class Members to participate in, opt out
15 of, and object to the Settlement as set forth in the Notices of Settlement.

16 The Court directs the mailing (and, where applicable, emailing) of the Notices of
17 Settlement in accordance with the implementation schedule set forth below. The Court finds
18 that the dates selected for the mailing and distribution of the Notices meet the requirements
19 of due process, provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and shall
20 constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled to notice of the proposed
21 settlement.

22 The Court appoints Simpluris as the settlement administrator, an experienced
23 administrator to be fully compensated by Defendants under the terms of the Settlement.

24 The Court orders the following implementation schedule for further proceedings:

25 Deadline for Defendants to provide Class 26 Data to Claims Administrator	7 business days after Court enters an order granting preliminary approval
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1	Deadline for Claims Administrator to Mail Notices to Class Members	10 business days after receiving Class Data
2	Deadline for Class Members to reject, opt out, or serve written objections to the settlement	July 24, 2020
3	Deadline for Class Counsel to file fee motion	July 6, 2020
4	Deadline for Class Counsel to file Motion for Final Approval of Settlement	August 3, 2020
5	Final Fairness Hearing and Final Approval	August 31, 2020, 8:30 a.m.

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10 IT IS SO ORDERED

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12 DATED: May 7, 2020

David O. Carter

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14 HON. DAVID O. CARTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT