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1	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION		
2	TO ALL THE PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:		
3	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on September 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. or at such		
4	other date and time as the Court may set, in Courtroom 10 of the Robert T. Matsui		
5	United States Courthouse, United States District Court for the Eastern District of		
6	California, Class Counsel, on behalf of a proposed Settlement Class, will and hereby do		
7	move the Court for an Order and judgment granting final approval of the Class Action		
8	Settlement.		
9	This Motion is based on:		
10	(1) this Notice of Motion and Motion;		
11	(2) the Memorandum of Points and Authorities below;		
12	(3) the Declaration of Roland Tellis and exhibits thereto, filed concurrently		
13	herewith;		
14	(4) the Declaration of Ryan Bahry of JND Legal Administration, filed concurrently		
15	herewith;		
16	(5) the records, pleadings, and papers filed and documents produced in this		
17	litigation; and		
18	(6) such other documentary and oral evidence or argument as Class Counsel		
19	may present to the Court at the hearing of this Motion.		
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1	MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES
2	I. INTRODUCTION
3	Almost a decade of hard-fought litigation has paid off for hundreds of thousands
4	of Settlement Class Members. ¹ In exchange for a release of their claims against
5	Defendants Ocwen Financial Corporation and Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC (hereinafter
6	"Defendants" and/or "Ocwen"), each Settlement Class Member will receive <i>uncapped</i>
7	settlement benefits that exceed the average amount that Ocwen allegedly overcharged
8	them for property valuation products known as Broker Price Opinions ("BPOs") and
9	Hybrids Valuations ("Hybrids"). In other words, the Settlement provides Settlement Class
10	Members with <i>complete relief</i> .
11	Additionally, the Settlement requires Ocwen to implement an important change to
12	its business practices: it must modify its disclosures to borrowers, and in any applicable
13	fee schedules, to identify the "reconciliation" service included in the vendors' BPO and
14	Hybrid products. Thus, going forward, borrowers will be fully apprised of the nature and
15	scope of the BPO and Hybrids fees Ocwen charges. This meaningful injunctive relief
16	ensures that the conduct at issue in this litigation will not recur.
17	The Settlement was a result of prolonged and spirited arm's-length negotiations
18	between the parties during two mediation sessions and dozens of telephonic and written
19	discussions. And there is no denying that the parties vigorously litigated every aspect of
20	this complex case before reaching a resolution. Indeed, the Settlement was reached just
21	weeks before trial and days before the final pretrial conference.
22	On March 29, 2024, the Court granted preliminary approval and ordered
23	dissemination of notice to the Settlement Class, concluding that "the Settlement
24	Agreement is fair, reasonable." See ECF No. 249 at 25–26. For a period of 18 months
25	from that date—or another 15 months from now—Nationwide Settlement Class
26	Members can submit a claim for reimbursement by Ocwen of \$60 for each BPO fee and
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28	¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein have the same definitions and meanings used in the Settlement Agreement.

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\$70 for *each* Hybrids fee that they paid during the class period, and California
 Settlement Sub-Class Members who continue to have loans serviced by Ocwen and to
 whom charges for one or more BPOs or Hybrids were assessed to their mortgage
 accounts, but not paid, can seek a fee reversal of \$60 for *each* BPO fee and \$70 for
 each Hybrids fee assessed.

6 In short, the settlement is an outstanding result for the Settlement Class Members 7 because it provides them with full or nearly full compensation for their alleged economic 8 losses. Indeed, the Settlement exemplifies how the class action mechanism can provide 9 a meaningful recovery to hundreds of thousands of injured Settlement Class Members. 10 And Settlement Class Members resoundingly agree. With still over a year to go in the 11 *claims period*, Class Members' reaction to the Settlement has been overwhelmingly 12 positive. To date, only **two** Settlement Class Members, out of over 330,000, opted-out of 13 the Settlement, and no Settlement Class Member has objected.

And only two months into the claims period, over 9,750 Settlement Class
Members have submitted claims for settlement benefits. The preliminary claims rate of
approximately 3% – after only two months of class notice – already approaches the
median national class action claims rate² for consumer class action settlements, and is
exceptional under the unique circumstances here.

19 Notably, during the lengthy period this case was litigated, a large percentage of 20 Settlement Class Members severed their relationships with Ocwen due to foreclosures 21 and other loan default-related events, as well as loan refinancings due to periods of 22 lower interest rates. Because Ocwen no longer has the ability to send settlement checks 23 directly to these Settlement Class Members, Class Counsel negotiated a settlement 24 structure that allows class members a lengthy opportunity — *a full 18 months from* 25 *preliminary approval* — to come forward and make claims for reimbursement of the 26 ² Federal Trade Commission Staff Report, Consumers and Class Actions: A Retrospective and Analysis of Settlement Campaigns (Sep. 2019), at 11, 21, available at 27 https://www.ftc.gov/system/files/documents/reports/consumers-class-actions-

28 retrospective-analysis-settlement-campaigns/class_action_fairness_report_0.pdf (FTC's comprehensive study of class actions, identifying the mean claims rate of 5%).

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1 valuation fees at issue here.

Accordingly, given the excellent result thus far and the overwhelmingly positive
reaction of the Settlement Class, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant final
approval of the Settlement.

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II.

BACKGROUND

The Court is familiar with the history of this litigation, much of which is detailed in
Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval and supporting declaration. See ECF 244 at 47 (motion); 244-1 at ¶¶ 9–10 (Tellis Preliminary Approval Decl.); see also Preliminary
Approval Order, ECF No. 249 at 2–3. Plaintiff incorporates that brief and declaration by
reference and provides the following summary of key points.

11 Under Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, class actions "may be 12 settled, voluntarily dismissed, or compromised only with the court's approval." As a 13 matter of "express public policy," federal courts favor and encourage settlements, 14 particularly in class actions, where the costs, delays, and risks of continued litigation 15 might otherwise overwhelm any potential benefit the class could hope to obtain. See 16 Class Plaintiffs v. City of Seattle, 955 F.2d 1268, 1276 (9th Cir. 1992) (noting the "strong 17 judicial policy that favors settlements, particularly where complex class action litigation is 18 concerned"); In re Syncor ERISA Litig., 516 F.3d 1095, 1101 (9th Cir. 2008) (same); 19 Kabasele v. Ulta Salon, Cosms. & Fragrance, Inc., No. 2:21-CV-1639 WBS KJN, 2024 20 WL 477221, at *1 (E.D. Cal. Feb. 7, 2024) (same; see also 4 HERBERT B. NEWBERG & 21 ALBA CONTE, NEWBERG ON CLASS ACTIONS § 11:41 (4th ed. 2002) (same, collecting 22 cases).

The MANUAL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION (FOURTH) (2004) describes the three-step procedure for approval of class action settlements: (1) preliminary approval of the proposed settlement; (2) dissemination of the notice of the settlement to Class Members, providing for, among other things, a period for potential objectors and dissenters to raise challenges to the settlement's reasonableness; and (3) a formal fairness and final settlement approval hearing. *Id.* at § 21.63.

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The Court completed the first step in the settlement process when it granted
 preliminary approval of the settlement. Thereafter, Class Counsel completed the second
 step by implementing the Notice Program pursuant to the terms of the settlement and
 the Court's Preliminary Approval Order. Plaintiff and Class Counsel now request that the
 Court take the third and final step—holding a formal fairness hearing, granting final
 approval of the settlement, and entering a Final Judgment.

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A. <u>The Settlement Provides Substantial Compensation to Settlement</u> <u>Class Members.</u>

Rule 23 governs a District Court's analysis of the fairness of a settlement of a class action. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e). To approve a class action settlement, the Court must find the settlement is "fundamentally fair, adequate and reasonable." *In re Rambus Inc. Derivative Litig.*, No. C-06-3515–JF, 2009 WL 166689, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2009) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)); *see also Mego Financial Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 213 F.3d 454, 459 (9th Cir. 2000); *Officers for Justice v. Civil Service Comm'n*, 688 F.2d 615, 625 (9th Cir. 1982)).

15 "Although Rule 23 imposes strict procedural requirements on the approval of a 16 class settlement, a district court's only role in reviewing the substance of that settlement 17 is to ensure that it is 'fair, adequate, and free from collusion.'" Lane v. Facebook, Inc., 18 696 F.3d 811, 819 (9th Cir. 2012), cert. denied, 134 S. Ct. 8 (2013) (guoting Hanlon v. 19 Chrysler Corp., 150 F.3d 1011, 1027 (9th Cir. 1998)). Where, as here, Class Counsel is 20 experienced and supports the Settlement, and the agreement was reached after arm's-21 length negotiations, courts should give a presumption of fairness to the settlement. 22 *Nobles v. MBNA Corp., No.* C 06-3723 CRB, 2009 WL 1854965, at *6 (N.D. Cal. June 23 29, 2009); Ellis v. Naval Air Rework Facility, 87 F.R.D. 15, 18 (N.D. Cal. 1980), aff'd, 661 24 F.2d 939 (9th Cir. 1981). Additionally, "[i]t is the settlement taken as a whole, rather than 25 the individual component parts, that must be examined for overall fairness." Staton v. 26 *Boeing Co.*, 327 F.3d 938, 952 (9th Cir. 2003). 27

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The Court must also consider the relief or remedy offered in the Settlement in

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1 granting final approval. "[T]he very essence of a settlement is compromise, a yielding of 2 absolutes and an abandoning of highest hopes." Turner v. Motel 6 Operating L.P., No. 3 CV 17-2544 PSG (SSx), 2018 WL 6977474, at *3 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 6, 2018) (quoting 4 Officers for Justice, 688 F.2d at 624.) "The Ninth Circuit has explained that, 'the 5 proposed settlement is not to be judged against a hypothetical or speculative measure of 6 what might have been achieved by the negotiators." Id. (quoting Officers for Justice, 688) 7 F.2d at 625.) "Rather, any analysis of a fair settlement amount must account for the risks 8 of further litigation and trial, as well as expenses and delays associated with continued 9 litigation." Id.

Here, the Settlement provides substantial and valuable benefits to the Settlement
Class. This includes a claims process in which Ocwen will pay unlimited claims for
reimbursement to Settlement Class Members with valid claims for BPO and Hybrid fees
assessed and paid, without any cap on the total amount paid to each Settlement Class
Member. This ensures that the Settlement Class Members who make claims will be
fairly—and often fully—compensated for *all* their alleged overcharges.

16 Specifically, (1) Nationwide Settlement Class Members can seek reimbursement 17 of \$60 for *each* BPO fee paid and \$70 for *each* Hybrid fee paid during the class period 18 and (2) California Settlement Sub-Class Members who continue to have loans serviced 19 by Ocwen can seek a reversal of \$60 of *each* unpaid BPO fee and \$70 for *each* unpaid 20 Hybrid fee that was assessed by Ocwen during the class period. Importantly, the 21 average alleged mark-up of the BPO and Hybrid fees at issue in the case are \$56 and 22 \$66 respectively, so class members are receiving a reimbursement amount which 23 exceeds the average amount of the alleged fee mark-up. See ECF No. 248 at 1. In total, 24 the Settlement makes \$53,826,220 available to the 330,377 Settlement Class Members. 25 Additionally, the Settlement requires Ocwen to change its business practices and 26 modify its disclosures to borrowers to identify the "reconciliation" service included in the 27 vendors' BPO and Hybrid products. *Id*. at 1–2. Thus, going forward, borrowers will be 28 fully apprised of the nature and scope of the BPO and Hybrid Valuation fees.

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B. <u>The Case Was Complex, Risky, and Zealously Litigated for Almost Ten</u> <u>Years.</u>

The valuable settlement compensation for the Settlement Class was not easily obtained, as evidenced in part by the nearly ten years of hard-fought litigation it took to reach this result. Those years brought significant challenges and a commensurate amount of work to meet them.

6 As summarized below, during the pendency of this case, Class Counsel 7 undertook significant efforts to litigate this case on behalf of Settlement Class Members, 8 including, but not limited to: (1) surviving numerous pleading challenges to Plaintiff's 9 complaint; (2) serving and pursuing numerous discovery requests; (3) filing multiple 10 discovery motions; (4) obtaining and reviewing over 1.5 million pages of documents; (5) 11 pursuing and obtaining third-party discovery, including the production of thousands of 12 documents from Altisource; (6) taking and defending 27 depositions; (7) retaining 13 multiple experts to help prove Plaintiffs' RICO enterprise and to analyze Ocwen's 14 complex loan data and proffer a classwide damage model; (8) filing and prevailing on 15 Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification; (9) successfully opposing in part Ocwen's Motion 16 for Summary Judgment; (10) opposing Ocwen's Motion to Decertify the Class and 17 ultimately reversing the Court's order granting the decertification via a motion for 18 reconsideration; and (11) preparing the case for trial. See, e.g., Declaration of Roland 19 Tellis ("Tellis Decl."), filed concurrently herewith, ¶¶ 4-22.

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1. Plaintiff alleges that Ocwen charged borrowers for unlawfully marked-up property valuation services.

In November of 2014, Plaintiff filed this class action on behalf of himself and
hundreds of thousands of similarly situated borrowers, alleging Ocwen, then the nation's
largest loan servicer, misled residential homeowners into believing they were simply *reimbursing* Ocwen for the amounts it paid to vendors for certain property valuations
known as BPOs and Hybrids—when, in fact, such charges included hidden mark-ups.
ECF No. 1. Thus, Plaintiff alleged the fees charged to—and in many cases paid by—
borrowers for the property valuations at issue were neither a fair market price, nor

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1 consistent with industry standards.

In addition, Plaintiff alleged that by way of a 2009 transaction, in which Ocwen's
in-house loan servicer, Ocwen Solutions, was spun off into a supposed third-party loan
servicer named Altisource, Ocwen concealed from borrowers that their property
valuation charges were secretly bundled with additional fees for unnecessary and
undisclosed "reconciliations" of their property valuation, which were neither authorized by
the Uniform Deed of Trust, nor offered by any other vendor, and only served to line the
pockets of Ocwen's executives who also owned shares in Altisource.

9 Plaintiff's complaint alleged violations of: (1) California's Unfair Competition Law,
10 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200–17210; (2) the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt
11 Organizations Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1962(c) and (d); and (3) the Rosenthal Fair Debt
12 Collection Practices Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1788–1788.33, and various state law claims.
13 See ECF No. 1.

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2. Plaintiff's allegations survived numerous legal challenges.

15 Ocwen responded to Plaintiff's Complaint with a motion to dismiss, which Plaintiff 16 successfully opposed. See ECF No. 16 (July 29, 2015 Order denying motion to dismiss). 17 Shortly thereafter, Ocwen filed a motion to stay the litigation pending the outcome of an 18 appeal in another case in which Ocwen was a defendant, which Plaintiff also 19 successfully opposed. See ECF No. 31 (March 11, 2016 Order denying motion to stay). 20 The parties then began in discovery process, which was highly contentious 21 throughout the proceedings and involved extensive meet and confer efforts and motion 22 practice. Indeed, Plaintiff moved aggressively to develop a factual and evidentiary record 23 sufficient to certify the class, filing two motions to compel responses to his written 24 discovery requests within approximately three months of discovery opening. See ECF 25 Nos. 40, 43.

On September 7, 2016, while those motions were pending, Ocwen filed a motion
pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b) to certify for interlocutory review the question of whether
the Court's order denying Ocwen's motion to dismiss and the dismissal order in a

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separate case against Ocwen created an intra-circuit split of authority. ECF No. 48.

Plaintiff opposed that motion, ECF No. 52, and the Court denied it on June 28,
2017. ECF No. 100. In the interim, the parties continued to litigate discovery disputes
before the magistrate judge. See ECF Nos. 61, 65, 73.

5 Following an intense pre-certification discovery process, which included heavy 6 motion practice before a Magistrate Judge, on January 30, 2017, Plaintiff moved to 7 certify a nationwide class (and two sub-classes) of similarly situated borrowers pursuant 8 to Rule 23(b)(3). Plaintiff's motion explained that common questions predominate 9 because Plaintiff's claims are premised on classwide evidence of Ocwen's conduct. ECF 10 No. 93 at 17. Plaintiff further explained that class members' damages could likewise be 11 proven through classwide evidence, including expert testimony and Ocwen's own 12 records and loan data. Id. at 18–19. Ocwen opposed certification, arguing that Plaintiff's 13 classwide evidence was not sufficient to resolve which borrowers actually paid the

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unlawful fees. ECF No. 102 at 8.

On September 29, 2017, and "unpersuaded by Ocwen's claim that the facts here
turn on borrower-specific factual circumstances" (ECF No. 102 at 8), this Court held that
Plaintiff's classwide evidence, including his expert report, was "sufficient for purposes of
class certification" under Rule 23(b)(3). *Id.* at 12. Accordingly, the Court certified the

- 19 following classes:
- Nationwide Class: All residents of the United States of America who have or had a loan serviced by Ocwen Financial Corporation or Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and who paid for one or more Broker Price Opinions or Hybrid Valuations charged by Ocwen Financial Corporation or Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC through Altisource, from November 5, 2010 through the present.
- California Paid Sub-Class: All residents of the State of California who have or had a loan serviced by Ocwen Financial Corporation or Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and who paid for one or more Broker Price Opinions or Hybrid Valuations charged by Ocwen Financial Corporation or Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC through Altisource, from November 5, 2010 through the present.
- California Assessed Sub-Class: All residents of the State of California who have
 or had a loan serviced by Ocwen Financial Corporation or Ocwen Loan Servicing,
 LLC and to whom charges for one or more Broker Price Opinions or Hybrid
 Valuations were assessed to their mortgage account by Ocwen Financial
 Corporation or Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC through Altisource, from November 5,

2010 through the present.

2 *Id*. at 13–14.

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On October 13, 2017, Ocwen sought permission to appeal the class certification
ruling pursuant to Rule 23(f). See ECF No. 200–1 at 10. Ocwen argued, *inter alia*, that
the district court "failed to conduct the required Rule 23 analysis of whether the elements
of each cause of action are appropriate for class-wide determination." *Id*. The Ninth
Circuit summarily denied the petition. *Id*.

After the Court certified the class, Plaintiff continued to aggressively fight to obtain
necessary discovery from Ocwen, filing additional motions to compel on January 8, May
3, July 20, and August 17, 2018. See ECF Nos. 106, 130, 144, 146. Plaintiff also sought
and obtained leave to disseminate class notice to the certified classes. ECF No. 160.

By June 2019, discovery had involved at least 14 fact depositions, 439 written
discovery requests propounded on Ocwen, 12 expert reports, and 11 expert
depositions.

15 On June 28, 2019, Ocwen moved for summary judgment, arguing that Plaintiff's 16 classwide evidence was insufficient as a matter of law to prove that each class member 17 paid, or will pay, the valuation fees assessed on their loans. ECF No. 164. Plaintiff 18 opposed that motion with the support of three expert witness reports. ECF No. 175. 19 Citing Plaintiff's expert report, the Court rejected Ocwen's argument that Plaintiff's 20 classwide evidence was insufficient as a matter of law to prove that each class member 21 paid, or will pay, the valuation fees assessed on their loans. ECF No. 181 at 17–18 22 (whether fees were paid "still presents a factual dispute.").

Approximately a month later, the parties filed a joint notice of trial readiness and began preparing in earnest for trial. ECF No. 183. However, on September 20, 2021, with a trial date of March 7, 2022, quickly approaching, Ocwen moved to decertify the class, arguing that that the Supreme Court's decision in *TransUnion LLC v. Ramirez*, 141 S. Ct. 2190, 210 L. Ed. 2d 568 (2021), issued three months earlier, mandated decertification. ECF No. 194. The Court agreed and decertified the class on August 3,

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2022. Although the Court acknowledged that Judge England previously found Rule 23's
 predominance requirement satisfied (ECF No. 219 at 6–8, 10–11), the Court stated that
 "the crux of the inquiry in the instant matter is whether the Supreme Court's decision in
 TransUnion changes Judge England's finding of predominance." *Id.* at 9. The Court
 concluded that it did. *Id.* at 9–12.

On August 17, 2022, Plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration of the Court's
August 3, 2022, decertification order, arguing that the order was based on Ocwen's
erroneous interpretation of *TransUnion*. ECF No. 220. Plaintiff also filed a motion for
permission to appeal decertification ruling to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals pursuant
Rule 23(f). See, e.g., ECF No. 226.

On February 28, 2023, this Court agreed, granting Plaintiff's motion, and vacating
its earlier decertification order. ECF No. 227.

On May 18, 2023, this Court reset this case for trial on November 27, 2023.
Shortly before trial, on October 5, 2023, the Court denied, in part, Plaintiff's motion to
compel Ocwen's corporate witness who are outside the subpoena power of the Court to
provide live testimony at trial, which could have adversely affected Plaintiff's presentation
of his case at trial. ECF 236.

On October 11, 2023, days before the pretrial conference and while the parties
were preparing for trial, they reached the Settlement that is now before the Court. ECF
No. 238.

As detailed above, Class Counsel fought hard to protect the interests of
Settlement Class Members. As the outcome reflects, Class Counsel showed dedication
to investigating, prosecuting, and resolving this action over the course of nearly ten
years.

25 III. ARGUMENT

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The Settlement Satisfies Rule 23(e) and Should Be Approved.

A "district court's task in reviewing a settlement is to make sure it is 'not the
product of fraud or overreaching by, or collusion between, the negotiating parties, and

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1 that the settlement, taken as a whole, is fair, reasonable and adequate to all concerned." 2 In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Mktg., Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig., 895 F.3d 3 597, 617 (9th Cir. 2018) (quoting Officers for Justice, 688 F.2d at 625). "[T]he Court's 4 inquiry into whether a proposed settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable is relatively 5 less probing" where, as here, the parties settle *after* the classes are certified by the 6 Court. Edwards v. Nat'l Milk Producers Fed'n, No. 11-CV-04766-JSW, 2017 WL 7 3623734, at *5 (N.D. Cal. June 26, 2017), aff'd sub nom. Edwards v. Andrews, 846 F. 8 App'x 538 (9th Cir. 2021). 9 The Settlement detailed above provides significant, comprehensive benefits to the 10 Settlement Class. Recognizing this excellent result, the Court found that "there is no 11 indication that the agreement was produced by fraud, collusion, overreaching, or other 12 bad-faith actions," ECF No. 249 at 24, and all the factors set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 13 23(e)(2) weigh in favor Settlement approval. See id. at 14–21. That remains true and

14 supports final approval of the Settlement.

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1. <u>Rule 23(e)(2)(A): Class Counsel and the Settlement Class</u> <u>Representative have zealously represented the Settlement</u> <u>Class.</u>

Plaintiff and Class Counsel fought hard to protect the interests of the certified
Class, and these efforts resulted in the excellent Settlement before the Court. The
outcome reflects Class Counsel's dedication to the case by diligently investigating,
prosecuting, and resolving this action over the course of nearly ten years. See Fed. R.
Civ. P. 23(e)(2)(A).

As detailed above, Class Counsel exerted significant effort to uncover the facts to advance and refine the Class claims. This includes the pursuit and review of over 1.5 million pages of documents and other discovery from Ocwen and third-party Altisource, coupled with and the retention of multiple experts to evaluate the evidence and Plaintiff's own investigative efforts. See Tellis Decl. at ¶ 22.

Class Counsel also engaged in motion practice regarding nearly every aspect of
the case, including researching, drafting, and filing: (a) an opposition to Ocwen's motion

1	to dismiss; (b) an opposition to Ocwen's permission for an interlocutory appeal; (c) a	
2	motion to certify the class; (d) an opposition to Ocwen's Rule 23(f) petition to the Ninth	
3	Circuit; (e) an opposition to Ocwen's motion for summary judgment; (f) an opposition to	
4	Ocwen's motion to decertify; (g) a motion to reconsider the decertification order; (h) a	
5	Rule 23(f) petition challenging the decertification order; and (i) numerous briefs in	
6	connection with motions to compel. Class Counsel also engaged in extensive trial	
7	preparation, as the case settled on the eve of trial. See Tellis Decl. at $\P\P$ 7–20.	
8	Accordingly, Class Counsel were well-positioned to evaluate the case and to negotiate a	
9	fair and reasonable Settlement. See Ontiveros v. Zamora, 303 F.R.D. 356, 371 (E.D. Cal.	
10	2014) ("A settlement that occurs in an advanced stage of the proceedings indicates the	
11	parties carefully investigated the claims before reaching a resolution" (citation omitted)).	
12	They have done so.	
13	Plaintiff was likewise actively engaged from start to finish. He has seen this	
14	litigation through for over a decade. He supports the agreement on behalf of the Class	
15	and remains willing to protect the Class until the Court finally approves the Settlement	
16	and Settlement administration is complete. Tellis Decl. at $\P\P$ 56–57.	
17	The Court has now twice found that Plaintiff and Class Counsel have adequately	
18	represented the Settlement Class, both at the class certification stage and in granting	
19	preliminary approval of the Settlement. See ECF No. 249 at 15–16. The Court also	
20	accurately concluded that Class Counsel will continue to vigorously represent the	
21	Settlement Class until the duration of the Settlement. Id. at 16.	
22	2. <u>Rule 23(e)(2)(B): The Settlement is the product of good faith.</u>	
23	evidence-backed, and arm's-length negotiations.	
24	The proposed Settlement arises out of serious, informed, and non-collusive	
25	negotiations, and satisfies Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2)(B). Prior to settlement, the parties	
26	engaged in two mediation sessions—one in 2018 with Hon. Dickran Tevrizian of JAMS,	
27	which was unsuccessful but helped clarify the parties' positions on what a settlement	
	might ultimately look like, and one in 2023 with professional mediator Robert Fairbank,	
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Esq. of Fairbank ADR that put the parties on the path toward the Settlement. See ECF
 No. 244 at 6–7; Tellis Decl. at ¶¶ 24–25. As the Court observed in granting preliminary
 approval, "[i]n light of these mediations that were separated by years of continued
 discovery and motion practice, the Court, at this stage, finds that the Settlement
 Agreement was the product of arm's length negotiations and is fair." ECF No. 249 at 16.

6 Further demonstrating the non-collusive nature of the negotiations, the Settlement 7 was reached on the eve of trial, after the class was certified, summary judgment was 8 denied, and the close of extensive fact and expert discovery, so the parties were as 9 informed of the strengths and weaknesses of their positions as possible during 10 negotiations. See ECF No. 249 ("Considering this case has taken nearly a decade to 11 reach this point, the Court may fairly presume that the parties know the value and merits 12 of the case."); see also Rojas v. Zaninovich, No. 1:09-CV-0705-AWI-JLT, 2015 WL 13 3657172, at *15 (E.D. Cal. June 11, 2015), report and recommendation adopted, No. 14 109CV00705AWIJLT, 2015 WL 13662178 (E.D. Cal. Oct. 2, 2015) (granting final 15 approval after recognizing that "the Settlement was reached after nearly exhaustive 16 discovery, certification of two classes, and six years of considerable motion practice" and 17 was therefore non-collusive) (cleaned up); California Dep't of Toxic Substances Control 18 v. Jim Dobbas, Inc., No. CIV. 2:14-595 WBS, 2015 WL 5026925, at *3 (E.D. Cal. Aug. 19 25, 2015) ("The arms'-length character of their negotiations is reinforced by the fact that 20 the parties reached settlement after [the defendant] moved for summary judgment and 21 put forth substantial evidence in its defense. [The Plaintiff] vigorously opposed the 22 motion with its own evidence, suggesting that both parties had the opportunity to 23 showcase the strengths of their position before settlement was reached."); Ontiveros, 24 303 F.R.D. at 371; accord William B. Rubenstein et al., 4 NEWBERG AND RUBENSTEIN ON 25 CLASS ACTIONS § 13:49 (5th ed. 2012) (extensive exchange of information shows "the 26 parties have a good understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their respective 27 cases and hence that the settlement's value is based upon such adequate information").

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1 In sum, the Settlement was reached in a procedurally fair manner between well-informed 2 parties.

3 Finally, the uncapped Settlement benefits will not be influenced by any award of 4 attorney's fees and exceeds the average amount that Ocwen allegedly overcharged 5 Settlement Class Members, also confirming a lack of collusion.

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3. Rule 23(e)(2)(C): The Settlement represents a fair compromise for substantial compensation.

Avoiding the risk of trial and appeal in exchange for immediate and substantial benefits is a principled compromise that works to the clear benefit of the Settlement Class. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2)(C). In short, the Settlement provides the Settlement Class significant value now, not years from now (if ever). See In re Toys "R" Us-Delaware, Inc.—Fair & Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) Litig., 295 F.R.D. 438, 453 (C.D. Cal. 2014) ("Estimates of a fair settlement figure are tempered by factors such as the risk of losing at trial, the expense of litigating the case, and the expected delay in recovery (often measured in years))."

15 As detailed below, the settlement reflects a fair, reasonable, and adequate 16 compromise of Plaintiff's claims, especially considering (i) the costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal, (ii) the effectiveness of the proposed distribution plan, and (iii) the terms 18 of any proposed award of attorney's fees, including timing of payment. See Fed. R. Civ. 19 P. 23(e)(2)(C). This Court found the same in its Preliminary Approval Order. ECF No. 249 20 at 14–21.

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The Settlement mitigates the risks, expenses, and delays a. the Class would bear with continued litigation.

23 Plaintiff is confident in the strength of his case and was not only prepared but in 24 active preparation to take it all the way to a costly and heavily contested trial involving 25 RICO claims, which are "are notoriously difficult claims to prove." ECF No. 249 at 17; 26 see also Tellis Decl. at ¶ 52 ("Had we not reached this settlement, we would have 27 vigorously prosecuted the case through trial and were actively prepared to do so."). 28 Because many hurdles lay ahead, the Settlement benefits described above are

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impressive given the inherent uncertainties of continued litigation.

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Had the parties not reached the Settlement, Ocwen intended to file a Rule 23(f)
petition to the Ninth Circuit challenging the Court's order vacating its order decertifying
the class. If Ocwen would have prevailed on that petition and subsequent appeal, it
would have been catastrophic to the case. Even if the Ninth Circuit denied the petition,
there is a significant chance that the trial would have been delayed pending the Ninth
Circuit's decision.

8 While Plaintiff believes that he would prevail at trial, Ocwen raised numerous 9 substantive issues and defenses that present risks to the case, including an intricate 10 multi-party fraud under RICO. The Court recognized that "[g]oing to trial to prove a RICO 11 conspiracy is no easy task, and this case involved complex processes regarding 12 property valuations, which would also be confusing to explain to a jury." Id. at 22–23. The 13 Court's observations are particularly astute in light of the tangled web of corporate 14 relationships that existed here, the need to parse out the roles of the members of the 15 RICO "enterprise," and the confusing nature of the parties' roles in ordering and 16 preparing the BPO and Hybrid property valuations at issue here. Additionally, to debunk 17 Ocwen's claim that Plaintiff did not pay any of the BPO and Hybrid fees at issue, Class 18 Counsel was faced with the daunting task of tracking and explaining to the jury, through 19 a financial accounting expert, a myriad of alpha-numeric labeled transactions in Ocwen's 20 digital loan database that are neither intuitive nor easy to understand. Finally, the 21 computation of damages in this case, *i.e.* whether Settlement Class Members were 22 entitled to the full amount of the property valuations assessed or just the amount of the 23 fee mark-up, was hotly contested and an open issue at trial.

Plaintiff would also be required "to show that each class member has suffered an
injury-in-fact based on evidence adduced at trial," *id.* at 23, an issue that has received
heightened scrutiny in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling in *TransUnion*.

27 Moreover, shortly before trial, the Court dealt a significant blow to Plaintiff's trial
28 strategy by denying Plaintiff's motion to compel Ocwen's corporate witness who are

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outside the subpoena power of the Court to provide live testimony at trial. ECF 236.

If Plaintiff prevailed at trial, he would have to re-litigate all of these issues in
subsequent appeal(s), which are a virtual certainty given Ocwen's demonstrated
eagerness *in this case* to seek relief from adverse orders in the Ninth Circuit.

5 Avoiding years of additional, costly, and risky litigation in exchange for the 6 immediate and significant Settlement benefits is a principled compromise to the clear 7 benefit of the Settlement Class. The Settlement eliminates all potential future risk, cuts 8 through payment delay, and provides the Settlement Class with certain and timely 9 compensation, all of which "favors approving the Settlement Agreement." ECF No. 249 10 at 22; see also Nobles, 2009 WL 1854965, at *2 ("The risks and certainty of recovery in 11 continued litigation are factors for the Court to balance in determining whether the 12 Settlement is fair.") (citing In re Mego Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig., 213 F.3d at 458); Kim v. 13 Space Pencil, Inc., No. C 11-03796 LB, 2012 WL 5948951, at *5 (N.D. Cal. Nov. 28, 14 2012) ("The substantial and immediate relief provided to the Class under the Settlement 15 weighs heavily in favor of its approval compared to the inherent risk of continued 16 litigation, trial, and appeal, as well as the financial wherewithal of the defendant."); In re 17 Toys "R" US, 295 F.R.D. at 453 (similar); Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2)(C)(i).

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b. <u>Settlement Class Members can obtain relief through a</u> streamlined and flexible claims process.

As explained in Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval, the parties were exacting and intentional in their efforts to ensure that the claims process, overseen by the Notice and Settlement Administrator, was simple, straightforward and efficient. See ECF 244 at 14–15. The Court reviewed the claims process in the proposed Notice Program and concluded that "the proposed method of relief will likely be effective." ECF No. 248 at 18. It has been.

Settlement Class Members have submitted and continue to submit claims for
 Settlement benefits using the same, streamlined Claim Form that has been and
 continues to be available to them, and claim submission is available either online

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through the Settlement website or in hard copy. See Declaration of Ryan Bahry
Regarding Settlement Notice Program Implementation ("Bahry Decl."), ¶ 20. Importantly,
Settlement Class Members need not meet a high burden to show eligibility for
reimbursement or credit. The Settlement requires only that Class Members provide basic
identifying information during the relevant claim period, and state (via checking a box)
whether they paid for—or were assessed—BPO and/or Hybrid Valuation fees during the
Class Period. See ECF No. 244-2, Ex. G at 1–3.

8 The Settlement's method for processing claims and distributing relief is
9 straightforward, fair, and reasonable, and was effective in distributing relief to the Class,
10 supporting final approval. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2)(C)(ii).

c. <u>Class Counsel seeks reasonable attorneys' fees and</u> <u>costs.</u>

Class Counsel's reasonable fee request is detailed in a concurrently filed 13 memorandum; however, in this context it is worth noting that that the terms of proposed 14 award of attorneys' fees are fair and reasonable, particularly in light of the substantial, 15 non-reversionary recovery for the Settlement Class and the fact that Class Counsel's 16 requested attorneys' fees are based solely on their lodestar incurred in this decade-old, 17 heavily litigated case, without enhancement, and are requested pursuant to the fee-18 shifting provisions of Plaintiff's certified RICO and UCL claims. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 19 23(e)(2)(C)(iii). 20

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4. <u>Rule 23(e)(2)(D): The Proposed Settlement treats all Settlement</u> <u>Class Members equitably relative to one another.</u>

In its order granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, the Court observed
that "Settlement Agreement does not treat the classes differently." ECF No. 249 at 21.
This is because the Settlement provides "immediate" benefits reasonably proportional to
the economic harm Ocwen allegedly inflicted on each Settlement Class Member by
distributing benefits based on whether they were overcharged for a BPO or Hybrid
valuation. See ECF No. 249 at 17 ("Considering that the National Settlement Class
would include any members not in the California Settlement Sub-Class, that means that

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both classes may easily be identified through Ocwen's loan database."). These objective
 criteria ensure that the Settlement treats Settlement Class Members equitably relative to
 one another. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e)(2)(D).

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The Settlement satisfies the Ninth Circuit's approval factors.

5 The Ninth Circuit has identified a number of additional factors for courts to 6 consider when evaluating a class action settlement. See In re Bluetooth Headset Prods. 7 Liab. Litig., 654 F.3d 935, 946 (9th Cir. 2011) (factors are (1) the strength of the plaintiffs' 8 case; (2) the risk, expense, complexity, and likely duration of further litigation; (3) the risk 9 of maintaining class action status throughout the trial; (4) the amount offered in 10 settlement; (5) the extent of discovery completed and the stage of the proceedings; 11 (6) the experience and views of counsel; (7) the presence of a governmental participant; 12 and (8) the reaction of the class members of the proposed settlement). Most of these 13 (factors 1-5) overlap with the Rule 23(e)(2)(C) factors and are addressed above. The 14 remaining relevant factors (6 and 8), addressed below, favor final approval as well.

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a. <u>Class Counsel Endorse the Settlement.</u>

16 The Court is to "accord great weight to the recommendation of counsel because 17 they are aware of the facts of the litigation and in a better position than the court to 18 produce a settlement that fairly reflects the parties' expected outcome in the 19 litigation." Rodriguez v. Danell Custom Harvesting, LLC., 327 F.R.D. 375, 388-89 (E.D. 20 Cal. 2018); see also Ontiveros, 303 F.R.D. at 371; In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" 21 Mktg., Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig. No. MDL 2672 CRB (JSC), 2016 WL 22 6248426, at *14 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 25, 2016) ("Courts afford 'great weight to the 23 recommendation of counsel, who are most closely acquainted with the facts of the 24 underlying litigation.") (quoting Nat'l Rural Telecomms. Coop. v. DIRECTV, Inc., 221 25 F.R.D. 523, 528 (C.D. Cal. 2004)).

26 "Parties represented by competent counsel are better positioned than courts to
27 produce a settlement that fairly reflects each party's expected outcome in litigation." *In re*28 *Pac. Enters. Sec. Litig.*, 47 F.3d 373, 378 (9th Cir. 1995); *see also Brulee v. DAL Global*

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Services, LLC, No. CV 17-6433 JVS(JCGx), 2018 WL 6616659, at *6 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 13,
 2018) (same). Where "'[b]oth Parties are represented by experienced counsel,' the
 recommendation of experienced counsel to adopt the terms of the proposed settlement
 'is entitled to great deal of weight.'" *Beaver v. Tarsadia Hotels*, No. 11-cv-01842-GPC KSC, 2017 WL 4310707, at *6 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 28, 2017) (citation omitted). "In particular,
 '[t]he recommendations of plaintiffs' counsel should be given a presumption of
 reasonableness.'" *Id.* (citation omitted).

8 Based on their own significant experience in complex class action cases, and 9 their work in this case day in and day out for almost ten years, Class Counsel are 10 confident in the result obtained for the Settlement Class here and the process used to 11 reach it, and strongly recommend its approval. Tellis Decl. at ¶¶ 30–40. This strongly 12 weighs in favor of Settlement approval. See, e.g., In re Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" 13 Mktg., Sales Practices, & Prods. Liab. Litig., No. MDL 2672 CRB (JSC), 2019 WL 14 2077847, at *1 (N.D. Cal. May 10, 2019) (granting final settlement approval where "Lead 15 Counsel ha[d] . . . a successful track record of representing [plaintiffs] in cases of this 16 kind . . . [and] attest[ed] that both sides engaged in a series of intensive, arm's-length 17 negotiations" and there was "no reason to doubt the veracity of Lead Counsel's 18 representations"). Accordingly, this Court should confirm its earlier finding that the views 19 of counsel favors final approval of the Settlement. ECF No. 249 at 24. 20 b. The Notice Program is proving a success, and the

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5. <u>The Notice Program is proving a success, and the</u> <u>Settlement Class's initial response has been positive.</u>

Following preliminary approval, the parties worked with respected class notice provider JND Legal Administration to roll out the Court-approved Notice Program with great and ongoing success. JND reports that the Notice Program reached **97.7%** of Settlement Class Members, which far surpasses the 70-95% reach standard set forth by the FJC, exceeding that of other court approved programs.³ See Bahry Decl. at ¶¶ 30– ³ Federal Judicial Center, *Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Quide* (2010), p. 2 states: "... the lumehoir in an objective determination of

Plain Language Guide (2010), p. 3 states: "...the lynchpin in an objective determination of
 the adequacy of a proposed notice effort is whether all the notice efforts together will reach
 a high percentage of the class. It is reasonable to reach between 70–95%."

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JND has emailed direct Postcard Notices to 330,505 Settlement Class Member
addresses, 29,852 of which were returned to JND as undeliverable. *Id.* at ¶ 10. JND
forwarded 1,475 Postcard Notices to updated addresses provided by the USPS, and,
after conducted advanced address research for the remaining undeliverable Postcard
Notices, re-mailed Postcard Notices to 14,378 Settlement Class Members. *Id.* JND also
sent 250,963 E-mail Notices to Settlement Class Members for which they had valid
records, of which 220,518 were delivered successfully. *Id.* at ¶ 11.

9 JND also engaged in a comprehensive digital and internet search campaign that 10 achieved nearly 50 million impressions. Digital Notice was implemented through Google 11 Display Network, which reaches over 90% of internet users. Id. at ¶ 13. The Digital 12 Notice was specifically targeted to Settlement Class Members using known data, as well 13 as California homeowners and those demonstrating interest in mortgages, Ocwen, and 14 related interests. Id. at ¶ 14. This campaign delivered 41,538,123 impressions, 15 1,738,123 more than what was originally planned. Id. at ¶ 13. JND also implemented an 16 internet search campaign that applied a custom keyword list related to the Settlement 17 and provided ads with links to the Settlement Website. *Id.* at ¶ 16. This resulted in 18 another 6,608 impressions. Id.

JND also attempted to reach potential Settlement Class Members through
traditional media, distributing a press release in English and Spanish that was picked up
by media outlets 515 times and reached a potential audience of 110.4 million people. *Id.*at ¶ 18.

Finally, JND established a case-specific toll-free number, which received 3,111
incoming calls. *Id.* at ¶ 22. JND also established a dedicated e-mail address to receive
and respond to Settlement Class Member inquiries, which has received 1,130
interactions so far. *Id.* at ¶ 21.

To date, *and with over 15 months still remaining in the claims period*, the
Settlement Class has already demonstrated their support for the Settlement. Settlement

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Class Members are visiting the Settlement Website at an impressive rate, with 159,033
page views registered from 44,630 unique visitors so far. *Id.* at ¶ 20. Additionally, as of
June 11, 2024, JND had received 9,762 Settlement Claims, the vast majority of which
were submitted through the streamlined submission portal available on the Settlement
Website. *Id.* ¶ 29. In contrast, with one month left before the objection and opt-out
deadline, JND has received only 2 exclusion requests and no Settlement Class
Member has objected to the Settlement. *Id.* at ¶¶ 25, 27.⁴

8 "[T]he fact that the overwhelming majority of the class willingly approved the offer 9 and stayed in the class presents . . . positive commentary as to its fairness." Hanlon, 150 10 F.3d at 1027; see also Foster v. Adams & Assocs., Inc., No. 18-CV-02723-JSC, 2022 WL 11 425559, at *6 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 11, 2022) ("Courts have repeatedly recognized that the 12 absence of a large number of objections to a proposed class action settlement" is a 13 factor suggesting "that the terms of a proposed class settlement action are favorable to 14 the class members."); Churchill Vill., L.L.C. v. GE, 361 F.3d 566, 577 (9th Cir. 2004) 15 (affirming approval of settlement with 45 objections and 500 opt-outs from class of 16 90,000 members, roughly 0.6%).

Together, the significant claims rate and lack of opposition to the Settlement are
very encouraging signs of the Class's engagement that—coupled with the remaining
time in the Claims Period and forthcoming Claims stimulations efforts to remind
Settlement Class Members to file claims that is predicted to deliver **10 million** digital
impressions—will yield substantial additional participation from the Settlement Class in
the months to come. Bahry Decl. at ¶¶ 32–33.

- Even though there will certainly be more claims submitted in the next 15 months and the final claims rate will be higher, the current claims rate of 3 % alone meets the national median rate and would be sufficient to warrant final approval. *See, e.g., In re Online DVD-Rental Antitrust Litig.*, 779 F.3d 934, 944-45 (9th Cir. 2015) (affirming
- ⁴ Plaintiff will provide the Court with an update on the Notice Plan and the reaction of the
 Settlement Class in his Reply Memoranda, which he will file in advance of the
 September 19, 2024, Fairness hearing. See ECF No. 251 at 12.

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1 approval of settlement where 1,183,444 of 35 million class members—less than 3.4%-2 filed claims); Moore v. Verizon Commc'ns Inc., No. C 09–1823 SBA, 2013 WL 4610764, 3 at *8 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 28, 2013) (granting final approval of class action settlement with 3% 4 claims rate); Evans v. Linden Rsch., Inc., No. C-11-01078 DMR, 2014 WL 1724891, at *4 5 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 29, 2014) (approving settlement where claims rate was 4.3%); Touhey v. 6 United States, No. EDCV 08-01418-VAP (RCx), 2011 WL 3179036, at *7-8 (C.D. Cal. 7 July 25, 2011) (approving a settlement with a 2% claims rate); *Carlotti v. ASUS* 8 Computer Int'l, No. 18-CV-03369-DMR, 2020 WL 3414653, at *4 (N.D. Cal. June 22, 9 2020) ("a claims rate of 4% is reasonable"); see also Keil v. Lopez, 862 F.3d 685, 696-97 10 (8th Cir. 2017) ("a claim rate as low as 3 percent is hardly unusual in consumer class 11 actions and does not suggest unfairness"). 12 As it stands, the positive response from the Settlement Class supports final

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B. <u>The Settlement Class Satisfies the Applicable Rule 23 Requirements</u> and Should Be Certified.

15 As explained above, before this case was settled, this Court certified a class that 16 is virtually identical to the Settlement Class definitions. See ECF 102. Subsequently, at 17 the preliminary approval phase, the Court recognized that "Plaintiff has twice litigated the 18 issue of class certification and ultimately prevailed[,]" ECF No. 249 at 7, and concluded 19 that the proposed Settlement Class met each of the requirements of Rule 23(a) and (b). 20 See id. at 7–14; see also ECF No. 251 at ¶ 6; ("the Settlement Class . . . meets the 21 requirements for class certification under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a) and 22 23(b)(3)"). 23

Nothing has changed to alter this analysis, and for the reasons set forth in Plaintiff's motion for preliminary approval, the Settlement Class should be finally certified for settlement purposes. *See* ECF No. 244 at 17–24.

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C. <u>The Court should confirm Plaintiff's Counsel as Class Counsel under</u> <u>Rule 23(g)(1).</u>

Baron & Budd, P.C., counsel for Plaintiff and the Settlement Class, has undertaken a significant amount of work, effort, and expense in litigating the claims in this case. *See* Tellis Decl. at ¶¶ 4–25, 48. As a result of these efforts, the Court appointed the firm as Class Counsel at the preliminary approval stage. ECF No. 249 at 15–16. In the intervening period, Class Counsel has continued to demonstrate the skill and experience necessary to oversee and effectuate this Settlement through their efforts in overseeing the Notice Program and the administration of the Settlement. Plaintiff thus requests that the Court confirm Class Counsel under Rule 23(g)(1) in connection with final approval of the Settlement.

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IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For all of the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff and Class Counsel respectfully request that the Court certify the Settlement Class, confirm the appointment of Class Counsel and the Settlement Class Representative, and grant final approval of the Settlement. Plaintiff will provide a proposed order and proposed final judgment with his reply brief.

Dated: June 12, 2024 Respectfully submitted. 18 /s/ Roland Tellis 19 Roland Tellis (SBN 186269) rtellis@baronbudd.com 20 Daniel Alberstone (SBN 105275) 21 dalberstone@baronbudd.com Mark Pifko (SBN 228412) 22 mpifko@baronbudd.com Peter Klausner (SBN 271902) 23 pklausner@baronbudd.com Baron & Budd, P.C. 24 15910 Ventura Boulevard, Suite 1600 Encino, California 91436 25 Telephone: (818) 839-2333 26 Facsimile: (818) 986-9698 27 Attorneys for Plaintiff DAVID WEINER, individually, and on behalf of other members 28 of the public similarly situated

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1	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
2	I hereby certify that on June 12, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing document
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15	Plaintiff,	DECLARATION OF RYAN BAHRY
16	VS.	REGARDING SETTLEMENT NOTICE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
10	OCWEN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a Florida corporation, and OCWEN LOAN	PROGRAM INFLEMENTATION
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I, RYAN BAHRY, declare and state as follows:

I am a Director at JND Legal Administration ("JND"). JND is a legal administration service 1. provider with its headquarters located in Seattle, Washington. JND has extensive experience with all aspects of legal administration and has administered settlements in hundreds of class action cases.

JND is serving as the Settlement Administrator¹ in the above-captioned litigation 2. ("Action"), for the purposes of administering the Settlement Agreement, approved by the Court in its Order (1) Granting Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreement and (2) Directing Notice to the Settlement Class, entered March 29, 2024 ("Order").

I submit this Declaration at the request of the Parties in the Action to describe JND's Class 3. Notice efforts to date and our successful execution of the Notice Plan as detailed in the December 18, 2023 Declaration of Gina Intrepido-Bowden Regarding Notice Program ("Notice Plan Declaration") and approved by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order. This Declaration is based on my personal knowledge and information provided to me by experienced JND employees and the Parties, and, if called on to do so, I could and would testify competently thereto.

CAFA NOTICE

4. In compliance with the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1715, JND compiled a CD-ROM containing the following documents:

- Class Action Complaint, filed on November 5, 2014; a.
- Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and b. Direction of Notice Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e), filed on December 18, 2023;
- Settlement Agreement, filed on December 18, 2023; c.
- Copies of the proposed E-mail Notice, Postcard Notice, Long Form Notice, and d. Claim Form, filed on December 18, 2023;
- [Proposed] Order (1) Granting Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreement; e. and (2) Directing Notice to the Settlement Class, filed on December 18, 2023.

¹ Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given such terms in the Settlement Agreement ("Settlement Agreement").

2 DECLARATION OF RYAN BAHRY REGARDING SETTLEMENT NOTICE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

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5. The CD-ROM was mailed on December 28, 2023, to the appropriate Federal and State officials identified in the attachment with an accompanying cover letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER DATA

6. On April 12 and April 16, 2024, JND received spreadsheets from Defendants containing details for 330,505 loans connected to Settlement Class Members. The spreadsheet contained Settlement Class Member identifying details such as borrower and co-borrower names, mailing addresses, e-mail addresses (where available), and loan numbers.

7. Prior to sending notices, JND analyzed the raw data to review potential duplicates and found no records to consolidate. JND updated the Settlement Class Member contact information using data from the National Change of Address ("NCOA") database² along with advanced address research through Lexis Nexis as required under the terms of the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Class Member data was promptly loaded into a secure database established for this Action.

MAILED NOTICE

8. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, on April 26, 2024, JND mailed the Court-approved postcard notice ("Postcard Notice") via USPS first-class mail to 330,505 Settlement Class Member addresses (some Postcard Notices were addressed to multiple co-borrower names). А representative sample of the Postcard Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

9. The Court-approved Postcard Notice informed Class Members of their rights and options under the Settlement, including the deadlines to request exclusion, object, or file a claim for compensation, the definition of the Class, a summary of the Settlement benefits, the date and time of the Fairness Hearing, and how to find more detailed information about the Settlement.

10. As of the date of this Declaration, of the total 330,505 Postcard Notices mailed, JND tracked 33,168 Postcard Notices that were returned to JND as undeliverable. Of these, 1,529 Postcard Notices

² The NCOA database is the official United States Postal Service ("USPS") technology product which makes changes of address information available to mailers to help reduce undeliverable mail pieces before mail enters the mail stream. This product is an effective tool to update address changes when a person has completed a change of address form with the USPS. The address information is maintained on the database for 48 months.

were forwarded to updated addresses provided by the USPS. JND conducted advanced address research for the remaining undeliverable Postcard Notices and received updated address information for an additional 15,992 Settlement Class Members. JND promptly re-mailed Postcard Notices to these 15,992 Settlement Class Members (of which 948 were returned to JND as undeliverable and nine (9) of the 948 were forwarded to updated addresses provided by the USPS).

E-MAIL NOTICE

11. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, on April 26, 2024, JND e-mailed the customized, Court-approved e-mail notice ("E-mail Notice") to each of the 250,963 e-mail addresses associated with Settlement Class Member records (invalid e-mail addresses were not included in the E-mail Notice campaign). Of the 250,963 E-mail Notices sent, a total of 220,518 E-mail Notices were delivered successfully.

Similar to the Postcard Notice, the E-mail Notice informed Settlement Class Members of 12. their rights and options under the Settlement, including the deadlines to request exclusion, object, or file a claim for compensation, the definition of the Class, a summary of the Settlement benefits, the date and time of the Fairness Hearing, and how to find more detailed information about the Settlement. A representative sample of the E-mail Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

DIGITAL NOTICE

13. JND caused a supplemental digital effort to launch with Google Display Network ("GDN"), a vast network that reaches over 90% of internet users. Digital advertisements appeared for 28 days, from April 26, 2024, through May 23, 2024, delivering 41,538,123 impressions,³ 1,738,123 more than what was originally planned.

14. The GDN impressions targeted adults 25 years of age or older in the U.S., with an emphasis on California. Efforts also targeted homeowners; users in-market for mortgage refinancing, residential loans in California, Second Mortgages, Remortgage Loans, Reverse Mortgage; and/or users who have

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³ Impressions or Exposures are the total number of opportunities to be exposed to a media vehicle or combination of media vehicles containing a notice. Impressions are a gross or cumulative number that may include the same person more than once. As a result, impressions can and often do exceed the population size.

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searched for keywords such as Ocwen Mortgage, Liberty Reverse Mortgage, PHH mortgage company, PHH mortgage, Ocwen mortgage, or mortgage servicing companies. In addition, a portion of the impressions targeted a custom audience list based on available Settlement Class Member data (e.g., names, postal addresses, e-mail addresses). The digital ads were served across all devices, including desktop, laptop, tablet, and cell phone devices.

15. The digital ads included an embedded link that takes users who click on the ad directly to the Settlement Website, where they can receive more information about the Settlement and file claims for compensation. Screenshots of the digital notices as they appeared on GDN are attached as **Exhibit D**.

INTERNET SEARCH CAMPAIGN

16. JND caused an internet search effort to launch for 28 days, from April 26, 2024, through May 23, 2024, delivering a total of 6,608 additional impressions. A custom keyword list related to the Settlement was applied based on content on the Settlement Website landing page, as well as other case information. When a keyword about the case was searched, a paid Responsive Search Ad ("RSA") with a hyperlink to the Settlement Website would sometimes appear on the search engine results page. When the RSA was clicked on, the visitor was redirected to the Settlement Website where they could get more information about the case. The search effort was monitored and optimized to focus on keywords that resulted in more click throughs to the Settlement Website.

17. Screenshots of the RSA ads as they appeared online are attached as **Exhibit E**.

PRESS RELEASE

18. JND caused a press release to be distributed on April 29, 2024, in English and Spanish, to journalists and media outlets throughout the U.S. Exact matches of the press releases were picked up a total of 515 times with a potential audience of 110.4 million.

19. Copies of the press releases are attached as **Exhibit F**.

<u>SETTLEMENT WEBSITE AND E-MAIL ADDRESS</u>

24. JND established Settlement Website 20. On April 2024, a (www.OcwenFeeSettlement.com), which provides comprehensive information about the Settlement, including copies of important case documents, answers to frequently asked questions, and contact information for the Settlement Administrator. Additionally, the Settlement Website allowed Settlement

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Class Members to submit a Claim Form electronically or download a fillable copy of the Claim Form if a Class Member elected to print and submit it by mail. As of the date of this Declaration, the Settlement Website has tracked 47,448 unique users with 172,531 page views. JND will continue to update and maintain the Settlement Website throughout the administration process.

21. On April 24, 2024. JND established а dedicated e-mail address (info@OcwenFeeSettlement.com) to receive and respond to Settlement Class Member inquiries. JND generates e-mail responses from scripted answers to FAQs, approved by the Parties, which are also used by our call center personnel for efficiency and uniformity of messaging. To date, JND has received approximately 1,134 incoming email inquiries to the dedicated e-mail address.

TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINE AND P.O. BOX

22. On April 24, 2024, JND established a case-specific toll-free number (1-888-995-0316) for Settlement Class Members to call to obtain information regarding the Settlement. Callers have the option to listen to the Interactive Voice Response ("IVR") system, or to speak with a live agent. The toll-free number is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As of the date of this Declaration, the toll-free number has received 3,434 incoming calls. JND will continue to maintain the toll-free number throughout the settlement administration process.

23. Additionally, JND established a post office box for this administration to receive Settlement Class Member correspondence, paper Claim Forms, and exclusion requests. The administration address is Ocwen Fee Settlement, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91338, Seattle, WA 98111.

REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION

24. The Notices informed recipients that any Settlement Class Member who wished to exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement ("opt-out") must do so by mailing an exclusion letter to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked on or before July 12, 2024.

25. As of the date of this Declaration, JND has received two (2) timely exclusion request from Settlement Class Members M. Oyarzabal (Murrieta, GA) and K. A. Decker (Nottingham, MD).

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OBJECTIONS

26. The Notices informed recipients that any Settlement Class Member who wished to object to the proposed Settlement could do so by filing a written objection with the Court, postmarked on or before May 3, 2024.

27. As of the date of this Declaration, JND has not received, and is not aware of, any objections.

CLAIMS RECEIVED

28. The Notices informed recipients that any Settlement Class Member wishing to receive a payment must submit a complete and timely Claim Form to JND to be eligible for a Settlement payment. The Claim Form must be submitted or postmarked on or before September 29, 2025.

29. As of the date of this Declaration, JND has received 9,762 Claim Form submissions, of these, 217 were mailed, and 9,545 were submitted online. JND is in the process of receiving, reviewing, and validating Claim Form submissions.

REACH

The direct notice effort alone reached 97.4% of Settlement Class Members. 30. The supplemental media efforts further enhanced notice exposure.

31. The achieved reach surpasses the 70–95% reach standard set forth by the FJC, exceeding that of other court approved programs.⁴

CLAIMS STIMULATION EFFORT

32. To help stimulate claims, JND proposes delivering **10 million digital impressions** over two weeks, just prior the claims deadline from September 12, 2025 through September 25, 2025, on Google Discovery+ (YouTube, GDN, and Gmail).

The claims stimulation effort will include the same targeting as the initial digital campaign, 33. as well as look-alike targeting and retargeting based on the data collected during the initial campaign.

⁴ Federal Judicial Center, Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide (2010), p. 3 states: "...the lynchpin in an objective determination of the adequacy of a proposed notice effort is whether all the notice efforts together will reach a high percentage of the class. It is reasonable to reach between 70-95%."

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Look-alike targeting will reach individuals with demographics/behavior similar to those who have already visited the settlement website and/or filed a claim. *Retargeting* will reach individuals who have visited the case website but have yet to file a claim.

CONCLUSION

34. In my opinion, the Notice Plan as executed constituted the best practicable notice to the Settlement Class under the circumstances of this case. I will provide a supplemental declaration to the Court prior to the Final Approval Hearing with updated information regarding the implementation of the Notice Plan and the claims administration process.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed June 12, 2024 in Seattle, Washington.

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Ryan Bahry

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- EXHIBIT A -



December 28, 2023

United States Attorney General and the Appropriate Officials Identified in Attachment A

RE: CAFA Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement

Dear Sir or Madam:

This Notice is being provided to you in accordance with the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. § 1715 on behalf of Ocwen Financial Corporation and Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, the Defendants in the below-referenced class action ("the Action"). Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement was filed with the Court on December 18, 2023.

Case Name:	Weiner v. Ocwen Financial Corporation, et al.			
Case Number:	2:14-cv-02597-DJC-DB			
Jurisdiction:	United States District Court, Eastern District of California			
Date Settlement filed	December 18, 2023			
with Court:				

Copies of all materials filed in the above-named actions are electronically available on the Court's Pacer website found at https://pcl.uscourts.gov. Additionally, in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b), the enclosed CD-ROM contains the following documents filed in the Action:

01 - Complaint.pdf

Class Action Complaint, filed November 5, 2014

02 - Motion for Preliminary Approval.pdf

Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and Direction of Notice Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(e), filed on December 18, 2023

03 - Settlement Agreement.pdf

Settlement Agreement, filed on December 18, 2023

04 - Email Notice.pdf

[Proposed] Email Notice, filed on December 18, 2023

05 - Postcard Notice.pdf

[Proposed] Postcard Notice, filed on December 18, 2023

06 - Long Form Notice.pdf

[Proposed] Long Form Notice, filed on December 18, 2023

07 - Claim Form.pdf

[Proposed] Claim Form for Class Members, filed on December 18, 2023

08 - Preliminary Approval Order.pdf

[Proposed] Order (1) Granting Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreement; and (2) Directing Notice to the Settlement Class, filed on December 18, 2023

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the Settlement Class in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1715 (b)(7) at this time. However, we anticipate that the Settlement Class is sufficiently numerous as to include Class Members residing in numerous U.S. states, principally in the Midwest, as well as the District of Columbia, and may include Class Members residing in U.S. territories and associated states.

There are no other settlements or agreements made between Counsel for the parties related to the class defined in the proposed settlement, and as of the date of this Notice, no Final Judgment or notice of dismissal has been entered in this case.

If you have any questions regarding the details of the case and settlement, please contact Defense Counsel's representative at:

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For questions regarding this Notice, please contact JND at:

JND Class Action Administration 1100 2nd Ave, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98101 Phone: 800-207-7160

Regards,

JND Legal Administration

Encl.

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- EXHIBIT B -

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

A federal court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

If you have or had a loan serviced by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and you paid for Broker Price Opinions or Hybrid Valuations between 2010 and 2017, you may be entitled to the benefits of a class action settlement

> Estimated payments are: \$60 per Broker Price Opinion \$70 per Hybrid Valuation

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Ocwen Fee Settlement

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Records indicate you may be affected by a proposed settlement reached in a class action lawsuit called *Weiner v. Ocwen Financial Goin*: Case No. Case No. 14 cy 02597 (5B Cal.) (the "Settlement" / This Notice summarizes 11 your rights and options. More details are available at www.OcwenFeeSettlement.com.

What is this about? Plaintiff alleges that Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and its parent company Ocwen Financial Corporation (together, "Defendants" or "Ocwen") over-charged borrowers for certain property valuation expenses, including Broker Price Opinions ("BPOs") or Hybrid Valuations ("Hybrids"), which Plaintiff alleges contained undisclosed "mark-ups." Ocwen denies Plaintiff's claims, and all alleged wrongdoing associated with Plaintiff's claims. The Court has not decided who is right or wrong. Instead, the Parties have agreed to the Settlement to avoid the costs, risk, and delays associated with continuing this complex and time-consuming litigation.

Who is affected? The Court certified a <u>Nationwide Settlement Class</u> that includes all residents of the United States of America who have or had a loan serviced by Ocwen and who paid for one or more BPOs or Hybrids charged by Ocwen through Altisource, from November 5, 2010 through September 29, 2017, the date of the class certification order in this action. The Court also certified a <u>California Settlement Sub-Class</u> that includes all residents of the State of California who have or had a loan serviced by Ocwen and to whom charges for one or more BPOs or Hybrids were assessed to their mortgage account by Ocwen through Altisource, from November 5, 2010 through September 29, 2017 (the "class period"). The Nationwide Settlement Class and California Settlement Sub-Cass are collectively the Settlement Class.

What does the Settlement provide? If approved, the Settlement will provide:

- A \$60 reimbursement for each BPO fee that Settlement Class Members paid during the class period;
- A \$70 reimbursement for each Hybrid fee that Settlement Class Members paid during the class period;
- Reversals and/or credits for any California Sub-Class Members who continue to have loans serviced by Ocwen, in the amount of \$60 for each BPO and \$70 for each Hybrid fee that was assessed to the Class Member during the class period but for which the Class Member has not paid; and
- Defendants' **modification of disclosures** to borrowers in valuation-related correspondence and reports, and in any applicable fee schedules, to identify, as applicable, the "reconciliation" service added by vendors to BPO and Hybrid products.

What are my options? You can file a claim, request exclusion, object, or do nothing.

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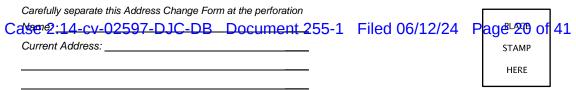
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Unique ID: [JND Unique ID]

Address Change Form

To make sure your information remains up-to-date in our records, please confirm your address by filling in the above information and depositing this postcard in the U.S. Mail. This form is not a Claim Form. You must file a Claim Form if you would like to receive a payment from the Settlement.

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To: [Class Member Email Address] From: Jennifer@OcwenFeeSettlement.com Subject Line: Ocwen Fee Settlement

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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If you have or had a loan serviced by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and you paid for Broker Price Opinions or Hybrid Valuations between 2010 and 2017, you may be entitled to the benefits of a class action settlement.

Estimated payments are: \$60 per Broker Price Opinion \$70 per Hybrid Valuation

YOUR UNIQUE ID: XXXXXXX

Dear [Class Member Name(s)],

You are receiving this Notice because records indicate you may be affected by a proposed settlement reached in a class action lawsuit called *Weiner v. Ocwen Financial Corp.*, Case No. Case No. 14-cv-02597, (E.D. Cal.) (the "Settlement"). This Notice summarizes your rights and options. More details are available at <u>www.OcwenFeeSettlement.com</u>.

What is this about? Plaintiff alleges that Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC and its parent company Ocwen Financial Corporation (together, "Defendants" or "Ocwen") over-charged borrowers for certain property valuation expenses, including Broker Price Opinions ("BPOs") or Hybrid Valuations ("Hybrids"), which Plaintiff alleges contained undisclosed "mark-ups." Ocwen denies Plaintiff's claims, and all alleged wrongdoing associated with Plaintiff's claims. The Court has not decided who is right or wrong. Instead, the Parties have agreed to the Settlement to avoid the costs, risk, and delays associated with continuing this complex and time-consuming litigation.

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- Defendants' **modification of disclosures** to borrowers in valuation-related correspondence and reports, and in any applicable fee schedules, to identify, as applicable, the "reconciliation" service added by vendors to BPO and Hybrid products.

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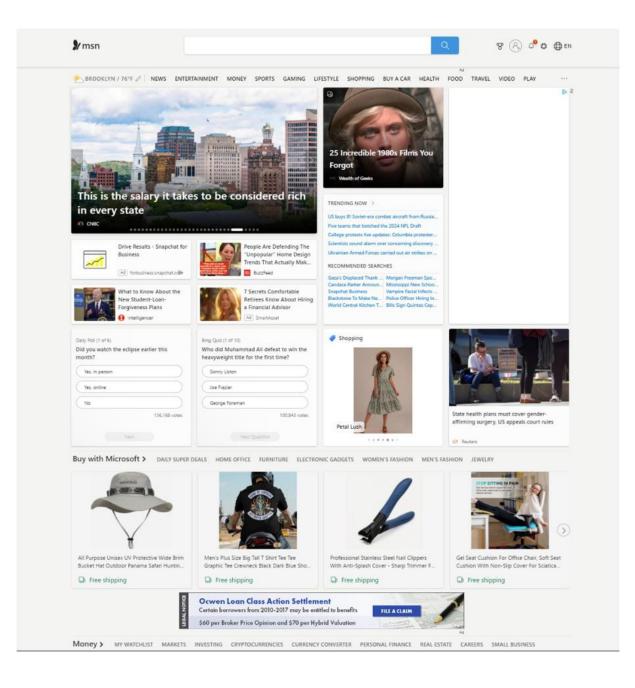
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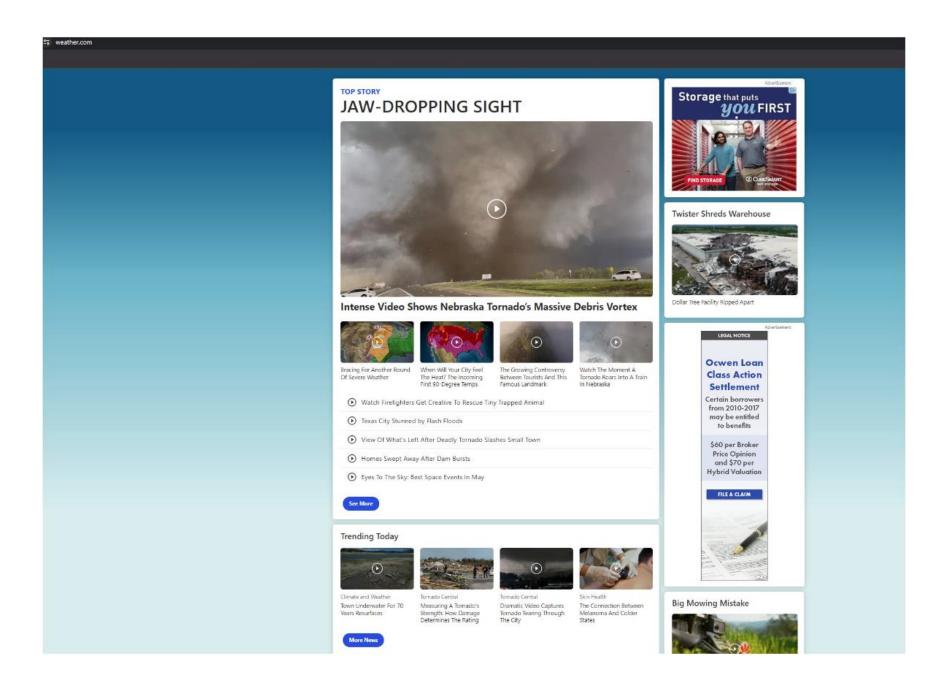
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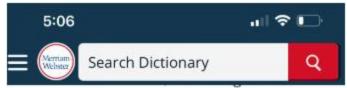


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penned by a certain singer-songwriter you may be familiar with by the name of **Taylor Swift**. In fact, we are told that her songs often send listeners to our **august** pages to look up some of the more unfamiliar words featured in her song titles and lyrics. If you count yourself among such listeners, dear reader, then today might just be the best day. Here's a list of 10 Swiftean words and some interesting facts about them. Are you... ready for it?







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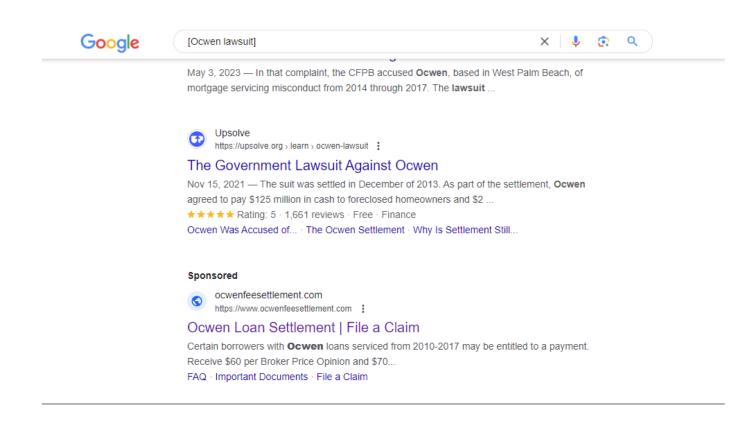
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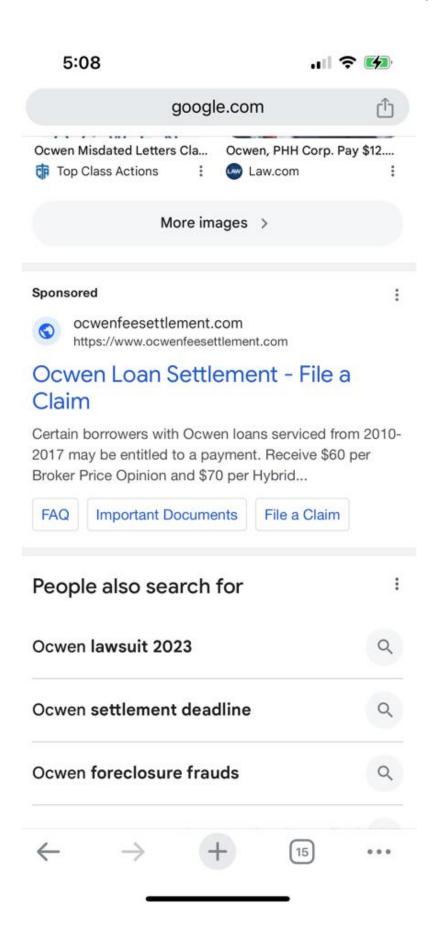


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NEWS PROVIDED BY JND Legal Administration → Apr 29, 2024, 09:39 ET

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NEWS PROVIDED BY JND Legal Administration → Apr 29, 2024, 09:39 ET

SEATTLE, 29 de abril de 2024 /PRNewswire-HISPANIC PR WIRE/ -- Se ha llegado a un acuerdo propuesto en una demanda colectiva llamada *Weiner v. Ocwen Financial Corp.*, Caso No. Caso No. 14-cv-02597, (E.D. Cal.) (el "Acuerdo"). Esta notificación resume los derechos y opciones de los miembros de la demanda colectiva. Más información en <u>www.OcwenFeeSettlement.com</u>.

Un tribunal federal autorizó la presente notificación. Esta no es una solicitud de un abogado.

¿De qué se trata?

El demandante alega que Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC y su empresa matriz Ocwen Financial Case 2:14-cv-02597-DJC-DB Document 255-1 Filed 06/12/24 Page 39 of 41 Corporation (conjuntamente, los "demandados" u "Ocwen") cobraron en exceso a los prestatarios por determinados gastos de tasación de propiedades, incluidos los dictámenes de precios de corredores ("BPO") o las tasaciones híbridas ("híbridas"), que el demandante alega que contenían "márgenes de beneficio" no revelados. Ocwen niega las reclamaciones del demandante y todas las presuntas irregularidades asociadas con las reclamaciones del demandante. El Tribunal no ha decidido quién tiene razón o no. En cambio, las partes han llegado a un Acuerdo para evitar los costos, riesgos y retrasos asociados con la continuación de este litigio complejo y lento.

¿Quién se ve afectado?

El Tribunal certificó un <u>grupo del Acuerdo a nivel nacional</u> que incluye a todos los residentes de Estados Unidos de Norteamérica que tienen o tuvieron un préstamo administrado por Ocwen y que pagaron por uno o más BPO o híbridos cobrados por Ocwen por medio de Altisource, desde el 5 de noviembre de 2010 hasta el 29 de septiembre de 2017, la fecha de la orden de certificación del grupo en esta demanda. El Tribunal también certificó un <u>subgrupo del Acuerdo de California</u> que incluye a todos los residentes del Estado de California que tienen o tuvieron un préstamo administrado por Ocwen y a quienes Ocwen, por medio de Altisource, les cobró cargos por uno o más BPO o híbridos en su cuenta hipotecaria, desde el 5 de noviembre de 2010 hasta el 29 de septiembre de 2017 (el "período de la demanda colectiva"). El grupo del Acuerdo a nivel nacional y el subgrupo del Acuerdo de California conforman en su conjunto el Acuerdo Colectivo.

¿Qué proporciona el Acuerdo?

Si se aprueba, el Acuerdo proporcionará:

- Un reembolso de \$60 por cada tarifa de BPO que los miembros del Acuerdo Colectivo Case 2:14-cv-02597-DJC-DB Document 255-1 Filed 06/12/24 Page 40 of 41 pagaron durante el período de la demanda;
- Un reembolso de \$70 por cada tarifa híbrida que los miembros del Acuerdo Colectivo pagaron durante el período de la demanda;
- Revocaciones y/o créditos para todos los miembros del subgrupo de California que continúe con préstamos otorgados por Ocwen, por un importe de \$60 por cada BPO y \$70 por cada tarifa híbrida que se cobró a un miembro de la demanda durante el período de la demanda colectiva, pero que el miembro de la demanda colectiva no ha pagado; y
- La modificación de los demandados de las divulgaciones a los prestatarios en la correspondencia e informes relacionados con la valoración, y en cualquier lista de tarifas aplicable, para identificar, según corresponda, el servicio de "reconciliación" agregado por los proveedores a los productos BPO e Híbridos.

¿Cuáles son mis opciones?

Los miembros de la demanda colectiva pueden presentar una reclamación, solicitar la exclusión, objetar o no hacer nada.

- Presentar una reclamación . Para recibir un pago del Acuerdo, presente una reclamación válida por vía electrónica en <u>www.OcwenFeeSettlement.com</u> o con matasellos anterior al 29 de septiembre de 2025. Al presentar una reclamación, usted renuncia a su derecho a demandar o continuar demandando a los demandados por las reclamaciones de este caso.
- <u>Solicitar exclusión</u>. Para retirarse del Acuerdo ("optar por no participar"), envíe una solicitud de exclusión antes del 12 **de julio de 2024**. Si se excluye, no recibirá ningún pago del Acuerdo, pero esta es la única opción que le permitirá conservar su derecho a demandar o seguir demandando a los demandados por las reclamaciones de este caso.
- <u>Objeto</u>. Si no se excluye del Acuerdo, puede objetar o decirle al Tribunal lo que no le gusta del Acuerdo. Si se opone, debe presentar una reclamación para recibir un pago. Las objeciones deben presentarse antes del 12 de julio de 2024.
- <u>No hacer nada</u>. Si no hace nada, no recibirá ningún pago del Acuerdo y renunciará a su derecho a demandar o continuar demandando a los demandados por las reclamaciones de este caso.

Para obtener más detalles sobre sus derechos y opciones y cómo presentar una reclamación, excluirse u objetar, visite **www.OcwenFeeSettlement.com**.

¿Qué sucede después? Case 2:14-cv-02597-DJC-DB Document 255-1 Filed 06/12/24 Page 41 of 41

El Tribunal celebrará una audiencia de aprobación final el **5 de septiembre de 2024 a la 1:30 p. m. PT**, para considerar si debe dar la aprobación final al Acuerdo y otorgar la solicitud de los abogados del Acuerdo Colectivo para los honorarios y costos de los abogados, así como el reembolso de los costos de administración del Acuerdo. El Tribunal designó al bufete de abogados de Baron & Budd P.C., para representar a los miembros del Acuerdo Colectivo como abogados del Acuerdo Colectivo. Los abogados del Acuerdo Colectivo solicitarán los honorarios de los abogados, estimados en \$8,000,000, más los gastos de litigio reembolsables, estimados en \$950,000. Si el Tribunal lo aprueba, los honorarios y costos de los abogados serán pagados por los demandados. No es necesario que asista a la Audiencia de Aprobación Final. Los abogados del Acuerdo colectivo responderán cualquier pregunta que el Tribunal pueda tener. Usted o su abogado pueden pedir hablar en la audiencia a su propio costo, pero no es su obligación. Para hablar en la audiencia, debe presentar ante el Tribunal, a más tardar el **12 de julio de 2024**, una notificación de intención de comparecer en la Audiencia de Aprobación Final.

¿Cómo puedo obtener más información?

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