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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO	
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10	ERIKA MCCARTNEY, in the public interest,)	CIVIL ACTION NO. CGC-16-551071
12	Plaintiff,	りへ [F ROPOSE D] CONSENT JUDGMENT
13	v.)	[Cal. Health & Safety Code
14	TRADER JOE'S COMPANY, a California	Sec. 25249.6, et seq.]
15	corporation; and DOES 1 through 500, inclusive,) Defendants.	
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PROPOSED STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

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1.1 This Action arises out of the alleged violations of California's Safe Drinking
 Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 et
 seq. (also known as and hereinafter referred to as "Proposition 65") regarding the following
 product (hereinafter the "Covered Product" or when referring to it in the plural, the "Covered
 Products"): Trader Joe's Cocoa Powder Unsweetened -- made from 100% Tumaco Cocoa Beans
 (SKU No. 93050).

8 1.2 Plaintiff Erika McCartney ("MCCARTNEY") is a California resident acting as a 9 private enforcer of Proposition 65. MCCARTNEY has brought this enforcement action in the 10 public interest against Trader Joe's Company ("TRADER JOE'S" or "Defendant") concerning 11 cadmium in the Covered Product pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 12 25249.7(d). MCCARTNEY is dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public 13 from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating 14 a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility. 15 1.3 Defendant TRADER JOE'S has sold and sells the Covered Product in California. 16 The Covered Product itself is manufactured, packaged, and supplied to TRADER JOE'S by Casa 17 Luker, S.A. ("CASA LUKER"). CASA LUKER has previously provided an indemnity to 18 TRADER JOE'S concerning the Covered Product's compliance with all applicable law, including. 19 Proposition 65, but has no agent for service of process in the United States. It has not been 20 named as a defendant in this case.

1.4 MCCARTNEY and TRADER JOE'S are hereinafter sometimes referred to
individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties."

1.5 On or about September 22, 2014, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code
Section 25249.7(d)(1), MCCARTNEY served a 60-Day Notice of Violations of Proposition 65
("Notice of Violations") on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers, and
TRADER JOE'S alleging violations of California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 with
respect to unwarned exposures to cadmium arising from the sale and use of the Covered Product
in California.

1.6 After more than sixty (60) days passed since service of the Notice of Violations, and with no designated governmental agency having filed a complaint against TRADER JOE'S with regard to the Covered Product or the alleged violations, MCCARTNEY filed the complaint in this matter ("Complaint") in this Court.

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1.7 TRADER JOE'S generally denies all material and factual allegations contained in
or arising from MCCARTNEY's Notice of Violations and Complaint, assert that it has various
affirmative defenses to the claims asserted therein. TRADER JOE'S further specifically denies
that the Plaintiff or California consumers have been harmed or damaged by its conduct or the
products it has sold or sells, including the Covered Product.

- 1.8 The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment and settlement ("Consent Judgment"
 or "Settlement) in order to settle, compromise, and resolve disputed claims and avoid prolonged
 and costly litigation. For purposes of the approval and entry of this Settlement only, the Parties
 stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action and personal
 jurisdiction over the Parties, that venue is proper in this Court, and that this Court has jurisdiction
 to enter this Consent Judgment pursuant to the terms set forth herein.
- 16 1.9 Nothing in this Consent Judgment, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute 17 or be construed as an admission by any of the Parties (or by any of TRADER JOE'S respective 18 officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, suppliers or 19 licensees) of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, violation of law, fault, wrongdoing, or liability, including without limitation, any admission concerning any alleged violation of 20 21 Proposition 65. Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall 22 prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties or may have in 23 any other or future legal proceeding. Provided, however, nothing in this Section shall affect the 24 enforceability of this Settlement.

1.10 The "Effective Date" of this Settlement shall be the date upon which
MCCARTNEY provides TRADER JOE'S with notice that this Consent Judgment, after having
been fully executed by all of the Parties, has been approved and entered by the Court.

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INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: LABELING, TESTING, AND WARNINGS

2.1 Beginning on the Effective Date, TRADER JOE'S shall permanently cease and desist from selling in, or offering for sale in, California any Covered Product except to the extent a Proposition 65-compliant warning is provided as to such Covered Product as set forth in Section 2.4 below.

6 2.2 All Covered Products that have been manufactured for TRADER JOE'S prior to
7 the Effective Date of this Consent Judgment are exempt from the provisions of Sections 2.1, 2.3,
8 and 2.4 and are included within the release in Sections 7.1 through 7.4. To be in compliance,
9 TRADER JOE'S is not required to undertake efforts to remove such previously manufactured
10 Covered Products from the stream of commerce.

11 2.3 To facilitate the implementation of Section 2.1 and provide MCCARTNEY with a
12 means to oversee it relative to the enforcement provisions set forth in Section 5 below, the best by
13 date associated with the initial set of Covered Products TRADER JOE'S obtains following the
14 Effective Date shall be provided to counsel for MCCARTNEY by TRADER JOE'S, via mail,
15 within fourteen (14) business days thereof.

2.4 Clear and Reasonable Proposition 65 Warnings. For a Covered Product that is
subject to the Proposition 65 warning requirement based on Sections 2.1 and 2.2 above, the
following warning ("Warning") shall be provided for it to the extent it is sold in, or offered for
sale in, California by TRADER JOE'S as specified below:

[California Proposition 65] WARNING: This product contains
[cadmium,] a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth

22 defects or other reproductive harm. [For more information go to

www.P65Warnings.ca.gov]

24 The text in brackets in the warnings above is optional.

The Warning shall either be affixed to or printed on (at the point of manufacture, prior to
shipment to California, or prior to distribution within California) the outside packaging or
container of each unit of the Covered Product or provided at the point of display of the Covered
Product wherever it is offered for sale in California. The Warning shall be displayed with such

1 conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements designs or devices on the outside 2 packaging or at the point of display in California, as to render it likely to be read and understood 3 by an ordinary individual prior to purchase or use. If the Warning is displayed on the product 4 container or labeling, the Warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health 5 or safety warnings on the product container or labeling, and the word "WARNING" shall be in all 6 capital letters and in bold print. If presented at the point of display, the Warning shall be 7 presented on a sign or shelf label in a font no smaller than the largest type size used for other 8 information on the sign or on a shelf label for similar products.

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REQUIRED MONETARY PAYMENTS

3.1 On behalf of TRADER JOE'S, using funds previously deposited by CASA
 LUKER in contemplation of this Settlement, the Morrison & Foerster LLP Client Trust
 ("CLIENT TRUST") shall make a total settlement payment, as further specified below, totaling
 \$85,000, which shall be in full and final satisfaction of any and all civil penalties, payment in lieu
 of civil penalties, and attorneys' fees and costs associated with this matter.

3.2 Within seven (7) business days of the Effective Date, on behalf of TRADER
JOE'S, the CLIENT TRUST account administrator shall issue three separate checks and send
them to counsel for MCCARTNEY, Robert B. Hancock, Pacific Justice Center, 50 California
Street, San Francisco, California 94111. The checks shall be payable to the following parties and
the payment shall be apportioned as follows:

20 3.2.1 \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) as civil penalties pursuant to California Health 21 and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b)(1). Of this amount, \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) 22 shall be payable to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and 23 \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) shall be payable to MCCARTNEY. (Because the amount allocated 24 to OEHHA is in excess of that required under Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) and 25 the amount allocated to MCCARTNEY is less than that specified under Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (d), MCCARTNEY hereby waives any and all rights to any penalties in excess 26 of the amount specified in this Section.) MCCARTNEY's counsel shall promptly, upon 27 28

remittance, forward the civil penalty made payable to OEHHA to Mike Gyurics, Fiscal 2 Operations Branch Chief of OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95812-4010. 3 3.2.2 \$55,000 (Fifty-five thousand dollars) payable to Pacific Justice Center as 4 reimbursement of MCCARTNEY's attorneys' fees, costs, investigation and litigation expenses 5 ("Attorney's Fees and Costs"). Of this amount, McCartney's shall donate 5%, amounting to 6 \$2,750 (two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars) to the California chapter of the March of 7 Dimes, a qualified charitable organization dedicated to the prevention of birth defects. Counsel 8 for MCCARTNEY shall remit these funds within five (5) days of receipt of the award for fees, 9 costs, investigation and litigation expenses. Counsel for MCCARTNEY shall file a declaration 10 attesting to the foregoing within ten (10) days of the remittance to the California chapter of the March of Dimes. 11

12 3.3 Any failure to remit payment on or before its due date or any failure of said checks 13 to clear shall be deemed a material breach of this Settlement. In that event, the Parties agree that, 14 unless they then all stipulate otherwise: (1) this Settlement shall be deemed mutually rescinded, 15 and all Parties shall be restored to their positions prior to its execution and entry by the Court; and 16 (2) Plaintiff and Trader Joe's shall jointly take all steps necessary to set aside the Consent 17 Judgment entered in connection with the Action, including, without limitation, by way of ex parte relief, stipulation or noticed motion. 18

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MODIFICATION

20 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by written agreement and stipulation of the 21 Parties and upon having such stipulation reported to the Office of the California Attorney General 22 at least twenty-one days in advance of its submission to the Court for approval. MCCARTNEY 23 shall not unreasonably withhold agreement to any modification requested by TRADER JOE'S 24 based on a change or clarification in law. If, despite their meet and confer efforts, the Parties are 25 unable to reach agreement on a stipulated modification, either Party may file a noticed motion for modification with the Court for good cause shown, provided a copy of the motion is also served 26 27 on the other Party and the Office of the California Attorney General. Should a modification based on a change or clarification in law be sought by contested motion, the prevailing Party shall 28

be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with such
 proceeding.

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OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT OF TERMS

4 5.1 The Court shall retain jurisdiction to oversee, enforce and/or modify the terms of
5 this Consent Judgment.

5.2 Subject to Section 5.3, any Party may, by means of filing an application for an
order to show cause, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Settlement and Consent
Judgment. The prevailing party in any such action or application may request that the Court
award its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs associated with such action or application.

5.3 Before filing an application for an order to show cause, MCCARTNEY shall
provide TRADER JOE'S with 30 (thirty) days written notice of any alleged violations of the
terms of Injunctive Relief contained in Section 2 herein. As long as TRADER JOE'S cures any
such alleged violations within the 30 (thirty) days of receipt of the written notice by ceasing the
sale of the Covered Product in California until such time as warnings are provided for it pursuant
to Section 2.4 above, then there shall be deemed no material violation.

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6. <u>APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT</u>

This Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties and their respective
privies, successors, and assigns, and it shall be deemed to inure to the benefit of the Parties and
their respective privies, successors and assigns.

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7. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

21 7.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between 22 MCCARTNEY, on behalf of herself and in the public interest on the one hand, and TRADER 23 JOE'S on the other hand, of any and all direct or derivative violations (or claimed violations) of 24 Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations for failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings of 25 exposure to cadmium from the handling, use, or consumption of the Covered Product, and it fully resolves all claims that have been or could have been asserted up to and including the Effective 26 Date for the alleged failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings for the Covered Product regarding 27 cadmium as set forth in the Notice of Violations and Complaint. 28

1	7.2 MCCARTNEY on her own behalf (and not in her role as a representative of the		
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3	public interest) further hereby releases and discharges, TRADER JOE'S and its past and present		
	officers, directors, owners, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,		
4	divisions, affiliates, suppliers (including CASA LUKER), franchisees, licensees, customers,		
5	distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and downstream entities and persons in		
6	the distribution chain of any Covered Product, and the predecessors, successors and assigns of		
7	any of them (collectively, "Released Parties"), from any and all claims and causes of action and		
8	obligations to pay damages, restitution, fines, civil penalties, payment in lieu of civil penalties		
9	and expenses (including but not limited to expert analysis fees, expert fees, attorney's fees and		
10	costs) (collectively, "Claims") based on exposure to cadmium from the Covered Product and/or		
11	failure to warn about cadmium in the Covered Product to the extent the Covered Product was sold		
12	prior to the Effective Date.		
13	7.3 Unless modified pursuant to Section 4 above, compliance with the terms of		
14	Section 2.1 or 2.4 of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to constitute compliance with		
15	Proposition 65 regarding the Covered Product.		
16	7.4 It is possible that other Claims not known to MCCARTNEY arising out of the		
17	facts alleged in the Notice of Violations or the Complaint will develop or be discovered.		
18	MCCARTNEY acknowledges on behalf of herself (and not in her role as a representative of the		
19	public interest) that the Claims released herein include all known and unknown Claims and		
20	waives California Civil Code Section 1542 as to any such unknown Claims. California Civil		
21	Code Section 1542 reads as follows:		
22	"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH		
23	THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS		
24	OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE,		
25	WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY		
26	AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR."		
27	MCCARTNEY acknowledges and understands the significance and consequences of this specific		
28	waiver of California Civil Code section 1542.		

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1 7.5 MCCARTNEY, on one hand, and TRADER JOE'S, on the other hand, each 2 release and waive all Claims they may have against each other for any statements or actions made 3 or undertaken by them in connection with the Notice of Violations and Complaint or the 4 allegations contained therein. However, this shall not affect or limit any Party's right to seek to enforce the terms of this Settlement and Consent Judgment. In addition, going forward, the 5 6 Parties shall not cause any aspect of the Action, the Notice of Violations, the Complaint, or the 7 terms of this Settlement not otherwise available in the public record to be reported to the public or any media or news reporting outlet. Any statement to the public or any media or news reporting 8 9 outlet shall be limited to what is available in the public record and documents publicly filed. Regardless of the form or formality of a communication or statement to the media or other person 10 11 or entity, neither any Party nor their counsel shall disparage the other. Notwithstanding these obligations, the Parties may make such disclosures regarding the Action and terms of this 12 13 Settlement as necessary to auditors or as otherwise required by state or federal law.

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8. <u>CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY</u>

15 8.1 The terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment and Settlement have been
16 reviewed by the respective counsel for the Parties prior to its signing, and each Party has had an
17 opportunity to fully discuss the terms and conditions with its counsel. In any subsequent
18 interpretation or construction of this Settlement, the terms and conditions shall not be construed
19 against any Party.

8.2 In the event that any of the provisions of this Settlement is held by a court to be
unenforceable, the validity of the remaining enforceable provisions shall not be adversely
affected.

8.3 The terms and conditions of this Settlement shall be governed by and construed in
accordance with the laws of the State of California.

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. <u>PROVISION OF NOTICE</u>

All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall
be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below by: (a) first-class, registered, (b)
certified mail, (b) overnight courier, or (c) personal delivery to the following:

1	For Erika McCartney:	
2	Robert B. Hancock PACIFIC JUSTICE CENTER	
3	50 California Street, Suite 1500 San Francisco, California 94111	
4	For Trader Joe's Company:	
5	Daniel J. Faria O'Melveny & Myers LLP	
6	400 S. Hope Street Los Angeles, CA 90071	
7	With a copy to:	
8	Robert L. Falk MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP	
9	425 Market Street, 32nd Floor San Francisco, California 94105	
10	10. <u>COURT APPROVAL</u>	
11	10.1 MCCARTNEY has previously complied with the reporting form requirements	
12	referenced in California Health & Safety Code section 25249.7(f) relative to this Settlement but,	
13	to ensure an accurate public record is maintained and that changes made in response to comments	
14	previously received from the California Attorney General's office are reflected therein,	
15	MCCARTNEY's counsel shall provide an updated copy of it to the California Attorney General's	
16	office within ten (10) days of its execution.	
17	MCCARTNEY shall also file and serve the California Attorney General's office with an	
18	updated Motion for Court Approval of a Consent Judgment as to TRADER JOE'S based on this	
19	updated version of the Settlement as fully executed by the Parties. MCCARTNEY and her	
20	counsel shall be responsible on their own to establish in the Motion for Court Approval that such	
21	Attorney's Fees and Costs are appropriate for the work done in this matter. Consistent with	
22	Section 3.2.2 above, MCCARTNEY and her counsel agree not to seek more than \$55,000 in fee	
23	and cost reimbursement. TRADER JOE'S shall not oppose the amount of attorney's fees and	
24	costs for which MCCARTNEY seeks court approval as long as the request does not exceed	
25	\$55,000. The Parties shall otherwise continue to use their reasonable best efforts to support the	
26	Court's approval of the Settlement and entry of the associated Consent Judgment.	
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1 10.2 If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Settlement, the
 2 Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and, if possible, prior
 3 to the hearing on the Motion for Court Approval.

10.3 If, despite the Parties' best efforts, the Court does not approve this Settlement and
enter a Consent Judgment thereon, TRADER JOE'S shall have the option of (a) proceeding to try
and resolve the matter amicably or (b) determining that the Settlement is null and void and of no
force or effect, in which event, all payment-related obligations set forth in Section 3 above shall
be deemed never to have existed and MCCARTNEY may thereafter proceed of her own accord.

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11. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS

This Consent Judgment and Settlement may be executed in counterparts, which taken
together shall be deemed one document. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be construed as valid
and as the original signature.

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12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION

14 12.1 This Settlement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the
15 Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all prior discussions,
16 negotiations, commitments and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or
17 otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any party.
18 No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to
19 exist or to bind any party.
20 12.2 Each signatory to this Settlement certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the

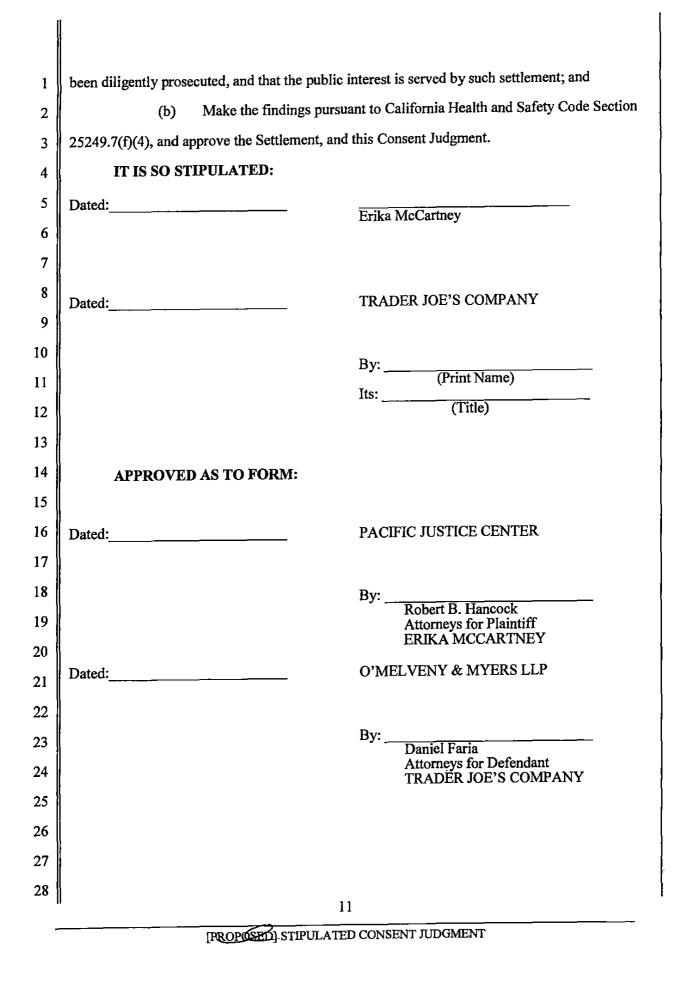
20 12.2 Each signatory to this Settlement certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the
21 party he or she represents to enter to this Settlement. Except as explicitly provided herein, each
22 party shall bear its own fees and costs.

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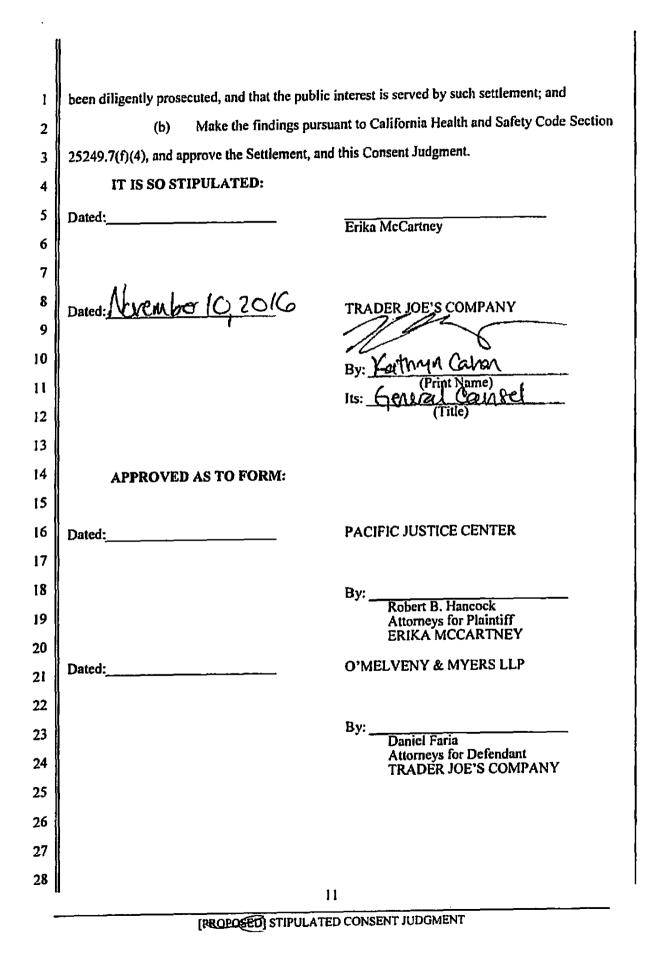
13. <u>REQUEST FOR FINDINGS AND FOR APPROVAL</u>

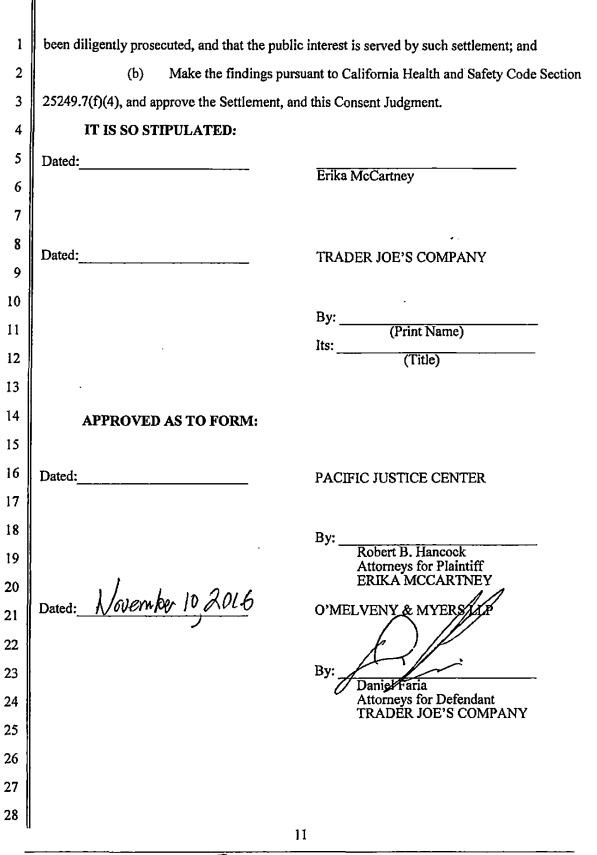
13.1 This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties.
The Parties request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed
regarding the matters which are the subject of this action, to:

27 (a) Find that the terms and provisions of this Consent Judgment represent a
28 good faith settlement of all matters raised by the allegations of the Complaint, that the matter has 10



been diligently prosecuted, and that the public interest is served by such settlement; and 1 Make the findings pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 2 (b) 25249.7(f)(4), and approve the Settlement, and this Consent Judgment. 3 IT IS SO STIPULATED: 4 11 51 5 Dated: Erika/McCariney 6 7 8 TRADER JOE'S COMPANY Dated: 9 10 Ву: (Print Name) 11 Its: (Title) 12 13 14 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 15 11/51 PACIFIC JUSTICE CENTER 16 Dated: 17 18 By: Robert B. Hancock 19 Attorneys for Plaintiff ERIKA MCCARTNEY 20 **O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP** Dated: 21 22 By: 23 Daniel Faria Attorneys for Defendant TRADER JOE'S COMPANY 24 25 26 27 28 11 (PROPOSED) STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT





[PROPOSED] STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT

1	ORDER AND JUDGMENT
2	Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good cause appearing therefor, this Consent
3	Judgment is approved and judgment is hereby entered according to its terms.
4	IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.
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