Francesco Benavides, CSBN 258924 1 Law Offices of Francesco Benavides 2 1990 N. California Blvd. 8th Floor Walnut Creek, CA 94596 3 Tel: (925) 222-7071 4 Email: francesco@benavidesdisabilitylaw.com 5 Attorney for Plaintiff 6 GLENN RUSSELL BABROS 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 SACRAMENTO DIVISION 10 11 GLENN RUSSELL BABROS, Case No. 2:24-cv-01811-AC 12 Plaintiff, STIPULATION FOR THE AWARD AND 13 PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND 14 EXPENSES PURSUANT TO THE v. EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT; 15 [PROPOSED] ORDER MARTIN J. O'MALLEY, 16 Commissioner of Social Security, 17 Defendant. 18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their 19 undersigned counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded 20 attorney fees and expenses in the amount of \$1,759.76, under the Equal Access to 21 Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), and \$405.00 in costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920. 22 This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on behalf of 23 Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 24 §§ 2412(d), 1920. 25 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees to Plaintiff, the government will 26 consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees to counsel. Pursuant to 27 Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586, 598, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 177 L.Ed.2d 91 (2010), the ability 28

to honor the assignment will depend on whether the fees are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Plaintiff's counsel, Francesco Benavides, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff.

Fees shall be made payable by check or electronic funds transfer.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA or otherwise. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Francesco Benavides, including the Law Offices of Francesco Benavides, may have relating to EAJA attorney fees in connection with this action.

This award is without prejudice to the rights of Francesco Benavides to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), subject to the savings clause provisions of the EAJA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 25, 2024 Law Offices of Francesco Benavides

By: <u>/s/Francesco Benavides</u>
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Dated: September 25, 2024 PHILLIP A. TALBERT United States Attorney MATHEW W. PILE Associate General Counsel Social Security Administration By: Jennifer Lee Tarn* JENNIFER LEE TARN Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Attorneys for Defendant (*Permission to use electronic signature obtained via email on September 25, 2024).

[PROPOSED] ORDER

Based upon the parties' Stipulation for the Award and Payment of Equal Access to Justice Act Fees and Expenses, **IT IS ORDERED** that fees and expenses in the amount of \$1,759.76 as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and \$405.00 in costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1920, be awarded subject to the terms of the Stipulation.

9 DATE: September 25, 2024

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE