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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
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18 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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20 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

21 SARA ZINMAN, individually, and on behalf
22 of all others similarly situated,

23 Plaintiffs,

24 v.

25 WAL-MART STORES, INC., and DOES 1
26 through 100,

27 Defendants.

Case No. C09-02045 CW

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF
SARA ZINMAN'S UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Date: August 25, 2011

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Judge: Hon. Claudia Wilken

Courtroom: 2, 4th Floor

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS SETTLEMENT

1 On August 25, 2011 the Court heard a motion by plaintiff Sara Zinman, on behalf of
2 herself and all others similarly situated, for preliminary approval of a proposed class action
3 settlement, which was not opposed by defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. The Court has considered
4 the parties' Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement"), the supporting Memorandum of Points and
5 Authorities, the accompanying Declarations of Bryan J. Schwartz, Esq. and Sara Zinman, the
6 proposed Notice of Class Action Settlement (the "Class Notice") and attached forms and exhibits
7 the submissions of counsel, and the statements of counsel at the hearing on this matter, and
8 hereby finds and orders as follows:
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10 1. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the Settlement filed with the Court falls
11 within the "range of reasonableness" and therefore approves the Settlement on a preliminary
12 basis.

13 2. The Court certifies, for settlement purposes only, the following class ("Settlement
14 Class"): All Wal-Mart employees who worked at Walmart.com in an hourly Merchandise
15 Assistant position in the State of California from May 8, 2005 up through and including February
16 14, 2009.
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18 3. The Court appoints, for settlement purposes, Sara Zinman as Class Representative.

19 4. The Court appoints, for settlement puposes, Hoffman & Lazear as Class Counsel.

20 5. The Court appoints Gilardi & Co. as the Claims Administrator.

21 6. The parties are ordered to carry out the Settlement according to the terms of the
22 Settlement.
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24 7. The revised Settlement Allocation, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, is approved as a
25 reasonable basis for the resolution of the claims of the Plaintiff and the absent class members.

26 8. The revised Class Notice, attached hereto as Exhibit 2, is approved with the
27 modifications raised by the Court at the hearing and listed below:
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- 1 a. In section V.A on page 5, the parties shall revise the sentence
2 beginning “Ultimately” to read “Ultimately, a Settlement
3 Class Member who submits an approved Claim Form”
4 b. In section VIII, the parties shall omit “and recommended to the
5 Court” from the first sentence.
6 c. In section X on page 10, the parties shall insert following sentence:
7 “The address of the Clerk of the Court is 1301 Clay Street, Suite
8 400-S, Oakland, CA 94612.”
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10 9. The Class Notice, reflecting the additional changes listed in this Order, shall be
11 sent to the Settlement Class Members according to the terms of the Settlement.

12 10. Class Counsel shall file its motion for attorneys’ fees and litigation costs on or
13 before September 15, 2011.

14 11. The Motion for Final Approval shall be filed on or before December 22, 2011.

15 12. At or before the time of the filing of the Motion for Final Approval, the parties
16 shall execute and file a brief addendum to the Settlement clarifying that the waiver of claims
17 under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §216(b), shall only occur if class members’
18 file Opt-in and Claim forms, consenting to join in this matter.
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20 13. The Court will conduct a Final Approval hearing on January 5, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.
21 The Court expressly reserves the right to adjourn or continue the Final Approval Hearing without
22 further notice to the Settlement Class Members.
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24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 Dated: August 30, 2011

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28 HON. CLAUDIA WILKEN
United States District Judge