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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION**

MATTHEW CAMPBELL and MICHAEL
HURLEY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FACEBOOK, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No. C 13-05996 PJH-SK

CLASS ACTION

**[REVISED PROPOSED] ORDER
GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

1 WHEREAS, the above-entitled action is pending before this Court (the “Action”);

2 WHEREAS, the Plaintiffs having moved, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e),
3 for an order approving the Settlement of this Action, in accordance with the Class Action Settlement
4 Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) attached as Exhibit 1 to the Declaration of Class Counsel in
5 Support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement filed on March 1, 2017,
6 which sets forth the terms and conditions for a proposed settlement of the Action and for dismissal of
7 the Action with prejudice upon the terms and conditions set forth therein; and the Court having read
8 and considered the Settlement Agreement and having heard any argument of counsel; and

9 WHEREAS, all defined terms herein have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement
10 Agreement.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND ORDERED:

12 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over all Parties to
13 the Action, including all Settlement Class Members.

14 2. The Court does hereby preliminarily approve the Settlement Agreement and the
15 Settlement set forth therein, subject to further consideration at the Fairness Hearing described below.

16 3. The Court finds on a preliminary basis that the Settlement as set forth in the
17 Settlement Agreement falls within the range of reasonableness and therefore meets the requirements
18 for preliminary approval.

19 4. The Court conditionally certifies, for settlement purposes only (and for no other
20 purpose and with no other effect upon the Action, including no effect upon the Action should the
21 Settlement Agreement not receive final approval or should the Effective Date not occur), a class
22 defined as all natural-person Facebook users located within the United States and its territories who
23 have sent, or received from a Facebook user, private messages that included URLs in their content
24 (and from which Facebook generated a URL attachment), from December 30, 2011 to March 1, 2017.
25 The only changes between the Settlement Class and the class certified by the Court on May 18, 2016,
26 are (1) the explicit inclusion of Facebook users located in United States territories, and (2) bringing
27 the end of the class period current to the date of settlement. Excluded from the Settlement Class are
28 (i) all Persons who are directors, officers, and agents of Facebook or its subsidiaries and affiliated

1 companies or are designated by Facebook as employees of Facebook or its subsidiaries and affiliated
2 companies; and (ii) the Court, the Court’s immediate family, and Court staff, as well as any appellate
3 court to which this matter is ever assigned, and its immediate family and staff.

4 5. The Court finds, for settlement purposes only, that the expansion of the certified class
5 to include all Settlement Class Members is appropriate under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
6 23(b)(2) in the settlement context because (1): the Defendant is alleged to have acted or refused to act
7 on grounds that apply generally to the Settlement Class, so that the described injunctive and non-
8 monetary relief is appropriate with respect to the Settlement Class as a whole; and (2): (a) the
9 Settlement Class Members are so numerous that joinder of all Class Members in the class action is
10 impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) the claims
11 of the Class Representatives are typical of the claims of the Class; (d) the Class Representatives and
12 their counsel will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class Members; and
13 (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the
14 controversy.

15 6. The Court finds that, subject to the Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Agreement is fair,
16 reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. The Court further finds that
17 the Settlement Agreement substantially fulfills the purposes and objectives of the class action and
18 provides beneficial relief to the Settlement Class. The Court also finds that the Settlement
19 Agreement: (a) is the result of serious, informed, non-collusive arms’-length negotiations, involving
20 experienced counsel familiar with the legal and factual issues of this case and made with the
21 assistance and supervision of a mediator; (b) meets all applicable requirements of law, including
22 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and the Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1715;
23 and (c) is not a finding or admission of liability by Defendant.

24 7. The Court exercises its discretion pursuant to Rule 23(c)(2)(A), (e)(1), and (h)(1) and
25 directs the parties to provide notice of the settlement. The Court finds that the forms, content, and
26 methods of disseminating notice to the Class Members below together: (i) comply with Rule 23(c)(2)
27 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as they are the best practicable notice under the
28 circumstances and are reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise the Class

1 Members of the pendency of this Action, the terms of the Settlement, and their right to object to the
2 settlement; (ii) comply with Rule 23(e) as they are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to
3 apprise the Class Members of the pendency of the Action, the terms of the proposed settlement, and
4 their rights under the proposed settlement, including, but not limited to, their right to object to the
5 proposed Settlement and other rights under the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (iii) comply with
6 Rule 23(h) as they are reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Class Members
7 of any motion by Class Counsel for reasonable attorney's fees and nontaxable costs, and their right to
8 object to any such motion; (iv) constitute due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Class Members
9 and other persons entitled to receive notice; and (v) meet all applicable requirements of law,
10 including, but not limited to, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c), (e), and (h), and the Due
11 Process Clause(s) of the United States Constitution.

12 a. First, pursuant to the Class Actions Fairness Act (28 U.S.C. § 1715 (2005)),
13 Facebook sent copies of the Settlement as well as Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of
14 Class Action Settlement (Dkt. 227 through 227-3), the original, Amended, and Second Amended
15 Complaints (Dkt. 1, 25, 196), the Court's Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendant's
16 Motion to Dismiss (Dkt. 43), the Court's Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Plaintiffs'
17 Motion for Certification (Dkt. 192), and Plaintiff Shadpour's Notice of Voluntary Dismissal (Dkt.
18 123) to the responsible federal and state attorneys general for all fifty states and U.S. territories on
19 March 8, 2017.

20 b. Second, the Settlement, Motion for Preliminary Approval, and all other
21 unsealed case documents are accessible through the publicly-available PACER/CM-ECF system.

22 c. Third, this case has garnered considerable publicity from its inception up to
23 and including the filing of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Settlement.

24 d. Fourth, information about the Settlement—including this Order, the Settlement
25 Agreement, Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Plaintiffs'
26 Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Incentive Awards, any opposition or reply papers related to these
27 motions—shall be posted on Class Counsel's public websites (<http://www.cbplaw.com/> and
28 <https://www.lieffcabraser.com/>) within seven days of entry of this Order.

1 8. The Court finds that the CAFA Notice sent by Facebook complied with 28 U.S.C.
2 § 1715 and all other provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005.

3 9. Each Settlement Class Member shall be given a full opportunity to comment on or
4 object to the Settlement Agreement, and to participate at a Fairness Hearing. Comments or
5 objections must be in writing, and must include (1) the name and case number of the Action
6 (*Campbell et al. v. Facebook, Inc.*, Case No. 13-5996-PJH); (2) the Settlement Class Member's full
7 legal name and mailing address; (3) the personal signature of the Settlement Class member; (4) the
8 grounds for any objection; and (5) the name and contact information of any and all attorneys
9 representing, advising, or assisting with the comment or objection, or who may profit from pursuing
10 any objection.

11 10. To be considered, written comments or objections must be submitted to the Court
12 either by mailing them to Class Action Clerk, United States District Court for the Northern District of
13 California, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California 94612, or by filing them in person at any location
14 of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, no later than June 26, 2017.

15 11. The date of the postmark on the envelope containing the written objection shall be the
16 exclusive means used to determine whether an objection has been timely submitted. Class Members
17 who fail to mail timely written objections in the manner specified above shall be deemed to have
18 waived any objections and shall be forever barred from objecting to the Settlement Agreement and
19 the proposed settlement by appearing at the Final Approval Hearing, appeal, collateral attack, or
20 otherwise.

21 12. The Court appoints Plaintiffs Michael Hurley and Matthew Campbell as the Class
22 Representatives, and the law firms of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP and Carney Bates &
23 Pulliam, PLLC as Class Counsel.

24 13. A hearing (the "Fairness Hearing") shall be held before this Court on August 9, 2017,
25 at 9 a.m., at the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Oakland
26 Courthouse, Courtroom 3 – 3rd Floor, 1301 Clay Street, Oakland, California 94612, to determine
27 whether the proposed settlement of the Action on the terms and conditions provided for in the
28 Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and should be finally

1 approved by the Court; whether a Final Approval Order and Final Judgment as provided in the
2 Settlement Agreement should be entered; and to determine any amount of fees, costs, and expenses
3 that should be awarded to Class Counsel and any award to the Class Representatives for their
4 representation of, or service on behalf of, the Settlement Class. All Settlement Class Members will
5 be bound by any Final Approval Order and Final Judgment dismissing the Action with prejudice.

6 14. Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees, costs and expenses shall be filed and
7 served no later than May 26, 2017. Any opposition, comment, or objection shall be filed no later
8 than June 26, 2017. Any reply shall be filed no later than July 10, 2017.

9 15. The motion in support of final approval of the settlement shall be filed and served no
10 later than May 26, 2017. Any opposition, comment, or objection shall be filed no later than June 26,
11 2017. Any reply shall be filed no later than July 10, 2017.

12 16. At or after the Fairness Hearing, the Court shall determine whether any application for
13 attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, and any award to the Class Representatives for their
14 representation of, and service to, the Class, should be approved.

15 17. Neither this order, the fact that a settlement was reached and filed, the Settlement
16 Agreement, nor any related negotiations, statements, or proceedings shall be construed as, offered as,
17 admitted as, received as, used as, or deemed to be an admission or concession of liability or
18 wrongdoing whatsoever or breach of any duty on the part of Defendant. This order is not a finding of
19 the validity or invalidity of any of the claims asserted or defenses raised in the Action. In no event
20 shall this order, the fact that a settlement was reached, the Settlement Agreement, or any of its
21 provisions or any negotiations, statements, or proceedings relating to it in any way be used, offered,
22 admitted, or referred to in the Action except by the settling Parties and only the settling Parties in a
23 proceeding to enforce the Settlement Agreement.

24 18. The Court reserves the right to adjourn the date of the Fairness Hearing and retains
25 jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed
26 Settlement. The Court may approve the Settlement, with such modifications as may be agreed to by
27 the settling Parties, if appropriate, without further notice.

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1 19. All discovery and proceedings in this Action are stayed until further order of this
2 Court, except as may be necessary to implement the Settlement or comply with the terms of the
3 Settlement Agreement. Settlement Class Members and their Legally Authorized Representatives are
4 preliminarily enjoined from filing or otherwise participating in any other suit based on the Released
5 Claims in the Settlement Agreement.

6 20. The Court retains jurisdiction over the Action to consider all further matters arising
7 out of or connected with the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement described therein.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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11 DATED: _____

HONORABLE PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE