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10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
11	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
12	U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT) Case No.: 1:21-cv-01424-JLT -HBK		
13	OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION,) 		
14	Plaintiff,	DEFENDANT REAL TIME STAFFING SERVICES, LLC dba Select Staffing		
15	v.))		
16	SUNSHINE RAISIN CORPORATION dba))		
17	National Raisin Company; REAL TIME STAFFING SERVICES, LLC dba Select))		
18	Staffing; and DOES 1-10, inclusive,)		
19	Defendants.)))		
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21	I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>			
22	Plaintiff U.S. Equal Employment Oppor	rtunity Commission ("EEOC" or "Plaintiff") and		
23	Defendant Real Time Staffing Services, LLC dba Select Staffing ("Defendant Select")			
24	(collectively, the "Parties") hereby stipulate and agree to entry of this Consent Decree (the			
25	"Decree") to fully and finally resolve Plaintiff's complaint against Defendant Select in $U.S$.			
26	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. Sunshine Raisin Corporation dba National			
27	Raisin Company, et al., Case No. 1:21-cv-01424-JLT-HBK (the "Action").			
28	On September 24, 2021, the EEOC filed the Action in the United States District Court,			
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Eastern District of California, for alleged violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and Title I of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. ("Title VII"). The Action alleged Defendant Sunshine Raisin Corporation dba National Raisin Company ("Defendant National") and Defendant Select (collectively, "Defendants") subjected the Charging Parties and a class of similarly aggrieved individuals (collectively, the "Claimants") working at Defendant National to discrimination based on sex, including a sexually hostile work environment, retaliation and constructive discharge. Specifically, the EEOC alleged that employees of Defendant National sexually harassed temporary employees sent to Defendant National by Defendant Select, and that Defendant Select knew, or should have known of the harassment and failed to respond to that information. This Decree resolves claims against Defendant Select only. Defendant Select denies all allegations of discrimination and wrongdoing of any kind against it. Entry of this Consent Decree does not constitute an admission of liability by Defendant Select.

II. PURPOSES AND SCOPE OF THE CONSENT DECREE

The Parties agree that the EEOC's claims against Defendant Select in the Action should be fully and completely resolved by entry of this Decree with Defendant Select. This Decree is made and entered by and between the EEOC and Defendant Select and shall be binding on and enforceable against Defendant Select and its successors, and assigns during the duration of this Decree as specifically set forth below. Defendant Select will ensure that its officers, directors, and agents do not interfere with the relief herein ordered and cooperate as needed in the implementation of this Decree. The terms of this Decree shall apply to Defendant Select's branches in its Central Valley Region of California ("Central Valley Branches"), including its offices in Fresno, Visalia, and Madera, with respect to its operations that supply temporary workers (hereinafter referred to as "Placed Employees) who are placed in assignments with customers of Select (and not Defendant's internal, non-temporary employees, hereinafter referred to as "Supervisory Employees"), unless otherwise indicated. The Parties enter into this Decree to resolve disputed claims and avoid the time, expense, and uncertainty of further litigation.

III. <u>RELEASE OF CLAIMS</u>

- 2 | A. This Decree fully and completely resolves all issues, claims, and allegations raised by the
- 3 | EEOC against Defendant Select in this Action, including EEOC Charge Nos. 485-2017-00319,
- 4 | 485-2016-00403, and 485-2017-00321.
- 5 B. Nothing in this Decree shall be construed to limit or reduce Defendant Select's obligation
- 6 | to comply fully with Title VII or any other federal employment statute.
- 7 | C. Nothing in this Decree shall be construed to preclude the EEOC from bringing suit to
- 8 | enforce this Decree under Section VI to the extent Defendant Select fails to comply with the
- 9 | terms this Decree.

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- 10 || D. This Decree in no way affects the EEOC's right to bring, process, investigate or litigate
- 11 || charges that are not related to this Action and may be in existence or may later arise against
- 12 | Defendant Select in accordance with standard EEOC procedures.

IV. <u>JURISDICTION</u>

- 14 | A. The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this Action. The
- 15 | Action asserts claims that, if proven, would authorize the Court to grant the relief.
- 16 | B. The Court finds the terms and provisions of this Decree are fair, reasonable and just.
- 17 | C. This Decree conforms to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Title VII and does not
- 18 derogate the rights or privileges of any person. The entry of this Decree will further the
- 19 objectives of Title VII and be in the best interests of the Parties.
- 20 | D. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this Action for the duration of the Decree for the
- 21 | purposes of entering all orders, judgments and decrees that may be necessary to fully implement
- 22 || the relief provided herein.

V. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF DECREE</u>

- 24 | A. The provisions and agreements contained herein are effective on the date which this
- 25 | Decree is entered by the Court ("Effective Date").
- 26 | B. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Decree shall remain in effect for three (3) years
- 27 || after the Effective Date. However, this Decree may sunset two and a half (2.5) years after the
- 28 | Effective Date if the EEOC in its sole discretion determines that Defendant Select has

substantially complied with the terms and conditions of the Decree as of 2.25 years after the Effective Date, with such determination not to be unreasonably withheld.

VI. <u>COMPLIANCE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION</u>

A. EEOC Review Regarding Compliance

The EEOC may review Defendant Select's compliance with any provision of this Decree upon reasonable notice. The EEOC may request copies of documents created or received by the Defendant Select in connection with its compliance with this Decree. Defendant Select will comply with any such request to review within thirty (30) days of the EEOC's request.

B. Dispute Resolution

- 1. The Parties agree that if the EEOC reasonably believes that Defendant Select has failed to comply with any provision of this Decree, the EEOC may bring an action before this Court to enforce the Decree. The EEOC may immediately initiate an enforcement action in this Court for non-compliance related to non-payment of monies under this Decree. For other disputes regarding Defendant Select's compliance, the EEOC will notify Defendant Select and their legal counsel of record, in writing, of the nature of the dispute prior to initiating an enforcement action and Select will have a reasonable amount of time to address the EEOCs' concerns and take any necessary corrective action but no more than thirty (30) days unless the EEOC agrees. This notice shall specify the particular provision(s) with which the EEOC believes Select has failed to comply.
- 2. The Parties agree to cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to resolve any dispute referenced in the notice of the alleged non-compliance.
- 3. The EEOC may initiate an enforcement action in this Court for non-compliance related to non-monetary terms thirty (30) days after providing notice of the nature of the dispute, if the Parties have reached no resolution or agreement to extend the time further, to the extent the alleged non-compliance has not yet been remedied. The EEOC may apply to the Court for appropriate relief relative to enforcement of the Decree.
- 4. EEOC may petition this Court for resolution of the dispute, seeking all available relief, including an extension of the term of the Decree and/in securing compliance with the

The EEOC shall determine who is a Claimant based on the EEOC's assessment of the facts and

of the damages available under Title VII. Defendant agrees that the EEOC's determination of

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Select in an available position for which she is qualified. The Claimant will be required to

submit copies and any related correspondence to the EEOC.

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F. Characterization of Relief. The EEOC has the sole discretion to characterize the monetary relief amount to each Claimant as wage or non-wage compensation. The Claims Administrator shall obtain necessary tax-related documents from Claimants prior to making payment. Defendant Select and/or the Claims Administrator shall issue the necessary tax documents, as applicable, within a reasonable time period. For non-wage compensation, the Claims Administrator and/or Defendant Select shall issue Claimants a Form 1099. No tax withholdings shall be made for non-wage compensation. For wage compensation, the Claims Administrator and/or Defendant Select shall issue Claimants an IRS Form W-2. The Claims Administrator and/or Defendant Select shall pay the employer's portion of all deductions required by law, including but not limited to FICA and FUTA taxes, which shall not be deducted from payment of the monetary settlement amount(s) to Claimants. Defendant Select shall make all appropriate reports to the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities.

G. *Undeliverable or Unnegotiated Checks.* If any checks are returned undeliverable or are not cashed or otherwise negotiated within thirty (30) days after mailing to the Claimants, the Claims Administrator will provide prompt notice to the EEOC of whose checks have not been negotiated. The Claims Administrator will work with the EEOC to carry out the intent and spirit of the Decree to ensure payments are made to Claimants. Upon receiving notice from that a Claimant has not negotiated a check, the Claims Administrator and the EEOC will attempt to resolve the issue and provide Defendant Select with an alternative address or delivery method to provide payment to the Claimant. The Claims Administrator will promptly reissue checks.

IX. CLAIMANT SPECIFIC INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Defendant Select shall remove from its personnel files any references to the charges of discrimination filed against Defendants or Charging Parties or Claimants' participation in this Action. Defendant Select shall provide neutral references about Charging Parties or Claimants and direct all reference inquiries to a Human Resources ("HR") representative, who will provide a neutral employment reference, limited to verifying whether Charging Parties or Claimants were employed by Defendants as a temporary employee, the last position in which they were employed, and the duration of their employment with Defendants.

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Charging Parties and Claimants are entitled to seek future placement with Defendant as Placed Employees and are not prohibited from being placed on assignment through Defendant. If a Claimant completes the onboarding process and is hired, the Claimant will be considered for placement in an available position for which she is qualified. Claimants will not be given any special treatment or placed ahead of other qualified applicants. In order to be considered for placement, Claimants must follow instructions on policies, including, but not limited to, contacting the Branch office to advise of their availability and interest in placement in an open position. The Monitor will cross reference the list of placements with the list of Claimants and will report to the EEOC semi-annually regarding placement of Claimants, listing all Claimants who were placed into an available position in the prior 6-month period. The Monitor will also report regarding Claimants who applied for placement and that completed onboarding but were not placed.

X. GENERAL INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

A. Anti-Discrimination

Defendant Select, its directors, officers, agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, management (including all supervisory and lead employees), successors, assigns, and all those in active concert or participation with them, or any of them, shall not: (i) engage in harassment in violation of Title VII, including harassment of any employee on the basis of their sex and/or gender; (ii) engage in or become a party to any action, policy, or practice that is intended or is known to have the effect of discriminating and/or creating a hostile work environment in violation of Title VII, including on the basis of any employee's sex/gender; or (iii) create, facilitate, or permit a hostile work environment that is hostile to employees in violation of Title VII, including on the basis of sex and/or gender. In this respect, Defendant Select shall take prompt corrective action to address any such discrimination or harassment of which it has actual or constructive knowledge taking place at entities subcontracted to or in active concert or participation with Defendant Select.

В. Anti-Retaliation

Defendant Select, its directors, officers, agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, management

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concert or participation with them, or any of them, shall abide by Title VII and shall not engage in or implement any action, policy, or practice that retaliates against any current or former employee or applicant because they have: (i) opposed any practice that he or she believed to be discriminatory, harassing, or retaliatory; (ii) filed a charge of discrimination alleging such a practice; (iii) testified or participated in any manner in any investigation (including any internal investigation undertaken by Defendant Select) or proceeding in connection with this case and/or relating to any claim of a Title VII violation; (iv) been identified as a possible witness or claimant in this Action; (v) asserted any rights under this Decree; (vi) sought and/or received any relief in accordance with this Decree; or (vii) is associated with an employee who has engaged in the activities set forth above. In this respect, Defendant Select shall take prompt corrective action to address any such retaliation of which it has actual or constructive knowledge taking place at entities subcontracted to or in active concert or participation with Defendant Select.

XI. SPECIFIC INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

A. **Equal Employment Opportunity Monitor**

Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, Defendant Select shall designate one of its own employees as its Equal Employment Opportunity Monitor ("Monitor"), approved by the EEOC, with demonstrated experience in the areas of preventing and combatting sexual harassment in the workplace. The Monitor shall have access to documents and employees of Defendant Select and shall monitor Defendant Select's compliance with Title VII, and the provisions of this Decree. In the event the Monitor can no longer perform his or her responsibilities, Defendant Select shall immediately notify the EEOC and the EEOC shall work with Defendant Select in its decision to select a replacement. Defendant Select shall bear all costs associated with the selection and retention of the Monitor and the performance of the Monitor's duties.

For the term of the Decree, the Monitor's responsibilities shall include:

1. Identify any areas for improvement in Defendant Select's response to complaints of sexual harassment;

- 2. Reviewing Defendant Select's policies, practices, and procedures regarding discrimination and complaint procedures, to include a clear definition and prohibition of sexual harassment, an effective and accessible complaint mechanism, and wide distribution and accessibility of those policies to all Defendant Select's employees to ensure they know how to file a complaint regarding discrimination;
- 3. Reviewing Defendant Select's training curriculum and implementation of training to ensure the trainings are effective in communicating how to identify sex-based harassment or discrimination, that Defendant Select does not tolerate sex based harassment or discrimination, the importance of documenting such complaints, and the need to follow-up where multiple allegations are received;
- 4. Assisting Defendant Select with the maintenance of a Complaint Log described below, including the creation of a centralized tracking system, and reviewing the Complaint Log and underlying documentation for complaints of sexual harassment or retaliation allegedly related to reporting sexual harassment;
- 5. Reviewing, evaluating, and monitoring all alleged sexual harassing or retaliatory conduct related to sex harassment, including reviewing documents related to complaints, investigations and resolution, to track and provide feedback and oversight on Defendant's practices regarding; documenting complaints received by Defendant Select alleging harassment or retaliation related to reporting of sexual harassment, including the retention and maintenance of relevant documents and records to ensure all complaints are properly documented and tracked; investigation, resolution, and proper handling by Defendant Select of all complaints received by Defendant Select regarding harassing or retaliatory conduct as to associates; evaluating whether complaints of sexual harassment and/or retaliation are properly documented and handled; reviewing all disciplinary actions taken by Defendant Select in response to complaints of sexual harassment and/or retaliation to ensure discipline is consistent in preventing and correcting the conduct; communication and cooperation between Defendant Select regarding complaints of harassing and/or retaliatory conduct that may affect Defendant's temporary employees; and taking all reasonable steps to prevent and correct further harassment when it concludes an

employee or third party more likely than not engaged in sexual harassment;

- 6. Ensuring that interested Claimants are not treated differently than other applicants if Claimants apply for re-employment with Defendant Select and not subjected to retaliation in connection with their involvement in this lawsuit;
- 7. Ensuring that Defendant Select communicates with clients regarding its policies and procedures and regarding the clients' policies and procedures as to Placed Employees, communicates with clients where complaints of sexual harassment are lodged by Select temporary employees and takes reasonable steps to confirm that the client has taken appropriate corrective action. If there are impediments to Defendant Select's ability to carry out this provision, then such limitations will be reported to the Monitor;
- 8. Preparing an annual report and exit report to the EEOC on Defendant Select's progress and compliance under this Decree;
- 9. Monitoring and ensuring the retention and maintenance of any documents or records required by this Decree;
- 10. Monitoring and ensuring the distribution of any documents, notices, policies and procedures as required by this Decree; and
- 11. Otherwise ensuring Defendant Select's full compliance with the spirit and letter of the terms of this Decree and Title VII.

B. <u>EEO Compliance Audits</u>

1. Complaint Audits. Within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date and on a semi-annual basis thereafter for the duration of the Decree, Defendant Select shall provide the EEOC with a copy of all complaints of sexual harassment and/or retaliation lodged by or on behalf of a Placed Employees in the defined scope during the year of the report, with the first report including any such complaints received between the Effective Date and the date of the report, and documentation describing investigative and corrective actions taken regarding those complaints. Upon request by the EEOC, Defendant shall produce additional documents related to the complaint or investigation, within thirty (30) days of the request.

C. <u>Policies and Procedures</u>

1. Policies and Procedures. Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date,						
Defendant Select shall review and revise, if necessary, its policies and procedures on						
discrimination, harassment and retaliation to comply with this Section ("Final Policy"). The						
Final Policy shall be provided to the EEOC for approval. The Final Policy shall be written in a						
clear, easy-to-understand style and format, in Spanish and any dominant language(s) spoken by						
Defendant Select's employees, and be written at a middle-school reading level. The Final Policy						
shall be distributed to all Placed Employees on assignment in California and as part of						
onboarding for new applicants. At all times, the Final Policy shall, at a minimum, include the						
following:						
(i) A strong and clear commitment to preventing unlawful sex discrimination,						
including but not limited to sexual harassment;						
(ii) A strong and clear commitment to preventing retaliation;						

- (iii) A clear and complete definition of sexual harassment and retaliation;
- (iv) A statement that discrimination based on sex, including but not limited to sexual
- (v) A clear and strong encouragement of persons who believe they have been
- (vi) An assurance that appropriate corrective action will promptly be taken to make
- (vii) A description of the consequences, including specific disciplinary actions up to and including termination, that will be imposed upon violators of anti-discrimination policies,
- (viii) A promise of maximum feasible confidentiality for persons who report unlawful discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation, or who participate in an investigation into
- (ix) An assurance of non-retaliation for persons who report unlawful discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation, and for witnesses who provide testimony or assistance in the investigation(s) of such unlawful discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation;

- (x) An assurance that Defendant Select views retaliation against any individual who reports harassment as intolerable conduct that will be addressed immediately and with significant consequences to the retaliating official;
- (xi) A detailed explanation of how complaints or reports can be made by employees, including but not limited to, the identification of all specific individuals, with telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, to whom employees can report their concerns about discrimination, harassment, or retaliation;
- (xii) A clear explanation of the steps an employee must take to report discrimination or retaliation, which must include the options of either an oral or written complaint; and
- (xiii) a statement confirming that the Final Policy applies to client worksites, that employees placed at client worksites can raise complaints to Defendant Select regarding harassing or retaliatory conduct by employees of Defendant or its clients, and assurance that complaints of harassment and/or related retaliation will not negatively impact such employees' opportunities to be considered and/or hired into other positions with Defendant and/or its clients.
- (xiv) a statement that the Final Policy applies to all persons, including managers, supervisors, recruiters, employees and managers of clients, third parties, customers, and Human Resources employees; and
 - (xv) an Internal Complaint Procedure as described below.
 - 2. Internal Complaint Procedure

The Internal Complaint Procedure shall be written in English, Spanish, and, other language(s) deemed necessary by the Monitor, and shall incorporate the following elements:

- 1. A statement encouraging employees to ask questions, share concerns, and provide information about potential harassment and/or related retaliation to Defendant, such as by (1) sharing information with the Human Resources Department, or (2) participating candidly in investigations of potential harassment or related retaliation;
- 2. A clearly described process for submitting complaints of sexual harassment or discrimination, including at client worksites, that includes multiple avenues for employees to lodge complaints of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation verbally or in writing,

- 3. Contact information for lodging complaints, including (a) a direct toll-free phone number and email address or other means of filing a complaint electronically; (b) a toll-free complaint reporting system that Defendant Select will track; and (c) notifying *any* Select recruiter, manager, or Human Resources representative, who will document the complaint and notify HR immediately;
- 4. A clearly described process for a prompt, thorough, and impartial investigation of all complaints of discrimination, harassment or retaliation by Defendant Select, including (a) interviewing all relevant witnesses, including the complainant and employees of Defendant Select and, where and when possible, the client of Select; (b) communicating with the client of Select; (c) review of all relevant evidence; and (d) creation of written investigative reports that document all investigatory steps, any findings and conclusions, and any actions taken, and including all complaints, notes of interviews and other relevant evidence; and (e) recommending corrective and preventative measures.
- 5. Assurance that no complainant shall be required to confront his or her accuser and that the confidentiality of the complaint, complainant and investigation shall be kept to the fullest extent possible;
- 6. An explanation as to how a determination will be made as to whether or not unlawful discrimination, harassment or retaliation occurred, including that Defendant Select's investigation will determine whether it is more likely than not that the unlawful conduct happened;
- 7. Recordkeeping of all complaints of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in a complaint log;
- 8. Resolution of all complaints of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, by Defendant Select, in a timely and effective manner;
- 9. Assurance that Defendant Select will encourage any complainant to contact Defendant Select following resolution of a complaint if the complainant has any questions or concerns about how the complaint was handled and/or if any further issues of concern arise;
 - 10. A requirement that any employee in a recruiter, supervisor, or Human Resources

position document and report any and all observations or complaints of potential sexual harassment, discrimination, or retaliation to Defendant Select's Human Resources Department and the Human Resources Department of the client as reasonably may be practical and appropriate under the circumstances, and that failure to carry out this duty is grounds for disciplinary action;

- 11. A requirement that Defendant Select take reasonable steps to communicate to clients of the Central Valley Branches the expectation that adequate corrective action must be taken if an investigation substantiates that sexual harassment more than likely occurred; and
- 12. An explanation that the internal complaint procedure does not replace the right of any employee to file a charge or complaint of discrimination, harassment or retaliation under any available municipal, state, or federal law, and that filing an internal complaint does not relieve the complainant of meeting any deadline for filing a charge of discrimination. The procedures shall provide contact information for the EEOC, including its website and complaint phone line, and for state and local Fair Employment Practice (FEP) agencies.

The Monitor shall review and assess the effectiveness of Defendant Select's internal complaint procedure. Specifically, the Monitor shall review and assess the investigations and the handling of complaints regarding sexual harassment, discrimination or retaliation on a semi-annual basis. Documents and Defendant's personnel involved in handling the complaints and the investigations will be identified and made available to the EEOC.

3. Distribution of Final Policy. Defendant Select shall distribute the Final Policy to all of Defendant Select's Placed Employees on assignment in California within thirty (30) days of approval by the EEOC, unless Select deems it not reasonably practicable taking into account development of internal systems for distribution via the employee portal. If distribution is delayed for these reasons, Defendant Select shall notify the EEOC of the estimated time for distribution, but will make every effort to distribute the Final Policy within sixty (60) days of EEOC approval. Defendant Select shall disseminate the Final Policy by (i) posting copies in clearly visible areas within its California Branch Offices; and (ii) providing copies to each Placed Employee on assignment electronically via the employee portal. For employees hired and

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retained after the Effective Date, Defendant shall disseminate this information at the time of hire. Defendant Select shall distribute its Final Policy to all employees in the language the employee

D. **Training**

chose to complete onboarding.

- 1. Mandatory Trainings. The training regimen set out in Section XI.D shall be mandatory for the Central Valley Branches and each will occur at least three times during the duration of this Decree. The trainings pursuant to this Decree shall occur within forty-five (45) days of approval of training content. Employees unable to attend the scheduled live training or hired after a Compliance Training are required to attend an alternate training session that is either (a) live and interactive; or (b) a video recording of the live training with an interactive component that can be accessed via the Internet. Defendant Select shall maintain copies of training sign-in sheets for the duration of the Decree. Any such employees will be paid their normal rate of pay during the trainings in compliance with applicable law. An EEOC representative may attend any training on reasonable notice to Defendant Select.
- 2. Live & Interactive Training. All trainings provided pursuant to this Decree shall be live and interactive unless otherwise indicated. The training shall be conducted in-person or via an online platform with live two-way video limited to one hundred (100) participants per training. All training sessions shall be recorded and maintained for the duration of the Decree. All trainings and training materials shall be provided in English, Spanish and any other dominant language(s) commonly spoken by Defendant's employees. Defendant Select shall leave time for question and answer at the conclusion of the training.
- 3. Trainer. All trainings provided pursuant to this Decree must be provided by an outside vendor or a qualified internal human resource or legal professional. Within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, Defendant Select shall submit for review and approval to the EEOC the identity and qualifications of the qualified trainer selected, a description of the trainings to be provided, the training materials, and an outline of the training curriculum.
 - 5. Training for Placed Employees

All Placed Employees in the Central Valley Branches will be required to attend a training

focused on the law with respect to sexual harassment. The training under this section shall cover:

- (a) what constitutes unlawful sex-based discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation, and examples of prohibited conduct;
- (b) the rights and responsibilities of employees and employers under Title VII, including the methods by which employees can report harassing, discriminatory, or retaliatory conduct that they experience, observe, or become aware of and how Select handles complaints;
- (c) methods to prevent sex-based harassment in the workplace, including a component on bystander intervention with examples of how to effectively intervene as a bystander; and
 - (d) Defendant Select's Final Policy.

Before concluding the training, Defendant Select shall provide direct contact information for Defendant Select's Human Resources Department, and for the Reporting System. The EEOC will also be provided the training materials thirty (30) days in advance of each training. This training may be combined with other sexual harassment trainings provided by Select.

6. Training for Supervisory Employees

All Supervisory Employees at the Central Valley Branches and Human Resources representatives responsible for handling complaints for the Central Valley Branches shall attend the live Management and Human Resources Training of at least one (1) hour duration that exclusively focuses on sexual harassment and how to prevent and correct it. The training shall emphasize accountability of staffing agencies. The training shall require the participation of all attendees in interactive activities designed to ensure understanding of their roles and responsibilities in preventing and correcting harassment experienced or alleged by Defendant Select's employees. The training also shall address the following:

- a. The role and purpose of Title VII, including what constitutes unlawful sexual discrimination, a hostile work environment based on sex, and retaliation;
- b. Examples of comments and conduct that alone or together may rise to the level of unlawful sexual discrimination (including discharge and terms and conditions of employment), harassment (including examples of comments and behavior), or retaliation;

- c. Defendant Select's obligations under the Decree, as a staffing agency and to its direct employees, and the role of managers, recruiters, and human resources in complying with the Decree;
- d. Consequences for managers, recruiters, and human resources employees that fail to follow or enforce Defendant Select's Final Policy or carry out their obligation to document and report observations of complaints of alleged sexual harassment or retaliation;
- e. Consequences for employees who engage in conduct that may be considered sexual harassment or retaliation; and
- f. How to properly handle complaints of harassment, discrimination, and retaliation by staffing agency employees, direct employees, third parties, etc.

After the first training under this Decree, subsequent trainings shall include recent developments, if any, relating to a staffing agency / employer's obligations under Title VII with respect to unlawful harassment and retaliation and how to prevent and correct such conduct.

7. Training for Human Resources Representative

All Human Resources representatives responsible for the Central Valley Branches Office with authority to respond to or investigate complaints of discrimination or harassment shall attend a live Investigations Training of one (1) hour duration that exclusively focuses on proper investigative techniques, including proper scope of an investigation and how to deal with alleged repeat offenders. The training shall include examples and emphasize accountability of staffing agencies and management. The training also shall include Defendant Select's Internal Complaint Procedure, and how to respond to, investigate, and resolve complaints of discrimination, harassment or retaliation, including:

- (1) how to conduct thorough and effective investigations, including impartially interviewing all relevant witnesses;
 - (2) how to determine the proper scope of an investigation;
- (3) reporting up the chain of command all alleged discrimination, harassment, and retaliation;
 - (3) how to thoroughly document harassment and discrimination complaint

investigations, including taking and retaining notes of interviews conducted; and

- (4) how to determine the appropriate preventative and corrective actions;
- (5) how to ensure that Defendant Select and/or the client undertakes corrective action reasonably calculated to end harassing conduct and prevent future harassment of Defendant Select's employees;
- (6) post-investigation procedures for monitoring the work environment after receiving a complaint from an employee or third-party; and
 - (7) how to ensure the absence of retaliation after a complaint is lodged.
- 8. Verification of Training. Defendant Select shall produce to the EEOC documents verifying the occurrence of all training sessions conducted as required under this Decree, including the written training materials used, a description of the training provided, a list of the individuals who conducted the training, and copies of sign in sheets for attendees at each training session.

E. <u>Complaint Log</u>

- 1. Within forty-five (45) days of the Effective Date, Defendant Select shall establish a complaint log for centralized tracking of all formal and informal complaints by Placed Employees at its Central Valley Branches regarding sexual harassment or retaliation resulting from complaining of sexual harassment and the monitoring of such complaints to prevent retaliation. This system shall be searchable by name of complainant, alleged perpetrator, worksite, and by location(s) of alleged misconduct. The complaint log shall contain, for each complaint or investigation of sexual discrimination, harassment or retaliation, at least the following information:
- (a) name(s), job title(s), date(s) of employment, and/or assignment, and worksite (if applicable) of the complainant(s);
- (b) name(s), employer, and worksite (if applicable) of the alleged perpetrator(s), if available to Select;
 - (c) date(s), location(s) (including client name), and nature of the complaint;
 - (d) a summary of the complainant(s) allegations; and

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- a description of how Defendant Select learned of the complaint; (e)
- (f) date complaint was made;
- a timeline and description of actions taken in response to the complaint, including (g) the investigation and resolution of the complaint;
 - (h) result of investigation, including any action taken, if any;
- (i) name(s), job title(s), and employer of each individual involved in the investigation and/or resolution decision.

The Monitor shall review all Complaints to ensure Defendant Select is not tolerating sexual harassment at client worksites. The Monitor shall have access to all records and call logs regarding complaints of sexual harassment and retaliation. The Monitor shall assess whether repeat offenders exist and have been accused of sexual harassment or retaliation more than once. Defendant Select shall maintain the database throughout the duration of this Decree and shall produce it to the EEOC on a quarterly basis.

F. Toll-Free Complaint Reporting System

Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant Select shall use a Hotline or online reporting system ("Reporting System") for Placed Employees at its Central Valley Branches to report complaints of discrimination, harassment or retaliation. The Reporting System shall be available in English, Spanish, and any other dominant languages commonly spoken by Defendant Select's employees. The Reporting System shall operate seven days per week, 24 hours per day, record all incoming and outgoing communications, and track and log inquiry and response times. Inquiries received by the Reporting System shall be incorporated into the Complaint Log. The Reporting System shall offer the option to Placed Employees to make an anonymous complaint.

Within forty-five (45) days of the Effective Date, or as soon as reasonably practicable taking into account development of internal system for distribution, Defendant Select shall create and distribute to all Placed Employees on assignment at its Central Valley Branches a one-page Complaint Procedure Flyer in English, Spanish, and any other language commonly spoken by its employees. The Flyer shall include (a) a statement that Defendant Select prohibits sexual

I. <u>Recordkeeping</u>

harassment and takes seriously all allegations of harassment and retaliation; (b) a statement that all employees may complain about discrimination, harassment or retaliation by contacting the Reporting System, available 24-hours per day via telephone, online and/or by email; and (c) the contact information for the Reporting System and the Human Resources Department. Defendant Select shall distribute the Flyer by (a) sending an electronic copy to all employees currently on assignment in the Central Valley Branches; (b) posting the Flyer inside Defendant Select's Central Valley Branches.

G. <u>Posting of Notice</u>

Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, Defendant Select shall post copies of the Notice attached as Exhibit A in its Central Valley Branches. The Notice shall be printed in legible font and include a translation into Spanish and any other dominant language(s) commonly spoken by Defendant Select's employees.

H. Relationship with Clients

Defendant shall provide to its clients of the Central Valley Branches a statement: (a) notifying the client what Defendant reasonably expects the Client to do in the event that a sexual harassment complaint is received, including the investigation of complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation claimed to have taken place in the Client's workplace, and requesting the client to liaison with Defendant in the investigation, sharing of information and resolution of the complaint; (b) requesting the client notify Defendant's branch managers or the account executive for the respective client in writing within five (5) business days of receiving a formal or informal complaint of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation involving allegations by or against an employee of Defendant; (c) requesting the client and Defendant reasonably endeavor to coordinate investigations into all complaints of discrimination, harassment, and/or retaliation involving any employees at the client's worksite; and (d) notifying the client that it is expected to take appropriate remedial action where required by law in the instance where discrimination, harassment or retaliation is found to have occurred. Defendant shall provide a copy of this statement to the EEOC.

1	implementation of its obligations under this Decree.			
2	XIII. COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES			
3	Each Party shall bear its own costs of suit and attorneys' fees.			
4	XIV. EEOC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER			
5	IRC SECTIONS 162(f) AND 6050X			
6	The EEOC may be required to report the fact of this settlement to the IRS under Section			
7	162(f) and 6050X of the Internal Revenue Code which allow for certain payments by employers			
8	to be deducted from the employer's taxes. If the EEOC is required to do so, the EEOC will			
9	provide the employer with a copy of the 1098-F form that it will provide to the Internal Revenue			
10	Service (IRS).			
11	1. The Defendant's EIN is: 77-0528189.			
12	The individual to whom the EEOC should mail a copy of the form 1098-F, if the EEOC			
13	is required to issue one is:			
14	Alissa Greenwalt, c/o Gerald L. Maatman, Jr., Duane Morris LLP 190 South			
15	LaSalle Street, Suite 3700, Chicago, IL 60603-3433			
16	2. The EEOC has made no representations regarding whether the amount paid			
17	pursuant to this settlement qualifies for the deduction under the Internal Revenue Code.			
18	3. The provision of the Form 1098-F by the EEOC does not mean that the			
19	requirements to claim a deduction under the Internal Revenue Code have been met.			
20	4. Any decision about a deduction pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code will be			
21	made solely by the IRS with no input from the EEOC.			
22	5. The parties are not acting in reliance on any representations made by the EEOC			
23	regarding whether the amounts paid pursuant to this agreement qualify for a deduction under the			
24	Internal Revenue Code.			
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XV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Unless otherwise stated, all notices, reports and correspondence required under the Decree shall be delivered (1) by U.S. Mail to the attention of Anna Y. Park, Regional Attorney, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 255 East Temple Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and (2) by email to lado.legal@eeoc.gov. Defendant Select shall maintain copies of all such notices, reports and correspondence for the duration of the Decree.
- B. During the duration of the Decree, Defendant Select shall assure that each of its directors, officers, human resources personnel, managers, and supervisors at its Central Valley Branches are aware of any term(s) of this Decree which may be related to his/her job duties. Select shall also provide any successor-in-interest with a copy of the Decree within a reasonable time of not less than thirty (30) days prior to the execution of any agreement for acquisition or assumption of control of any or all of Select's facilities within the scope of this Decree, and simultaneously inform the EEOC of the same.
- C. The Parties agree to entry of this Decree and judgment subject to final approval by the Court. All parties, through the undersigned, respectfully apply for and consent to this entry of this Consent Decree Order.

XVI. COUNTERPARTS AND FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Decree may be signed in counterparts. A facsimile signature shall have the same force and effect of an original signature or copy thereof.

All parties, through the undersigned, respectfully apply for and consent to the entry of this Decree as an Order of this Court.

Dated: July 1, 2024	Ву:	/s/ Anna Y. Park Anna Y. Park Regional Attorney for Plaintiff EEOC
Dated: June 27, 2024	By:	/s/ Gerald L. Maatman, Jr.

Gerald L. Maatman, Jr. Attorney for Defendant Real Time Staffing Services, LLC dba Select Staffing

1	Dated: July 1, 2024 By: /s/ Alissa C. Greenwat		
2	Alissa C. Greenwat Representative for Defendant Real Time Staffing		
3	Services, LLC dba Select Staffing		
4	[PROPOSED] ORDER		
5	The provisions of the foregoing Consent Decree are hereby approved and compliance		
6	with all provisions thereof is HEREBY ORDERED.		
7	with an provisions thereof is HEREBT ORDERED.		
8	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
9	Dated: July 24, 2024 United States district Judge		
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EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

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The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California against Real Time Staffing Services, LLC dba Select Staffing ("Select Staffing") and Sunshine Raisin Corporation dba National Raisin Company ("National Raisin"), Case No. 1:21-CV-01424-JLT-HBK. The EEOC alleged that a class of temporary employees of Select were subjected to sexual harassment, constructive discharge, and/or retaliation working at National Raisin in violation of Title VII. Select Staffing and the EEOC have agreed to resolve the lawsuit, and have entered into a Consent Decree in which Select Staffing agreed to pay monetary relief and to implement various additional measures such as designating an EEO Monitor, revising anti-discrimination policies and procedures, training, tracking complaints, and providing EEOC with periodic reports.

Select Staffing is committed to complying with federal anti-discrimination laws in all respects and encourages reporting of discriminatory, harassing and/or retaliatory conduct. Sexual harassment and retaliation will not be tolerated. Any employee who files a complaint or charge of discrimination, gives testimony or assistance, or participates in any manner in an investigation will be protected from retaliation.

Federal law prohibits harassment or discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment because of a person's sex. Federal law also prohibits retaliation for those who oppose or resist harassment or discrimination or participate in investigations regarding complaints of discrimination.

If you believe that you have been subjected to discrimination or harassment because of your sex, you may follow Select Staffing's procedures and/or you may seek assistance from:

> U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION 255 East Temple Street, 4th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90012 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (213) 669-4000

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL NOTICE AND MUST NOT BE DEFACED BY ANYONE.

This Notice shall remain posted for a term of four (4) years.