UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Yong Xin Wang, individually and on behalf all other employees similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

- against -

Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion, Wen Tao Wang, Wen Yue Wang, Henry "Doe" (last name unknown),

Defendants.

Case No.

COLLECTIVE ADD CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Yong Xin Wang ("Yong Xin") on his own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their undersigned attorneys, Hang & Associates, PLLC, hereby files this complaint against the Defendants Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion, Wen Tao Wang, Wen Yue Wang, Henry "Doe" (last name unknown) (collectively "Defendants"), alleges and shows the Court the following:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. This is an action brought by Plaintiff on his own behalf and on behalf of similarly situated employees, alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. ("FLSA") and the New York Labor Law, arising from Defendants' various willful and unlawful employment policies, patterns and/or practices.
- 2. Upon information and belief, Defendants have willfully and intentionally committed widespread violations of the FLSA and NYLL by engaging in a pattern and practice of failing to pay their employees, including Plaintiff, overtime compensation for all hours worked over forty (40) each workweek and the spread of hours premium.

- 3. Plaintiff alleges pursuant to the FLSA, that he is entitled to recover from the Defendants: (1) unpaid overtime wages, (2) liquidated damages, (3) prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and (4) attorneys' fees and costs.
- 4. Plaintiff further alleges pursuant to New York Labor Law § 650 et seq. and 12 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations §§ 146 ("NYCRR") that he is entitled to recover from the Defendants: (1) unpaid overtime compensation, (2) unpaid "spread of hours" premium for each day he worked ten (10) or more hours, (3) compensation for failure to provide wage notice at the time of hiring and failure to provide paystubs in violation of the NYLL (4) liquidated damages equal to the sum of unpaid "spread of hours" premium and unpaid overtime pursuant to the NY Wage Theft Prevention Act; (5) prejudgment and post-judgment interest; and (6) attorney's fees and costs.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has original federal question jurisdiction over this controversy under 29 U.S.C. §216(b), 28 U.S.C. § 1331, and has supplemental jurisdiction over the New York Labor Law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).
- 6. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of New York pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c), because Defendants conduct business in this District, and the acts and omissions giving rise to the claims herein alleged took place in this District.

PLAINTIFF

7. Plaintiff Yong Xin Wang is a resident of New York City and was employed by Defendants to work at their restaurant New Hama Fusion, located at 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 1180,3 as a fry wok, from April 2016 until November 30, 2016.

DEFENDANTS

- 8. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Jason Japanese Food Inc. owns and operates a restaurant under the name New Hama Fusion in Nassau County NY located at 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803.
- 9. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion had gross sales in excess of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per year. Upon information and belief Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion purchased and handled goods moved in interstate commerce.
- 10. Upon information and belief, Defendant Wen Tao Wang, is the owner, officer, director and/or managing agent of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion at 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803 and participated in the day-to-day operations of New Hama Fusion and acted intentionally and maliciously and is an employer pursuant to FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §203d, and regulations promulgated thereunder, 29 C.F.R. §791.2, NYLL §2 and the regulations thereunder, and is jointly and severally liable with Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion.
- 11. Upon information and belief, Defendant Wen Tao Wang owns the stock of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion and manages and makes all business decisions including but not limited to the amount in salary the employee will receive and the number of hours employees will work. (See Exhibit 2).
- 12. Upon information and belief, Defendant Wen Yue Wang, is the owner, officer, director and/or managing agent of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion at 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803 and participated in the day-to-day operations of New Hama Fusion and acted intentionally and maliciously and is an employer pursuant to FLSA, 29

U.S.C. §203d, and regulations promulgated thereunder, 29 C.F.R. §791.2, NYLL §2 and the regulations thereunder, and is jointly and severally liable with Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion.

- 13. Upon information and belief, Defendant Wen Yue Wang owns the stock of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion and manages and makes all business decisions including but not limited to the amount in salary the employee will receive and the number of hours employees will work. (See Exhibit 2).
- 14. Upon information and belief, Defendant Henry "Doe" (last name unknown), is the owner, officer, director and/or managing agent of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion at 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803 and participated in the day-to-day operations of New Hama Fusion and acted intentionally and maliciously and is an employer pursuant to FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §203d, and regulations promulgated thereunder, 29 C.F.R. §791.2, NYLL §2 and the regulations thereunder, and is jointly and severally liable with Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion.
- 15. Upon information and belief, Defendant Henry "Doe" (last name unknown) owns the stock of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion and manages and makes all business decisions including but not limited to the amount in salary the employee will receive and the number of hours employees will work. (See Exhibit 2).
- 16. At all times relevant herein, Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion was, and continues to be, an "enterprise engaged in commerce" within the meaning of FLSA.
- 17. At all relevant times, the work performed by Plaintiff was directly essential to the business operated by Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion.

- 18. At all relevant times, Defendants knowingly and willfully failed to pay Plaintiff his lawfully earned overtime compensation and spread-of-hour premiums, and failed to provide him a wage notice at the time of hiring in violation of the NYLL.
- 19. Plaintiff has fulfilled all conditions precedent to the institution of this action and/or conditions have been waived.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 20. Defendants committed the following alleged acts knowingly, intentionally and willfully.
- 21. Defendants knew that the nonpayment of overtime pay, spread of hours pay, failure to provide the required wage notice at the time of hiring would injure Plaintiff and similarly situated employees and violate state and federal laws.
- 22. From on or around April 2016 to on or around November 30, 2016 Plaintiff was hired by Defendants to work as a Fry Wok for Defendants' restaurant located at 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803
- 23. Plaintiff generally worked six days a week with one day off on Tuesday. Plaintiff's daily work hours ran from 11:00 to 22:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, for eleven (11) hours, and on Fridays the Plaintiff worked from 11:00 to 23:00 for (12) hours. There was a one hour and thirty minutes break per day for the weekday schedule from 15:00 to 16:30.
- 24. On Saturdays the Plaintiff worked from 12:00 to 23:00 without any break, for eleven (11) hours and on Sunday he worked from 11:30 till 22:00 without any break, for nine and a half (9.5) hours. Plaintiff worked at least fifty-nine and a half (59.5) hours per week.
- 25. Regardless of the number of hours Plaintiff's worked, he was paid a flat rate of \$600 per week from April 2016 to around September 2016. Starting from October 2016 until the

end of Plaintiff's employment he was paid \$650 per week. Plaintiff was paid on a bi-weekly basis with a combination of check and cash.

- 26. Plaintiff was not required to utilize any means of recording or verifying his hours worked (e.g. punch clock, sign-in sheet, fingerprint or ID scanner).
- 27. Defendants did not compensate Plaintiff for overtime compensation according to state and federal laws.
- 28. Plaintiff was not compensated for New York's "spread of hours" premium for shifts that exceed ten (10) hours, six (6) days a week.
 - 29. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff with a wage notices at the time ofhis hiring
- 30. Defendants committed the following alleged acts knowingly, intentionally and willfully.
- 31. Defendants knew that the nonpayment of overtime and the "spread of hours" premium would economically injure Plaintiff and the Class Members by their violation of federal and state laws.
- 32. While employed by Defendants, Plaintiff was not exempt under federal and state laws requiring employers to pay employees overtime.
- 33. Plaintiff and the New York Class Members' workdays frequently lasted longer than 10 hours.
- 34. Defendants did not pay Plaintiff and other Class members' New York's "spread of hours" premium for every day in which they worked over 10 hours.
 - 35. Defendants failed to keep full and accurate records of Plaintiff's hours and wages.
- 36. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff and other Class members with written notices about the terms and conditions of their employment upon hire in relation to their rate of pay, regular

pay cycle and rate of overtime pay. These notices were similarly not provided upon Plaintiff and other Class members' pay increase(s).

37. Defendants committed the foregoing acts against the Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective Plaintiff.

COLLECTIVE ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 38. Defendants knowingly and willfully operated their business with a policy of not paying Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees either the FLSA overtime rate (of time and one-half), or the New York State overtime rate (of time and one-half), in violation of the FLSA and New York Labor Law and the supporting federal and New York State Department of Labor Regulations.
- 39. Defendants knowingly and willfully operated their business with a policy of not paying the New York State "spread of hours" premium to Plaintiff and other similarly situated employees.
- 40. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all other and former non-exempt employees who have been or were employed by the Defendants for up to the last three (3) years, through entry of judgment in this case (the "Collective Action Period") and whom failed to receive spread-of-hours pay and overtime compensation for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week (the "Collective Action Members"), and have been subject to the same common decision, policy, and plan to not provide required wage notices at the time of hiring, in contravention to federal and state labor laws.
- 41. Upon information and belief, the Collection Action Members are so numerous the joinder of all members is impracticable. The identity and precise number of such persons are unknown, and the facts upon which the calculations of that number may be ascertained are

presently within the sole control of the Defendants. Upon information and belief, there are more than ten (10) Collective Action members, who have worked for or have continued to work for the Defendants during the Collective Action Period, most of whom would not likely file individual suits because they fear retaliation, lack adequate financial resources, access to attorneys, or knowledge of their claims. Therefore, Plaintiff submits that this case should be certified as a collection action under the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §216(b).

- 42. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Collective Action Members, and have retained counsel that is experienced and competent in the field of employment law and class action litigation. Plaintiff has no interests that are contrary to or in conflict with those members of this collective action.
- 43. This action should be certified as collective action because the prosecution of separate action by individual members of the collective action would risk creating either inconsistent or varying adjudication with respect to individual members of this class that would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interest of the other members not party to the adjudication, or subsequently impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
- 44. A collective action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, inasmuch as the damages suffered by individual Collective Action Members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation makes it virtually impossible for the members of the collective action to individually seek redress for the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as collective action.
- 45. Questions of law and fact common to members of the collective action predominate over questions that may affect only individual members because Defendants have acted on grounds

generally applicable to all members. Among the questions of fact common to Plaintiff and other Collective Action Members are:

- a. Whether the Defendants employed Collective Action members within the meaning of the FLSA;
- b. Whether the Defendants failed to pay the Collective Action Members the minimum wage in violation of the FLSA and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- c. Whether the Defendants failed to pay the Collective Action Members overtime wages for all hours worked above forty (40) each workweek in violation of the FLSA and the regulation promulgated thereunder;
- d. Whether the Defendants failed to pay the Collective Action Members spread of hours payment for each day an employee worked over 10 hours;
- e. Whether the Defendants failed to provide the Collective Action Members with a wage notice at the time of hiring as required by the NYLL;
- f. Whether the Defendants' violations of the FLSA are willful as that terms is used within the context of the FLSA; and,
- g. Whether the Defendants are liable for all damages claimed hereunder, including but not limited to compensatory, punitive, and statutory damages, interest, costs and disbursements and attorneys' fees.
- 46. Plaintiff knows of no difficulty that will be encountered in the management of this litigation that would preclude its maintenance as a collective action.
- 47. Plaintiff and others similarly situated have been substantially damaged by Defendants' unlawful conduct.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 48. Plaintiff brings his NYLL claims pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("F. R. C. P.") Rule 23, on behalf of all non-exempt persons employed by Defendants' business as New Hama Fusion on or after the date that is six years before the filing of the Complaint in this case as defined herein (the "Class Period").
- 49. All said persons, including Plaintiff, is referred to herein as the "Class." The Class members are readily ascertainable. The number and identity of the Class members are determinable from the records of Defendants. The hours assigned and worked, the positions held, and the rate of pay for each Class Member is also determinable from Defendants' records. For purpose of notice and other purposes related to this action, their names and addresses are readily available from Defendants. Notice can be provided by means permissible under said F.R.C.P 23.
- 50. The proposed Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable, and the disposition of their claims as a class will benefit the parities and the Court. Although the precise number of such persons is unknown, and the facts on which the calculation of the number is presently within the sole control of the Defendants, upon information and belief, there are more than ten (30) members of the class.
- 51. Plaintiff's claims are typical of those claims which could be alleged by any member of the Class, and the relief sought is typical of the relief that would be sought by each member of the Class in separate actions. All the Class members were subject to the same corporate practices of Defendants, as alleged herein, of failing to pay overtime compensation. Defendants' corporation wide policies and practices, including but not limited to their failure to provide a wage notice at the time of hiring, affected all Class members similarly, and Defendants benefited from the same type of unfair and/ or wrongful acts as to each Class member. Plaintiff

and other Class members sustained similar losses, injuries and damages arising from the same unlawful policies, practices and procedures.

- 52. Plaintiff is able to fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class and has no interests antagonistic to the Class. Plaintiff is represented by attorneys who are experienced and competent in representing plaintiffs in both class action and wage and hour employment litigation cases.
- 53. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, particularly in the context of wage and hour litigation where individual Class members lack the financial resources to vigorously prosecute corporate defendants. Class action treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary duplication of efforts and expenses that numerous individual actions engender. The losses, injuries, and damages suffered by each of the individual Class members are small in the sense pertinent to a class action analysis, thus the expenses and burden of individual litigation would make it extremely difficult or impossible for the individual Class members to redress the wrongs done to them. Further, important public interests will be served by addressing the matter as a class action. The adjudication of individual litigation claims would result in a great expenditure of Court and public resources; however, treating the claims as a class action would result in a significant saving of these costs. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would create a risk of inconsistent and/or varying adjudications with respect to the individual members of the Class, establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants and resulting in the impairment of class members' rights and the disposition of their interests through actions to which they were not parties. The issues in this

action can be decided by means of common, class-wide proof. In addition, if appropriate, the Court can, and is empowered to, fashion methods to efficiently manage this action as a class action.

- 54. Upon information and belief, Defendants and other employers throughout the state violate the New York Labor Law. Current employees are often afraid to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. Former employees are fearful of bringing claims because doing so can harm their employment, future employment, and future efforts to secure employment. Class actions provide class members who are not named in the complaint a degree of anonymity which allows for the vindication of their rights while eliminating or reducing these risks.
- 55. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class which predominate over any questions affecting only individual class members, including:
 - a. Whether Defendants employed Plaintiff and the Class within the meaning of the New York law;
 - b. Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to overtime under the New York Labor Law;
 - c. Whether Defendants maintained a policy, pattern and/or practice of failing to pay Plaintiff and the Rule 23 Class spread-of-hours pay as required by the NYLL;
 - d. Whether the Defendants provided wage notices at the time of hiring to Plaintiff and class members as required by the NYLL;
 - e. At what common rate, or rates subject to common method of calculation were and are the Defendants required to pay the Class members for their work.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

COUNT I

[Violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act—Overtime Wage Brought on behalf of the Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective]

- 56. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 57. The FLSA provides that no employer engaged in commerce shall employ a covered employee for a work week longer than forty (40) hours unless such employee receives compensation for employment in excess of forty (40) hours at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he or she is employed, or one and one-half times the minimum wage, whichever is greater. 29 USC §207(a).
- 58. The FLSA provides that any employer who violates the provisions of 29 U.S.C. §207 shall be liable to the employees affected in the amount of their unpaid overtime compensation, and in an additional equal amount as liquidated damages. 29 USC §216(b).
- 59. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the FLSA Collective their overtime pay violated the FLSA.
- 60. At all relevant times, Defendants had, and continue to have, a policy of practice of refusing to pay overtime compensation at the statutory rate of time and a half to Plaintiff and Collective Action Members for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per workweek, which violated and continues to violate the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§201, et seq., including 29 U.S.C. §§207(a)(1) and 215(a).
- 61. The FLSA and supporting regulations required employers to notify employees of employment law requires employers to notify employment law requirements. 29 C.F.R. §516.4.

- 62. Defendants willfully failed to notify Plaintiff and FLSA Collective of the requirements of the employment laws in order to facilitate their exploitation of Plaintiff's and FLSA Collectives' labor.
- 63. Defendants knowingly and willfully disregarded the provisions of the FLSA as evidenced by their failure to compensate Plaintiff and Collective Class Members the statutory overtime rate of time and one half for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) per week when they knew or should have known such was due and that failing to do so would financially injure Plaintiff and Collective Action members.

COUNT II [Violation of New York Labor Law—Overtime Pay]

- 64. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 65. Pursuant to the New York Wage Theft Prevention Act, an employer who fails to pay proper overtime compensation shall be liable, in addition to the amount of any underpayments, for liquidated damages equal to the total of such under-payments found to be due the employee.
- 66. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the Rule 23 Class their overtime pay violated the NYLL.
 - 67. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and the Rule 23 Class was not in good faith.

COUNT III [Violation of New York Labor Law—Spread of Time Pay]

68. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- 69. The NYLL requires employers to pay an extra hour's pay for every day that an employee works an interval in excess of ten hours pursuant to NYLL §§190, et seq., and §§650, et seq., and New York State Department of Labor regulations §146-1.6.
 - 70. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff spread-of-hours pay was not in good faith.

COUNT IV

[Violation of New York Labor Law—Time of Hire Wage Notice Requirement]

- 71. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 72. The Defendants failed to furnish to the Plaintiff at the time of hiring a notice containing the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; allowances, if any, claimed as part of the minimum wage, including tip, meal, or lodging allowances; the regular pay day designated by the employer in accordance with section one hundred ninety-one of this article; the name of the employer; any "doing business as" names used by the employer; the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; the telephone number of the employer, and anything otherwise required by law; in violation of the NYLL, § 195(1).
- 73. Due to the Defendants' violation of the NYLL, § 195(1) each Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, \$50 for each workday that the violation occurred or continued to occur, up to \$5,000, together with costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to New York Labor Law. N.Y. Lab. Law §198(1-b).

COUNT V

[Violation of New York Labor Law—New York Pay Stub Requirement]

74. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

- 75. The NYLL and supporting regulations require employers to provide detailed paystub information to employees every payday. NYLL §195-1(d).
- 76. Defendants have failed to make a good faith effort to comply with the New York Labor Law with respect to compensation of each Plaintiff, and did not provide the pay stub on or after each Plaintiff's payday.
- 77. Due to Defendants' violations of New York Labor Law, Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendants, jointly and severally, \$250 for each workday of the violation, up to \$5,000 for Plaintiff to get her with costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to New York Labor Law N.Y. Lab. Law \$198(1-d).

Prayer for Relief

- 78. WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself, and the FLSA collective Plaintiff and rule 23 class, respectfully request that this court enter a judgment providing the following relief:
 - a) Authorizing Plaintiff at the earliest possible time to give notice of this collective action, or that the court issue such notice, to all persons who are presently, or have been employed by defendants as non-exempt tipped or non-tipped employees. Such notice shall inform them that the civil notice has been filed, of the nature of the action, of their right to join this lawsuit if they believe they were denied proper hourly compensation and premium overtime wages;
 - b) Certification of this case as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;
 - c) Designation of Plaintiff as representatives of the Rule 23 Class, and counsel of record as Class counsel;

- d) Certification of this case as a collective action pursuant to FLSA;
- e) Issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all similarly situated members of the FLSA opt-in class, apprising them of the pendency of this action, and permitting them to assert timely FLSA claims and state claims in this action by filing individual Consent to Sue forms pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and appointing Plaintiff and his counsel to represent the Collective Action Members;
- f) A declaratory judgment that the practices complained of herein are unlawful under FLSA and New York Labor Law;
- g) An injunction against Jason Japanese Food Inc., its officers, agents, successors, employees, representatives and any and all persons acting in concert with them as provided by law, from engaging in each of unlawful practices and policies set forth herein;
- h) An award of unpaid overtime wages due under FLSA and New York Labor Law;
- i) An award of unpaid "spread of hours" premium due under the New York Labor Law;
- j) An award of damages for Defendants' failure to provide wage notice at the time of hiring as required under the New York Labor Law;
- k) An award of liquidated and/or punitive damages as a result of Defendants' knowing and willful failure to pay overtime compensation pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216;
- An award of liquidated and/ or punitive damages as a result of Defendants' willful failure to pay overtime compensation and "spread of hours" premium pursuant to New York Labor Law;
- m) An award of costs and expenses of this action together with reasonable attorneys' and expert fees pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §216(b) and NYLL §§198 and 663;
- n) The cost and disbursements of this action;

o) An award of prejudgment and post-judgment fees;

p) Providing that if any amounts remain unpaid upon the expiration of ninety days

following the issuance of judgment, or ninety days after expiration of the time to appeal

and no appeal is then pending, whichever is later, the total amount of judgment shall

automatically increase by fifteen percent, as required by NYLL §198(4); and

q) Such other and further legal and equitable relief as this Court deems necessary, just,

and proper.

Dated: Flushing, New York January 31, 2018

HANG & ASSOCIATES, PLLC.

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EXHIBIT 1

CONSENT TO SUE UNDER FEDERAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT

I am an employee currently or formerly employed by Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion, Wen Tao Wang, Henry "Doe" and/or related entities. I consent to be a plaintiff in an action to collect unpaid wages. I agree that I am bound by the terms of the Contingent Fee Retainer signed by the named plaintiff in this case.

Wang Yong XIN
Signature

11/25/2018
Date

EXHIBIT 2

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENFORCE SHAREHOLDER LIABILITY FOR SERVICES RENDERED

TO: WANG, WEN TAO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of New York, you are hereby notified that WANG, YONG XIN, and others similarly situated intend to charge you and hold you personally liable, jointly and severally, as one of the ten largest shareholders of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion for all debts, wages, and/or salaries due and owing to them as laborers, servants and/or employees of the said corporations for services performed by them for the said corporations within the six (6) years preceding the date of this notice and have expressly authorized the undersigned, as their attorney, to make this demand on their behalf.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENFORCE SHAREHOLDER LIABILITY FOR SERVICES RENDERED

TO: WANG, WEN YUE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of New York, you are hereby notified that WANG, YONG XIN, and others similarly situated intend to charge you and hold you personally liable, jointly and severally, as one of the ten largest shareholders of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion for all debts, wages, and/or salaries due and owing to them as laborers, servants and/or employees of the said corporations for services performed by them for the said corporations within the six (6) years preceding the date of this notice and have expressly authorized the undersigned, as their attorney, to make this demand on their behalf.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENFORCE SHAREHOLDER LIABILITY FOR SERVICES RENDERED

TO: HENRY "DOE" (Last name unknown)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of New York, you are hereby notified that WANG, YONG XIN, and others similarly situated intend to charge you and hold you personally liable, jointly and severally, as one of the ten largest shareholders of Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion for all debts, wages, and/or salaries due and owing to them as laborers, servants and/or employees of the said corporations for services performed by them for the said corporations within the six (6) years preceding the date of this notice and have expressly authorized the undersigned, as their attorney, to make this demand on their behalf.

EXHIBIT 3

DEMAND BY EMPLOYEES TO INSPECTSHARE RECORDS AND MINUTES PURSUANT TO SECTION 624 OF THE NEW YORK STATE BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW

TO: Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion, Wen Tao Wang, Wen Yue Wang, Henry "Doe" (last name unknown), 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that WANG, YONG XIN and others similarly situated as employees of the above corporations who intend to demand, pursuant to the provisions of Section 630 of the Business Corporation Law of New York, payment of debts, wages and/or salaries due and owing to them as laborers, servants and/or employees of the above corporations for services performed by them for the above corporations within the six (6) years preceding the date of this notice from the ten largest shareholders of the above corporations, and who have expressly authorized the undersigned, as their attorney, to make this demand on their behalf.

HEREBY DEMAND the right to examine, in person or by agent or attorney, during usual business hours, the minutes of the proceedings of the shareholders and records of shareholders of the above corporations and to make extracts there from on or after five (5) days from receipt of this notice.

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| | | | Citizen or Subject of a 3 5 Foreign Nation 6 6 6 Foreign Country | | | | | |
| IV. NATURE OF SUIT | | | EODEETTUDE/DEMATTW | | of Suit Code Descriptions. | | | |
| □ 110 Insurance □ 120 Marine □ 130 Miller Act □ 140 Negotiable Instrument □ 150 Recovery of Overpayment | PERSONAL INJURY 310 Airplane 315 Airplane Product Liability 320 Assault, Libel & Slander 330 Federal Employers' Liability 345 Marine 345 Marine Product Liability 350 Motor Vehicle Product Liability 360 Other Personal Injury 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice CIVIL RIGHTS 440 Other Civil Rights 441 Voting 442 Employment 443 Housing/ Accommodations 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other 448 Education | PERSONAL INJURY 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability 367 Health Care/ Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal Property Damage Product Liability PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: 463 Alien Detainee 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence 530 General 535 Death Penalty Other: 540 Mandamus & Other 550 Civil Rights 555 Prison Condition 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement | FORFEITURE/PENALTY □ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 □ 690 Other LABOR 710 Fair Labor Standards Act □ 720 Labor/Management Relations □ 740 Railway Labor Act □ 751 Family and Medical Leave Act □ 790 Other Labor Litigation □ 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION □ 462 Naturalization Application □ 465 Other Immigration Actions | 322 Appeal 28 USC 158 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 424 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 425 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 425 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 425 Withdrawal 28 USC 167 425 Withdrawal 28 | OTHER STATUTES □ 375 False Claims Act □ 376 Qui Tam (31 USC □ 3729(a)) □ 400 State Reapportionment □ 410 Antitrust □ 430 Banks and Banking □ 450 Commerce □ 460 Deportation □ 470 Racketeer Influenced and □ Corrupt Organizations □ 480 Consumer Credit □ 490 Cable/Sat TV □ 850 Securities/Commodities/ □ Exchange □ 890 Other Statutory Actions □ 891 Agricultural Acts □ 893 Environmental Matters □ 895 Freedom of Information Act □ 896 Arbitration □ 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision □ 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes | | | |
| | moved from 3 the Court Cite the U.S. Civil Sta FLSA 29 USC 21 | Appellate Court tute under which you are fi 6(b) | Reinstated or | er District Litigation Transfer | | | | |
| , i. CAUSE OF ACTION | brief description of ca | iuse: FOR OVERTIME OF | WORK | | | | | |
| VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: | CHECK IF THIS UNDER RULE 2 | IS A CLASS ACTION 3, F.R.Cv.P. | DEMAND \$ | CHECK YES only JURY DEMAND | r if demanded in complaint: : ☐ Yes ※No | | | |
| VIII. RELATED CASI IF ANY | E(S) (See instructions): | JUDGE | | DOCKET NUMBER | | | | |
| DATE 02/01/2018 | | signature of attor s/ Lian Zhu | NEY OF RECORD | | | | | |
| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY RECEIPT # AI | MOUNT | APPLYING IFP | JUDGE _ | MAG. JUI | DGE | | | |

CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.10 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

| Ţ. Lian Zhu | hu | ounsel for Plaintiff | | , do hereby certify that the above captioned civil actio |
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| ŀ | the matter is otherwise ineligible for the | ne following reason | | |
| | DISCLOSURE STAT | EMENT - FEDERAL RU | LES C | CIVIL PROCEDURE 7.1 |
| | Identify any parent corporation | on and any publicly held corporation | on that o | wns 10% or more or its stocks: |
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| 1.) | Is the civil action being filed in the Eas County? Yes | tern District removed from No | a New | York State Court located in Nassau or Suffolk |
| 2.) | If you answered "no" above: a) Did the events or omissions giving r County? Yes | rise to the claim or claims, o No | or a sub | ostantial part thereof, occur in Nassau or Suffoll |
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| Suffolk (| c County, or, in an interpleader action, does the County? Yes No | ne claimant (or a majority of th | e claima | nts, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or ants, if there is more than one) reside in Nassau or |
| | (Note: A corporation shall be considered a | resident of the County in which | ch it has | the most significant contacts). |
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| Eastern District of New York | | | | | | | |
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| Yong Xin Wang, individually and on behalf all other employees similarly situated, Plaintiff(s) v. Jason Japanese Food Inc. d/b/a New Hama Fusion, Wen Tao Wang, Wen Yue Wang, Henry Wang, |)))) (Civil Action No.))))) | | | | | | |
| SUMMONS IN A | SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION | | | | | | |
| To: (Defendant's name and address) Jason Japanese Food Inc., New Hama Fusion, Wen Tao Wang, Wen Yue Wang, Henry Wang 1115 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY 11803 | | | | | | | |
| A lawsuit has been filed against you. | | | | | | | |
| | n must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, | | | | | | |
| If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be a You also must file your answer or motion with the court. | entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. | | | | | | |
| | DOUGLAS C. PALMER CLERK OF COURT | | | | | | |
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Civil Action No.

PROOF OF SERVICE

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| was rec | This summons for (name ceived by me on (date) | ne of individual and title, if an | ny) | | | | | | |
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| | I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true. | | | | | | | | |
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