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18 and JOSEPH and PATRICIA MICHEL,
19 on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated

20 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
21 **COUNTY OF ORANGE**

22 KIRAN SHAH and HEMANGINI PATEL;
23 ANTHONY GODFREY and NAOMI
24 GODFREY; VICTOR GUDZUNAS and
25 JULIE GUDZUNAS; EYNALD DUARTE
26 and MADELEINE DUARTE, on behalf of
27 themselves and all others similarly situated,

28 Plaintiffs,

vs.

PULTE HOME CORPORATION, a
Corporation; MUELLER INDUSTRIES,
INC., a Corporation, and DOES 1-100,

Defendants.

AND RELATED CROSS-CLAIMS.

CASE NO. 30-2014-00731604-CU-CD-CXC
Assigned for all purposes to:
Judge Peter Wilson
Dept. CX-101

**DECLARATION OF JOSEPH
MICHEL IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

**Hearing Date: March 2, 2023
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Dept.: CX-101**

Complaint Filed: 06/30/2014

1 I, JOSEPH MICHEL, declare as follows:

2 1. I am over the age of 18 years and am one of the class representatives in the
3 above-captioned class action. I have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this
4 declaration and if called to testify, I would and could competently testify to such matters. I
5 make this declaration upon my personal knowledge and, if called upon and sworn as a witness, I
6 could and would competently testify hereto.

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8 2. I am represented by my counsel Bridgford, Gleason & Artinian, Kabateck LLP
9 and McNicholas & McNicholas LLP.

10 3. I submit this declaration in support of the motion for preliminary approval of
11 class settlement.

12 4. I am a class member in this class action and have been asked to serve as one of
13 the class representatives in this action. My wife Patricia Michel and I are owners of 4092 Paso
14 Fino Way, Yorba Linda, CA 92886 – a home included within this class action.

15 5. I have been kept apprised of this case through Plaintiff's counsel since I became
16 involved in this action in 2022, when I retained plaintiffs' counsel.

17 6. My counsel has explained to me what my obligations are for serving as a class
18 representative in this matter, and I take those obligations seriously and intend to carry out those
19 obligations to the best of my ability. I understand that I may not put my personal interests
20 ahead of the Class Members' interests as a whole and that my interests cannot be antagonistic to
21 those of the Class. My interests align with those of the Class, because the Class and I share the
22 mutual interest of establishing Defendant's liability and obtaining relief for the Class.

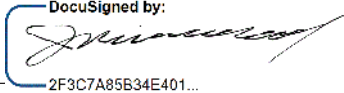
23 7. I have actively worked with my attorneys to assist them in litigating this case,
24 and in the settlement discussions. I have also engaged in several discussions with my counsel
25 regarding the details and status of the lawsuit and settlement. My counsel has routinely
26 informed me of the status of the case and has attended to my questions and concerns about the
27 litigation on my behalf and all similarly situated. I will continue to remain engaged in this
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1 lawsuit through the duration of the litigation and diligently discharge my duties as class
2 representative.

3 8. My counsel has explained to me the terms of the proposed Settlement and
4 answered all questions that I had about its terms. I was fully advised as to the provisions of the
5 proposed Settlement and have reviewed the entire agreement before executing it. I fully support
6 the terms reached within the Settlement and find it to be fair and reasonable when taking into
7 account all aspects of this litigation and the risks as have been explained to me by my counsel.

8 9. I am currently not party to, nor have I been a party to at any time during the
9 course of this litigation, any cases which are similar to this case pending in other jurisdictions.

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11 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
12 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 2/1/2023, 2023 at Yorba Linda,
13 California.

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Shah v. Pulte Homes, et al.

Orange County Superior Court Case No.: 30-2014-00731604

I, the undersigned, declare that:

I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. I am employed in the County where the Proof of Service was prepared and my business address is Law Offices of BRIDGFORD, GLEASON & ARTINIAN, 26 Corporate Plaza, Suite 250, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

On the date set forth below, I served the following document(s): **DECLARATION OF JOSEPH MICHEL IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT** on the interested party(s):

SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

by the following means:

- () **BY MAIL:** By placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid. I am readily familiar with the business practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is processed for collection and mailing it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in Newport Beach, California to the address(es) shown herein.
- () **BY PERSONAL SERVICE:** By placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, I caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the recipients herein shown (as set forth on the service list).
- () **BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY:** I served the foregoing document by Overnight Delivery as follows: I placed true copies of the foregoing document in sealed envelopes or packages designated by the express service carrier, addressed to recipients shown herein (as set forth on the service list), with fees for overnight delivery paid or provided for.
- (X) **BY ELECTRONIC MAIL (EMAIL):** I caused a true copy thereof sent via email to the address(s) shown herein.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: February 3, 2023

/s/Debbie Knipe

Debbie Knipe

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