

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**MICHELLE BENEDICT, THUHA TRAN,
DEBRA KELLEY, TANNA BENNETT,
PATRICIA SANCHEZ, MARY DUNHAM,
and ROBERTA BLEA on behalf of themselves
and others similarly situated,**

Plaintiffs

v.

Case No. D-202-CV-2022-07164

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE,

Defendant.

**ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR CERTIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE ACTION**

THE COURT, having read the Unopposed Motion for Certification of Collective Action,
finds the motion to be well-taken.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Unopposed Motion for Certification of Collective Action is Granted;
2. The Court certifies the following class:

All current and former graded female City employees who are or were employed by the City who were paid less than men for the same work from November 28, 2016 to the date the court enters this order granting certification of the collective action. Excluded from the class are police officers, police service aides, cadets in the Albuquerque Police Academy, those persons employed with the Albuquerque Fire Department and those who opted into the collective action in *Pino et. al. v. City of Albuquerque*, Case No. D-202-CV-2018-03591.

3. Defendant shall produce the requested contact information for class members to counsel
for Plaintiffs no later than fifteen (15) business days from the entry of this Order;

4. Plaintiffs' counsel is authorized to deliver the proposed notice and consent forms to all class members by the most practical means;
5. Plaintiffs' counsel is authorized to publish the Publication Notice once a week in the Albuquerque Journal for a period of two weeks;
6. Defendant shall post notice in a conspicuous place(s) in each department, office, or place of business where class members work; and
7. The opt-in period for class members will last one hundred (100) days from the date Defendant provides the contact information for all potential class members as ordered in paragraph 3.


The Honorable Denise Barela Shepherd
District Court Judge

Approved:

/s/ Alexandra Freedman Smith
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