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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA Peputy

THE PEOPLE ex rel. LILIA GARCIA-BROWER, as Labor Commissioner, etc., Plaintiff and Appellant,

v.

## KOLLA'S INC., Defendant and Respondent.

Christopher Hu is appointed to brief and argue this case, on a pro bono basis, in support of the Court of Appeal's holding that Labor Code section 1102.5, subdivision (b) does not protect an employee from retaliation for disclosing unlawful activity to a person or agency that already knows about the unlawful activity. Before this court, counsel shall represent this position, and not any party.

For purposes of California Rules of Court, rule 8.520, appointed pro bono counsel will be treated as the opposing party and the brief will be treated as the answer brief. Appointed counsel shall serve and file the answer brief on or before March 10, 2022. That brief must comply with the length limitations for an answer brief. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.520(c).)

Petitioner may serve and file a reply brief within 20 days after appointed pro bono counsel timely files the answer brief. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.520(a)(3).)

Any application for permission to file an amicus curiae brief may be filed pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 8.520(f). Petitioner and appointed pro bono counsel may answer any amicus curiae brief(s) pursuant to rule 8.520(f)(7).

