1 JOHN P. HOOPER (pro hac vice) jhooper@kslaw.com 2 KING & SPALDING 3 1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036 4 Telephone: +1 212-556-2100 5 Facsimile: +1 212-556-2222 6 (additional attorneys listed below) 7 Attorneys for Defendants 8 TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION and 9 TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. 10 11 12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 13 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 14 15 KATHLEEN RYAN-BLAUFUSS, Case No: 8:18-CV-00201-JLS-KES CATHLEEN MILLS and KHEK KUAN. 16 on behalf of themselves and all others 17 **DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF** similarly situated, LODGING [PROPOSED] FINAL 18 **Plaintiffs** ORDER AND [PROPOSED] 19 FINAL JUDGMENT RE: VS. MOTION FOR FINAL 20 APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION TOYOTA MOTOR CORPORATION, 21 **SETTLEMENT [DKT. NO. 248]** TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC., and DOE DEFENDANTS 1-10, 22 23 Hon. Josephine L. Staton Defendants. 24 25 26 27 28

TO THE COURT AND PLAINTIFFS AND THEIR COUNSEL: 1 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants Toyota Motor Corporation and 2 Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. hereby lodge the attached [Proposed] Final Order 3 and [Proposed] Final Judgment Re: Motion for Final Approval of Class Action 4 Settlement. 5 6 Dated: December 28, 2022 KING & SPALDING LLP 7 By /s/ John P. Hooper 8 John P. Hooper (pro hac vice) 9 MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP David L. Schrader (149638) 10 david.schrader@morganlewis.com 11 Joseph Duffy (241854) 12 joseph.duffy@morganlewis.com Lisa Veasman (259050) 13 lisa.veasman@morganlewis.com 14 300 South Grand Avenue Twenty-Second Floor 15 Los Angeles, CA 90071-3132 16 T: 213-612-2500 F: 213-612-2501 17 18 Attorneys for Defendants 19 Toyota Motor Corporation and Toyota Motor 20 Sales, U.S.A., Inc. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** I hereby certify that on December 28, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the e-mail addresses denoted on the Electronic Mail Notice List, and I hereby certify that I have mailed the foregoing document or paper via the United States Postal Service to the non-CM/ECF participants indicated on the Electronic Mail Notice List. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December 28, 2022. John P. Hooper John P. Hooper

WHEREAS, the Court, having considered the Settlement Agreement dated November 15, 2021, as amended on June 8, 2022 (the "Settlement Agreement") between and among the Class Representatives, Class Counsel, and Defendants Toyota Motor Corporation and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., ("Toyota"), the Court's May 19, 2022 Order Granting Preliminary Approval of the Class Settlement, Directing Notice to the Class, and Scheduling Fairness Hearing (Dkt. No. 233) (the "Preliminary Approval Order"), having held a Fairness Hearing on January 13, 2023, and having considered all of the submissions and arguments with respect to the Settlement, and otherwise being fully informed, and good cause appearing therefor (all capitalized terms as defined in the Settlement Agreement);

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

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- 1. This Final Order Approving Class Action Settlement ("Final Order") incorporates herein and makes a part hereof the Settlement Agreement and its exhibits and the Preliminary Approval Order. Unless otherwise provided herein, the terms defined in the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order shall have the same meanings for purposes of this Final Order and accompanying Final Judgment.
- 2. The Court has personal jurisdiction over all parties in the Action, 18 including, but not limited to all Class Members, and has subject matter jurisdiction over 19 the Action, including, without limitation, jurisdiction to approve the Settlement Agreement, grant final certification of the Class, settle and release all claims released in the Settlement Agreement, and dismiss the Action with prejudice and enter final 22 | judgment in each Action.

### THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

Based on the record before the Court, including all submissions in support 3. of the settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement, as amended on June 8, 2022 ("Settlement"), objections and responses thereto and all prior proceedings in the Action, as well as the Settlement Agreement itself and its related documents and exhibits, the 3

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Court hereby confirms the certification of the following nationwide Class (the "Class") for settlement purposes only:

All persons, entities or organizations (a) who own or lease a Subject Vehicle as of the date of the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order or (b) who, at any time before the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, owned or leased a Subject Vehicle. Excluded from the Class are: (a) Toyota, its officers, directors and employees; its affiliates and affiliates' officers, directors and employees; its distributors and distributors' officers, directors and employees; and Toyota Dealers and Toyota Dealers' officers and directors; (b) Plaintiffs' Counsel; (c) judicial officers and their immediate family members and associated court staff assigned to this case; and (d) persons or entities who or which timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class as provided in this Settlement Agreement.

The Court finds that only those persons/entities/organizations listed on Appendix B to this Final Order have timely and properly excluded themselves from the Class and, therefore, are not bound by this Final Order or the accompanying Final Judgment.

- 4. The Court confirms, for settlement purposes and conditioned upon the entry of the Final Order and Final Judgment and upon the occurrence of the Final Effective Date, that the Class meets all the applicable requirements of FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a) and (b)(3):
- *Numerosity*. The Class, which is ascertainable, consists of current and former owners and lessees of approximately 1.1 million vehicles located throughout the United States and satisfies the numerosity requirement of FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(1). Joinder of these widely-dispersed, numerous Class Members into one suit would be impracticable.
- b. Commonality. There are some questions of law or fact common to the Class with regard to the alleged activities of Toyota in this case. These issues are 28 sufficient to establish commonality under FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(2).

- Typicality. The claims of Class Representatives are typical of the claims of c. the Class Members they seek to represent for purposes of settlement.
- d. Adequate Representation. Plaintiffs' interests do not conflict with those of absent members of the Class, and Plaintiffs' interests are co-extensive with those of absent Class Members. Additionally, this Court recognizes the experience of Class Counsel Jeffrey L. Fazio and Dina E. Micheletti of Fazio Micheletti LLP and Amnon Z. Siegel of Miller Barondess LLP. Plaintiffs and their counsel have prosecuted this Action vigorously on behalf of the Class. The Court finds that the requirement of adequate representation of the Class has been fully met under FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(4).
- Predominance of Common Issues. The questions of law or fact common to the Class Members, as pertains to consideration of the Settlement, predominate over any questions affecting any individual Class Member.
- Superiority of the Class Action Mechanism. The class action mechanism f. provides a superior procedural vehicle for settlement of this matter compared to other 15 available alternatives. Class certification promotes efficiency and uniformity of 16 judgment because the many Class Members will not be forced to separately pursue claims or execute settlements in various courts around the country.
  - 5. The designated Class Representatives are as follows: Kathleen Ryan-Blaufuss, Catherine Mills, Khek Kuan, Steven Kosareff, and Laura Kakish. The Court finds that these Class Members have adequately represented the Class for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement Agreement. The Court appoints Jeffrey L. Fazio and Dina E. Micheletti of Fazio Micheletti LLP and Amnon Z. Siegel of Miller Barondess LLP as Class Counsel.
  - In making all of the foregoing findings, the Court has exercised its discretion in certifying the Class.

#### II. NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBERS

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The record shows and the Court finds that the Class Notice has been given 7. 28 to the Class in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order

(Dkt. No. 233). The Court finds that such Class Notice (a) is reasonable and constitutes the best practicable notice to Class Members under the circumstances; (b) constitutes notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Action and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, their right to exclude themselves from the Class or to object to all or any part of the Settlement, their right to appear at the Fairness Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense) and the binding effect of the orders and Final Order and Final Judgment in the Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons who do not exclude themselves from the Class; (c) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient 10 notice to all persons or entities entitled to receive notice; and (d) fully satisfied the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), FED. R. CIV. P. 23 and any other applicable law as well as complying with the Federal Judicial Center's illustrative class action notices.

The Court further finds that Toyota, through the Settlement Notice Administrator, provided notice of the Settlement to the appropriate state and federal government officials pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715. Furthermore, the Court has given the appropriate state and federal government officials the requisite ninety (90) day time 18 period to comment or object to the Settlement before entering its Final Order and Final 19 Judgment.

### FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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- 8. The Court finds that the Settlement Agreement, as amended on June 8, 2022, resulted from extensive arm's length good faith negotiations between Class Counsel and Toyota, through experienced counsel, with the assistance and oversight of Settlement Special Master Patrick A. Juneau.
- 9. Pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 23(e), the Court hereby finally approves in all 26 respects the Settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, as amended on June 8, 2022, and finds that the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, and all other parts of 28 the Settlement are, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interest

of the Class and are in full compliance with all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Class Action Fairness Act, and any other applicable law. The Court hereby declares that the Settlement Agreement is binding on all Class Members, except those identified on Appendix B, and it is to be preclusive in the Action. The decisions of the Settlement Notice Administrator relating to the review, processing, determination and payment of Claims submitted pursuant to the Settlement Agreement are final and not appealable.

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- 10. The Court finds that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate based 10 on, among other things, the following factors: (a) there is no fraud or collusion underlying the Settlement; (b) the complexity, expense, uncertainty, and likely duration of litigation in the Action favor settlement on behalf of the Class; (c) the Settlement 13 provides meaningful benefits to the Class; and (d) any and all other applicable factors that favor final approval.
- The Court also finds that the initial, proposed \$250 cap on Redistribution Checks – which the parties agreed to remove and the Settlement Special Master 17 approved on November 4, 2022 - should be removed to enable the Settlement Fund 18 residual to be distributed pro rata to those Class members entitled to receive Redistribution Checks under the Settlement Agreement. Based on the number of Outof-Pocket Claims submitted to date, it appears likely that a majority of the Settlement Fund will remain after all valid Out-of-Pocket Claims are paid. Accordingly, each eligible Class Member, entitled to receive a Redistribution Check under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, will be sent a pro rata share of the Settlement Fund's residue as a Redistribution Check.
- 12. The Parties are hereby directed to implement and consummate the Settlement according to the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement. In addition, the Parties are authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments and 28 modifications to the Settlement Agreement as (a) shall be consistent in all material

respects with this Final Order Approving Class Action Settlement, and (b) do not limit the rights of the Class.

13. The Court has considered all objections, timely and proper or otherwise, to the Settlement and denies and overrules them as without merit.

## IV. DISMISSAL OF CLAIMS, RELEASE, AND INJUNCTION

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- 14. The Action is hereby dismissed with prejudice on the merits and without costs to any party, except as otherwise provided herein or in the Settlement Agreement.
- Upon entry of this Final Order and the Final Judgment, Plaintiffs, Class 15. Representatives, and each member of the Class (except those listed on Appendix B), on behalf of themselves and any other legal or natural persons who may claim by, through or under them, agree to fully, finally, and forever release, relinquish, acquit, and discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims, demands, suits, petitions, liabilities, causes of action, rights, and damages of any kind and/or type regarding the subject matter of the Action, including, but not limited to, compensatory, exemplary, punitive, expert and/or attorneys' fees or by multipliers, whether past, present, or future, mature, or not yet mature, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or 17 non-contingent, derivative or direct, asserted or un-asserted, whether based on federal, 18 state or local law, statute, ordinance, regulation, code, contract, common law, or any other source, or any claim of any kind related arising from, related to, connected with, and/or in any way involving the Action, the Subject Vehicles that are, or could have been, defined, alleged or described in the Amended Consolidated Master Complaint, or any amendments of the Action, including, but not limited to, the design, manufacturing, advertising, testing, marketing, functionality, servicing, distributing, sale, lease or resale of the Subject Vehicles. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Class Representatives, Plaintiffs, and Class Members are not releasing claims for (1) personal injury, (2) death, (3) property damage arising from an accident involving a Subject Vehicle, (4) property damage to the Subject Vehicle arising from Inverter or IPM failure, other than damage

- 16. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Released Parties shall be held harmless by any Class Representative or Class Member for a Released Claim against the Released Parties asserted by that Class Representative or Class Member, either brought directly or by any legal or natural persons who claim by, through, or under that Class Representative or Class Member.
- By not excluding themselves from the Action and to the fullest extent they may lawfully waive such rights, all Class Representatives, Plaintiffs, and Class Members are deemed to acknowledge and waive Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California and any law of any state or territory that is equivalent to Section 1542. Section 1542 provides that:

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- A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.
- 18. The Court orders that the Settlement Agreement shall be the exclusive remedy for all claims released in the Settlement for all Class Members not listed on Appendix B.
- 19. Therefore, except for those listed on Appendix B, all Class Members and their representatives are hereby permanently barred and enjoined from, either directly, through their representatives, or in any other capacity instituting, commencing, filing, maintaining, continuing, or prosecuting against any of the Released Parties (as that term is defined in the Settlement Agreement) any action or proceeding in any court or tribunal asserting any of the matters, claims, or causes of action described. In addition, 28 all Class Members and all persons in active concert or participation with Class Members

are permanently barred and enjoined from organizing Class Members who have not been excluded from the Class into a separate class for purposes of pursuing, as a purported class action, any lawsuit based on or relating to the claims and causes of action in the complaint in the Action, or the facts and circumstances relating thereto or the release in the Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1651(a) and 2283, the Court finds that issuance of this permanent injunction is necessary and appropriate in aid of its continuing jurisdiction and authority over the Settlement and the Action.

#### V. **OTHER PROVISIONS**

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- Without affecting the finality of this Final Order or the accompanying 20. 10 Final Judgment, the Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over the Action 11 and all matters relating to the administration, consummation, enforcement, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and of this Final Order and the 13 | accompanying Final Judgment, to protect and effectuate this Final Order and the 14 accompanying Final Judgment, and for any other necessary purpose. The Parties, the Class Representatives, and each Class Member not listed on Appendix B are hereby 16 deemed to have irrevocably submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of this Court, for the 17 purpose of any suit, action, proceeding, or dispute arising out of or relating to the 18 Settlement Agreement or the applicability of the Settlement Agreement, including the exhibits thereto, and only for such purposes.
  - 21. In the event that the Final Effective Date does not occur, certification of the Class shall be automatically vacated and this Final Order and the accompanying Final Judgment, and other orders entered in connection with the Settlement and releases delivered in connection with the Settlement, shall be vacated and rendered null and void as provided by the Settlement Agreement.
- 22. Without further order of the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonably 26 necessary extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement. Likewise, the Parties may, without further order of the Court, agree to and 28 adopt such amendments to the Settlement Agreement (including exhibits) as are

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- 23. Nothing in this Final Order or the accompanying Final Judgment shall preclude any action in this Court to enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- 24. Neither this Final Order nor the accompanying Final Judgment (nor any document related to the Settlement Agreement) is or shall be construed as an admission by the Parties. Neither the Settlement Agreement (or its exhibits), this Final Order, the accompanying Final Judgment, or any document related to the Settlement Agreement shall be offered in any proceeding as evidence against any of the Parties of any fact or 10 | legal claim; provided, however, that Toyota and the Released Parties may file any and 11 | all such documents in support of any defense that the Settlement Agreement, this Final Order, the accompanying Final Judgment, and any other related document is binding on and shall have res judicata, collateral estoppel, and/or preclusive effect in any pending or future lawsuit by any person who is subject to the release described above in Paragraph 14 asserting a released claim against any of the Released Parties.
  - The Settlement Notice Administrator shall fulfill any escheatment 25. obligations that arise.
  - 26. The Court finds that the Escrow Account is to be a "qualified settlement fund" as defined in Section 1.468B-1(c) of the Treasury Regulations in that it satisfies each of the following requirements:
    - (a) The Escrow Account is to be established pursuant to an Order of this Court and is subject to the continuing jurisdiction of this Court;
    - The Escrow Account is to be established to resolve or satisfy one or more (b) claims that have resulted or may result from an event that has occurred and that has given rise to at least one claim asserting liabilities; and
    - (c) The assets of the Escrow Account are to be segregated from other assets of Defendants, the transferor of the payment to the Settlement Funds and controlled by an Escrow Agreement.

1	27.	Under the "relation back" rule provided under Section 1.468B-1(j)(2)(i) of				
2	the Treasury	Regulations, the Court finds that Toyota may elect to treat the Escrow				
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4	date the Escrow Account meets the requirements of Paragraphs 25(b) and 25(c) of this					
5	Order or January 1 of the calendar year in which all of the requirements of Paragraph					
6	25 of this Order are met. If such a relation-back election is made, the assets held by the					
7	Settlement Funds on such date shall be treated as having been transferred to the Escrov					
8	Account on that date.					
9	28.	The name of the Qualified Settlement Fund shall be "Toyota Prius Class				
10	Action Settle	ement QSF."				
11	29.	The Court appoints Miller Kaplan Arase LLP as the Tax Accountant.				
12	30.	A copy of this Final Order shall be filed in, and applies to, the Action.				
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14	SO O	RDERED this day of 2023.				
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# IT IS on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2023, HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECREED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 23 and 58 AS FOLLOWS: **(1)** On this date, the Court entered a Final Order Approving Class 4 Action Settlement (Dkt. No. ); 5 (2) For the reasons stated in the Court's Final Order Approving Class 6 Action Settlement, judgment is entered in accordance with the Final Order Approving Class Action Settlement and this Action is dismissed with prejudice; and A copy of this Final Judgment shall be filed in, and applies to, this (3) 9 10 Action. 11 SO ORDERED this day of 2023. 13 14 Honorable Josephine L. Staton 15 Judge of the United States District Court 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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