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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

LESLEY CONTI, et al., on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.,
INC., a California corporation,

Defendant.

Case No.: 2:19-cv-2160-CJC-GJS

**[PROPOSED] ORDER
GRANTING PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS'
FEES, COSTS, AND SERVICE
AWARDS**

1 The Court, having reviewed Plaintiffs’ Notice of Motion and Motion for
2 Attorneys’ Fees, Costs and Service Awards, and the Memorandum of Points and the
3 Authorities thereto (“Motion”), in addition to the declarations of Sean R. Matt, Todd B.
4 Naylor, Lee Bowron, and Robert A. Curtis, the declarations of the Plaintiffs, the
5 pleadings and other papers on file in this Action, hereby finds that:
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7 1. The Motion requests an award of attorneys’ fees in the amount of
8 \$972,200. Further, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel request reimbursement of out-of-pocket
9 litigation costs and expenses in the amount of \$28,845.45.

10 2. The Court finds Class Counsel’s requested fee award of \$972,200 is fair
11 and reasonable under the lodestar method based upon the following factors: (1) the
12 results achieved; (2) the quality of work performed by Class Counsel; (3) the risks of
13 litigation; (4) the contingent nature of the representation and the opportunity cost of
14 bringing the suit; and (6) reactions from the class. As such, the Court finds that the
15 requested fee award comports with the applicable law and is justified by the
16 circumstances of this case.
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18 3. The Court further finds that Class Counsel’s lodestar was reasonable
19 because Class Counsel’s current hourly rates are reasonable for the Los Angeles area
20 and that the total number of hours billed by Hagens Berman and Goldenberg Schneider
21 timekeepers were also reasonable.
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23 4. In sum, upon consideration of the Motion and accompanying Declarations,
24 and based upon all matters of record including the pleadings and papers filed in this
25 action, the Court hereby finds that the fee requested is reasonable and proper.
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27 5. The Court also finds that the expenses incurred by Class Counsel in this
28 matter totaling \$28,845.45 were reasonable in light of the needs and scope of the case.

1 6. Finally, the Court has determined, in its discretion, that the distribution of
2 service awards to Class Representatives totaling \$50,000 is also reasonable. The Court
3 awards \$2,000 awards for all Plaintiffs (with married Plaintiffs receiving a single award
4 per couple) except Lesley and Tom Conti, the original Plaintiffs in this action, who are
5 awarded a single award of \$10,000. As set forth in their Declaration, the Contis turned
6 down a \$3,000 pre-suit settlement offer from AHM, chose to prosecute this action on
7 behalf of the Class, and provided substantial input and assistance to Class Counsel
8 throughout this matter, which entitles them to a larger award.
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10 Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that:

11 1. Class Counsel for Plaintiffs are awarded attorneys' fees of \$972,200.

12 2. Class Counsel's request for reimbursement of out-of-pocket litigation costs
13 and expenses totaling \$28,845.45 is granted.
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15 3. The Class Representatives are hereby awarded \$50,000 in total service
16 awards. Leslie and Tom Conti will receive a single \$10,000 service award, and the
17 remaining Class Representatives will receive \$2,000 each (except for married Plaintiffs
18 who will receive a single \$2,000 per couple).
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20 4. This order will be entered on this date pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal
21 Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court finding that there is no just reason for delay.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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25 Dated: _____

_____ **CORMAC J. CARNEY**
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE