SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") is entered into by and among the National Fair Housing Alliance ("NFHA"), Fair Housing Justice Center, Inc., Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc., Fair Housing Council of Greater San Antonio (collectively, the "Plaintiffs"), and Facebook, Inc. ("Facebook"). Plaintiffs and Facebook are referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party." Plaintiffs are represented by Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP ("Plaintiffs' Counsel").

I. BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2018, Plaintiffs filed a complaint in the Southern District of New York against Facebook alleging that Facebook enables third-party advertisers to discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, sex, disability and familial status through use of audience selection tools in violation of the Fair Housing Act and the New York City Human Rights Law. Plaintiffs amended their complaint on June 25, 2018.

Facebook filed a motion to transfer venue to the Northern District of California, or alternatively to dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

The Parties have agreed to resolve Plaintiffs' claims against Facebook as described in this Settlement Agreement and Release and the accompanying Exhibit A – Programmatic Relief.

II. DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings specified below and in Exhibit A.

- A. "Action" means *National Fair Housing Alliance, et al.*, v. Facebook, Inc., Case No. 18-cv-02689-JGK, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- B. "Audience Selection Tools" means tools that exist on or before the Effective Date and during the Term of the Agreement by which advertisers select the potential audience for advertisements in Ad Creation Flows.
- C. "Effective Date" means the date last executed by any Party as set forth next to the signature of the authorized representative of each Party below.
- D. "**HEC Advertisements**" means Housing Advertisements, Employment Advertisements, and Credit Advertisements as defined in Exhibit A.
- E. "HEC Flow Implementation Date" means the date on which advertisers may create HEC Advertisements through the HEC Flow.
- F. "**Term**" means the period that is three (3) years from the Housing Flow Implementation Date.

III. PROGRAMMATIC RELIEF

A. The Parties agree to the programmatic relief set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement as they apply to Housing Advertisements. For avoidance of doubt, this agreement does not create any obligations between the Parties with respect to Employment Advertisements or Credit Advertisements, except to the extent that Credit Advertisements also falls within the definition of a Housing Advertisement.

IV. TRAINING

- A. Facebook will develop and administer training on civil rights laws as they relate to Housing Advertisements to the following Facebook employee groups: Ads Leadership Team, Regulated Ads Solutions, Mega-Taxonomy/Content Understanding Team, Machine Learning Team in BI, Ranking Feature Engineers, Ads Policy, and Advertising Product Counsel. Facebook and NFHA will work in an interactive process to develop the training materials and program.
- B. Facebook and NFHA will hold an initial planning meeting by phone or in person within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement. Facebook will provide a draft of its proposed training curriculum, manual, and training materials to NFHA for review, comment and discussion and will provide NFHA with a copy of the final training materials prior to providing the training to its employees based upon a timeline agreed to during the initial planning meeting.
- C. Facebook will administer the training to current employees in the groups identified above within six (6) months of the Effective Date of this Agreement. For new employees hired into those groups during the Term of the Agreement, Facebook will administer the training within sixty (60) days of hire.
- D. During the Term of the Agreement, either Facebook or NFHA may propose changes to the training that may be appropriate due to changed circumstances, such as changes in applicable laws or advertising services provided by Facebook. Facebook and NFHA agree to provide the other party with the proposed revisions in writing and an opportunity to comment. Facebook and NFHA agree to discuss in good faith any proposed revisions.

V. DISMISSAL, CONTINUING JURISDICTION AND COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS

- A. On the Effective Date, Plaintiffs will file a motion seeking to reopen the Action for the limited purpose of seeking a dismissal order that maintains continuing jurisdiction in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York to enforce the Agreement. The Parties will file a stipulated motion and proposed order seeking that relief, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- B. The Parties agree that dismissal of the Action by the court with continuing jurisdiction to enforce the Agreement are material terms of this Agreement. If the Action is not dismissed by the court with continuing jurisdiction for any reason within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, the Agreement will be deemed null and void *ab initio*. In that event, the Action

will revert to the status that existed as of the Effective Date, and no term or draft of this Agreement, nor any part of the Parties' settlement discussions or communications, will be admissible or used as evidence or argument by any Party for any purpose in the Action or any other proceeding. The Parties may extend by mutual written agreement the 30-day period described in the second sentence of this Section.

VI. MONETARY RELIEF

- A. **Payment**. Facebook agrees to pay the total sum of one million, nine hundred fifty thousand and no cents (\$1,950,000.00) to Plaintiffs for alleged damages and expenses for (a) diversion of Plaintiffs' resources; (b) frustration of Plaintiffs' mission by funding training for housing advertisers on how social media, including online advertising platforms, can be used by advertisers consistent with their obligations under fair housing/fair lending laws; programming for NFHA member organizations to promote fair housing using social media; and implementing compliance, training, and other activities described in Exhibit A; and (c) attorneys' fees and costs ("Payment").
- B. Advertising. Facebook will provide five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in credit to the Plaintiffs for advertising on Facebook to promote (1) educational programs such as information on consumer fair housing rights and housing industry fair housing responsibilities, fair housing/fair lending workshops, trainings and conferences; publication of reports on fair housing/fair lending issues;, and other educational activities; and (2) services, such as first-time homebuyer clinics, foreclosure prevention counseling, housing discrimination complaint intake, and landlord/tenant hotlines ("Advertising Credit").
- C. Payment/Advertising Terms. Within twenty one (21) days of dismissal of the Action by the court and Facebook's receipt of the necessary W-9 forms, Facebook shall (1) initiate a wire transfer of the Payment to the Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady Attorney Trust Account; and (2) make available the Advertising Credit. Plaintiffs' Counsel will provide Facebook with the account information needed to transfer the Payment within five (5) days of the dismissal.
- D. **Distribution of Payment**. Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be solely responsible for apportionment and distribution of the Payment among Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel.
- E. **No Further Payments**. Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel waive any rights to seek any further payment for attorney's fees or costs from Facebook of any kind incurred in connection with the Action, including, but not limited to, those that have been, or may be, incurred in entering into this Agreement, verification of implementation as set forth in Section VIII below, and enforcing, if necessary, the terms of this Agreement.

VII. VERIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION

A. **Testing**. During the Term of this Agreement, Plaintiffs will be permitted to place test ads for the purpose of evaluating implementation of the Agreement. Facebook agrees to waive any claims it may have against Plaintiffs under Facebook's policies for creating test ads, subject to Plaintiffs' agreement to take steps to ensure that such ads are not published to users,

e.g., setting a publication date at least two (2) weeks from the date a test ad is created to allow time to cancel it.

- Meetings. During the Term of this Agreement, Facebook and NFHA will meet В. every six (6) months to discuss implementation of the Agreement. At least fifteen (15) days in advance of those meetings, Facebook will provide NFHA with a report describing steps Facebook has taken to implement the Agreement and identifying any issues. As part of that report, Facebook will provide NFHA with a list of targeting options to be added to the HEC Flow. NFHA will have an opportunity to review the list prior to each meeting and to notify Facebook of any objections. In addition, NFHA may propose targeting options to be added to the HEC Flow by providing Facebook with a list of terms at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meetings. Facebook will consider in good faith any such terms and discuss them with NFHA at the meetings. Facebook will provide NFHA with information that is reasonably necessary to confirm implementation of the Agreement. For clarity, this includes, for example, information confirming what audience selection tools are available in the HEC Flow, not how those audience selection tools are used. With respect to the modified Lookalike Audience tool, Facebook agrees to study how it impacts delivery of ads created in the HEC Flow with respect to gender and to discuss the study and any potential modifications of the tool at the meetings. Facebook also agrees to consider the potential for unintended bias with respect to the modified Lookalike Audience tool more generally. At the meetings, Facebook will share the status of those efforts, provide NFHA with an opportunity to respond and make recommendations, and consider those recommendations and whether to implement any feasible reforms as part of its ongoing commitment to nondiscrimination in advertising on its platform.
- C. Confidentiality. Any written or oral information exchanged by the Parties during the Term of this Agreement regarding Verification of Implementation that one of the Parties identifies as confidential shall be treated as confidential by the Parties to encourage frank and open discussions between the Parties, except to the extent it is necessary for any of the Parties to disclose confidential information in any dispute resolution undertaken pursuant to Section X. Information designated confidential by any Party pursuant to this Section shall be treated as such in any dispute resolution process, including by seeking the Court's permission to file it under seal in any proceeding before the Southern District of New York.

VIII. MUTUAL GENERAL RELEASES

A. Plaintiffs' General Release of Facebook. In consideration of the promises herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves, on behalf of all entities that are or were owned or controlled by Plaintiffs on or before the Effective Date, and on behalf of all of the respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, directors, officers, predecessors, successors and assigns of all of the foregoing ("Plaintiffs Releasing Parties"), hereby fully, forever, and irrevocably release, waive, extinguish, and discharge Facebook and all entities that are or were owned and/or controlled by Facebook on or before the Effective Date, all of the respective past, present, and future officers, directors, employees, agents, principals, shareholders, and owners, and all of the respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, predecessors, successors, and assigns of all of the foregoing ("Facebook Released Parties"), from any and all claims, causes of action, liability, charges, complaints, demands, or rights of recovery of any nature, type or

description whatsoever, whether legal, equitable, or statutory, asserted or unasserted, contingent or vested, express or implied, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, direct or indirect, that Plaintiffs had, now have, or may have, from the beginning of time through the Term of this Agreement, arising out of or relating to Audience Selection Tools, including but not limited to any and all claims, causes of action, charges, complaints, demands, or rights of recovery of any nature, type, or description whatsoever under the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3601 *et seq.*; the New York City Human Rights Law, N.Y. City Admin. Code § 8–107; and similar federal and state anti-discrimination laws ("Plaintiffs Released Claims"). Plaintiffs Released Claims do not include any claims Plaintiffs may have against third parties and do not impact the Parties' right to enforce this Agreement in accordance with the terms set forth in Section X below.

- B. Plaintiffs' Covenant Not To Sue. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the other Plaintiff Releasing Parties, expressly covenant and agree to forever refrain from instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to maintain or prosecute any suit, action, complaint, or charge involving any court or administrative agency against the Facebook Released Parties in any way relating to the Plaintiffs Released Claims. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the scope of the dispute resolution process set forth and described in Section X below.
- Facebook's General Release of Plaintiffs. Facebook, on behalf of itself, on C. behalf of all entities that are or were owned or controlled by Facebook on or before the Effective Date, and on behalf of all of the respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, directors, officers, predecessors, successors and assigns of all of the foregoing ("Facebook Releasing Parties"), hereby fully, forever, and irrevocably release, waive, extinguish, and discharge Plaintiffs and all entities that are or were owned and/or controlled by Plaintiffs on or before the Effective Date, all of the respective past, present, and future officers, directors, employees, agents, principals, shareholders, and owners, and all of the respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, predecessors, successors, and assigns of all of the foregoing ("Plaintiffs Released Parties"), from any and all claims, causes of action, liability, charges, complaints, demands, and rights of recovery of any nature, type, or description whatsoever, whether legal, equitable, or statutory, asserted or unasserted, contingent or vested, express or implied, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, direct or indirect, that Facebook had, now have, or may have, from the beginning of time through the Term of this Agreement, arising out of or relating to Audience Selection Tools ("Facebook Released Claims"). Facebook Released Claims do not include any claims Facebook may have against third parties and do not impact the Parties' right to enforce this Agreement in accordance with the terms set forth in Section X below.
- D. **Facebook's Covenant Not To Sue**. Facebook, on behalf of itself and the other Facebook Releasing Parties, expressly covenants and agrees to forever refrain from instituting, prosecuting, or continuing to maintain or prosecute any suit, action, complaint or charge involving any court or administrative agency against the Plaintiffs Released Parties in any way relating to the Facebook Released Claims. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the scope of the dispute resolution process set forth and described in Section X below.

IX. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER OF UNKNOWN CLAIMS

- A. Plaintiffs and Facebook each acknowledge that subsequent to the execution of this Agreement they may discover facts or claims in addition to or different from those they now know or believe exist with respect to any of the matters being released through this Agreement, including, but not limited to, Audience Selection Tools, which were unknown or unsuspected at the time this Agreement was executed, and which if known or suspected by them at that time may have materially affected their decision to enter into this Agreement. Each of Plaintiffs and Facebook each nevertheless agrees that the releases described above in Section VIII apply to any such additional or different claims and notwithstanding any such additional or different facts. Each of Plaintiffs and Facebook acknowledges that the significance and consequences of the releases in this Agreement have been explained to them by their counsel and that they understand the significance and consequences of the releases in this Agreement. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to expand the scope of the Releases set forth and described in Section VIII above.
- B. Plaintiffs and Facebook each acknowledge that they have been advised of and expressly waives and releases any rights or benefits they may have under Section 1542 of the Civil Code of California that provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

C. Plaintiffs and Facebook each further expressly waives and releases any rights or benefits they have or may have under any similar law or rule of any other jurisdiction pertaining to the matters released herein.

X. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- A. Any disputes regarding the interpretation, implementation, or violation of the Agreement shall be resolved as described in this Section.
- B. Plaintiffs will notify Facebook in writing if they believe that Facebook is not in compliance with any term of the Agreement and allow Facebook at least sixty (60) days from Facebook's receipt of any such written notice to cure. As part of the sixty (60) day notice and opportunity to cure time period, Plaintiffs and Facebook will meet and confer in good faith and attempt to resolve the matter. It is the intent of the Parties to collaborate in good faith to resolve any disputes that may arise between them.
- C. If the Parties cannot resolve the dispute, it will be mediated by Hunter Hughes III or another mediator who is mutually agreeable to the Parties. Any mediation will take place in New York or Washington D.C. with Facebook to pay the mediator's fee.

- D. If the dispute cannot be resolved through mediation, any Party may bring the dispute before the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which will retain jurisdiction over the Action for the purpose of enforcing the Agreement.
 - E. The Parties will pay their own attorney's fees and costs.

XI. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY

- A. Plaintiffs acknowledge that Facebook denies any and all wrongdoing or liability.
- B. Plaintiffs further acknowledge that this Agreement is not an admission by Facebook of any wrongdoing or liability, and that the Parties will not argue in or before any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal, or make any public statement whatsoever, that this Agreement is or may be construed as an admission by Facebook of any wrongdoing or liability.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **Authority**. Plaintiffs and Facebook represent and warrant that they have the right and authority to enter into this Agreement and to give the releases and other promises contained in this Agreement.
- B. **No Other Actions**. Plaintiffs represent and warrant that, other than the Action, they have not filed as a plaintiff or complainant any suit, action, complaint, or charge against the Facebook Released Parties as a defendant or respondent involving any court or governmental agency arising out of or relating to in any way to the Plaintiffs Released Claims.
- C. Integration. Plaintiffs and Facebook acknowledge and agree that this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all discussions, agreements, or understandings, whether oral, written or implied, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement. Plaintiffs and Facebook further acknowledge and agree that they have had the benefit of the advice of their respective chosen counsel and financial and tax advisors in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement.
- D. **Disclaimer of Reliance**. Plaintiffs and Facebook represent and warrant that no statement, communication, promise, representation, inducement, or condition that is not expressed in this Agreement has been made by Facebook to Plaintiffs, or by Plaintiffs to Facebook, in connection with this Agreement. Plaintiffs and Facebook further represent and warrant that they are not relying on, and expressly disclaim reliance on, any statement, communication, promise, representation, inducement, or condition that does not appear in this Agreement.
- E. **Representation by Counsel**. Plaintiffs and Facebook represent and warrant that they have each been represented by independent counsel of their own choice throughout all of the negotiations and drafting which preceded and resulted in the execution of this Agreement, and that they are relying solely upon their own judgment in entering into this Agreement.

- F. **Modification**. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by an instrument in a writing that specifically states that it is a supplement, modification, or amendment to this Agreement and is signed by an authorized representative of all of the Parties.
- G. **Headings**. Plaintiffs and Facebook acknowledge and agree that the section headings in this Agreement are used for convenience only and will not be used in construing the Agreement.
- H. **Governing Law**. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
- I. Construction. The drafting and preparation of this Agreement is the result of the efforts of all of the Parties and their respective counsel, and the language of all parts of this Agreement shall in all instances be constructed as a whole, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Accordingly, no rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement.
- J. **Severability**. If any part or provision of this Agreement shall for any reason be determined to be invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, that part or provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability only, without in any way affecting the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms in that part or provision or of any other part of provision of the Agreement.
- K. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. The Parties do not intend to create any third party beneficiaries to this Agreement. Except for agents, officers, directors, trustees, assigns, subsidiaries, and predecessor or successor companies, no person or entity other than the Parties is intended to be bound by, or shall be bound by, the provisions of the Agreement.
- L. **Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together will be deemed an original of the Agreement. Facsimile and scanned (e.g., PDF) signatures will be deemed valid and effective for all purposes.
- M. Taxes. Plaintiffs and Facebook each acknowledge and agree that they have not made any representations to each other with respect to the tax effects, if any, of this Agreement, and that each shall be solely responsible for the tax liability, if any, arising from this Agreement, including without limitation with respect to the Payment described in Section VI above.
- N. **Notices**. Unless otherwise designated by a Party in writing, any notice relating to this Agreement shall be made in writing both by electronic mail and by next-day (excluding Saturday and Sunday) express delivery service, and shall be addressed as follows:

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