

The Honorable Robert J. Bryan

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UGOCHUKWU GOODLUCK
NWAUZOR, FERNANDO AGUIRRE-
URBINA, individually and on behalf of all
those similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE GEO GROUP, INC., a Florida
corporation,

Defendant.

No. 3:17-cv-05769-RJB

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
REGARDING AMENDED
NOTICE PLAN AND CLASS
NOTICES**

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR:

JANUARY 27, 2020

Plaintiffs Ugochukwu Goodluck Nwauzor and Fernando Aguirre-Urbina and Defendant The GEO Group, Inc. (the Parties) respectfully and jointly move that the Court approve Plaintiffs' Amended Notice Plan and Class Notices. As grounds for this motion, the parties state:

1. The Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification on August 6, 2018, certifying a class of all civil immigration detainees who participated in the Voluntary Work Program at the Northwest Detention Center at any time between September 26, 2014, and the date of final judgment in this matter. Dkt. No. 114.

1 2. The Court approved Plaintiffs’ Proposed Notice Plan on January 9, 2019, Dkt.
2 No. 138, and Long Form Class Notice on February 5, 2019. Dkt. No. 142.

3 3. The Court granted in part and denied in part Plaintiffs’ motion to amend the
4 notice plan, directing Plaintiffs to “enhance” the proposed publication campaign among other
5 things. Dkt. No. 241.

6 4. The parties have conferred and agreed to the plan identified below, as well as
7 the form of the proposed Class Notices, including a radio script, press release, internet/social
8 media banner ads, website, email to community organizations, and print advertisements.

9 THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS
10 FOLLOWS:

11 1. Plaintiffs shall distribute notice to the Class as follows:

12 a. Administrator: JND Legal Administration will serve as the notice
13 administrator (Administrator).

14 b. Direct Mail to Class Members Still in Custody: Class Counsel shall serve
15 the long-form notice (Dkt. No. 142) by first-class mail upon those Class
16 Members that GEO has identified as still in custody at NWDC or other
17 ICE facilities. Class Counsel will mail notice by January 30, 2020.

18 c. Internet/Social Media Banner Ads: The Administrator will publish
19 advertisements in English and Spanish on Google and Facebook that will
20 be accessible both within the United States, including Alaska, Idaho,
21 Montana, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, California, and Washington State,
22 as well abroad, including Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and
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1 Honduras. This dissemination is anticipated to generate a combined 28.3
2 million digital impressions inside and outside the U.S. These ads were
3 placed on January 24, 2020, for a period of 30 days.

4 d. Press Release: The Administrator will distribute a press release about the
5 class certification and notice process to 15,000 U.S., 4,000 Latin
6 American, and 250 Indian media outlets. The Administrator will
7 disseminate the press releases on February 4, 2020.

8 e. Print Advertisements: The Administrator will run a print advertisement
9 in Washington in Spanish-language newspapers *La Raza del Noroeste*
10 and *El Mundo*, which have a combined circulation of 40,000. The
11 Administrator will place the ads by February 6, 2020.

12 f. Radio Advertisements: The Administrator will air 140 radio
13 advertisements on Spanish-speaking news/talk/entertainment radio
14 stations in Mexico (Mexico City and Guadalajara), as well as El
15 Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

16 g. Website: The Administrator will create a website containing the class
17 notice information in English and Spanish. The parties have conferred
18 about the form of the website and are in agreement. The Administrator
19 published the website on January 24, 2020.

20 h. Toll-Free Number: The Administrator will establish a toll-free number
21 with Interactive Voice Responses (IVR) and live operators fluent in
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1 multiple dialects to provide class notice information. The Toll-Free
2 number was activated on January 24, 2020.

3 i. Email: The Administrator will email notice information to various
4 churches, relief organizations, and assistance groups that have frequent
5 contact with immigrants requesting that they forward the long-form
6 notice (Dkt. No. 142) to potential Class members. The Administrator will
7 email notice by February 4, 2020.

8 2. The Publication Notices shall be in the form attached to this Stipulation as follows:

- 9 a. Exhibit A: Radio Script
10 b. Exhibit B: Press Release
11 c. Exhibit C: Internet Banner Ads
12 d. Exhibit D: Print Advertisements
13 e. Exhibit E: Email to Community Organizations

14 3. This Notice Plan is sufficient and reasonably calculated, under the circumstances,
15 to apprise interested parties of the pendency of this action and affords them an
16 opportunity to present their objections.

17 4. Plaintiffs will distribute notice to the class as described above with the opt-out
18 period ending on March 24, 2020.

19 5. The Administrator will generate an opt-out report to the parties within seven
20 days of the March 24, 2020.

21 6. Within seven days of receiving the opt-out report from the Administrator,
22 Plaintiffs will file a notice advising the Court of any opt-outs.
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SO STIPULATED this 27th day of January, 2020.

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ORDER

Pursuant to the foregoing proposal, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 30th day of January, 2020.



ROBERT J. BRYAN
United States District Judge

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