

IF YOU WERE CHARGED FOR A VIP MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM BY POTPOURRI GROUP, INC. BETWEEN JUNE 10, 2016 AND FEBRUARY 15, 2022, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION.

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Gore v. Potpourri Group, Inc.
San Diego County Superior Court
Case No. 37-2020-00019745-CU-BT-CTL

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT A PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY THIS SETTLEMENT.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform Class Members about a proposed settlement (“Settlement”) of a class action lawsuit that is pending in the San Diego County Superior Court (the “Court”). The lawsuit is called *Gore v. Potpourri Group, Inc.*, Case No. 37-2020-00019745-CU-BT-CTL (the “Lawsuit”).

This Notice will explain: (1) what the Lawsuit is about; (2) the main terms of the Settlement; and (3) Class Members’ rights and options under the Settlement. A full version of the Settlement Agreement is available on the Website: www.PotpourriGroupSettlement.com.

To receive money under the Settlement, Class Members must submit a timely and valid Claim. The deadline to submit a Claim is November 28, 2022. If you do not submit a Claim by this deadline, you will not receive money under the Settlement and you will be subject to the Release in Section IV, unless you exclude yourself pursuant to Section II.4.

I. What is the Lawsuit About

The Lawsuit alleges that defendant Potpourri Group, Inc. (“Defendant” or “PGI”) enrolled certain California consumers in automatic renewal subscriptions for their VIP membership programs without first presenting the consumer with all of the automatic renewal offer terms in a clear and conspicuous manner as required by law. The VIP membership programs at issue are associated with the following brands: Cuddledown, NorthStyle, The Pyramid Collection, Serengeti, In The Company Of Dogs, Magellan’s, Catalog Favorites, Young Explorers, Back In The Saddle, Whatever Works, Country Store, Potpourri, Expressions, Nature’s Jewelry, The Stitchery, SageFinds, TravelSmith, and Chadwicks. The Lawsuit alleges that Defendant has violated the California Automatic Renewal Law, Bus. & Prof. Code § 17600 et seq., and certain other provisions of California consumer-protection law. The Lawsuit is brought on behalf of a Class defined as follows:

All California residents who, between June 10, 2016 and February 15, 2022, were both (i) enrolled in any PGI VIP membership program, and (ii) charged at least one membership fee for such program. Excluded from the Class are all employees of Defendant, all employees of Plaintiff’s counsel, and the judicial officers to whom this case is assigned.

Each individual within the foregoing Class definition is referred to as a “Class Member.”

Defendant denies the allegations of the Lawsuit, and the Court has not decided which party is right. The parties have agreed to a Settlement to provide certain benefits to eligible Class Members and to resolve the case without any admission of liability or wrongdoing.

The parties have exchanged detailed information about the claims, defenses, and alleged damages in the Lawsuit. After lengthy settlement negotiations overseen by an independent mediator, the parties have reached a proposed Settlement that, if approved by the Court, will resolve the claims asserted against Defendant. Plaintiff

Laurie Gore (“Plaintiff” or “Gore”) and her counsel believe the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Class Members. In entering into the Settlement, Defendant continues to deny any and all allegations of liability, fault, or wrongdoing asserted in the Lawsuit.

On September 9, 2022, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement; certified the Class for settlement purposes only; appointed the law firm of Dostart Hannink LLP as Class Counsel for settlement purposes only; appointed Laurie Gore as the Class Representative for settlement purposes only; designated CPT Group, Inc. as the Settlement Administrator; and authorized the parties to provide this Notice to the Class.

II. The Main Terms of the Settlement

Subject to Court approval, the main terms of the Settlement are as follows:

1. **Settlement Amount.** In full and complete settlement of the claims of the Class Members who do not exclude themselves, Defendant will pay the principal amount of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000.00). The Settlement Amount, plus any interest thereon, will be used to pay Class Counsel’s attorneys’ fees and litigation expenses (as approved by the Court), any service payment(s) that the Court may award to Gore and/or other Class Members who provided assistance to Class Counsel in connection with the Litigation, the expenses of settlement administration (including class notice), and the settlement payments to the Class Members who submit timely and valid Claims. If any funds are remaining by reason of uncashed settlement checks or otherwise, the remaining amount will be paid to one or more *cy pres* recipients approved by the Court, or as otherwise directed by the Court. In addition to the monetary consideration, the Settlement also includes injunctive relief.

2. **Notice to Class Members.** No later than thirty-five (35) days after notice of entry of an order granting preliminary approval, the Settlement Administrator will email the Court-approved Summary Class Notice to the last-known email address of each potential Class Member, as reflected in the business records of Defendant. If the business records of Defendant do not contain an email address for a potential Class Member, the Settlement Administrator will mail the Court-approved Summary Class Notice to the last-known mailing address of that potential Class Member, as reflected in the business records of Defendant, or an updated address provided by the U.S. Postal Service. Before mailing, the Settlement Administrator will run the mailing addresses through the U.S. Postal Service’s National Change of Address database, and will update the addresses accordingly. The date on which the Summary Class Notice is emailed and mailed as set forth above is referred to as the “Notice Date.”

3. **Submission of Claims; Eligibility for Payment.** In order to qualify to receive a payment under the Settlement, Class Members must submit a Claim that is both (i) timely and (ii) validated by the Settlement Administrator. To be timely, the Claim must be submitted to the Settlement Administrator on or before November 28, 2022 (the “Claim/Exclusion/Objection Deadline”). See Section III.1., on the next page, regarding how to file a Claim. Class Members who submit a timely and valid Claim on or before the Claim/Exclusion/Objection deadline will be referred to as “Participating Class Members” and, if the Settlement is granted final approval by the Court, will be entitled to receive a settlement payment in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

4. **Right to Request Exclusion or Object.** Any Class Member who does not want to be legally bound by the Settlement can exclude himself or herself on or before the Claim/Exclusion/Objection Deadline, as described on the next page in Section III.3. Any Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement may do so in a written objection, which must be filed with the Court and served on Counsel for the settling parties and on the Settlement Administrator no later than the Claim/Exclusion/Objection Deadline, as described below in Section III.4. Any Class Member who does not request to be excluded from the Class may, if so desired, enter an appearance through counsel.

5. Settlement Payments to Participating Class Members. If the Settlement is granted final approval, after deduction of any Court-approved attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, service payments that the Court may award to Gore and/or other Class Members who provided assistance to Class Counsel in connection with the Litigation, and expenses of settlement administration, the remaining amount ("Net Settlement Amount") will be divided equally between the Participating Class Members. As soon as practicable after the Effective Date of the Settlement, the Settlement Administrator will transmit to each Participating Class Member a payment representing that person's settlement payment. Participating Class Members may elect to receive their settlement payment in the form of a check or an electronic payment such as Venmo, direct deposit/ACH, or PayPal.

6. Service Payments. Class Counsel will file a motion requesting service payment(s) to Gore and/or other Class Members who provided assistance to Class Counsel in connection with the Litigation, such service payment(s) not to exceed \$50,000, in the aggregate. Defendant has agreed that it will take no position regarding this request, provided the request made to the Court is consistent with this Section. Within fourteen business days following the Effective Date, the Settlement Administrator will pay from the Settlement Amount any service payment(s) awarded by the Court.

7. Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses. Class Counsel will file a motion requesting an award of attorneys' fees of up to 38% of the Settlement Amount, plus actual litigation expenses not exceeding \$95,000. Defendant has agreed that it will take no position regarding these requests, provided the requests made to the Court are consistent with this Section. Within fourteen business days following the Effective Date, the Settlement Administrator will pay to Class Counsel from the Settlement Amount the attorneys' fees and litigation expenses awarded by the Court. These amounts are all subject to Court approval.

8. Release. Class Members who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement will be deemed to release all of the claims described in Section IV below.

III. Class Members' Rights and Options Under the Settlement

Class Members have four options under the Settlement. If you are a Class Member, you may: (1) file a Claim, which if submitted timely and validated by the Settlement Administrator, will qualify you as a Participating Class Member qualified to receive a monetary payment following final court approval; (2) do nothing, in which case you will not be a Participating Class Member and you will not qualify to receive a monetary payment, but you will be bound by the release in the Settlement Agreement; (3) exclude yourself from the Settlement; or (4) object to the Settlement. The following paragraphs explain these options in more detail.

1. File a Claim. To potentially qualify for a monetary payment from the Settlement, potential Class Members must file a Claim.

(a) Potential Class Members whose name, address, and/or email information is reflected in the business records produced by Defendant are being sent a Court-approved Summary Class Notice via email or mail, which includes a hyperlink to the Settlement Website or other information which enables those potential Class Members to submit a Claim electronically via the Settlement Website. The deadline for submitting a Claim is November 28, 2022. If you miss this deadline, you will not receive any money under the Settlement, but you will be bound by the other terms of the Settlement if you do not request exclusion from the Settlement.

(b) Potential Class Members who prefer to submit a Claim Form in writing may print a Claim Form from the Settlement Website or request a Claim Form from the Settlement Administrator. A printed Claim Form must be completed, dated by the Claimant, signed by the Claimant, and returned to the Settlement Administrator via U.S. Mail, personal delivery, or email. Upon receipt of a Claim Form, the Settlement Administrator will verify whether the Claimant is a member of the Class by comparing the information provided on the Claim Form against the records of Defendant. The deadline for submitting a Claim is November 28, 2022. If you miss this deadline, you will not receive any money under the Settlement, but you will be bound by the

other terms of the Settlement if you do not request exclusion from the Settlement. If you submit a Claim that is timely and that is validated by the Settlement Administrator, you will be a Participating Class Member and, if the Settlement is given final court approval, you will be entitled to receive a settlement payment in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

2. Do Nothing. If you do nothing, you will not be a Participating Class Member and you will not qualify to receive a monetary payment, but you will be bound by the release in the Settlement Agreement.

3. To Be Excluded From the Settlement. Any Class Member who wishes to be excluded from the Settlement must complete and return a request for exclusion via U.S. Mail, email, or personal delivery, and that request for exclusion must be validated by the Settlement Administrator. The request for exclusion must be in writing, and must list the Class Member's name, address, and telephone number, along with the statement: "I wish to be excluded from the *Gore v. Potpourri Group, Inc.* Settlement" or words to that effect. Any request for exclusion must be personally signed by each person requesting exclusion. So-called "mass" or "class" opt-outs shall not be allowed. To be timely, the request for exclusion must be returned to the Settlement Administrator no later than November 28, 2022. If the request for exclusion is returned by U.S. Mail, the date of return will be the date of the postmark. If the request for exclusion is returned by personal delivery or email, the date of return will be the date the request for exclusion is received by the Settlement Administrator. Those Class Members who submit timely and valid requests for exclusion in the form described above will be referred to as "Excluded Class Members." Excluded Class Members will not receive any consideration under the Settlement and will not be bound by any provision of the Settlement. Requests for exclusion can be mailed or delivered to the Settlement Administrator, as follows: *Gore v. Potpourri Group, Inc.* Settlement Administrator, c/o CPT Group, Inc., 50 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606; email: PotpourriGroupSettlement@cptgroup.com. A judgment in the action will bind all Class Members who do not timely request exclusion. Any Class Member may enter an appearance through counsel. **You may not submit both a Claim Form and a letter requesting to be excluded from this Settlement.**

4. To Object to the Settlement. Any Class Member who wishes to object to the Settlement may do so in a written objection, which must be filed with the Court and served on Class Counsel, Defendant's counsel, and the Settlement Administrator, no later than November 28, 2022. A written objection must set forth the name of the Lawsuit (*Gore v. Potpourri Group, Inc.*, Case No. 37-2020-00019745-CU-BT-CTL), the objector's full name, address, and current telephone number, and the following statement: "I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, I am a Class Member and I wish to object to the Settlement." A written objection must also state the factual and legal basis for the objection; the name and contact information of any and all attorneys representing, advising, or in any way assisting the objector in connection with the preparation of submission of the objection or who may profit from the pursuit of the objection; and a statement indicating whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing. Any documents that the objecting Class Member wishes for the Court to consider must also be attached to the objection. Class Counsel and Defendant will respond to any objections, as appropriate, either in briefs filed in advance of the Final Approval Hearing or at the Final Approval Hearing. A written objection must be filed with the Court and served by mail as follows: (1) to the Settlement Administrator, at *Gore v. Potpourri Group, Inc.* Settlement Administrator, c/o CPT Group, Inc., 50 Corporate Park, Irvine, CA 92606; (2) to Defendant's counsel, Christine M. Reilly, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, 2049 Century Park East, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90067; and (3) to Class Counsel, Zach P. Dostart, Dostart Hannink LLP, 4225 Executive Square, Suite 600, La Jolla, CA 92037. If you intend to object to the Settlement but also wish to receive your share of the Settlement if it is approved by the Court, you must also submit a timely and valid Claim Form as explained above.

IV. Release of Claims by Class Members

If the Settlement is approved by the Court and becomes effective, provided that Defendant has paid the full Settlement Amount, all Class Members who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement shall be deemed to release, resolve, relinquish, and discharge each and all of the Released Parties from each of

the Released Claims (as defined below). Such release is on behalf of the Class Members as well as their respective spouses, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, successors, and agents acting on their behalf. For purposes of this paragraph, “Released Parties” means Potpourri Group, Inc., Clarus Commerce LLC, and any of their past or present parents, subsidiaries, affiliated companies, and corporations, and any of their past or present officers, directors, managers, employees, general partners, limited partners, principals, insurers, reinsurers, shareholders, attorneys, advisors, representatives, agents, consultants, contractors, licensors, licensees, successors, or assigns. For purposes of this paragraph, “Released Claims” means any and all causes of action or claims for relief, whether in law or equity, including but not limited to injunctive relief, actual damages, nominal damages, statutory damages, punitive damages, restitution, disgorgement, attorneys’ fees and costs, and/or any other form of monetary consideration whatsoever, for any and all potential claims by the Class Members that have been pled in the Action, or that could have been pled in the Action based on the facts alleged, whether known or unknown, that relate to or arise from membership charges for a PGI VIP membership program from June 10, 2016 to and including September 9, 2022.

V. Final Approval Hearing

The Court will hold a hearing on January 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to determine whether the Settlement should be finally approved and to rule on Class Counsel’s motion for award of attorneys’ fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and class representative service payment(s). The Court is located at 330 West Broadway, Department 71, San Diego, CA 92101. Persons interested in attending or participating in the hearing should consult the Court’s website, <https://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/sdcourt/civil2/civilicvirtualhearings>, for further information. The hearing may be continued without further notice. **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE HEARING, BUT YOU MAY IF YOU CHOOSE.**

VI. How To Cancel A VIP Membership

You can cancel a VIP membership by calling 800-498-4183 to cancel by telephone; or by emailing CustomerService@PGIVIP.com to cancel by email; or signing in to your account to cancel online.

VII. For More Information

This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. You may view the Settlement Agreement and other important documents on the Settlement Website. You may also review the pleadings and other papers filed in the Lawsuit at the Court’s Business Office, located at 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT ABOUT THIS NOTICE.

If you have questions about the Settlement, please contact the Settlement Administrator or Class Counsel, as follows:

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Gore v. Potpourri Group, Inc.

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