

**COURT ORDERED NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
[ENGLISH VERSION]**

You may be a member of the settlement class in *Ayala v. Valley First Credit Union*, Case No. 1:22-CV-00657-HBK, in which the plaintiff alleges that defendant Valley First Credit Union (“Defendant”) violated the federal and California state civil rights acts because it had a policy of denying membership to applicants who are not United States citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents. Valley First denies the plaintiff’s claims but has decided to settle to avoid the time and expense of litigation. If you are a Class Member and if the Settlement is approved, you may be entitled to receive a check in the amount of \$2,500 from a total settlement fund of \$120,000.

The Court has preliminarily approved this settlement. It will hold a Final Approval Hearing in this case on March 7, 2024. At that hearing, the Court will consider the following: (1) whether to grant final approval to the settlement; (2) whether to approve Class Counsel’s request for attorneys’ fees, estimated to be less than \$50,000, and estimated costs of \$500; (3) whether to approve a \$5,000.00 service award for the Named Plaintiff; and (4) whether to approve the cost of and administrator to implement the settlement, which are estimated to be \$10,000. All fees and costs are being paid by Valley First in addition to the total settlement fund. Valley First has agreed not to oppose Class Counsel’s request for attorneys’ fees up to \$50,000.

If you do not want to participate in this settlement—meaning you do not want to receive a check payment—you may exclude yourself by submitting an opt-out request postmarked no later than January 18, 2024. If you do not opt out and the Court grants final approval of the settlement, then you will receive a check in the amount of \$2,500 but you will release any claims that you may have against Defendant that are alleged in the Complaint in this case.

If you want to object to this settlement, or any part of it, because you think it is not fair, adequate, or reasonable, you may object by submitting an objection postmarked no later than January 18, 2024. If your objection is overruled, then you will receive a check for \$2,500 but you will release any claims you have against Defendant that are alleged in the Complaint in this case.

To obtain more information please visit www.AyalaDACASettlement.com. Alternatively, you may call 1-(866)-742-4955.