IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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In re:

BUFFETS, LLC, et al.¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case No. 16–50557-rbk (Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF (I) APPROVAL OF AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, (II) HEARING TO CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, AND (III) LAST DATE AND PROCEDURES FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO <u>CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN</u>

TO: ALL NOTICE PARTIES AND HOLDERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS, FEE CLAIMS, OTHER SECURED CLAIMS, ALLOWED PACA CLAIMS, AND EQUITY INTERESTS IN CLASSES 2, 3, AND 8.

APPROVAL OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, by Order dated February 24, 2017 (the "<u>Disclosure Statement Order</u>") the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division (the "<u>Court</u>") approved the *Disclosure Statement for Debtors' Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code*, dated February 23, 2017 (as may be amended or modified, the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>") as containing adequate information within the meaning of section 1125 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code").

CONFIRMATION HEARING

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on **April 4, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** prevailing Central Time or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, a hearing will be held before the Honorable Ronald B. King, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 615 E. Houston St., Courtroom 1, San Antonio, Texas 78205 to consider confirmation of the plan, as the same may be further amended or modified, and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper (the "Confirmation Hearing").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned from time to time by the Court without further notice except for an announcement of the

¹ The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Buffets, LLC (2294); Hometown Buffet, Inc. (3002); OCB Restaurant Company, LLC (7607); OCB Purchasing, Co. (7610); Ryan's Restaurant Group, LLC (7895); Fire Mountain Restaurants, LLC (8003); and Tahoe Joe's, Inc. (7129). The address for all of the Debtors is 120 Chula Vista Drive, Hollywood Park, Texas 78232.

adjourned date made at the Confirmation Hearing. Additionally, the Plan may be modified in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and other applicable law, without further notice, prior to or as a result of the Confirmation Hearing.

CLASSES OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS ENTITLED TO VOTE

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the Bankruptcy Code, holders of Administrative Claims, Fee Claims, Other Secured Claims, Allowed PACA Claims, Equity Interests and Claims in Classes 2 and 3 are unimpaired, are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan and, thus, are not entitled to vote on the Plan; and the holders of Claims and Equity Interests in Classes 8 will not receive any distributions under the Plan and are presumed to have rejected the Plan. Only the holders of impaired Claims in Classes 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are entitled to vote to accept or to reject the Plan. You have been sent this notice because you may be a holder of an Administrative Claim, a Fee Claim, Other Secured Claim, Allowed PACA Claim, or a Claim or Equity Interest in Classes 2, 3, or 8.

SUMMARY OF PLAN TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Plan proposes to modify the rights of certain creditors and equity securities holders of the Debtors. The Plan establishes the following classes of Claims and Interests² with the following treatment:³

Unclassified — Administrative Claims

Administrative Claims include any right to payment constituting a cost or expense of administration of the Chapter 11 Cases of a kind specified under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and entitled to priority under section 507(a)(2), 507(b) or 1114(e)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, any actual and necessary costs and expenses of preserving the Debtors' estates, any actual and necessary costs and expenses of operating the Debtors' business, any indebtedness or obligations incurred or assumed by the Debtors in Possession in connection with the conduct of their business, including, without limitation, for the acquisition or lease of property or an interest in property or the rendition of services, all compensation and reimbursement of expenses to the extent awarded by the Court under sections 330, 331 or 503 of the Bankruptcy Code, any fees or charges assessed against the Debtors' estates under section 1930 of chapter 123 of title 28 of the United States Code, any Claim for goods delivered to the Debtors within twenty (20) days of the Petition Date and entitled to administrative priority pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Each holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim shall receive from the Debtors (a) Cash in an amount equal to the amount of such Allowed Administrative Claim on the later of the Effective Date and the date such Administrative Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Claim, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, or (b) such other treatment as the Debtors and such holder shall have agreed upon in writing; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Allowed Ordinary Course Administrative Claims shall be paid in full in the ordinary course of business of the Reorganized

² Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

³ For a complete description of the Plan provisions, reference should be made to the Plan and Disclosure Statement, copies of which can be obtained by the methods described at the end of this Notice.

Debtors in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of any agreements governing, instruments evidencing, or other documents relating to, such transactions.

Unless a prior date has been established pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules or a prior order of the Court, the Confirmation Order will establish a bar date for filing applications for allowance of Administrative Claims (except for (i) Fee Claims and (ii) Ordinary Course Administrative Claims (collectively (i) - (ii) shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Excluded Administrative Claims"), which date will be the first business day that is thirty (30) days after the Confirmation Date. Holders of Administrative Claims, except Excluded Administrative Claims not paid prior to the Confirmation Date shall submit requests for payment on or before the applicable Administrative Claims Bar Date or forever be barred from doing so. The notice of confirmation to be delivered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 3020(c) and 2002(f) will set forth the Administrative Claims Bar Date and constitute good and sufficient notice of the Administrative Claims Bar Date and constitute good and sufficient notice of the Administrative Claims Bar Date to review and object to all hearing) following the Administrative Claims Bar Date to review and object to all Administrative Claims.

Fee Claims

Fee Claims are Administrative Claims under section 330(a), 331 or 503 of the Bankruptcy Code for compensation of a Professional or other Person for services rendered or expenses incurred in the Chapter 11 Cases on or prior to the Effective Date (including reasonable expenses of the members of the Creditors Committee incurred as members of the Creditors Committee in discharge of their duties as such).

All requests for compensation or reimbursement of Fee Claims pursuant to sections 327, 328, 330, 331, 503 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code for services rendered prior to the Effective Date shall be filed and served on the Reorganized Debtors, counsel to the Reorganized Debtors, the United States Trustee, and counsel to the Creditors Committee and such other entities who are designated by the Bankruptcy Rules, the Confirmation Order or other order of the Court, no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date. Holders of Fee Claims that are required to file and serve applications for final allowance of their Fee Claims and that do not file and serve such applications by the required deadline shall be forever barred from asserting such Claims against the Debtors, Reorganized Debtors, counsel for the Reorganized Debtors, and the requesting party no later than seventy-five (75) days after the Effective Date. The Allowed Fee Claims are to be paid in full in cash within three (3) business days of the Final Order allowing such claims.

On or before the Effective Date, the Debtors shall place in escrow with Debtors' counsel both funds sufficient to pay all allowed but unpaid Fee Claims, as well as reasonably estimated amounts necessary to pay known and/or anticipated Fee Claims which have not yet been Allowed (the "Fee Claims Escrow"), except to the extent that the holder of such a Fee Claim executes and written waiver of such escrow requirement.

The holders of Fee Claims are unimpaired and not are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 1 – Priority Claims

This Class includes (i) Priority Claims, any unsecured Claim that is entitled to a priority in right of payment under sections 502(i) or 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code, except for Property Tax claims, (ii) Property Tax Claims and (iii) all other claims entitled to priority under Section 507.

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Priority Claim shall have agreed in writing to a different treatment, each holder of an Allowed Priority Claim shall receive, at the sole option of the Reorganized Debtors, (a) Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Priority Claim on the later of the Effective Date and the date such Priority Claim becomes an Allowed Priority Claim, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, but no later than thirty (30) days after the Effective Date, or (b) through quarterly installment payments in cash (i) of a total value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, equal to the allowed amount of such Claim; (ii) over a period ending not later than five years after the Petition Date with interest at the Plan Interest Rate; and (iii) in a manner not less favorable than the most favored nonpriority unsecured claim provided for by the Plan.

Class 1 is impaired under the Plan. The holders of Priority Claims in Class 1 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 2 — Other Secured Claims

Other Secured Claims include any Secured Claim (other than the Subordinated Claims and the Ace Companies' Claim) to the extent reflected in the Schedules or a proof of claim filed as a Secured Claim, which is secured by a Lien on Collateral to the extent of the value of such Collateral, as determined in accordance with section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, or, in the event that such Claim is subject to setoff under section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent of such setoff.

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall have agreed in writing to a different treatment, at the sole option of the Debtors, in full and final satisfaction of such claim, (i) each Allowed Other Secured Claim shall be reinstated and rendered unimpaired in accordance with section 1124(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable nonbankruptcy law that entitles the holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim to demand or receive payment of such Allowed Other Secured Claim prior to the stated maturity of such Allowed Other Secured Claim from and after the occurrence of a default, (ii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive Cash in an amount equal to such Allowed Other Secured Claim, including any interest on such Allowed Other Secured Claim required to be paid pursuant to section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, on the later of (a) thirty (30) days after Effective Date, and (b) the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim, or as soon thereafter as is practicable (but no later than thirty (30) days after the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim) or (iii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim or (iii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim or (iii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim or (iii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim) or (iii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim or (iii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim) or (iii) each holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive the Collateral securing its Allowed Other Secured Claim and any interest on such Allowed Other Secured Claim required to be paid pursuant to section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, in full and complete satisfaction of such Allowed Other Secured Claim as soon as is practicable, on the later of (i) thirty (30) days after Effective Date and (ii) the date such Other Secured Claim becomes an Allowed Other Secured Claim.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent an Allowed Other Secured Claim arises on account of property taxes, such Allowed Other Secured Claim shall be treated as Property Tax Claims. Although all Other Secured Claims have been placed in one Class for purposes of nomenclature, each Other Secured Claim, to the extent secured by a Lien on Collateral different than that securing Other Secured Claims, shall be treated as being in a separate sub-Class for the purpose of receiving Distributions under the Plan.

Class 2 is unimpaired under the Plan. The holders of Other Secured Claims in Class 2 are presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 3 — Allowed PACA Claims

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed PACA Claim shall have agreed in writing to a different treatment, each Allowed PACA claim shall be paid in full in Cash within thirty (30) days after the Effective Date or within three (3) business days after a Final Order allowing such claims.

Class 3 is unimpaired under the Plan. The holders of Allowed PACA Claims in Class 3 are presumed to accept the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 4 — General Unsecured Claims

A General Unsecured Claim is a Claim against any of the Debtors that is not otherwise classified.

Except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall have agreed in writing to a different treatment, each holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim in Class 4 shall be deemed to receive its *pro rata* share of the Unsecured Creditors' Trust Interests. The Unsecured Creditors' Trust Interests shall entitle the holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims to receive, on such date or dates determined in accordance with the Unsecured Creditors' Trust Agreement, their *pro rata* share of the Unsecured Creditors' Trust Proceeds. Under no circumstances shall any holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim receive more than payment in full of such Claim.

Class 4 is impaired under the Plan. Each holder of a General Unsecured Claim in Class 4 is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 5 — Convenience Class

Each holder of an Allowed Convenience Claim shall receive, in full and final satisfaction of such Claim, either a distribution in Cash equal to ten percent (10%) of such holder's Allowed Convenience Claim or such holder's *pro rata* share of a maximum combined distribution in the

amount of \$425,000 to be funded out of the Unsecured Creditors' Trust proceeds to holders Convenience Claims, whichever is less, on the Initial Distribution Date for the Unsecured Creditors' Trust. Any portion of the \$425,000 remaining after distributions on account of Class 5 Claims shall be applied to fund distributions on account of Class 4 Claims.

In order to share in a distribution a Convenience Claim needs to be an Allowed Claim as of the date of distribution to the Convenience Claims Class. To the extent a Convenience Claim is not an Allowed Claim as of the Initial Distribution Date for Convenience Claims said Claim will be treated as a General Unsecured Claim.

Class 5 is impaired under the Plan. Holders of Convenience Claims in Class 5 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 6 – Subordinated Claims

Holders of Subordinated Claims shall receive no distribution under the Plan until all payments required under the Plan have been made. Upon all payments under the Plan being made, the Holders of the Subordinated Claims and the Debtors will mutually agree to repayment terms. Holders of Subordinated Claims shall have no Claims against, and no rights to receive any distributions from the Unsecured Creditors' Trust.

The Subordinated Claims will remain as debt on the respective Debtor's books and records, to the extent provided by their individual terms. The Holders of the Subordinated claims will retain any liens securing their claims and said liens will be subordinated to the Secured Trust Note, as well as obligations to and liens granted in favor of Unsecured Creditors' Trust. Any liens retained by the Holders of Subordinated Claims are not enforceable against the Reorganized Debtors until all payments required under the Plan have been made and repayment terms negotiated with the Debtors.

Class 6 is impaired under the Plan. Holders of Subordinated Claims in Class 6 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 7 – ACE Companies Claims

The ACE Companies' Claim shall be satisfied as provided for in Article VII(I)(3).

Class 7 is impaired under the Plan. Holders of Ace Companies Claims in Class 7 are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Class 8 — Equity Interests

An Equity Interest means any equity security within the meaning of section 101(16) of the Bankruptcy Code or any other instrument evidencing an ownership interest in any of the Debtors, whether or not transferable, and any option, warrant, or right, contractual or otherwise, to acquire, sell or subscribe for any such interest.

Equity Interests in Buffets, LLC shall be cancelled.

Class 8 is impaired under the Plan. The holders of Equity Interests are presumed to reject the Plan and are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Plan seeks to allow Reorganized Debtors following the Effective Date, to destroy the copies of records maintained by Larson Records Management f/k/a Larson Business Data Storage which pre-date the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated July 20, 2015.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Plan contains the release, injunctive and exculpation provisions set forth below:

Insider Releases by the Debtors

Upon the Release Effective Date, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, on behalf of themselves and their estates (which shall include the Unsecured Creditors' Trust), shall be deemed to release unconditionally (a) all of their current respective officers, directors, employees, partners, advisors, attorneys, financial advisors, accountants, and other professionals, acting in their capacities as such, (b) All Jones, LLC, (c) the DIP Lender, (d) the Pre-Petition Secured Creditors', (e) FMP, and (f) as to each of the foregoing, their respective officers, directors, principals, members, employees, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, advisors, attorneys, financial advisors, accountants, and other professionals (collectively the "Released Parties" and each a "Released Party") from any and all claims, obligations, suits, judgments, damages, rights, causes of action and liabilities (which shall include the Excluded Insider Causes of Action) whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise, or any omission, transaction, event or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, or the Plan, except that (i) no individual shall be released from any act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct (notwithstanding this clause (i), neither the debtors, Reorganized Debtors nor the Unsecured Creditors' Trust shall ever claim or assert that the actions of any of the Released Parties in determining to complete, or completing, the acquisition of the Debtors or the Non-Debtor Parent Companies pursuant to the Merger Agreement or the actions or omissions of the Released Parties in the management of the Debtors or the Non-Debtor Parent Companies between the closing of the Merger Agreement and the Petition Date constitute or may be characterized as gross negligence or willful misconduct for the purposes hereof), (ii) the Reorganized Debtors and the Unsecured Creditors' Trustee, as applicable, shall not relinquish or waive the right to assert any of the foregoing as a legal or equitable defense or right of set off or recoupment against any Claims of any such persons asserted against the Debtors, (iii) the foregoing release shall not apply to any obligations that remain outstanding in respect of loans or advances made to individuals by the Debtors, (iv) the foregoing release applies to the Released Parties solely in their respective capacities described above and (v) notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan, the foregoing release shall not affect the creation of the Unsecured Creditors' Trust. Unless and until there is a Default by the Reorganized Debtors in payment and performance under the Secured Trust Note, the filing of or prosecution of, causes of action to be released pursuant to this paragraph (which include the Excluded Insider Causes of Action) will be enjoined; provided, however, that any applicable limitation of actions periods shall be tolled during the pendency of such injunction until a date not earlier than 6 months after such injunction is lifted or expires by its own terms.

Insider Releases by non-Debtors

Upon the Release Effective Date, all Persons who (a) directly or indirectly, have held, hold, or may hold Claims, or (b) vote to accept the Plan as set forth on the relevant Ballot, and (c) do not mark their Ballot to indicate their refusal to grant the releases provided in this paragraph, shall be deemed, by virtue of their receipt of Distributions and/or other treatment contemplated under the Plan, to have forever released and covenanted with the Reorganized Debtors and the Released Parties not to (y) sue or otherwise seek recovery from any of the Reorganized Debtors or any Released Party on account of any Claim in any way related to the Debtors or their business and affairs, including but not limited to any Claim based upon tort, breach of contract, violations of federal or state securities laws or otherwise, based upon any act, occurrence, or failure to act from the beginning of time through the Effective Date or (z) assert against any of the Reorganized Debtors or any Released Party any claim, obligation, right, cause of action or liability that any holder of a Claim or Interest may be entitled to assert, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, based in whole or in part on any act or omission, transaction, or occurrence from the beginning of time through the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, or the Plan, provided, however, (i) none of the Released Parties shall be released from any Claim primarily based on any act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction (notwithstanding this clause (i), none of the Persons otherwise deemed to have granted a release under this Section VIII.K of the Plan shall ever claim or assert that the actions of any of the Released Parties in determining to complete, or completing, the acquisition of the Debtors or the Non-Debtor Parent Companies pursuant to the Merger Agreement or the actions or omissions of the Released Parties in the management of the Debtors or the Non-Debtor Parent Companies between the closing of the Merger Agreement and the Petition Date constitute or may be characterized as gross negligence or willful misconduct for the purposes hereof), (ii) the foregoing release shall not apply to obligations arising under the Plan, and (iii) the foregoing release shall not be construed to prohibit a party in interest from seeking to enforce the terms of the Plan. Unless and until there is a Default by the Reorganized Debtors in payment and performance under the Secured Trust Note, the filing of or prosecution of, causes of action to be released pursuant to this paragraph will be enjoined; provided, however, that any applicable limitation of actions periods shall be tolled during the pendency of such injunction until a date not earlier than 6 months after such injunction is lifted or expires by its own terms.

FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT AND IN CONSIDERATION OF PAYMENTS MADE HEREUNDER TO THE LITIGATION TRUST, THE ABOVE RELEASES ARE INTENDED TO AND SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO RELEASE FMP, ALAMO CRG, THE PRE-PETITION SECURED CREDITORS AND ALAMO OVATION, LLC AND THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND AGENTS OF AND FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS THAT HAVE BEEN OR COULD BE

ASSERTED BY A CREDITOR OF THE DEBTORS, THE DEBTORS, A PERSON OR ENTITY ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS AGAINST ANY OF THEM OR IN ANY WAY TO THE DEBTORS (BEFORE OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE) OR THE ACQUISITION OF THE DEBTORS ON AUGUST 19, 2015.

<u>Releases of Creditors' Committee, Committee Members and Committee</u> <u>Professionals</u>

Upon the Effective Date, the Creditors' Committee, members of the Creditors' Committee, acting in their capacities as such, and their respective officers, directors, principals, members, employees, partners, subsidiaries, affiliates, advisors, attorneys, financial advisors, accountants, and other professionals (collectively the "Committee Released Parties" and each a "Committee Released Party") shall be deemed to be released unconditionally from any and all claims, obligations, suits, judgments, damages, rights, causes of action and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity or otherwise, or any omission, transaction, event or other occurrence taking place on or prior to the Effective Date in any way relating to the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, or the Plan, except that (i) no person shall be released from any act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct, (ii) the Reorganized Debtors and the Unsecured Creditors' Trustee, as applicable, shall not relinquish or waive the right to assert any of the foregoing as a legal or equitable defense or right of set off or recoupment against any Claims of any such persons asserted against the Debtors, and (iii) the foregoing release applies to the Committee Released Parties solely in their respective capacities described above.

Exculpation

The Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Released Parties, and the Committee Released Parties shall have no liability whatsoever to any holder or purported holder of an Administrative Claim, a Claim, or an Equity Interest for any act or omission in connection with, or arising out of, the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, the negotiation of the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, the negotiation of the documents included in the Plan Supplement, the pursuit of approval of the Disclosure Statement or the solicitation of votes for confirmation of the Plan, the Chapter 11 Cases, the consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan, or any transaction contemplated by the Plan or Disclosure Statement or in furtherance thereof except for any act or omission that constitutes willful misconduct or gross negligence as determined by a Final Order. This exculpation shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations and any other applicable law or rules protecting such Released Parties and Committee Released Parties from liability.

Injunction

Pursuant to section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code, no holder or purported holder of an Administrative Claim, a Claim or an Equity Interest shall be permitted to commence or continue any action, employment of process, or any act to collect, offset, or recover any Claim against a Released Party or Committee Released Party that accrued on or prior to the Effective Date and that has been released or waived pursuant to this Plan.

DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS TO CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to confirmation of the Plan, including any supporting memoranda, must be in writing, must be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 615 E. Houston St., San Antonio, Texas 78205 together with proof of service, and shall state the name and address of the objector, all grounds for the objection and the amount of the Claim(s) or other Interest(s) held by the objector. Any such objection must be filed with the Court and served so that it is actually received by the Court, the following parties, and all other parties requesting or entitled to receive notice in these cases, on or before **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** (prevailing Central Time):

<u>To the Debtors</u>: Buffets, LLC, ATTN: Peter Donbavand, 120 Chula Vista Drive, Hollywood Park, Texas 78232 with a copy to David W. Parham, Esq. and John E. Mitchell, Esq., Akerman LLP, 2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 2550, Dallas, Texas 75201 Telephone: (214) 720-4300, Facsimile: (214) 981-9339.

To the Creditors Committee: In care of David B. Kurzweil, Esq. and Kyle Woods, Esq., Terminus 200, 3333 Piedmont Road, NE, Suite 2500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, Telephone: 678-553-2100, Facsimile: 678-553-2269 and Shari L. Heyen, Esq., 1000 Louisiana, Suite 1700, Houston, Texas 77002, Telephone: 713-374-3564, Facsimile: 713-374-3505.

<u>The Office of the United States Trustee:</u> Office of The United States Trustee, Attn: James W. Rose, Jr. Esq., 615 E. Houston Street, Suite 533, San Antonio, TX 78005.

Any objection not filed and served as set forth above will be deemed waived and will not be considered by the Court.

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COPIES OF THE PLAN AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Plan and Disclosure Statement have been filed with the Bankruptcy Court and may be obtained by parties in interest at the Debtors' expense upon written request to Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., Re: Buffets Balloting ATTN: Voting Department, 6201 15th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11219. In addition, copies of the Disclosure Statement and the Plan may be found on Donlin, Recano & Company's dedicated webpage (https://www.donlinrecano.com/buffets), and on the Bankruptcy Court's website, www.txwb.uscourts.gov, and are on file with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 615 E. Houston St., San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Dated: February 24, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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