UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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In re:

WEWORK INC., et al., 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-19865 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ORDER COMPELLING DEBTORS TO PAY POST-PETITION RENT AND RELATED CHARGES UNDER UNEXPIRED LEASE OF NONRESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

- I, Courina Yulisa, declare the following:
- I represent 729 Washington Property Owner LLC ("729 Washington") and I am 1. authorized to make this supplemental declaration in support of the Motion for Order Compelling Debtors to Pay Post-Petition Rent and Related Charges Under Unexpired Lease of Nonresidential Real Property [Docket no. 1193] (the "Motion") filed by 729 Washington.
- 2. In connection with a landlord's motion to compel payments under section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, at least one court in this District has awarded the payment of post-petition,

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pre-rejection interest and late fees as provided in the underlying lease or contract. *See In re Pelican Pool*, No. 05-22983 (DHS), 2009 Bankr. LEXIS 4623, at *38 (Bankr. D.N.J. July 27, 2009) (holding that the landlord is entitled to interest on post-petition and pre-rejection lease obligations pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 365(d)(3)).

- 3. Pursuant to the Lease,² 729 Washington is entitled to interest at the default rate (the "<u>Post-Petition Interest</u>") for any pre-rejection Post-Petition Amount Due under the Lease. The Lease requires that the Debtor pay interest at the Default Rate for any Rent (as defined in the Lease under section 3.3 to include Operational Expenses, Real Estate Taxes, and Additional rent) that remains unpaid after five business days after 729 notifies that such Rent is due. *See* Lease, § 20.1. The Default Rate is defined as "the lesser of (A) the rate announced from time to time by U.S. Bank or, if U.S. Bank ceases to exist or ceases to publish such rate, then the rate announced from time to time by the largest (as measured by deposits) chartered bank operating in the State of Minnesota, as its "prime rate" or "reference rate", plus 3.0%, or (B) the maximum rate of interest permitted by applicable law, in either case, per annum." Lease, § 6.4(b). As of the filing of the Motion, the Default Rate constitutes the prime rate of 8.5%³ plus 3.0%, amounting to 11.5%.
- 4. To date, the Debtor owes Post-Petition Interest for the January Rent commencing on January 6, 2024 and for any electric charges invoiced but remains unpaid after 30 days the electric invoice was sent to the Debtor. These Post-Petition Interest amount continues to accrue and will be increased to include the February rent and the electric charges, as applicable, until the Post-Petition Amount Due is paid.
- 5. Attached and incorporated herein as **Exhibit 1** is a revised proposed order (the "Revised Order") that includes payment sought for Default Interest. A blackline of the Revised

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³ The prime rate is subject to change.

Order to the Proposed Order included in the Motion as Exhibit A is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit 2.

6. In addition to the relief sought in the Motion, 729 Washington seeks relief for any unpaid pre-rejection, Post-Petition Interest amount due for the January and February rents, as well as the electric charges, in the amount of the prime rate plus 3.0% as set forth under the Lease.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

DATED this 30th day of January, 2024.

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EXHIBIT 1

Revised Order

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED.
- 2. 729 Washington Ave Tenant LLC (the "<u>Debtor</u>") shall perform all post-petition obligations under the Lease in a timely manner unless and until such time the Lease is rejected and the Premises are surrendered by the Debtor.
- 3. The Debtor shall pay 729 Washington the Post-Petition Amount Due and payable under the Lease in the amount of \$662,646.76 within two (2) business days from the entry of this Order.
- 4. The Debtor shall pay 729 Washington the electric charges in the amount of \$4,831.46 pursuant to the invoice attached as Exhibit D to the Motion within two (2) business days from the entry of this Order.

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5. The Debtor shall pay 729 Washington all reasonable costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection with prosecution of the Motion in the amount of \$_______, within two (2) business days from the entry of this Order.

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- 7. 729 Washington's claim against the Debtor for Stub Rent in the amount of \$272,313.20 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1) is allowed and shall be entitled to available distributions on such claim in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 8. The requirement set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) that any motion be accompanied by a memorandum of law is hereby deemed satisfied by the contents of the Motion or otherwise waived.
- 9. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

EXHIBIT 2

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