IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

FREDERIC AND BARBARA ROSENBERG LIVING TRUST, Appellant/Cross-Respondent, vs. MACDONALD HIGHLANDS REALTY, LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; MICH No. 69399 Electronically Filed
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. *See* <u>KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman</u>, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

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4. Nature of disposition below (check	all that apply):
 Judgment after bench trial Judgment after jury verdict ⊠ Summary judgment □ Default judgment □ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief □ Grant/Denial of injunction □ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief □ Review of agency determination 5. Does this appeal raise issues concert 	 □ Dismissal: □ Lack of jurisdiction □ Failure to state a claim □ Failure to prosecute □ Other (specify): □ Divorce Decree: □ Original □ Modification □ Other disposition (specify):
	this court. List the case name and docket number sently or previously pending before this court which
court of all pending and prior proceeding (e.g., bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurca Case No. A-13-689113-C Eighth Judicial District Court, Departm	other courts. List the case name, number and s in other courts which are related to this appeal ted proceedings) and their dates of disposition: ent I parties that were not released from the case by

8. Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

This was a real estate matter in which the Appellant purchased a home from Bank of America. Respondents were the real estate agents for the seller and the entity responsible for approving construction plans in Appellant's community. Appellant alleged that the seller's agents failed to disclose construction plans at a neighboring property, and sought damages as well as injunctive relief in the form of stopping construction on the neighboring property.

However, the contract documents reviewed and agreed to by Plaintiff specifically provided that issues like those in the complaint were solely the responsibility of the buyer during the due diligence period. The contract documents also contained multiple waivers regarding the liability of Respondents. Based on those documents and applicable law, Respondents moved for and were granted summary judgment on August 13, 2015.

After achieving summary judgment, Respondents moved for fees and costs, including post-judgment interest. Although the district court awarded fees and costs on November 10, 2015, it did not award post-judgment interest.

- **9.** Issues on appeal. State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):
- 1. Whether the district court correctly granted summary judgment, where the contract documents stated that the matters at issue were Appellant's responsibility, and (b) contained extensive waivers of liability regarding Respondents.
- 2. Whether the district court correctly granted summary judgment where Nevada law did not provide the remedy Plaintiff was requesting.
- 3. Whether the district court correctly refused to grant post-judgment interest on the attorney fees and costs award.

10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

None.

13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly
set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to
the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which
the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite
its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circum-
stance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or
significance:

Respondent believes this matter should be assigned to the Court of Appeals pursuant to NRAP 17(b)(2) and 17(b)(7).

14.	Trial.	If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last?	0
	Was it	a hanch or jury trial? N/A	

15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice? N/A

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

If no written judgment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for seeking appellate review:
17. Date written notice of entry of judgment or order was served November 10, 2015
Was service by:
□ Delivery
⊠ Mail/electronic/fax
18. If the time for filing the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion (NRCP $50(b)$, $52(b)$, or 59)
(a) Specify the type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and the date of filing.
□ NRCP 50(b) Date of filing
□ NRCP 52(b) Date of filing
□ NRCP 59 Date of filing
NOTE: Motions made pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the time for filing a notice of appeal. See <u>AA Primo Builders v. Washington</u> , 126 Nev, 245 P.3d 1190 (2010).
(b) Date of entry of written order resolving tolling motion
(c) Date written notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served
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19. Date notice of app	peal filed Multiple
notice of appeal wa Appellant/Cross-R	earty has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each as filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal: espondent: December 9, 2015 s-Appellants: December 11, 2015
20. Specify statute or e.g., NRAP 4(a) or oth	rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, ner
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	SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY
21. Specify the statut the judgment or order (a)	e or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review er appealed from:
\boxtimes NRAP 3A(b)(1)	☐ NRS 38.205
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	□ NRS 703.376
☑ Other (specify)	The district court granted NRCP 54(b) certification Nov. 10, 2015
(b) Explain how each a	uthority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order:

(b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: NRAP 3A(b)(1) provides that this Court has jurisdiction over "[a] final judgment entered in an action or proceeding commenced in the court in which the judgment was rendered." On November 10, 2015, the district court certified its August 13, 2015, judgment and October 29, 2015, order as final pursuant to NRCP 54(b).

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court: (a) Parties: Frederic and Barbara Rosenberg Living Trust; Bank of America, N.A.; BAC Home
Loans Servicing, LP; MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC; Michael Doiron; Shahin Shane Malek; Paul Bykowski; The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch Master Association; The Foothills Partners
(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:
The NRCP 54(b) order entered by the district court on November 10, 2015, only applies to the parties before this Court.
23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.
Appellant's claims against Respondents: (1) unjust enrichment, (2) fraudulent or intentional misrepresentation, (3) negligent misrepresentation, (4) violation of real estate broker statutes, (5) easement, (6) declaratory relief, and (7) mandatory injunction. All were resolved in Respondent's favor via summary judgment on August 13, 2015. Respondents had no independent claims, but obtained fees and costs on October 29, 2015. That fee and cost award did not include post-judgment interest.
24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below? $\hfill Yes \hfill No$
 25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following: (a) Specify the claims remaining pending below: At present, Appellant still has active claims against Bank of America, N.A., and BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. (the "B of A parties"). At present, Shane Malek has an active claim against Appellant.

Appellant	t, the B of A parties, and Shane Malek.
, ,	e district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment to NRCP 54(b)?
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□ No	
(d) Did the	e district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that is just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
⊠ Yes	
☐ No	
26. If you ar appellate re	nswered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking eview (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)):

27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, crossclaims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- Any other order challenged on appeal

(b) Specify the parties remaining below:

• Notices of entry for each attached order

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

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Defendants' Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs is hereby GRANTED pursuant to the offer of judgment served on Plaintiff on January 29, 2015. Fees in the amount of \$120,315.00 are therefore hereby awarded to Defendants.

Plaintiff's Motion to Re-Tax is also hereby GRANTED, and costs in the amount of \$20,728.24 are hereby awarded to Defendants.

This Court entered an order granting summary judgment in favor of Defendants on August 13, 2015, and has certified that order pursuant to NRCP 54(b). This Court finds there is no just cause for delay in entering final judgment as to Defendants, as this Order, in conjunction with the order dated August 13, 2015 resolves all claims between Plaintiff and Defendants.

Good cause appearing, therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in favor of Defendants in the amount of \$141,043.24.

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1	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order awarding attorney's fees and costs shall be
2	certified as final as to Defendants pursuant NRCP 54(b).
3	IT IS SO ORDERED.
4	Dated this 29 day of October, 2015.
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of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 10th day of November, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of November, 2015, pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I effiled and e-served via the Eighth Judicial District Court electronic service system the NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER (1) GRANTING MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS AND (2) GRANTING MOTION TO RE-TAX COSTS to all parties on the e-service list.

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DATED this 10th day of November, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of November, 2015, pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I effiled and e-served via the Eighth Judicial District Court electronic service system the NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO NRCP 54(b) to all parties on the e-service list.

/s/Pamela Montgomery
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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

ROSENBERG LIVING TRUST, Plaintiff, VS. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a foreign limited partnership; MACDONALD HIGHLANDS REALTY, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; MICHAEL DOIRON, an individual; SHAHIN SHANE MALEK, an individual; PAUL BYKOWSKI, an individual; THE FOOTHILLS AT MACDONALD RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION, a Nevada limited liability company; THE FOOTHILLS PARTNERS, a Nevada limited partnership; DOES I through X, inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND JUDGMENT REGARDING DEFENDANTS MACDONALD HIGHLANDS REALTY, LLC, MICHAEL DOIRON, AND FHP **VENTURES' MOTION FOR**

Case No.: A-13-689113-C

SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Dept. No.: I

Defendants.

On June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., this Court heard argument on the Motion for Summary Judgment ("MSJ") of MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC ("MHR"), Michael Doiron

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("Doiron") and FHP Ventures, wrongfully named as The Foothills Partners ("FHP")

(collectively referred to herein as the "Moving Defendants"). Attending the hearing were Karen Hanks, Esq., Jacqueline Gilbert, Esq., Melissa Barishman, Esq., and Jesse Panoff, Esq. on behalf of the Plaintiff; Jay DeVoy, Esq. and Preston Rezaee, Esq. on behalf of Defendant Shahin Shane Malek; J. Randall Jones, Esq. and Spencer H. Gunnerson, Esq. on behalf of Moving Defendants; and William Habdas, Esq. on behalf of Defendant Bank of America, N.A. and BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP. The Court having heard oral argument and having reviewed all papers and pleadings on file in this matter makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment.

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On February 20, 2013, Barbara Rosenberg sent a letter of intent to Defendant Bank of America's asset manager in Connecticut, Elena Escobar, regarding the purchase of 590 Lairmont Place in Henderson, Nevada (the "subject property"). See Exhibit A to the MSJ, at 41:14-43:1 and Letter of Intent and associated documents, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit B. Barbara Rosenberg confirmed in her deposition that Exhibit B is a copy of the letter of intent she sent. Exhibit A to the MSJ at 43:21-44:4.
- 2. The letter of intent, which was signed by Barbara's son David Rosenberg and his wife, offered the following term:

It is Buyer's obligation to conduct all necessary studies, including but not limited to environmental, construction, market feasibility, title, zoning & CC&R's. [sic] Buyer shall purchase the property "As-Is" and "Where-Is" and "With All Faults."

Exhibit B to the MSJ at 2, ¶ 15 (emphasis added).

3. Six days later, Ms. Rosenberg was told that she would have to wait to purchase the property while the seller completed its due diligence and marketing preparations. See E-mail from Kelli Barrington dated February 26, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit C.

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- Ms. Rosenberg continued to inquire regarding the subject property into March of 4. 2013. See E-mail from Barbara Rosenberg dated March 6, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit D, and e-mail from Kelli Barrington dated March 7, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit E.
- 5. Shortly thereafter, on March 13, 2013, Ms. Rosenberg and her husband gave their highest and best offer to purchase the subject property. See E-mail from Siobhan McGill dated March 13, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit F.
- As part of the Rosenbergs' offer to purchase the property, their real estate agent again underscored the fact that "they [the Rosenbergs] will take property AS-IS." See id. (emphasis original).
- 7. Also on March 13, 2013, Barbara and Frederic Rosenberg both signed a written offer to purchase the subject property under the terms of an attached Residential Purchase Agreement, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit G, at BANA 1-11 (the "Purchase Agreement"). That offer was accepted by Bank of America on March 21, 2013, see id. at BANA 11, and subject to four separate addenda. See id at BANA 12-13. See also Real Estate Purchase Addendum, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit H, at MHR 105-119.
- 8. Both Barbara and Frederic Rosenberg reviewed the Purchase Agreement in detail before they signed it. Exhibit A to the MSJ at 89:1-17.
- Barbara Rosenberg testified that she and her husband could have tried to amend 9. any of the terms of the Purchase Agreement and chose not to. See id. at 90:2-11.
- The Purchase Agreement contained a waiver of the Rosenbergs' right to perform 10. a survey and determine the boundary lines surrounding their property. Exhibit G to the MSJ at BANA 4, ¶ 7(C).
- 11. Paragraph 12(A) of the Purchase Agreement provided Plaintiff with a 12-day due diligence period in which to inspect the subject property. Id. at BANA 6.
- 12. The due diligence required of Plaintiff under the Purchase Agreement was as follows:

During the Due Diligence Period, Buyer shall take such action as Buyer deems necessary to determine whether the Property

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is satisfactory to Buyer including, but not limited to, whether the Property is insured to Buyer's satisfaction, whether there are unsatisfactory conditions surrounding or otherwise affecting the Property (such as location of flood zones, airport noise, noxious fumes or odors, environmental substances or hazards, whether the Property is properly zoned, locality to freeways, railroads, places of worship, schools, etc.) or any other concerns Buyer may have related to the Property. . . . Buyer is advised to consult with appropriate professionals regarding neighborhood or property conditions, including but not limited to: schools, proximity and adequacy of law enforcement; proximity to commercial, industrial, or agricultural activities; crime statistics, fire protection; other governmental services; existing and proposed transportation; construction and development; noise or odor from any source; and other nuisances, hazards, or circumstances.

Id. at BANA 6, \P 12(b) (emphasis added).

13. Paragraph 22 of the Purchase Agreement constituted a waiver of claims against all Brokers and their agents:

Buyer and Seller agree that they are not relying upon any representations made by Brokers or Broker's [sic] agent. Buyer acknowledges that at COE, the Property will be sold AS-IS, WHERE-IS without any representations or warranties, unless expressly stated herein. . . .

Buyer acknowledges that any statements of acreage or square footage by brokers are simply estimates, and Buyer agrees to make such measurements, as Buyer deems necessary, to ascertain actual acreage or square footage. Buyer waives all claims against Brokers or their agents for (a) defects in the Property; (b) inaccurate estimates of acreage or square footage; (c) environmental waste or hazards on the Property; (d) the fact that the Property may be in a flood zone; (e) the Property's proximity to freeways, airports, or other nuisances; (f) the zoning of the Property; (g) tax consequences; or (h) factors related to Buyer's failure to conduct walk-throughs, inspections and research, as Buyer deems necessary. In any event, Broker's liability is limited, under any and all circumstances, to the amount of Broker's commission/fee received in this transaction.

See id. at BANA 8-9, ¶ 22 (emphasis added).

14. Michael Doiron and MacDonald Highlands Realty are listed in the Purchase Agreement as the agent and broker for the seller in this transaction. See id. at BANA 11.

1	15. The Real Estate Purchase Addendum executed by the Rosenbergs on March 15,
2	2013, provides both a broad waiver of the Rosenbergs' claims against the seller and its agents,
3	as well as a limitation of the Rosenbergs' remedies in any such claim:
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5	NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY IN THE AGREEMENT, SELLER'S LIABILITY AND BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE
6	REMEDY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND FOR ALL CLAIMS (AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 26 OF
7	THIS ADDENDUM) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING IN ANY WAY TO THE AGREEMENT OR THE SALE OF
8	THE PROPERTY TO BUYER INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY,
9	THE SIZE, SQUARE FOOTAGE, BOUNDARIES, OR LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY SHALL BE LIMITED

(A) A RETURN OF THE BUYER'S EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IF THE SALE TO BUYER DOES NOT CLOSE;

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TO NO MORE THAN

(B) THE LESSER OF BUYER'S ACTUAL DAMAGES OR \$5,000.00 IF THE SALE TO BUYER CLOSES.

Exhibit H to the MSJ at MHR 105, ¶ 1 (emphasis original).

16. The Addendum further provided:

THE BUYER FURTHER WAIVES THE FOLLOWING, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE LAW: ... ANY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING IN ANY WAY TO ENCROACHMENTS, EASEMENTS, BOUNDARIES, SHORTAGES IN AREAS OR ANY OTHER MATTER THAT WOULD BE DISCLOSED OR REVEALED BY A SURVEY OR INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY OR SEARCH OF PUBLIC RECORDS.

Id. at MHR 106-07(emphasis original).

- 17. Barbara Rosenberg understood that if she did not agree to the terms of the Real Estate Purchase Addendum, the Rosenbergs would not have been allowed to purchase the subject property. Exhibit A to the MSJ at 108:3-17.
- 18. Subsequent to executing the Residential Purchase Agreement and its addenda, the Rosenbergs had inquired through their real estate agent as to whether substantive changes could be made to the terms of the sale. In the words of their real estate agent, "The answer is an

emphatic NO!" See E-mail from Siobhan McGill dated March 27, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit I. The only change allowed was for Barbara and Frederic Rosenberg to place the property in the name of their trust, the Plaintiff in this matter. See Addendum No. 4, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit J.

19. During the purchase process, Defendant Michael Doiron, a MacDonald Highlands Realty employee, represented the seller, Bank of America. As part of her disclosures to the Rosenbergs, she gave them a document entitled "ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS AND LAND USE DISCLOSURE," which the Rosenbergs received on April 13, 2013. See Exhibit K to the MSJ. After describing the zoning classifications and land use surrounding the property, the disclosure specifically stated:

This information is current and plotted as of <u>February</u> 2010.

Master plan designation and zoning classifications, ordinances[,] and regulations adopted pursuant to the master are subject to change. You may obtain more current information regarding the zoning and master plan information from The City of Henderson, Planning Department, 240 Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015, Te:: [sic] 565-2474.

See id. (emphasis original).

- 20. The zoning change on what would become Defendant Malek's property was recommended for approval on November 15, 2012. See City of Henderson Community Development Staff Report, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit Q. It was thereafter approved by the City and recorded on the City of Henderson's zoning maps on January 24, 2013. See Deposition of Michael Tassi, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit O, at 27:17-28:11. The maps on the City's website would have been updated in February of 2013. See id. at 30:6-15.
- 21. Paul Bykowski testified that Plaintiff's home, like other homes in the neighborhood generally, is constructed to take advantage of the "primary views" because a "maximized" view would be impossible short of building a glass house. See Deposition Transcript of Paul Bykowski, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit S, at 123:11-127:1.
- 22. Independent of any building on Malek's parcel, the subject property's privacy was already compromised as a result of its being a golf course and near a walking path. See

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Exhibit A, at 119:15-120:10 (in which Barbara Rosenberg admits it was possible for golfers on the course to look into the home, and that it was also possible for individuals on a nearby walking path to do so as well). See also Deposition Transcript of Richard MacDonald, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit L, at 59:22-60:4 ("The reality is you don't have any privacy when you live on a golf course, period. You have no privacy whatsoever.")

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Plaintiff's claims for relief against Moving Defendants fail for multiple reasons. 1. Plaintiff's Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Claims for Relief against Moving Defendants for unjust enrichment, fraudulent or intentional misrepresentation, negligent misrepresentation, real estate brokers violations of NRS 645, and declaratory relief (insofar as it pertains to the actions of Moving Defendants), respectively, fail due to Plaintiff's insistence and agreement on taking the subject property as-is; and as a result of Plaintiff's knowing, intentional and voluntary waivers of claims (See Sections A and B below). Plaintiff's Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Claims for Relief against Moving Defendants for easement, declaratory relief, and mandatory injunction, respectively, also fail given that none of the Moving Defendants currently have any ownership interest in the subject property; there is no implied easement for view, privacy or access to light in Nevada; and any alleged implied restrictive covenant not to build on former golf course property does not appear to exist in Nevada and is truly a request for an implied easement for view, privacy, or access to light (See Section C below).

- A. Plaintiff's insistence and agreement on taking the subject property "as-is" forecloses the possibility of a non-disclosure action against the Moving Defendants because Plaintiff assumed, as a matter of law, responsibility for all potential defects, including zoning and boundary line matters.
- "Nondisclosure by the seller of adverse information concerning real property 2. generally will not provide the basis for an action by the buyer to rescind or for damages when property is sold 'as is." Mackintosh v. Jack Matthews & Co., 855 P.2d 549, 552 (Nev. 1993). Here, findings of fact 2, 6, 12, 13, and 14 all indicate that the sale of the subject property to

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Plaintiff was "as-is" and that liability for discovering the defects complained of rested solely with the Plaintiff, not with the Moving Defendants.

- In accordance with Facts 7 through 9 above, Plaintiff's representatives read the 3. purchase documents in detail and understood what they were agreeing to, including the "as-is" provision, when they contracted to purchase the subject property.
- In accordance with Facts 10 through 12 above, Plaintiff either waived its right to 4. inspect the subject property and its boundaries or had an opportunity to conduct due diligence that it did not exercise. In either event, the facts show that Plaintiff either did not conduct diligence with regard to the property boundaries or did and failed to bring its findings to the attention of the seller or its agent.
- 5. In accordance with Facts 19 and 20 above, Plaintiff could have discovered any defect with the zoning or boundaries of the subject property had it performed its due diligence as required by the Purchase Agreement.
- В. The purchase documents for the subject properties contained knowing, intentional, and voluntary waivers of the claims by Plaintiff against the Moving Defendants.
- In Nevada, a waiver is "the intentional relinquishment of a known right." 6. Nevada Yellow Cab Corp. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. Cnty. of Clark, 152 P.3d 737, 740 (Nev. 2007); accord, Wood v. Milyard, 132 S. Ct. 1826, 1832 (U.S. 2012) (recognizing that "A waived claim or defense is one that a party has knowingly and intelligently relinquished"). See also State, Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. v. Sutton, 120 Nev. 972, 987, 103 P.3d 8, 18 (2004) (recognizing that a waiver is valid where made with knowledge of all material facts). When a right is waived, the "right is gone forever and cannot be recalled." Bernhardt v. Harrington, 775 N.W.2d 682, 686 (N.D. 2009).
- Waivers are enforceable to grant summary judgment against a claim where the 7. evidence shows that the plaintiff willingly and voluntarily signed the waiver, and the waiver is clear and unambiguous as to what claims were being waived against which parties. See Cobb v. Aramark Sports & Entm't Servs., LLC, 933 F. Supp. 2d 1295, 1298-99 (D. Nev. 2013).
 - 8. In accordance with Facts 13 and 14 above, there was a clear and knowing waiver

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of all of Plaintiff's asserted claims against the Moving Defendants in this case.

- 9. In accordance with Facts 16 and 17 above, Plaintiff knowingly, intentionally, and voluntarily entered into a similar waiver in a separate addendum to the purchase contract for the subject property.
- 10. Even if Plaintiff did not waive the claims against the Moving Defendants – which it did, Fact 15 conclusively shows that Plaintiff voluntarily limited its claims in this action to no more than \$5,000.

C. Plaintiff's claims for declaratory and injunctive relief cannot stand as a matter of law.

- 11. To the extent that Moving Defendants also requested relief on the basis that Nevada does not allow an easement for view, privacy and/or access to light, that argument is moot as to Moving Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty and Doiron due to this Court's decision on the due diligence and waiver arguments. With regard to FHP Ventures, this Court finds that Plaintiff's claim of an easement and/or restrictive covenant not to build on the property at issue is actually a request for an easement for view, privacy or access to light. Under Nevada law, there is no such easement and, accordingly, summary judgment should be granted in favor of FHP Ventures on the claims for declaratory relief and injunctive relief. Furthermore, as a matter of law, in Nevada there is not an implied easement or implied restrictive covenant requiring property formerly owned by a golf course to remain part of the golf course indefinitely, especially where that property was not a part of the playable grass area of the golf course. See Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Judgment on Defendant/Counterclaimant Shahin Shane Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment, also heard on the same date as the instant Motion and on file herein (the "Malek Decision"); see also Boyd v. McDonald, 408 P.2d 717, 722 (Nev. 1965). The Court addresses these particular issues in detail in the Malek Decision, incorporated herein by reference.
- Additionally, the claims against Moving Defendants for declaratory relief, 12. easement, and injunctive relief cannot stand as a matter of law against any of the Moving Defendants, none of whom currently have any ownership interest in the subject property.

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III.

JUDGMENT

This action having been submitted to the Court for decision on the Motion for Summary Judgment on June 10, 2015, and the Court having made the aforementioned findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Court decides in favor of Moving Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, Michael Doiron and FHP Ventures, with regard to all claims against those Moving Defendants.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiff take nothing by way of its January 12, 2015 Amended Complaint against Moving Defendants.

DATED this day of May 2015.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Approved as to form:

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DATED this day of July, 2015.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and

Judgment Regarding Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, Michael Doiron, and

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FHP Ventures' Motion for Summary Judgment was entered on August 13, 2015, a copy of which is attached.

DATED this 13 day of August, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 13th day of August, 2015, pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I efiled and e-served via the Eighth Judicial District Court electronic service system the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND JUDGMENT REGARDING DEFENDANTS MACDONALD HIGHLANDS REALTY, LLC, MICHAEL DOIRON, AND FHP VENTURES' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT to all parties on the e-service list.

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I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On February 20, 2013, Barbara Rosenberg sent a letter of intent to Defendant Bank of America's asset manager in Connecticut, Elena Escobar, regarding the purchase of 590 Lairmont Place in Henderson, Nevada (the "subject property"). See Exhibit A to the MSJ, at 41:14-43:1 and Letter of Intent and associated documents, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit B. Barbara Rosenberg confirmed in her deposition that Exhibit B is a copy of the letter of intent she sent. Exhibit A to the MSJ at 43:21-44:4.
- 2. The letter of intent, which was signed by Barbara's son David Rosenberg and his wife, offered the following term:

It is Buyer's obligation to conduct all necessary studies, including but not limited to environmental, construction, market feasibility, title, zoning & CC&R's. [sic] Buyer shall purchase the property "As-Is" and "Where-Is" and "With All Faults."

Exhibit B to the MSJ at 2, \P 15 (emphasis added).

3. Six days later, Ms. Rosenberg was told that she would have to wait to purchase the property while the seller completed its due diligence and marketing preparations. See E-mail from Kelli Barrington dated February 26, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit C.

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- 4. Ms. Rosenberg continued to inquire regarding the subject property into March of 2013. See E-mail from Barbara Rosenberg dated March 6, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit D, and e-mail from Kelli Barrington dated March 7, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit E.
- Shortly thereafter, on March 13, 2013, Ms. Rosenberg and her husband gave 5. their highest and best offer to purchase the subject property. See E-mail from Siobhan McGill dated March 13, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit F.
- 6. As part of the Rosenbergs' offer to purchase the property, their real estate agent again underscored the fact that "they [the Rosenbergs] will take property AS-IS." See id. (emphasis original).
- 7. Also on March 13, 2013, Barbara and Frederic Rosenberg both signed a written offer to purchase the subject property under the terms of an attached Residential Purchase Agreement, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit G, at BANA 1-11 (the "Purchase Agreement"). That offer was accepted by Bank of America on March 21, 2013, see id. at BANA 11, and subject to four separate addenda. See id at BANA 12-13. See also Real Estate Purchase Addendum, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit H, at MHR 105-119.
- Both Barbara and Frederic Rosenberg reviewed the Purchase Agreement in detail 8. before they signed it. Exhibit A to the MSJ at 89:1-17.
- Barbara Rosenberg testified that she and her husband could have tried to amend 9. any of the terms of the Purchase Agreement and chose not to. See id. at 90:2-11.
- The Purchase Agreement contained a waiver of the Rosenbergs' right to perform 10. a survey and determine the boundary lines surrounding their property. Exhibit G to the MSJ at BANA 4, \P 7(C).
- Paragraph 12(A) of the Purchase Agreement provided Plaintiff with a 12-day due 11. diligence period in which to inspect the subject property. <u>Id</u>. at BANA 6.
- 12. The due diligence required of Plaintiff under the Purchase Agreement was as follows:

During the Due Diligence Period, Buyer shall take such action as Buyer deems necessary to determine whether the Property

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is satisfactory to Buyer including, but not limited to, whether the Property is insured to Buyer's satisfaction, whether there are unsatisfactory conditions surrounding or otherwise affecting the Property (such as location of flood zones, airport noise, noxious fumes or odors, environmental substances or hazards, whether the Property is properly zoned, locality to freeways, railroads, places of worship, schools, etc.) or any other concerns Buyer may have related to the Property. . . . Buyer is advised to consult with appropriate professionals regarding neighborhood or property conditions, including but not limited to: schools, proximity and adequacy of law enforcement; proximity to commercial, industrial, or agricultural activities; crime statistics, fire protection; other governmental services; existing and proposed transportation; construction and development; noise or odor from any source; and other nuisances, hazards, or circumstances.

Id. at BANA 6, ¶ 12(b) (emphasis added).

13. Paragraph 22 of the Purchase Agreement constituted a waiver of claims against all Brokers and their agents:

Buyer and Seller agree that they are not relying upon any representations made by Brokers or Broker's [sic] agent. Buyer acknowledges that at COE, the Property will be sold AS-IS, WHERE-IS without any representations or warranties, unless expressly stated herein. . . .

Buyer acknowledges that any statements of acreage or square footage by brokers are simply estimates, and Buyer agrees to make such measurements, as Buyer deems necessary, to ascertain actual acreage or square footage. Buyer waives all claims against Brokers or their agents for (a) defects in the Property; (b) inaccurate estimates of acreage or square footage; (c) environmental waste or hazards on the Property; (d) the fact that the Property may be in a flood zone; (e) the Property's proximity to freeways, airports, or other nuisances; (f) the zoning of the Property; (g) tax consequences; or (h) factors related to Buyer's failure to conduct walk-throughs, inspections and research, as Buyer deems necessary. In any event, Broker's liability is limited, under any and all circumstances, to the amount of Broker's commission/fee received in this transaction.

See id. at BANA 8-9, ¶ 22 (emphasis added).

14. Michael Doiron and MacDonald Highlands Realty are listed in the Purchase Agreement as the agent and broker for the seller in this transaction. See id. at BANA 11.

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The Real Estate Purchase Addendum executed by the Rosenbergs on March 15, 2013, provides both a broad waiver of the Rosenbergs' claims against the seller and its agents, as well as a limitation of the Rosenbergs' remedies in any such claim:

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY IN THE AGREEMENT, SELLER'S LIABILITY AND BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND FOR ALL CLAIMS (AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 26 OF

CONTRARY IN THE AGREEMENT, SELLER'S LIABILITY AND BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND FOR ALL CLAIMS (AS THE TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 26 OF THIS ADDENDUM...) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING IN ANY WAY TO THE AGREEMENT OR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY TO BUYER INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO... THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY, ... THE SIZE, SQUARE FOOTAGE, BOUNDARIES, OR LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY ... SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN

(A) A RETURN OF THE BUYER'S EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IF THE SALE TO BUYER DOES NOT CLOSE;

AND

(B) THE LESSER OF BUYER'S ACTUAL DAMAGES OR \$5,000.00 IF THE SALE TO BUYER CLOSES.

Exhibit H to the MSJ at MHR 105, ¶ 1 (emphasis original).

16. The Addendum further provided:

THE BUYER FURTHER WAIVES THE FOLLOWING, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE LAW: ... ANY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING IN ANY WAY TO ENCROACHMENTS, EASEMENTS, BOUNDARIES, SHORTAGES IN AREAS OR ANY OTHER MATTER THAT WOULD BE DISCLOSED OR REVEALED BY A SURVEY OR INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY OR SEARCH OF PUBLIC RECORDS.

Id. at MHR 106-07(emphasis original).

- 17. Barbara Rosenberg understood that if she did not agree to the terms of the Real Estate Purchase Addendum, the Rosenbergs would not have been allowed to purchase the subject property. Exhibit A to the MSJ at 108:3-17.
- 18. Subsequent to executing the Residential Purchase Agreement and its addenda, the Rosenbergs had inquired through their real estate agent as to whether substantive changes could be made to the terms of the sale. In the words of their real estate agent, "The answer is an

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emphatic NO!" See E-mail from Siobhan McGill dated March 27, 2013, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit I. The only change allowed was for Barbara and Frederic Rosenberg to place the property in the name of their trust, the Plaintiff in this matter. See Addendum No. 4, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit J.

During the purchase process, Defendant Michael Doiron, a MacDonald 19. Highlands Realty employee, represented the seller, Bank of America. As part of her disclosures to the Rosenbergs, she gave them a document entitled "ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS AND LAND USE DISCLOSURE," which the Rosenbergs received on April 13, 2013. See Exhibit K to the MSJ. After describing the zoning classifications and land use surrounding the property, the disclosure specifically stated:

> This information is current and plotted as of February 2010.

Master plan designation and zoning classifications, ordinances[,] and regulations adopted pursuant to the master are subject to change. You may obtain more current information regarding the zoning and master plan information from The City of Henderson, Planning Department, 240 Water Street, Henderson, NV 89015, Te:: [sic] 565-2474.

See id. (emphasis original).

- The zoning change on what would become Defendant Malek's property was 20. recommended for approval on November 15, 2012. See City of Henderson Community Development Staff Report, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit Q. It was thereafter approved by the City and recorded on the City of Henderson's zoning maps on January 24, 2013. See Deposition of Michael Tassi, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit O, at 27:17-28:11. The maps on the City's website would have been updated in February of 2013. See id. at 30:6-15.
- Paul Bykowski testified that Plaintiff's home, like other homes in the 21. neighborhood generally, is constructed to take advantage of the "primary views" because a "maximized" view would be impossible short of building a glass house. See Deposition Transcript of Paul Bykowski, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit S, at 123:11-127:1.
- Independent of any building on Malek's parcel, the subject property's privacy 22. was already compromised as a result of its being a golf course and near a walking path. See

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Exhibit A, at 119:15-120:10 (in which Barbara Rosenberg admits it was possible for golfers on the course to look into the home, and that it was also possible for individuals on a nearby walking path to do so as well). See also Deposition Transcript of Richard MacDonald, attached to the MSJ as Exhibit L, at 59:22-60:4 ("The reality is you don't have any privacy when you live on a golf course, period. You have no privacy whatsoever.")

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- Plaintiff's claims for relief against Moving Defendants fail for multiple reasons. 1. Plaintiff's Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth Claims for Relief against Moving Defendants for unjust enrichment, fraudulent or intentional misrepresentation, negligent misrepresentation, real estate brokers violations of NRS 645, and declaratory relief (insofar as it pertains to the actions of Moving Defendants), respectively, fail due to Plaintiff's insistence and agreement on taking the subject property as-is; and as a result of Plaintiff's knowing, intentional and voluntary waivers of claims (See Sections A and B below). Plaintiff's Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Claims for Relief against Moving Defendants for easement, declaratory relief, and mandatory injunction, respectively, also fail given that none of the Moving Defendants currently have any ownership interest in the subject property; there is no implied easement for view, privacy or access to light in Nevada; and any alleged implied restrictive covenant not to build on former golf course property does not appear to exist in Nevada and is truly a request for an implied easement for view, privacy, or access to light (See Section C below).
 - A. Plaintiff's insistence and agreement on taking the subject property "as-is" forecloses the possibility of a non-disclosure action against the Moving Defendants because Plaintiff assumed, as a matter of law, responsibility for all potential defects, including zoning and boundary line matters.
- 2. "Nondisclosure by the seller of adverse information concerning real property generally will not provide the basis for an action by the buyer to rescind or for damages when property is sold 'as is." Mackintosh v. Jack Matthews & Co., 855 P.2d 549, 552 (Nev. 1993). Here, findings of fact 2, 6, 12, 13, and 14 all indicate that the sale of the subject property to

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Plaintiff was "as-is" and that liability for discovering the defects complained of rested solely with the Plaintiff, not with the Moving Defendants.

- In accordance with Facts 7 through 9 above, Plaintiff's representatives read the 3. purchase documents in detail and understood what they were agreeing to, including the "as-is" provision, when they contracted to purchase the subject property.
- In accordance with Facts 10 through 12 above, Plaintiff either waived its right to inspect the subject property and its boundaries or had an opportunity to conduct due diligence that it did not exercise. In either event, the facts show that Plaintiff either did not conduct diligence with regard to the property boundaries or did and failed to bring its findings to the attention of the seller or its agent.
- In accordance with Facts 19 and 20 above, Plaintiff could have discovered any 5. defect with the zoning or boundaries of the subject property had it performed its due diligence as required by the Purchase Agreement.
- The purchase documents for the subject properties contained knowing, В. intentional, and voluntary waivers of the claims by Plaintiff against the Moving Defendants.
- In Nevada, a waiver is "the intentional relinquishment of a known right." 6. Nevada Yellow Cab Corp. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. Cnty. of Clark, 152 P.3d 737, 740 (Nev. 2007); accord, Wood v. Milyard, 132 S. Ct. 1826, 1832 (U.S. 2012) (recognizing that "A waived claim or defense is one that a party has knowingly and intelligently relinquished"). See also State, Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. v. Sutton, 120 Nev. 972, 987, 103 P.3d 8, 18 (2004) (recognizing that a waiver is valid where made with knowledge of all material facts). When a right is waived, the "right is gone forever and cannot be recalled." Bernhardt v. Harrington, 775 N.W.2d 682, 686 (N.D. 2009).
- Waivers are enforceable to grant summary judgment against a claim where the 7. evidence shows that the plaintiff willingly and voluntarily signed the waiver, and the waiver is clear and unambiguous as to what claims were being waived against which parties. See Cobb v. Aramark Sports & Entm't Servs., LLC, 933 F. Supp. 2d 1295, 1298-99 (D. Nev. 2013).
 - In accordance with Facts 13 and 14 above, there was a clear and knowing waiver 8.

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of all of Plaintiff's asserted claims against the Moving Defendants in this case.

- 9. In accordance with Facts 16 and 17 above, Plaintiff knowingly, intentionally, and voluntarily entered into a similar waiver in a separate addendum to the purchase contract for the subject property.
- Even if Plaintiff did not waive the claims against the Moving Defendants 10. which it did. Fact 15 conclusively shows that Plaintiff voluntarily limited its claims in this action to no more than \$5,000.

Plaintiff's claims for declaratory and injunctive relief cannot stand as a matter C. of law.

- To the extent that Moving Defendants also requested relief on the basis that 11. Nevada does not allow an easement for view, privacy and/or access to light, that argument is moot as to Moving Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty and Doiron due to this Court's decision on the due diligence and waiver arguments. With regard to FHP Ventures, this Court finds that Plaintiff's claim of an easement and/or restrictive covenant not to build on the property at issue is actually a request for an easement for view, privacy or access to light. Under Nevada law, there is no such easement and, accordingly, summary judgment should be granted in favor of FHP Ventures on the claims for declaratory relief and injunctive relief. Furthermore, as a matter of law, in Nevada there is not an implied easement or implied restrictive covenant requiring property formerly owned by a golf course to remain part of the golf course indefinitely, especially where that property was not a part of the playable grass area of the golf course. See Order, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and Judgment on Defendant/Counterclaimant Shahin Shane Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment, also heard on the same date as the instant Motion and on file herein (the "Malek Decision"); see also Boyd v. McDonald, 408 P.2d 717, 722 (Nev. 1965). The Court addresses these particular issues in detail in the Malek Decision, incorporated herein by reference.
- 12. Additionally, the claims against Moving Defendants for declaratory relief, easement, and injunctive relief cannot stand as a matter of law against any of the Moving Defendants, none of whom currently have any ownership interest in the subject property.

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III.

JUDGMENT

This action having been submitted to the Court for decision on the Motion for Summary Judgment on June 10, 2015, and the Court having made the aforementioned findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Court decides in favor of Moving Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, Michael Doiron and FHP Ventures, with regard to all claims against those Moving Defendants.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiff take nothing by way of its January 12, 2015 Amended Complaint against Moving Defendants.

DATED this day of July 2015.

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III.

JUDGMENT

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DATED this ____ day of July, 2015.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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III.

JUDGMENT

This action having been submitted to the Court for decision on the Motion for Summary Judgment on June 10, 2015, and the Court having made the aforementioned findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Court decides in favor of Moving Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, Michael Doiron and FHP Ventures, with regard to all claims against those Moving Defendants.

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Breach of Contract	COURT MINUTES	December 04, 2013	
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)		
	VS.		
	Bank of America, Defendant(s)		

December 04, 2013

1:00 PM

Minute Order

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Due to the Court's unavailability, COURT ORDERED, the Motion to Dismiss on OST CONTINUED.

CONTINUED TO: 12/09/13 11:00 AM

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Justin Shiroff, Esq., Lisa Zastrow,

Esq. via e-mail. /mlt

PRINT DATE: 12/15/2015

Breach of Contract	COURT MINUTES	December 09, 2013
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)	
	vs.	
	Bank of America, Defendant(s)	

December 09, 2013

11:00 AM

Motion to Dismiss

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker

RECORDER:

Beverly Sigurnik

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PARTIES

PRESENT:

Byrne, Patrick G. Smyth, James E., II Attorney Attorney

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- Statements by the Court as to arguments towards facts in a motion to dismiss. Mr. Byrne stated the position they are taking is based on the pled facts. The Court can take judicial notice as these are public documents. Mr. Byrne gave summary of client purchasing the property to build a custom home, has the plans and approval but cannot be signed off on because of the Lis Pendens. Further Mr. Malek can't lock down a rate because of this. Mr. Byrne argued as to notice stating lot could be used for custom home. There was a zoning change which has been recorded. Mr. Smyth argued as to APN number and it being golf course property. Further argued there is a blanket easement and the zoning change did not change the easement. Statements by the Court. Mr. Smyth stated if the Court is inclined to grant the motion Plaintiffs would request leave to amend. Ms. Winslow suggested the claims against Mr. Malek be separate from the claims against the bank. Further arguments by counsel as to zoning and easements. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED. Court further stated the burden is on the Plaintiff as to why this should not be expunged.

CONTINUED TO: 12/19/13 10:00 AM

PRINT DATE: 12/15/2015 Page 2 of 24 Minutes Date: December 04, 2013

Breach of Contract	COURT MINUTES	December 19, 2013	
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)		
71-15-007115-C	VS.		
	Bank of America, Defendant(s)		

December 19, 2013 10:00 AM

All Pending Motions

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- ALL PENDING - Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint Pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5), or Alternatively, Motion for Summary Judgment... DRFH Ventures, LLC f/k/a DragonRidge Properties, LLC; DragonRidge Golf Club, Inc.; MacDonald Properties, LTD; MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC; and Michael Doiron's Partial Joinder To Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion To Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint Pursuant To NRCP 12(B)(5), Or Alternatively, Motion For Summary Judgment... Defendants DRFH Ventures, LLC f/k/a Dragonridge Properties, LLC; Dragonridge Golf Club, Inc.; MacDonald Properties, Ltd.; MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC; and Michael Doiron's Motion to Dismiss... Defendant's Motion To Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint And Expunge Lis Pendens On Order Shortening Time

Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint Pursuant to NRCP 12(b)(5), or

PRINT DATE: 12/15/2015 Page 3 of 24 Minutes Date: December 04, 2013

Alternatively, Motion for Summary Judgment... DRFH Ventures, LLC f/k/a DragonRidge Properties, LLC; DragonRidge Golf Club, Inc.; MacDonald Properties, LTD; MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC; and Michael Doiron's Partial Joinder To Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion To Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint Pursuant To NRCP 12(B)(5), Or Alternatively, Motion For Summary Judgment -

Ms. Winslow stated this is a buyer s remorse case; property was sold as is. There are no additional warranties; this is a bare lot that is barely touching the plaintiff's property. Ms. Winslow provide aerial view of property and gave description. Further argued exhibit B of the purchase contract. It is the burden of the buyers to inspect the property lines of what they are purchasing and the surrounding properties. There is no right to a view in Nevada. Court stated this seems to be a motion for summary judgment and inquired if Mr. Smyth was prepare to argue. Mr. Smyth stated if the Court is inclined to grant, plaintiff would be requesting a continuance and 56(f). Argued his client only has a duty of diligence to look at the recorded documents. Court inquired if more discovery need to be done. Mr. Smyth stated more fact are needed to as to the minor adjustment. Colloquy as to doing discovery. Mr. Smyth argued they have money damages as the bank did not disclose. Ms. Winslow argued there is a burden as to 56(f) to state what they are looking for. Statements by the Court. Mr. Brenner argued there is no 56(f) affidavit. Further argument by counsel. COURT ORDERED, Motion and Joinder DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE with six months discovery. Ms. Winslow to prepare the Order.

Defendants DRFH Ventures, LLC f/k/a Dragonridge Properties, LLC; Dragonridge Golf Club, Inc.; MacDonald Properties, Ltd.; MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC; and Michael Doiron's Motion to Dismiss -

Mr. Gunnerson argued the entire case is about an easement. We have concerns as to three of the entities that are still in the lawsuit. There is no implied contract; these entities were not a party to this contract. Plaintiff can't rely on misrepresentation when they admit they never knew of the misrepresentations. Mr. Smyth argued they do not have to have implied easement. Plaintiffs claims are this is a golf course and DRFH is the developer. They are arguing there is little impact and there is a lot of impact. Further arguments by counsel. COURT ORDERED, Defendants DRFH Ventures, LLC f/k/a Dragonridge Properties, LLC; Dragonridge Golf Club, Inc.; MacDonald Properties, Ltd.; MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC; and Michael Doiron's Motion to Dismiss GRANTED as to DRFH, Dragon, Inc., and Macdonald Ltd.

Defendant's Motion To Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint And Expunge Lis Pendens On Order Shortening Time -

Mr. Brenner argued there was nothing false in the application; it stated there was going to be a custom home. Plaintiff has the exact view of the 9th hole. Further argued there is no evidence as to what hardship is. If the claim is not dismissed we will be filing a slander claim. Plaintiff had notice of the change, Bank of America had it and gave them notice. Statements by the Court. Mr. Smyth advised supplements have been filed the Plaintiff purchased property based on the plot maps. Mr. Smyth further argued the Court just heard argument from counsel Bank of America had knowledge.

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Henderson gave notice of the application to Bank of America. Notice to the world is the recorded documents. This portion of the property is part of the golf course not Mr. Malec's property. Court inquired what gives the Plaintiff the right to lien the property. Mr. Smyth argued they have an interest to keep the title to the property in place. Statements by the Court. Further arguments by counsel. COURT STATED FINDINGS and ORDERED, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint DENIED and Expunge Lis Pendens OST GRANTED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

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A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)		
71-13 007113 C	vs.		
	Bank of America, Defendant(s)		

January 05, 2015

3:00 AM

Motion for Leave

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker

RECORDER:

REPORTER:

PARTIES PRESENT:

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- This Motion was GRANTED on 1/9/15.

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PARTIES PRESENT:

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs.
Bank of America, Defendant(s)

January 09, 2015

10:30 AM Minute Order

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Phyllis Irby

RECORDER:

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- Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust vs. Bank of America Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint and Caption

Plaintiff's unopposed Motion for Leave to Amend Complaint and Caption is GRANTED.

Breach of Cont	ract	COURT MINUTES	January 30, 2015
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Bar vs. Bank of America	bara Rosenburg Living Trust , Defendant(s)	, Plaintiff(s)
January 30, 201	5 9:00 AM	Motion for Protective Order	Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion For Protective Order re: Deposition of Rule 30(B)(6) Witness, and For Attorneys' Fees on OST
HEARD BY: Bulla, Bonnie		COURTROOM:	RJC Level 5 Hearing Room
COURT CLER	K: Jennifer Lott		
RECORDER: Francesca Haak			
REPORTER:			
PARTIES PRESENT:	DeVoy, James M. Hanks, Karen Rulis, Nathanael R., ES Winslow, Natalie L	Attorney Attorney 6Q Attorney Attorney	

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- The homeowner purchased property in a foreclosure from Bank of America, and there was no communication the neighbor improving the adjacent property. Argument by Ms. Hanks. Colloquy re: notice must include better categories for areas of concern. Colloquy re: the timeframe. Argument by Ms. Winslow.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, motion is GRANTED WITHOUT PREJUDICE to Pltf to reserve a proper 30(b)(6) notice with appropriate topic areas for the relevant timeframe. Commissioner is available by conference call if necessary. Colloquy re: resetting depositions, and remaining depositions needed.

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COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, discovery cutoff RE-OPENED to 3/16/15 to complete depositions; FILE dispositive motions by 4/16/15; 5/26/15 Trial date STANDS; no fees or costs. Commissioner is available by conference call if something comes up.

Ms. Winslow to prepare the Report and Recommendations, and counsel to approve as to form and content. A proper report must be timely submitted within 10 days of the hearing. Otherwise, counsel will pay a contribution. Ms. Winslow to appear at status check hearing to report on the Report and Recommendations.

3/6/15 11:00 a.m. Status Check: Compliance

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A-13-689113-C Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs.
Bank of America, Defendant(s)

April 08, 2015

9:00 AM

Motion to Dismiss

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker

RECORDER:

Lisa Lizotte

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT:

Chavez, Sarah M, ESQ Attorney
Gunnerson, Spencer Attorney
Hanks, Karen Attorney
Shevorski, Steven G. Attorney

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- Mr. Gunnerson advised this case is in regards to a third acre property and it has been clear from the beginning plaintiffs do not want the defendant to build on the property. Mr. Gunnerson argued they have attempted to bring in easements to stop them for building. Plaintiffs are trying to create a strict covenant which would be guidelines; there is nothing in the restrictive guidelines. Plaintiffs are claiming the design guidelines are not applied to the third acre. Mr. Gunnerson argued as to declaratory relief. Ms. Hanks argued plaintiffs are only asking for FHP to enforce the design guidelines. This is essentially a breach of the covenants and CC&R's. Ms. Hanks stated Mr. Malek may be an innocent victim and if he is it falls to FHP for approving the design. Statements by the Court. Ms. Hanks advised discovery has closed and have requested leave to amend for damages. Court stated it was not going to close the door on the defendant for the plaintiffs to come back and claim damages. Ms. Hanks advised they have money damages against other parties, plaintiffs are just looking for FHP to enforce the guidelines. Mr. Gunnerson argued it is possible for the Court to base its decision on the facts pled without additional discovery. Court stated if the motion is granted the defendant has been placed on notice they will be coming back for money damages. Mr. Gunnerson stated they would rather be dismissed out at this point and do not feel there are any money damages.

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Plaintiffs are attempting to bring in the CC&R's, and they do not apply to FHP. Ms. Hanks argued under the CC&R's FHP is still a declarant of the MacDonald property and are still in control. Mr. Gunnerson argued they have failed to show any restrictive covenants have not been enforced. Further arguments by counsel. COURT ORDERED, Defendant FHP Venture's Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint DENIED. Colloquy. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, Trial date VACATED and Matter SET for status check. Ms. Hanks to prepare the Order.

6/10/15 9:00 AM STATUS CHECK: RESET TRIAL

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PARTIES PRESENT:

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Breach of Contract		COURT MINUTES	May 18, 2015
A-13-689113-C Frederic and E vs.		Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)	
May 18, 2015	9:00 AM	Minute Order	
HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth		COURTROOM: RJC Courtr	oom 16A
COURT CLERK: 1	Michele Tucker		
RECORDER:			
REPORTER:			

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- The COURT ORDERS, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment Against Shanin Shane Malek, Defendant Shanin Shane Malek Motion for Summary Judgment, and Counter Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment RESCHEDULED from Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The Status Check regarding resetting the trial will remain on the 6/10/15 oral calendar.

RESCHEDULED TO: 6/10/15 9:00 AM

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Jay DeVoy, Esq., Spencer Gunnerson, Esq., Karen Hanks, Esq., and Steven Shevorski, Esq. via e-mail. /mlt

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Breach of Cont	ract	COURT MINUTES	June 10, 2015
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Bar vs. Bank of America	bara Rosenburg Living Trust	, Plaintiff(s)
	Datas Of Tamerica,	Deteriounities	
June 10, 2015	9:00 AM	All Pending Motions	
HEARD BY:	Cory, Kenneth	COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 16A
COURT CLER	K: Tena Jolley		
RECORDER:	Lisa Lizotte		
REPORTER:			
PARTIES			
PRESENT:	Barishman, Melissa	Attorney	
	DeVoy, James M.	Attorney	
	Gilbert, Jacqueline	Attorney	
	Gunnerson, Spencer	Attorney	
	Habdas, William S.	Attorney	
	Hanks, Karen	Attorney	
	Jones, Jon Randall	Attorney	
	Panoff, Jesse N	Attorney	
	Rezaee, Preston P, ESQ) Attorney	

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- STATUS CHECK: RESET TRIAL DATE - Mr. Gunderson advised there is a Motion to Amend to Conform to Evidence set for July 6, 2015, and requested matter be continued. Ms. Hanks stated the Motion is set on the Court's Chambers Calendar. COURT ORDERED, matter CONTINUED to 7/15/15 at 9:00 A.M.

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AGAINST DEFENDANT SHAHIN SHANE MALEK - Ms. Hanks argued that Mr. Malek's counter-claim for slander of title based on the lis pendens recorded by the Rosenberg Trust fails as there is clearly no issue of fact. There is no evidence of malice. Further there is no computation of damages or supporting documentation as required to claim special damages and discovery is closed. Therefore, there are no issues of fact

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remaining and summary judgment in favor of the Rosenberg Trust on the slander of title claim is appropriate. Mr. Devoy argued in opposition that the question of malice is whether the statement is knowlingly false or is made with reckless disregard for the truth. Ms. Rosenberg knew exactly what she was doing and she filed the lis pendens to prevent Mr. Malek from building his home which was a reckless disregard for the truth that applies. On the issue of damages, attorney fees continue to accrue and questions of fact remain as to what Ms. Rosenberg knew when she filed the lis pendens. COURT ORDERED, Motion DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Upon Ms. Hanks request that Plaintiff be allowed to depose Mr. Malek if additional documents are produced, Court recommended the issues be brought before the Discovery Commissioner.

DEFENDANT SHAHIN SHANE MALEK'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT - Mr. Devoy argued that Nevada law prohibits easements being granted to protect view and privacy. The implied restrictive covenant is improper as case law does not recognize this new cause of action and there is no evidence of a restrictive covenant that prevents someone from building their house. Plaintiff's requests for declaratory and injunctive relief requires an underlying finding of liability there can be no relief. Mr. Gunnerson adopted arguments made by Mr. Devoy and made three points: there is no easement for view or privacy recognized in Nevada; the one-third acre of bare land was a bare lot and not a part of the golf course; and the only use Plaintiff's use of that property would be to protect view and privacy. Argument that no genuine issues of material fact exist as the golf course is still the center of the community and no easement existed. Argument by Ms. Hanks in opposition that there are expressed and implied restrictive covenants which limits what a property owner can do with their property thereby maintaining the value of the property that Plaintiff purchased and the expectation that that the surrounding area would remain the same. These are issues of fact for the jury to determine. COURT ORDERED, matter UNDER SUBMISSION, ORDER WILL ISSUE from Chambers, and matter SET for Decision on Court Chamber Calendar.

DEFENDANTS' MACDONALD HIGHLANDS, MICHAEL DOIRON AND FHP VENTURES' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT - Mr. Gunnerson requested that as to the view ad privacy easement portion of their motion, was previously addressed. Argument that the case is ripe for summary adjudication at this time as the Rosenberg's purchased the property "as is," signed a Purchase Agreement, failed to research public records/zoning maps, and waived claims against the broker or their agents. Ms. Hanks argued in opposition that Plaintiff did not waive any defects as to the surrounding area/golf course and did not have knowledge of material facts as to any change in zoning which should have been disclosed and is a question for the jury to determine. Further Doiron and McDonald Realty had a duty to correct any misrepresentations made on the seller's disclosure form. COURT ORDERED, matter UNDER SUBMISSION, ORDER WILL ISSUE from Chambers, and matter SET for Decision on Court Chamber Calendar.

6/29/15 CHAMBERS - DEFENDANT SHAHIN SHANE MALEK'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT // DEFENDANTS' MACDONALD HIGHLANDS, MICHAEL DOIRON AND FHP VENTURES' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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Breach of Contract	COURT MINUTES		June 29, 2015
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs. Bank of America, Defendant(s)		
June 29, 2015	3:00 AM	All Pending Motions	
HEARD BY: Cory,	Kenneth	COURTROOM: RJC Court	room 16A
COURT CLERK: N	Michele Tucker		
RECORDER:			
REPORTER:			
PARTIES PRESENT:			

- ALL PENDING

Based on the arguments raised in Defendants briefing, the COURT ORDERS, Defendants' MacDonald Highlands, Michael Doiron and FHP Ventures' Motion for Summary Judgment GRANTED. Counsel for Defendants are to prepare the order, which must include findings of facts and conclusions of law and distribute a copy to all parties.

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Based on the arguments raised in Defendant Malek's briefing, the COURT ORDERS, Defendant Shahin Shane Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. The motion is GRANTED as to claims brought by Plaintiff and DENIED as to Defendant Malek's counterclaim for Slander of Title. Counsel for Defendant Malek is to prepare the order, which must include findings of facts and conclusions of law and distribute a copy to all parties.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: John Randall Jones, Esq., and Preston Rezaee, Esq. via e-mail. /mlt

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Breach of Contract	<u> </u>	COURT MINUTES	July 06, 2015
A-13-689113-C	vs.	Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintif ica, Defendant(s)	f(s)
July 06, 2015	3:00 AM	Motion to Amend Complaint	
HEARD BY: Cor	y, Kenneth	COURTROOM: RJC Co	ourtroom 16A
COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker			
RECORDER: Lisa Lizotte			
REPORTER:			
PARTIES PRESENT:			

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- After reviewing all related motions, oppositions, and replies, the Court finds that a motion under NRCP 15(b) is not appropriate. Further, under NRCP 15(a) the Court finds that the proposed claims would be futile as they fall under the preview of NRS 38.310. Accordingly, COURT ORDRED Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint to Conform to Evidence DENIED. The Plaintiffs may refile an appropriate NRCP 15(a) motion after exhausting all required remedies under NRS 38.310. Mr. Brenner to prepare the Order.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Karen Hanks, Esq., Spencer Gunnerson, Esq., Preston Rezaee, Esq., and Darren Brenner, Esq. via e-mail. /mlt

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Breach of Cont	ract	COURT MINUTES	July 29, 2015	
A-13-689113-C	vs.	arbara Rosenburg Living Trust ca, Defendant(s)	r, Plaintiff(s)	
July 29, 2015	9:00 AM	Status Check: Reset Trial Date		
HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth		COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 16A	
COURT CLER	COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker			
RECORDER: Lisa Lizotte				
REPORTER:				
PARTIES PRESENT:	Carter, Matthew S. DeVoy, James M.	Attorney Attorney		

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Attorney

Attorney

- Colloquy regarding last hearing. COURT ORDERED, Trial Date SET. COURT FURTHER ORDERED, all Dispositive Motion due February 22, 2016 and Motions in Limine due May 6, 2016.

6/9/16 9:00 AM PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

Hanks, Karen

Shevorski, Steven G.

6/27/16 10:00 AM JURY TRIAL

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Breach of Contract		COURT MINUTES	September 21, 2015
A-13-689113-C	vs.	arbara Rosenburg Living Trust	, Plaintiff(s)
September 21, 2015	3:00 AM	All Pending Motions	
HEARD BY: Cory,	Kenneth	COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 16A
COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker			
RECORDER:			
REPORTER:			
PARTIES PRESENT:			

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- DEFENDANT MACDONALD HIGHLANDS REALTY LLC'S MOTION FOR CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO NRCP 54(B)...PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO RETAX AND SETTLE MEMORANDUM OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO RETAX AND SETTLE MEMORANDUM OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS heard and DENIED AS MOOT on 10/22/15 oral calendar.

COURT ORDERED, Defendant Macdonald Highlands Realty LLC's Motion For Certification Pursuant To NRCP 54(B) GRANTED. Mr. Gunnerson to prepare the Order and distribute to all parties.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Spencer Gunnerson, Esq. via email. /mlt

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A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)	
11 10 007110 C	vs.	
	Bank of America, Defendant(s)	

October 22, 2015

1:30 PM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker

RECORDER: Lisa Lizotte

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT:

Carter, Matthew S. Attorney
DeVoy, James M. Attorney
Gilbert, Jacqueline Attorney
Hanks, Karen Attorney

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- ALL PENDING

DEFENDANT SHAHIN MALEK'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS: Court noted it had not received an opposition. Ms. Hanks advised a copy had been provided to chambers today. Mr. DeVoy advised he had not seen a copy of the opposition and requested the

Motion be granted. COURT ORDERED, Motion CONTINUED.

CONTINUED TO: 12/1/15 9:00 AM

DEFENDANT MACDONALD HIGHLAND REALTY, LLC AND FHP VENTURES MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS:

Following arguments by counsel, COURT ORDERED, Fees GRANTED in the amount of \$120,315.00; Costs CONTINUED to this Court's Chamber Calendar.

CONTINUED TO: 11/9/15 CHAMBERS

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PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO RETAX AND SETTLE MEMORANDUM OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS: COURT ORDERED, Motion DENIED AS MOOT.

CLERK'S NOTE: Minutes corrected to include the continued hearing dates (which were given in Court). /mlt

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Breach of Contract		COURT MINUTES	November 09, 2015
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs. Bank of America, Defendant(s)		, Plaintiff(s)
November 09, 2015	3:00 AM	Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs	
HEARD BY: Cory,	Kenneth	COURTROOM:	RJC Courtroom 16A
COURT CLERK: M	lichele Tucker		
RECORDER:			
REPORTER:			
PARTIES PRESENT:			
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- The Court previously granted Defendant MacDonald Highland Realty, LLC and FHP Ventures Motion for Attorneys' Fees and continued the matter as to Costs. COURT ORDERED, Motion GRANTED as to costs.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Jacqueline Gilbert, Esq., Karen Hanks, Esq., Preston Rezaee, Esq., and Matthew Carter, Esq. via e-mail. /mlt

Breach of Contract	COURT MINUTES	December 01, 2015
A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)	
A-13-007113-C	VS.	
	Bank of America, Defendant(s)	

December 01, 2015 9:00 AM Motion for Attorney Fees

and Costs

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker

RECORDER: Lisa Lizotte

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: DeVoy, James M. Attorney

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- Mr. DeVoy stated this was his second time here for this motion. The first time the motion was continued to review and reply to the opposition and the date and time were agreed to by both parties; this time there is no appearance by counsel. Mr. DeVoy argued as to the fees and costs incurred by his client do to this litigation. Court inquired as to how much time was spent here this morning. Mr. DeVoy advised 1.8 billable hours. Statements by the Court. COURT ORDERED, Defendant Shahin Malek's Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs GRANTED; fees GRANTED from April 16, 2015 forward and fees for appearing today 12/1/15. All costs GRANTED. Mr. DeVoy to prepare the Order.

CLERK'S NOTE: The above minute order has been distributed to: Karen Hanks, Esq. and Jacqueline Gilbert, Esq. via e-mail. /mlt

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A-13-689113-C	Frederic and Barbara Rosenburg Living Trust, Plaintiff(s)	
	vs. Bank of America, Defendant(s)	and an annual fill the second

December 09, 2015 9:00 AM Status Check

HEARD BY: Cory, Kenneth COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 16A

COURT CLERK: Michele Tucker

RECORDER: Lisa Lizotte

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PARTIES

PRESENT: DeVoy, James M. Attorney

Gilbert, Jacqueline Attorney Shevorski, Steven G. Attorney

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- Statements by the Court regarding there being no signature on the stipulation to stay the matter. Mr. DeVoy and Mr. Shevorski advised they have no objection to the stay. Court STATED the trial date will stand and hopefully the Supreme Court will have made a ruling by then. Mr. DeVoy advised Mr. Malek still has a counterclaim. Mr. Shevorski advised Bank of America is still a party in this matter. COURT ORDERED, Stay to REMAIN IN PLACE and trial date STANDS.

Matter Recalled: Ms. Gilbert present. Court advised of the proceedings.

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Electronically Filed Preston P. Rezaee, Esq. 08/13/2015 11:11:51 AM 1 Nevada Bar No. 10729 Jay DeVoy, Esq., of counsel Nevada Bar No. 11950 Sarah Chavez, Esq., of counsel 3 Nevada Bar No. 11935 CLERK OF THE COURT THE FIRM, P.C. 4 200 E. Charleston Blvd. 5 Las Vegas, NV 89104 Telephone: (702) 222-3476 6 Facsimile: (702) 252-3476 Attorneys for Defendant / Counterclaimant, 7 SHAHIN SHANE MALEK 8 **DISTRICT COURT** CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA 9 10 THE FREDERIC AND BARBARA CASE NO.: A-13-689113-C ROSENBERG LIVING TRUST. DEPT NO.: I 11 Plaintiff. 12 VS. 13 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; BAC HOME) [PROPOSED] ORDER, FINDINGS OF 14 LOANS SERVICING, LP, a foreign limited) FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, partnership; MACDONALD HIGHLANDS) AND JUDGMENT ON DEFENDANT / 15 REALTY, LLC, a Nevada limited liability) COUNTERCLAIMANT SHAHIN SHANE company; MICHAEL DOIRON, an individual;) MALEK'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY 16 SHAHIN SHANE MALEK, an individual;) JUDGMENT PAUL BYKOWSKI, an individual; THE) 17 FOOTHILLS AT MACDONALD RANCH) 18 MASTER ASSOCIATION, a Nevada limited) liability company; THE FOOTHILLS) 19 PARTNERS, a Nevada limited partnership;) DOES I through X, inclusive; and ROE) 20 BUSINESS ENTITY I through XX, inclusive,) 21 Defendants. 22 23 24 Before the Court is Defendant/Counterclaimant Shahin Shane Malek's ("Malek['s]") Motion 25 for Summary Judgment on the claims asserted against him by Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant The 26 Frederic and Barbara Rosenberg Living Trust ("Plaintiff" or the "Trust"), and on Malek's 27

Counterclaim for slander of title against the Trust. The Court heard argument on this motion on June

10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Karen Hanks, Esq., Jacqueline Gilbert, Esq., Melissa Barishman, Esq., and Jesse

Panoff, Esq. appeared on behalf of the Plaintiff. Preston Rezaee, Esq. and Jay DeVoy, Esq. appeared on behalf of Malek. Spencer Gunnerson, Esq. and J. Randall Jones, Esq. appeared on behalf of Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, Michael Doiron, and FHP Ventures, erroneously sued as The Foothills Partners. William Habdas, Esq. appeared on behalf of Defendants Bank of America, N.A. and BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (collectively, and for ease of reference only, "Bank of America"). The Court, having reviewed all papers and pleadings on file in this matter in chambers, entered a minute order granting in part and denying in part Malek's Motion, and articulated its decision on the record during a status check for this matter on July 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.¹

I. Introduction

This case arises from the Trust's purchase of a house within the exclusive MacDonald Highlands community, and its desire to restrict the use of Malek's neighboring property. On September 23, 2013, the Trust filed a complaint against Malek, among other defendants, seeking injunctive relief against Malek's development of his property at 594 Lairmont Place, and a portion of additional land Malek had re-zoned and agreed to purchase before the Trust purchased an adjacent parcel at 590 Lairmont Place. The Trust filed an Amended Complaint on January 12, 2015. Malek answered the Amended Complaint, and additionally asserted his Counterclaim for slander of title against the Trust.

This order considers Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment on the Trust's claims against him: easement, implied restrictive covenant, injunction, and declaratory relief. Malek has also moved for summary judgment on his counterclaim for slander of title against the Trust. In support of his motion, Malek submitted numerous exhibits, including public records, the Trust's discovery responses, and documents authenticated during depositions, as well as excerpts from numerous depositions taken in this case. The Trust opposed Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment, and referenced its Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment on Malek's slander of title counterclaim² in opposing that branch of Malek's motion. Malek timely replied in support of his motion.

¹ At this status check, Karen Hanks, Esq., appeared on behalf of the Plaintiff/Counterclaim Defendant. Jay DeVoy, Esq. appeared on behalf of Defendant/Counterclaimant Malek. Spencer Gunnerson, Esq., appeared on behalf of Defendants MacDonald Highlands Realty, LLC, Michael Doiron, and FHP Ventures—erroneously sued as The Foothills Partners. Ariel Stern, Esq. appeared on behalf of Bank of America.

² The Court denied this motion at its June 10, 2015 hearing, and subsequently entered an order to that effect.

II. Legal Standard

This Court evaluates motions for summary judgment under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 56. Summary judgment is appropriate "when the pleadings and other evidence on file demonstrate that no 'genuine issue as to any material fact [remains] and that the moving party is entitled to a judgment as a matter of law." Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 729, 121 P.3d 1026, 1029 (2005). In reviewing the motion, the Court considers the evidence in the light most favorable to the non-moving party. Collins v. Union Federal Savings and Loan Association, 99 Nev. 284, 302, 662 P.2d 610, 621 (1983).

III. Findings of Fact

Based on its review of the briefing in this case, the Court makes the following findings of fact:

A. Findings Pertaining to the Trust's Claims Against Malek.

- 1. This case arises from a private community's sale of an out-of-bounds portion of a golf course to an adjacent lot owner in order to increase the original lot's size; this practice is common in prestigious, exclusive communities throughout the Las Vegas valley, including MacDonald Highlands, where the land at issue in this case is situated. Bykowski Dep. Vol. I at 39:16-40:19; Doiron Dep. Vol. I at 110:9-111:25; MacDonald Dep. at 126:22-128:20; Mot. Exhs. 1, 2.
- 2. Malek purchased the property commonly referred to as 594 Lairmont Place (APN 178-27-218-002) ("594 Lairmont"), located within the MacDonald Highlands community, in August of 2012. At the same time, Malek planned to purchase a 0.34-acre parcel of undeveloped land adjacent to 594 Lairmont (APN 178-28-520-001) (the "Golf Parcel") and annex it to 594 Lairmont. Malek Dep. at 14:17-22:10, 67:9-68:8; Bykowski Dep. Vol. I at 38:12-20; MacDonald Dep. at 60:17-21, 100:12-18; Rosenberg Dep. at 190:2-5, 213:11-23.
- 3. MacDonald Highlands approved of this plan and sold the Golf Parcel to Malek. Malek Dep. at 19:16-22, 21:16-22:10; Bykowski Dep. Vol. I at 38:12-20; Doiron Dep. Vol. I at 120:7-122:5.
- 4. The Golf Parcel consisted of an out-of-bounds area near the ninth hole of the Dragonridge Golf Course, situated within MacDonald Highlands, and occupied a portion of the space bordering the property line of 594 Lairmont, and outside of the golf course's in-play area. Rosenberg Dep. at 190:2-5; Malek Dep. at 19:16-22, 67:9-68:8; MacDonald Dep. at 60:17-21, 100:12-18; Bykowski Dep. Vol. I at 38:12-20; Rosenberg Dep. at 190:2-5, 213:11-23; see Mot. Exh. 7.

- 5. Before merging the Golf Parcel with 594 Lairmont, MacDonald Highlands needed to re-zone it from its Public / Semi-Public designation to residential use. Bykowski Dep. Vol. I at 38:12-20; Malek Dep. at 43:10-21, 47:4-20; Tassi Dep. at 16:6-23:9; see Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 183:25-185:7.
- 6. MacDonald Highlands had performed this process several times for other property owners with lots adjacent to the golf course, and re-zoned parcels of land from Public / Semi-Public use to the appropriate residential use so that they could be merged with adjacent lots, leased to the owners of adjacent lots, or otherwise incorporated into abutting property.³ Bykowski Dep. Vol. I at 39:16-41:23; MacDonald Dep. at 127:3-128:20; see Doiron Dep. I at 110:9-111:22.
- 7. Part of this re-zoning process included MacDonald Highlands' submission of an application to vacate easements that may exist on the Golf Parcel. In processing this application, the City of Henderson found that no such easements existed. Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 183:25-185:7; Mot. Exh. 17.
- 8. To complete the re-zoning process, MacDonald Highlands retained the services of B2 Development, which in turn took the steps necessary to re-zone the Golf Parcel. Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 95:1-20; see Mot. Exhs. 4, 5.
- 9. B2 Development took the steps necessary to properly re-zone the Golf Parcel, including organizing a community meeting to discuss the proposed re-zoning. Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 93:22-100:19; see Mot. Exhs. 4, 5. B2 Development mailed notices of the meeting to the owners of record of all parcels near the Golf Parcel, including 590 Lairmont Place (APN 178-27-218-003) ("590 Lairmont"), the lot adjacent to 594 Lairmont. Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 95:1-23; Woodbridge Dep. at 56:19-58:2; Mot. Exh. 6.
- 10. At the time B2 Development mailed its notices for the community meeting in October 2012, Defendant Bank of America owned 590 Lairmont. Woodbridge Dep. at 15:1-20; Rosenberg Dep. at 43:31-44:25; see Mot. Exh. 8. B2 Development mailed its notice to a valid address for Bank of America, which never objected to the Golf Parcel's re-zoning. Woodbridge Dep. at 15:1-20; Mot.

³ As noted above, this practice is not limited to MacDonald Highlands, but is common within other Golf Communities within the Las Vegas valley.

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Exh. 8. In fact, nobody objected to the Golf Parcel's re-zoning at the community meeting, or separately to the City of Henderson. Tassi Dep. at 55:3-23; see Bykowski Dep. II at 92:2-18.

- 11. Acting for MacDonald Highlands, B2 further followed the City of Henderson's zoning process in re-zoning the Golf Parcel by obtaining the City Counsel's approval of the Golf Parcel's proposed re-zoning at two consecutive meetings, and the City's adoption of a resolution approving the zoning change. Tassi Dep. at 16:6-23:17; see Mot. Exhs. 4, 5.
- 12. MacDonald Highlands' applications for the Golf Parcel's re-zoning were properly heard by the City of Henderson; the City adopted a resolution re-zoning the Golf Parcel to residential use on December 8, 2012, and the City recorded its resolution on January 7, 2013. Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 93:22-97:16, 99:4-105:25; Tassi Dep. at 16:6-23:17; Mot. Exhs. 4, 5.
- 13. Maps and information reflecting the Golf Parcel's changed zoning were readily and almost immediately available to the public. By January 24, 2013, the Golf Parcel's new, residential zoning was reflected in zoning maps that were publicly available at the front desk of Henderson City Hall. Tassi Dep. at 23:10-24:6, 25:2-26:1, 27:17-28:11, 56:16-24.
- 14. Less than a month later in mid-February of 2013, the Golf Parcel's residential zoning could be seen in an online zoning map publicly available from the City of Henderson's website. *Id.* at 30:6-20; Mot. Exh. 7.
- 15. According to one of the City of Henderson's planners, a member of the public could access a specific address on this online map in less than five minutes. *Id.* at 26:14-27:7.
- 16. Following the City of Henderson's duly passed resolution approving the Golf Parcel's re-zoning to residential use, the Golf Parcel's sale was recorded and it was merged into 594 Lairmont, creating one parcel of land that was zoned for residential use. Bykowski Dep. I at 38:12-20; Malek Dep. at 43:10-21, 47:4-20; Tassi Dep. at 16:6-23:9.
- 17. Beginning in February of 2013, Barbara Rosenberg, an experienced residential real estate broker and a trustee of the Trust, and David Rosenberg,⁴ an attorney in Las Vegas and a beneficiary of the Trust, began contacting Bank of America in an attempt to purchase 590 Lairmont

⁴ David Rosenberg had lived in the Green Valley area of the Las Vegas metropolitan region since 2009, and was familiar with the MacDonald Highlands community.

before the property was publicly listed for sale. Rosenberg Dep. at 43:20-46:3, 55:1-57:14; Mot. Exhs. 8, 9.

- 18. Barbara Rosenberg not only had more than 25 years of experience as a residential real estate broker, but estimates she has sold more than 500 homes in her career. Rosenberg Dep. at 12:19-13:15, 88:8-25. Individually and through the Trust, Barbara Rosenberg and her husband have made numerous real estate purchases in the past, including an 8,000 square foot primary residence, two other houses in California, and two condos in Manhattan Beach, California—in addition to 590 Lairmont. *Id.* at 13:16-16:13.
- 19. When 590 Lairmont was listed for sale, Barbara Rosenberg offered to purchase it for \$1,750,000—above the listing price of \$1,600,000—in an all-cash transaction. She then increased her offer and submitted the winning bid to purchase the home for \$2,302,000, all cash. Rosenberg Dep. at 43:20-46:3, 50:3-51:25, 85:1-86:5; Mot. Exhs. 8, 9, 14.
- 20. Barbara Rosenberg did not do any research about 590 Lairmont's zoning, or the use of surrounding land, prior to purchasing the property. Rosenberg Dep. at 95:9-19, 103:17-104:23, 115:12-116:15, 121:23-123:6, 129:1-130:2; see Tassi Dep. at 55:24-56:12. The Rosenbergs were motivated to purchase this property as quickly as possible because they considered it their "dream" home. Rosenberg Dep. at 115:17-24, 210:5-19.
- 21. When Barbara Rosenberg walked through the property, despite generally waiving the Trust's right to an inspection, she did not even look over to 594 Lairmont or the Golf Parcel, the latter of which was marked with stakes that had been in place since December of 2012. Rosenberg Dep. at 130:3-23; Malek Dep. at 112:4-113 10.
- 22. In the course of purchasing 590 Lairmont, MacDonald Highlands Realty provided Barbara Rosenberg with numerous disclosures, waivers, and other warnings that she and her husband signed. Rosenberg Dep. at 95:1-16, 129:1-130:2; Mot. Exhs. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; see Doiron Dep. Vol. I at 145:25-149:25.
- 23. Additionally, Barbara Rosenberg knew that there would be subsequent home construction on the vacant lots surrounding 590 Lairmont, including 594 Lairmont, at the time the Trust purchased 590 Lairmont. Rosenberg Dep. at 46:19-47:24; Mot. Exh. 8.

- 24. The Trust was given five days to conduct due diligence before the sale would be completed. Doiron Dep. Vol. I at 145:25-149:25; Mot. Exh. 13, 14. Barbara Rosenberg also signed a zoning disclosure form stating specifically advising the Trust that the zoning information provided was current as of February of 2010—more than three years before the Trust signed its purchase agreement for 590 Lairmont—and the Trust should seek the most current zoning information from the City of Henderson. Rosenberg Dep. at 120:10-23, 121:12-22; Mot. Exh. 12, 14. Among still other warnings and waivers, Barbara Rosenberg signed a disclosure informing her and the Trust of 590 Lairmont's reduced privacy inherent in its location adjacent to the golf course. Rosenberg Dep. at 116:18-118:19; Mot. Exh. 11.
- 25. Additionally, due to the topography of the house and its views onto nearby streets, the Trust already faced certain limitations on its privacy by virtue of the house's existing position and condition. Rosenberg Dep. at 213:11-23, 201:10-203:5, 213:11-23, 201:10-203:5.
- 26. Nonetheless, the Trust purchased 590 Lairmont "as-is, where-is," and accepted the property as it was when it signed the purchase documents in April of 2013. Rosenberg Dep. at 86:11-88:7, 94:15-25, 95:9-19, 95:25-97:4, 99:10-100:7; Mot. Exh. 14 at 8:48-51. The Trust closed on 590 Lairmont, and title in the property transferred to the Trust on May 15, 2013.
- 27. Later, in the Summer of 2013, the Trust investigated the use of 594 Lairmont, which now included the Golf Parcel, for the first time. According to Malek's deposition testimony, David Rosenberg confronted him and threatened to sue him if he planned to build on the expanded 594 Lairmont. Malek Dep. at 102:13-103:14; see Doiron Dep. Vol. I at 80:15-82:17.
- During the course of the litigation, the Trust's discovery responses indicated its only concern was the loss of view, light, and privacy that might accompany Malek's construction on 594 Lairmont (including the Golf Parcel). Barbara Rosenberg's deposition testimony and the Trust's responses to interrogatories propounded by Defendants Bank of America, MacDonald Highlands Realty LLC, and Michael Doiron repeatedly identified potential loss of view, light, and privacy⁵ as the

stated that she nonetheless sought this Court's order prohibiting his construction due to the mere possibility of 590 Lairmont losing what Ms. Rosenberg described as its view and privacy.

damages arising if the Malek built on 594 Lairmont. Rosenberg Dep. at 184:22-187:20, 195:11-12; Mot. Exhs. 15, 16.

- 29. Specifically, the Trust's interrogatory responses stated that 590 Lairmont would be affected by Malek's construction on the Golf Parcel, with effects upon "the view of the golf course and mountains, privacy, and light entering [the property]." Mot. Exhs. 15, 16.
- 30. The evidence produced to the Court, however, did not show any express easement that would prohibit Malek from building on 594 Lairmont, including the Golf Parcel. All that was required for Malek to construct his house was for him to obtain the MacDonald Highlands' Design Review Committee's approval of his construction plans. Malek Dep. at 73:9-12; Bykowski Dep. II at 36:10-37:21; see Doiron Dep. I at 71:10-72:10.
- 31. Meanwhile, and during the course of this litigation, the Design Review Committee tasked with approving all plans for new buildings within the MacDonald Highlands community before construction may commence, approved Malek's building plans for 594 Lairmont in early 2015. Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 74:16-21, 76:4-77:23. The Design Review Committee evaluates proposed construction to ensure it maintains the unique character of the MacDonald Highlands community. MacDonald Dep. at 34:16-36:9; 37:3-20; Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 39:23-42:7. Had Malek's plans not satisfied the Design Review Committee's standards, or negatively affected other residents within the community, the Design Review Committee would not have approved them. *See* Bykowski Dep. Vol. II at 74:16-77:23.

B. Findings of Fact Related to Malek's Counterclaim.

- 32. At the time the Trust filed this action, it filed a *lis pendens* on Malek's property at 594 Lairmont. See Sept. 23, 2013 Notice of Lis Pendens.
- 33. The Trust subsequently filed an amended *lis pendens* on 594 Lairmont. See Oct. 24, 2013 Amended Notice of Lis Pendens.
- 34. On January 9, 2014, the Court ordered the *lis pendens* on Malek's property expunged. This prior order found that there was no basis for the Trust to have a *lis pendens* on Malek's property under NRS 14.015(3). See Jan. 9, 2014 Order on Malek's Motion to Expunge *Lis Pendens*.

⁶ And subsequent approval from the City of Henderson, although the MacDonald Highlands Design Guidelines were stated to be more restrictive than the City of Henderson's requirements.

- 35. Barbara Rosenberg, being a residential real estate agent, was familiar with *lis pendens* filings and their potential consequences for properties upon which they are filed. Rosenberg Dep. at Rosenberg Dep. at 265:3-16.
- 36. However, she did not testify that she specifically knew the *lis pendens* the Trust filed on Malek's property was false. *Id.* Moreover, the declaration of the Trust's former counsel, Peter Bernhard, stated that he acted with a reasonable belief that the *lis pendens* was true when filing it on Malek's property. Decl. of Peter Bernhard.
- 37. Malek submitted evidence of claimed damages in the form of a supplemental disclosure, and testified in his deposition that he had incurred attorneys' fees in this action, which included expunging the Trust's prior *lis pendens*. Malek Dep. at 106:25-107:17; Mot. Exh. 18.

IV. Conclusions of Law

All of the Trust's claims against Malek fail for numerous reasons. The evidence adduced to the Court shows that the Trust's basis for seeking an easement over Malek's property is based solely on the impermissible grounds of view, light, and privacy. While Nevada law has not previously recognized a claim for implied restrictive covenant, and will not do so now, it also would fail for the same reasons as the Trust's easement claim. Additionally, the Trust's claims for declaratory and injunctive relief are remedies, rather than causes of action that stand on their own, and Malek is entitled to judgment in his favor on both. Questions of fact, however, preclude this Court from entering judgment in Malek's favor on his counterclaim.

- A. The Trust's Claims of Easement and Implied Restrictive Covenant Are Premised on Grounds Not Recognized Under Nevada Law, and Nevada Law Does Not Even Recognize the Latter Claim.
- 1. Nevada law has squarely and repeatedly repudiated the notion that easements or restrictive covenants may arise by implication to protect views, privacy, or access to light. *Probasco v. City of Reno*, 85 Nev. 563, 565, 459 P.2d 772, 774 (1969); *Boyd v. McDonald*, 81 Nev. 642, 650-51, 408 P.2d 717, 722 (1965).
- 2. In this case, the Trust has argued alternately that an implied easement and an implied restrictive covenant prevent Malek from building on the Golf Parcel. An easement is a right to use the land of another, *Boyd*, 81 Nev. at 647, 408 P.2d at 720, while a restrictive covenant is "an easement or

a servitude in the nature of an easement." *Meredith v. Washoe County Sch. Dist.*, 84 Nev. 15, 17, 435

P.2d 750, 752 (1968). Based on the evidence on record, and the bases for the Trust's claim for an easement or implied restrictive covenant in Malek's property, the classification of the Trust's claimed restriction as an easement or restrictive covenant "does not matter" for the Court's analysis in this case. *Venetian Casino Resort L.L.C. v. Local Joint Exec. Bd.*, 257 F.3d 937, 946 (9th Cir. 2001). Because an implied restrictive covenant is a form of easement, they are analyzed in the same manner here.

- 3. The Trust has not produced any evidence showing the existence of an easement requiring the Golf Parcel to remain part of the golf course indefinitely. While the Trust adopted this argument in opposing Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment, that is, as far as the Court can tell, the first time such a theory arose. Counsel's arguments do not replace facts in the analysis of a summary judgment motion. Glover v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct., 125 Nev. 691, 701, 706, 220 P.3d 684, 691, 695 (2009).
- 4. In contrast, the evidence before the Court shows only that the Trust has based its claim for an implied easement on its fear of potentially losing the view, privacy, or access to light 590 Lairmont presently enjoys. The Trust has not shown any evidence of an express easement keeping Malek from building on the Golf Parcel. Nevada law will not imply an easement or restrictive covenant for the only, and undisputed, reasons that the Trust seeks them—protection of 590 Lairmont's views, privacy, and access to light. *Probasco*, 85 Nev. at 565, 459 P.2d at 774; *Boyd*, 81 Nev. at 650-51, 408 P.2d at 722.
- 5. In considering claims for injunctive relief, the Court must consider the totality of the circumstances in which relief is so ught. *Edwards v. Emperor's Garden Rest.*, 122 Nev. 317, 325 130 P.3d 1280, 1285 (2006). Here, a seasoned real estate professional appears to have disregarded all warnings and notices before paying more than two million dollars for the Rosenbergs' "dream" home. There similarly is no evidence the Trust's attorney beneficiary did any research before the Trust purchased the house in which he now resides. There is, however, undisputed evidence of the Trust and its trustee's substantial experience buying and selling high-end, residential real estate. To that end, the Trust's failure to use its acquired skill and knowledge in these areas effectively waived, under the

circumstances, any claim it could have for the Court to exercise its jurisdiction to impose a restrictive covenant over Malek's property. *Id*.

- 6. Related to its claim for easement, the Court concludes that the Trust's claim for implied restrictive covenant also fails. Nevada has not previously recognized a cause of action for implied restrictive covenant, and this Court declines to do so. Consistent with the precedent of Nevada's Supreme Court, this Court will not recognize a novel cause of action. *Brown v. Eddie World LLC*, 131 Nev. Adv. Rep. 19, 348 P.3d 1002 (2015); *Badillo v. Am. Brands*, 117 Nev. 34, 42, 16 P.3d 435, 440 (2001); *Greco v. United States*, 111 Nev. 405, 408-09, 893 P.2d 345, 347-48 (1995); *see Nat'l R.R. Passenger Corp v. Nat'l Ass'n of R.R. Passengers*, 414 U.S. 453, 457-58 (1974) (promoting the doctrine of *expressio unius est exclusion alterius*, which prohibits theories of liability that are not expressly authorized). This Court's decision to not recognize this cause of action is steeped in the lack of a cohesive national standard, the subjective nature of the claim's object, and the difficulty of proving the claim. *Badillo*, 117 Nev. at 42-44, 16 P.3d at 440-41.
- 7. Among the states that do recognize this claim, the standards for offensively imposing an implied restrictive covenant differ widely. See Evans v. Pollock, 796 S.W.2d 465, 466 (Tex. 1990); Knotts Landing Corp. v. Lathem, 315 Ga. 321, 323, 348 S.E. 651, 653 (1986); Arthur v. Lake Tansi Village, Inc., 590 S.W.2d 923, 927 (Tenn. 1979); see also Peck v. Lanier Golf Club, Inc., 315 Ga. App. 176, 178-79, 726 S.E.2d 442, 445 (Ga. Ct. App. 2012). Moreover, Trust seeks to use this claim to enforce its subjective desire to preserve its view, light, and privacy, further militating against the Court recognizing this cause of action. Greco, 111 Nev. at 409, 893 P.2d at 348.
- 8. To the extent the Trust's claim for implied restrictive covenant is duplicative of, or otherwise subsidiary within, the Trust's claim for easement, it fails for the reasons stated above. *Probasco*, 85 Nev. at 565, 459 P.2d at 774; *Boyd*, 81 Nev. at 650-51, 408 P.2d at 722. The Trust has not advanced any evidence that its claim for an implied restrictive covenant seeks to preserve or protect anything other than its view, light, or privacy. Any of these three concerns are insufficient bases for the Court to imply an easement or restrictive covenant exists over the Golf Parcel. As the Trust has not produced any evidence showing an alternate, cognizable basis for the Court to impose an

implied restrictive covenant on the Golf Parcel, the Court will not do so. The Court therefore enters judgment in Malek's favor on this claim.

B. The Trust's Claims for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief Also Fail as a Matter of Law.

- 9. Additionally, the Court enters judgment in Malek's favor on the Trust's remaining claims for declaratory and injunctive relief. This Court concurs with the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and finds that declaratory relief is a remedy, rather than a cause of action. Swartz v. KPMG LLP, 476 F.3d 756, 766 (9th Cir. 2007).
- 10. Similarly, this Court adopts the position of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada and several other courts, and concludes that injunctive relief is merely a remedy, rather than an independent claim. *In re Walmart Wage & Hour Empl. Practices Litig.*, 490 F. Supp. 2d 1091, 1130 (D. Nev. 2007); see Brittingham v. Ayala, 995 S.W.2d 199, 201 (Tex. Ct. App. 1999); Art Movers, Inc. v. Ni West, 3 Cal. App. 4th 640, 646-47 (Cal. Ct. App. 1992).
- 11. To the extent the Trust has styled these remedies as causes of action, the Court enters judgment in Malek's favor on them. As the Court finds in Malek's favor on the Trust's substantive claims of easement and implied restrictive covenant (to the extent the latter may be recognized as a claim), the Trust has no avenue to assert these remedies against Malek. Therefore, judgment in Malek's favor is appropriate.

C. Questions of Fact Preclude the Court from Granting Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment on his Counterclaim.

- Trust's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment on Malek's counterclaim, and incorporated by reference herein, the Court also denies Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment on the same claim. To prevail, Malek must show that the Trust made a false statement about his title or possession of the Golf Parcel with actual malice—a knowingly false statement, or one made with reckless disregard for the truth—that caused him damage. *Executive Mgmt.*, *Ltd. v. Ticor Title Co.*, 114 Nev. 823, 963 P.2d 465, 478 (1998); *Rowland v. Lepire*, 99 Nev. 308, 313, 662 P.2d 1332, 1335 (1983).
- 13. Questions of material fact exist as to whether the Trust and its Trustee, Barbara Rosenberg, acted with actual malice in filing the *lis pendens* on Malek's property.⁷ Additionally, the

Court finds that there is a question of fact as to the calculation of Malek's damages on his slander of title claim, which shall be left to the jury. Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment on his Counterclaim therefore is denied.

V. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is **ORDERED** that Defendant Shahin Shane Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment is **GRANTED** in part, and the Court enters judgment in Malek's favor on Plaintiff's claims against him, and **DENIED** in part, as the Court denies Malek's Motion for Summary Judgment as it relates to his Counterclaim.

VI. Judgment

This action having been submitted to the Court for decision at trial on June 10, 2015, and the Court having made the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Court decides Plaintiff's claims in favor of moving Defendant Shahin Shane Malek, with regard to all of Plaintiff's claims against him.

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It is therefore **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** that Plaintiff take nothing by way of its January 12, 2015 Amended Complaint against Defendant Shahin Shane Malek.

⁷ "In order to prove malice it must be shown that the defendant knew that the statement was false or acted in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity." Rowland, 99 Nev. at 313, 662 P.2d at 1335.

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