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9	CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA		
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12	LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC,) a Nevada limited liability company,) }	
13	Plaintiff,	Case No.	
14	vs.	Dept. No.	XXX
15	JAMES R. BLAHA, an individual; BANK OF) AMERICA, NA, a National Banking)		
16	Association, as successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP;) }	
17	RECONTRUST COMPANY NA, a Texas) corporation; JOSE PEREZ, JR. an individual;)) 	
18 19	EZ PROPERTIES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; K&L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED DA RENERSHIP, a Nevada limited) •	
20	LIMITED PÂRTNERSHIP, a Nevada limited) partnership; FCH FUNDING, INC, an unknown) corporate entity; DOE individuals I through)		
21	XX; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX,	, }	
22	Defendants.)) }	
23	NOTICE OF APPEAL		
24	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plaintiff, LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT		
25	GROUP, LLC, by and through its attorneys, ROGER P. CROTEAU & ASSOCIATES, LTD.,		
26	hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada from (1) the Order Granting James		(1) the Order Granting James
27	R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment and All Joinders		gment and All Joinders
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DATED this _	1 st	day of December, 2016.
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Las Vegas Development Group LLC, Plaintiff(s)

James Blaha, Defendant(s)

Location: Judicial Officer: Filed on: **03/19/2015**

Department 30 Wiese, Jerry A.

Case Number History:

Cross-Reference Case A715532 Number:

CASE INFORMATION

Case Type: **Other Title to Property**

Case Flags: **Appealed to Supreme Court**

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Current Case Assignment

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Blaha, James R Maurice, Aaron R.

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EZ Properties LLC Hansen, Kevin R.

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FCH Funding Inc Wood, Brittany

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04/17/2015	Affidavit Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Affidavit of Service - K and L Baxter Family Limited Partnership
04/20/2015	Affidavit Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Affidavit of Service - FCH Funding Inc
04/21/2015	Affidavit Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Affidavit of Service - Bank of America NA
05/01/2015	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Affidavit of Service - Jose Perez Jr
05/04/2015	Acceptance of Service Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Acceptance of Service of Summons and Complaint
05/06/2015	Affidavit of Service Filed By: Plaintiff` Las Vegas Development Group LLC Affidavit of Service - James R Blaha
05/11/2015	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
05/11/2015	Answer to Complaint Filed by: Defendant Blaha, James R Defendants James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s (Formerly Known as FCH Funding Inc.) Answer to Complaint
06/01/2015	Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure Filed By: Defendant EZ Properties LLC Initial Appearance Fee Disclosure
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08/09/2016	Motion for Summary Judgment Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment
08/09/2016	Motion to Add Party Filed By: Defendant Bank of America NA Defendant Bank of America, N.A.'s Motion to Add Affirmative Defenses and to Add Parties and Assert Claims
08/16/2016	Joinder to Motion For Summary Judgment Filed By: Defendant EZ Properties LLC Defendants Ez Properties, Llc And K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership Joinder To Defendants James R. Blaha And Noble Home Loans, Inc's Motion For Summary Judgment
08/16/2016	Joinder To Motion Filed By: Defendant EZ Properties LLC Defendants Ez Properties, Llc And K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership Joinder To Defendant Bank Of America, N.A.'S Motion To Add Affirmative Defenses And To Add Parties And Assert Claims.
08/26/2016	Opposition to Motion For Summary Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment
08/26/2016	Joinder to Motion For Summary Judgment Filed By: Defendant Bank of America NA Defendant Bank Of America, N.A.'S Joinder To Defendants James R. Blaha And Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Motion For Summary Judgment
08/30/2016	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Opposition to Motion to Add Affirmative Defenses and to Add Parties and Assert Claims
09/06/2016	Reply to Opposition Filed by: Defendant Blaha, James R James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Reply to Plaintiff's Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment
09/06/2016	Reply in Support Filed By: Defendant Bank of America NA Defendant Bank of America's Reply in Support of its Motion to Add Affirmative Defenses and to Add Parties and Assert Claims
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10/05/2016	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R Notice of Entry of Order
10/05/2016	Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment Filed by: Defendant Blaha, James R Order Granting James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment and All Joinders Thereto
10/05/2016	Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements
10/05/2016	Summary Judgment (Judicial Officer: Wiese, Jerry A.) Debtors: Las Vegas Development Group LLC (Plaintiff) Creditors: James R Blaha (Defendant), Bank of America NA (Defendant), Recontrust COmpany NA (Defendant), Jose Perez, Jr. (Defendant), EZ Properties LLC (Defendant), K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership (Defendant), FCH Funding Inc (Defendant) Judgment: 10/05/2016, Docketed: 10/12/2016
10/11/2016	Notice of Motion Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Notice of Motion
10/11/2016	Motion to Amend Judgment Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification
10/31/2016	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Defendant Bank of America NA Defendant Bank Of America, N.A.'S Opposition To Las Vegas Development Group, LLC's Motion To Alter Or Amend Judgment, For Reconsideration, Or For Clarification
10/31/2016	Opposition to Motion Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R James R. Blaha and Noble Homes Loans, Inc.'s Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification
11/01/2016	Joinder Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Joinder to Bank of America, N.A.'s Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification
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11/02/2016	Joinder Filed By: Defendant EZ Properties LLC Defendants EZ Properties and K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership Joinder to Defendants James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans Inc Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment, for Reconsideration; and For Clarification.
11/15/2016	Motion to Amend Judgment (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Wiese, Jerry A.) Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification
11/30/2016	Order Denying Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification
12/01/2016	Notice of Entry of Order Filed By: Defendant Blaha, James R Notice of Entry of Order
12/01/2016	Notice of Appeal Filed By: Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Notice of Appeal
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01/30/2017	CANCELED Calendar Call (9:00 AM) (Judicial Officer: Wiese, Jerry A.) Vacated
02/06/2017	CANCELED Jury Trial (1:30 PM) (Judicial Officer: Wiese, Jerry A.) Vacated

DATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Defendant Bank of America NA Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/6/2016	423.00 423.00 0.00
Defendant Blaha, James R Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/6/2016	873.00 873.00 0.00
Defendant EZ Properties LLC Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/6/2016	423.00 423.00 0.00
Defendant FCH Funding Inc Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/6/2016	30.00 30.00 0.00
Defendant K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/6/2016	30.00 30.00 0.00
Defendant Recontrust COmpany NA Total Charges Total Payments and Credits	30.00 30.00

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Balance Due as of 12/6/2016	0.00
Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group LLC Total Charges Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 12/6/2016	297.00 297.00 0.00

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Clark County Nevada

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VIII

I. Party Information			
Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone): LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, Attorney (name/address/phone): ROGER P. CROTEAU & ASSOCIATES, LTD. 9120 W. POST ROAD, SUITE 100 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89148 (702) 254-7775		Defendant(s) (name/address/phone): JAMES R. BLAHA, an individual; BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a Texas limited partnership; RECONTRUST COMPANY, NA, a Texas corporation; JOSE PEREZ, JR., an individual; EZ PROPERTIES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; K & L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Nevada limited partnership; FCH FUNDING, INC., an unknown corporate entity; DOE individuals I through XX; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX, Attorney (name/address/phone):	
II. Nature of Controversy (Please check ap applicable subcategory, if appropriate)	pplicable bold category and		
Civil Case Filing Types			
Real Property		Torts	
Landlord/Tenant □ Unlawful Detainer □ Other Landlord/Tenant Title to Property □ Judicial Foreclosure 図 Other Title to Property Other Real Property □ Condemnation/Eminent Domain □ Other Real Property	Negligence □ Auto □ Premises Liability □ Other Malpractice □ Medical/Dental □ Legal □ Accounting □ Other Malpractice		Other Torts Product Liability Intentional Misconduct Employment Tort Insurance Tort Other Tort
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LOANS, INC. formerly known as FCH FUNDING, INC.

DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA * * *

LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Plaintiff.

VS.

JAMES R. BLAHA, an individual; BANK OF AMERICA, NA, a National Banking Association, as successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP; RECONTRUST COMPANY NA, a Texas corporation; JOSE PEREZ, JR. an individual; EZ PROPERTIES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; K&L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Nevada limited partnership; FCH FUNDING, INC., an unknown corporate entity; DOE individuals I through XX; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through XX.

Defendants.

CASE NO. A-15-715532-C **DEPT NO. XXX**

ORDER GRANTING JAMES R. BLAHA AND NOBLE HOME LOANS, INC.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND ALL JOINDERS THERETO

James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment and, Defendants Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, and Recontrust Company, NA's (collectively "BANA Defendants") and Defendants EZ Properties, LLC and K&L Baxter Limited Partnership's (collectively "EZ Defendants") Joinders

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thereto having come on for hearing on the 13th day of September 2016, James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc. (collectively the "Blaha Defendants") having appeared through their attorney of record, Aaron R. Maurice, of the law firm of Kolesar & Leatham; Plaintiff, Las Vegas Development Group, LLC ("LVDG"), having appeared through its attorney of record, Roger P. Croteau, of the law firm of Roger P. Croteau & Assoc., Ltd.; the BANA Defendants having appeared through their attorney of record, William S. Habdas, of the law firm of Akerman, LLP; and the EZ Defendants having appeared through their attorney of record, Amy Wilson, of the Law Offices of Kevin R. Hansen; the Court having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file herein and having carefully considered the same; the Court having heard the oral arguments of counsel; the Court being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing therefore:

I.

UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS

- On March 28, 2007, a deed of trust ("Perez Deed of Trust") was recorded 1. securing a home loan in the amount of \$456,000 on property commonly known as 7639 Turquoise Stone Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89113, APN 176-10-213-042 ("Property"), showing Jose Perez Jr. as the borrower; Countrywide Bank, FSB ("Countrywide") as the lender; Recontrust Company, N.A. ("Recontrust") as the trustee; and Mortgage Electric Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as the beneficiary of record, acting solely as nominee for Countrywide and its successors and assigns.
- Three years later, on April 12, 2010, the Nevada Trails II Homeowners 2. Association ("Nevada Trails") recorded a Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien against the Property, asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$908.
- The Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien failed to identify the amount, if any, of an alleged super-priority lien.
- On July 23, 2010, Nevada Trails recorded a Notice of Default and Election to Sell 4. Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien, asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$1,917.

5.	The Notice of Default	failed to identi	fy the amount,	, if any, of	an alleged	super
priority lien.						

- 6. On September 16, 2010, counsel for BAC Home Loans Servicing ("BAC") sent correspondence to Absolute Collection Services, LLC in response to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien.
 - 7. The correspondence acknowledged:

[A] portion of your HOA lien is arguably senior to BAC's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment dated July 21, 2010. . . . It is unclear, based on the information known to date, what amount the nine months' of common assessments pre-dating the NOD actually are. That amount, whatever it is, is the amount BAC should be required to rightfully pay to fully discharge its obligations to the HOA per NRS 116.3102 and my client hereby offers to pay that sum upon presentation of adequate proof of the same by the HOA.

Please let me know what the status of any HOA lien foreclosure sale is, if any. My client does not want these issues to be further exacerbated by the wrongful HOA sale that and it is my client's goal and intent to have the issues revolved as soon as possible. Please refrain from taking any further action to enforce the HOA lien until my client and the HOA have had an opportunity to speak to attempt to fully resolve all issues.

8. Absolute Collection Services, LLC responded to the September 16, 2010 correspondence, rejecting BAC's assertion that it was entitled to tender a nine-month priority payment before a foreclosure by BAC, stating, in relevant part:

I am making you aware that it is our view that without the action of foreclosure, a 9 month Statement of Account is not valid. At this time, I respectfully request that you submit the Trustees Deed Upon Sale showing your client's possession of the property and the date that it occurred. At that time, we will provide a 9 month super priority lien Statement of Account.

As discussed, any Statement of Account from us will show the entire amount owed. We intend to proceed on the above-mentioned account up to and including foreclosure. All such notifications have been and will be sent to all interested parties. We recognized your client's position as the first mortgage company as the senior lien holder. Should you provide us with a recorded Notice of Default or Notice of Sale, we will hold our action so your client may proceed.

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	6	super-priority lien.			
	7	12. O	n February 28, 2011, Nevada Trails recorded a second		
	8	asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$4,446.			
	9	13. Ti	ne Notice of Trustee's Sale failed to identify the amount		
	10	super-priority lies	n.		
e [11	14. Tł	ne Notice of Trustee's Sale also failed to account for a		
ard, Suite 400 891a45 (702) 362-9472	12	pursuant to the Perez bankruptcy.			
vard, S 891a4 (702)	13	15. Oi	n April 12, 2011, LVDG purchased the Property at a fo		
100 South Rampart Boulevard, Suite 400 Las Vegas, Nevada 891a45 iel: (702) 362-7800 / Fax: (702) 362-9472	14	under the authority granted by NRS Chapter 116 ("HOA Foreclosure			
Vegas, 62-7800	15	16. Oı	n April 14, 2011, a Corporation Assignment of Deed		
South J Las (702) 3	16	reflecting that the Perez Deed of Trust had been assigned to BAC He			
400 Tel:	17	formerly known a	as Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP.		
	18	17. Oı	n April 14, 2011, the trustee of the Perez Deed of Tr		
	19	Default and Elect	ion to Sell Under Deed of Trust.		
	20	18. Oı	n April 20, 2011, a Release of Lien was recorded, a		
	21	Delinquent Asses	ssment Lien recorded on April 12, 2010.		
	22	19. Oı	n August 9, 2011, a State of Nevada Foreclosure Media		
	23	was recorded, a	uthorizing the beneficiary of the Perez Deed of Tr		
	24	foreclosure.			
	25	20. Or	n August 9, 2011, a Notice of Trustee's Sale was record		
	26	Property for Aug	ust 29, 2011.		
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	10.	On October 28, 2010, in violation of the automatic stay, Nevada Traffs recorded a			
Notice of Trustee's Sale, asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$2,989.					
	11.	The Notice of Trustee's Sale failed to identify the amount, if any, of an alleged			
super-	priority	lien.			
	12.	On February 28, 2011, Nevada Trails recorded a second Notice of Trustee's Sale,			
asserti	ng a del	linquency in the amount of \$4,446.			
	13.	The Notice of Trustee's Sale failed to identify the amount, if any, of an alleged			
super-	priority	lien.			
	14.	The Notice of Trustee's Sale also failed to account for any discharge of the debt			
oursua	nt to the	e Perez bankruptcy.			
	15.	On April 12, 2011, LVDG purchased the Property at a foreclosure sale conducted			
ınder	the auth	ority granted by NRS Chapter 116 ("HOA Foreclosure Sale") for \$5,200.01.			
	16.	On April 14, 2011, a Corporation Assignment of Deed of Trust was recorded			
eflect	ing that	the Perez Deed of Trust had been assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP			
orme	ly knov	vn as Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP.			
	17.	On April 14, 2011, the trustee of the Perez Deed of Trust recorded a Notice of			
Defaul	t and E	lection to Sell Under Deed of Trust.			
	18.	On April 20, 2011, a Release of Lien was recorded, rescinding the Notice of			
Deling	Delinquent Assessment Lien recorded on April 12, 2010.				
	19.	On August 9, 2011, a State of Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program Certificate			
vas re	ecorded.	authorizing the beneficiary of the Perez Deed of Trust to proceed with the			
oreclo	sure.				
	20.	On August 9, 2011, a Notice of Trustee's Sale was recorded, noticing a sale of the			
roper	ty for A	ugust 29, 2011.			

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On October 27, 2010, Perez filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy as Case Number 10-

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	21.	On August 29, 2011, the trustee of the Perez Deed of Trust sold the Property at a
public	auction	conducted under the authority granted by NRS Chapter 107 (the "Deed of Trust
Forecle	osure Sa	ale").

- 22. On September 19, 2011, a Trustee's Deed upon Sale was recorded reflecting that EZ Properties, LLC ("EZ") had purchased the Property at the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale for \$151,300.
- 23. On September 30, 2011, James R. Blaha ("Blaha") purchased the Property from EZ for \$208,000.
- 24. Three months later, Blaha obtained a loan in the amount of \$162,000 from Noble Home Loans, Inc., formerly known as FCH Funding, Inc. The loan was secured by the Property.
 - 25. Blaha has been the record title holder of the Property since September 30, 2011.
- 26. During the five months in which title to the Property was vested in the name of LVDG, LVDG spent no money improving the Property.
- 27. Rather, LVDG only spent \$257 maintaining the Property paying one power bill and four HOA assessments. With regard to these expenses, LVDG testified as follows:
 - Q. It looks like there's one entry for NV Energy and that was on June 3rd, 2011. Do you see that?
 - A. Okay.
 - Q For \$32?
 - A. Right.
 - Q. Any understanding as to why there are no entries for water, sewer, any of the other normal and customary expenses that would go with property ownership?
 - A. No, not for sure. The typically the electric was the first thing you needed to get in there if you were going to look at a property and keep the air conditioner on or whatever. I mean, that's the first bill we turned on is Nevada Energy, and then maybe water if we needed to. But not knowing what we did with this property, I can't tell you why we did we didn't go I mean, we may have looked at this property and it took too much work or too much money or in a foreclosure. I don't know.
 - Q. Right.
 - A. I don't know.

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	5		as Vegas Development Group, other connection with this property. Do you agree			
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Tel: (702) 362-7800 / Fax: (702) 362-9472	12	establishing free and clear title to all of the properties pu				
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	24	33. Si	milarly, prior to filing this action, LVDC			
	25	the NRS Chapter	107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.			
	26	34. M	oreover, LVDG took no steps to preven			

Q. But you don't see anything here reflecting that any property taxes were paid or sewer fees or garbage. Correct?
A. No.
Q. According to my math, it looks like \$257 total was spent by Las Vegas Development Group, other than legal fees, in connection with this property. Do you agree with that?
A. Yep. That looks right.
LVDG never purchased homeowner's insurance for the Property.
In the 2010 to 2011 time-period, LVDG would frequently sell properties
HOA foreclosures to lenders that asserted an interest in the property for double the
G had paid at the HOA foreclosure sale.
During the 2010 to 2011 time-period, LVDG determined that the cost of
ree and clear title to all of the properties purchased by LVDG at HOA foreclosure
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LVDG purchased approximately 200 properties at HOA foreclosure sales. As
elected to walk away from some of its investments rather than litigate with the
rs. Specifically, LVDG testified:
Well, at the early stage we really looked at the huge cost of litigation and didn't know where we stand. I mean, we felt we were right but we didn't know where the answer was going to be, and it was a big giant we were fighting and we weren't deciding which way we were going. What we tried at first – the first thing is let's see if we can get them to either stop or buy us out and move on, and the last thing was just let it go. I mean, at some point litigation costs got so expensive that we, at that stage, walked away from it.
With regard to the Property in this litigation, LVDG did not take any steps to try
NA from foreclosing on the Perez Deed of Trust.
Similarly, prior to filing this action, LVDG took no action to attempt to set aside
oter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.
Moreover, LVDG took no steps to prevent EZ from encumbering or selling the

Property following its purchase at the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.

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before we got attorneys involved. We were - we had our hands full taking care of that, and we came back to this knowing it was always here when we had more time with our attorneys.

- 42. Despite the fact that Blaha has been the record title holder of the Property since September 30, 2011, on March 19, 2015 – 1,298 days after the Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale – LVDG filed a Complaint seeking to rescind the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.
 - 43. The following day, LVDG recorded a Lis Pendens.
- 44. In its Complaint, LVDG claims that the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale was void because the HOA Foreclosure Sale extinguished the Perez Deed of Trust.
- 45. LVDG's Complaint offers no explanation as to why LVDG took no steps to stop the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale or why, immediately thereafter, LVDG did not take steps to have the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale set aside within the 90 day period provided by NRS 107.080(5)-(6).

II.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

- 1. NRCP 56(c) provides that summary judgment shall be granted when, after a review of the record viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party, there are no remaining genuine issues of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). "A genuine issue of material fact is one where the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the non-moving party." Posadas v. City of Reno, 109 Nev. 448, 452, 851 P.2d 438, 441 (1993).
- 2. In determining whether summary judgment is appropriate, the Court applies a burden-shifting analysis. Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nevada, 123 Nev. 598, 602-03, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (2007). If - as in the present case - "the nonmoving party will bear the burden of persuasion at trial, the party moving for summary judgment may satisfy the burden of

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production by either (1) submitting evidence that negates an essential element of the nonmoving party's claim, or (2) pointing out that there is an absence of evidence to support the nonmoving party's case." <u>Id.</u> (internal quotations omitted).

If the moving party satisfies its burden, the burden then shifts to the nonmoving 3. party who "must transcend the pleadings and, by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts that show a genuine issue of material fact." Id. The evidence submitted by the nonmoving party must be relevant and admissible, and he or she "is not entitled to build a case on the gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and conjecture." Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 99 Nev. 284, 302, 662 P.2d 610, 621 (1983) (internal quotations omitted).

III.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- LVDG's Complaint seeks to set aside the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust 1. Foreclosure Sale that took place on August 29, 2011, and all subsequent transfers of the Property - including Blaha's September 30, 2011 purchase of the Property.
- 2. LVDG's Complaint asserts five causes of action against the Blaha Defendants: (1) Quiet Title; (2) Equitable Mortgage; (3) Slander of Title; (4) Equitable Relief - Wrongful Foreclosure; and (5) Equitable Relief - Rescission. Each cause of action is premised upon the allegation that the HOA Foreclosure Sale extinguished the Perez Deed of Trust such that the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale and all subsequent transfers in the Property should be set aside by this Court. For this reason, the statute of limitation imposed by NRS 107.080(5) applies to each of LVDG's claims.
- Additionally, LVDG's slander of title claim is barred by the two-year statute of limitation imposed by NRS 11.190(4)(c) as LVDG waited 1,298 days from the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale to file its Complaint. See Spilsbury v. U.S. Specialty Ins. Co., 2015 WL 476228, 2:14-cv-00820-GMN-GWF (D. Nev. Feb. 4, 2015) (Nevada's statute of limitation for slander of title is two years).
- 4. The Nevada Supreme Court has acknowledged the public policy considerations that form the basis for any statute of limitation. See Winn v. Sunrise Hosp. & Medical Center,

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5. NRS 107.080(5)-(6) creates a statute of limitations for challenging a nonjudicial foreclosure sale. NRS 107.080(5) has been amended several times in recent years. The applicable version of NRS 107.080(5) in this case stated in relevant part:

Every sale made under the provisions of this section and other sections of this chapter vests in the purchaser the title of the grantor and any successors in interest without equity or right of redemption. A sale made pursuant to this section may be declared void by any court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the sale took place if:

(a) The trustee or other person authorized to make the sale does not substantially comply with the provisions of this section or any applicable provision of NRS 107.086 and 107.087;

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an action is commenced in the county where the sale took place within 90 days² after the date of the sale; and

(c) A notice of lis pendens providing notice of the pendency of the action is recorded in the office of the county recorder of the county where the sale took place within 30 days³ after commencement of the action.

(Emphasis added to highlight statutory changes).

6. A foreclosure sale terminates all other legal and equitable interests in the land. Charmicor, Inc. v. Bradshaw Fin. Co., 92 Nev. 310, 313, 550 P.2d 413 (Nev. 1976)(legal interest); McCall v. Carlson, 63 Nev. 390, 406–07, 172 P.2d 171 (Nev. 1946)(equitable interest).

¹ NRS 107.080(5) was amended to change "may" to "must," effective October 1, 2011. 2011 Nev. Stat., ch. 81, A.B. 284, § 5 at 334. The October 1, 2011 amendment only applies "to a notice of default and election to sell which is recorded on or after July 1, 2011." See A.B. 284. Here, the version of NRS 107.080(5) using the word "may" applies because the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Pursuant to the Deed of Trust was recorded on April 14, 2011.

² NRS 107.080(5)(b) was amended to change the 90 days to 45 days, effective October 1, 2013. 2013 Nev. Stat., ch. 403, SB 321, § 5 at 2197.

³ NRS 107.080(5)(c) was amended to change the 30 days to 15 days, effective October 1, 2013. 2013 Nev. Stat., ch. 403, SB 321, § 5 at 2197.

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As such, once the sale is completed, title vests in the purchaser without equity or right of redemption. See 107.080(5); see also Michniak v. Argent Mortg. Co., LLC, 2012 WL 6588912 (unpublished)(Nev. Dec. 14, 2012).

7. A party cannot challenge a nonjudicial foreclosure sale outside of the time limits provided in NRS 107.080(5)-(6). See Bldg. Energetix Corp. v. EHE, LP, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 6, 294 P.3d 1228, 1234 (2013) ("NRS 107.080(5)(a)-(c) and NRS 107.080(6) enumerate the limited instances in which a nonjudicial foreclosure sale may be made void"); Kim v. Kearney, 838 F. Supp. 2d 1077 (D. Nev. 2012) (dismissing plaintiff's quiet title complaint because plaintiff failed to file an action to set aside the sale within ninety days of the date of sale), aff'd, ___ Fed. Appx. , 2013 WL 6172290 (9th Cir. Nov. 26, 2013); Michniak v. Argent Mortg. Co., LLC, 2012 WL 6588912 (Nev. December 14, 2012) ("The title set forth in the trustee's deed upon sale was conclusive and beyond challenge once the time period set forth in NRS 107.080 had lapsed. The trustee's deed upon sale conclusively vested title in the purchaser, and as a matter of law appellant's claim for quiet title based on wrongful foreclosure fails."); Chattem v. BAC Home Loan Servicing LP, No. 2:11-CV-01727-KJD, 2012 WL 4795663 (D. Nev. Oct. 9, 2012) (dismissing action to set aside foreclosure sale where action was commenced 109 days after the foreclosure sale in violation of NRS 107.080(5)); Guertin v. OneWest Bank, FSB, 2:11-CV-1531 JCM, 2012 WL 3133736 (D. Nev. July 31, 2012) (dismissing claims for statutorily defective foreclosure and quiet title where action was not brought within ninety days of sale); Willis v. Federal Nat. Mortg. Ass'n, 512 Fed. Appx. 723, 2013 WL 1150755 (9th Cir. 2013) (upholding the district court's dismissal of plaintiffs' quiet title claim because plaintiffs did not allege facts showing that they were not in default when defendants initiated non-judicial foreclosure proceedings and further holding that, to the extent the plaintiffs sought to allege a claim for wrongful foreclosure, the district court properly determined that this claim would have been time-barred by the ninety day statute of limitation imposed by NRS 107.080(5)(b)); Haischer v. Mortgage Elec. Registration Sys., Inc., 2012 WL 4194076, at *4 (D. Nev. Sept. 17, 2012) (dismissing plaintiff's wrongful foreclosure claim because the plaintiff failed to file an action to set aside the sale within the time constraints imposed by NRS 107.080(5)-(6)).

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- 8. Thus, both the Ninth Circuit and the Nevada Supreme Court have recognized that a party seeking to set aside a sale conducted pursuant to NRS Chapter 107 cannot simply choose to plead its claims in such a way as to avoid having to comply with the provisions of NRS 107.080(5)-(6).
- 9. In rendering their decisions, both courts furthered the legislative intent behind NRS 107.080(5)-(6), which was enacted to encourage the free transferability of title following foreclosure sales. See Legislative History for S.B. 217 (2007) and S.B. 483 (2007) (incorporating the revision to NRS Chapter 107 proposed by S.B. 217).
- 10. The 2007 amendment to NRS Chapter 107 was enacted to bring clarity to the statute's provision with respect to actions brought to set aside foreclosure sales to once again encourage the free transferability of title to real property following a foreclosure sale conducted pursuant to NRS Chapter 107.
- Here, the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale that LVDG seeks to 11. set aside was conducted on August 29, 2011. LVDG admitted that it stopped paying HOA assessments on the Property in August of 2011, because of the NRS Chapter 107 Foreclosure Sale. However, LVDG failed to take any action to set aside the sale until March 19, 2015 – 1,298 days after the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.
- 12. Instead of taking action to protect any interest LVDG may have had in the Property, LVDG elected to do nothing for years. During the three-and-a-half-year period in which LVDG failed to take any action to protect its interest in the Property, the Property was sold twice - once at the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale and then again on September 30, 2011, to Blaha.
- LVDG who had purchased approximately 200 other properties through 13. foreclosure sales - had both the knowledge and ability to take the legal action necessary to protect its \$5,200.01 investment. However, instead of complying with NRS 107.080(5)-(6) which would have prevented the Blaha Defendants from facing the potential risk of losing their substantial investment in the Property – LVDG did nothing for years.

- By enacting NRS 107.080(5)-(6), the Nevada Legislature expressed its intent to promote the transferability of title following foreclosure sales conducted under NRS Chapter 107 to "provide a concrete time frame within which a plaintiff must file a lawsuit and after which a defendant is afforded a level of security." See Winn v. Sunrise Hosp. & Medical Center, 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 23, __, 277 P.3d 458, 465 (Nev. 2012)(citing Peterson v. Bruen, 106 Nev. 271, 274, 792 P.2d 18, 19 (Nev. 1990)). This public policy expression by the Nevada Legislature was designed to promote the recovery of Nevada's failing real estate market following the devastating foreclosure crisis by allowing new market participants (such as the LVDG) to purchase properties which other property owners had either willingly abandoned or, out of the extreme distress caused by our country's financial crisis, were no longer able to afford.
- 16. Here, LVDG has failed to "transcend the pleadings and, by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts that show" that LVDG filed its Complaint within 120 days of first learning about the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale. Cuzze, 123 Nev. at 602-03, 172 P.3d at 134. Accordingly, LVDG's claims are time-barred under NRS 107.080(5)-(6).
- 17. Based on the above findings, the Court need not address the other legal arguments raised in the Blaha Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.
- 18. In addition, as this ruling is dispositive of the entire case, all other pending motions are now moot.

NOW THEREFORE:

SUMMARY JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED in favor of the Defendants and against the Plaintiff. This Court hereby finds that Plaintiff's Complaint is time-barred by NRS 107.080(5)-(6).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 14.017, the Notice of Pendency of Action recorded by Plaintiff against the Property commonly known as 7639 Turquoise Stone Ct.,

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

Please take notice that an Order was entered with the above court on the 5th day of October, 2016, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 5th day of October, 2016.

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(ELECTRONIC SERVICE) Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, the above-referenced document was electronically filed on the date hereof and served through the Notice of Electronic Filing automatically generated by that Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List.

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Plaintiff,

VS.

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ORDER GRANTING JAMES R.
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James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc.'s Motion for Summary Judgment and, Defendants Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, and Recontrust Company, NA's (collectively "BANA Defendants") and Defendants EZ Properties, LLC and K&L Baxter Limited Partnership's (collectively "EZ Defendants") Joinders

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thereto having come on for hearing on the 13th day of September 2016, James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc. (collectively the "Blaha Defendants") having appeared through their attorney of record, Aaron R. Maurice, of the law firm of Kolesar & Leatham; Plaintiff, Las Vegas Development Group, LLC ("LVDG"), having appeared through its attorney of record, Roger P. Croteau, of the law firm of Roger P. Croteau & Assoc., Ltd.; the BANA Defendants having appeared through their attorney of record, William S. Habdas, of the law firm of Akerman, LLP; and the EZ Defendants having appeared through their attorney of record, Amy Wilson, of the Law Offices of Kevin R. Hansen; the Court having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file herein and having carefully considered the same; the Court having heard the oral arguments of counsel; the Court being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing therefore:

I.

UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS

- 1. On March 28, 2007, a deed of trust ("Perez Deed of Trust") was recorded securing a home loan in the amount of \$456,000 on property commonly known as 7639 Turquoise Stone Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89113, APN 176-10-213-042 ("Property"), showing Jose Perez Jr. as the borrower; Countrywide Bank, FSB ("Countrywide") as the lender; Recontrust Company, N.A. ("Recontrust") as the trustee; and Mortgage Electric Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as the beneficiary of record, acting solely as nominee for Countrywide and its successors and assigns.
- 2. Three years later, on April 12, 2010, the Nevada Trails II Homeowners Association ("Nevada Trails") recorded a Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien against the Property, asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$908.
- 3. The Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien failed to identify the amount, if any, of an alleged super-priority lien.
- 4. On July 23, 2010, Nevada Trails recorded a Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien, asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$1,917.

5.	The Notice of Default	failed to idea	ntify the amount	, if any, of ar	alleged super-
priority lien.					

- 6. On September 16, 2010, counsel for BAC Home Loans Servicing ("BAC") sent correspondence to Absolute Collection Services, LLC in response to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien.
 - 7. The correspondence acknowledged:

[A] portion of your HOA lien is arguably senior to BAC's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment dated July 21, 2010. . . . It is unclear, based on the information known to date, what amount the nine months' of common assessments pre-dating the NOD actually are. That amount, whatever it is, is the amount BAC should be required to rightfully pay to fully discharge its obligations to the HOA per NRS 116.3102 and my client hereby offers to pay that sum upon presentation of adequate proof of the same by the HOA.

Please let me know what the status of any HOA lien foreclosure sale is, if any. My client does not want these issues to be further exacerbated by the wrongful HOA sale that and it is my client's goal and intent to have the issues revolved as soon as possible. Please refrain from taking any further action to enforce the HOA lien until my client and the HOA have had an opportunity to speak to attempt to fully resolve all issues.

8. Absolute Collection Services, LLC responded to the September 16, 2010 correspondence, rejecting BAC's assertion that it was entitled to tender a nine-month priority payment before a foreclosure by BAC, stating, in relevant part:

I am making you aware that it is our view that without the action of foreclosure, a 9 month Statement of Account is not valid. At this time, I respectfully request that you submit the Trustees Deed Upon Sale showing your client's possession of the property and the date that it occurred. At that time, we will provide a 9 month super priority lien Statement of Account.

As discussed, any Statement of Account from us will show the entire amount owed. We intend to proceed on the above-mentioned account up to and including foreclosure. All such notifications have been and will be sent to all interested parties. We recognized your client's position as the first mortgage company as the senior lien holder. Should you provide us with a recorded Notice of Default or Notice of Sale, we will hold our action so your client may proceed.

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- 9. On October 27, 2010, Perez filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy as Case Number 10-30260-lbr.
- 10. On October 28, 2010, in violation of the automatic stay, Nevada Trails recorded a Notice of Trustee's Sale, asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$2,989.
- 11. The Notice of Trustee's Sale failed to identify the amount, if any, of an alleged super-priority lien.
- On February 28, 2011, Nevada Trails recorded a second Notice of Trustee's Sale, 12. asserting a delinquency in the amount of \$4,446.
- 13. The Notice of Trustee's Sale failed to identify the amount, if any, of an alleged super-priority lien.
- 14. The Notice of Trustee's Sale also failed to account for any discharge of the debt pursuant to the Perez bankruptcy.
- On April 12, 2011, LVDG purchased the Property at a foreclosure sale conducted 15. under the authority granted by NRS Chapter 116 ("HOA Foreclosure Sale") for \$5,200.01.
- On April 14, 2011, a Corporation Assignment of Deed of Trust was recorded reflecting that the Perez Deed of Trust had been assigned to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP formerly known as Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP.
- 17. On April 14, 2011, the trustee of the Perez Deed of Trust recorded a Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust.
- 18. On April 20, 2011, a Release of Lien was recorded, rescinding the Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien recorded on April 12, 2010.
- 19. On August 9, 2011, a State of Nevada Foreclosure Mediation Program Certificate was recorded, authorizing the beneficiary of the Perez Deed of Trust to proceed with the foreclosure.
- 20. On August 9, 2011, a Notice of Trustee's Sale was recorded, noticing a sale of the Property for August 29, 2011.

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- 21. On August 29, 2011, the trustee of the Perez Deed of Trust sold the Property at a public auction conducted under the authority granted by NRS Chapter 107 (the "Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale").
- On September 19, 2011, a Trustee's Deed upon Sale was recorded reflecting that 22. EZ Properties, LLC ("EZ") had purchased the Property at the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale for \$151,300.
- On September 30, 2011, James R. Blaha ("Blaha") purchased the Property from 23. EZ for \$208,000.
- 24. Three months later, Blaha obtained a loan in the amount of \$162,000 from Noble Home Loans, Inc., formerly known as FCH Funding, Inc. The loan was secured by the Property.
 - 25. Blaha has been the record title holder of the Property since September 30, 2011.
- 26. During the five months in which title to the Property was vested in the name of LVDG, LVDG spent no money improving the Property.
- 27. Rather, LVDG only spent \$257 maintaining the Property - paying one power bill and four HOA assessments. With regard to these expenses, LVDG testified as follows:
 - It looks like there's one entry for NV Energy and that was on June 3rd, 2011. Do you see that?
 - A. Okay.
 - Q For \$32?
 - A. Right.
 - Q. Any understanding as to why there are no entries for water. sewer, any of the other normal and customary expenses that would go with property ownership?
 - A. No, not for sure. The typically the electric was the first thing you needed to get in there if you were going to look at a property and keep the air conditioner on or whatever. I mean, that's the first bill we turned on is Nevada Energy, and then maybe water if we needed to. But not knowing what we did with this property, I can't tell you why we did - we didn't go - I mean, we may have looked at this property and it took too much work or too much money or in a foreclosure. I don't know.
 - Q. Right.
 - A. I don't know.

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- Q. But you don't see anything here reflecting that any property taxes were paid or sewer fees or garbage. Correct?
- A. No.
- Q. According to my math, it looks like \$257 total was spent by Las Vegas Development Group, other than legal fees, in connection with this property. Do you agree with that?
- A. Yep. That looks right.
- 28. LVDG never purchased homeowner's insurance for the Property.
- 29. In the 2010 to 2011 time-period, LVDG would frequently sell properties purchased at HOA foreclosures to lenders that asserted an interest in the property for double the amount LVDG had paid at the HOA foreclosure sale.
- 30. During the 2010 to 2011 time-period, LVDG determined that the cost of establishing free and clear title to all of the properties purchased by LVDG at HOA foreclosure sales was too expensive
- LVDG purchased approximately 200 properties at HOA foreclosure sales. As 31. such, LVDG elected to walk away from some of its investments rather than litigate with the secured lenders. Specifically, LVDG testified:

Well, at the early stage we really looked at the huge cost of litigation and didn't know where we stand. I mean, we felt we were right but we didn't know where the answer was going to be, and it was a big giant we were fighting and we weren't deciding which way we were going. What we tried at first - the first thing is let's see if we can get them to either stop or buy us out and move on, and the last thing was just let it go. I mean, at some point litigation costs got so expensive that we, at that stage, walked away from it.

- 32. With regard to the Property in this litigation, LVDG did not take any steps to try to enjoin BANA from foreclosing on the Perez Deed of Trust.
- 33. Similarly, prior to filing this action, LVDG took no action to attempt to set aside the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.
- 34. Moreover, LVDG took no steps to prevent EZ from encumbering or selling the Property following its purchase at the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.

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- 35. Similarly, LVDG took no action to prevent Blaha from taking title to the Property.
- LVDG also took no action to prevent Blaha from obtaining financing secured by 36. the Property.
- 37. After the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure, LVDG stopped paying the HOA association fees.
 - 38. As to the reason why LVDG stopped paying association fees, LVDG testified:
 - Q. Do you know why the Las Vegas Development Group stopped paying association fees in August of 2011 with respect to the property?
 - A. I assume because there is a disputed owner and the HOA takes the dues from the recorded owner, and the recorder showed the recorded owner to be somebody different. I don't know if they even would have accepted it.
- 39. In 2011, LVDG was aware that there was a dispute with respect to the issue of whether an HOA foreclosure sale could extinguish a prior recorded deed of trust. For this reason, LVDG retained legal counsel to send correspondence to beneficiaries of deeds of trust secured by real property that LVDG purchased at NRS Chapter 116 foreclosure sales.
- By 2012, LVDG was represented by legal counsel in Nevada retained to actively 40. defend LVDG's title to real property purchased by LVDG at NRS Chapter 116 foreclosure sales.
- 41. When asked to explain why LVDG waited until March 19, 2015, to take any action to challenge the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale, LVDG testified as follows:
 - Q. The question is: Why did Las Vegas Development Group wait more than three years after all of the events that it seeks to - or all the conveyances that it seeks to set aside to bring this lawsuit?
 - A. I don't know what to say. He's telling me not to answer, so...
 - Q. I don't think he's telling you not to answer this question.
 - MR. CROTEAU: Whatever. Answer it. It doesn't matter. None of this matters. Answer it.
 - A. We dealt with properties that we were in the process of buying or being foreclosed on. That's stuff that had already happened

before we got attorneys involved. We were – we had our hands full taking care of that, and we came back to this knowing it was always here when we had more time with our attorneys.

- 42. Despite the fact that Blaha has been the record title holder of the Property since September 30, 2011, on March 19, 2015 1,298 days after the Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale LVDG filed a Complaint seeking to rescind the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.
 - 43. The following day, LVDG recorded a Lis Pendens.
- 44. In its Complaint, LVDG claims that the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale was void because the HOA Foreclosure Sale extinguished the Perez Deed of Trust.
- 45. LVDG's Complaint offers no explanation as to why LVDG took no steps to stop the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale or why, immediately thereafter, LVDG did not take steps to have the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale set aside within the 90 day period provided by NRS 107.080(5)-(6).

II.

STANDARD OF REVIEW

- 1. NRCP 56(c) provides that summary judgment shall be granted when, after a review of the record viewed in the light most favorable to the non-moving party, there are no remaining genuine issues of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 731, 121 P.3d 1026, 1031 (2005). "A genuine issue of material fact is one where the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the non-moving party." Posadas v. City of Reno, 109 Nev. 448, 452, 851 P.2d 438, 441 (1993).
- 2. In determining whether summary judgment is appropriate, the Court applies a burden-shifting analysis. <u>Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nevada</u>, 123 Nev. 598, 602-03, 172 P.3d 131, 134 (2007). If as in the present case "the nonmoving party will bear the burden of persuasion at trial, the party moving for summary judgment may satisfy the burden of

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production by either (1) submitting evidence that negates an essential element of the nonmoving party's claim, or (2) pointing out that there is an absence of evidence to support the nonmoving party's case." Id. (internal quotations omitted).

3. If the moving party satisfies its burden, the burden then shifts to the nonmoving party who "must transcend the pleadings and, by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts that show a genuine issue of material fact." Id. The evidence submitted by the nonmoving party must be relevant and admissible, and he or she "is not entitled to build a case on the gossamer threads of whimsy, speculation and conjecture." Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 99 Nev. 284, 302, 662 P.2d 610, 621 (1983) (internal quotations omitted).

III.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. LVDG's Complaint seeks to set aside the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale that took place on August 29, 2011, and all subsequent transfers of the Property - including Blaha's September 30, 2011 purchase of the Property.
- 2. LVDG's Complaint asserts five causes of action against the Blaha Defendants; (1) Quiet Title; (2) Equitable Mortgage; (3) Slander of Title; (4) Equitable Relief - Wrongful Foreclosure; and (5) Equitable Relief - Rescission. Each cause of action is premised upon the allegation that the HOA Foreclosure Sale extinguished the Perez Deed of Trust such that the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale and all subsequent transfers in the Property should be set aside by this Court. For this reason, the statute of limitation imposed by NRS 107.080(5) applies to each of LVDG's claims.
- 3. Additionally, LVDG's slander of title claim is barred by the two-year statute of limitation imposed by NRS 11.190(4)(c) as LVDG waited 1,298 days from the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale to file its Complaint. See Spilsbury v. U.S. Specialty Ins. Co., 2015 WL 476228, 2:14-cv-00820-GMN-GWF (D. Nev. Feb. 4, 2015) (Nevada's statute of limitation for slander of title is two years).
- 4. The Nevada Supreme Court has acknowledged the public policy considerations that form the basis for any statute of limitation. See Winn v. Sunrise Hosp, & Medical Center,

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128 Nev. Adv. Op. 23, , 277 P.3d 458, 465 (Nev. 2012). Specifically, the Nevada Supreme Court has recognized that limitation periods imposed by the Legislature are meant to "provide a concrete time frame within which a plaintiff must file a lawsuit and after which a defendant is afforded a level of security." Id. (citing Peterson v. Bruen, 106 Nev. 271, 274, 792 P.2d 18, 19 (Nev. 1990)). In this regard, statutes of limitation "stimulate activity, punish negligence and promote repose by giving security and stability to human affairs." Id.

NRS 107.080(5)-(6) creates a statute of limitations for challenging a nonjudicial 5. foreclosure sale. NRS 107.080(5) has been amended several times in recent years. applicable version of NRS 107.080(5) in this case stated in relevant part:

> Every sale made under the provisions of this section and other sections of this chapter vests in the purchaser the title of the grantor and any successors in interest without equity or right of redemption. A sale made pursuant to this section may be declared void by any court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the sale took place if:

(a) The trustee or other person authorized to make the sale does not substantially comply with the provisions of this section or any applicable provision of NRS 107.086 and 107.087:

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an action is commenced in the county where the sale took place within 90 days² after the date of the sale; and

(c) A notice of lis pendens providing notice of the pendency of the action is recorded in the office of the county recorder of the county where the sale took place within 30 days after commencement of the action.

(Emphasis added to highlight statutory changes).

A foreclosure sale terminates all other legal and equitable interests in the land. 6. Charmicor, Inc. v. Bradshaw Fin. Co., 92 Nev. 310, 313, 550 P.2d 413 (Nev. 1976)(legal interest); McCall v. Carlson, 63 Nev. 390, 406-07, 172 P.2d 171 (Nev. 1946)(equitable interest).

NRS 107.080(5) was amended to change "may" to "must." effective October 1, 2011. 2011 Nev. Stat., ch. 81, A.B. 284, § 5 at 334. The October 1, 2011 amendment only applies "to a notice of default and election to sell which is recorded on or after July 1, 2011." See A.B. 284. Here, the version of NRS 107.080(5) using the word "may" applies because the Notice of Default and Election to Sell Pursuant to the Deed of Trust was recorded on April 14,

² NRS 107,080(5)(b) was amended to change the 90 days to 45 days, effective October I, 2013, 2013 Nev. Stal., ch. 403, SB 321, § 5 at 2197.

³ NRS 107.080(5)(c) was amended to change the 30 days to 15 days, effective October 1, 2013. 2013 Nev. Stat., ch. 403, SB 321, § 5 at 2197.

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As such, once the sale is completed, title vests in the purchaser without equity or right of redemption. See 107.080(5); see also Michniak v. Argent Mortg. Co., LLC, 2012 WL 6588912 (unpublished)(Nev. Dec. 14, 2012).

A party cannot challenge a nonjudicial foreclosure sale outside of the time limits provided in NRS 107.080(5)-(6). See Bldg. Energetix Corp. v. EHE, LP, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 6, 294 P.3d 1228, 1234 (2013) ("NRS 107.080(5)(a)-(c) and NRS 107.080(6) enumerate the limited instances in which a nonjudicial foreclosure sale may be made void"); Kim v. Kearney, 838 F. Supp. 2d 1077 (D. Nev. 2012) (dismissing plaintiff's quiet title complaint because plaintiff failed to file an action to set aside the sale within ninety days of the date of sale), aff'd, ____ Fed. Appx. __, 2013 WL 6172290 (9th Cir. Nov. 26, 2013); Michniak v. Argent Mortg. Co., LLC, 2012 WL 6588912 (Nev. December 14, 2012) ("The title set forth in the trustee's deed upon sale was conclusive and beyond challenge once the time period set forth in NRS 107.080 had lapsed. The trustee's deed upon sale conclusively vested title in the purchaser, and as a matter of law appellant's claim for quiet title based on wrongful foreclosure fails."); Chattem v. BAC Home Loan Servicing LP, No. 2:11-CV-01727-KJD, 2012 WL 4795663 (D. Nev. Oct. 9, 2012) (dismissing action to set aside foreclosure sale where action was commenced 109 days after the foreclosure sale in violation of NRS 107.080(5)); Guertin v. OneWest Bank, FSB, 2:11-CV-1531 JCM, 2012 WL 3133736 (D. Nev. July 31, 2012) (dismissing claims for statutorily defective foreclosure and quiet title where action was not brought within ninety days of sale); Willis v. Federal Nat. Mortg. Ass'n, 512 Fed. Appx. 723, 2013 WL 1150755 (9th Cir. 2013) (upholding the district court's dismissal of plaintiffs' quiet title claim because plaintiffs did not allege facts showing that they were not in default when defendants initiated non-judicial foreclosure proceedings and further holding that, to the extent the plaintiffs sought to allege a claim for wrongful foreclosure, the district court properly determined that this claim would have been time-barred by the ninety day statute of limitation imposed by NRS 107.080(5)(b)); Haischer v. Mortgage Elec. Registration Sys., Inc., 2012 WL 4194076, at *4 (D. Nev. Sept. 17, 2012) (dismissing plaintiff's wrongful foreclosure claim because the plaintiff failed to file an action to set aside the sale within the time constraints imposed by NRS 107.080(5)-(6)).

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- 8. Thus, both the Ninth Circuit and the Nevada Supreme Court have recognized that a party seeking to set aside a sale conducted pursuant to NRS Chapter 107 cannot simply choose to plead its claims in such a way as to avoid having to comply with the provisions of NRS 107.080(5)-(6).
- 9. In rendering their decisions, both courts furthered the legislative intent behind NRS 107.080(5)-(6), which was enacted to encourage the free transferability of title following foreclosure sales. See Legislative History for S.B. 217 (2007) and S.B. 483 (2007)(incorporating the revision to NRS Chapter 107 proposed by S.B. 217).
- The 2007 amendment to NRS Chapter 107 was enacted to bring clarity to the statute's provision with respect to actions brought to set aside foreclosure sales to once again encourage the free transferability of title to real property following a foreclosure sale conducted pursuant to NRS Chapter 107.
- Here, the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale that LVDG seeks to 11. set aside was conducted on August 29, 2011. LVDG admitted that it stopped paying HOA assessments on the Property in August of 2011, because of the NRS Chapter 107 Foreclosure Sale. However, LVDG failed to take any action to set aside the sale until March 19, 2015 - 1,298 days after the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale.
- 12. Instead of taking action to protect any interest LVDG may have had in the Property, LVDG elected to do nothing for years. During the three-and-a-half-year period in which LVDG failed to take any action to protect its interest in the Property, the Property was sold twice - once at the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale and then again on September 30, 2011, to Blaha.
- 13. LVDG - who had purchased approximately 200 other properties through foreclosure sales - had both the knowledge and ability to take the legal action necessary to protect its \$5,200.01 investment. However, instead of complying with NRS 107.080(5)-(6) which would have prevented the Blaha Defendants from facing the potential risk of losing their substantial investment in the Property - LVDG did nothing for years.

- 15. By enacting NRS 107.080(5)-(6), the Nevada Legislature expressed its intent to promote the transferability of title following foreclosure sales conducted under NRS Chapter 107 to "provide a concrete time frame within which a plaintiff must file a lawsuit and after which a defendant is afforded a level of security." See Winn v. Sunrise Hosp. & Medical Center, 128 Nev. Adv. Op. 23, ___, 277 P.3d 458, 465 (Nev. 2012)(citing Peterson v. Bruen, 106 Nev. 271, 274, 792 P.2d 18, 19 (Nev. 1990)). This public policy expression by the Nevada Legislature was designed to promote the recovery of Nevada's failing real estate market following the devastating foreclosure crisis by allowing new market participants (such as the LVDG) to purchase properties which other property owners had either willingly abandoned or, out of the extreme distress caused by our country's financial crisis, were no longer able to afford.
- 16. Here, LVDG has failed to "transcend the pleadings and, by affidavit or other admissible evidence, introduce specific facts that show" that LVDG filed its Complaint within 120 days of first learning about the NRS Chapter 107 Deed of Trust Foreclosure Sale. <u>Cuzze</u>, 123 Nev. at 602-03, 172 P.3d at 134. Accordingly, LVDG's claims are time-barred under NRS 107.080(5)-(6).
- 17. Based on the above findings, the Court need not address the other legal arguments raised in the Blaha Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.
- 18. In addition, as this ruling is dispositive of the entire case, all other pending motions are now moot.

NOW THEREFORE:

SUMMARY JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED in favor of the Defendants and against the Plaintiff. This Court hereby finds that Plaintiff's Complaint is time-barred by NRS 107.080(5)-(6).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to NRS 14.017, the Notice of Pendency of Action recorded by Plaintiff against the Property commonly known as 7639 Turquoise Stone Ct.,

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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Plaintiff,

VS.

FUNDING, INC.

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CASE NO. A-15-715532-C DEPT NO. XXX

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT; FOR RECONSIDERATION; AND FOR CLARIFICATION

Defendants.

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Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group, LLC's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification having come on for hearing on the 15th day of November, 2016, James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc. (collectively the "Blaha Defendants") having appeared through their attorney of record, Aaron R. Maurice, of the law

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

Please take notice that an Order was entered with the above court on the 30th day of November, 2016, a copy of which is attached hereto.

DATED this 1st day of December, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Kolesar & Leatham, and that on the 1st day of December, 2016, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of foregoing NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER in the following manner:

(ELECTRONIC SERVICE) Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, the above-referenced document was electronically filed on the date hereof and served through the Notice of Electronic Filing automatically generated by that Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List.

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CASE NO. A-15-715532-C

DEPT NO. XXX

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT; FOR RECONSIDERATION; AND FOR **CLARIFICATION**

Defendants.

Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group, LLC's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification having come on for hearing on the 15th day of November, 2016, James R. Blaha and Noble Home Loans, Inc. (collectively the "Blaha Defendants") having appeared through their attorney of record, Aaron R. Maurice, of the law

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firm of Kolesar & Leatham; Plaintiff, Las Vegas Development Group, LLC ("LVDG"), having appeared through its attorney of record, Roger P. Croteau, of the law firm of Roger P. Croteau & Assoc., Ltd.; the BANA Defendants having appeared through their attorney of record, Melanie D. Morgan, of the law firm of Akerman, LLP; and the EZ Defendants having appeared through their attorney of record, Amy Wilson, of the Law Offices of Kevin R. Hansen; the Court having reviewed the papers and pleadings on file herein and having carefully considered the same; the Court having heard the oral arguments of counsel; the Court being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing therefore:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment is DENIED.

DATED this Z day of November, 2016

Submitted by:

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

KOLESAR & LEATHAM

By

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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Title to Property

COURT MINUTES

February 02, 2016

A-15-715532-C

Las Vegas Development Group LLC, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

James Blaha, Defendant(s)

February 02, 2016

9:30 AM

Discovery Conference

HEARD BY: Bulla, Bonnie

COURTROOM: RJC Level 5 Hearing Room

COURT CLERK: Alan Castle

RECORDER:

Francesca Haak

REPORTER:

PARTIES

PRESENT: Hansen, Kevin R.

Attorney

Linder, Robert W. Morgan, Melanie D.

Attorney Attorney

Wood, Brittany

Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Counsel anticipate 3 - 5 days for trial re: Quiet Title. No settlement conference requested. COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, discovery cutoff is 11/09/16; adding parties, amended pleadings, and initial expert disclosures DUE 08/11/16; rebuttal expert disclosures DUE 09/09/16; dispositive motions TO BE FILED BY 12/09/16. Scheduling Order will issue.

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Title to Property

COURT MINUTES

September 13, 2016

A-15-715532-C

Las Vegas Development Group LLC, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

James Blaha, Defendant(s)

September 13, 2016 9:00 AM

All Pending Motions

HEARD BY: Wiese, Jerry A. COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 14A

COURT CLERK: Alice Jacobson

RECORDER:

REPORTER: Amber Riggio

PARTIES

PRESENT: Croteau, Roger P, ESQ Attorney

Habdas, William S. Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Defendants Ez Properties, Llc And K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership Joinder To Defendant Bank Of America, N.A.'S Motion To Add Affirmative Defenses And To Add Parties And Assert Claims.

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Deft Blaha Motion for Summary Judgment

Defendants Ez Properties, Llc And K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership Joinder To Defendant Bank Of America, N.A.'S Motion for Summary Judgment

Mr. Morris argued this was a deed of trust foreclosure sale; Plaintiff did not have an interest in the property; and could not seek action due to the statue of limitations. Opposition by Mr. Croteau and argument regarding the sale being illegitimate and the chain of title. Court considered NRS 107.090. COURT ORDERED, motion for summary judgment GRANTED; pending motions are hereby MOOT.

PRINT DATE: 12/06/2016 Page 2 of 3 Minutes Date: February 02, 2016

DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Other Title to Property

COURT MINUTES

November 15, 2016

A-15-715532-C

Las Vegas Development Group LLC, Plaintiff(s)

VS.

James Blaha, Defendant(s)

November 15, 2016

9:00 AM

Motion to Amend

Judgment

HEARD BY: Wiese, Jerry A.

COURTROOM: RJC Courtroom 14A

COURT CLERK: Alice Jacobson

RECORDER:

REPORTER: Kristy Clark

PARTIES

PRESENT: Croteau, Roger P, ESQ

Attorney

Hansen, Kevin R. Maurice, Aaron R.

Attorney Attorney

JOURNAL ENTRIES

- Plaintiff's Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment; for Reconsideration; and for Clarification

Mr. Croteau argued for reconsideration of the order regarding the statute of limitation to file Complaint as to the legal findings reached by the Court. Opposition by Mr. Maurice. Court finds the order an accurate reflection. COURT ORDERED motion DENIED.



EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY ON APPEAL TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

ROGER P. CROTEAU, ESQ. 9120 W. POST RD., SUITE 100 LAS VEGAS, NV 89148

DATE: December 6, 2016 CASE: A-15-715532-C

RE CASE: LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC vs. JAMES R. BLAHA; BANK OF AMERICA, NA, a National Banking Association, as successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP; RECONTRUST COMPANY NA; JOSE PEREZ, JR.; EZ PROPERTIES, LLC; K&L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; FCH FUNDING, INC.

NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: December 1, 2016

YOUR APPEAL HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SUPREME COURT.

PLEASE NOTE: DOCUMENTS **NOT** TRANSMITTED HAVE BEEN MARKED:

- \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the Supreme Court)**
 If the \$250 Supreme Court Filing Fee was not submitted along with the original Notice of Appeal, it must be mailed directly to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court Filing Fee will not be forwarded by this office if submitted after the Notice of Appeal has been filed.
 \$24 District Court Filing Fee (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**
- S500 − Cost Bond on Appeal (Make Check Payable to the District Court)**
 - NRAP 7: Bond For Costs On Appeal in Civil Cases
- - NRAP 3 (a)(1), Form 2
- □ Order
- ☐ Notice of Entry of Order

NEVADA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 3 (a) (3) states:

"The district court clerk must file appellant's notice of appeal despite perceived deficiencies in the notice, including the failure to pay the district court or Supreme Court filing fee. The district court clerk shall apprise appellant of the deficiencies in writing, and shall transmit the notice of appeal to the Supreme Court in accordance with subdivision (e) of this Rule with a notation to the clerk of the Supreme Court setting forth the deficiencies. Despite any deficiencies in the notice of appeal, the clerk of the Supreme Court shall docket the appeal in accordance with Rule 12."

Please refer to Rule 3 for an explanation of any possible deficiencies.

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Certification of Copy

State of Nevada
County of Clark

I, Steven D. Grierson, the Clerk of the Court of the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, State of Nevada, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct copy of the hereinafter stated original document(s):

NOTICE OF APPEAL; DISTRICT COURT DOCKET ENTRIES; CIVIL COVER SHEET; ORDER GRANTING JAMES R. BLAHA AND NOBLE HOME LOANS, INC.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND ALL JOINDERS THERETO; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND JUDGMENT; FOR RECONSIDERATION; AND FOR CLARIFICATION; NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER; DISTRICT COURT MINUTES; NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

JAMES R. BLAHA; BANK OF AMERICA, NA, a National Banking Association, as successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP; RECONTRUST COMPANY NA; JOSE PEREZ, JR.; EZ PROPERTIES, LLC; K&L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; FCH FUNDING, INC.,

Defendant(s),

now on file and of record in this office.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and Affixed the seal of the Court at my office, Las Vegas, Nevada This 6 day of December 2016.

Steven D. Grierson, Clerk of the Court

Heather Ungermann, Deputy Clerk