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## **APPEAL**

From the Eighth Judicial District Court,

The Honorable Jerry A. Wiese II, District Judge

District Court Case No. A-15-715532-C

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Clark County Nevada

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Assigned by Clerk's Office)

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I. Party Information			
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## DISTRICT COURT

## CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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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
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corporate entity; DOE individuals I through

XX; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through

LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, )

a Nevada limited liability company,

Case No. A - 15 - 715532 - C Dept. No. VIII

ARBITRATION EXEMPTION CLAIMED: (1) TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY; (2) DECLARATORY RELIEF

## **COMPLAINT**

Defendants.

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, by and through its attorneys, ROGER P. CROTEAU & ASSOCIATES, LTD., and hereby complains and alleges as follows:

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## **PARTIES**

- At all times relevant to this matter, Plaintiff, LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, 1. LLC, was and is a Nevada limited liability company, authorized to do business and doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendant, BANK OF 2. AMERICA, NA, ("BANA"), successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP ("BAC Home Loans"), was and is and doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendant, 3. RECONTRUST COMPANY NA ("Recontrust"), was and is a Texas corporation, authorized to do business and doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendant, JOSE 4. PEREZ, JR. was and is an individual and resident of the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendant, EZ 5. PROPERTIES, LLC ("EZ Properties"), was and is a Nevada limited libiality company, authorized and doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendant, K & L 6. BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Baxter Family Partnership), was and is a Nevada limited partnership, authorized and doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendant, JAMES R. 7. BLAHA, was and is an individual and resident of the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- 8. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant to this matter, Defendant, FCH FUNDING, INC. ("FCH Funding"), was and is an unknown corporate entity, doing business in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- 9. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities whether individuals, corporations, associates, or otherwise of Defendants DOES I through X and ROE Corporations I

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through X, inclusive, and therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that the Defendants, and each of them, are in some manner responsible and liable for the acts and damages alleged in this Complaint. Plaintiff will seek leave of this Court to amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of the DOES and ROE CORPORATIONS Defendants when the true names of the DOES and ROE CORPORATIONS Defendants are ascertained.

## **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 10. through 9 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- On or about June 8, 2004, a Declaration was recorded in the Official Records of the Clark 11. County Recorder as instrument number 200406080002308, thereby creating Nevada Trails II Community Association (the "HOA") and perfecting a lien in favor of the HOA on all real property located within the common interest community it governed, including but not limited to that real property commonly known as 7639 Turquoise Stone Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113, Assessor Parcel No. 176-10-213-042 (the "Property").
- The lien having been recorded prior to any other liens is first in right and first in time as 12. to all other interests recorded after the Declaration with the exception of liens for real estate taxes and other governmental assessments.
- N.R.S. Chapter 116 provides that the lien perfected by the Declaration is subordinate to a 13. "first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent."
- While this statutory subordination applies to the majority of the lien perfected by the 14. Declaration, pursuant to N.R.S. 116.3116(2)(c), it does not subordinate the lien to two specific charges incurred under it.
- 15. The charges which are specifically NOT subordinated to the first security interest include: (1) any charges incurred by the association on a unit pursuant to N.R.S. 116.310312 and; (2) that portion of the assessments for common expenses based on the periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to N.R.S. 116.3115 which would have become due in

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the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of a	ın
action to enforce the lien.	

- On or about March 23, 2006, Defendant, JOSE PEREZ, JR. ("Former Owner"), acquired 16. title to and ownership of the Property.
- Between approximately March 23, 2006, and April 13, 2011, Former Owner held title to 17. and ownership of the Property either jointly or in an individual capacity.
- Upon information and belief, Former Owner obtained one or more mortgages and/or lines 18. of credit secured by the Property.
- On or about March 28, 2007, Countrywide FSB recorded a deed of trust against the 19. Property in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 200703280002128 ("First Deed of Trust").
- Upon information and belief, BAC Home Loans subsequently became the holder and/or 20. owner of the First Deed of Trust through an assignment recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder on or about April 4, 2011 as Instrument No. 201104040003342.
- The Property is and was subject to certain Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions 21. ("CC&Rs") of HOA.
- By virtue of his ownership of the Property, Former Owner was a member of the HOA and 22. accordingly was obligated to pay HOA assessments pursuant to the terms of the CC&Rs.
- 23. At some point in time during his ownership of the Property, Former Owner failed to pay the HOA assessments related to the Property.
- As a result of the failure of Former Owner to pay the HOA assessments, HOA recorded a 24. Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien ("HOA Lien") with the Office of the Recorder of Clark County, Nevada.
- Thereafter, HOA recorded a Notice of Default and Election to Sell with the Office of the 25. Recorder of Clark County, Nevada.
- Upon information and belief, the Notice of Default and Election to Sell was served upon 26. the Former Owner, as well as all interested parties holding a security interest in the

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Property.

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4		Clark County, Nevada.
5	28.	Upon information and belief, the Notice of Trustee's Sale was served upon the Former
6		Owner, as well as all interested parties holding a security interest in the Property.
7	29.	On or about April 12, 2011, HOA caused a foreclosure sale ("HOA Foreclosure Sale") to
8		be conducted pursuant to the powers conferred by the Nevada Revised Statutes 116.3116,
9		116.31162, 116.31163 and 116.31164; the CC&Rs the Notice of Delinquent Assessment
10		Lien; and the Notice of Default and Election to Sell.
11	30.	Plaintiff purchased the Property by successfully bidding at the HOA Foreclosure Sale in
12		accordance with N.R.S. 116.3116, et seq.
13	31.	On or about April 13, 2011, a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale ("HOA Foreclosure Deed") was
14		recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No.
15		201104130000979, vesting title to the Property in the Plaintiff.
16	32.	The HOA Foreclosure Sale complied with all requirements of law, including but not
17		limited to, the recording and mailing of copies of the Notice of Delinquent Assessment
18		and Notice of Default, and the recording, posting and publication of the Notice of Sale.
19	33.	Upon information and belief, Defendants had actual and/or constructive notice of the
20		HOA foreclosure proceedings.
21	34.	N.R.S. 116.3116(2) provides that an HOA Lien has priority over all other liens and
22		encumbrances except:
23		(a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the declaration and, in a cooperative, liens and encumbrances which the association creates,
24		assumes or takes subject to; (b) A first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the
25		assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent or, in a cooperative, the first security interest encumbering only the unit's owner's interest and perfected before
26		the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent; and (c) Liens for real estate taxes and other governmental assessments or charges
27		against the unit or cooperative.
28	35.	N.R.S. 116.3116(2) further provides that a portion of the HOA Lien has priority over

After the expiration of 90 days from the recording and mailing of the Notice of Default,

HOA caused a Notice of Trustee's Sale to be recorded with the Office of the Recorder of

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even a first security interest in the Property, stating as follows:

The lien is also prior to all security interests described in paragraph (b) to the extent of any charges incurred by the association on a unit pursuant to NRS 116.310312 and to the extent of the assessments for common expenses based on the periodic budget adopted by the association pursuant to NRS 116.3115 which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien[.]

- 36. Upon information and belief, the HOA incurred charges within the 9 months immediately preceding the initiation of the HOA foreclosure action that constituted super priority amounts.
- Upon information and belief, no party still claiming an interest in the Property recorded a lien or encumbrance prior to the declaration creating the HOA.
- 38. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff's bid at the HOA Foreclosure Sale was equal to or in excess of the amount necessary to satisfy the costs of sale and the super-priority portion of the HOA Lien.
- 39. Upon information and belief, the HOA or its agent distributed or should have distributed any excess funds to lien holders in order of priority pursuant to N.R.S. 116.3114(c).
- 40. Upon information and belief, Defendants had actual and/or constructive notice of the requirement to pay assessments to the HOA and of the HOA Lien.
- 41. Upon information and belief, prior to the HOA Foreclosure Sale, BAC Home Loans had not assigned the First Deed of Trust to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), the Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") or any governmental agency or instrumentality.
- 42. Upon information and belief, at the time of the HOA Foreclosure Sale, neither the United States nor any of its agencies or instrumentalities possessed any interest in the First Deed of Trust or the Property.
- 43. Upon information and belief, prior to the HOA Foreclosure Sale, no individual or entity paid the full amount of delinquent assessments described in the Notice of Default.
- 44. Upon information and belief, prior to the HOA Foreclosure Sale, no individual or entity

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paid the supe	er priority portion of the delinquent assessments described	l in the No	otice of
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- 45. Upon information and belief, Defendants had actual and/or constructive notice of the super priority portion of the HOA Lien.
- Upon information and belief, BAC Home Loans knew or should have known that any 46. security interest that it may have possessed pursuant to the First Deed of Trust would be extinguished through foreclosure if it failed to cure the super-priority portion of the HOA Lien representing 9 months of assessments for common expenses based upon the periodic budget adopted by the HOA which would have become due in the absence of acceleration for the relevant time period.
- Pursuant to N.R.S. 116.31166, the HOA Foreclosure Sale vested title in Plaintiff "without 47. equity or right of redemption."
- Pursuant to N.R.S. 116.31166, the HOA Foreclosure Deed is conclusive against the 48. Property's "former owner, his or her heirs and assigns, and all other persons."
- Former Owner's ownership interest in the Property was extinguished by the foreclosure 49. of the HOA Lien.
- BAC Home Loan's security interest in the Property, if any, was extinguished by the 50. foreclosure of the HOA Lien and the First Deed of Trust was rendered null, void and unenforceable.
- Any other existing security interests in the Property, if any, were likewise extinguished by 51. the foreclosure of the HOA Lien and rendered null, void and unenforceable.
- By virtue of its purchase of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, Plaintiff became 52. the sole owner of all right, title and interest in the Property free and clear of any encumbrances of the Defendants.
- 53. On or about April14, 2011, BANA and/or Recontrust caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201104140003343.
- On or about August 9, 2011, BANA and/or Recontrust caused a Notice of Trustee's Sale 54.

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to be recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument Ne
201108090003456.

- On or about August 29, 2011, Recontrust purported to conduct a foreclosure sale ("Bank 55. Foreclosure Sale") based upon the First Deed of Trust.
- EZ Properties purported to purchase the Property at the Bank Foreclosure Sale and on 56. September 19, 2011, a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale Nevada to be recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No.201109190002647.
- Upon information and belief, EZ Properties purchased the Property at the alleged 57. September 19, 2011 Bank Foreclosure Sale with the aid of a mortgage from the Baxter Family Partnership.
- 58. On or about September 19, 2011, the Baxter Family Partnership recorded a deed of trust against the Property in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201109190002648. ("Baxter Family Partnership Deed of Trust").
- On or about September 30, 2011, EZ Properties purported to transfer the Property to 59. James R. Blaha by deed recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201109300001615.
- Upon information and belief, James R. Blaha purchased the Property from EZ Properties 60. with the aid of a mortgage loan from FCH Funding.
- On or about December 30, 2011, FCH Funding recorded a deed of trust against the 61. Property in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201112300003312 ("FCH Funding Deed of Trust").
- In the matter of SFR Investments Pool I, LLC v. U.S. Bank, N.A., 130 Nev. \_\_\_\_, 334 P.3d 62. 408, 2014 WL 4656471 (Adv. Op. No. 75, Sept. 18, 2014), the Nevada Supreme Court resolved a split that previously existed in the state and federal courts of the State of Nevada regarding the force, effect and interpretation of N.R.S. §116.3116.
- In doing so, the Nevada Supreme Court clarified that the statute provides a homeowners 63. association a true super-priority lien over real property that can and does extinguish a first deed of trust when non-judicially foreclosed. Id.

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- In SFR Investments, the Nevada Supreme Court also recognized that a foreclosure deed 64. "reciting compliance with notice provisions of NRS 116.31162 through NRS 116.31168 'is conclusive' as to the recitals 'against the unit's former owner, his or her heirs and assigns and all other persons." See id. at 3 (citing NRS 116.3116(2)).
- Moreover, under Nevada law, the Association foreclosure sale and the resulting 65. foreclosure deed are both <u>presumed valid</u>. NRS 47.250(16)-(18) (stating that disputable presumptions exist "that the law has been obeyed"; "that a trustee or other person, whose duty it was to convey real property to a particular person, has actually conveyed to that person, when such presumption is necessary to perfect the title of such person or a successor in interest"; "that private transactions have been fair and regular"; and "that the ordinary course of business has been followed.").
- Based upon the foregoing, the Bank Foreclosure Sale and all subsequent transfers related 66. to the Property were and are invalid, void and unenforceable.

## **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Quiet Title against all Defendants)

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 67. through 66 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- Plaintiff properly acquired title and ownership of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure 68. Sale for good and valuable consideration.
- By virtue of its purchase of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, Plaintiff became 69. the sole owner of all right, title and interest in the Property free and clear of any encumbrances of the Defendants.
- Because the HOA Foreclosure Sale extinguished the First Deed of Trust, BAC Home 70. Loans and Recontrust possessed no right to conduct a Trustee's Sale based upon the First Deed of Trust.
- The sale of the Property to EZ Properties and all subsequent transfers of the Property 71. were and are null, void and of no effect.
- Any and all deeds of trust subsequently recorded against the Property and any 72.

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assignments thereof are unauthorized, null, void and unenforceable, including the Baxter
Family Partnership and FCH Funding Deeds of Trust.

- 73. Plaintiff remains the sole owner of the Property free and clear of any and all encumbrances.
- One or more of the Defendants may claim some right, title and/or interest in the Property. 74.
- A justiciable controversy exists regarding the right, title and interest held by Plaintiff and 75. Defendants in the Property.
- The interests of Plaintiff and Defendants are adverse in this justiciable controversy. 76.
- The Plaintiff has a legally protectible interest in the Property. 77.
- The controversy between Plaintiff and Defendants is ripe for judicial determination. 78.
- This Court should enter an Order which determines all and every claim, estate or interest 79. of the parties in the Property.
- The Plaintiff is entitled to a declaratory judgment finding that: (1) Plaintiff is the title 80. owner of the Property; (2) the HOA Foreclosure Deed is valid and enforceable; (3) the HOA Foreclosure Sale extinguished the applicable Defendants' ownership and security interests in the Property; (4) the subsequent transfers of the Property were null, void and of no effect; and (5) Plaintiff's rights and interest in the Property are superior to any interest claimed by the Defendants.
- Title to the Property should be quieted solely in the name of Plaintiff. 81.
- As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary 82. for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil 83. Procedure as further facts become known.

## **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Unjust Enrichment against BANA [BAC Home Loans], Recontrust and EZ Properties)

Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 84. through 83 hereof as if set forth fully herein.

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- 85. Plaintiff expended significant funds and resources in connection with the acquisition and maintenance of the Property.
- 86. In the event that the Plaintiff does not maintain sole and exclusive title to and possession of the Property, the Defendants will obtain substantial benefits from the funds and resources expended by the Plaintiff.
- 87. Upon information and belief, Defendants sold the Property for significant monetary gain.
- 88. All proceeds received by the Defendants from the sale of the Property rightfully belong to the Plaintiff as the rightful owner of the Property.
- 89. It would be unjust for the Defendants to accept and retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiff for the value of the benefits which they received.
- 90. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 91. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

## **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Equitable Mortgage against all Defendants)

- 92. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1through 91 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- 93. Plaintiff has expended significant funds and resources in connection with the acquisition and maintenance of the Property.
- 94. In the event that the Plaintiff does not maintain sole and exclusive title to and possession of the Property, the Defendants will obtain substantial benefits from the funds and resources expended by the Plaintiff.
- 95. Upon information and belief, Defendants sold the Property for significant monetary gain.
- 96. All proceeds received by the Defendants from the sale of the Property rightfully belong to the Plaintiff as the rightful owner of the Property.
- 97. It would be unjust for the Defendants to accept and retain such benefits without

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- In the event that the Plaintiff does not maintain sole and exclusive title to and possession 98. of the Property, the existence of an equitable mortgage is essential to the effectuation of justice and to protect the interests of Plaintiff.
- 99. In the event that Plaintiff is divested of title to the Property for any reason, an equitable mortgage should be imposed against the Property in favor of Plaintiff to secure the payment of all sums rightfully owed to the Plaintiff in connection with the Property.
- As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary 100. for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil 101. Procedure as further facts become known.

## **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Slander of Title against all Defendants)

- Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 102. through 101 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- 103. Plaintiff properly acquired title and ownership of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- By virtue of its purchase of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, Plaintiff became 104. the sole owner of all right, title and interest in the Property free and clear of any encumbrances of the Defendants.
- On or about April 14, 2011, BAC Home Loans and/or Recontrust caused a Notice of 105. Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201104140003343.
- 106. On or about August 9, 2011, BAC Home Loans and/or Recontrust caused a Notice of Trustee's Sale to be recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201108090003456.
- On or about September 19, 2011, a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale ("Bank Foreclosure 107.

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No. 201109190002648.

- 108. The Notice of Default and Election to Sell, Notice of Trustee's Sale, Bank Foreclosure Deed and/or other documents recorded by Defendants since the time that Plaintiff purchased the Property have impugned Plaintiff's title to the Property.
- 109. Plaintiff's title to the Property has been disparaged and slandered, and there is a cloud on Plaintiff's title.
- 110. The actions of the Defendants were done with the intent to cause Plaintiff harm, or in conscious disregard for its rights, or were done with conscious disregard for the consequences of their actions, and were therefore done with either express or implied malice.
- 111. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

## **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Conversion against BOA [BAC Home Loans] and Recontrust)

- 113. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 112 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- 114. Plaintiff properly acquired title and ownership of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 115. By virtue of its purchase of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, Plaintiff became the sole owner of all right, title and interest in the Property free and clear of any encumbrances of the Defendants.
- 116. BAC Home Loans and Recontrust knew or should have known that the First Deed of Trust was extinguished as a result of the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 117. BAC Home Loans and Recontrust purported to foreclose upon the First Deed of Trust

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- 118. Defendants exercised dominion and control over the property of Plaintiff to the exclusion of Plaintiff's rights in said property by purportedly selling the Property pursuant to the extinguished First Trust Deed.
- 119. Defendants have received and maintained control of monies that rightfully belong to the Plaintiff.
- 120. The actions of the Defendants were done with the intent to cause Plaintiff harm, or in conscious disregard for Plaintiff's rights, or were done with conscious disregard for the consequences of their actions, and were therefore done with either express or implied malice.
- 121. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 122. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

## **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Equitable Relief – Wrongful Foreclosure)

- 123. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 122 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- 124. Plaintiff properly acquired title and ownership of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale in exchange for good and valuable consideration.
- 125. By virtue of its purchase of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, Plaintiff became the sole owner of all right, title and interest in the Property free and clear of any encumbrances of the Defendants.
- 126. The purported foreclosure sale based upon the First Deed of Trust was invalid and ineffective because the First Deed of Trust was extinguished by virtue of the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 127. At the time that BAC Home Loans and/or Recontrust purportedly foreclosed upon the

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First Deed of Trust, BAC Home Loans lacked any valid security interest in the Propert
and therefore lacked any right or power to foreclose.

- 128. The purported foreclosure sale by BAC Home Loans and/or Recontrust was wrongful and void.
- 129. As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 130. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

## **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

## (Equitable Relief - Recission)

- 131. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 130 hereof as if set forth fully herein.
- 132. Plaintiff properly acquired title and ownership of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale in exchange for good and valuable consideration.
- 133. By virtue of its purchase of the Property at the HOA Foreclosure Sale, Plaintiff became the sole owner of all right, title and interest in the Property free and clear of any encumbrances of the Defendants.
- 134. The purported foreclosure sale based upon the First Deed of Trust was invalid and ineffective because the First Deed of Trust was extinguished by virtue of the HOA Foreclosure Sale.
- 135. At the time that BAC Home Loans and/or Recontrust purportedly foreclosed upon the First Deed of Trust, BAC Home Loans lacked any valid security interest in the Property and therefore lacked any right or power to foreclose.
- 136. It would be unjust for the Defendants to receive the benefit of the foreclosure sale.
- 137. The purported foreclosure sale of the Property based upon the First Deed of Trust should be rescinded and the parties should be returned to the positions they held prior to the conveyance.

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- As a direct and proximate result of the actions of the Defendants, it has become necessary 138. for Plaintiff to retain the services of an attorney to protect its rights and prosecute this Claim.
- 139. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Complaint under the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as further facts become known.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, prays for judgment as follows:

- On its First Cause of Action, for an Order which determines all and every claim, Α. estate or interest of the parties in the Property, finding that: (1) Plaintiff is the title owner of the Property; (2) the HOA Foreclosure Deed is valid and enforceable; (3) the HOA Foreclosure Sale extinguished the applicable Defendants' ownership and security interests in the Property; (4) the subsequent transfers of the Property were null, void and of no effect; and (5) Plaintiff's rights and interest in the Property are superior to any interest claimed by the Defendants.
- On its Second Cause of Action, for general and special damages in excess of Ten В. Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00);
- On its Third Cause of Action, in the event that Plaintiff is divested of title to the C. Property for any reason, for the imposition of an equitable mortgage against the Property in favor of Plaintiff to secure the payment of all sums rightfully owed to the Plaintiff associated with the Property;
- On its Fourth Cause of Action, for general and special damages in excess of Ten D. Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and for exemplary or punitive damages in an amount sufficient to deter Defendants and others from engaging in similar conduct, said amount to adequately express social outrage over Defendants' wrongful actions;
- E. On its Fifth Cause of Action, for general and special damages in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and for exemplary or punitive damages in an amount sufficient to deter Defendants and others from engaging in similar

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- F. On its Sixth Cause of Action, for an Order declaring the sale of the Property to be void;
- G. On its Seventh Cause of Action, for an Order rescinding and setting aside the sale of the Property based upon the Court's equitable power of rescission;
- H. For costs and attorneys' fees incurred in bringing this action; and
- I. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem meet and proper.

DATED this <u>18<sup>th</sup></u> day of March, 2015.

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parties appearing in the above entitled action as indicated below:

LAS VEGAS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC

TOTAL REMITTED:

\$ 270.00
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DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2015.

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## DISTRICT COURT

## **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

Las Vegas Development Group, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

VS.

Case No.: A-15-715532-C

Dept. No.: VIII

Date:

Plaintiff(s)

Time:

James R. Blaha, an individual, et al.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Defendant(s)

I, Laura Mitz, being duly sworn deposes and says: That at all times herein Affiant was and is a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, licensed to serve civil process in the State of Nevada under license #1926C, and not a party to or interested in the proceeding in which this Affidavit is made. The Affiant received 1 copy of the: Summons; Complaint on the 13th day of April, 2015 and served the same on the 16th day of April, 2015 at 2:40pm by serving to Defendant(s), K&L Baxter Family Limited Partnership, a Nevada limited liability company, by personally delivering and leaving a copy at New Address of Registered Agent, 5440 W. Sahara Ave., #206, Las Vegas, NV 89146, with Gabby Rodriguez, Receptionist, pursuant to NRS 14.020 as a person of suitable age and discretion at the above address, which address is the address of the resident agent as shown on thecurrent certificate of designation filed with the Secretary of State.



State of Nevada, County of Clark SIGNED AND SWORN to before me on this 16th day of April, 2015

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## DISTRICT COURT

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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE** 

Defendant(s)

I, Richard Berberian, being duly sworn deposes and says: That at all times herein Affiant was and is a citizen of the United States, over 18 years of age, and not a party to or interested in the proceeding in which this Affidavit is made. The Affiant received 1 copy of the:

Summons: Complaint on the 22nd day of April, 2015 and served the same on the 27th day of April, 2015 at 7:35pm by serving to Defendant, Jose Perez, Jr. an individual by personally deliverying and leaving a copy with Breanna Hayes, Daughter, a person of suitable age and discretion residing at the Defendant's usual place of abode located at 17216 iron Gate Ln., Lathrop, CA 95330.



Stanislaus Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this <u>28</u> day of <u>April</u>, <u>2015</u> by Richard Berberian, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared

Affiant: Richard Berberian

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Defendant(s).

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DEPT. NO. VIII

ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

I, <u>Kevin R. Hansen</u>, Counsel for Defendant, EZ Properties, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, hereby accept service of Summons and Complaint on behalf of said Defendant.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2015.

Gabriela Mercudo Paralegal

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## **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

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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; RECONSTRUCT 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,

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Defendants.

## DEFENDANTS JAMES R. BLAHA AND NOBLE HOME LOANS, INC.'S, (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FCH FUNDING INC.) ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendants, JAMES R. BLAHA ("Blaha") and NOBLE HOME LOANS, INC. formerly known as FCH FUNDING, INC. ("Noble") (collectively "Answering Defendants"), by and through their counsel, Kolesar & Leatham, for their Answer to the Complaint filed by Plaintiff Page 1 of 20 1859971 (8754-113) 027

- 1. Answering Paragraph 1 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 2. Answering Paragraph 2 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 3. Answering Paragraph 3 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 4. Answering Paragraph 4 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 5. Answering Paragraph 5 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 6. Answering Paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 7. Answering Paragraph 7 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 8. Answering Paragraph 8 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants assert that Noble Home Loans, Inc. is a Utah corporation, formerly known as FCH Funding, Inc. By Certificate of Name Change, FCH Funding, Inc. became known as Noble Home Loans, Inc. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Noble is and was registered with the Nevada Secretary of State.

9. Answering Paragraph 9 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.

## **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 10. Answering Paragraph 10 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants repeat and reallege each of the answers to the previous paragraphs as if each were fully set forth herein.
- 11. Answering Paragraph 11 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 12. Answering Paragraph 12 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 13. Paragraph 13 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 14. Paragraph 14 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 15. Paragraph 15 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 16. Answering Paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 17. Answering Paragraph 17 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.

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- 19. Answering Paragraph 19 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 20. Answering Paragraph 20 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 21. Answering Paragraph 21 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 22. Answering Paragraph 22 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 23. Answering Paragraph 23 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 24. Answering Paragraph 24 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 25. Answering Paragraph 25 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 26. Answering Paragraph 26 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.

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- Answering Paragraph 27 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 27. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 28 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 28. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 29 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 29. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 30. Answering Paragraph 30 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 31 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 31. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 32 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 32. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 33 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 33. allegations.
- Paragraph 34 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no 34. answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- Paragraph 35 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 36 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 36. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.

contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.

Answering Paragraph 37 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without

- 39. Answering Paragraph 39 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 40. Answering Paragraph 40 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 41. Answering Paragraph 41 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 42. Answering Paragraph 42 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 43. Answering Paragraph 43 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 44. Answering Paragraph 44 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 45. Answering Paragraph 45 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 46. Answering Paragraph 46 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.

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allega	tions.													

- Paragraph 48 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no 48. answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- Paragraph 49 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no 49. answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 50 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 50. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 51 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 51. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 52 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 52. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 53 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 53. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 54 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 54. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 55 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 55. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 56 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without 56. sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.

57	7.	Answering Paragraph 57 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without
sufficient	infor	rmation or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations
contained	l there	ein and therefore deny said allegations.

- 58. Answering Paragraph 58 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 59. Answering Paragraph 59 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants admit that on or about September 30, 2011, EZ Properties transferred the Property to James R. Blaha by deed recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201109300001615.
- 60. Answering Paragraph 60 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 61. Answering Paragraph 61 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants admit the allegations.
- 62. Paragraph 62 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 63. Answering Paragraph 63 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 64. Paragraph 64 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 65. Paragraph 65 of Plaintiff's Complaint includes a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent that an answer is required, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 66. Answering Paragraph 66 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.

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### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

### (Quiet Title against all Defendants)

- 67. Answering Paragraph 67 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants repeat and reallege each of the answers to the previous paragraphs as if each were fully set forth herein.
- 68. Answering Paragraph 68 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 69. Answering Paragraph 69 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 70. Answering Paragraph 70 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 71. Answering Paragraph 71 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 72. Answering Paragraph 72 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 73. Answering Paragraph 73 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 74. Answering Paragraph 74 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants admit the allegations.
- 75. Answering Paragraph 75 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants admit the allegations.
- 76. Answering Paragraph 76 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants admit the allegations.
- 77. Answering Paragraph 77 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 78. Answering Paragraph 78 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants admit the allegations.

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91. Answering Paragraph 91 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.

### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Equitable Mortgage against all Defendants)

- 92. Answering Paragraph 92 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege each of the answers to the previous paragraphs as if each were fully set forth herein.
- 93. Answering Paragraph 93 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- 94. Answering Paragraph 94 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 95. Answering Paragraph 95 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 96. Answering Paragraph 96 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 97. Answering Paragraph 97 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 98. Answering Paragraph 98 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 99. Answering Paragraph 99 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 100. Answering Paragraph 100 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.
- 101. Answering Paragraph 101 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the allegations.

### **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

(Slander of Title against all Defendants)

102. Answering Paragraph 102 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege each

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of the answers to the previous paragraphs as if each were fully set forth herein.

- Answering Paragraph 103 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient 103. information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 104 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 104. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 105 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient 105. information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 106 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient 106. information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 107 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 108 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 108. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 109 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 109. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 110 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 110. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 111 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 111. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 112 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 112. allegations.

### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Conversion against BOA [BAC Home Loans] and Recontrust)

Answering Paragraph 113 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege each 113.

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of the answers to the previous paragraphs as if each were fully set forth herein.

- Answering Paragraph 114 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient 114. information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 115 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 115. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 116 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 116. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 117 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 117. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 118 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants admit Blaha 118. has exercised dominion and control over the property. Answering Defendants deny Plaintiff has any rights in or to the property. Answering Defendants are without sufficient information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the remaining allegations contained therein and therefore deny said allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 119 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 119. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 120 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 120. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 121 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 121. allegations.
- Answering Paragraph 122 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the 122. allegations.

### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Equitable Relief – Wrongful Foreclosure)

Answering Paragraph 123 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege each 123. of the answers to the previous paragraphs as if each were fully set forth herein.

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1	124. Answering Paragraph 124 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient
2	information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained
3	therein and therefore deny said allegations.
4	125. Answering Paragraph 125 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
5	allegations.
6	126. Answering Paragraph 126 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
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8	127. Answering Paragraph 127 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
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10	128. Answering Paragraph 128 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
11	allegations.
12	129. Answering Paragraph 129 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
13	allegations.
14	130. Answering Paragraph 130 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
15	allegations.
16	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION
17	(Equitable Relief – Rescission)
18	131. Answering Paragraph 131 of the Complaint, Defendants repeat and reallege each
19	of the answers to the previous paragraphs as if each were fully set forth herein.
20	132. Answering Paragraph 132 of the Complaint, Defendants are without sufficient
21	information or knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations contained
22	therein and therefore deny said allegations.
23	133. Answering Paragraph 133 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
24	allegations.
25	134. Answering Paragraph 134 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the
26	allegations.
27	135. Answering Paragraph 135 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the

allegations.

1	136. Answering Paragraph 136 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the					
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3	137. Answering Paragraph 137 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the					
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5	138. Answering Paragraph 138 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the					
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7	139. Answering Paragraph 139 of the Complaint, Answering Defendants deny the					
8	allegations.					
9	AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES					
10	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE					
11	Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim against these Answering Defendants upon					
12	which relief may be granted.					
13	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE					
14	Plaintiff's Complaint is barred by the applicable statute of limitations.					
15	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE					
16	Plaintiff is estopped from bringing its claims for failing to comply with the statutes					
17	creating the remedy Plaintiff seeks to invoke.					
18	FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE					
19	Plaintiff's delay in asserting this claim against Answering Defendants has prejudiced					
20	Answering Defendants' ability to defend this action so that Plaintiff's Complaint should be					
21	barred by the Doctrine of Laches.					
22	<u>FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>					
23	Answering Defendants are bona fide purchasers for value and their rights in the Property					
24	are protected by the recording statutes of the State of Nevada.					
25	SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE					
26	The foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired his interest in the Property (if					
27	any) is void.					
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### SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) failed to comply with Nevada law.

### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) was not "an action to enforce the lien" as required by Nevada law.

### **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Alternatively, if the foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) did constitute "an action to enforce the lien" as required by Nevada law, the agent who purportedly commenced the action to enforce the lien was not authorized by statute to initiate the action to enforce the lien pursuant to NRS Chapter 116 or NRS Chapter 107.

### **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Alternatively, if the foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) did constitute "an action to enforce the lien" as required by Nevada law, the agent who purportedly commenced the action to enforce the lien failed to comply with the notice provisions required by Nevada law.

### ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Alternatively, if the foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) did constitute "an action to enforce the lien" as required by Nevada law, the agent who purportedly commenced the action to enforce the lien failed to provide the beneficiary of the first security interest with notice of the action as required by Nevada law.

### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Alternatively, if the foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) did constitute "an action to enforce the lien" as required by Nevada law, the agent who purportedly commenced the action to enforce the lien failed to provide the beneficiary of the first security interest with notice of the amount of the lien as required by Nevada law.

### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Alternatively, if the foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the

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Property (if any) did constitute "an action to enforce the lien" as required by Nevada law, the agent who purportedly commenced the action to enforce the lien failed to comply with all conditions precedent to commencing the action.

### **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff has failed to satisfy conditions precedent to bringing an action to quiet title to the Property.

### FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) violated the deed of trust beneficiary's right to due process as guaranteed by the United States and Nevada Constitutions.

### SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) was void as a violation of federal law.

### SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The beneficiary of the deed of trust cannot be deprived of its interest in the Property in violation of federal law.

### **EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff had actual knowledge of the Deed of Trust prior to its purchase of the Property.

### **NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Plaintiff had constructive notice of the deed of trust prior to its purchase of the Property.

### TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's action to quiet title to the Property is void by the mortgage savings clause of the applicable CC&Rs.

### TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The foreclosure sale through which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in the Property (if any) is void by the mortgage savings clause of the applicable CC&Rs.

### TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The lien upon which the foreclosure by which Plaintiff purportedly acquired its interest in

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the Property (if any) is void by the mortgage savings clause of the applicable CC&Rs.

### TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff is not entitled to the protections of Nevada's bona fide purchaser statute.

### TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The sale by which Plaintiff acquired its interest in the Property (if any) was not commercially reasonable.

### TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff purchased the Property subject to the deed of trust.

### TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's conduct has forced these Answering Defendants to retain the services of an attorney and these Answering Defendants are entitled to be compensated for the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the defense of this action.

### TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint fails as a matter of law under the doctrines of equitable estoppel, laches, waiver, economic loss, release, unclean hands, failure to mitigate, and is otherwise time barred.

### TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The injuries or damages sustained by Plaintiff, if any, are a direct and proximate result of Plaintiff's own conduct.

### TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

These Answering Defendants hereby incorporate by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as though fully set forth herein.

### THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to NRCP 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the answer of these Answering Defendants, and therefore, these Answering Defendants reserve the right to amend their Answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if warranted during the course of discovery or further investigation.

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WHEREFORE, these Answering Defendants pray for the following relief:

- 1. That Plaintiff take nothing by way of its Complaint;
- 2. For an award of attorney's fees and costs incurred in the defense of this litigation;

and,

3. For such further and other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2015.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of Kolesar & Leatham, and that on the day of May, 2015, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of foregoing DEFENDANTS JAMES R. BLAHA AND NOBLE HOME LOANS, INC. FORMERLY KNOWN AS FCH FUNDING, INC. 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 the Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List.

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### **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 Successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP; RECONSTRUCT 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** 

A-15-715532-C Case No.: Dept. No.: VIII

### <u>DEFENDANT EZ PROPERTIES, LLC. AND K&L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED</u> PARTNERSHIP ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Defendants, EZ PROPERTIES, LLC and K&L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP by and through their attorney KEVIN R. HANSEN, ESQ. of the

LAW OFFICES OF KEVIN R. HANSEN to answer Plaintiff's Complaint on the file here,

admits, denies and alleges as follows:

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	1.	Answering	Paragraphs	1, 2,	3,	and 4,	of .	Plaintif	f's (	Compl	aint,	the	answ	ering
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- 2. Answering Paragraphs 5, and 6, of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' admit the allegations contained therein;
- 3. Answering Paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein;
  - Answering Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' 4.
- Answering Paragraph 11, of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' 5. state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein;
- Answering Paragraphs 12, 13, 14, and 15, of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering 6. Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;
- Answering Paragraphs 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, of Plaintiff's Complaint, the 7. answering Defendants' state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein;
- 8. Answering Paragraphs 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;
- 9. Answering Paragraphs 42, 43, and 45 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein;

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	10.	Answering Paragraphs 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52 of Plaintiff's Complaint
the ans	wering	Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;

- 11. Answering Paragraphs 53, 54, and 55 of Plaintiff's Complaint, these answering Defendants' state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein;
- 12. Answering Paragraphs 56, and 57, of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;
- Answering Paragraph 58 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' 13. admits the allegations therein;
- Answering Paragraphs 59, 60, and 61 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering 14. Defendants' state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein;
- Answering Paragraphs 62, 63, 64, 65, and 66 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the 15. answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;

### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Quiet Title against all Defendants)

- Answering Paragraph 67 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' 16. repeat and reallege its answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 66, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- Answering Paragraphs 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, and 73 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the 17. answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;
- Answering Paragraph 74 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' 18. state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained therein;

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19. Answering Paragraphs 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 83 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;

### **SECOND CAUSE ACTION**

### (Unjust Enrichment against BANA [BAC Home Loans], Recontrust and EZ Properties)

- 20. Answering Paragraph 84 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' repeat and reallege its answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 83, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- Answering Paragraphs 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, and 91 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the 21. answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;

### **THIRD CAUSE ACTION**

### (Equitable Mortgage against all Defendants)

- 22. Answering Paragraph 92 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' repeat and reallege its answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 91, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- Answering Paragraphs 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, and 101 of Plaintiff's 23. Complaint, the answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;

### **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Slander of the Title against all Defendants)

- Answering Paragraph 102 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' 24. repeat and reallege its answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 101, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- Answering Paragraphs 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, and 112 of 25. Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein; ////

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### **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Conversion against BOA [BAC Loans] and Recontrust)

- 26. Answering Paragraph 113 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' repeat and reallege its answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 112, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- Answering Paragraphs 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, and 122 of 27. Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' state that they are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations therein;

### **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Equitable Relief – Wrongful Foreclosure)

- Answering Paragraph 123 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' 28. repeat and reallege its answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 122, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- 29. Answering Paragraphs 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, and 130 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;

### **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Equitable Relief – Recission)

- 30. Answering Paragraph 131 of Plaintiff's Complaint, the answering Defendants' repeat and reallege its answers to each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 130, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.
- Answering Paragraphs 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, and 139 of Plaintiff's 31. Complaint, the answering Defendants' deny the allegations contained therein;

### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

1. Plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted.

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- Plaintiff's claims are barred by lack of consideration 2.
- 3. Plaintiff's claims are barred by waiver, estoppel and laches.
- Plaintiff's claims are barred by the Statue of Frauds. 4.
- 5. Plaintiff failed to notify Defendant of any alleged breach within a reasonable time after discovery of the breach or after the breach should have been discovered.
- Plaintiff failed to take such reasonable and seasonable action as was necessary to mitigate 6. any damage or damages or losses to Plaintiff that may have been cause by defendant.
- 7. Plaintiff has no standing to assert its claims.
- 8. In the event Plaintiff is entitled to a judgement against defendant on any claims asserted in the Complaint, Defendant is entitled to an offset based upon its claim against the Plaintiff or their agents.
- 9. Any damages sustained by the Plaintiff were caused solely or primarily by the negligence or other conduct of the plaintiff.
- 10. Plaintiff knowingly and voluntarily assumed the risk of injuries and losses alleged in the Complaint, and Plaintiff is therefore barred from any relief against the Defendant.
- Plaintiff has no privity of contract with the Defendant. 11.
- Any or all damages at issue in this action were caused by an independent third party over 12. whom the Defendant has no control.
- Any and all damages at issue herein were caused by an independent superceding cause 13. unrelated to any actions of the Defendant.
- 14. Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages.
- 15. Damages at issue herein were caused as a result of the fraudulent action or activities of the Plaintiff.
- The above action is not yet ripe for adjudication. 16.
- Plaintiff is barred from recovery based upon the doctrines of release and compromise. 17.
- Plaintiff has failed to name a necessary and indispensable party and thereby the claims 18. cannot be adequately of appropriately prosecuted.
- 19. Plaintiff has filed liens which are defective in whole or in part or were untimely filed.
- 20. Plaintiff is barred from recovery based upon the theory of accord and satisfaction.
- Defendant asserts that they may have additional affirmative defenses which are not know 27. at this time, but which may be asserted through further discovery and which may include,

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without limitation, contributory negligence, waiver, estoppel, failure of consideration, fraud, statute of frauds, statute of limitations and waiver. Defendant specifically reserves the right to assert these affirmative defenses as they are further ascertained through discovery.

WHEREFORE, Defendants prays for judgment against Plaintiff's, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiff take nothing by way of their complaint;
- 2. For indemnity for all damages and/or economic losses that Defendants' recovers against Plaintiffs by way of judgment, order, settlement, compromise or trial;
- 3. For reasonable attorney's fees, costs, expert costs and expenses, pursuant to statutory law, common law, and contract law; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just, equitable and proper.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2015.

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/s/ Kevin R. Hansen KEVIN R. HANSEN, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 6336KEVIN R. HANSEN, ESQ. 5440 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 206 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing **DEFENDANTS' EZ PROPERTIES, LLC, AND** K&L BAXTER FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S **COMPLAINT** was submitted electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court on the 1st day of June, 2015. Electronic service of the foregoing document shall be made in accordance with the E-Service List as follows: 1

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14	vs.		
15	JAMES R. BLAHA, an individual; BANK OF		
16	AMERICA, NA, a National Banking ) Association, as successor by merger to BAC )		
17	HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP; ) RECONTRUST COMPANY NA, a Texas )		
	corporation; JOSE PEREZ, JR. an individual; )		
18	EZ PROPERTIES, LLC, a Nevada limited )   liability company; K&L BAXTER FAMILY )		
19	LIMITED PÂRTNERSHIP, a Nevada limited )		
20	partnership; FCH FUNDING, INC, an unknown) corporate entity; DOE individuals I through		
21	XX; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through ) XX,		
	Defendants.)		
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### **DEFAULT**

It appearing from the files and records in the above-entitled action that the Defendant,

JOSE PEREZ, JR., was duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint on April 27,

2015; that more than 20 days, exclusive of the day of service, have expired since service upon the said Defendant; and that no answer or other appearance has been filed and no further time has

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been granted, the default of the above-named Defendant for failing to answer or otherwise plead to Plaintiff's Complaint is hereby entered.

> STEVEN D. GRIERSON, CLERK OF, COURT

DATE JUL - 6 2015

The undersigned hereby requests and directs the entry of default:

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**COMPLAINT** 

a Nevada limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

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JAMES R. BLAHA, an individual; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a National Banking Association, as successor by merger to BAC LOANS SERVICING, HOME RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 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.

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DEFENDANTS BANK OF AMERICA, RECONTRUST, N.A. AND **N.A.**'S **ANSWER** TO **PLAINTIFF'S** 

Defendants Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (Bank of America) and Recontrust Company, N.A. (Recontrust) (collectively Defendants) answer Plaintiff Las Vegas Development Group, LLC's (Plaintiff) Complaint as follows:

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### **ANSWER TO COMPLAINT**

### **PARTIES**

- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 1. 1, and therefore deny the same.
  - Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 2. 2.
  - Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 3. 3.
- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 4. 4, and therefore deny the same.
- 5. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 5, and therefore deny the same.
- 6. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 6, and therefore deny the same.
- 7. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 7, and therefore deny the same.
- 8. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 8, and therefore deny the same.
- The allegations of Paragraph 9 relate to alleged fictitious parties, and Defendants lack 9. sufficient information to admit or deny allegations related to unknown fictitious parties, and therefore deny the same.

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 10. Defendants adopt and incorporate by reference all the preceding paragraphs as though set forth fully herein. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 10.
- 11. Defendants state that the recorded documents speak for themselves. To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 11 contain Plaintiff's legal conclusions, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 11, and therefore deny the same.

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response is	required.	To the	extent a	a response	is required,	Defendants	deny the	allegations	of
Paragraph 12	2.								

- To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 13 describe statutory provisions, no 13. response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 13.
- To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 14 describe statutory provisions, no 14. response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit only that a portion of an HOA's lien can have priority over a first deed of trust.
- To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 15 describe statutory provisions, no 15. response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit only that a portion of an HOA's lien can have priority over a first deed of trust.
- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 16. 16, and therefore deny the same.
- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 17. 17, and therefore deny the same.
- Defendants admit only that Bank of America once claimed an interest in the Property 18. by way of its senior Deed of Trust. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 18, and therefore deny the same.
- 19. Defendants state that the recorded documents speak for themselves. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 19.
- Defendants state that the recorded documents speak for themselves. To the extent a 20. response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 20.
  - 21. Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 21.
- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 22. 22, and therefore deny the same.
- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 23. 23, and therefore deny the same.

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- 24. Defendants state that the recorded documents speak for themselves. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 24.
- 25. Defendants state that the recorded documents speak for themselves. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 25.
- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 26. 26, and therefore deny the same.
- Defendants state that the recorded documents speak for themselves. To the extent a 27. response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 27.
- 28. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 28, and therefore deny the same.
- 29. Defendants admit only that a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale states that the Property was sold at a foreclosure sale on April 12, 2011. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 29, and therefore deny the same.
- Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 30. 30, and therefore deny the same.
- 31. Defendants admit only that a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale recorded on April 13, 2011 purports to convey the Property to Plaintiff. Defendants specifically deny that their respective interests in the Property were extinguished by the HOA foreclosure sale. Defendants further deny that Plaintiff is in fact the legal and equitable owner of the Property.
  - Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 32. 32.
  - Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 33. 33.
- To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 34 describe statutory provisions, no 34. response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 34.
- To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 35 describe statutory provisions, no 35. response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit only that a portion of an HOA's lien can have priority over a first deed of trust.

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Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 38. 5 38, and therefore deny the same. 6 Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 39. 7 39, and therefore deny the same. 8 Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 9 40. 40, and therefore deny the same. 10 Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 41. 41. 11 Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 42. 42. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 43. 43, and therefore deny the same. 14 Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 15 44. 44, and therefore deny the same. 16 17 Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 45. 45. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 46. 18 46. To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 47 describe statutory provisions or contain 47. 19 Plaintiff's legal conclusions, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, 20 Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 47. 21 To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 48 describe statutory provisions or contain 48. 22 23 Plaintiff's legal conclusions, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 48. 24 49. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 49. 25 50. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 50. 26 51. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 51. 27 52. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 52. 28

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- 53. Defendants state that the recorded document speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 53.
- 54. Defendants state that the recorded document speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 54.
- 55. Defendants admit that Recontrust conducted a foreclosure sale pursuant to the First Deed of Trust. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 55.
- 56. Defendants state that the recorded documents speak for themselves. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit only that EZ Properties purchased the Property at the foreclosure sale. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 56.
- 57. Defendants admit only that EZ Properties purchased the Property at the foreclosure sale. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 57, and therefore deny the same.
- 58. Defendants state that the recorded document speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 58, and therefore deny the same.
- 59. Defendants state that the recorded document speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 59, and therefore deny the same.
- 60. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 60, and therefore deny the same.
- 61. Defendants state that the recorded document speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 61, and therefore deny the same.
- 62. To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 62 contain Plaintiff's legal conclusions, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit only that the Nevada Supreme Court held that NRS 116.3116 does provide homeowners associations with a limited superpriority lien in *SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*

- 63. To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 63 contain Plaintiff's legal conclusions, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit that the Nevada Supreme Court held that NRS 116.3116 does provide homeowners associations with a limited superpriority lien in *SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC v. U.S. Bank, N.A.* Defendants further state that the Nevada Supreme Court has made no pronouncement regarding the constitutionality of NRS 116, *et seq.*64. To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 64 describe statutory provisions or contain
  - 64. To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 64 describe statutory provisions or contain Plaintiff's legal conclusions, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny that the quoted language has the meaning ascribed to it by Plaintiff.
  - 65. To the extent the allegations of Paragraph 65 describe statutory provisions or contain Plaintiff's legal conclusions, no response is required. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 65.
    - 66. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 66.

### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Quiet Title Against All Defendants)

- 67. Defendants adopt and incorporate by reference all the preceding paragraphs as though set forth fully herein. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 67.
  - 68. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 68.
  - 69. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 69.
  - 70. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 70.
  - 71. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 71.
  - 72. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 72.
  - 73. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 73.
- 74. Defendants deny that they claim any interest in the Property. The remaining allegations are not directed at Defendants, and thus no response is required.

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- 75. Defendants deny that there is a justiciable controversy between Defendants and Plaintiff regarding the right, title, and interest to the Property. The remaining allegations of Paragraph 75 are not directed at Defendants, and thus no response is required. Defendants deny that they claim any interest in the Property. The remaining 76. allegations of Paragraph 76 are not directed at Defendants, and thus no response is required. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 77. 77. Defendants deny that there is a justiciable controversy between Defendants and 78. Plaintiff regarding the right, title, and interest to the Property. The remaining allegations of Paragraph 78 are not directed at Defendants, and thus no response is required. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 79. 79. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 80. 80. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 81. 81. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 82. 82. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 83. 83. **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION** (Unjust Enrichment against BANA [BAC Home Loans], Recontrust, and EZ Properties) Defendants adopt and incorporate by reference all the preceding paragraphs as though 84. set forth fully herein. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 84.
- 85. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 85, and therefore deny the same.
  - 86. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 86.
- 87. Defendants admit only that Bank of America sold the Property pursuant to its rights under its senior Deed of Trust. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 87.
  - 88. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 88.
  - 89. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 89.
  - 90. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 90.
  - 91. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 91.

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### **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Equitable Mortgage against all Defendants)

- 92. Defendants adopt and incorporate by reference all the preceding paragraphs as though set forth fully herein. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 92.
- 93. Defendants lack sufficient information to admit or deny the allegations of Paragraph 93, and therefore deny the same.
  - 94. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 94.
- 95. Defendants admit only that Bank of America sold the Property pursuant to its rights under its senior Deed of Trust. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 95.
  - 96. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 96.
  - 97. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 97.
  - 98. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 98.
  - 99. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 99.
  - 100. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 100.
  - 101. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 101.

### **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Slander of Title against all Defendants)

- 102. Defendants adopt and incorporate by reference all the preceding paragraphs as though set forth fully herein. To the extent a response is required, Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 102.
  - 103. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 103.
  - 104. Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 104.
- 105. Defendants state that the recorded document speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 105.
- 106. Defendants state that the recorded document speaks for itself. To the extent a response is required, Defendants admit the allegations of Paragraph 106.

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	1	124.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 124.								
	2	125.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 125.								
	3	126.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 126.								
	4	127.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 127.								
	5	128.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 128.								
	6	129.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 129.								
	7	130.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 130.								
	8		SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION								
	9		(Equitable Relief – Recission [sic])								
	10	131.	Defendants adopt and incorporate by reference all the preceding paragraphs as though								
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Suite 330 A 89144 (702) 380-8572	12	Paragraph 131.									
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1160 Town Center Dri LAS VEGAS, NEV. TEL.: (702) 634-5000 – FA	16	135.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 135.								
TEI	17	136.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 136.								
	18	137.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 137.								
	19	138.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 138.								
	20	139.	Defendants deny the allegations of Paragraph 139.								
	21		PRAYER FOR RELIEF								
	22	A.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph A of the								
	23	Prayer.									
	24	B.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph B of the								
	25	Prayer.									
	26	C.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph C of the								
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D.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph D of the			
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E.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph E of the			
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F.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph F of the			
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H.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph H of the			
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I.	Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief requested in Paragraph I of the			
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	AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES			
Defendants assert the following additional defenses. Discovery and investigation of this case				
is not yet complete, and Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer by adding, deleting, or				
amending defenses as may be appropriate. In further answer to the Complaint, and by way of				
additional defenses, Defendants aver as follows:				

### FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to State a Claim)

Plaintiff has failed to state facts sufficient to constitute any cause of action against any Defendant.

### **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

(Void for Vagueness)

To the extent that Plaintiffs' interpretation of NRS 116.3116 is accurate, the statute, and Chapter 116, are void for vagueness as applied to this matter.

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### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### (Due Process Violations)

A senior deed of trust beneficiary cannot be deprived of its property interest in violation of the Procedural Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Sec. 8, of the Nevada Constitution.

### **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

(Tender, Estoppel, Laches, and Waiver)

The super-priority lien was satisfied prior to the homeowners association's foreclosure under the doctrines of tender, estoppel, laches, or waiver.

### FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### (Commercial Reasonableness and Violation of Good Faith)

The homeowners association's foreclosure sale was not commercially reasonable, and the circumstances of the sale of the property violated the homeowners association's obligation of good faith and duty to act in a commercially reasonable manner.

### SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### (Failure to Mitigate Damages)

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because of its failure to take reasonable steps to mitigate its damages, if any.

### **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

### (No Standing)

Plaintiff lacks standing to bring some or all of its claims and causes of action.

### EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### (Unclean Hands)

Defendants aver the affirmative defense of unclean hands.

### **NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

### (Plaintiff is Not Entitled to Relief)

Defendants deny that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief for which it prays.

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### **TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

(Failure to Do Equity)

Defendants aver the affirmative defense of failure to do equity.

### **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

(Failure to Provide Notice)

Defendants were not provided proper notice of the "super-priority" assessment amounts and of the homeowners association's foreclosure sale, and any such notice provided to Defendants failed to comply with the statutory and common law requirements of Nevada and with state and federal constitutional law.

### TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Void Foreclosure Sale)

The HOA foreclosure sale is void for failure to comply with the provisions of NRS Chapter 116, and other provisions of law.

### THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Federal Law)

The homeowners association's sale is void or otherwise fails to extinguish the applicable deed of trust because it violates provisions of the United States Constitution and/or applicable federal law.

### **FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

(Due Process — Facially Unconstitutional Provisions)

Chapter 116 of the Nevada Revised Statutes is facially unconstitutional because its "opt-in" notice provisions do not mandate that reasonable and affirmative steps be taken to give actual notice to a record lien holder before depriving that lien holder of its property rights, in violation of the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution and of the Nevada Constitution.

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### FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

### (Additional Affirmative Defenses)

Pursuant to NRCP 11, Defendants reserve the right to assert additional affirmative defenses in the event discovery and/or investigation disclose the existence of other affirmative defenses.

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for the following:

- 1. That Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed in its entirety with prejudice and that Plaintiff take nothing by way of its Complaint;
  - For attorney's fees and costs for defending this action; and 2.
  - For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper. 3.

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		2	I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20th day of July, 2015 and pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I			
		3	through this Court's electronic service notification system ("Wiznet") a true and correct copy of the			
		4	foregoing DEFENDANTS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AND RECONTRUST COMPANY,			
		5	N.A.'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT addressed to:			
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