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12	Appellant,			
13	VS.			
14 15	DITECH FINANCIAL LLC; NEVADA ASSOCIATION SERVICES; and JAMES P. MARKEY,			
16	Respondent.			
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NRAP 26.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Counsel for plaintiff/appellant certifies that the following are persons and entities as described in NRAP 26.1(a), and must be disclosed. These representations are made in order that the judges of this court may evaluate possible disqualification or recusal.

 Plaintiff/respondent, Saticoy Bay LLC, Series 9050 W Warm Springs 2079, is a Nevada limited-liability company.

2. The manager for Saticoy Bay LLC, Series 9050 W Warm Springs 2079 is Bay Harbor Trust.

3. The trustee for Bay Harbor Trust is Iyad Haddad a/k/a Eddie Haddad.

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21	conclusions of law, and judgment was filed on August 29, 2017. Notice of entry of
22 23	the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and judgment was served and filed on August
24 25	29, 2017. Plaintiff filed its notice of appeal on September 27, 2017.
23 26	(C) The appeal is from findings of fact, conclusions of law, and judgment, filed on
27 28	August 29, 2017, which granted Ditech's motion for summary judgment and the

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former owner's joinder to Ditech's motion for summary judgment.

ROUTING STATEMENT

This case is an action for declaratory relief and injunctive relief requiring that a foreclosure deed be delivered to plaintiff. Rule 17(a) does not list the claims asserted by plaintiff in its complaint as one of the cases retained by the Supreme Court. Counsel for plaintiff/appellant therefore believes that this appeal should be assigned to the Court of Appeals.

ISSUES PRESENTED ON APPEAL

1. Whether the former owner and/or the lender complied with the requirements in NRS 116.31166(3) that govern redemption by the unit's owner or any holder of a recorded security interest that is subordinate to the lien foreclosed.

2. Whether the former owner and/or the lender complied with the requirements in NRS 116.31166(4) requiring that specific documents be provided by the person redeeming the unit.

Whether NRS 116.31166(7) requires that Nevada Association Services, Inc.
 (hereinafter "NAS") execute and deliver to Saticoy Bay LLC Series 9050 W Warm
 Springs 2079 (hereinafter "plaintiff") a deed to the property commonly known as
 9050 W. Warm Springs Rd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (hereinafter "Property").
 An order granting summary judgment is reviewed de novo without deference

to the findings of the lower court.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On March 21, 2016, plaintiff filed an amended complaint asserting six claims for relief: 1) entry of an order requiring NAS to deliver a foreclosure deed to plaintiff for the Property; 2) entry of a declaration pursuant to NRS 40.010 that a tender using excess proceeds from the foreclosure sale is not permitted by statute and makes the tender invalid; 3) entry of a declaration pursuant to NRS 40.010 that because James P. Markey (hereinafter "former owner") failed to provide plaintiff with a notice of redemption and a certified copy of the deed to the property and because Quicken Loans, Inc. (hereinafter "Lender") failed to provide plaintiff with a notice of redemption and certified copies of the deed of trust and assignment of deed of trust, they lost any rights of redemption; 4) entry of a declaration that plaintiff is the rightful owner of the property and that the defendants have no right, title, interest or claim to the Property; and 5) entry of a declaration pursuant to NRS 40.010 that title to the Property is vested in plaintiff free and clear of all liens and that the defendants be forever enjoined from asserting any right, title, interest or claim to the Property. (JA1a, pgs. 1-6)

On June 6, 2016, the former owner filed an answer to amended complaint. (JA1a, pgs. 14-27)

On October 7, 2016, Intervenor Ditech Financial LLC (hereinafter "Ditech") filed an answer to plaintiff's amended complaint. (JA1a, pgs. 56-64)

On October 26, 2016, NAS filed an answer to complaint. (JA1b, pgs. 65-69) On March 7, 2017, Ditech filed a motion for summary judgment. (JA1b, pgs. 70-120) On March 10, 2017, Ditech filed an errata to its motion for summary judgment. (JA1b, pgs. 121-131)

On March 15, 2017, the former owner filed a joinder to Ditech's motion for summary judgment. (JA1b, pgs. 132-134)

On March 22, 2017, plaintiff filed an opposition to Ditech's motion and the former owner's joinder, and plaintiff filed a countermotion for summary judgment. (JA1b, pgs. 135-175)

On April 7, 2017, Ditech filed a reply in support of its motion for summary judgment. (JA1c, pgs. 176-183)

On April 10, 2017, the former owner filed a joinder to Ditech's reply in support of its motion for summary judgment. (JA1c, pgs. 184-186)

On June 15, 2017, the former owner filed a supplement to his joinder to Ditech's reply in support of its motion for summary judgment. (JA1c, pgs. 187-202)

On June 15, 2017, Ditech filed a supplemental brief in support of its motion for summary judgment. (JA2, pgs. 203-429)

On August 29, 2017, the court entered findings of fact, conclusions of law, and judgment granting Ditech's motion for summary judgment and the former owner's joinder in Ditech's motion, and denying plaintiff's motion for summary judgment. (JA3, pgs. 430-445)

On August 29, 2017, Ditech served and filed notice of entry of the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and judgment. (JA3, pgs. 446-464)

On September 27, 2017, plaintiff filed its notice of appeal. (JA3, pgs. 465-466)

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Plaintiff obtained title to the Property by entering and paying the high bid of \$48,600.00 at a public auction held on November 20, 2015. See copy of certificate of foreclosure sale subject to redemption recorded on November 23, 2015 at JA1b, pgs. 144-146.

The public auction arose from a delinquency in assessments due from the former owner to The Falls Condominiums aka The Falls @ Rhodes Ranch (hereinafter "HOA") pursuant to NRS Chapter 116.

Ditech is the beneficiary by assignment of a deed of trust recorded as an encumbrance against the Property on April 12, 2013. See copy of deed of trust at JA1b, pgs. 148-170, and assignment of deed of trust at JA1b, pgs. 172-175. Paragraph (C) on page 2 of the deed of trust (JA1b, pg. 149) identified Quicken Loans, Inc. as the "Lender," and Paragraph (E) on page 2 of the deed of trust identified MERS, "acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns" as the beneficiary of the deed of trust.

On January 12, 2015, NAS recorded a notice of delinquent assessment lien for \$1,616.35 against the Property. (JA1b, pg. 110)

On April 21, 2015, NAS recorded a notice of default and election to sell under homeowners association lien for \$2,374.63 against the Property. (JA1b, pgs. 112-113)

On September 9, 2015, NAS recorded a notice of foreclosure sale for \$3,259.91 against the Property. (JA1b, pgs. 115-116)

On December 11, 2015, the former owner sent an email to NAS stating that he wanted to redeem the Property. (JA1c, pgs. 189-190, ¶8) A copy of the email begins at the bottom of JA1c, pg. 197 and ends on JA1c, pg. 198.

On January 12, 2016, NAS sent an email to Eddie Haddad, to plaintiff's counsel and to other interested persons stating that "NAS has received funds from the homeowner to redeem" and that NAS would have a check for \$49,984.15 "to be picked up as the payment for the redemption." (JA1c, pg. 201) The record on appeal does not contain a copy of this check.

On January 12, 2016, Eddie Haddad sent an email to NAS stating: "The

redemption must come from either the prior owner or the bank or any other party who has an interest in the property." (JA1c, pg. 200)

On January 14, 2016, the former owner signed a letter addressed to NAS instructing NAS to distribute the sales proceeds of \$49,984.15 held by NAS to plaintiff in order to redeem the Property. (JA1c, pg. 199)

On January 15, 2016, NAS sent an email to Eddie Haddad and to plaintiff's counsel stating: "Our runner delivered to Mr. Bohn's office today **a cashier's check of the homeowner's funds of James Markey**, the homeowner of the property

referred to above." (JA1c, pg. 200) (emphasis added)

The record on appeal does not contain a copy of this check. The record on appeal also does not contain admissible evidence proving that the check was the "homeowner's funds of James Markey."

On January 19, 2016 at 4:09 p.m., counsel for Ditech sent an email to NAS

(JA2, pg. 356) stating in part:

However, to whatever extent my client may have an interest in the sales proceeds or any express authorization from my client is necessary, Ditech authorizes NAS to tender any sales proceeds in which it may have an interest to the buyer at the HOA sale through the end of the redemption period, provided that the buyer agrees to accept the payment as a redemption of the property for the benefit of Mr. Markey. Should the redemption period elapse, Ditech asks NAS to retain any sales proceeds until further notice. (emphasis added)

This email was sent only to NAS and was not provided to Mr. Haddad or to

plaintiff's counsel.

On January 20, 2016 at 11:56 a.m., counsel for plaintiff sent an email to NAS stating that the redemption period had expired and that "the entirety of the funds" paid to redeem the Property "MUST come from either the unit owner or the trust holder." (JA2, pg. 358)

On January 20, 2016 at 1:24 p.m., NAS sent an email to plaintiff's counsel and to Eddie Haddad stating that "[y]esterday evening I received the cashier's check back from your office that was intended as the payment by the homeowner to complete the redemption of the foreclosure sale of the property referred to above." (JA1c, pg. 202) This letter also stated that "NAS is taking the legal position that the redemption by the homeowner was completed in accordance to SB306 **as of January 15, 2016** when the cashier's check for \$50,052.16 was delivered to your office." (JA1c, pg. 202) (emphasis added)

The record on appeal does not contain a copy of the check for \$50,052.16.

SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT

Both the former owner and the Lender failed to comply with the requirements in NRS 116.31166(3) that govern redemption by the unit's owner or any holder of a recorded security interest that is subordinate to the lien foreclosed.

Both the former owner and the Lender failed to comply with the requirements in NRS 116.31166(4) requiring that specific documents be provided by the person redeeming the unit. NAS must be ordered to execute and deliver to plaintiff a deed to the Property. **STANDARD OF REVIEW** In Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 Nev. 724, 121 P.3d 1026, 1029 (2005), this Court stated that it "reviews a district court's grant of summary judgment de novo, without deference to the findings of the lower court." ARGUMENT The former owner and the Lender did not comply with NRS 1. 116.31166(3) that governs redemption by the unit's owner or any holder of a recorded security interest that is subordinate to the lien foreclosed. The certificate of foreclosure sale recorded on November 23, 2015 proves that plaintiff obtained title to the Property by entering and paying the high bid of \$48,600.00 at a public auction held on November 20, 2015. (JA1b, pgs. 144-146). At page 5 of its motion (JA1b, pg. 74), Ditech stated that "[n]othing in the statute restricts the unit's owner from using excess proceeds from the HOA sale to redeem the property." At the top of page 6 of its motion (JA1b, pg. 75), Ditech stated that "the statute does not prevent Mr. Markey from redeeming the property

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1	with funds obtained via the surplus funds process."	
2 3	On the other hand, Ditech and the former owner did not prove that the former	
4	owner obtained the monies tendered by NAS in accordance with the "surplus funds	
5 6	process" prescribed by NRS Chapter 116.	
7	NRS 116.31164(7) provides:	
8 9	7. After the sale, the person conducting the sale shall :	
10	(a) Comply with the provisions of subsection 2 of NRS 116.31166; and	
11	(b) Apply the proceeds of the sale for the following purposes in the following order:	
12 13	 (1) The reasonable expenses of sale; (2) The reasonable expenses of securing possession before sale, holding, maintaining, and preparing the unit for sale, including payment 	
13	holding, maintaining, and preparing the unit for sale, including payment of taxes and other governmental charges, premiums on hazard and liability insurance, and, to the extent provided for by the declaration,	
15	reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses incurred by the association;	
16	 (3) Satisfaction of the association's lien; (4) Satisfaction in the order of priority of any subordinate claim 	
17 18	of record; and (5) Remittance of any excess to the unit's owner. (emphasis added)	
18	At page 6 of its motion (JA1b, pg. 75), Ditech quoted from Leyva v. National	
20	Default Servicing Corp., 127 Nev. 470, 255 P.3d 1275 (2011), and stated that	
21	$\frac{\text{Default Servicing Corp.}}{\text{Potential}}, 127 \text{ Nev. 470, 255 1.50 1275 (2011), and stated that}$	
22	"substantial compliance" with the statute is sufficient, but earlier in the opinion, this	
23 24	Court stated that "due to the statute's [NRS 107.086] and the FMRs' mandatory	
24 25	language regarding document production a party is considered to have fully	
26	language regarding document production, a party is considered to have fully	
27	complied with the statutes and rules only upon production of all documents." 255	
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1	P.3d at 1276-1277.
2 3	Furthermore, in the paragraph immediately after the language quoted by
4	Ditech, this Court stated:
5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Here, both the statutory language and that of the FMRs provide that the beneficiary "shall" bring the enumerated documents, and we have previously recognized that "shall' is mandatory unless the statute demands a different construction to carry out the clear intent of the legislature." S.N.E.A. v. Daines, 108 Nev. 15, 19, 824 P.2d 276, 278 (1992); see also Pasillas, 127 Nev. at, 255 P.3d at 1285. The legislative intent behind requiring a party to produce the assignments of the deed of trust and mortgage note is to ensure that whoever is foreclosing "actually owns the note" and has authority to modify the loan. See Hearing on A.B. 149 Before the Joint Comm. on Commerce and Labor, 75th Leg. (Nev., February 11, 2009) (testimony of Assemblywoman Barbara Buckley). Thus, we determine that NRS 107.086 and the FMRs necessitate strict compliance.
12 13	255 P.3d at 1279.
14 15 16	In <u>State v. American Bankers Insurance Co.</u> , 108 Nev. 880, 882, 802 P.2d 1276, 1278 (1990), this Court stated:
17 18 19 20 21	In construing statutes, "shall" is presumptively mandatory and "may" is construed as permissive unless legislative intent demands another construction. <u>Givens v. State</u> , 99 Nev. 50, 54, 657 P.2d 97, 233 (1983); <u>Thomas v. State</u> , 88 Nev. 382, 384, 498 P.2d 1314, 1315 (1972). The State contends that the NRS 178.508 notice provision must be construed as directory rather than mandatory in order to avoid an unconstitutional legislative interference with judicial prerogatives.
22	In rejecting the State's argument that the notice provision in NRS 178.508
23 24	"must be construed as directory rather than mandatory," this Court stated:
25 26 27	In adopting a specific notice requirement to sureties and their agents, the legislature did not create a basis for determining that substantial compliance is sufficient. Literal compliance is necessary in order to give force and effect to the 1987 amendment to NRS 178.508.
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108 Nev. at 883, 802 P.2d at 1278.

In <u>Pasillas v. HSBC Bank USA</u>, 127 Nev. 462, 255 P.3d 1281, 1285 (2011), this Court stated that use of the word "shall" is "mandatory unless the statute demands a different construction to carry out the clear intent of the legislature." (citing <u>S.N.E.A. v. Daines</u>, 108 Nev. 15, 19, 824 P.2d 276, 278 (1992)) In <u>Pasillas</u>, this Court also stated: "Additionally, Black's Law Dictionary defines "shall" as meaning "imperative or mandatory inconsistent with a concept of discretion. 1375 (6th ed. 1990)." <u>Id.</u>

The mandatory distribution provision in NRS 116.31164(7) did not authorize NAS or the former owner to agree between themselves to leapfrog the payments required by subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3) and (b)(4) of NRS 116.31164 and use sales proceeds belonging to the Lender for the benefit of the former owner. The former owner is identified as the last person to receive any funds from the sales proceeds.

As discussed above, the record on appeal does not contain any evidence proving that any sales proceeds were distributed according to NRS 116.31164(7) before NAS allegedly tendered the check for \$50,052.16 on January 15, 2016.

The record on appeal also does not contain any evidence proving that the

former owner provided to NAS the funds used by NAS to make the payment.

As stated above, NAS waited until <u>after</u> the check for \$50,052.16 was returned to NAS before obtaining permission from Ditech to use the Lender's portion of the excess proceeds to make the redemption payment. As stated above, counsel for Ditech only granted this authorization "provided that the buyer agrees to accept the payment as a redemption of the property for the benefit of Mr. Markey." (JA2, pg. 356)

The email sent by plaintiff's counsel to NAS on January 20, 2016 at 11:56 a.m. proves that NAS did not satisfy this condition for using the monies belonging to the Lender. (JA2, pg. 358)

Furthermore, the assignment of deed of trust recorded on April 28, 2016 (JA1b, pgs. 172-175) proves that the deed of trust was not assigned to Ditech until three months after the redemption period expired. The record on appeal does not contain any admissible evidence proving that Ditech had authority to represent the Lender in January of 2016.

Ditech filed a declaration by John Curcio stating that "[t]he final page of Exhibit 'A' is a printout of entries in the SIR Servicing Transfer Request Detail showing that the rights to service the Loan were transferred from Quicken Loans Inc. to Ditech Financial, LLC ('Ditech') on or about March 31, 2013." (JA2, pg. 254, ¶10) On the other hand, the record on appeal does not contain a copy of any servicing agreement between Ditech and Fannie Mae authorizing Ditech to service the loan on behalf of Fannie Mae. Mr. Curcio also did not state that he had ever seen such an agreement. The record on appeal also does not contain a copy of any servicing agreement between Ditech and the Lender authorizing Ditech to service the loan on behalf of Quicken Loans, Inc.

Mr. Curcio also did not provide a proper foundation to admit the screenshots attached to his declaration as business records. In <u>U-Haul Int'l, Inc. v. Lumbermens</u> <u>Mut. Cas. Co.</u>, 576 F.3d 1040 (9th Cir. 2009), the court of appeals stated that computer evidence is admissible as a business record if the witness is "qualified to testify about the business practices and procedures for inputting the underlying data." In the present case, Mr. Curcio's declaration does not prove that he was so qualified. For example Mr. Curcio does not describe what procedures, if any, existed to make sure that a written servicing agreement existed before Ditech was identified as a servicer for the Markey loan in SIR.

As a result, Ditech did not prove that it had the authority to consent to allow monies that were required to be distributed to Quicken Loans, Inc. to be used by the

former owner to redeem the Property from the foreclosure sale. 1 2 Furthermore, by claiming that the excess proceeds could be used to redeem the 3 4 Property, both Ditech and the former owner were estopped to attack the validity of 5 the sale. In Moore v. Rochester Weaver Mining Co., 42 Nev. 164, 174 P. 1017, 1018 6 7 (1918), this Court stated: 8 The rule is, that where one, without title or authority from the real 9 owner, assumes to sell and convey the land in fee, and the true owner, knowing the facts, consents to and does accept the proceeds of the sale 10 in full satisfaction of his interest, this ought to operate as a confirmation of the unauthorized sale, and preclude the real owner from asserting his 11 legal title. 12 Because NAS did not have any discretion to bypass the mandatory hierarchy 13 14 in NRS 116.31164(7), and because defendants did not prove that the former owner 15 had the right to use monies belonging to Quicken Loans, Inc. to redeem the Property, 16 17 the Property was not redeemed before the 60 day redemption period expired on 18 19 January 19, 2016. 20 Both the former owner and the Lender failed to comply with the 2. 21 requirements of NRS 116.31166(4). 22 NRS 116.31166(4) provides: 23 24 Notice of redemption **must be served** by the person redeeming the unit on the person who conducted the sale and on the 25 person from whom the unit is redeemed, together with: 26 (a) If the person redeeming the unit is the unit's owner whose interest in the unit was extinguished by the sale or his or her successor 27 in interest, a certified copy of the deed to the unit and, if the person redeeming the unit is the successor of that unit's owner, a copy of any 28 14

document necessary to establish that the person is the successor of the unit's owner. (b) If the person redeeming the unit is the holder of a recorded security interest on the unit or the holder's successor in interest: (1) An original or certified copy of the deed of trust securing the unit or a certified copy of any other recorded security interest of the holder. (2) A copy of any assignment necessary to establish the claim of the person redeeming the unit, verified by the affidavit of that person, or that person's agent, or of a subscribing witness thereto. (3) An affidavit by the person redeeming the unit, or that person's agent, showing the amount then actually due on the lien. (emphasis added) Production of the documents required by NRS 116.31166(4) is mandatory because NRS 116.31166(4) uses the word "must." The record on appeal does not contain any evidence proving that the required documents were provided by NAS to plaintiff when NAS claims to have delivered the check to plaintiff's counsel on January 15, 2016. As stated above, the record on appeal does not contain a copy of the check delivered to plaintiff's counsel. As provided by NRS 116.31166(4)(a) if the redemption payment was tendered by Markey, Markey was required to include with the tender "a certified copy of the deed to the unit." In addition, defendants did not dispute that the majority of the monies used by NAS to make the redemption payment came from sales proceeds belonging to the

Lender. If the Lender redeemed the Property, however, NRS 116.31166(4)(b) required that NAS produce "[a]n original or certified copy of the deed of trust," <u>and</u> "[a] copy of any assignment necessary to establish the claim of the person redeeming the unit, verified by the affidavit of that person," <u>and</u> "[a]n affidavit by the person redeeming the unit, or that person's agent, showing the amount then actually due on the lien." The record on appeal does not contain any of these required documents.

This Court has directed that statutes be construed to give meaning to all of their parts and language and that courts read each sentence, phrase, and word to render it meaningful within the context of the purpose of the legislation. <u>Board of County Comm'rs v. CMC of Nevada</u>, 99 Nev. 739, 744, 670 P.2d 102, 105 (1983).

If compliance with NRS 116.31166(3) was all that the Legislature required, the additional requirements in NRS 116.31166(4) would not exist. Because these mandatory requirements do exist, and because Ditech and the former owner admit that the former owner and the Lender did not comply with the mandatory requirements in NRS 116.31166(4) in any way, plaintiff was not obligated to accept the check(s) that NAS delivered to plaintiff's counsel on behalf of the former owner. 3. NAS must be ordered to execute and deliver to plaintiff a deed

3. NAS must be ordered to execute and deliver to plaintiff a deed to the Property.

NRS 1116.31166(7) provides:

7. If no redemption is made within 60 days after the date of sale, the person conducting the sale shall: (a) Make, execute and, if payment is made, deliver to the purchaser, or his or her successor or assign, a deed without warranty which conveys to the purchaser all title of the unit's owner to the unit; and (b) Deliver a copy of the deed to the Ombudsman within 30 days after the deed is delivered to the purchaser, or his or her successor or assign. Because defendants did not properly redeem the Property within the 60 day time limit, NRS 116.31166(7) requires that NAS make, execute and deliver to plaintiff a deed to the Property. Because NAS will not comply with the statute voluntarily, NAS must be ordered to comply with NRS 116.31166(7). CONCLUSION By reason of the foregoing, plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court reverse the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and judgment entered by the district court and direct that an order be entered requiring that NAS deliver to plaintiff a properly executed foreclosure deed. DATED this 22nd day of January, 2018. LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL F. BOHN, ESQ., LTD. By: / s / Michael F. Bohn, Esq. / Michael F. Bohn, Esq. 376 East Warm Springs Road, Ste. 140 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorney for plaintiff/appellant

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DATED this 22nd day of January, 2018.

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