# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a National Association.

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Appellant,

Case No. 70501

VS.

SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company,

Respondent.

# **APPEAL**

from the Eighth Judicial District Court, Department XXI
The Honorable Valerie Adair, District Judge
District Court Case No. A-13-684501-C

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of Akerman LLP, and that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of foregoing **APPELLANT'S INDEX TO APPENDIX**, in the following manner:

(UNITED STATES MAIL) By depositing a copy of the above-referenced document for mailing in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, at Las Vegas, Nevada, to the parties listed below at their last-known mailing addresses, on the date above written:

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Attorneys for SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC

/s/ Carla Llarena
An employee of AKERMAN LLP

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- 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:
  - (a) File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee.
  - (b) Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.
- 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff(s) and failure to so respond will result in a judgment of default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief requested in the Complaint.
- 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.
- 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators each have 45 days after service of this Summons within which to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint.

STEVEN D. GRIERSON CLERK OF THE COURT

Submitted By:

Ryan Kerbow, Esq.

Bradley D. Bace, Esq.

Deputy Clerk

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Las Vegas, NV 89155

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Clark County, Nevada
Case No.
(Assigned by Clerk's Office)

I. Party Information Plaintiff(s) (name/address/phone): Alessi & Koenig Defendant(s) (name/address/phone): ARMANDO A. CARLAS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE Attorney (name/address/phone):Huong Lam, Esq. & Brad Bace, HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Esq., ALESSI & KOENIG, 9500 W. Flamingo Rd., Ste. 205, Las Vegas, NV 89147 Phone: (702) 222-4033 Attorney (name/address/phone): II. Nature of Controversy (Please check applicable bold category and Arbitration Requested applicable subcategory, if appropriate) **Civil Cases** Real Property Torts Negligence ☐ Landlord/Tenant Product Liability Negligence - Auto ☐ Product Liability/Motor Vehicle Unlawful Detainer ☐ Other Torts/Product Liability Negligence - Medical/Dental ☐ Title to Property ☐ Negligence – Premises Liability Intentional Misconduct ☐ Foreclosure (Slip/Fall) ☐ Torts/Defamation (Libel/Slander) ☐ Liens Interfere with Contract Rights Negligence - Other Quiet Title Employment Torts (Wrongful termination) ☐ Specific Performance Other Torts Condemnation/Eminent Domain ☐ Anti-trust ☐ Fraud/Misrepresentation Other Real Property Insurance ☐ Partition Legal Tort ☐ Planning/Zoning Unfair Competition Other Civil Filing Types Probate Construction Defect Estimated Estate Value: Appeal from Lower Court (also check applicable civil case box) Chapter 40 Summary Administration ☐ Transfer from Justice Court ☐ General ☐ Justice Court Civil Appeal General Administration ☐ Breach of Contract **Building & Construction** Civil Writ ☐ Special Administration Insurance Carrier Other Special Proceeding Set Aside Estates Commercial Instrument Other Civil Filing ☐ Trust/Conservatorships Other Contracts/Acct/Judgment Compromise of Minor's Claim Collection of Actions ☐ Individual Trustee Conversion of Property **Employment Contract** Damage to Property Corporate Trustee Guarantee Employment Security Other Probate Sale Contract Enforcement of Judgment Uniform Commercial Code Foreign Judgment - Civil Civil Petition for Judicial Review Other Personal Property ☐ Foreclosure Mediation Recovery of Property Other Administrative Law Stockholder Suit Department of Motor Vehicles Other Civil Matters Worker's Compensation Appeal III. Business Court Requested (Please check applicable category; for Clark or Washoe Counties only.) ☐ Investments (NRS 104 Art. 8)
☐ Decentive Tends Press. NRS Chapters 78-88 ☐ Enhanced Case Mgmt/Business Commodities (NRS 90) Deceptive Trade Practices (NRS 598) Other Business Court Matters ☐ Securities (NRS 90) ☐ Trademarks (NRS 600A) Date Signature of initiating party or representative

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ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, unknown entity, DOES INDIVIDUALS I-X, inclusive, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XXX inclusive,

Defendants.

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## **COMPLAINT IN INTERPLEADER**

**Arbitration Exemption Claimed:** 1) Declaratory Relief

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# **COMPLAINT IN INTERPLEADER**

 COMES NOW, ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, by and through their attorneys of record, Huong Lam, Esq. and Bradley Bace, Esq. of ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC., and alleges the following Causes of Action against Defendant ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP., an unknown entity, as follows:

## THE PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- At all times relevant herein, Plaintiff ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC (hereinafter "A&K")
  was a domestic limited liability company authorized to conduct business in the State
  of Nevada.
- 2. At all times relevant herein, ARMANDO A. CARIAS (hereinafter "CARIAS") an individual, was a resident of the County of Clark, State of Nevada.
- At all times relevant herein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY
  MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE
  HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP (hereinafter "BAC") an entity unknown doing
  business in the State of Nevada.
- 4. The names given to the Defendants sued herein as Doe Individuals I though X and Roe Corporations XI through XX, inclusive, are fictitious names. Other parties unknown to Plaintiff may have caused Plaintiff to incur damages as pled herein or may have an interest in the Property. Plaintiff prays that if and when the true names of any said defendants, or any of them, and the nature of their alleged actions and/or interests are ascertained, that they may be inserted herein by proper amendment.

 Plaintiff has no knowledge of the addresses or places of residence of any fictitious defendants.

5. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court because this action concerns real property located in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, and the facts, acts, events and circumstances herein mentioned, alleged and described occurred in the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

# THE UNDERLYING FORECLOSURE SALE

- Plaintiff hereby repeats, realleges, and incorporates by reference each and every preceding paragraph and allegation as if fully stated herein.
- On or about July 15, 1998, a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions
   ("CC&Rs") for SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ("Sutter Creek
   HOA") was recorded in the public records with the Clark County Recorder at Book
   No. 980615 and Instrument No. 01172.
- 8. Section 5.1 of the CC&Rs provides, in pertinent part:

Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or such other instrument; is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association (1) annual Common Assessments for common expenses and (2) Special Assessments; such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. All assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees for the collection thereof, shall be charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which such assessment is made. The personal obligation of assessments shall not pass to the successors-in-title of any Owner, unless expressly assumed by them.

See attached Exhibit "1."

 On or about November 3, 2010 CARIAS became the title owner of certain real property commonly known as 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, No Las Vegas, NV 89032, APN 139-08-410-014, and legally described as:

PARCEL ONE (1)

LOT SIXTY (60) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF SUTTER CREEK – PHASE 1, AS SHOWN BY MAP THEREOF ON FILE IN BOOK 85, OF PLATS, PAGE 30, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.

PARCEL TWO (2)

A NON EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EAGRESS ON AND OVER COMMON ELEMENTS, ASSOCIATION PROPERTY AND PRIVATE STREETS, WHICH EASEMENTS IS APPURTENANT TO PARCEL ONE (1) (the "Property"). See attached Exhibit "2."

- Pursuant to NRS Chapter 116, CARIAS is governed by the requirements and obligations set forth in the CC&Rs and related governing documents.
- 11. The CC&Rs require homeowners within the community to pay regular assessments and comply with the requirements and obligations set forth in the CC&Rs and related governing documents.
- 12. Defendant CARIAS failed to pay his regular assessments and further failed to comply with other requirements set forth in the CC&Rs and other related governing documents.
- 13. Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") 116.3116 et. seq. specifically authorizes a homeowner's association to conduct a foreclosure sale of any lot that has become delinquent on its assessment payments.

- 14. As a result of CARIA's failure to comply with NRS 116 and Sutter Creek HOA's governing documents, Plaintiff A&K was retained to begin the foreclosure process pursuant to NRS 116.3116 et. seq.
- 15. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory and CC&Rs provisions, Plaintiff A&K, on behalf of Sutter Creek HOA, foreclosed on the Property via auction on February 20, 2013. The final bid price was for \$21,000.00 See attached Exhibit "3"
- 16. The total amount due and owing to Sutter Creek HOA at the time of the foreclosure sale was \$5,260.00 including foreclosure fees and costs.
- 17. The total amount due and owing to A&K for its fees and costs to bring this interpleader action is \$6,000.00.
- 18. That the excess proceeds is \$9,740.00.
- Upon information and belief, Defendant CARIAS, an individual has a claim to the excess proceeds.
- Upon information and belief, Defendant BAC, an entity unknown, has a claim to the excess proceeds.
- 21. N.R.S. 116.31164 (c) provides a distribution priority for the proceeds (not just the excess proceeds) from any HOA foreclosure sale. This statute states that the proceeds of an HOA foreclosure sale shall be distributed pursuant to the following order:
  - (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 of taxes and other governmental charges, premiums on hazard and liability

insurance, and, to the extent provided for by the declaration, reasonable attorney's fees and other legal expenses incurred by the association;

- (3) Satisfaction of the association's lien;
- (4) Satisfaction in the order of priority of any subordinate claim of record; and
- (5) Remittance of any excess to the unit's owner.
- 22. That Plaintiff A&K will deposit excess proceeds with this court in the sum of \$9,740.00 representing total proceeds at sale (\$21,000.00) minus amount due to Sutter Creek HOA (\$5,260.00) and fees and costs of this interpleader action (\$6,000.00).
- 23. Given the Defendants' competing claims for the proceeds, Plaintiff cannot determine which of the Defendants in Interpleader are entitled to the proceeds.
- 24. As set forth above, Plaintiff has distributed funds from the HOA foreclosure sale under subsections (1), (2), and (3).
- 25. In order to distribute any funds pursuant to N.R.S. subsections (4) and (5), it must be determined which parties have a "subordinate claim of record" and what the respective priority of these subordinate claims is as to the subject property.
- 26. Plaintiff has been unable to make this determination and has thus brought the instant interpleader action.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants in Interpleader and each of them as follows:

 That Defendants in Interpleader and each of them be required to interplead and litigate among themselves their claims to the proceeds described;

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- 2. That the Court determine and enter an order setting forth the proper recipients of the proceeds;
- 3. That Plaintiff be dismissed from this action with prejudice following payment of the excess proceeds into the registry of the Court; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and equitable under the circumstances.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2013.

## ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC

# /s/ Bradley Bace

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Attorney for Plaintiff

Exhibit 1

# DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS FOR SUTTER CREEK

This Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions is made this 10th day of July, 1998, by SAXTON INCORPORATED, a Nevada corporation.

WHEREAS Declarant is the owner of certain real property in Clark County, Nevada, more particularly described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS Declarant intends that the Property, together with certain adjacent real property, shall be a Planned Community and a Common-Interest Community as defined in Nevada's Uniform Common-Interest Ownership Act, Chapter 116 of Nevada Revised Statutes, upon recordation of this Declaration; and

WHEREAS the name of the Common-Interest Community shall be SUTTER CREEK, and the name of the homeowners association created pursuant to this Declaration shall be SUITER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; and

WHEREAS Declarant desires that the Property be subject to certain covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements, under a general plan of improvement for the benefit of all Lots in the Property and the owners thereof, and that a property owners association be established for the purpose of assessing, managing and administering the Property; and

WHEREAS Declarant further reserves the right to add the "Annexable Area" (as defined herein) to the Property, up to a maximum of one hundred seventy five (175) aggregate Lots;

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares that all of the Property shall at all times be owned, held, used and occupied subject to the provisions of this Declaration and to the covenants, conditions and restrictions and reservation of easements contained herein, all of which are established and declared for the purpose of increasing the economic value, desirability and attractiveness of the Property and for the mutual benefit of the owners of Lots therein. The covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements set forth in this Declaration shall run with such real property and shall be binding upon Declarant, each owner, and all other persons acquiring any right, title or interest in and to said real property or any part thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of the property owners association, Declarant, and each person who becomes an owner of any part of the Property, as well as their respective successors-in-interest.

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# ARTICLE V FUNDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 5.01: Personal Obligation for Assessments. Each Owner of any Lot, by acceptance of a deed or other conveyance therefor, whether or not it shall be so expressed in such deed or such other instrument, is deemed to covenant and agree to pay to the Association (1) annual Common Assessments for common expenses and (2) Special Assessments; such assessments to be established and collected as hereinafter provided. All assessments, together with interest, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees for the collection thereof, shall be a charge on the land and shall be a continuing lien upon the Lot against which such assessment is made. The personal obligation of assessments shall not pass to the successors-in-title of any Owner, unless expressly assumed by them.

Section 5.02 Maintenance Funds. The Board shall establish and maintain at least the following separate accounts (the "Maintenance Funds") into which shall be deposited all monies paid to the Association, and from which disbursements shall be made, as provided herein, in the performance of functions by the Association: (1) an Operating Fund for current expenses of the Association, (2) a Reserve Fund for maintenance, replacement and improvements not required to be performed annually, and (3) any other funds which the Board of Directors may establish, to the extent necessary under the provisions of this Declaration. To qualify for higher returns on accounts held at banking or savings institutions, the Board may commingle any amounts deposited into any of the Maintenance Funds with amounts deposited into any other Maintenance Funds, provided that the integrity of each individual Maintenance Fund shall be preserved on the books of the Association by accounting for disbursements from, and deposits to, each Maintenance Fund separately. Each of the Maintenance Funds shall be established as separate trust savings or trust checking accounts. The Maintenance Funds may be established as trust accounts at federally insured banking or lending institutions.

Section 5.03. Purpose of Assessments. All amounts deposited into the Operating Funds and the Reserve Fund must be used solely for the common benefit of all of the Owners for purposes authorized by the Articles, Bylaws and this Declaration, as they may be amended from time to time.

Section 5.04. Common Assessments. Each annual Common Assessment shall constitute an aggregate of separate assessments for each of the Maintenance Funds, reflecting an itemization of the amounts assessed and attributable to prospective deposits into the Reserve Fund, the Operating Fund and any other Maintenance Fund established by the Association.

Section 5.05. Date of Commencement of Common Assessments. Common Assessments shall commence as to all Lots in Phase I of the Property on the earlier of (a) the first close of escrow for the sale of any Lot in Phase I, or (b) conveyance of any Common Areas in Phase I to the Association Common Assessments shall commence as to subsequent Phases upon the first close of escrow for the sale of any Lot in such Phase. Each such Lot shall thereafter be subject to its share of the then



EXCEPTING THEREEROM LOTS ONE (1) THROUGH FIVE (5), INCLUSIVE, AND LOTS SIXTY THREE (63) THROUGH SIXTY EIGHT (68), INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK ONE (1); AND LOTS SIXTY NINE (69) THROUGH SEVENTY FOUR (74), INCLUSIVE, IN BLOCK TWO (2); AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP: AND FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL PRIVATE DRIVES AND OTHER COMMON ELEMENTS AS SHOWN ON SAID MAP.

#### PARCEL 2:

SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 81 EAST, M.D.M., CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA;

BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1-1-1 AS SHOWN ON PARCEL MAP FILE , PAGE , CLARK COUNTY NEVADA OFFICIAL RECORDS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8. SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF CHEYENNE AVENUE (100 FEET WIDE) AND ALLEN LANE (80 FEET WIDE); THENCE ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 8 AND CENTERLINE OF SAID SALEN LANE, NORTH 00'23'30" WEST, 1118.69 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WEST SECTION LINE AND CENTERLINE, NORTH 89'36'30" WEST, 40,00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ALLEN LANE, SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, NORTH 00'23'30" WEST, 157.63 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 20.00 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 92'10'59", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 32.18 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COLTON AVENUE (60 FEET WIDE); THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SOUTH 88'12'31" EAST, 859.85 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SOUTH 00'23'30" EAST, 568.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89'36'30" WEST, 92.19 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86'16'48" WEST, 40.00 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE FROM A TANGENT BEARING SOUTH 03'43'12" WEST, ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHEASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1522.00 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00'32'28" AN ARC DISTANCE OF 14.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89'36'30" WEST, 176.93 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87'02'28" WEST, ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTH-EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1518.00 FEET, THENCE HOLD FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE FROM A TANGENT BEARING SOUTH 87'19'35" WEST, ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTH-EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1518.00 FEET, THENCEH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00'03'33", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 10.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85'35'30" WEST, 173.39 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE FROM A RADIAL WHICH BEARS SOUTH 87'19'35" EAST, ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTH-EASTERLY, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1478.00 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00'23'36", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 10.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85'35'59" WEST, 40.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89'36'30" WEST, 77.57 FEET; NORTH 00'23'30" WEST, 5.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02'51'42" EAST, 38.06 FEET; THENCE NORTH 02'23'30" WEST, 38.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07'53'15" WEST, 38.33 FEET; NHENCE NORTH 00'23'30" WEST, 38.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07'53'15" WEST, 38.33 FEET; NHENCE NORTH 00'23'30" WEST, 38.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07'53'15" WEST, 38.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00'23'30" WEST, 38.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07'53'15" WEST, 38.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00'23'30" WEST, 38.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07'53'15"

When recorded return to: Soxton, Trc. 5440 W. Sahara Avenue Third Floor Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Attention: General Counsel

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA JUDITHA, VANDEVER, RECORDER RECORDED AT REQUEST OF;

SAXTON INC

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HUD Case Num: 332-450637
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Armando A. Carias
3617 Diamond Spur Ave.
North Las Vegas NV
89032

Mail Tax Statements to: (deeds only)

Armando A. Carias

3617 Diamond Spur Ave.

North Las Vegas NV

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(space above for Recorder's use only)

I the undersigned hereby affirm that the attached document, including any exhibits, hereby submitted for recording does not contain the social security number of any person or persons.

(Per NRS 239B.030)

Signature\_ Karen Carter @

Karen Carter Escrew Officer

Title

Grant, Bargain, and Sale Deed

This page added to provide additional information required by NRS 111.312 (additional recording fee applies)

# **GRANT, BARGAIN AND SALE DEED**

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH: That

FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington D.C.

do(es) hereby GRANT(s) BARGAIN SELL and CONVEY to

Armando A. Carias, a single man

and to the heirs and assigns of such Grantee forever, all the following real property situated in the City of N. Las Vegas, County of Clark State of Nevada bounded and described as follows:

See attached Exhibit A

TOGETHER with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, if any, thereto belonging or appertaining, and any reversions, remainders, rents, issues or profits thereof.

Dated: 10/26/2010

# Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed - Page 2

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington D.C.

Macia MORENO-BRANCH

MARIA MORENO-BRANCH Notary Public - Arlzona Maricopa County My Comm. Expires Feb 9, 2014

By Michael Bao. Authorized Signer

STATE OF ARIZONA.
COUNTY OF

This instrument was acknowledged before me on

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Notary Public

# Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed - Page 2

## **CLARIFICATION COPY**

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington D.C.

By MICHAEL BAO, AUTHORIZED SIGNOR

STATE OF ARIZONA COUNTY OF MARICOPA				
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by				
	Notary Public			

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

# PARCEL ONE (1)

LOT SIXTY (60) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF SUTTER CREEK – PHASE 1, AS SHOWN BY MAP THEREOF ON FILE IN BOOK 85, OF PLATS, PAGE 30, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.

PARCEL TWO (2)

A NON EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ON AND OVER COMMON ELEMENTS, ASSOCIATION PROPERTY AND PRIVATE STREETS, WHICH EASEMENT IS APPURTENANT TO PARCEL ONE (1).

#### State of Nevada **Declaration of Value Form** Assessor Parcel Number(s) 139-08-410-014 a) b) c) d) FOR RECORDER'S OPTIONAL USE Type of Property: ONLY Sgi. Fam. Residence Vacant Land h. Book: Condo/Twnhse đ. 2-4 Plex Page C. Comm'l/Ind'1 Date of Recording: Apt. Bldg. f. Agricultural Mobile Home Notes: h. Other \$72,000.00 Total Value/Sales Price of Property Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Only (value of property) Transfer Tax Value: \$72,000.00 Real Property Transfer Tax Due \$367.20 If Exemption Claimed: Transfer Tax Exemption, per NRS 375.090, Section: Explain Reason for Exemption: Partial Interest: Percentage being transferred: 100 % The undersigned declares and acknowledges, under penalty of perjury, pursuant to NRS 375.060 and NRS 375.110, that the information provided is correct to the best of their information and belief, and can be supported by documentation if called upon to substantiate the information provided herein. Eurthermore, the parties agree that disallowance of any claimed exemption, or other determination of additional tax due, may result in a penalty of 10% of the tax due plus interest at 1% per month. Pursuant to NRS 375.030, the Buyer and Seller shall be jointly and severally liable for any additional amount swed. Capacity: AGENT Signature: **BUYER (GRANTEE) INFORMATION** SELLER (GRANTOR) INFORMATION (REQUIRED) (REQUIRED) The Secretary of Housing and Print Name: Armando A. Carias Print Name: Urban Development of Washington D.C. 3617 Diamond Spur Ave. Address: 451 7th Street SW Address: North Las Vegas City: City: Washington 20410 NV 89032 State: Zip: State: DC COMPANY/PERSON REQUESTING RECORDING (required if not seller or buyer) Esc. #: 09-11-0298-SD Print Name: Nevada Title Company Address: 2500 N. Buffalo Drive, Suite 150 Las Vegas Zip: 89128 City: State: NV

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Exhibit 3

(a)

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CLARK COUNTY RECORDER

When recorded mail to and Mail Tax Statements to: SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC 5030 Paradise Road, St. B-214 Las Vegas, NV 89119

A.P.N. No.139-08-410-014

TS No. 30455-3617

# TRUSTEE'S DEED UPON SALE

The Grantee (Buyer) herein was: SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC
The Foreclosing Beneficiary herein was: Sutter Creek Homeowners Association
The amount of unpaid debt together with costs: \$5,260.00
The amount paid by the Grantee (Buyer) at the Trustee's Sale: \$21,000.00
The Documentary Transfer Tax: \$107.10
Property address: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE, NO LAS VEGAS, NV 89032
Said property is in [ ] unincorporated area: City of NO LAS VEGAS
Trustor (Former Owner that was foreclosed on): ARMANDO A. CARIAS

Alessi & Koenig, LLC (herein called Trustee), as the duly appointed Trustee under that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien, recorded February 23, 2012 instrument number 0001691, in Clark County, does hereby grant, without warranty expressed or implied to SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC (Grantee), all its right, title and interest in the property legally described as: SUTTER CREEK-PHASE 1 LOT 60 BLOCK 1, as per map recorded in Book 85, Pages 30 as shown in the Office of the County Recorder of Clark County Nevada.

## TRUSTEE STATES THAT:

This conveyance is made pursuant to the powers conferred upon Trustee by NRS 115 et seq., and that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien, described herein. Default occurred as set forth in a Notice of Default and Election to Sell which was recorded in the office of the recorder of said county. All requirements of law regarding the mailing of copies of notices and the posting and publication of the copies of the Notice of Sale have been complied with. Said property was sold by said Trustee at public auction on February 20, 2013 at the place indicated on the Notice of Trustee's Sale.

Ryan Kerbow, Esq.

Signature of AUTHORIZED AGENT for Alessi & Koenig, LLC

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(Seal)	NOTARY P STATE OF N County of LANI MAE	EVADA Clark	(Signature)		

Appt. No. 10-2800-1 Appt. Expires Aug. 24, 2014

# STATE OF NEVADA DECLARATION OF VALUE

a. <u>139-08-410-014</u>	
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g. Agricultural h. Mobile Home	Notes:
Other	
3.a. Total Value/Sales Price of Property	£ 24 000 00
b. Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure Only (value of pro-	\$ <u>21,000.00</u>
c. Transfer Tax Value:	
d. Real Property Transfer Tax Due	\$ 21,000.00
a com troperty fransies fax Due	\$ 107.10
4. If Exemption Claimed:	
a. Transfer Tax Exemption per NRS 375.090,	Section
b. Explain Reason for Exemption:	order Control
5. Partial Interest: Percentage being transferred: 1	00 %
The undersigned declares and acknowledges, under	penalty of perjury, pursuant to NRS 375.060
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\$270.00 **TOTAL REMITTED: (Required)** \$270.00 DATED this 1st day of July, 2013. ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC /s/ Bradley D. Bace Ryan Kerbow, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 11403 Bradley D. Bace, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 12684 ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 W. Flamingo, Suite 205 Las Vegas, Nevada 89147 Phone: (702) 222-4033 Fax: (702) 222-4043 Attorney for Plaintiff 

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# ORIGINAL **AFFT** Huong Lam, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 10916 Bradley Bace, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 12684 ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 W. Flamingo, Suite 205 Las Vegas, Nevada 89147 **Electronically Filed** Phone: (702) 222-4033 10/09/2013 03:02:39 PM Fax: (702) 222-4043 huong@alessikoenig.com brad@alessikoenig.com Attorney for Plaintiff **CLERK OF THE COURT** 9 10 **DISTRICT COURT** Clark County, Nevada 11 12 ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, 13 14 Plaintiff, Case No.: A-13-684501-C 15 Dept No.: 1 -VS-16 ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual; et 17 al, 18 Defendants. 19 20 **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE:** 21 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC 22 HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, UNKNOWN ENTITY 23 24 25 26 SEE ATTACHED 27

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# AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEVADA	)
COUNTY OF CLARK	)

MARIE A SCHEIB, 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 #389, and not a party to or interested in the proceeding in which this affidavit is made. The affiant received on Thursday October 03 2013; 1 copy(ies) of the:

SUMMONS; COMPLAINT IN INTERPLEADER; CIVIL COVER SHEET

I served the same on Monday October 07 2013 at 03:03PM by:

Serving Defendant BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, UNKNOWN ENTITY

Substituted Service, by leaving the copies with or in the presence of: DEVAN THORNS, ASSISTANT MANAGER Authorized Agent. at the Defendant's Business located at 300 S 4TH ST, 2ND FLOOR, Las Vegas, NV 89101.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this Tuesday October 08 2013 By the Affiant.

Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEVADA County of Clark Molly Ann Vinyard-Willamson Appt. No. 12-9122-1 My Appt. Expires Oct. 30, 2016 Affiant: MARIE A SCHEIB #R-002901 LEGAL WINGS, INC. - NV LIC #389 1118 FREMONT STREET Las Vegas, NV 89101

(702) 384-0305, FAX (702) 384-8638

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**CLERK OF THE COURT** 

# DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

Case No.

A-13-684501-C

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VS.

ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, unknown entity, DOES INDIVIDUALS I-X, inclusive, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XX inclusive **DEFAULT** (as to Armando A. Carias)

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

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# **DEFAULT** (as to Armando A. Carias)

IT APPEARING from the files and records in the above entitled action that ARMANDO A. CARIAS, Defendant herein, being duly served with a copy of the Summons and Complaint on October 3, 2013; that more than 20 days, exclusive of the day of service, having expired since service upon the Defendant; that no answer or other appearance having been filed and no further

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1	time having been granted, the defa	ault of the above-named Defendant for failing to answer o
2	otherwise plead to Plaintiff's Comp	laint is hereby entered.
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13	and directs the entry of default.	
14	ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC	
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16	Bradley Bace, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 12684	
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**CLERK OF THE COURT** 

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4 212 S. Jones Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89107 5 Tel: (702) 258-8200 6 Fax: (702) 258-8787 Attorney for Defendants Bank of America, N.A. 13-72969

> **DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

VS.

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**Defendants** 

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a National Association,

Cross-Claimant,

ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual; DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS **DEFENDANT BANK OF AMERICA'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT, CROSS-CLAIM, AND** 

THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT

Case No.: A-13-684501-C

Dept No.: XXI

TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A Las Vegas, NV 89107 212 S. Jones Blvd

Tel 258-8200 Fax 258-8787

ENTITIES 1 through 10,

Cross-Defendants.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR
BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE
HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a National
Association,

Third Party Plaintiff
vs.

SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a
domestic Limited Liability Company, and
DOES 1 through 10 and ROE

Third Party Defendant.

BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10,

COMES NOW, Defendant, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through its counsel of record, Gregory L. Wilde, Esq., and in Answer to the Complaint of Plaintiff on file herein, responds as follows;

Answering paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 13 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK admits each and every allegation contained therein.

Answering paragraphs 20 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK denies each and every allegation contained therein.

Answering paragraphs 6 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK repeats, realleges, and incorporates its responses to each of the allegations of the Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

Answering paragraphs 7, 8, and 21 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK states that this is a statement only, subject to multiple interpretations, and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

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Answering paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth or veracity of the allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

Answering paragraph 9 and 15 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK admits that a purported foreclosure on a homeowners association lien was held, resulting in the deed attached as exhibit "2" to the Complaint, but denies the remainder of the paragraph for lack of sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth and veracity of the allegations and in as much as the effect of the purported sale is subject to multiple interpretations of the current and existing law.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- That the allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint fail to state a claim for 1. relief upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. That Plaintiff's claims are barred by the equitable doctrines of waiver, release, laches, unclean hands and equitable estoppel.
- 3. That Plaintiff has failed to comply with the necessary requirements in order to maintain any action against BANK, including, but not limited to, notice.
- 4. That any claims of damages suffered by Plaintiff, if any, were directly and proximately caused by the actions of the Plaintiff or forces of nature over which BANK had no control.
- 5. That the damages and injuries, if any, suffered by Plaintiff, as set forth in the Complaint, were caused in whole or in part by the negligence of third parties over whom BANK had no control.

6.	That the damages a	nd injuries,	if any,	incurred 1	by Plaintiff	are not
attributable to any	act, conduct or omi	ssion on the	part of	f BANK.		

- 7. That Plaintiff did not exercise ordinary care, caution or prudence in order to avoid the events alleged in the Complaint, and the resulting damages and injuries, if any, complained of were directly and proximately contributed to, and caused by, the fault, carelessness, and negligence of Plaintiff.
- 8. That Plaintiff has failed to mitigate their damages, if any, and thus, its recovery, if any, should be reduced accordingly.
- 9. That BANK denies each and every allegation of Plaintiff's Complaint which is not specifically admitted or otherwise pleads to herein.
- 10. That Plaintiff's claims, if any be valid, are subject to offsets and credits, which are not reflected in the amount claimed due by Plaintiff.
- 11. That BANK hereby incorporates by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as if fully set forth herein. In the event further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, BANK reserves the right to seek leave of the Court to amend its Answer to Plaintiff' Complaint to specifically assert the same. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving the same.
- 12. That it has been necessary for BANK to employ the services of an attorney to defend this action and a reasonable sum should be allowed as and for attorney's fees, together with the costs expended in this action.
- 13. That BANK hereby reserves the right to add additional affirmative defenses as discovery progresses.

WHEREFORE, the BANK prays for the following:

- 1. That Plaintiff take nothing by way of their Complaint;
- 2. That Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed in its entirety;
- 3. That BANK be awarded reasonable attorney's fee and the cost of suit incurred in defending this action; and
  - 4. For such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper in the premises.

#### **CROSS-CLAIM**

COMES NOW, Defendant, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through its counsel of record, GREGORY L. WILDE, ESQ. of the law firm, TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A., and complains and avers against Cross-Defendant ARMANDO A. CARIAS, by way of this Cross-claim, as follows:

#### **RELEVANT PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- 1. The BANK is an entity properly conducting business in the State of Nevada, which purchased holds a security interest in certain real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Ave., North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada. (Hereinafter "Subject Property").
- 2. That BANK'S security interest is in the form of a Note and Deed of Trust properly recorded on November 3, 2010, as instrument number 201011030002714.
- 3. Defendant ARMANDO A. CARIAS is the borrower of the aforementioned debt and may be claiming an interest in the subject property. (Hereinafter "BORROWER").
- 4. The Cross-Defendants DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10, are set forth herein pursuant to Rule 10 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as all unknown persons or business entities currently unknown to BANK who have a claim to any

interest in the subject matter of this action, whose true name(s) is (are) unknown to BANK, and who are believed to be responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, causing injuries and damages to the BANK, or who are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this Complaint. At such time when the names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES have been ascertained, BANK will request leave from the court to insert their true names and capacities and adjoin them in this action so that the Complaint will be amended to include the appropriate names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES.

5. Jurisdiction and venue are properly set in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 6. The BORROWERS are in default of the loan obligations owed BANK.
- 7. These same BORROWERS were allegedly behind in their monthly homeowners association assessments causing the association to record a lien on the subject property and purportedly conduct a sale of the same on February 20, 2013, with a third party purchasing the same.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Declaratory Relief)

- 8. BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 7, and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 9. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the BORROWERS concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
  - 10. The association's lien sale may have transferred title to the subject property but it did

not abrogate or otherwise affect the BANK's security interest in the property in the form of the Note and Deed of Trust which, if disputed by the BORROWERS, causes the BANK's interests to be adverse to those of the BORROWERS.

- 11. The BANK's rights, status and claims in relation to those of the BORROWERS in the Subject Property are affected by multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
  - 12. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.
- 13. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the BANK is entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, status, and legal relations at issue in this matter.
- 14. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit.

  Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Quiet Title)

- 15. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 17 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 16. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the BORROWERS concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
  - 17. The BANK's interests are adverse and exclusive to those alleged by the BORROWERS.
- 18. The BANK's rights, status and ownership of its security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust must needs be determined by the effect of multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
- 19. BANK's security interest in the subject property should be absolute without the BORROWERS, or anyone else, claiming an adverse interest therein.

20. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit.

Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

WHEREFORE, BANK prays for relief as follows:

- 1. For a Declaratory Judgment properly adjudicating the parties' interests in the subject property;
- 2. For an order quieting title to the subject property recognizing BANK's security interest therein;
- 3. For reasonable attorney's fees;
- 4. For costs of suit; and,
- 5. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

#### **THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW, Defendant BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through its counsel of record, GREGORY L. WILDE, ESQ. of the law firm, TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A., and complains and avers against Third Party Defendant SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, by way of this Third Party Complaint, as follows:

#### **RELEVANT PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- 1. The BANK is an entity properly conducting business in the State of Nevada, which holds a security interest in certain real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada. (Hereinafter "Subject Property").
  - 2. That BANK'S security interest is in the form of a Note and Deed of Trust

properly recorded on November 3, 2010, as instrument number 201011030002714.

- 3. Third Party Defendant SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, is a Nevada Limited Liability Company conducting business in the State of Nevada. (Hereinafter "SFR").
- 4. That Third Party Defendants DOES 1 through 10 and Third Party ROE
  BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10, are set forth herein pursuant to Rule 10 of the Nevada
  Rules of Civil Procedure as all unknown persons or business entities currently unknown to
  BANK who have a claim to any interest in the subject matter of this action, whose true name(s)
  is (are) unknown to BANK, and who are believed to be responsible for the events and
  happenings referred to in this Complaint, causing injuries and damages to the BANK, or who
  are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this Complaint. At such time when the names
  of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES have been ascertained, BANK will request
  leave from the court to insert their true names and capacities and adjoin them in this action so
  that the Complaint will be amended to include the appropriate names of said DOES and ROE
  BUSINESS ENTITIES.
- 5. Jurisdiction and venue are properly set in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 6. That SFR purportedly purchased the subject property at a homeowners association lien sale on February 20, 2013, which association lien was purportedly recorded on February 28, 2013, as instrument number 201302260003889, approximately twenty-seven (27) months after BANK's security interest was recorded.
- 7. That SFR is taking the position that the association lien sale abrogated BANK's security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust pursuant to NRS 116.3116.

8.	That SFR is taking the position that its alleged ownership interest in the subject
property is fr	ee and clear of BANK's security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust.

9. The association's lien sale may have transferred title to the subject property but it did not abrogate or otherwise effect the BANK's security interest in the property in the form of the Note and Deed of Trust which, if disputed by the SFR, causes the BANK's interests to be adverse to those of the SFR.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Declaratory Relief)

- 10. BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9, and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 11. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the SFR concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 12. The BANK's rights, status and claims in relation to those of the SFR in the Subject Property are affected by multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
  - 13. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.
- 14. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the BANK is entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, status, and legal relations at issue in this matter.
- 15. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Quiet Title)

16. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in

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Paragraphs 1 through 15 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.

- A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the SFR 17. concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
  - The BANK's interests are adverse and superior to those alleged by the SFR. 18.
- The BANK's rights, status and ownership of its security interest in the form of a 19. note and deed of trust must needs be determined by the effect of multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
- 20. BANK's security interest in the subject property should be absolute without SFR, or anyone else, claiming an adverse interest therein.
- The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring 21. suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

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#### WHEREFORE, BANK prays for relief as follows:

- 1. For a Declaratory Judgment properly adjudicating the parties' interests in the subject property;
- 2. For an order quieting title to the subject property recognizing BANK's security interest therein;
- 3. For reasonable attorney's fees;
- 4. or costs of suit; and,
- 5. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, she served a copy

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Plaintiff SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC ("SFR" or "Third-Party Defendant"), hereby answers BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP's ("BANA") Third Party Complaint as follows:

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1. Answering paragraph 1 of the complaint, SFR admits upon information and belief, that the subject matter of BANA's third party complaint is real property commonly known as 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV. The remaining allegations in paragraph 1 of the third party complaint call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the third party complaint.

- 2. SFR is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the factual allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the third party complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
  - 3. SFR admits the factual allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the third party complaint.
- 4. SFR is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the factual allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the third party complaint, and therefore denies said allegations.
  - 5. SFR admits the factual allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the third party complaint.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 6. Answering paragraph 6 of the complaint, SFR admits upon information and belief, that SFR purchased the Property on February 20, 2013 at an association foreclosure sale. The remaining allegations in paragraph 6 of the third party complaint call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the third party complaint.
- 7. SFR admits the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the third party complaint.
- 8. The allegations in paragraph 9 of the third party complaint call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the third party complaint.

#### (Declaratory Relief)

9. SFR repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 9 of the third party

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complaint as though fully set forth herein.

- 10. SFR admits the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the third party complaint.
- 11. The allegations contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the third party complaint call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the third party complaint.
- 12. SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the third party complaint.

#### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

(Quiet Title)

- 13. SFR repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 15 of the third party complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 14. The allegations contained in paragraphs 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the third party complaint call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 17, 18, 19 and 20 of the third party complaint.
- 15. SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 21 of the third party complaint.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. BANA fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- 2. BANA is not entitled to relief from or against SFR, as BANA has not sustained any loss, injury, or damage that resulted from any act, omission, or breach by SFR.
- 3. The occurrence referred to in the Third Party Complaint, and all injuries and damages, if any, resulting therefrom, were caused by the acts or omissions of BANA.
- 4. The occurrence referred to in the Third Party Complaint, and all injuries and damages, if any, resulting therefrom, were caused by the acts or omissions of a third party or parties over whom SFR had no control.
  - 5. SFR did not breach any statutory or common law duties allegedly owed to BANA.

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- 6. BANA's claims are barred because SFR complied with applicable statutes and with the requirements and regulations of the State of Nevada.
- 7. BANA's causes of action are barred in whole or in part by the applicable statues of limitations or repose, or by the equitable doctrines of laches, waiver, estoppel, and ratification.
  - 8. BANA is not entitled to equitable relief because it has an adequate remedy at law.
- 9. BANA has no standing to enforce the first deed of trust and the underlying promissory note.
- 10. The first deed of trust and other subordinate interests in the Property were extinguished by the Association foreclosure sale held in accordance with NRS Chapter 116.
- 11. Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry at the time of filing this Answer. Therefore, SFR reserves the right to amend this Answer to assert any affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation warrants.

#### **COUNTERCLAIM AND CROSS-CLAIM** FOR QUIET TITLE AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC ("SFR"), hereby demands quiet title, requests injunctive relief and claims unjust enrichment against Counter-Defendant, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP's ("BANA"), Counter Defendant and ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual; DOES 1 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10 inclusive, Cross-Defendants as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. SFR is a Nevada limited liability company with its principal place of business in Clark County, Nevada and the current title owner of the property commonly known as 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89032; Parcel No. 139-08-410-014 (the "Property").
- 2. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP ("BANA"), is a national association that

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may claim an interest in the Property via a 2010 deed of trust originated by W.J. Bradley Capital Corporation.

- 3. Upon information and belief, Cross-Defendant, ARMANDO A. CARIAS ("Carias") is an individual who is the former homeowner that may claim an interest in the Property.
- 4. Upon information and belief, each of the Cross-Defendants sued herein as DOES I through X, inclusive claim an interest in the Property or are responsible in some manner for the events and action that SFR seeks to enjoin; that when the true names capacities of such defendants become known, SFR will ask leave of this Court to amend this counterclaim to insert the true names, identities and capacities together with proper charges and allegations.
- 5. Upon information and belief, each of the Cross-Defendants sued herein as ROES CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive claim an interest in the Property or are responsible in some manner for the events an happenings herein that SFR seeks to enjoin; that when the true names capacities of such defendants become known, SFR will ask leave of this Court to amend this counterclaim to insert the true names, identities and capacities together with proper charges and allegations.

#### II. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

#### SFR Acquired Title to the Property through Foreclosure of an Association Lien with Super **Priority Amounts**

- 6. SFR acquired the Property on February 20, 2013 by successfully bidding on the Property at a publicly-held foreclosure auction in accordance with NRS 116.3116, et. seq. ("Association foreclosure sale"). Since the Association foreclosure sale, SFR has expended additional funds and resources in relation to the Property.
- 7. On or about February 26, 2013, the resulting foreclosure deed was recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument Number 201302260003889 ("Association Foreclosure Deed").
- 8. Sutter Creek Homeowners Association (the "Association") had a lien pursuant to NRS 116.3116(1) ("Association Lien") that was perfected when the Association recorded its declaration of CC&Rs

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9. The foreclosure sale was conducted by Alessi & Koenig, LLC ("Alessi"), agent for the				
Association, pursuant to the powers conferred by the Nevada Revised Statutes 116.3116				
116.31162-116.31168, the Association's governing documents (CC&R's) and a Notice of				
Delinquent Assessment Lien, recorded on February 23, 2012 in the Official Records of the Clark				
County Recorder as Instrument Number 201202230001691.				

- 10. As recited in the Association Foreclosure Deed, the Association foreclosure sale complied with all requirements of law, including but not limited to, recording and mailing of copies of Notice of Delinquent Assessment and Notice of Default, and the recording, posting and publication of the Notice of Sale.
  - 11. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116(2), the entire Association Lien is prior to all other liens and encumbrances of unit except:
    - (a) Liens and encumbrances recorded before the recordation of the declaration and, in a cooperative, liens and encumbrances which the association creates, assumes or takes subject to;
    - (b) A first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the 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 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 against the unit or cooperative.
- 12. NRS 116.3116(2) further provides that a portion of the Association Lien has priority over even a first security interest in the Property:

[the Association 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[.]

- 13. NRS 116.41095 requires that anytime a property is sold within a common-interest community, purchasers receive a document explaining that an association can foreclose on its lien non-judicially and the way to be heard if they dispute the obligation or its amount:
  - 4. IF YOU FAIL TO PAY OWNERS' ASSESSMENTS, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME?

If you do not pay these assessments when due, the association usually has the power to collect them by selling your property in a nonjudicial foreclosure sale. If fees become delinquent, you may also be required to pay penalties and the

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association's costs and attorney's fees to become current. If you dispute the obligation or its amount, your only remedy to avoid the loss of your home may be to file a lawsuit and ask a court to intervene in the dispute.

NRS 116.41095 (emphasis added)

- 14. Upon information and belief, when Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants acquired their interests in the Property, they received the disclosure required by NRS 116.41095.
- 15. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants had actual or constructive notice of the requirement to pay assessments to the Association and of the Association Lien.
- 16. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants did not pay Association assessments as required by the CC&Rs.
- 17. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants were aware of their delinquency and that the result of their delinquency could include foreclosure.
- 18. Upon information and belief, the Association took the necessary action to trigger the super-priority portion of the Association Lien.
- 19. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants had actual notice of the Association's foreclosure proceedings.
- 20. Upon information and belief, prior to the Association foreclosure sale, no individual or entity paid the full amount of delinquent assessments described in the Notice of Default.
  - 21. The Association foreclosure sale was publicly advertised in advance of the sale.
  - 22. Multiple bidders attended the auction.
- 23. When it purchased the Property, SFR had no knowledge of any alleged dispute over amounts owed to the Association, any purported noticing issues, or any alleged proper tender of the full lien amount by Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants.
  - 24. SFR is a bona fide purchaser for value.
- 25. Upon information and belief, no party still claiming an interest in the Property recorded a lien or encumbrance prior to the declaration creating the Association.
  - 26. Upon information and belief, SFR's bid on the Property was in excess of the amount

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necessary to satisfy the costs of sale and the super-priority portion of the Association Lien.

- 27. Upon information and belief, the Association or its agent Alessi distributed or should have distributed the excess funds to lien holders in order of priority pursuant to NRS 116.3114(c).
- 28. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants had actual or constructive notice of the requirement to pay assessments to the Association and of the Association Lien.
- 29. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants had actual or constructive notice of the Association's foreclosure proceedings.
- 30. Upon information and belief, prior to the Association foreclosure sale, no individual or entity paid the full amount of delinquent assessments described in the Notice of Default.
- 31. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant BANA had actual or constructive notice of the super-priority portion of the Association Lien.
- 32. Upon information and belief, Counter-Defendant BANA knew or should have known that its interest in the Property could be extinguished through foreclosure if he failed to cure the super-priority portion of the Association Lien representing 9 months of assessments for common expenses based on the periodic budget adopted by the association which would have become due in the absence of acceleration for the relevant time period.
- 33. Upon information and belief, prior to the Association foreclosure sale, no individual or entity paid the super-priority portion of the Association Lien representing 9 months of assessments for common expenses based on the periodic budget adopted by the association which would have become due in the absence of acceleration for the relevant time period.
- 34. Pursuant to NRS 116.31166, the foreclosure sale vested title in SFR "without equity or right of redemption," and the Foreclosure Deed is conclusive against the Property's "former owner, his or her heirs and assigns, and all other persons."

#### Interests, Liens and Encumbrances Extinguished by the Super-Priority Association Lien 26

35. Upon information and belief, Carias, first obtained title to the Property in November of 2010 through a Grant, Bargain Sale Deed from The Secretary of Housing and Urban

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Development of Washington, D.C recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201011030002713.

- 36. On or about November 3, 2010, W.J. Bradley Mortgage Capital Corp., ("W.J. Bradley") recorded a deed of trust against the Property in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201011030002714 ("First Deed of Trust").
- 37. Upon information and belief, the Association was formed and its declaration of CC&Rs was recorded in the Official Records of the Clark County Recorder before the First Deed of Trust was recorded.
- 38. Upon information and belief, W.J. Bradley had actual or constructive notice of the Association Lien and NRS 116.3116 before it funded the loan secured by the First Deed of Trust.
- 39. Upon information and belief, on or about January 25, 2012, Talisha T. Wallace, Assistant Secretary for Mortgage Electronic Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as Nominee for W.J. Bradley executed an assignment that transferred the beneficial interest in the First Deed of Trust, together with the underlying promissory note, to BANA. The assignment was recorded on January 26, 2012 against the Property in Official Records of the Clark County Recorder as Instrument No. 201201260003419.
- 40. Upon information and belief, BANA had actual or constructive notice of the Association Lien and NRS 116.3116 before it obtained an interest in the First Deed of Trust.
- 41. On or about, January 9, 2014, BANA filed a Third Party Complaint for declaratory relief and quiet title.
- 42. Counter-Defendant BANA's interest in the Property was extinguished by the foreclosure of the Association Lien.
- 43. Cross-Defendant Caria's interest in the Property was extinguished by the foreclosure of the super priority portion of the Association Lien.

#### III. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Declaratory Relief/Quiet Title Pursuant to NRS 30.010, et. seq., NRS 40.10 & NRS 116.3116)

44. SFR repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1-43 as though fully set forth herein and incorporates the same by reference.

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45. Pursuant to NRS 30.010, et. seq. and NRS 40.10, this Court has the power and authority to declare the SFR's rights and interests in the Property and to resolve the Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendant's adverse claims in the Property.

- 46. SFR acquired the Property on February 20, 2013 by successfully bidding on the Property at a publicly-held foreclosure auction in accordance with NRS 116.3116, et. seq. and the resulting Association Foreclosure Deed vesting title in SFR was recorded on February 26, 2013.
- 47. Upon information and belief, Counter Defendant, BANA may claim an interest in the Property via the First Deed of Trust against the Property even after the Association foreclosure sale.
- 48. Upon information and belief, Cross-Defendant Carias may claim an ownership interest in the Property.
- 49. A foreclosure sale conducted pursuant to NRS 116.31162-116.31168, like all foreclosure sales, extinguishes the title owner's interest in the Property and all junior liens and encumbrances, including deeds of trust.
- 50. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116(2), the super-priority portion of the Association Lien has priority over the First Deed of Trust.
- 51. Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants were duly notified of the Association foreclosure sale and failed to act to protect their interests in the Property, if any legitimately existed.
- 52. SFR is entitled to a declaratory judgment from this Court finding that: (1) SFR is the title owner of the Property; (2) the Association Foreclosure Deed is valid and enforceable; (3) the Association foreclosure sale extinguished Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants' ownership and security interests in the Property; and (4) SFR's rights and interest in the Property are superior to any adverse interest claimed by Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants.
  - 53. SFR seeks an order from the Court quieting title to the Property in favor of SFR.

#### IV. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Preliminary and Permanent Injunction)

54. SFR repeats and realleges the allegations of paragraphs 1- 53 as though fully set forth

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herein and incorporates the same by reference.

- 55. SFR properly acquired title to the Property at the Association foreclosure sale on February 20, 2013.
- 56. Counter-Defendant BANA may claim that it maintained an interest in the Property through the First Deed of Trust which was extinguished by the Association foreclosure sale.
  - 57. Cross-Defendant Carias may claim an ownership interest in the Property.
- 58. A foreclosure sale based on the First Deed of Trust is invalid as Counter-Defendant BANA lost its interest in the Property, if any, at the Association foreclosure sale.
- 59. Any sale or transfer of title to the Property by Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants would be invalid because their interest in the Property, if any, was extinguished by the Association foreclosure sale.
- 60. Any attempt to take or maintain possession of the Property by Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants would be invalid because their interest in the Property, if any, was extinguished by the Association foreclosure sale.
- 61. Any attempt to sell, transfer, encumber or otherwise convey the Property by the Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants would be invalid because their interest in the Property, if any, was extinguished by the Association foreclosure sale.
- 62. On the basis of the facts described herein, SFR has a reasonable probability of success on the merits of its claims and has no other adequate remedies at law.
- 63. SFR is entitled to a preliminary injunction and permanent injunction prohibiting Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants from beginning or continuing any eviction proceedings that would affect SFR's possession of the Property.
- 64. SFR is entitled to a preliminary injunction and permanent injunction prohibiting Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants from any sale or transfer that would affect the title to the Property.

#### V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

SFR requests judgment against Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants as follows:

For a declaration and determination that SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC is 1.

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the rightful owner of title to the Property, and that Counter Defendant and Cross-Defendants be declared to have no right, title or interest in the Property.

- 2. For a preliminary and permanent injunction that Counter-Defendant and Cross-Defendants are prohibited from initiating or continuing foreclosure proceedings, and from selling or transferring the Property;
  - For general and special damages in excess of \$10,000.00 3.
  - For an award of attorney's fees and costs of suit; and 4.
  - For any further relief that the Court may deem just and proper. 5.

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DATED February 14th, 2014.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14th day of February, 2014, pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I served via first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, the foregoing Answer, Counterclaim and Cross-Claim for Quiet Title and Injunctive Relief to the following parties:

Gregory L. Wilde, Esq. Kevin S. Soderstrom, Esq. TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A. 212 S. Jones Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89107 Attorneys for Bank of America, N.A.

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#### **DISTRICT COURT**

#### **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Case No.: A-13-684501-C Dept No.: XXI

#### Plaintiff,

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ARMANDO A. CARIAS an individual, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, unknown entity, DOES INDIVIDUALS I-X, inclusive, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XXX inclusive,

DEFENDANT BANK OF AMERICA'S
ANSWER TO
SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC'S
THIRD-PARTY COUNTERCLAIM

#### **Defendants**

#### AND ALL RELATED MATTERS

COMES NOW, Third-Party Counter-Defendant, Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through its counsel of record, Gregory L. Wilde, Esq., and in Answer to the Third-Party Counterclaim (hereinafter "Counterclaim") of SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC., (hereinafter "SFR"), on file herein, denies and alleges as follows:

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Answering paragraphs 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 46, and 55 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK admits that the documents maintained by the Clark County Recorder demonstrate the veracity of these allegations on their face but denies any further implications or allegations therein for SFR may be interpreting said documents in a manner inconsistent with Counter-Defendant and/or the terms and meanings of the documents.

Answering paragraphs 2, 16, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 45, 47, and 56 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK admits the allegations contained therein.

Answering paragraph 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 38, 40, 48, 51, and 58 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth or veracity of the remaining allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

Answering paragraphs 11, 12, 13, and 50 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK asserts that these paragraphs are statements of law, subject to multiple interpretations, and therefore denies any allegations arising therefrom.

Answering paragraphs 24, 32, 34, 42, 43, 49, 52, 53, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK denies the allegations contained therein.

Answering paragraph 44 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK repeats, realleges, and incorporates their responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 43 of the Counterclaim as if fully set forth herein.

Answering paragraph 54 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK repeats, realleges, and incorporates their responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 53 of the Counterclaim as if fully set forth herein.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- 1. That the allegations contained in SFR's Counterclaim fail to state a claim for relief upon which relief can be granted.
  - 2. That SFR's claims are barred by the statute of limitations.
- 3. That SFR's claims are barred by the equitable doctrines of waiver, release, laches, unclean hands and equitable estoppel.
- 4. That SFR has failed to comply with the necessary requirements in order to maintain any action against Counter-Defendant BANK.
- 5. That any claims of damages suffered by SFR, if any, were directly and proximately caused by the actions of the SFR or forces of nature over which Counter-Defendant BANK had no control.
- 6. That the damages and injuries, if any, suffered by SFR, as set forth in the Counterclaim, were caused in whole or in part by the negligence of third parties over whom Counter-Defendant BANK had no control.
- 7. That the damages and injuries, if any, incurred by SFR are not attributable to any act, conduct or omission on the part of Counter-Defendant BANK.
- 8. That SFR did not exercise ordinary care, caution or prudence in order to avoid the events alleged in the Counterclaim, and the resulting damages and injuries, if any, complained of were directly and proximately contributed to, and caused by, the fault, carelessness, and negligence of SFR.
- 9. That SFR has failed to mitigate their damages, if any, and thus, its recovery, if any, should be reduced accordingly.
  - 10. That Counter-Defendant BANK denies each and every allegation of SFR's

Counterclaim which is not specifically admitted or otherwise pleads to herein.

- 11. That SFR's claims, if any be valid, are subject to offsets and credits, which are not reflected in the amount claimed due by SFR.
- 12. That Counter-Defendant BANK hereby incorporates by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as if fully set forth herein. In the event further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, Counter-Defendant BANK reserves the right to seek leave of the Court to amend its Answer to SFR' Counterclaim to specifically assert the same. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving the same.
- 13. That it has been necessary for Counter-Defendant BANK to employ the services of an attorney to defend this action and a reasonable sum should be allowed as and for attorney's fees, together with the costs expended in this action.
- 14. That Counter-Defendant BANK hereby reserves the right to add additional affirmative defenses as discovery progresses.

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WHEREFORE, the Counter-Defendant BANK prays for the following:

- That SFR take nothing by way of their Counterclaim; 1.
- That SFR's Counterclaim be dismissed in its entirety; 2.
- That Counter-Defendant BANK be awarded reasonable attorney's fee and the 3. cost of suit incurred in defending this action; and
  - For such other relief as this Court may deem just and proper in the premises. 4. DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 11th day of March, 2014, she served a copy

of the foregoing document via United States mail, postage pre-paid, addressed as follows:

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1	Upon information and belief, Cross-Defendant Carias has not served an answer or motion
2	for summary judgment.
3	DATED this _10 day of June, 2014.
4	HOWARD KIM & ASSOCIATES
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12	I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _10 day of June, 2014, pursuant to NCRP 5(b), I
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14	served, U.S. mail, postage prepaid, the foregoing Notice of Voluntary Dismissal of Cross-
15	Defendant Armando A. Carias Without Prejudice, to the following party:
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#### EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

limited liability company Case No. A-13-684501-C Plaintiff, Dept. No. XXI VS. **DEFENDANT BANK OF AMERICA,** ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR **BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP** FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP'S MOTION TO SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE AMEND PLEADINGS AND ADD HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, unknown **PARTIES** entity, DOES INDIVIDUALS I-X, inclusive, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XX inclusive, Defendants. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a National Association. Cross-Claimant,

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ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual; DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10,

Cross-Defendants.

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SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, and DOES 1 through 10, and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10,

Third Party Defendant.

SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,

Counter-Claimant,

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a national association; ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual; DOES 1 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10 inclusive,

Counter-Defendant/Cross-Defendants.

Pursuant to Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 15, 19 and 20, Defendant Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP (Bank of America) moves for leave from the Court for the following relief: (1) leave to amend its Answer to Plaintiff Alessi & Koenig's (A&K) complaint and to assert a counterclaim against A&K; (2) leave to amend its answer to the third-party counterclaim filed by third party defendant SFR Investments Pool I, LLC (SFR); (3) order the joinder of SFR as a party defendant

under Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 19 and 20, instead of a third-party defendant under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 14; (4) order the joinder of Sutter Creek Homeowner's Association under Rule 19 and 20 (the **HOA**) as a party; (5) order that the omnibus Answer, Counterclaim, Affirmative Defenses and Cross Claims attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is deemed filed as of the date the Court grants this motion.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

DATE: February 17, 2015.

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I.

## Introduction

The court should grant Bank of America (1) leave to amend its Answer to Plaintiff A&K's complaint and to assert a counterclaim against A&K; (2) leave to amend its answer to the third-party counterclaim filed by third party defendant SFR; (3) order the joinder of SFR as a party defendant under Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 19 and 20, instead of a third-party defendant under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 14; (4) order the joinder of the HOA under Rule 19 and 20 as a party; (5) order that the omnibus Answer, Counterclaim, Affirmative Defenses and Cross Claims. The motion to amend is timely filed and will not cause prejudice to any party. Further, not granting the motion to amend would cause prejudice to Bank of America. Further, SFR is more appropriately joined as a party defendant. Finally, as explained herein, the HOA is properly joined under Rule 19 and/or 20.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### II. STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On July 1, 2013, A&K filed the instant Complaint against Amando Carias (**Borrower**), Bank of America, and various Doe and Roe defendants, seeking interpleader against said defendants to determine each defendant's claim to the proceeds of the purported foreclosure sale. On January 9, 2014, Bank of America filed an answer, a cross claim against Borrower, and a third-party complaint against SFR asserting counts for declaratory judgment and quiet title. On February 14, 2014, SFR filed an answer to the third-party complaint and a third-party counterclaim for declaratory judgment and quiet title. Current counsel for Bank of America was substituted for former Bank of America counsel on April 16, 2014. The Nevada Supreme Court decided *SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 75 (September 18, 2014), which bears on the outcome of the instant action.

#### III. <u>Argument</u>

A. The Court Should Grant Bank of America Leave to: (1) Amend its Answer to the Claims by A&K and Assert a Counterclaim; (2) Amend its Answer to the Claims by SFR

It is in the interests of justice to allow Bank of America leave to amend its answers to the claims filed by A&K and SFR to add additional affirmative defenses. The scheduling order authorizes the parties to seek leave to amend the pleadings until February 17, 2015. Bank of 4

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America timely makes this request in conformance with NRCP Rule 15 and EDCR Rule 2.30 and respectfully requests that leave to amend be granted.

NRCP Rule 15 governs amended and supplemental pleadings and states that "leave [to amend] shall be freely given when justice so requires." NRCP 15(a). Here, Bank of America's amendment is timely and will not prejudice Plaintiff. The interests of justice and fairness support the amendment. Bank of America will be prejudiced if it is not permitted to amend its Answer to reflect new issues of law and fact, particularly in light of the Nevada Supreme Court's holding in SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC, decided after Bank of America filed its answer.

Moreover, the other parties to this case will not be prejudiced by amendment. No discovery has taken place to date. The discovery cut-off is not until May 18, 2015, and dispositive motions are not due until June 17, 2015, leaving the parties ample time to conduct any discovery this amendment would raise. Additionally, the amendments proposed by Bank of America and reflected in its amended pleading attached hereto as Exhibit A, are minor in nature. Specifically, Bank of America proposes to: (1) add certain affirmative defenses to its answers to the claims by A&K and SFR; (2) add a counterclaim against A&K similar to the claims already asserted against SFR; and (3) to add a wrongful foreclosure count to its claims against SFR. These minor changes will not materially expand the scope of discovery in this case or require additional substantive litigation effort. Bank of America is merely amending its pleadings to properly account for issues which have already been raised by the claims and defenses asserted to date (specifically a determination of the validity of the A&K HOA sale and the respective priorities of the HOA lien and Bank of America deed of trust).

As indicated above, A&K and SFR will not be prejudiced by the amendment but Bank of America would be prejudiced if it were not permitted. Accordingly, Bank of America should be granted leave to amend its Answer and to amend its claims against SFR in accordance with the proposed omninbus pleading. Furthermore, pursuant to EDCR 2.20(a), a copy of the proposed amended pleading is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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#### B. The Court Should Grant Bank of America's Motion to Add SFR as a Party Defendant Under Rule 19 or Rule 20, Instead of a Third-Party Defendant Under Rule 14

SFR is the party that purchased the subject property at the HOA foreclosure sale. SFR Third Party Counterclaim. ¶ 6. Prior counsel for Bank of America joined SFR into the case under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 14 as a third-party defendant. Bank of America's third party complaint asserts claims for declaratory relief and to quiet title and essentially alleges that SFR's interest in the property was subject to Bank of America's first deed of trust. See generally Bank of America Third Party Complaint. SFR filed a third-party counterclaim asserting counterclaims for declaratory relief and quiet title which allege the SFR's title is not subject to the Bank of America first deed of trust. See generally SFR third-party counterclaim. As a matter of technical pleading, since the claims asserted by Bank of America are not for indemnity or contribution, SFR should have arguably been joined as a party under Rule 19 or 20, instead of as a third-party defendant under Rule 14. Accordingly, to correct any possible error in the original alignment and joinder of the parties, Bank of America requests that the Court order that SFR be added as a party pursuant to Rule 19 or 20 and that the cross claims pled in **Exhibit A** hereto be deemed filed against SFR.

Joinder of SFR is proper here under Rule 19 of the Nevada Supreme Court Rules. Rule 19 provides in relevant part:

> A person who is subject to service of process and whose joinder will not deprive the court of jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action shall be joined as a party in the action if (1) in the person's absence complete relief cannot be accorded among those already parties, or (2) the person claims an interest relating to the subject of the action and is so situated that the disposition of the action in the person's absence may (i) as a practical matter impair or impede the person's ability to protect that interest or (ii) leave any of the persons already parties subject to a substantial risk of incurring double, multiple, or otherwise inconsistent obligations by reason of the claimed interest.

Nevada Supreme Court Rule 19. Here, joinder of SFR is proper under Rule 19 because the interpleader claims asserted by A&K, and the quiet title claims asserted by Bank of America cannot be decided unless and until the validity and extent of SFR's title in the property is decided. With respect to these claims, SFR's absence from the case as a party joined under Rule 20 would not allow complete relief to A&K and Bank of America with respect to the disputes regarding this

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property. If SFR was not joined as a party to this case under Rule 19, SFR, Bank of America or A&K could be exposed to inconsistent judgments regarding the nature and extent of SFR's title in the property.

Joinder of SFR is also proper under Rule 20. Rule 20 provides in relevant part; "All persons may join in one action as plaintiffs if they assert any right to relief jointly, severally, or in the alternative in respect of or arising out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences and if any question of law or of fact common to all these persons will arise in the action." Here, both A&K and SFR are in essence seeking to obtain judicial ratification of the HOA sale conducted by A&K. Common questions of law and fact pertain to the claims and defenses raised by SFR and A&K in this action, specifically facts regarding the validity of the HOA sale (such as a rejection of tender by A&K) and the nature and extent of title conveyed from A&K to SFR. Accordingly, joinder of SFR as a party plaintiff is also proper under Rule 20.

#### C. The Court Should Grant Bank of America's Motion to Add the HOA as a Party Under Rule 19 or 20

Finally, Bank of America requests that the Court join the HOA under Rule 19 or 20. The HOA is a necessary party because the claims at issue in this case challenge the validity of the sale held to satisfy the HOA's lien, the distribution of proceeds from the HOA sale, and the nature and extent of the title conveyed to SFR as a result the HOA sale. Thus, the HOA is a necessary party under Rule 19 because "in the [HOA's] absence complete relief cannot be accorded among those already parties." Specifically, any declaratory judgment as to the validity of the sale, the distribution of proceeds or title conveyed to SFR would not be binding on the HOA unless the HOA is joined in this action and any such judgment would not afford complete relief the parties because the rights of the HOA with respect to the events in dispute in this case would not have been determined in a binding manner.

Additionally, joinder of the HOA is proper under Rule 20 because common questions of law and fact pertain to the claims and defenses raised by SFR and A&K and the proposed claims by Bank of America against SFR and A&K. Specifically facts regarding the validity of the HOA sale (such as a rejection of tender by A&K) and the nature and extent of title conveyed from A&K to

SFR under the HOA sale. Accordingly, joinder of SFR as a party plaintiff would be proper under Rule 20.

#### IV. <u>Conclusion</u>

Based on the foregoing, this Court should grant Bank of America the following relief: (1) leave to amend its Answer to Plaintiff A&K's complaint and to assert a counterclaim against A&K; (2) leave to amend its answer to the third-party counterclaim filed by third party defendant SFR; (3) order the joinder of SFR as a party defendant under Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure 19 and 20, instead of a third-party defendant under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 14; (4) order the joinder of the HOA under Rule 19 and 20 as a party; (5) order that the omnibus Answer, Counterclaim, Affirmative Defenses and Cross Claims attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is deemed filed as of the date the Court grants this motion.

DATE: February 17, 2015.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17th day of February 2015, and pursuant to NRCP 5(b), served via the court's electronic filing system ("Wiznet") a true and correct copy of the foregoing BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'s MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND ANSWER, postage prepaid and addressed to:

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## EXHIBIT A

## EXHIBIT A

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AKERM 1160 TOWN CENTER LAS VEGAS, N TEL.: (702) 634-5000- 6	ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, unknown entity, DOES INDIVIDUALS 1-X, inclusive, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XXX, inclusive, Defendants.  BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY	N.A.'S AMENDED ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND CROSS-CLAIMS
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22	Association,	
23	Cross-Claimant,	
24	ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, DOES	
25	INDIVIDUALS 1 through 10, inclusive, and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10,	
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27	Cross-Defendants.	
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Cross-Claimant,

v.

SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, an unknown entity, ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, and DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10,

Cross-Defendants.

#### AMENDED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT BY ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC

COMES NOW, Defendant, Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, and in Answer to the Complaint of Plaintiff on file herein, responds as follows:

Answering paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 13 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK admits each and every allegation contained therein.

Answering paragraph 20 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK denies each and every allegation contained therein.

Answering paragraphs 7, 8, and 21 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK states that this is a statement only, subject to multiple interpretations, and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

Answering paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth or veracity of the allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

Answering paragraph 9 and 15 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK admits that a purported foreclosure on a homeowners association lien was held, resulting in the deed attached as exhibit "2" to the Complaint, but denies the remainder of the paragraph for lack of sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth and veracity of the allegations and in as much as the effect of the purported sale is subject to multiple interpretations of the current and existing law.

To the extent the "Prayer for Relief" section of the answer contains any allegations against the BANK, the allegations are denied.

## AMENDED ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COUNTERCLAIM BY SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC

COMES NOW, Defendant, Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, and in Answer to the Third-Party Complaint of SFR Investments Pool I, LLC (hereinafter "SFR") on file herein, denies and alleges as follows

Answering paragraphs, 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 46, and 55 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK admits that the documents maintained by the Clark County Recorder demonstrate the veracity of these allegations on their face but denies any further implications or allegations therein for SFR may be interpreting said documents in a manner inconsistent with Counter-Defendant and/or the terms and meanings of the documents.

Answering paragraphs 2, 16, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 45, 47 and 56 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Conter-Defendant BANK admits the allegations contained therein.

Answering paragraph 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 38, 40, 48, 51 and 58 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth or veracity of the remaining allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

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Answering paragraphs 11, 12, 13 and 50 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK asserts that these paragraphs are statements of law, subject to multiple interpretations, and therefore denies any allegations arising therefrom.

Answering paragraphs 24, 32, 34, 42, 43, 49, 52, 53, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 of the counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK denies the allegations contained therein.

Answering paragraph 44 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK repeats, realleges, and incorporates their responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 43 of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.

Answering paragraph 54 of the Couunterleaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK repeats, realleges, and incorporates their responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 53 of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.

To the extent the "Prayer for Relief" section of the answer contains any allegations against the BANK, the allegations are denied.

#### <u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO CLAIMS BY ALESSI & KOENIG AND SFR</u> **INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC**

- That the allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint fail to state a claim for relief 1. upon which relief can be granted.
  - That Plaintiff's claims are barred by the statute of limitations. 2.
- That Plaintiff's claims are barred by the equitable doctrines of waiver, release, laches, 3. unclean hands and equitable estoppels.
- 4. That Plaintiff has failed to comply with the necessary requirements in order to maintain any action against Defendant BANK.
- That any claims of damages suffered by Plaintiff, if any, were directly and proximately caused by the actions of Plaintiff or forces of nature over which Defendant BANK had no control.
- 6. That the damages and injuries, if any, suffered by Plaintiff, as set forth in the Complaint, were caused in whole or in part by the negligence of third parties over whom Defendant BANK had no control.

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- 7. That the damages and injuries, if any, incurred by Plaintiff are not attributable to any act, conduct or omission on the part of Defendant BANK.
- 8. That Plaintiff did not exercise ordinary care, caution or prudence in order to avoid the events alleged in the Complaint, and the resulting damages and injuries, if any, complained of were directly and proximately contributed to, and caused by, the fault, carelessness, and negligence of Plaintiff.
- 9. That Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages, if any, and thus, its recovery, if any, should be reduced accordingly.
- 10. That Defendant BANK denies each and every allegation of Plaintiff's Complaint which is not specifically admitted or otherwise pleads to herein.
- That Plaintiff's claims, if any be valid, are subject to offsets and credits, which are not 11. reflected in the amount claimed due by Plaintiff.
- 12. That Defendant BANK hereby incorporates by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as if fully set forth herein. In the event further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, Defendant BANK reserves the right to seek leave of the Court to amend its Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint to specifically assert the same. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving the same.
- 13. That it has been necessary for Defendant BANK to employ the services of an attorney to defend this action and a reasonable sum should be allowed as and for attorney's fees, together with the costs expended in this action.
  - 14. That Defendant BANK's title to the property is superior to that of Plaintiff.
- 15. That Nevada Revised Statute 116.3116 does not support Plaintiff's position that it has title to the property.

16. That the senior deed of trust beneficiary cannot be deprived of its interest in the property in violation of the Procedural Due Process Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Sec. 8 of the Nevada Constitution.

- 17. That Defendant BANK's priority lien interest is protected from the relief sought by Plaintiff as set forth in the controlling homeowners' association documents of the homeowner's association.
- 18. That the super-priority lien was satisfied prior to the homeowner's association foreclosure under the doctrines of tender, estoppel, laches, or waiver.
- 19. That the circumstances of sale of the property violated the homeowner's association's obligation of good faith and duty to act in a commercially reasonable manner.
- 20. That the damages complained of, if there were any, were proximately contributed to or caused by the carelessness, negligence, fault or defects resulting from acts/omissions of other persons unknown to Defendant BANK at this time, and were not caused in any way by Defendant BANK or by persons for whom Defendant BANK is legally responsible.
- 21. Defendant BANK is entitled to have any award against it reduced or eliminated to the extent that the negligence, carelessness, or defect resulted from the acts/omissions or comparative fault of other persons that contributed to Plaintiff's damages, if any.
- 22. That Plaintiff, at all material times, calculated, knew and understood the risks inherent in the situations, actions, omissions and transactions upon which it now bases its various claims for relief, and with such knowledge, Plaintiff undertook and thereby assumed such risks and is consequently barred from all recovery by such assumption of risk.
- 23. To the extent that Plaintiff's 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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- 24. That Plaintiff lacks standing to bring some or all of its claims and causes of action.
- 25. That Defendant BANK was not provided proper notice of the "super-priority" assessment amounts and the homeowner association foreclosure sale, and any such notice provided to Defendant BANK failed to comply with the statutory and common law requirements of Nevada and with state and federal constitutional law.
  - 26. Defendant BANK avers the affirmative defense of failure to do equity.
- 27. That the homeowner association foreclosure sale is void for failure to comply with the provisions of NRS Chapter 116, and other provisions of law.
- 28. That the HOA sale is void or otherwise fails to extinguish the applicable deed of trust pursuant to the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.
- 29. That the HOA sale is void or otherwise fails to extinguish the applicable deed of trust pursuant to the Property Clause of the United States Constitution.
- 30. That Defendant BANK hereby reserves the right to add additional affirmative defenses as discovery progresses.

WHEREFORE, Defendant BANK prays for the following:

- 1. That Plaintiff take nothing by way of its Complaint;
- 2. That Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed in its entirety;
- 3. That Defendant BANK be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and the cost of suit incurred in defending this action; and
  - 4. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

#### **CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST ARMANDO A. CARIAS**

COMES NOW, Defendant BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP,

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(hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, and complains and avers against Cross-Defendant ARMANDO A. CARIAS, by way of this Cross-claim, as follows:

#### RELEVANT PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 1. The BANK is an entity properly conducting business in the State of Nevada, which holds a security interest in certain real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Ave., North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada (hereinafter "Subject Property").
- That BANK's security interest is in the form of a Note and Deed of Trust properly 2. recorded on November 3, 2010, as instrument 201011030002714.
- Defendant ARMANDO A. CARIAS is the borrower of the aforementioned debt and 3. may be claiming an interest in the subject property (hereinafter "BORROWER").
- 4. The Cross-Defendant DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10, are set forth herein pursuant to Rule 10 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as all unknown persons or business entities currently unknown to BANK who have a claim to any interest in the subject matter of this action, whose true name(s) is (are) unknown to BANK, and who are believed to be responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Cross-claim, causing injuries and damages to the BANK, or who are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this Cross-claim. At such time when the names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES have been ascertained, BANK will request leave from the court to insert their true names and capacities and adjoin them in this action so that the Cross-claim will be amended to include the appropriate names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES.
- Jurisdiction and venue are properly set in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the 5. State of Nevada.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

6. The BORROWER is in default of the loan obligations owed BANK.

7. This same BORROWER was allegedly behind in his monthly homeowners association assessments causing the association to record a lien on the subject property and purportedly conduct a sale of the same on February 20, 2013, with a third party purchasing the same.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Declaratory Relief)

- 8. BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 7, and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 9. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the BORROWER concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 10. The association's lien sale may have transferred title to the subject property but it did not abrogate or otherwise affect the BANK's security interest in the property in the form of the Note and Deed of Trust which, if disputed by the BORROWER, causes the BANK's interests to be adverse to those of the BORROWER.
- 11. The BANK's rights, status and claims in relation to those of the BORROWER in the Subject Property are affected by multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
  - 12. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.
- 13. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the BANK is entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, status, and legal relations at issue in this matter.
- 14. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

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#### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Quiet Title)

- 15. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 16. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the BORROWERS concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 17. The BANK's interests are adverse and exclusive to those alleged by the BORROWERS.
- 18. The BANK's rights, status and ownership of its security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust needs to be determined by the effect of multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
- BANK's security interest in the subject property should be absolute without the 19. BORROWERS, or anyone else, claiming an adverse interest therein.
- The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys to bring suit. 20. Therefore pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

#### WHEREFORE, BANK prays for relief as follows:

- 1. For a Declaratory Judgment properly adjudicating the parties' interest in the subject property;
- 2. For an order quieting title to the subject property recognizing BANK's security interest therein;
- 3. For reasonable attorney's fees;
- 4. For costs of suit; and,
- 5. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

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## COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC AND CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC AND SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, ET AL.

COMES NOW, Defendant BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, asserts this counterclaim against Counterclaim Defendant ALESSI & KOENIG and cross-claim against Cross-Defendants SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC ("SFR") and SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ("SUTTER CREEK"), as follows:

#### **RELEVANT PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- 1. The BANK is an entity properly conducting business in the State of Nevada, which holds a security interest in certain real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Ave., North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada (hereinafter "Subject Property")
- 2. That BANK's security interest is in the form of a Note and Deed of Trust properly recorded on November 3, 2010, as instrument number 201011030002714.
- 3. Cross-Defendant SFR is a Nevada Limited Liability Company conducting business in the State of Nevada.
- 4. Cross-Defendant Sutter Creek Homeowners Association is a homeowner's association located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Counterclaim Defendant A&K is a domestic limited liability company authorized to conduct business in the State of Nevada.
- 6. That Cross-Defendants DOES 1 through 10 and Cross-Defendants ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10, are set forth herein pursuant to Rule 10 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as all unknown persons or business entities currently unknown to BANK who have a claim to any interest in the subject matter of this action, whose true name(s) is (are) unknown to

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BANK, and who are believed to be responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, causing injuries and damages to the BANK, or who are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this Complaint. At such time when the names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES have been ascertained, BANK will request leave from the court to insert their true names and capacities and adjoin them in this action so that the Complaint will be amended to include the appropriate names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES.

7. Jurisdiction and venue are properly set in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- Under Nevada law, homeowners' associations have the right to charge property 8. owners residing within the community assessments to cover the homeowners' association's expenses for maintaining or improving the community, among other things.
- 9. When these assessments are not paid, the homeowners' association may both impose and foreclose on a lien.
- 10. A homeowners' association may impose a lien for "any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged" under NRS 116.3102(1)(j)-(n). NRS 116.3116(1).
- NRS 116.3116 makes a homeowners' association lien for assessments junior to a first 11. deed of trust beneficiary's secured interest in the property, with one limited exception: a homeowners' association lien is senior to a first deed of trust beneficiary's secured interest "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[.]" NRS 116.3116(2)(c).

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12. According to the Nevada Supreme Court's recent decision in SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC v. U.S. Bank, N.A., 334 P.3d 408 (Nev. 2014), certain HOA liens have super-priority status and proper HOA foreclosures of those liens can extinguish first deeds of trust.

#### The HOA Lien and Foreclosure

- 13. Upon information and belief, Borrower failed to pay the HOA, SUTTER CREEK, all amounts due to it. Accordingly, SUTTER CREEK, through its trustee, ALESSI & KOENIG, initiated foreclosure of its lien. SFR purportedly purchased the subject property at a homeowners' association lien sale on February 20, 2013, which association lien was purportedly recorded on February 28, 2013, as instrument number 201302260003889, approximately twenty-seven (27) months after BANK's security interest was recorded.
- Prior to the alleged foreclosure of the subject property, the BANK retained counsel 14. Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom, & Winters, LLP ("MILES BAUER") to determine the last nine months of delinquent assessments, which was the maximum amount SUTTER CREEK could claim had superpriority over the BANK's deed of trust. See Exhibit 1.
- The BANK tendered to ALESSI & KOENIG the amount of the super-priority lien. 15. See Exhibit 2.
- 16. SUTTER CREEK through its trustee ALESSI & KOENIG refused to accept the BANK's tender and proceeded with foreclosure of the subject property and, upon information and belief, sold it for an amount far below the value of the BANK's deed of trust and far below market value.
- The sale of the subject property was commercially unreasonable and not in good faith 17. as required by NRS 116.1113.
- ALESSI & KOENIG, SUTTER CREEK, and SFR were all aware prior to the sale of the subject property of a split among Nevada courts concerning the ability to eliminate the BANK's first deed of trust by foreclosing, and proceeded to sell the subject property for an extremely depressed price due to the legal uncertainty.
- 19. This foreclosure sale was commercially unreasonable because the manner in which ALESSI & KOENIG conducted the sale, including the notices it provided, the legal uncertainty 13 {30368986;1}

concerning the effect of the sale, and other circumstances surrounding the sale, was not calculated to attract proper perspective purchasers, and thus could not promote an equitable sales price of the subject property.

- 20. The foreclosure sale was commercially unreasonable because SUTTER CREEK through ALESSI & KOENIG refused to accept the BANK's tender and thereby deprived the BANK of its ability to reasonably protect its interest.
- 21. The foreclosure sale was invalid and did not extinguish the BANK's first deed of trust because SUTTER CREEK through ALESSI & KOENIG's refusal to accept the BANK's tender extinguished any super-priority lien held by SUTTER CREEK. To the extent that the sale extinguished the BANK's first deed of trust due to the wrongful conduct of ALESSI & KOENIG and SUTTER CREEK, both are liable to the BANK for damages.
- 22. SFR is taking the position that the association lien sale abrogated BANK's security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust pursuant to NRS 116.3116.
- 23. That SFR is taking the position that its alleged ownership in the subject property is free and clear of BANK's security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust.
- 24. The association's lien sale may have transferred title to the subject property but it did not abrogate or otherwise affect the BANK's security interest in the property in the form of the note and deed of trust which, if disputed by SFR and SUTTER CREEK, causes the BANK's interests to be adverse to those of SFR and SUTTER CREEK.

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Declaratory Relief)

- 25. BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9, and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 26. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and SFR, SUTTER CREEK and A&K concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.

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- 27. The BANK's rights, status and claims in relation to those of A&K, SFR and SUTTER CREEK in the Subject Property are affected by multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
  - 28. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.
- 29. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the BANK is entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, status, and legal relations at issue in this matter.
- 30. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

#### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### (Quiet Title)

- 31. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 15 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 32. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and A&K, SFR and SUTTER CREEK concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 33. The BANK's interest are adverse and superior to those alleged by A&K, SFR and SUTTER CREEK.
- 34. The BANK's rights, status and ownership of its security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust needs to be determined by the effect of multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
- 35. The BANK's security interest in the subject property should be absolute without A&K, SFR or SUTTER CREEK, or anyone else, claiming an adverse interest therein.

36. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### (Wrongful Foreclosure)

- 37. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 38. Upon information and belief, prior to the foreclosure of the Property, A&K and SUTTER CREEK failed to provide the BANK with, or accept tender of, the super-priority amount of the HOA's lien.
- 39. The BANK's tender attempt extinguished the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien. Consequently, A&K and SUTTER CREEK's foreclosure of the super-priority portion of SUTTER CREEK'S lien was wrongful, as the Borrower was not in default for that portion of the lien.
- 40. A&K and SUTTER CREEK's wrongful foreclosure has put the first priority position of the BANK's deed of trust in dispute.
- 41. The BANK is entitled to an order establishing that its deed of trust is the senior lien encumbering the Subject Property or, in the alternative, monetary damages equal to the value secured by its first deed of trust that was purportedly extinguished as a direct result of A&K and SUTTER CREEK's wrongful foreclosure.
- 42. The HOA sale also failed to comport with the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution.
- 43. Because the HOA sale was wrongful, SFR's title to the property is invalid and subject to the BANA first deed of trust.

44. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the BANK prays for relief as follows:

- 1. For a Declaratory Judgment properly adjudicating the parties' interests in the subject property.
- 2. For an order quieting title to the subject property recognizing the BANK's security interest therein;
- 3. For an order declaring the foreclosure sale wrongful and invalid;
- 4. For reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit; and,
- 5. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

DATED this 17th day of February, 2015.

#### AKERMAN LLP

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SENT VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Sutter Creek Homeowners Association C/o THE ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 West Flamingo Rd., Ste 205 Las Vegas, NV 89147

Property Address: 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89032

MBBW File No. 12-H1126

#### Dear Sirs:

Re:

This letter is in response to your Notice of Default with regard to the HOA assessments purportedly owed on the above described real property. This firm represents the interests of MERS as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANA") with regard to these issues. BANA is the beneficiary/servicer of the first deed of trust loan secured by the property.

As you know, NRS 116.3116 governs liens against units for assessments. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116:

The association has a lien on a unit for:

any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to paragraphs (j) to (n), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 116.3102 are enforceable as assessments under this section

While the HOA may claim a lien under NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n) of this Statute clearly provide that such a lien is JUNIOR to first deeds of trust to the extent the lien is for fees and charges imposed for collection and/or attorney fees, collection costs, late fees, service charges and interest. See Subsection 2(b) of NRS 116.3116, which states in pertinent part:

2. A lien under this section is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except:

(b) A first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent...

The lien is also prior to all security interests described in paragraph (b) to the extent of the assessments for common expenses...which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Subsection 2b of NRS 116.3116 clearly provides that an HOA lien "is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except: a first security interest on the unit..." But such a lien is prior to a first security interest to the extent of the assessments for common expenses which would have become due during the 9 months before institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Based on Section 2(b), a portion of your HOA lien is arguably senior to BANA's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment dated April 4, 2012. For purposes of calculating the nine-month period, the trigger date is the date the HOA sought to enforce its lien. It is unclear, based upon the information known to date, what amount the nine months' of common assessments pre-dating the NOD actually are. That amount, whatever it is, is the amount BANA should be required to rightfully pay to fully discharge its obligations to the HOA per NRS 116.3102 and my client hereby offers to pay that sum upon presentation of adequate proof of the same by the HOA.

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

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter. I may be reached by phone directly at (702) 942-0412. Please fax the breakdown of the HOA arrears to my attention at (702) 942-0411. I will be in touch as soon as I've reviewed the same with BANA.

Sincerely,

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June 28, 2012

ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 W. FLAMINGO ROAD, SUITE 100 LAS VEGAS, NV 89147

Re:

Property Address: 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue

HO#: 30455

LOAN #: 7557

MBBW File No. 12-H1126

#### Dear Sir/Madame:

As you may recall, this firm represents the interests of Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANA") with regard to the issues set forth herein. We have received correspondence from your firm regarding our inquiry into the "Super Priority Demand Payoff" for the above referenced property. The Statement of Account provided by you in regards to the above-referenced address shows a full payoff amount of \$2,930.00. BANA is the beneficiary/servicer of the first deed of trust loan secured by the property and wishes to satisfy its obligations to the HOA. Please bear in mind that:

NRS 116.3116 governs liens against units for assessments. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116:

The association has a lien on a unit for:

any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to paragraphs (j) to (n), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 116.3102 are enforceable as assessments under this section

While the HOA may claim a lien under NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n) of this Statute clearly provide that such a lien is JUNIOR to first deeds of trust to the extent the lien is for fees and charges imposed for collection and/or attorney fees, collection costs, late fees, service charges and interest. See Subsection 2(b) of NRS 116.3116, which states in pertinent part:

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The lien is also prior to all security interests described in paragraph (b) to the extent of the assessments for common expenses...which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Based on Section 2(b), a portion of your HOA lien is arguably prior to BANA's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment. As stated above, the payoff amount stated by you includes many fees that are junior to our client's first deed of trust pursuant to the aforementioned NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n).

Our client has authorized us to make payment to you in the amount of \$720.00 to satisfy its obligations to the HOA as a holder of the first deed of trust against the property. Thus, enclosed you will find a cashier's check made out to Alessi & Koenig, LLC in the sum of \$720.00, which represents the maximum 9 months worth of delinquent assessments recoverable by an HOA. This is a non-negotiable amount and any endorsement of said cashier's check on your part, whether express or implied, will be strictly construed as an unconditional acceptance on your part of the facts stated herein and express agreement that BANA's financial obligations towards the HOA in regards to the real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue have now been "paid in full".

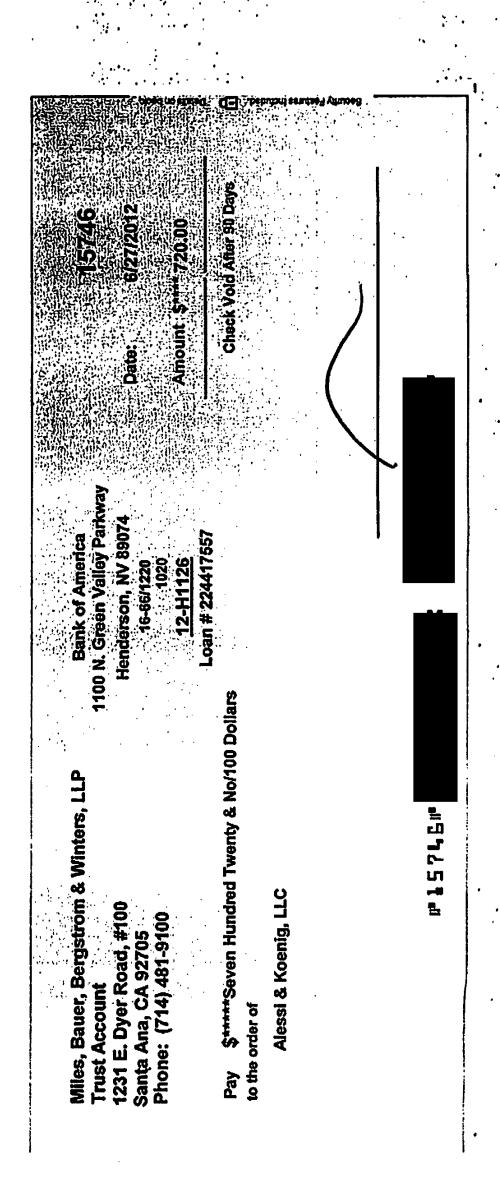
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached by phone directly at (702) 942-0412.

Sincerely,

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Rock K. Jung, Esq.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'S AMENDED **ANSWER** TO **PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND CROSS-CLAIMS** AGAINST SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC AND **SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION** 

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a National Association,

Cross-Claimant,

v.

SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, an unknown entity, ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, and DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10,

Cross-Defendants.

# AMENDED ANSWER TO COMPLAINT BY ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC

COMES NOW, Defendant, Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, and in Answer to the Complaint of Plaintiff on file herein, responds as follows:

Answering paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 13 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK admits each and every allegation contained therein.

Answering paragraph 20 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK denies each and every allegation contained therein.

Answering paragraphs 7, 8, and 21 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK states that this is a statement only, subject to multiple interpretations, and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

Answering paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth or veracity of the allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

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Answering paragraph 9 and 15 of the Complaint on file herein, BANK admits that a purported foreclosure on a homeowners association lien was held, resulting in the deed attached as exhibit "2" to the Complaint, but denies the remainder of the paragraph for lack of sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth and veracity of the allegations and in as much as the effect of the purported sale is subject to multiple interpretations of the current and existing law.

To the extent the "Prayer for Relief" section of the answer contains any allegations against the BANK, the allegations are denied.

# AMENDED ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COUNTERCLAIM BY SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC

COMES NOW, Defendant, Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, and in Answer to the Third-Party Complaint of SFR Investments Pool I, LLC (hereinafter "SFR") on file herein, denies and alleges as follows

Answering paragraphs, 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 46, and 55 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK admits that the documents maintained by the Clark County Recorder demonstrate the veracity of these allegations on their face but denies any further implications or allegations therein for SFR may be interpreting said documents in a manner inconsistent with Counter-Defendant and/or the terms and meanings of the documents.

Answering paragraphs 2, 16, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 45, 47 and 56 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK admits the allegations contained therein.

Answering paragraph 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 38, 40, 48, 51 and 58 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK states that it is without sufficient knowledge or information to form an opinion as to the truth or veracity of the remaining allegations contained therein and therefore denies the same in its entirety.

Answering paragraphs 11, 12, 13 and 50 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK asserts that these paragraphs are statements of law, subject to multiple interpretations, and therefore denies any allegations arising therefrom.

Answering paragraphs 24, 32, 34, 42, 43, 49, 52, 53, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 and 64 of the counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK denies the allegations contained therein.

Answering paragraph 44 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK repeats, realleges, and incorporates their responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 43 of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.

Answering paragraph 54 of the Counterclaim on file herein, Counter-Defendant BANK repeats, realleges, and incorporates their responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 53 of the complaint as if fully set forth herein.

To the extent the "Prayer for Relief" section of the answer contains any allegations against the BANK, the allegations are denied.

# AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO CLAIMS BY ALESSI & KOENIG AND SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC

- 1. That the allegations contained in Plaintiff's Complaint fail to state a claim for relief upon which relief can be granted.
  - 2. That Plaintiff's claims are barred by the statute of limitations.
- 3. That Plaintiff's claims are barred by the equitable doctrines of waiver, release, laches, unclean hands and equitable estoppels.
- 4. That Plaintiff has failed to comply with the necessary requirements in order to maintain any action against Defendant BANK.
- 5. That any claims of damages suffered by Plaintiff, if any, were directly and proximately caused by the actions of Plaintiff or forces of nature over which Defendant BANK had no control.
- 6. That the damages and injuries, if any, suffered by Plaintiff, as set forth in the Complaint, were caused in whole or in part by the negligence of third parties over whom Defendant BANK had no control.

- 7. That the damages and injuries, if any, incurred by Plaintiff are not attributable to any act, conduct or omission on the part of Defendant BANK.
- 8. That Plaintiff did not exercise ordinary care, caution or prudence in order to avoid the events alleged in the Complaint, and the resulting damages and injuries, if any, complained of were directly and proximately contributed to, and caused by, the fault, carelessness, and negligence of Plaintiff.
- 9. That Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages, if any, and thus, its recovery, if any, should be reduced accordingly.
- 10. That Defendant BANK denies each and every allegation of Plaintiff's Complaint which is not specifically admitted or otherwise pleads to herein.
- 11. That Plaintiff's claims, if any be valid, are subject to offsets and credits, which are not reflected in the amount claimed due by Plaintiff.
- 12. That Defendant BANK hereby incorporates by reference those affirmative defenses enumerated in Rule 8 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as if fully set forth herein. In the event further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, Defendant BANK reserves the right to seek leave of the Court to amend its Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint to specifically assert the same. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving the same.
- 13. That it has been necessary for Defendant BANK to employ the services of an attorney to defend this action and a reasonable sum should be allowed as and for attorney's fees, together with the costs expended in this action.
  - 14. That Defendant BANK's title to the property is superior to that of Plaintiff.
- 15. That Nevada Revised Statute 116.3116 does not support Plaintiff's position that it has title to the property.

16. That the senior deed of trust beneficiary cannot be deprived of its interest in the property in violation of the Procedural Due Process Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 1, Sec. 8 of the Nevada Constitution.

- 17. That Defendant BANK's priority lien interest is protected from the relief sought by Plaintiff as set forth in the controlling homeowners' association documents of the homeowner's association.
- 18. That the super-priority lien was satisfied prior to the homeowner's association foreclosure under the doctrines of tender, estoppel, laches, or waiver.
- 19. That the circumstances of sale of the property violated the homeowner's association's obligation of good faith and duty to act in a commercially reasonable manner.
- 20. That the damages complained of, if there were any, were proximately contributed to or caused by the carelessness, negligence, fault or defects resulting from acts/omissions of other persons unknown to Defendant BANK at this time, and were not caused in any way by Defendant BANK or by persons for whom Defendant BANK is legally responsible.
- 21. Defendant BANK is entitled to have any award against it reduced or eliminated to the extent that the negligence, carelessness, or defect resulted from the acts/omissions or comparative fault of other persons that contributed to Plaintiff's damages, if any.
- 22. That Plaintiff, at all material times, calculated, knew and understood the risks inherent in the situations, actions, omissions and transactions upon which it now bases its various claims for relief, and with such knowledge, Plaintiff undertook and thereby assumed such risks and is consequently barred from all recovery by such assumption of risk.
- 23. To the extent that Plaintiff's interpretation of NRS 116.3116 is accurate, the statute, and Chapter 116, are void for vagueness as applied to this matter.

- 24. That Plaintiff lacks standing to bring some or all of its claims and causes of action.
- 25. That Defendant BANK was not provided proper notice of the "super-priority" assessment amounts and the homeowner association foreclosure sale, and any such notice provided to Defendant BANK failed to comply with the statutory and common law requirements of Nevada and with state and federal constitutional law.
  - 26. Defendant BANK avers the affirmative defense of failure to do equity.
- 27. That the homeowner association foreclosure sale is void for failure to comply with the provisions of NRS Chapter 116, and other provisions of law.
- 28. That the HOA sale is void or otherwise fails to extinguish the applicable deed of trust pursuant to the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.
- 29. That the HOA sale is void or otherwise fails to extinguish the applicable deed of trust pursuant to the Property Clause of the United States Constitution.
- 30. That Defendant BANK hereby reserves the right to add additional affirmative defenses as discovery progresses.

WHEREFORE, Defendant BANK prays for the following:

- 1. That Plaintiff take nothing by way of its Complaint;
- 2. That Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed in its entirety;
- 3. That Defendant BANK be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and the cost of suit incurred in defending this action; and
  - 4. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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# CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST ARMANDO A. CARIAS

COMES NOW, Defendant BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, and complains and avers against Cross-Defendant ARMANDO A. CARIAS, by way of this Cross-claim, as follows:

# **RELEVANT PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- 1. The BANK is an entity properly conducting business in the State of Nevada, which holds a security interest in certain real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Ave., North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada (hereinafter "Subject Property").
- 2. That BANK's security interest is in the form of a Note and Deed of Trust properly recorded on November 3, 2010, as instrument 201011030002714.
- 3. Defendant ARMANDO A. CARIAS is the borrower of the aforementioned debt and may be claiming an interest in the subject property (hereinafter "BORROWER").
- 4. The Cross-Defendant DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10, are set forth herein pursuant to Rule 10 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as all unknown persons or business entities currently unknown to BANK who have a claim to any interest in the subject matter of this action, whose true name(s) is (are) unknown to BANK, and who are believed to be responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Cross-claim, causing injuries and damages to the BANK, or who are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this Cross-claim. At such time when the names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES have been ascertained, BANK will request leave from the court to insert their true names and capacities and adjoin them in this action so that the Cross-claim will be amended to include the appropriate names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES.

5. Jurisdiction and venue are properly set in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.

# **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 6. The BORROWER is in default of the loan obligations owed BANK.
- 7. This same BORROWER was allegedly behind in his monthly homeowners association assessments causing the association to record a lien on the subject property and purportedly conduct a sale of the same on February 20, 2013, with a third party purchasing the same.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Declaratory Relief)

- 8. BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 7, and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 9. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the BORROWER concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 10. The association's lien sale may have transferred title to the subject property but it did not abrogate or otherwise affect the BANK's security interest in the property in the form of the Note and Deed of Trust which, if disputed by the BORROWER, causes the BANK's interests to be adverse to those of the BORROWER.
- 11. The BANK's rights, status and claims in relation to those of the BORROWER in the Subject Property are affected by multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
  - 12. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.
- 13. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the BANK is entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, status, and legal relations at issue in this matter.

14. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

# (Quiet Title)

- 15. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 14 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 16. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and the BORROWERS concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 17. The BANK's interests are adverse and exclusive to those alleged by the BORROWERS.
- 18. The BANK's rights, status and ownership of its security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust needs to be determined by the effect of multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
- 19. BANK's security interest in the subject property should be absolute without the BORROWERS, or anyone else, claiming an adverse interest therein.
- 20. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys to bring suit. Therefore pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

# WHEREFORE, BANK prays for relief as follows:

- 1. For a Declaratory Judgment properly adjudicating the parties' interest in the subject property;
- 2. For an order quieting title to the subject property recognizing BANK's security interest therein;

- 3. For reasonable attorney's fees;
- 4. For costs of suit; and,
- 5. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

# COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC AND CROSS-CLAIM AGAINST SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC AND SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, ET AL.

COMES NOW, Defendant BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, (hereinafter "BANK"), by and through undersigned counsel, asserts this counterclaim against Counterclaim Defendant ALESSI & KOENIG and cross-claim against Cross-Defendants SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC ("SFR") and SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ("SUTTER CREEK"), as follows:

# **RELEVANT PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- 1. The BANK is an entity properly conducting business in the State of Nevada, which holds a security interest in certain real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Ave., North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada (hereinafter "Subject Property")
- 2. That BANK's security interest is in the form of a Note and Deed of Trust properly recorded on November 3, 2010, as instrument number 201011030002714.
- 3. Cross-Defendant SFR is a Nevada Limited Liability Company conducting business in the State of Nevada.
- 4. Cross-Defendant Sutter Creek Homeowners Association is a homeowner's association located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Counterclaim Defendant A&K is a domestic limited liability company authorized to conduct business in the State of Nevada.

6. That Cross-Defendants DOES 1 through 10 and Cross-Defendants ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10, are set forth herein pursuant to Rule 10 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure as all unknown persons or business entities currently unknown to BANK who have a claim to any interest in the subject matter of this action, whose true name(s) is (are) unknown to BANK, and who are believed to be responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, causing injuries and damages to the BANK, or who are otherwise interested in the subject matter of this Complaint. At such time when the names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES have been ascertained, BANK will request leave from the court to insert their true names and capacities and adjoin them in this action so that the Complaint will be amended to include the appropriate names of said DOES and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES.

7. Jurisdiction and venue are properly set in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada.

# **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 8. Under Nevada law, homeowners' associations have the right to charge property owners residing within the community assessments to cover the homeowners' association's expenses for maintaining or improving the community, among other things.
- 9. When these assessments are not paid, the homeowners' association may both impose and foreclose on a lien.
- 10. A homeowners' association may impose a lien for "any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged" under NRS 116.3102(1)(j)-(n). NRS 116.3116(1).
- 11. NRS 116.3116 makes a homeowners' association lien for assessments junior to a first deed of trust beneficiary's secured interest in the property, with one limited exception: a homeowners' association lien is senior to a first deed of trust beneficiary's secured interest "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 {30819399;1}

during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien[.]" NRS 116.3116(2)(c).

12. According to the Nevada Supreme Court's recent decision in *SFR Investments Pool 1*, *LLC v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*, 334 P.3d 408 (Nev. 2014), certain HOA liens have super-priority status and proper HOA foreclosures of those liens can extinguish first deeds of trust.

# The HOA Lien and Foreclosure

- 13. Upon information and belief, Borrower failed to pay the HOA, SUTTER CREEK, all amounts due to it. Accordingly, SUTTER CREEK, through its trustee, ALESSI & KOENIG, initiated foreclosure of its lien. SFR purportedly purchased the subject property at a homeowners' association lien sale on February 20, 2013, which association lien was purportedly recorded on February 28, 2013, as instrument number 201302260003889, approximately twenty-seven (27) months after BANK's security interest was recorded.
- 14. Prior to the alleged foreclosure of the subject property, the BANK retained counsel Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom, & Winters, LLP ("MILES BAUER") to determine the last nine months of delinquent assessments, which was the maximum amount SUTTER CREEK could claim had superpriority over the BANK's deed of trust. *See* Exhibit 1.
- 15. The BANK tendered to ALESSI & KOENIG the amount of the super-priority lien. See Exhibit 2.
- 16. SUTTER CREEK through its trustee ALESSI & KOENIG refused to accept the BANK's tender and proceeded with foreclosure of the subject property and, upon information and belief, sold it for an amount far below the value of the BANK's deed of trust and far below market value.
- 17. The sale of the subject property was commercially unreasonable and not in good faith as required by NRS 116.1113.
- 18. ALESSI & KOENIG, SUTTER CREEK, and SFR were all aware prior to the sale of the subject property of a split among Nevada courts concerning the ability to eliminate the BANK's first deed of trust by foreclosing, and proceeded to sell the subject property for an extremely depressed price due to the legal uncertainty.

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- 19. This foreclosure sale was commercially unreasonable because the manner in which ALESSI & KOENIG conducted the sale, including the notices it provided, the legal uncertainty concerning the effect of the sale, and other circumstances surrounding the sale, was not calculated to attract proper perspective purchasers, and thus could not promote an equitable sales price of the subject property.
- 20. The foreclosure sale was commercially unreasonable because SUTTER CREEK through ALESSI & KOENIG refused to accept the BANK's tender and thereby deprived the BANK of its ability to reasonably protect its interest.
- 21. The foreclosure sale was invalid and did not extinguish the BANK's first deed of trust because SUTTER CREEK through ALESSI & KOENIG's refusal to accept the BANK's tender extinguished any super-priority lien held by SUTTER CREEK. To the extent that the sale extinguished the BANK's first deed of trust due to the wrongful conduct of ALESSI & KOENIG and SUTTER CREEK, both are liable to the BANK for damages.
- 22. SFR is taking the position that the association lien sale abrogated BANK's security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust pursuant to NRS 116.3116.
- That SFR is taking the position that its alleged ownership in the subject property is 23. free and clear of BANK's security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust.
- 24. The association's lien sale may have transferred title to the subject property but it did not abrogate or otherwise affect the BANK's security interest in the property in the form of the note and deed of trust which, if disputed by SFR and SUTTER CREEK, causes the BANK's interests to be adverse to those of SFR and SUTTER CREEK.

# **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

# (Declaratory Relief)

25. BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9, and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.

- 26. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and SFR, SUTTER CREEK and A&K concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 27. The BANK's rights, status and claims in relation to those of A&K, SFR and SUTTER CREEK in the Subject Property are affected by multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
  - 28. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.
- 29. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the BANK is entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, status, and legal relations at issue in this matter.
- 30. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

# (Quiet Title)

- 31. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 15 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 32. A true and justifiable controversy exists between the BANK and A&K, SFR and SUTTER CREEK concerning their alleged interests in the Subject Property.
- 33. The BANK's interest are adverse and superior to those alleged by A&K, SFR and SUTTER CREEK.
- 34. The BANK's rights, status and ownership of its security interest in the form of a note and deed of trust needs to be determined by the effect of multiple statutes and relevant case law regarding real estate and lien priority.
- 35. The BANK's security interest in the subject property should be absolute without A&K, SFR or SUTTER CREEK, or anyone else, claiming an adverse interest therein.

36. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Wrongful Foreclosure)

- 37. The BANK repeats and realleges each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 21 and incorporates the same as though fully set forth herein.
- 38. Upon information and belief, prior to the foreclosure of the Property, A&K and SUTTER CREEK failed to provide the BANK with, or accept tender of, the super-priority amount of the HOA's lien.
- 39. The BANK's tender attempt extinguished the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien. Consequently, A&K and SUTTER CREEK's foreclosure of the super-priority portion of SUTTER CREEK'S lien was wrongful, as the Borrower was not in default for that portion of the lien.
- 40. A&K and SUTTER CREEK's wrongful foreclosure has put the first priority position of the BANK's deed of trust in dispute.
- 41. The BANK is entitled to an order establishing that its deed of trust is the senior lien encumbering the Subject Property or, in the alternative, monetary damages equal to the value secured by its first deed of trust that was purportedly extinguished as a direct result of A&K and SUTTER CREEK's wrongful foreclosure.
- 42. The HOA sale also failed to comport with the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution.
- 43. Because the HOA sale was wrongful, SFR's title to the property is invalid and subject to the BANA first deed of trust.

44. The BANK has found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. Therefore, pursuant to state statutes and prevailing case law, the BANK is entitled to any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorney's fees and costs of suit.

# **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, the BANK prays for relief as follows:

- 1. For a Declaratory Judgment properly adjudicating the parties' interests in the subject property.
- 2. For an order quieting title to the subject property recognizing the BANK's security interest therein;
- 3. For an order declaring the foreclosure sale wrongful and invalid;
- 4. For reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit; and,
- 5. For such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

DATED this 16th day of April, 2015.

# AKERMAN LLP

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 16th day of April, 2015 and pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I served through this Court's electronic service notification system ("Wiznet") a true and correct copy of the foregoing BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'S AMENDED ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND CROSS-CLAIMS AGAINST SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC AND SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION addressed to:

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Sutter Creek Homeowners Association C/o THE ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 West Flamingo Rd., Ste 205 Las Vegas, NV 89147

SENT VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Re:

Property Address: 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89032

MBBW File No. 12-H1126

## Dear Sirs:

This letter is in response to your Notice of Default with regard to the HOA assessments purportedly owed on the above described real property. This firm represents the interests of MERS as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANA") with regard to these issues. BANA is the beneficiary/servicer of the first deed of trust loan secured by the property.

As you know, NRS 116.3116 governs liens against units for assessments. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116:

The association has a lien on a unit for:

any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to paragraphs (j) to (n), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 116.3102 are enforceable as assessments under this section

While the HOA may claim a lien under NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n) of this Statute clearly provide that such a lien is JUNIOR to first deeds of trust to the extent the lien is for fees and charges imposed for collection and/or attorney fees, collection costs, late fees, service charges and interest. See Subsection 2(b) of NRS 116.3116, which states in pertinent part:

2. A lien under this section is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except:

(b) A first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent...

The lien is also prior to all security interests described in paragraph (b) to the extent of the assessments for common expenses...which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Subsection 2b of NRS 116.3116 clearly provides that an HOA lien "is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except: a first security interest on the unit..." But such a lien is prior to a first security interest to the extent of the assessments for common expenses which would have become due during the 9 months before institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Based on Section 2(b), a portion of your HOA lien is arguably senior to BANA's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment dated April 4, 2012. For purposes of calculating the nine-month period, the trigger date is the date the HOA sought to enforce its lien. It is unclear, based upon the information known to date, what amount the nine months' of common assessments pre-dating the NOD actually are. That amount, whatever it is, is the amount BANA should be required to rightfully pay to fully discharge its obligations to the HOA per NRS 116.3102 and my client hereby offers to pay that sum upon presentation of adequate proof of the same by the HOA.

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

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter. I may be reached by phone directly at (702) 942-0412. Please fax the breakdown of the HOA arrears to my attention at (702) 942-0411. I will be in touch as soon as I've reviewed the same with BANA.

Sincerely,

MILES, BAUER, BERGSTROM & WINTERS, LLP

Rock K. Jung, Esq.

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June 28, 2012

Re:

ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 W. FLAMINGO ROAD, SUITE 100 LAS VEGAS, NV 89147

Property Address: 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue

HO #: 30455

LOAN #: 224417557 MBBW File No. 12-H1126

### Dear Sir/Madame:

As you may recall, this firm represents the interests of Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANA") with regard to the issues set forth herein. We have received correspondence from your firm regarding our inquiry into the "Super Priority Demand Payoff" for the above referenced property. The Statement of Account provided by you in regards to the above-referenced address shows a full payoff amount of \$2,930.00. BANA is the beneficiary/servicer of the first deed of trust loan secured by the property and wishes to satisfy its obligations to the HOA. Please bear in mind that:

NRS 116.3116 governs liens against units for assessments. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116:

The association has a lien on a unit for:

any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to paragraphs (j) to (n), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 116.3102 are enforceable as assessments under this section

While the HOA may claim a lien under NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n) of this Statute clearly provide that such a lien is JUNIOR to first deeds of trust to the extent the lien is for fees and charges imposed for collection and/or attorney fees, collection costs, late fees, service charges and interest. See Subsection 2(b) of NRS 116.3116, which states in pertinent part:

2. A lien under this section is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except:

(b) A first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent...

The lien is also prior to all security interests described in paragraph (b) to the extent of the assessments for common expenses...which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Based on Section 2(b), a portion of your HOA lien is arguably prior to BANA's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment. As stated above, the payoff amount stated by you includes many fees that are junior to our client's first deed of trust pursuant to the aforementioned NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n).

Our client has authorized us to make payment to you in the amount of \$720.00 to satisfy its obligations to the HOA as a holder of the first deed of trust against the property. Thus, enclosed you will find a cashier's check made out to Alessi & Koenig, LLC in the sum of \$720.00, which represents the maximum 9 months worth of delinquent assessments recoverable by an HOA. This is a non-negotiable amount and any endorsement of said cashier's check on your part, whether express or implied, will be strictly construed as an unconditional acceptance on your part of the facts stated herein and express agreement that BANA's financial obligations towards the HOA in regards to the real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue have now been "paid in full".

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached by phone directly at (702) 942-0412.

Sincerely,

MILES, BAUER, BERGSTROM & WINTERS, LLP

Rock K. Jung, Esq.

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Initials: SRN

Payee: Alessi & Koenig, LLC

Check #: 15746

Date: 6/27/2012 Amount:

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Plaintiff,

ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, BANK SUCCESSOR AMERICA, N.A., BYOF BAC **MERGER** HOME LOANS TO SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, unknown entity, DOES INDIVIDUALS 1-X, inclusive, and ROE CORPORATIONS XI-XXX, inclusive,

Defendants.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY HOME LOANS MERGER TO BAC SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a National Association,

Cross-Claimant,

ARMANDO A. CARIAS, an individual, SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, SUTTER CREEK ASSOCIATION, HOMEOWNERŠ' homeowner's association

Cross-Defendants.

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Case No. A-13-684501-C Dept. No. XXI

**OF ORDER GRANTING** BANK N.A.'S **MOTION** TO AMERICA, **AND** AMEND **PLEADINGS** ADD **PARTIES** 

	1 2	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, a National Association,
	3	Cross-Claimant,
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	5	SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC, a domestic
1	6	Limited Liability Company, SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, an unknown
	7	entity, and DOES 1 through 10 and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES 1 through 10,
	8	Cross-Defendants.
	9	On February 17, 2015, Defendant Bank of America, N.A. (Bank of America) filed its
	10	Motion for Leave to Amend its Answer to Add Affirmative Defenses and to Join Parties to Add
	UITE 330 144 ) 380-8572	Claims. Having examined the Motion for Leave, noting no opposition filed, and for good cause
<u>م</u>	SUITH 89144 702) 380	showing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Bank of America's motion is granted.
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Counterclaimant/Cross-Defendant SFR INVESTMENTS POOL 1, LLC ("SFR" or "Cross-Defendant"), hereby answers BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP's ("BANA" or "the Bank") Cross-Claim as follows:

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# **RELEVANT PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- 1. Answering paragraph 1 of the cross-claim, upon information and belief, SFR admits that the Bank is an entity conducting business in the State of Nevada and that the subject matter of this litigation is the real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89032; Parcel No. 139-08-410-014 (the "Property"). To the extent the paragraph 1 alleges that the Bank currently has a valid security interest in the Property, SFR denies such allegation. SFR is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining factual allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the cross-claim, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 2. The documents referenced in paragraphs 2 of the cross-claim speak for themselves, and SFR denies any allegations inconsistent with said documents. To the extent the paragraph 2 alleges the deed of trust is currently a valid security interest in the Property, SFR denies such allegation.
  - 3. SFR admits the factual allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the cross-claim.
- 4. Answering paragraph 4 of the cross-claim, upon information and belief, SFR admits that Sutter Creek Homeowners Association ("the Association") is a homeowner's association located in Clark County, Nevada.
- 5. Answering paragraph 5 of the cross-claim, upon information and belief, SFR admits that Alessi & Koenig, LLC ("the Association") is a Nevada limited liability company authorized to conduct business in the State of Nevada.
- 6. SFR is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the factual allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the cross-claim, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 7. The allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the complaint call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR admits the factual allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the complaint.

# **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

8. The allegations contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the cross-claim call for a legal

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conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR admits the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the cross-claim.

- 9. The statutes referenced in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the cross-claim speak for themselves and SFR denies any allegations inconsistent with said statutes.
- 10. The Nevada Supreme Court opinion referenced in paragraph 12 of the cross-claim speaks for itself, and SFR denies any allegations inconsistent with said opinion.
- 11. Answering paragraph 6 of the complaint, SFR admits upon information and belief, that SFR purchased the Property on February 20, 2013 at an association foreclosure sale. The remaining allegations in paragraph 6 of the third party complaint call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the third party complaint.

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- 12. Answering paragraph 13 of the cross-claim, SFR admits that it purchased the Property on February 20, 2013 at the Association foreclosure sale. The document referenced in paragraph 13 of the cross-claim speaks for itself, and SFR denies any allegations inconsistent with said document. Upon information and belief, Carias failed to pay the Association and Alessi & Koenig foreclosed on the Association's behalf. SFR is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining factual allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the cross-claim, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 13. Answering paragraph 14 of the cross-claim, the allegation regarding the maximum amount the Association "could claim had super- priority over the BANK's deed of trust," calls for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required to said allegation, SFR answers: deny. The documents referenced in paragraph 14 of the complaint speak for themselves, and SFR denies any allegations inconsistent with said documents. SFR is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining factual allegations in paragraph 14, and therefore denies the same.
- 14. The allegations in paragraph 15 of the cross-claim call for a legal conclusion therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies said allegations. The

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documents referenced in paragraph 15 of the complaint speak for themselves, and SFR denies any allegations inconsistent with said documents.

- 15. The allegations in paragraph 16 of the cross-claim regarding "tender" and "value" call for a legal conclusion therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies said allegations. SFR admits that Alessi proceeded with the foreclosure of the subject property. SFR is without sufficient knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining factual allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the cross-claim, and therefore denies said allegations.
- 16. The allegations in paragraphs 17, 19, 20, and 21 of the cross-claim calls for a legal conclusion therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 17, 19, 20, and 21 of the cross-claim.
  - 17. SFR denies the allegations in paragraph 18 of the cross-claim.
- 18. Answering paragraph 22 of the cross-claim, SFR denies that a note is a security interest. SFR admits it is taking the position that the Association's foreclosure sale extinguished the Bank's security interest in the Property.
- 19. Answering paragraph 23 of the cross-claim, SFR denies that a note is a security interest or that its ownership interest is merely "alleged." SFR admits it is taking the position that SFR owns title to the Property free and clear of the Bank's deed of trust.
- 20. Answering paragraph 24 of the cross-claim, SFR denies that a note is a security interest. SFR admits that the Association's sale transferred title to SFR and denies the remaining factual allegations in paragraph 24 of the cross-claim.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Declaratory Relief)

- 21. SFR repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 24 of the cross-claim as though fully set forth herein.
- 22. The allegations contained in paragraphs 26, 27, 28 and 29 of the cross-claim call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 26, 27, 28 and 29 of the cross-claim.

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23. SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 30 of the cross-claim.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

(Quiet Title)

- 24. SFR repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 30 of the cross-claim as though fully set forth herein.
- 25. The allegations contained in paragraphs 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the cross-claim call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 32, 33, 34 and 35 of the third party complaint.
  - 26. SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 36 of the cross-claim.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Wrongful Foreclosure)

- 27. SFR repeats and realleges its answers to paragraphs 1 through 36 of the cross-claim as though fully set forth herein.
- 28. The allegations contained in paragraphs 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 of the cross-claim call for a legal conclusion, therefore, no answer is required. To the extent an answer is required, SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraphs 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 of the third party complaint.
  - 29. SFR denies the factual allegations contained in paragraph 44 of the cross-claim.

# **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

- 1. BANA fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- 2. BANA is not entitled to relief from or against SFR, as BANA has not sustained any loss, injury, or damage that resulted from any act, omission, or breach by SFR.
- The occurrence referred to in the cross-claim, and all injuries and damages, if any, resulting therefrom, were caused by the acts or omissions of BANA.
- 4. The occurrence referred to in the cross-claim, and all injuries and damages, if any, resulting therefrom, were caused by the acts or omissions of a third party or parties over whom SFR had no control.

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- 5. SFR did not breach any statutory or common law duties allegedly owed to BANA.
- 6. BANA's claims are barred because SFR complied with applicable statutes and with the requirements and regulations of the State of Nevada.
- 7. BANA's causes of action are barred in whole or in part by the applicable statues of limitations or repose, or by the equitable doctrines of laches, waiver, estoppel, and ratification.
  - 8. BANA is not entitled to equitable relief because it has an adequate remedy at law.
- 9. BANA has no standing to enforce the first deed of trust and the underlying promissory note.
- 10. The first deed of trust and other subordinate interests in the Property were extinguished by the Association foreclosure sale held in accordance with NRS Chapter 116.
- 11. BANA did not satisfy the super-priority portion of the Association's lien by allegedly sending a check for less than the amount requested from the Association and placing conditions on acceptance of the check.
- 12. Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry at the time of filing this Answer. Therefore, SFR reserves the right to amend this Answer to assert any affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation warrants.

DATED May 8th, 2015.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of May, 2015, pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I served via the Eighth Judicial District Court electronic filing system, the foregoing Answer to Bank of America, N.A.'s Cross-Claim to the following parties:

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ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC and
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COUNTERCLAIM AND CROSSCLAIM

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Counter-Defendant/Cross-Defendants.

# ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC and SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S ANSWER TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'S COUNTERCLAIM AND CROSS-CLAIM

COME NOW, Cross-Defendants SUTTER CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION and ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Cross-Defendants"), by and through their attorney of record, Steven T. Loizzi, Jr., Esq. of ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC, and files their Answer to Cross-Claimant, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.'S COUNTERCLAIM AND CROSS-CLAIM as follows:

- 1. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 1 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 2. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 2 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.

- 3. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 3 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 4. Cross-Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Cross-Claim.
- 5. Cross-Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Cross-Claim.
- 6. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 6 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 7. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 7 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 8. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 8 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 9. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 9 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 10. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 10 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 11. Cross-Defendants aver that the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Cross-Claim state legal conclusions for which no response is required by the answering Cross-

Defendants; provided however, that to the extent said Paragraph does require a response, Cross-Defendants deny said allegations.

- 12. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 12 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 13. Cross-Defendants admit the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Cross-Claim.
- 14. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 14 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 15. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Cross-Claim.
- 16. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Cross-Claim.
- 17. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Cross-Claim.
- 18. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Cross-Claim.
- 19. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Cross-Claim.
- 20. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Cross-Claim.
- 21. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Cross-Claim.
- 22. Cross-Defendants lack sufficient knowledge and information to determine the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of the Cross-Claim and on this basis deny each and every allegation.
- 23. Cross-Defendants lack sufficient knowledge and information to determine the truth or falsity of the allegations contained in Paragraph 23 of the Cross-Claim and on this basis deny each and every allegation.

- 24. Cross-Defendants aver that the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of the Cross-Claim state legal conclusions for which no response is required by the answering Cross-Defendants; provided however, that to the extent said Paragraph does require a response, Cross-Defendants deny said allegations.
- 25. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 25 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 26. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 26 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 27. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 27 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 28. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 28 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 29. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 29 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 30. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of the Cross-Claim.
- 31. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 31 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.

- 32. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 32 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 33. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 of the Cross-Claim.
- 34. Cross-Defendants aver that the allegations contained in Paragraph 34 of the Cross-Claim state legal conclusions for which no response is required by the answering Cross-Defendants; provided however, that to the extent said Paragraph does require a response, Cross-Defendants deny said allegations.
- 35. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 35 of the Cross-Claim.
- 36. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 36 of the Cross-Claim.
- 37. No charging allegations are contained in Paragraph 37 of the Cross-Claim which the answering Cross-Defendants need reply. To the extent said Paragraph contains any allegations they are denied.
- 38. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 38 of the Cross-Claim.
- 39. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 39 of the Cross-Claim.
- 40. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 40 of the Cross-Claim.
- 41. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 41 of the Cross-Claim.
- 42. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 42 of the Cross-Claim.
- 43. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 43 of the Cross-Claim.
- 44. Cross-Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 44 of the Cross-Claim.

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Cross-Defendants affirmatively allege that Cross-Defendants have not yet had a reasonable opportunity to complete discovery, and facts hereinafter may be discovered which

may substantiate other affirmative defenses not listed below. By this Answer to Cross-Claimant's Cross-Claim, Cross-Defendants waive no affirmative defenses and reserve their right to amend the Answer to insert any subsequently discovered affirmative defenses.

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Failure to State a Claim)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant has failed to state facts sufficient to constitute any cause of action against Cross-Defendant.

# SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Failure to Mitigate Damages)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant's claims are barred in whole or in part because of Cross-Claimant's failure to take reasonable steps to mitigate damages, if any.

# THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Equitable Defense, Laches, Unclean Hands, Failure to do Equity)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant's claims are barred by the equitable doctrine of laches, unclean hands, and failure to do equity.

# FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Breach of Contract)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant substantially and materially breached the obligations/contract complained of prior to commencement of this action which conduct extinguishes the right to maintain this action.

# FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Bad Faith)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant's Cross-Claim is filed in bad faith and has no merit.

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# SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Cross-Defendant acted in Good Faith)

Cross-Defendants are excused from any and all liability under the facts alleged in Cross-Claimant's claims for relief because at all material times, Cross-Defendants acted in good faith and conducted all material transactions in good faith.

# SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Cross-Claimant Not Entitled to Relief)

Cross-Defendants deny that Cross-Claimant is entitled to any relief for which they pray.

# EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Privilege)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant's claims are barred, in whole or in part, on the ground that Cross-Defendants' conduct as alleged in Cross-Claimant's Cross-Claim was privileged.

# NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Cross-Claimant's Own Negligence)

Cross-Claimant is barred from recovery, or said recovery, if any, must be proportionately reduced, as any injury or damage allegedly suffered by Cross-Claimant occurred as a proximate result of the negligence on their own part, in that Cross-Claimant failed to exercise ordinary care on their own behalf at the time and place alleged.

# TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Comparative Fault)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant was careless and negligent with respect to all matters alleged by them in their Cross-Claim and thus was comparatively at fault and proximately caused their own damages. Accordingly, any damages otherwise recoverable by Cross-Claimant, if any, should be reduced in proportion to their own negligence or omission.

# ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Assumption of Risk)

Cross-Claimant, at all material times, calculated, knew and understood the risks inherent in the situations, actions, omissions and transactions upon which they now base their various claims for relief, and with such knowledge, Cross-Claimant undertook and thereby assumed such risk and is consequently barred from all recovery by such assumption of risk.

# TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (No Proximate Cause)

The acts or omissions of Cross-Defendants alleged in Cross-Claimant's claims for relief were not a proximate cause of the loss or damage for which Cross-Claimant seeks recovery.

# THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Suffered No Damages)

Cross-Defendants allege that Cross-Claimant's claims are barred because Cross-Claimant suffered no damages as a result of the allegations in the Cross-Claim.

# FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Cross-Claimant's Omissions)

Cross-Defendants allege that, by reason of their own acts and omissions, Cross-Claimant has waived their right to assert the claims they have asserted against Cross-Defendants.

# FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE (Additional Affirmative Defenses)

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

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## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Cross-Defendants pray for judgment as follows:

- 1. That Cross-Claimant recover nothing on account of the claims made in the Cross-Claim;
- 2. For reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit incurred herein;
- 3. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

DATED this 7+5 day of May, 2015.

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16	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR				
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Cross-Defendants.

Defendant Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP (BANA or Defendant) moves for summary judgment against SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC (SFR).

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## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP will bring the foregoing **DEFENDANT BANK OF AMERICA**, N.A.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY **JUDGMENT** for hearing before the Twenty-First Judicial District Court, located at the Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155, on the 9 day of Dec 2015, at the hour of 9:30a o'clock a.m.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

## **INTRODUCTION**

This is an HOA interpleader and quiet title action. Alessi & Koenig, LLC (Plaintiff) alleges that it conducted an HOA foreclosure sale of real property and seeks to deposit the proceeds of the sale with the Court for distribution. BANA asserted cross-claims against the purported purchaser of the property at the HOA sale, SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC (HOA Purchaser), for quiet title, declaratory relief, and unjust enrichment. BANA is entitled to summary judgment against SFR because it tendered payment of the HOA's super-priority lien prior to the foreclosure sale, thereby extinguishing the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien. A tender redeems the limited priority given to the HOA lien. See "The Six-Month Limited Priority Lien for Association Fees Under the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act", pg. 12 (June 1, 2013); Department of Business and Industry, Real Estate Division, Advisory Opinion 13-01. BANA's attempted tender redeemed its lien priority expressly given to it under NRS 116.3116(2)(b). The HOA, however, improperly rejected BANA's tender and sold the property for a commercially unreasonable value. Consequently, to the extent the HOA Purchaser received any interest in the subject property at the HOA's foreclosure sale, that interest is subordinate to BANA's senior deed of trust.

BANA is also entitled to summary judgment on its cross-claims and Plaintiff's complaint because NRS 116, et seq. (the HOA Lien Statute) is facially unconstitutional for reasons recognized by a broad consensus of federal and state court decisions. In particular, the HOA Lien Statute is unconstitutional for failing to require that mortgagees receive actual notice of HOA foreclosure sales. The Due Process Clause requires, under all circumstances, that a statute authorizing extinguishment of a lien in a foreclosure sale also mandate actual notice to those lienholders. No provision of NRS 116 mandates actual notice to mortgagees prior to an HOA's foreclosure sale; indeed by substituting a request-notice or "opt-in" notice provision for an actual-notice provision, the statute effectively waives actual notice.

Finally, BANA is also entitled to summary judgment because the HOA foreclosure sale is void based on the doctrine of commercial reasonableness. The property sold for \$21,000.00, which 1160 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, SULLE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89144
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is 21.8% of the value of the property as determined by BANA's expert. This wide discrepancy in payment should be closely scrutinized by the Court, and demonstrates that the foreclosure sale was unreasonable as a matter of law. For these reasons, the Court should grant summary judgment in favor of BANA against SFR.

## II.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

- On or about October 27, 2010, Armando Carias (Borrower) purchased real property 1. located at 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032 (the Property) via a loan in the amount of \$74,642, which was secured by a Deed of Trust (the Deed of Trust). On October 27, 2010, Borrower executed this Deed of Trust in favor of W.J. Bradley Mortgage Corp. (Bradley Mortgage), with Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc. (MERS) as the beneficiary. Bradley Mortgage recorded the Deed of Trust on November 3, 2010. A true and correct copy of the Deed of Trust is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- On March 2, 2012, MERS assigned the Deed of Trust to Bank of America, N.A., 2. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP. BANA recorded the Assignment of Deed of Trust on January 26, 2012. A true and correct copy of the Assignment to BAC Home Loans is attached as Exhibit B.
- On February 23, 2012, Sutter Creek Homeowners Association (HOA), through its 3. agent Plaintiff, recorded a Notice of Claim of Delinquent Assessment Lien (Lien). The Lien stated that the amount due to the HOA was \$965.00, which included assessments, late fees, interest, and fees. A true and correct copy of the Lien is attached as Exhibit C. The Lien neither identified the super-priority amount claimed by the HOA, nor described the "deficiency in payment" required by NRS 116.31162(1)(b)(1).
- On May 8, 2012, the HOA, through Plaintiff, recorded a Notice of Default and 4. Election to Sell Under Homeowners Association Lien. The Notice stated the amount due to the HOA was \$2,290, which included assessments, dues, interest, and fees. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Default is attached as Exhibit D. The Notice neither identified the super-priority amount

- 5. By letter dated June 5, 20102, after the Notice of Default was recorded, BANA, through its counsel at Miles Bauer Bergstrom & Winters (Miles Bauer) contacted Plaintiff, as agent for the HOA, and requested a payoff ledger detailing the amounts owed to the HOA in an attempt to determine the super-priority amount. BANA sought this information so that it could tender the full super-priority amount to the Plaintiff. A true and correct copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit E.
- 6. The HOA responded on June 15, 2012, attaching a ledger showing the monthly assessment amount was \$75.00 per month through January 1, 2012 and \$80.00 per month after January 1, 2012. A true and correct copy of this letter is attached as **Exhibit 2** to **Exhibit E**.
- 7. On June 28, 2012, BANA, through Miles Bauer, tendered payment of \$720.00 (representing 9 months assessments at \$80.00 per month) to Plaintiff on or about June 28, 2012. A true and correct copy of this letter is attached as **Exhibit 3** to **Exhibit E**.
- 8. The HOA, through Plaintiff, received and then ultimately rejected BANA's full super-priority tender. See Exhibit 4 and Exhibit 5 to Exhibit E.
- 9. Instead, the HOA, through Plaintiff, recorded a Notice of Trustee's Sale on January 22, 2013, setting the sale for February 20, 2013. The Notice stated the amount due to the HOA was \$4,285.00. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Sale is attached as **Exhibit F**. The Notice of Sale neither identified the super-priority amount claimed by the HOA, nor described the "deficiency in payment" required by NRS 116.31162(1)(b)(1).
- 10. On February 20, 2013, the HOA, through Plaintiff, non-judicially foreclosed on the Property, selling the Property to the HOA Purchaser for \$21,000.00. The HOA Purchaser recorded the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale on February 26, 2013. A true and correct copy of the Trustee's Deed is attached as **Exhibit G**.

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III.

## STANDARD OF REVIEW

Summary judgment is proper where there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Nev. R. Civ. P. 56(c); Wood v. Safeway, Inc., 121 P.3d 1026, 1030 (Nev. 2005). The moving party may discharge the burden of demonstrating the absence of a genuine issue of material fact by pointing out the absence of evidence to support the nonmoving party's case. See Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 332 (1986); Cuzze v. Univ. & Cmty. Coll. Sys. of Nev., 172 P.3d 131, 134 (Nev. 2007). Although the court must view the facts and inferences therefrom in a light most favorable to the nonmoving party, in order to withstand a motion for summary judgment, the nonmoving party must establish specific facts showing that there is a genuine issue of material fact for trial. As such, a party opposing a motion for summary judgment may not rest on the mere allegations or denials of the pleadings, but must set forth or point to specific evidence showing that there is a genuine issue of material fact. Further, the existence of a "mere scintilla of evidence" in support of the nonmoving party's position is insufficient to overcome a motion for summary judgment. See Gunning v. Cooley, 281 U.S. 90, 94 (1930); British Airways Bd. v. Boeing Co., 585 F.2d 946, 952 (9th Cir. 1978); Ray v. Continental W. Ins. Co., 920 F. Supp. 1094, 1100 (D. Nev. 1996).

As discussed below, the Court should grant BANA's motion for summary judgment for at least three reasons: (1) BANA's super-priority tender extinguished that potion of the HOA's lien prior to the foreclosure sale; (2) the HOA Lien Statute is facially unconstitutional under the Due Process Clause; and (3) the HOA's sale of the property was commercially unreasonable.

IV.

## **ARGUMENT**

### BANA's Tender Extinguished the Super Priority Portion of the HOA's Lien. Α.

BANA is entitled to summary judgment because its tender to the HOA of the super-priority amount extinguished that portion of the HOA's lien prior to the foreclosure sale. Investments, the Nevada Supreme Court explained that a junior lienholder has the option of paying off a super-priority lien to avert loss of its security. SFR Investments Pool 1 v. U.S. Bank, 334 P.3d

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408, 414 (Nev. 2014). Here, BANA paid the super-priority amount prior to the sale, and thus preserved the first-priority position of its Deed of Trust.

Both the drafters of the HOA Lien Statute and the Nevada agency charged with its enforcement agree with BANA's position—tender of the super-priority amount preserves a first deed of trust holder's interest in the foreclosed property. The drafters of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (UCIOA), adopted by Nevada as the HOA Lien Statute, contemplated this result when drafting the super-priority provision, stating that "[a]s a practical matter, secured lenders will most likely pay the [nine] months assessments demanded by the association rather than having the association foreclose on the unit." 1982 UCIOA § 3116 cmt. 1 (cited with approval in SFR Investments, 334 P.3d at 414). Further, the Nevada Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry (NRED), the agency charged with administering the HOA Lien Statute, has explained "The super priority lien based on assessments may not exceed 9 months of assessments as reflected in the association's budget, and it may not include penalties, fees, late charges, fines or interest." 13-01 Op. Dep't of Bus. & Indus., Real Estate Div. 18 (2012) (hereinafter NRED Letter); see also Folio v. Briggs, 656 P.2d 842, 844 (Nev. 1983) (explaining that courts "are obligated to attach substantial weight to [an] agency's interpretation" of a statute it is charged with administering). This super-priority amount is equal to the amount of assessments that "would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the nine months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien. . . . " See NRS 116.3116(2); accord NRED Letter (explaining that "the total amount of the super priority lien attributable to assessments is no more than 9 months of the monthly assessments reflected in the association's budget.").

In this case, BANA tendered the super-priority amount to Plaintiff prior to the foreclosure sale. See Exhibit E. Shortly after Plaintiff recorded the Notice of Default and Election to Sell, BANA, through its counsel at Miles Bauer, contacted Plaintiff and requested a payoff ledger detailing the super-priority amount of the HOA's lien. In accordance with the payoff ledger, BANA

The Nevada Supreme Court cited to the official comments to UCIOA extensively when evaluating the HOA Lien Statute in SFR Investments, 334 P.3d at 412 ("An official comment written by the drafters of a statute and available to the legislature before the statute is enacted has considerable weight as an aid to statutory construction.").

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calculated the super-priority portion and tendered a check to Plaintiff on or about June 28, 2012 in the amount of \$720.00. See id. By tendering the full super-priority amount prior to the foreclosure, BANA extinguished the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien, thus redeeming the first-priority position of BANA's Deed of Trust prior to the foreclosure sale.

Given that the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien was extinguished prior to the foreclosure sale, the HOA Purchaser's interest in the Property, if any, is subordinate to BANA's senior Deed of Trust pursuant to NRS 116.31164(3)(a). This provision provides that the purchaser at an HOA foreclosure receives "a deed without warranty which conveys to the grantee all title of the unit's owner to the unit." NRS 116.31164(3)(a) (emphasis added). Put differently, under Nevada law, the HOA lost the ability to pass clear title when BANA's tender extinguished the superpriority lien. According to SFR Investments, the drafters of the UCIOA, and the NRED, tender of the super-priority amount prior to an HOA foreclosure extinguishes the super-priority portion of an HOA's lien, thus preserving the first-priority position of the respective deed of trust. Because BANA tendered the full super-priority amount prior to the HOA's foreclosure sale in this case, the super-priority portion of the HOA's lien was extinguished, preserving the first-priority position of BANA's Deed of Trust. Consequently, to the extent the HOA Purchaser received any interest in the Property by way of the HOA foreclosure sale, such interest is junior to BANA's senior Deed of Trust. Accordingly, this Court should grant BANA's motion for summary judgment.

### NRS 116 is Facially Unconstitutional under the Due Process Clause. В.

This Court should grant summary judgment in favor of BANA because NRS Chapter 116 is facially unconstitutional under the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution. The HOA Lien Statute does not mandate actual notice to a deed of trust holder prior to an HOA's foreclosure of its super-priority lien. Rather, the HOA Lien Statute impermissibly requires those with a security interest in a Nevada property subject to an HOA lien to "opt-in" to their constitutional protections by requesting notice prior to the HOA's foreclosure—a requirement that fails to provide the actual notice guaranteed by the Due Process Clause. As such, the HOA Lien Statute is invalid on its face.

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## The HOA Lien Statute does not ensure notice and an opportunity to be heard 1. prior to the elimination of property rights.

The HOA Lien Statute is unconstitutional because it does not ensure that mortgagees with a potential loss of their property interests will receive notice and an opportunity to be heard.<sup>2</sup> An "elementary and fundamental requirement of due process . . . is notice reasonably calculated, under all circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of an action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950) (emphasis added). The United States Supreme Court has applied this standard in the same context as this case—where a mortgagee's property interest was purportedly extinguished by a non-judicial foreclosure. Mennonite Bd. of Missions v. Adams, 462 U.S. 791, 800 (1983). The Mennonite Court held that the Due Process Clause required that "[n]otice by mail or other means as certain to ensure actual notice [to the mortgagee] is a minimum constitutional precondition" to a non-judicial foreclosure sale that can extinguish he mortgagee's interest. Id. Put simply, the U.S. Constitution requires that non-judicial foreclosure statutes mandate actual notice of a pending foreclosure sale to any mortgagee whose security interest may be extinguished by that foreclosure sale.

Nevada's HOA Lien Statute does not require that mortgagees be provided with actual notice of the HOA foreclosure sales that can extinguish their property interests. Instead, mortgagees receive notice only if they have previously requested notice from the HOA. In NRS 116.31163, the statute provides that a notice of default and election to sell need be provided only to a mortgagee who "has requested notice" or "has notified the association" more than thirty days before the recordation of the notice of default of the existence of a security interest. NRS 116.31163(1)-(2). Section 116.31165 similarly requires that notice of an HOA foreclosure sale be sent only to those mortgagees who have requested notice under NRS 116.31163, or those who have "notified the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A foreclosure under the HOA Lien Statute alleged to have extinguished a first deed of trust is state action subject to a due-process challenge. See Culbertson v. Leland, 528 F.2d 426 (9th Cir. 1975) (holding that a private innkeeper's seizure of property without notice pursuant to the state innkeeper's lien statute constituted state action and violated due process).

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association." NRS 116.31165(1)(b)(1)-(2). A third provision concerning notice of delinquent assessments does not require notice to mortgagees at all. NRS 116.31162.

The bottom line is that the HOA Lien Statute allows for the total extinguishment of the first deed of trust without any notice to the mortgagee holding that deed. If a mortgagee does not request notice—or, put differently, fails to opt in to its rights to due process—Nevada law permits the extinguishment of a first deed of trust without notice. Such a result is in direct contravention of Mennonite, which held that actual notice is required in all circumstances where a significant property interest was subject to extinguishment. "[A] party's ability to take steps to safeguard its interests does not relieve the State of its constitutional obligation." 462 U.S. at 799.

While Mennonite did not specifically address an opt-in or request-notice provision such as the one created by Nevada law, a broad consensus has emerged in state and federal courts that such provisions are unconstitutional under Mennonite. The Fifth Circuit, for instance, considered a Louisiana statute that required notice of a foreclosure sale only to those persons who had filed a request for such notice in the mortgage records. Small Engine Shop, Inc. v. Cascio, 878 F.2d 883, 885-86 (5th Cir. 1989). The Fifth Circuit applied Mullane and Mennonite, and held that the statute "as interpreted by the district court, cannot be squared with Mennonite's allocation of notice burdens." Id. at 890. Moreover, a slew of state-court decisions have reached the same conclusion regarding the validity of opt-in notice statutes.<sup>3</sup>

See, e.g., Jefferson Tp. v. Block 447A, 548 A.2d 521, 524 (N.J. 1988) ("We conclude that a person's entitlement to the notice required by due process cannot be conditioned on the requirement that he request it."); Wylie v. Patton, 720 P.2d 649, 655 (Idaho 1986) (holding opt-in scheme unconstitutional because the Constitution requires notice "both to mortgagees of record who have requested such a notice and to mortgagees of record who have not requested such a notice"); Reeder & Assocs. v. Locker, 542 N.E.2d 1371, 1373 (Ind. Ct. App. 1989) ("[A]fter Mennonite a mortgagee is required to receive actual notice of a tax sale unless the mortgagee's address is not reasonably identifiable."); City of Boston v. James, 530 N.E.2d 1254 (Mass. App. Ct. 1988) (holding that a "shifting of responsibility" from the foreclosing party to the mortgagee is unconstitutional "even when the persons deprived of notice are sophisticated and knowledgeable"); Seattle First National Bank v. Umatilla County, 713 P.2d 33 (Or. App. 1986) (holding that statute permitting notice only to mortgagee who makes request unconstitutional as violating affirmative duty to provide notice); In re Foreclosure of Tax Liens, 103 A.D.2d 636, 640 (N.Y. App. Div. 1984) ("The Erie County statutes create a real danger that a mortgagee will be forever divested of his property without ever learning of the impending foreclosure."); United States v. Malinka, 685 P.2d 405, 409 (Okla. Civ. App. 1984)

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In the context of Nevada's HOA Lien Statute specifically, the Clark County district courts have already issued holdings in agreement with Mennonite that the HOA Lien Statute is facially unconstitutional. On May 7, 2015, for instance, Judge Delaney concluded as a matter of law that NRS Chapter 116 facially violated the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments because the "opt-in" notice provisions do not mandate actual notice to lenders before depriving them of their property rights. See Octavio Cano-Martinez v. HSBC Bank USA, N.A., Dist. Ct. Case No. A-692027-C (EJDC) (May 7, 2015). According to the court, "[b]ecause the Statute does not require the foreclosing party to take reasonable steps to ensure that actual notice is provided to interested parties who are reasonably ascertainable . . . it does not comport with long standing principles of constitutional due process." Id. at 3. In making this determination, Judge Delaney expressly rejected the plaintiff's argument that NRS 107.090 salvaged the constitutionality of Chapter 116. Specifically, the court noted that "Plaintiff's construction of NRS 107.090 as mandating notice to lenders before foreclosure would render superfluous the express 'opt-in' notice provisions contained in NRS 116.3116, in violation of rules of statutory construction." Id. at 4. Judge Walsh and Judge Israel also recently recognized the validity of this argument in Zaisan Enterprises LLC v. Green Tree Servicing, LLC, Dist. Ct. Case No. A-13-690281-C (June 9, 2015), and Saticoy Bay LLC Series 350 Durango 104 v. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, et al., Dist. Ct. Case No. A-13-688410 (June 9, 2015), respectively. Judge Cory joined these holdings as well in mid-June 2015. Thus, as Judges Delaney, Walsh, Cory, and Israel note, the HOA Lien Statute does not meet minimum due process requirements. Because the HOA Lien Statute does not require that a mortgagee receive actual notice prior to a foreclosure sale that purportedly extinguishes its property interest, the statute is invalid on its face, in turn, invalidating the foreclosure on which Plaintiff's interpleader action depends. Accordingly, this Court should grant summary judgment in favor of BANA.

<sup>(&</sup>quot;Mennonite clearly places the onus on the State to provide notice notwithstanding that a mortgagee might take steps to protect its own interest.").

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## The HOA Lien Statute Cannot be Saved by a Broad Reading of the Notice 2. provisions of NRS 116.31168.

The HOA Lien Statute cannot be saved by a broad interpretation of the language of NRS 116.31168, which implements the notice provisions of NRS 107.090 only to the extent they apply to parties who have requested notice in advance. Section 116.31168 states:

> Foreclosure of liens: Requests by interested persons for notice of default and election to sell; right of association to waive default and withdraw notice or proceeding to foreclosure.

> The provisions of NRS 107.090 apply to the foreclosure of an association's lien as if a deed of trust were being foreclosed. The request must identify the lien by stating the names of the unit's owner and the common-interest community.

NRS 116.31168 (emphasis added). Although the term "request" is not defined, it is a vital component of both the title and the relevant subsection of NRS 116.31168. It refers back to the more specific sections of NRS Chapter 116 that govern notice—for instance, NRS 116.31165, which requires notice of sale be provided to a holder of a first deed of trust or any other lienholder only "if either of them has notified the association, before the mailing of the notice of sale, of the existence of the security interest, lease or contract of sale, as applicable." Similar provisions govern the notice of default and election to sell. See NRS 116.31163.

As a matter of statutory construction, a specific statute will control over a general statute. State Tax Comm'n ex rel. Nev. Dep't of Taxation v. Am. Home Shield of Nev., Inc., 254 P.3d 601, 605 (Nev. 2011). Moreover, "[s]tatutes must be construed as a whole, and phrases may not be read in isolation to defeat the purpose behind the statute." Id. at 604. Multiple other provisions in Chapter 116 require a request prior to a requirement of notice being effective, and NRS 116.31168 should be read in conjunction with those. The title of the section, describing it as governing requests for notice, is further evidence. Nev. Power Co. v. Haggerty, 989 P.2d 870, 878 (Nev. 1999) (noting that a statute's title can reflect legislative intent).

Reading NRS 116.31168 as incorporating broader notice requirements would impermissibly render several sections of Chapter 116 superfluous. "When interpreting a statute, [courts] must give its terms their plain meaning, considering its provisions as a whole so as to read them in a way that 1160 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 330 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89144 TEL.: (702) 634-5000 – FAX: (702) 380-8572 4 9 4 5 1 1 1 2 1 1

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would not render words or phrases superfluous or make a provision nugatory." Homebuilders Ass'n v. Clark Cnty., 117 P.3d 171, 173 (Nev. 2005). If NRS 116.31168 incorporates all of the notice requirements of NRS 107.090, the following subsections of the HOA Lien Statute are completely superfluous: NRS 116.31163(1), NRS 116.31163(2), NRS 116.311635(b)(1), NRS 116.311635(b)(2). In fact, it would even render the second sentence of NRS 116.31168(1)—fully half of the subsection—completely meaningless.

Notably, other sections of the HOA Lien Statute also refer to NRS 107.090 and NRS 116.31168(1) as request-notice provisions, rather than actual notice provisions. 116.31163(1) (requiring that the Notice of Default be sent to those who have "requested notice pursuant to NRS 107.090 or NRS 116.31168[.]"). The incorporation of a request-notice statutory provision into another request-notice statutory provision cannot cure the HOA Lien Statute's constitutional defect—the fact that it requires mortgagees to request notice of a foreclosure sale that purportedly extinguishes their constitutionally protected property interests.

### The HOA Foreclosure Sale was Commercially Unreasonable. C.

This Court should also grant BANA's motion for summary judgment because the HOA foreclosure sale was commercially unreasonable as a matter of law. While the HOA Lien Statute provides homeowners associations with strong enforcement mechanisms to assure their dues are paid, the statute also provides a check to insure those with first deeds of trust are treated fairly specifically, that every foreclosure sale conducted pursuant to the statute must be commercially reasonable. Any assertion by Plaintiff or by the HOA Purchaser to the contrary ignores the plain language of the statute. Specifically, the HOA Lien Statute requires that HOA foreclosure sales be commercially reasonable, stating that "every contract or duty governed by this chapter imposes an obligation of good faith in its performance or enforcement." NRS 116.1113. The drafters of this section defined good faith as follows: "[g]ood faith . . . means observance of two standards: 'honesty in fact,' and observance of reasonable standards of fair dealing. While the term is not defined, [it is] derived from and used in the same manner as . . . Sections 2-103(i)(b) and 7-404 of the Uniform Commercial Code." UCIOA § 1-113 cmt. (1982) (emphasis added). Nevada's version of the UCC

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defines "good faith" as "honesty in fact and the observance of reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing." NRS 104.1201(2)(t) (emphasis added).4

Nevada courts have confirmed that this commercial reasonableness standard applies to the disposition of collateral. See, e.g., Jones v. Bank of New., 535 P.2d 1279, 1282 (Nev. 1975). Similarly, courts in other states interpreting the same UCIOA provision at issue here, UCIOA § 1-113, have held that the disposition of the collateral in these cases, real property, must be commercially reasonable. Will v. Mill Condo. Owner's Ass'n, 848 A.2d 336, 340 (Vt. 2004) ("Although the rules generally applicable to real estate mortgages do not impose a commercial reasonableness standard on foreclosure sales, the UCIOA does provide for this additional layer of protection.").

Granting super-priority to nominal HOA liens over first deeds of trust "represents a 'significant departure from existing practice." SFR Investments, 334 P.3d at 412 (quoting the official comments to UCIOA § 1-116). However, NRS 116.113's requirement that the foreclosure of these super-priority liens be commercially reasonable provides first deed of trust holders with assurance that, in the event of an HOA foreclosure, they will receive some of the value they bargained for when they provided a mortgage loan. The commercial reasonableness requirement is provided in the statutory text, was clearly intended by the statute's drafters, and has been recognized by other courts interpreting the same statutory provision at issue here. Therefore, the HOA's sale of the Property at issue must have been commercially reasonable.

Here, the HOA foreclosure sale was not commercially reasonable and not made in good faith. First, the sale lacked good faith because the HOA foreclosed on the property after BANA attempted to tender payment of the super-priority amount. Second, the HOA made no effort to obtain the best price and made no effort to protect either the borrowers or BANA. The sale price of only \$21,000.00 for Property worth \$96,000 (see Exhibit H) demonstrates that it was not made in good faith as a matter of law. These indisputable facts evidence of a lack of good faith and commercial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As noted by the SFR Investments Court, "[a]n official comment written by the drafters of a statute and available to the legislature before the statute is enacted has considerable weight as an aid to statutory construction." 334 P.3d at 413.

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unreasonableness. **Third**, BANA did not receive proper notice of the sale as required by the HOA Lien Statute.

Given the undisputed facts of what the HOA Purchaser paid for the Property, the amount of the senior deed of trust, the lack of notice to BANA, and the improper rejection of BANA's tender, the sale was commercially unreasonable as a matter of law. Summary judgment should be entered in BANA's favor.

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## **CONCLUSION**

BANA is entitled to summary judgment because the HOA Lien Statute is facially unconstitutional, and is preempted by federal law. Additionally, summary judgment is warranted because BANA tendered the super-priority amount of the HOA lien. Finally, summary judgment is appropriate based on the commercially unreasonable sale price of the property.

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## **DEED OF TRUST**

FHA CASE NO.

332-5283706-703

MIN: 100252230000540720

THIS DEED OF TRUST ("Security Instrument") is made on OCTOBER 15, 2010 The grantor is ARMANDO A. CARIAS, A SINGLE MAN

("Borrower").

The trustee is WESTERN TITLE COMPANY 241 RIDGE STREET SUITE 100, RENO, CALIFORNIA 89501 ("Trustee"). The beneficiary is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") (solely as nominee for Lender, as hereinafter defined, and Lender's successors and assigns). MERS is organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, and has an address and telephone number of P.O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026, tel. (888) 679-MERS.

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W.J. BRADLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORP., AN OREGON CORPORATION
("Lender")

is organized and existing under the laws of OREGON and has an address of 10975 S. STERLING VIEW DRIVE #100, SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH 84095

Borrower owes Lender the principal sum of SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-TWO AND 00/100 Dollars (U.S. \$ 74,642.00

This debt is evidenced by Borrower's note dated the same date as this Security Instrument ("Note"), which provides for monthly payments, with the full debt, if not paid earlier, due and payable on NOVEMBER 1, 2040. This Security Instrument secures to Lender: (a) the repayment of the debt evidenced by the Note, with interest, and all renewals, extensions and modifications of the Note; (b) the payment of all other sums, with interest, advanced under paragraph 7 to protect the security of this Security Instrument; and (c) the performance of Borrower's covenants and agreements under this Security Instrument and the Note. For this purpose, Borrower irrevocably grants and conveys to Trustee, in trust, with power of sale, the following described property located in CLARK.

in CLARK County, Nevada:
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which has the address of

3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVENUE [Street]

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, Nevada 89032 [Zip Code] ("Property Address");

TOGETHER WITH all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this Security Instrument. All of the foregoing is referred to in this Security Instrument as the "Property." Borrower understands and agrees that MERS holds only legal title to the interests granted by Borrower in this Security Instrument; but, if necessary to comply with law or custom, MERS (as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns) has the right: to exercise any or all of those interests, including, but not limited to, the right to foreclose and sell the Property; and to take any action required of Lender including, but not limited to, releasing or canceling this Security Instrument.

BORROWER COVENANTS that Borrower is lawfully selsed of the estate hereby conveyed and has the right to grant and convey the Property and that the Property is unencumbered, except for encumbrances of record. Borrower warrants and will defend generally the title to the Property against all claims and demands, subject to any encumbrances of record.

THIS SECURITY INSTRUMENT combines uniform covenants for national use and non-uniform covenants with limited variations by jurisdiction to constitute a uniform security instrument covering real property.

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UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Lender covenant and agree as follows:

1. Payment of Principal, Interest and Late Charge. Borrower shall pay when due the principal of, and interest on, the debt evidenced by the Note and late charges due under the Note.

2. Monthly Payment of Taxes, Insurance, and Other Charges. Borrower shall include in each monthly payment, together with the principal and interest as set forth in the Note and any late charges, a sum for (a) taxes and special assessments levied or to be levied against the Property, (b) leasehold payments or ground rents on the Property, and (c) premiums for insurance required under paragraph 4. In any year in which the Lender must pay a mortgage insurance premium to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development ("Secretary"), or in any year in which such premium would have been required if Lender still held the Security Instrument, each monthly payment shall also include either: (i) a sum for the annual mortgage insurance premium to be paid by Lender to the Secretary, or (ii) a monthly charge instead of a mortgage insurance premium if this Security Instrument is held by the Secretary, in a reasonable amount to be determined by the Secretary. Except for the monthly charge by the Secretary, these items are called "Escrow Items" and the sums paid to Lender are called "Escrow Funds."

Lender may, at any time, collect and hold amounts for Escrow Items in an aggregate amount not to exceed the maximum amount that may be required for Borrower's escrow account under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, 12 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq. and implementing regulations, 24 CFR Part 3500, as they may be amended from time to time ("RESPA"), except that the cushion or reserve permitted by RESPA for unanticipated disbursements or disbursements before the Borrower's payments are available in the account may not be based on amounts due for the mortgage insurance premium.

If the amounts held by Lender for Escrow Items exceed the amounts permitted to be held by RESPA, Lender shall account to Borrower for the excess funds as required by RESPA. If the amounts of funds held by Lender at any time are not sufficient to pay the Escrow Items when due, Lender may notify the Borrower and require Borrower to make up the shortage as permitted by RESPA.

The Escrow Funds are pledged as additional security for all sums secured by this Security Instrument. If Borrower tenders to Lender the full payment of all such sums, Borrower's account shall be credited with the balance remaining for all installment items (a), (b), and (c) and any mortgage insurance premium installment that Lender has not become obligated to pay to the Secretary, and Lender shall promptly refund any excess funds to Borrower. Immediately prior to a foreclosure sale of the Property or its acquisition by Lender, Borrower's account shall be credited with any balance remaining for all installments for items (a), (b), and (c).

3. Application of Payments. All payments under paragraphs I and 2 shall be applied by Lender as follows: FIRST, to the mortgage insurance premium to be paid by Lender to the Secretary or to the monthly charge by the Secretary instead of the monthly mortgage insurance premium;

SECOND, to any taxes, special assessments, leasehold payments or ground rents, and fire, flood and other hazard insurance premiums, as required;

THIRD, to interest due under the Note;

FOURTH, to amortization of the principal of the Note; and

FIFTH, to late charges due under the Note.

4. Fire, Flood and Other Hazard Insurance. Borrower shall insure all improvements on the Property, whether now in existence or subsequently erected, against any hazards, casualties, and contingencies, including fire, for which Lender requires insurance. This insurance shall be maintained in the amounts and for the periods that Lender requires. Borrower shall also insure all improvements on the Property, whether now in existence or subsequently erected, against loss by floods to the extent required by the Secretary. All insurance shall be carried with companies approved by Lender. The insurance policies and any renewals shall be held by Lender and shall include loss payable clauses in favor of, and in a form acceptable to, Lender.

In the event of loss, Borrower shall give Lender immediate notice by mail. Lender may make proof of loss if not made promptly by Borrower. Each insurance company concerned is hereby authorized and directed to make payment for such loss directly to Lender, instead of to Borrower and to Lender jointly. All or any part of the insurance proceeds may be applied by Lender, at its option, either (a) to the reduction of the indebtedness under

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the Note and this Security Instrument, first to any delinquent amounts applied in the order in paragraph 3, and then to prepayment of principal, or (b) to the restoration or repair of the damaged Property. Any application of the proceeds to the principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments which are referred to in paragraph 2, or change the amount of such payments. Any excess insurance proceeds over an amount required to pay all outstanding indebtedness under the Note and this Security Instrument shall be paid to the entity legally entitled thereto.

In the event of foreclosure of this Security Instrument or other transfer of title to the Property that extinguishes the indebtedness, all right, title and interest of Borrower in and to insurance policies in force shall pass to the

purchaser.

5. Occupancy, Preservation, Maintenance and Protection of the Property; Borrower's Loan Application; Leaseholds. Borrower shall occupy, establish, and use the Property as Borrower's principal residence within sixty days after the execution of this Security Instrument (or within sixty days of a later sale or transfer of the Property) and shall continue to occupy the Property as Borrower's principal residence for at least one year after the date of occupancy, unless Lender determines that requirement will cause undue hardship for Borrower, or unless extenuating circumstances exist which are beyond Borrower's control. Borrower shall notify Lender of any extenuating circumstances. Borrower shall not commit waste or destroy, damage or substantially change the Property or allow the Property to deteriorate, reasonable wear and tear excepted. Lender may inspect the Property if the Property is vacant or abandoned or the loan is in default. Lender may take reasonable action to protect and preserve such vacant or abandoned Property. Borrower shall also be in default if Borrower, during the loan application process, gave materially false or inaccurate information or statements to Lender (or falled to provide Lender with any material information) in connection with the loan evidenced by the Note, including, but not limited to, representations concerning Borrower's occupancy of the Property as a principal residence. If this Security Instrument is on a leasehold, Borrower shall comply with the provisions of the lease. If Borrower acquires fee title to the Property, the leasehold and fee title shall not be merged unless Lender agrees to the merger in writing.

6. Condemnation. The proceeds of any award or claim for damages, direct or consequential, in connection with any condemnation or other taking of any part of the Property, or for conveyance in place of condemnation, are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender to the extent of the full amount of the indebtedness that remains unpaid under the Note and this Security Instrument. Lender shall apply such proceeds to the reduction of the indebtedness under the Note and this Security Instrument, first to any delinquent amounts applied in the order provided in paragraph 3, and then to prepayment of principal. Any application of the proceeds to the principal shall not extend or postpone the due date of the monthly payments, which are referred to in paragraph 2, or change the amount of such payments. Any excess proceeds over an amount required to pay all outstanding indebtedness

under the Note and this Security Instrument shall be paid to the entity legally entitled thereto.

7. Charges to Borrower and Protection of Lender's Rights in the Property. Borrower shall pay all governmental or municipal charges, fines and impositions that are not included in paragraph 2. Borrower shall pay these obligations on time directly to the entity which is owed the payment. If failure to pay would adversely affect Lender's interest in the Property, upon Lender's request Borrower shall promptly furnish to Lender receipts

evidencing these payments.

If Borrower fails to make these payments or the payments required by paragraph 2, or fails to perform any other covenants and agreements contained in this Security Instrument, or there is a legal proceeding that may significantly affect Lender's rights in the Property (such as a proceeding in bankruptcy, for condemnation or to enforce laws or regulations), then Lender may do and pay whatever is necessary to protect the value of the Property and Lender's rights in the Property, including payment of taxes, hazard insurance and other items mentioned in paragraph 2.

Any amounts disbursed by Lender under this paragraph shall become an additional debt of Borrower and be secured by this Security Instrument. These amounts shall bear interest from the date of disbursement at the Note rate, and at the option of Lender shall be immediately due and payable,

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Borrower shall promptly discharge any lien which has priority over this Security Instrument unless Borrower: (a) agrees in writing to the payment of the obligation secured by the lien in a manner acceptable to Lender; (b) contests in good faith the lien by, or defends against enforcement of the lien in, legal proceedings which in the Lender's opinion operate to prevent the enforcement of the lien; or (c) secures from the holder of the lien an agreement satisfactory to Lender subordinating the lien to this Security Instrument. If Lender determines that any part of the Property is subject to a lien which may attain priority over this Security Instrument, Lender may give Borrower a notice identifying the lien. Borrower shall satisfy the lien or take one or more of the actions set forth above within 10 days of the giving of notice.

8. Fees. Lender may collect fees and charges authorized by the Secretary.

9. Grounds for Acceleration of Debt.

(a) Default. Lender may, except as limited by regulations issued by the Secretary in the case of payment defaults, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if:

(i) Borrower defaults by failing to pay in full any monthly payment required by this Security Instrument prior to or on the due date of the next monthly payment, or

(ii) Borrower defaults by failing, for a period of thirty days, to perform any other obligations

contained in this Security Instrument.

(b) Sale Without Credit Approval. Lender shall, if permitted by applicable law (including section 341(d) of the Garn-St. Germain Depository Institutions Act of 1982, 12 U.S.C. 1701j - 3(d)) and with the prior approval of the Secretary, require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if:

(i) All or part of the Property, or a beneficial interest in a trust owning all or part of the Property, is sold or otherwise transferred (other than by devise or descent), and

(ii) The Property is not occupied by the purchaser or grantee as his or her principal residence, or the purchaser or grantee does so occupy the Property, but his or her oredit has not been approved in accordance with the requirements of the Secretary.

(c) No Walver. If circumstances occur that would permit Lender to require immediate payment in full, but Lender does not require such payments, Lender does not walve its rights with respect to subsequent events.

(d) Regulations of HUD Secretary. In many circumstances regulations issued by the Secretary will limit Lender's rights, in the case of payment defaults, to require immediate payment in full and foreclose if not paid. This Security Instrument does not authorize acceleration or foreclosure if not permitted by regulations of the Secretary.

(e) Mortgage Not Insured. Borrower agrees that if this Security Instrument and the Note are not determined to be eligible for insurance under the National Housing Act within 60 DAYS from the date hereof, Lender may, at its option require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument. A written statement of any authorized agent of the Secretary dated subsequent to 60 DAYS from the date hereof, declining to insure this Security Instrument and the Note, shall be deemed conclusive proof of such ineligibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this option may not be exercised by Lender when the unavailability of insurance is solely due

to Lender's failure to remit a mortgage insurance premium to the Secretary.

10. Reinstatement. Borrower has a right to be reinstated if Lender has required immediate payment in full because of Borrower's failure to pay an amount due under the Note or this Security Instrument. This right applies even after foreclosure proceedings are instituted. To reinstate the Security Instrument, Borrower shall tender in a lump sum all amounts required to bring Borrower's account current including, to the extent they are obligations of Borrower under this Security Instrument, foreclosure costs and reasonable and customary attorneys' fees and expenses properly associated with the foreclosure proceeding. Upon reinstatement by Borrower, this Security Instrument and the obligations that it secures shall remain in effect as if Lender had not required immediate payment in full. However, Lender is not required to permit reinstatement if: (i) Lender has accepted reinstatement after the commencement of foreclosure proceedings within two years immediately preceding the commencement

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of a current foreclosure proceeding, (ii) reinstatement will preclude foreclosure on different grounds in the future, or (iii) reinstatement will adversely affect the priority of the lien created by this Security Instrument,

11. Borrower Not Released; Forbearance by Lender Not a Waiver. Extension of the time of payment or modification of smortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument granted by Lender to any successor in interest of Borrower shall not operate to release the liability of the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Lender shall not be required to commence proceedings against any successor in interest or refuse to extend time for payment or otherwise modify amortization of the sums secured by this Security Instrument by reason of any demand made by the original Borrower or Borrower's successors in interest. Any forbearance by Lender in exercising any right or remedy shall not be a waiver of or preclude the exercise of any right or remedy.

12. Successors and Assigns Bound; Joint and Several Liability; Co-Signers. The covenants and agreements of this Security Instrument shall bind and benefit the successors and assigns of Lender and Borrower, subject to the provisions of paragraph 9(b). Borrower's covenants and agreements shall be joint and several. Any Borrower who co-signs this Security Instrument but does not execute the Note: (a) is co-signing this Security Instrument only to mortgage, grant and convey that Borrower's interest in the Property under the terms of this Security Instrument; (b) is not personally obligated to pay the sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) agrees that Lender and any other Borrower may agree to extend, modify, forbear or make any accommodations with regard to the terms of this Security Instrument or the Note without that Borrower's consent.

13. Notices. Any notice to Borrower provided for in this Security Instrument shall be given by delivering it or by mailing it by first class mail unless applicable law requires use of another method. The notice shall be directed to the Property Address or any other address Borrower designates by notice to Lender. Any notice to Lender shall be given by first class mail to Lender's address stated herein or any address Lender designates by notice to Borrower. Any notice provided for in this Security Instrument shall be deemed to have been given to

Borrower or Lender when given as provided in this paragraph.

14. Governing Law; Severability. This Security Instrument shall be governed by federal law and the law of the jurisdiction in which the Property Is located. In the event that any provision or clause of this Security Instrument or the Note conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Security Instrument or the Note which can be given effect without the conflicting provision. To this end the provisions of this Security Instrument and the Note are declared to be severable.

15. Borrower's Copy. Borrower shall be given one conformed copy of the Note and of this Security Instrument.

16. Hazardens Substances. Borrower shall not cause or permit the presence, use, disposal, storage, or release of any Hazardens Substances on or in the Property. Borrower shall not do, nor allow anyone else to do, anything affecting the Property that is in violation of any Environmental Law. The preceding two sentences shall not apply to the presence, use, or storage on the Property of small quantities of Hazardens Substances that are generally recognized to be appropriate to normal residential uses and to maintenance of the Property.

Borrower shall promptly give Lender written notice of any investigation, claim, demand, lawsuit or other action by any governmental or regulatory agency or private party involving the Property and any Hazardous Substance or Environmental Law of which Borrower has actual knowledge. If Borrower learns, or is notified by any governmental or regulatory authority, that any removal or other remediation of any Hazardous Substances affecting the Property is necessary, Borrower shall promptly take all necessary remedial actions in accordance with

As used in this paragraph 16, "Hazardous Substances" are those substances defined as toxic or hazardous substances by Environmental Law and the following substances: gasoline, kerosone, other flammable or toxic petroleum products, toxic pesticides and herbicides, volatile solvents, materials containing asbestos or formaldehyde, and radioactive materials. As used in this paragraph 16, "Environmental Law" means federal laws and laws of the jurisdiction where the Property is located that relate to health, safety or environmental protection.

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NON-UNIFORM COVENANTS. Borrower and Londer further covenant and agree as follows:

17. Assignment of Rents. Borrower unconditionally assigns and transfers to Lender all the rents and revenues of the Property. Borrower authorizes Lender or Lender's agents to collect the rents and revenues and hereby directs each tenant of the Property to pay the rents to Lender or Lender's agents. However, prior to Lender's notice to Borrower of Borrower's breach of any covenant or agreement in the Security Instrument, Borrower shall collect and receive all rents and revenues of the Property as trustee for the benefit of Lender and Borrower. This assignment of rents constitutes an absolute assignment and not an assignment for additional security only.

If Lender gives notice of breach to Borrower: (a) all rents received by Borrower shall be held by Borrower as trustee for benefit of Lender only, to be applied to the sums secured by the Security Instrument; (b) Lender shall be entitled to collect and receive all of the rents of the Property; and (c) each tenant of the Property shall pay all

rents due and unpaid to Lender or Lender's agent on Lender's written demand to the tenant.

Borrower has not executed any prior assignment of the rents and has not and will not perform any act that

would prevent Lender from exercising its rights under this paragraph 17.

Lender shall not be required to enter upon, take control of or maintain the Property before or after giving notice of breach to Borrower. However, Lender or a judicially appointed receiver may do so at any time there is a breach. Any application of rents shall not cure or waive any default or invalidate any other right or remedy of Lender. This assignment of rents of the Property shall terminate when the debt secured by the Security Instrument is paid in full.

18. Foreclosure Procedure. If Lender requires immediate payment in full under paragraph 9, Lender may invoke the power of sale and any other remedies permitted by applicable law. Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided in this paragraph 18, including, but not

limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of title evidence.

If Lender invokes the power of sale, Lender shall execute or cause Trustee to execute written notice of the occurrence of an event of default and of Lender's election to cause the Property to be sold, and shall cause such notice to be recorded in each county in which any part of the Property is located. Lender shall mail copies of the notice as prescribed by applicable law to Borrower and to the persons prescribed by applicable law. Trustee shall give public notice of sale to the persons and in the manner prescribed by applicable law. After the time required by applicable law, Trustee, without demand on Borrower, shall sell the Property at public auction to the highest bidder at the time and place and under the terms designated in the notice of sale in one or more parcels and in any order Trustee determines. Trustee may postpone sale of all or any parcel of the Property by public announcement at the time and place of any previously scheduled sale. Lender or its designee may purchase the Property at any sale.

Trustee shall deliver to the purchaser Trustee's dead conveying the Property without any covenant or warranty, expressed or implied. The recitals in the Trustee's deed shall be prima facie evidence of the truth of the statements made therein. Trustee shall apply the proceeds of the sale in the following order: (a) to all expenses of the sale, including, but not limited to, reasonable Trustee's and attorneys' fees; (b) to all sums secured by this Security Instrument; and (c) any excess to the person or persons legally entitled to it.

If the Lender's interest in this Security Instrument is held by the Secretary and the Secretary requires immediate payment in full under paragraph 9, the Secretary may invoke the nonjudicial power of sale provided in the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994 ("Act") (12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq.) by requesting a foreclosure commissioner designated under the Act to commence foreclosure and to sell the Property as provided in the Act. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall deprive the Secretary of any rights otherwise available to a Lender under this paragraph 18 or applicable law.

19. Reconveyance. Upon payment of all sums secured by this Security Instrument, Lender shall request Trustee to reconvey the Property and shall surrender this Security Instrument and all notes evidencing debt secured by this Security Instrument to Trustee. Trustee shall reconvey the Property without warranty to the person or persons legally entitled to it. Such person or persons shall pay any recordation costs. Lender may charge such

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BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms contained in pages 1 through 10 of this Security Instrument and in any rider(s) executed by Borrower and recorded with it.

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#### EXHIBIT "A"

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PARCEL ONE (1)

LOT SIXTY (60) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF SUTTER CREEK – PHASE 1, AS SHOWN BY MAP THEREOF ON FILE IN BOOK 85, OF PLATS, PAGE 30, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.

PARCEL TWO (2)

A NON EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ON AND OVER COMMON ELEMENTS, ASSOCIATION PROPERTY AND PRIVATE STREETS, WHICH EASEMENT IS APPURTENANT TO PARCEL ONE (1).

FHA Case Number: 332-5283706-703 Loan Number: 3000054072

### FHA PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT RIDER

THIS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT RIDER is made this 15th day of OCTOBER, 2010, and is incorporated into and shall be deemed to amend and supplement the Mortgage, Deed of Trust or Security Deed ("Security Instrument") of the same date given by the undersigned ("Borrower") to secure Borrower's Note ("Note") to W.J. BRADLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORP., AN OREGON CORPORATION ("Lender") of the same date and covering the Property described in the Security Instrument and located at: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVENUE, NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89032

[Property Address]

The Property is part of a planned unit development ("FUD") known as: SUTTER CREEK-PHASE 1

[Name of Planned Unit Development]

PUD COVENANTS. In addition to the covenants and agreements made in the Security Instrument, Borrower and Lender further covenant and agree as follows:

- A. So long as the Owners Association (or equivalent entity holding title to common areas and facilities), acting as trustee for the homeowners, maintains, with a generally accepted insurance carrier, a "master" or "blanket" policy insuring the property located in the PUD, including all improvements now existing or hereafter erected on the mortgaged premises, and such policy is satisfactory to Lender and provides insurance coverage in the amounts, for the periods, and against the hazards Lender requires, including fire and other hazards included within the term "extended coverage," and loss by flood, to the extent required by the Secretary, then: (i) Lender waives the provision in Paragraph 2 of this Security Instrument for the monthly payment to Lender of one-twelfth of the yearly premium installments for hazard insurance on the Property, and (ii) Borrower's obligation under Paragraph 4 of the Scourity Instrument to maintain hazard insurance coverage on the Property is deemed satisfied to the extent that the required coverage is provided by the Owners' Association policy. Borrower shall give Lender prompt notice of any lapse in required hazard insurance coverage and of any loss occurring from a hazard. In the event of a distribution of hazard insurance proceeds in lieu of restoration or repair following a loss to the Property or to common areas and facilities of the PUD, any proceeds payable to Borrower are hereby assigned and shall be paid to Lender for application to the sums secured by this Security Instrument, with any excess paid to the entity legally entitled thereto.
- B. Borrower promises to pay all dues and assessments imposed pursuant to the legal instruments creating and governing the PUD.

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C. If Borrower does not pay PUD dues and assessments when due, then Lender may pay them. Any amounts disbursed by Lender under this paragraph C shall become additional debt of Borrower secured by the Security Instrument. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, these amounts shall bear interest from the date of disbursement at the Note rate and shall be payable, with interest, upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment.

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and provisions contained in this PUD Rider,

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**CLARK COUNTY RECORDER** 

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Tax ID:

139-08-410-014

Property Address:

3617 Diamond Spur Ave

North Las Vegas, NV 89032-3415

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#### ASSIGNMENT OF DEED OF TRUST

For Value Received, the undersigned holder of a Deed of Trust (herein "Assignor") whose address is 1901 E Voorhees Street, Suite C, Danville, IL 61834 does hereby grant, sell, assign, transfer and convey unto BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP whose address is 451 7TH ST.SW #B-133, . WASHINGTON DC 20410 all beneficial interest under that certain Deed of Trust described below together with the note(s) and obligations therein described and the money due and to become due thereon with interest and all rights accrued or to accrue under said Deed of Trust.

Original Lender:

W. J. BRADLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORP., AN OREGON

CORPORATION

Made By:

ARMANDO A. CARIAS, A SINGLE MAN

Trustee:

WESTERN TITLE COMPANY

Date of Deed of Trust: 10/15/2010

Original Loan Amount: \$74,642.00

Recorded in Clark County, NV on: 11/3/2010, book N/A, page N/A and instrument number 201011030002714

I the undersigned hereby affirm that this document submitted for recording does not contain the social security

I the undersigned hereby affirm that this document submitted for recording does not contain the social security number of any person or persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Assignment of Deed of Trust to be executed on

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**CLARK COUNTY RECORDER** 

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A.P.N. 139-08-410-014

Trustee Sale # 30455-3617

#### NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT (LIEN)

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes and the Association's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs) of the official records of Clark County, Nevada, Sutter Creek Homeowners Association has a lien on the following legally described property.

The property against which the lien is imposed is commonly referred to as 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE, NO LAS VEGAS, NV 89032 and more particularly legally described as: LOT 60 BLOCK 1 Book 85 Page 30 in the County of Clark.

The owner(s) of record as reflected on the public record as of today's date is (are): ARMANDO A CARIAS

The mailing address(es) is: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE, NO LAS VEGAS, NV 89032

The total amount due through today's date is: \$965.00. Of this total amount \$890.00 represent Collection and/or Attorney fees, assessments, interest, late fees and service charges. \$75.00 represent collection costs. Note: Additional monies shall accrue under this claim at the rate of the claimant's regular monthly or special assessments, plus permissible late charges, costs of collection and interest, accruing subsequent to the date of this notice.

Date: January 24, 2012

Ryan Kerbow, Esq. of Alessi & Köenig, LLC on behalf of Sutter Creek Homeowners Association

State of Nevada County of Clark SUBSCRIBED and SWORN before me January 24, 2012

(Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEVADA County of Clark KRISTI BERNING Appt. No. 10-2801-1 My Appt. Expires Aug. 24, 2014

(Signature)

# EXHIBIT D

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A.P.N. 139-08-410-014

Trustee Sale No. 30455-3617

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL UNDER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION LIEN

WARNING! IF YOU FAIL TO PAY THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT IS IN DISPUTE! You may have the right to bring your account in good standing by paying all of your past due payments plus permitted costs and expenses within the time permitted by law for reinstatement of your account. The sale may not be set until ninety days from the date this notice of default recorded, which appears on this notice. The amount due is \$2,290.00 as of April 4, 2012 and will increase until your account becomes current. To arrange for payment to stop the foreclosure, contact: Sutter Creek Homeowners Association, c/o Alessi & Koenig, 9500 W. Flamingo Rd, Ste 205, Las Vegas, NV 89147, (702)222-4033.

THIS NOTICE pursuant to that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien, recorded on February 23, 2012 as document number 0001691, of Official Records in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, Owner(s): ARMANDO A CARIAS, of LOT 60 BLOCK 1, as per map recorded in Book 85, Pages 30, as shown on the Plan and Subdivision map recorded in the Maps of the County of Clark, State of Nevada, PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE, NO LAS VEGAS, NV 89032. If you have any questions, you should contact an attorney. Notwithstanding the fact that your property is in foreclosure, you may offer your property for sale, provided the sale is concluded prior to the conclusion of the foreclosure, REMEMBER YOU MAY LOSE LEGAL RIGHTS IF YOU DO NOT TAKE PROMPT ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Alessi & Koenig, LLC is appointed trustee agent under the above referenced lien, dated February 23, 2012, on behalf of Sutter Creek Homeowners Association to secure assessment obligations in favor of said Association, pursuant to the terms contained in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs). A default in the obligation for which said CC&Rs has occurred in that the payment(s) have not been made of homeowners assessments due from March 1, 2011 and all subsequent assessments, late charges, interest, collection and of attorney fees and costs.

Dated: April 4, 2012

Huong Lam, Esq. of Alessi & Koenig, LLC on behalf of Sutter Creek Homeowners Association

### EXHIBIT E

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State of California } ss.
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Affiant being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a paralegal with the law firm of Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom & Winters, LLP (Miles Bauer) in Costa Mesa, California. I am authorized to submit this affidavit on behalf of Miles Bauer.

2. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit.

personal knowledge of Miles Bauer's procedures for creating these records. They are: (a) made at or near the time of the occurrence of the matters recorded by persons with personal knowledge of the information in the business record, or from information transmitted by persons with personal knowledge; (b) kept in the course of Miles Bauer's regularly conducted business activities; and (c) it is the regular practice of Miles Bauer's to make such records. I have personal knowledge of Miles Bauer's procedures for creating and maintaining these business records. I personally confirmed that the information in this affidavit is accurate by reading the affidavit and attachments, and checking that the information in this affidavit matches Miles Bauer's records available to me.

4. Bank of America, N.A. (BANA) retained Miles Bauer to tender payments to homeowners associations (HOA) to satisfy super-priority liens in connection with the following loan:

- Loan Number:

224417557

Borrower(s):

Armando Carias

(30021542;1) Page 1 of 3 Property Address: 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032

- 5. Miles Bauer maintains records for the loan in connection with tender payments to HOA. As part of my job responsibilities for Miles Bauer, I am familiar with the type of records maintained by Miles Bauer in connection with the loan.
- 6. Based on Miles Bauer's business records, attached as Exhibit 1 is a copy of a June 5, 2012 letter from Rock K. Jung, Esq., an attorney with Miles Bauer, mailed by first class mail to Sutter Creek Homeowners Association, care of Alessi & Koenig, LLC.
- 7. Based on Miles Bauer's business records, attached as Exhibit 2 is a copy of Statement of Account from Alessi & Koenig, LLC dated June 15, 2012 received by Miles Bauer in response to the June 5, 2012 letter identified above.
- 8. Based on Miles Bauer's business records, attached as Exhibit 3 is a copy of a June 28, 2012 letter from Mr. Jung to Alessi & Koenig, LLC enclosing a check for \$720.00.
- 9. Based on Miles Bauer's business records, on June 29, 2012, Alessi & Koenig, LLC confirmed receipt of the June 28, 2012 letter and receipt of the \$720.00 check. A copy of the confirmation of receipt from Miles Bauer's business records (which correctly identifies the check amount, reference number and Miles Bauer matter number, but inadvertently misidentifies the subject property) is attached as Exhibit 4.

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9,	Based on Miles Bauer's business records, the \$720.00 check was returned to
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DOUGLAS E. MILES Also Admitted in California & JEREMY T. BERGSTROM Also Admissed in Arizona GINA M. CORENA ROCK K. JUNG KRISTA J. NIELSON JORY C. GARABEDIAN THOMAS M. MORLAN Admitted in California STEVEN R. STERN Admitted in Arizona & Illinols Andrew H. Pastwick Also Admitted in Arizona & California PATERNO C. JURANI



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June 5, 2012

SENT VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Sutter Creek Homeowners Association C/o THE ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 West Flamingo Rd., Ste 205 Las Vegas, NV 89147

Property Address: 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue, North Las Vegas, NV 89032 Re:

MBBW File No. 12-H1126

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in response to your Notice of Default with regard to the HOA assessments purportedly owed on the above described real property. This firm represents the interests of MERS as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinafter "BANA") with regard to these issues. BANA is the beneficiary/servicer of the first deed of trust loan secured by the property.

As you know, NRS 116.3116 governs liens against units for assessments. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116:

The association has a lien on a unit for:

any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to paragraphs (j) to (n), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 116,3102 are enforceable as assessments under this section

While the HOA may claim a lien under NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n) of this Statute clearly provide that such a lien is JUNIOR to first deeds of trust to the extent the lien is for fees and charges imposed for collection and/or attorney fees, collection costs, late fees, service charges and interest. See Subsection 2(b) of NRS 116.3116, which states in pertinent part:

2. A lien under this section is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except:

(b) A first security interest on the unit recorded before the date on which the assessment sought to be enforced became delinquent...

The lien is also prior to all security interests described in paragraph (b) to the extent of the assessments for common expenses...which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Subsection 2b of NRS 116.3116 clearly provides that an HOA lien "is prior to all other liens and encumbrances on a unit except: a first security interest on the unit..." But such a lien is prior to a first security interest to the extent of the assessments for common expenses which would have become due during the 9 months before institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Based on Section 2(b), a portion of your HOA lien is arguably senior to BANA's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment dated April 4, 2012. For purposes of calculating the nine-month period, the trigger date is the date the HOA sought to enforce its lien. It is unclear, based upon the information known to date, what amount the nine months' of common assessments pre-dating the NOD actually are. That amount, whatever it is, is the nine months' of common assessments pre-dating the NOD actually are. That amount, whatever it is, is the amount BANA should be required to rightfully pay to fully discharge its obligations to the HOA per NRS amount BANA should be required to rightfully pay to fully discharge its obligations to the HOA per NRS and my client hereby offers to pay that sum upon presentation of adequate proof of the same by the HOA.

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

Thank you for your time and assistance with this matter. I may be reached by phone directly at (702) 942-0412. Please fax the breakdown of the HOA arrears to my attention at (702) 942-0411. I will be in touch as soon as I've reviewed the same with BANA.

Sincerely,

MILES, BAUER, BERGSTROM & WINTERS, LLP

Rock K. Jung, Esq.

# EXHIBIT 2

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AGOURA HILLS, CA PHONE: 815-735-9800

RENO NV PHONE: 775-616-2123

DIAMOND BAR CA PHONE: 909:443-6590

6/15/2012

Via Fax

MILES, BAUER, BERGSTROM & WINTERS, LLP

ATTN: Rock K. Jung

2200 Pasco Verde Parkway, Suite 250

Henderson, NV 89052 Fax: (702) 369-4955

Re: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE/ Sutter Creek Homeowners Association

Mr. Jung,

The Commission for Common Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels (the "Commission") released Advisory Opinion No. 2010-01 which specifically addresses the issue of whether or not collection costs are included in the super-priority amount. In the opinion, the Commission concluded that associations may collect, as part of the super priority lien, the costs of collecting as authorized by NRS 116.310313. The Commission also amended NAC 116 establishing provisions concerning fees charged by an association or a person acting on behalf of an association to cover the costs of collecting a past due obligation of a unit's owner.

Furthermore, the nine-month super-priority is not triggered until the beneficiary under the first deed of trust forecloses. As such, please be advised that Alessi & Koenig, LLC, on behalf of the HOA, will continue the foreclosure process unless \$2,930.00 is paid pursuant to the attached demand letter. This amount includes all past due obligations, plus collection costs and fees.

Regards,

Ryan Kerbow, Esq.

Licensed in Nevada.

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### FACSIMILE COVER LETTER

A CA CAMPACIANT		
To: Miles, Bayer, Bergsborn & Winters	Re: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE/HO \$30459 Date: Friday, June 15, 2012	
From:	Pages: 1, Including cover	
Fax No.:	HO #1 30455	

Dear Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom & Winters:

This cover will serve as an amended demand on behalf of Suner Creek Homeowners Association for the above referenced escrow; property located at 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE, NO LAS VEGAS, NV. The total amount due through July 15, 2012 is \$2,930,00. The breakdown of fees, interest and costs is as follows:

	\$90.00
Pre NOD	\$150.00
Demand Fee	\$325.00
Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien - Nevada	\$395.00
Notice of Default	\$30.00
Release of Lien (Upon payment in full)	\$990.00
Total	\$ <del>99</del> 0.00
Attorney and/or Trustees fees:	\$250,00
大学的人,这一样,我们就是这种特殊的。	\$930.00
	\$85.00
3. Ledger Through July 15, 2012	\$275.00
4. RPIR-GI Report  5. Title Research (10-Day Mailings per NRS 116.31163)	\$175.00
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6. Management Company Advanced Audit Fee	\$225.00
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10. Conduct Foreclosure Sale	\$0.00
11. Capital Contribution	\$0,00
12. Progress Payments:	\$2,930.00
Sub-Total:	\$0.00
Less Payments Received:	\$2,930.00
Total Amount Due:	•

Please be advised that Alessi & Koenig, LLC is a debt collector that is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Please have a check in the amount of \$2,930.00 made payable to the Alessi & Koenig, ILC and mailed to the above listed NEVADA address. Upon receipt of payment a release of lien will be drafted and recorded. Please contact our office with any questions.

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### BALANCE SUMMARY

CHARGE CODE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A1 01 .03	ASSESSMENT Late Fees Admin. Fee	685.00 80.00 75.00
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# EXHIBIT 3

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RICHARD J. BAUER, JR. FRED TIMOTHY WINTERS Keenan e. McClenahan MARK T. DOMEYER Also Admitted in the District of Columbia & Virginia TAMIS. CROSBY L BRYANT JAQUEZ WAYNE & RASH MARY, TYV HADIR SEYED-ALI BRIAN H. TRAN CORI B. JONES CATHERINE K. MASON CHRISTINE A. CHUNG Hanh T. Nguyen 9. Shelly Raiszadeh SHANNON C. WILLIAMS LAWRENCE R. HOIVIN RICK J. NEHORAOFF BRIAN M. LUNA

June 28, 2012

ALESSI & KOENIG, LLC 9500 W. FLAMINGO ROAD, SUITE 100 LAS VEGAS, NV 89147

Re:

Property Address: 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue HO#: 30455 LOAN #: 224417557 MBBW File No. 12-H1126

Dear Sir/Madame:

As you may recall, this firm represents the interests of Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP (hereinaster "BANA") with regard to the issues set forth herein. We have received correspondence from your firm regarding our inquiry into the "Super Priority Demand Payoff' for the above referenced property. The Statement of Account provided by you in regards to the above-referenced address shows a full payoff amount of \$2,930.00. BANA is the beneficiary/servicer of the first deed of trust loan secured by the property and wishes to satisfy its obligations to the HOA. Please bear in mind that:

NRS 116.3116 governs liens against units for assessments. Pursuant to NRS 116.3116:

The association has a lien on a unit for:

any penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest charged pursuant to paragraphs (j) to (n), inclusive, of subsection 1 of NRS 116.3102 are enforceable as assessments under this section

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The lien is also prior to all security interests described in paragraph (b) to the extent of the assessments for common expenses, which would have become due in the absence of acceleration during the 9 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the lien.

Based on Section 2(b), a portion of your HOA lien is arguably prior to BANA's first deed of trust, specifically the nine months of assessments for common expenses incurred before the date of your notice of delinquent assessment. As stated above, the payoff amount stated by you includes many fees that are of delinquent assessment. As stated above, the payoff amount stated by you includes many fees that are junior to our client's first deed of trust pursuant to the aforementioned NRS 116.3102 Subsection (1), Paragraphs (j) through (n).

Our client has authorized us to make payment to you in the amount of \$720.00 to satisfy its obligations to the HOA as a holder of the first deed of trust against the property. Thus, enclosed you will find a cashier's check made out to Alessi & Koenig, LLC in the sum of \$720.00, which represents the maximum 9 months worth of delinquent assessments recoverable by an HOA. This is a non-negotiable amount and any endorsement of said cashier's check on your part, whether express or implied, will be strictly any endorsement of said cashier's check on your part, whether express or implied, will be strictly any endorsement as an unconditional acceptance on your part of the facts stated herein and express agreement construed as an unconditional acceptance on your part of the facts stated herein and express agreement that BANA's financial obligations towards the HOA in regards to the real property located at 3617 Diamond Spur Avenue have now been "paid in full".

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached by phone directly at (702) 942-0412.

Sincerely,

MILES, BAUER, BERGSTROM & WINTERS, LLP

Rock K. Jung, Esq.

Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom & Winters, LLP Trust Acct

Payea: Alessi & Koenig, LLC

Check #: 16746

Date: 6/27/2012 Amount: 720,00

Inv. Date

Reference # Description

To Cure HOA Deflency

720,00

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### EXHIBIT 4

On this day, June 29, 2012, Alessi & Koenig, LLC received: (1) letters accompanying each of the checks listed below that address the purpose of the tender and the effect of accepting said checks and (2) the following checks for the following addresses:

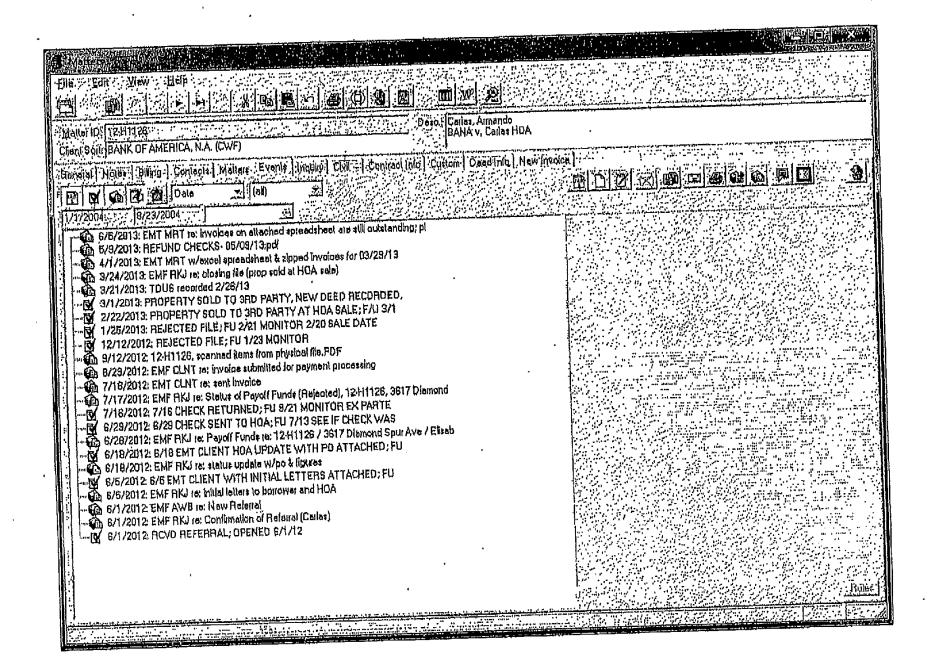
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\$148,50	211 Crown Emperial Street	30455	12-H1126
\$720.00	1557 Big Valley Way	27482	12-H1121
\$264.00	544 Echo Ridge Court	24686	12-H1119
\$1,845.00	8680 Florisse Court	21311	12-H0971
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By signing below you acknowledge and confirm receipt of said checks.

Signature: OKetHos An Employee of Alessi & Koenig, LLC	Date 6-29-12
Print: Christies  An Employee of Alessi & Koenig, LLC	Date 6-29-12

### EXHIBIT 5



# EXHIBIT F

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Inst #: 201301220003107
Fees: \$17.00
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Receipt #: 1467809
Requestor:
ALESSI & KOENIG LLC
Recorded By: GILKS Pgs: 1
DEBBIE CONWAY
CLARK COUNTY RECORDER

When recorded mail to: Alessi & Koenig, LLC 9500 West Flamingo Rd., Suite 205 Las Vegas, NV 89147 Phone: 702-222-4033

APN: 139-08-410-014

TSN 30455-3617

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WARNING! A SALE OF YOUR PROPERTY IS IMMINENT! UNLESS YOU PAY THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN THIS NOTICE BEFORE THE SALE DATE, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR HOME, EVEN IF THE AMOUNT IS IN DISPUTE. YOU MUST ACT BEFORE THE SALE DATE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL Alessi & Koenig at 702-222-4033. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE FORECLOSURE SECTION OF THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE, NEVADA REAL ESTATE DIVISION, AT 1-877-829-9907 IMMEDIATELY.

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

On February 20, 2013, Alessi & Koenig as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to a certain lien, recorded on February 23, 2012, as instrument number 0001691, of the official records of Clark County, Nevada, WILL SELL THE BELOW MENTIONED PROPERTY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES, OR A CASHIERS CHECK at: 2:00 p.m., at 9500 W. Flamingo Rd., Suite #205, Las Vegas, Nevada 89147 (Alessi & Koenig, LLC Office Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE, NO LAS VEGAS, NV 89032. The owner of the real property is purported to be: ARMANDO A CARIAS

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designations, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of a note, homeowner's assessment or other obligation secured by this lien, with interest and other sum as provided therein: plus advances, if any, under the terms thereof and interest on such advances, plus fees, charges, expenses, of the Trustee and trust created by said lien. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$4,285.00. Payment must be in made in the form of certified funds.

Date: January 15, 2013

By: Ryan Kerbow, Esq. of Alessi & Koenig LLC on behalf of Sutter Creek Homeowners Association

# EXHIBIT G

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When recorded mail to and Mail Tax Statements to: SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC 5030 Paradise Road, St. B-214 Las Vegas, NV 89119

A.P.N. No.139-08-410-014

TS No. 30455-3617

Fees: \$17.00 N/G Fee: \$0.00
RPTT: \$107.10 Ex: #

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ALESSI & KOENIG LLC
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Inst #: 201302260003889

#### TRUSTEE'S DEED UPON SALE

The Grantee (Buyer) herein was: SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC
The Foreclosing Beneficiary herein was: Sutter Creek Homeowners Association
The amount of unpaid debt together with costs: \$5,260.00
The amount paid by the Grantee (Buyer) at the Trustee's Sale: \$21,000.00
The Documentary Transfer Tax: \$107.10
Property address: 3617 DIAMOND SPUR AVE, NO LAS VEGAS, NV 89032
Said property is in [ ] unincorporated area: City of NO LAS VEGAS
Trustor (Former Owner that was foreclosed on): ARMANDO A. CARIAS

Alessi & Koenig, LLC (herein called Trustee), as the duly appointed Trustee under that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien, recorded February 23, 2012 as instrument number 0001691, in Clark County, does hereby grant, without warranty expressed or implied to: SFR Investments Pool 1, LLC (Grantee), all its right, title and interest in the property legally described as: SUTTER CREEK-PHASE 1 LOT 60 BLOCK 1, as per map recorded in Book 85, Pages 30 as shown in the Office of the County Recorder of Clark County Nevada.

#### TRUSTEE STATES THAT:

This conveyance is made pursuant to the powers conferred upon Trustee by NRS 116 et seq., and that certain Notice of Delinquent Assessment Lien, described herein. Default occurred as set forth in a Notice of Default and Election to Sell which was recorded in the office of the recorder of said county. All requirements of law regarding the mailing of copies of notices and the posting and publication of the copies of the Notice of Sale have been complied with. Said property was sold by said Trustee at public auction on February 20, 2013 at the place indicated on the Notice of Trustee's Sale.

Ryan Kerbow, Esq.
Signature of AUTHORIZED AGENT for Alessi & Koenig, LLC

State of Nevada
County of Clark

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me 2/20/3

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEVADA

(Signature)

County of Clark
LANI MAE U. DIAZ
Appt. No. 10-2800-1
My Appt. Expires Aug. 24, 2014