IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC; SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC,

Case No. 82868

Appellants

VS.

CBC PARTNERS I, LLC; CBC PARTNERS, LLC; 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC; KENNETH ANTOS AND SHEILA NEUMAN-ANTOS; DACIA, LLC

Respondents.

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APPEAL

from a decision in favor of Respondent entered by the Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada The Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez, District Court Judge District Court Case No. A-20-813439-B

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DATED this 10th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Natalie Vazquez

An Employee of Maier Gutierrez & Assocites

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- A To be clear.
- Q And that right to terminate appears -- well, before we get there, on page 9, you recognize that SJC Ventures has signed this document; is that correct?
 - A Yes.
- Q And you relied upon their representation that their stock was pledged; correct?
 - A Yes, I did.
- Q Mr. Hallberg, you've seen the answer and counterclaim in this case where 5148 now takes on a position in this case; is that correct?
- 14 A Yes.
 - Q And they are successor in interest to CBC 1 as the note; is that correct?
- 17 A Yes.
 - Q And the assignment of interest of SHAC in fact went to CBC Partners, not CBC I, and Mr. Otter is the managing member of CBC Partners; correct?
 - A Yes.
 - Q And it is his intention to assign those rights to whomever he is directed to by 5148; is that correct?
- 24 A That's correct.
- Q But as of today, Mr. Otter, on behalf of CBC Partners

is the holder of the Antos interest in SHAC; is that correct?

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- Q One last question: The group of documents that represent the closing package in the main are in Exhibit 1.

 And I just want to go through these again, not individually but collectively. These documents were collectively delivered at the closing; correct?
 - A Yes.
- Q So there was always intended to be a pledge agreement for a hundred percent of the units of SHAC; is that true?
 - A Yes.
- Q And there was always intended to be a security agreement in Mr. Bloom's judgment as additional collateral for performance under the forbearance agreement; is that correct?
- A Yes. From -- and to clarify, from a lender's perspective, the assignment of the judgment was to help repay the obligation. The pledge agreement was a remedy in case the first part did not come through. So those two work together, but they're apples and oranges.
- Q And the testimony that Mr. Bloom gave was not truthful, was it?
 - A That's my belief, yes.
- MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor. No further questions.
- 25 THE COURT: Any redirect, Mr. Gutierrez?

REDIRECT EXAMINATION 1 2 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 3 Q Mr. Hallberg, you stated that 5148 Spanish Heights LLC is a party to this case. Is that what you said? 4 5 Yes, that's my belief. 6 Did they file a motion to intervene at any point on 7 this case? Sir, I don't know. You're asking me a legal 8 Α 9 question. I'm here to talk about CBC's position up until the point we sold the note. 10 11 Well, is CBC a related entity to 5148 Spanish 12 Heights? 13 Α No. 14 Okay. And the lawsuit initially was between SJC Q 15 Ventures and SHAC versus CBC Partners; correct? 16 To my knowledge, yes. 17 Okay. Now, you sold the note on April 1st, 2020. 18 Why is it that your counsel on April 3rd, 2020, in Exhibit N 19 is still sending letters out on behalf of CBC to vacate the 20 property for SJC? 21 I don't know. 22 Turn to Exhibit N. You've seen this letter on 23 Exhibit N; correct?

Q And you authorized your counsel to send this letter

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- A We did not talk about the letter before it went out.
- Q Okay. So you didn't authorize this letter to be sent out on behalf of CBC Partners; is that what your testimony is?
- A I did not authorize every letter. I'm not saying it's not correct. I was allowing the attorney to work on our behalf.
 - O Go to Exhibit X.
 - A Right. Hold on.
- I'm sorry. I'm not seeing Exhibit X. Can you describe it to me.
- Q It's an April 8th, 2020, letter from Mr. Mushkin to my office that is stating that the default notice will not be withdrawn, and the foreclosure process will continue. My question to you is why was default notices still being sent on behalf of CBC if it sold the note the week before?
- A I don't know. You know, I don't know.
 - Q Did you authorize this letter to go out?
 - A Not specifically, no.
 - Q Let's go to Exhibit C as in cat, page 7. Okay. And on Section B1, the last sentence of this paragraph says:

The parties acknowledge that the conditions to which CJCV options were subject have been satisfied and that the SJCV options have been exercised.

Do you see that?

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A Yes.

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Q And you've signed off on behalf of CBC for this agreement; correct?

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A My partner did, John Otter.

6 7 Q Okay. And why would you sign off on this agreement if you believed that there was a breach for not funding the security agreement?

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MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the --

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THE WITNESS: We were --

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THE COURT: Overruled.

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MR. MUSHKIN: I don't understand the question, Judge. Vaque and ambiguous.

THE WITNESS: Well, we were working with Mr. Bloom as

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THE COURT: Overruled.

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You can answer.

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much as we possibly could because we were under the impression that he was within a few weeks of liquidity. Again, we were

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giving as much as we could to be cooperative, and then here we

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Q But again you've agreed to all the terms in the forbearance agreement that you signed off on; correct?

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A Yes.

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Q Okay. And at no point did you ever notify Mr. Bloom in writing that failure to fund the security agreement, the

To be clear, my understanding was they are in place.

the additional two years had been terminated; correct?

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My expectation regarding the leases, that those would be 1 2 terminated because I knew he did not have the ability to pay 3 what was owed on the maturity date. And that's why it says "terminated" right there at 4 5 the top; right? 6 Α Yes. 7 MR. MUSHKIN: I have nothing further, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you, sir. We appreciate your time and your patience with us.

Mr. Gutierrez, do you have any additional evidence to offer for purposes of this hearing?

MR. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Do you rest for purposes of this hearing?

MR. GUTIERREZ: For purposes of this hearing, no.

THE COURT: This one.

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Mr. Mushkin, do you have any additional evidence you would like to present for purposes of this hearing?

MR. MUSHKIN: I do, Your Honor, but I would first ask for a directed verdict. They have not established irreparable harm, nor a likelihood of success on the merits. We shouldn't have to go any further.

THE COURT: Mr. Gutierrez. Would you like to respond?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Absolutely. I don't even know why we're here. They're admitting that they had no basis to oppose

any preliminary injunction, no standing. So on our position, 1 2 we would say directed verdict should be entered on our behalf. 3 THE COURT: All right. 4 MR. GUTIERREZ: Because there's no standing, and 5 there's been admission by Mr. Hallberg that he has no standing, 6 no damages, and he's not even contesting the injunction. 7 doesn't know why we're here. 8 THE COURT: Okay. We have a real property at issue 9 for which irreparable harm is typically presumed, and we do 10 have notices of breach which have been served, and a notice of 11 vacate which arguably appear to violate the governor's 12 directive 008. So the motion is denied. 13 Did you have any additional evidence you would like 14 to present? 15 I do, Your Honor. MR. MUSHKIN: 16 THE COURT: Okay. 17 I would like to now call Mr. Ken Antos. MR. MUSHKIN: 18 THE COURT: All right. 19 MR. MUSHKIN: Very briefly. 2.0 THE COURT: How do I call him? 21 MR. MUSHKIN: He will be contacted, and he will hook 22 into the Blue -- blue --

THE COURT: BlueJeans.

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MR. MUSHKIN: BlueJeans. I want to say bluebird all the time.

1	THE COURT: So can we let this gentleman who's been
2	very patient with us all day sign off?
3	MR. MUSHKIN: Yes.
4	Thank you very much, Mr. Hallberg.
5	THE COURT: Have a nice day, sir. Remain well.
6	MR. HALLBERG: Thank you. You as well, Your Honor.
7	(Pause in the proceedings.)
8	THE COURT: Are you calling?
9	MR. MUSHKIN: Yes.
10	(Pause in the proceedings.)
11	THE COURT: Good afternoon, sir. How are you today?
12	THE WITNESS: Yes. Very well. Thank you. Yourself?
13	THE COURT: Very well. It's my understanding you've
14	consented to be on our video line and to be sworn under oath by
15	my court clerk over the video?
16	THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
17	THE COURT: If you'd raise your right hand, please.
18	DAVID HODGMAN
19	[having been called as a witness and being first duly sworn,
20	testified as follows:
21	THE CLERK: Thank you. Please state and spell your
22	name for the record.
23	THE WITNESS: My name is David Hodgman,
24	H-o-d-g-m-a-n.
25	THE CLERK: Thank you.

Mr. Bloom's guests; is that correct?

A I thought it was some sort of a bomb explosion, but they stated that it was a flamethrower. I'm not certain exactly what it was, but the ball of fire was about 40, 50 feet in diameter.

Q Thank you. And have you on numerous occasions observed Shawn Bloom driving at a high rate of speed within the neighborhood?

A Yes, sir.

Q And have you ever seen him accompanied by another driver when he was doing such driving?

A Well, I didn't -- I couldn't see. Like the windows are tinted, but I could tell you that when they park -- when he parked, he got out of the car himself. But generally speaking, once in a while I've seen him with other people, but generally probably 90 to 99 percent of the time he was driving alone.

MR. MUSHKIN: No further questions, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Cross-examination.

Mr. Mushkin, you've got to take your mask. Other people can't touch your mask.

Sorry, sir. We had a slight delay.

Mr. Gutierrez, cross-examination.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you. Thank you, Your Honor.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

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BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

Q Mr. Hodgman, you said you saw Shawn Bloom driving at a high rate of speed. What is a high rate of speed?

A Well, basically in the community there's a 20-mile an hour limit, and you can tell when people are going 20 miles an hour if you drive around the community. And there are numerous occasions when he's been going at least double that or more. He almost hit a couple of people. That's why he was called to a hearing with the board.

- Q Are you on the board for the Spanish Hills HOA?
- 12 A I am now. I didn't used to be, but I am currently,
 13 yes.
 - Q Okay. And you talked about a flamethrower. You said it sounded like a bomb explosion. Where was that flamethrower ignited at?

A Well, the first time I saw the explosion or the ball of fire that was 50 or 40, 50 feet in diameter was on the 4th of July. That particular firework incident was not from the Bloom residence. That ball of fire came from the Rhodes residence. They had the party together. There was a couple, 300 people that were walking back and forth between their two residences. Those are all on those security cameras. And the ball of fire on the 4th was then.

The second time that I saw it was across the street

from my house. It actually lit up the entire neighborhood, and the ball of fire was about, like I said, about 50 feet. I could feel the heat from a couple hundred feet away.

And they told me later that it was a flamethrower. I thought it was some sort of an explosion.

- Q Did you see who was using the flamethrower?
- A No, I did not.
- Q Okay. So your testimony is that the first time you saw this go off it was at the Rhodes residence; correct?
- A That's correct. They've had the party together, the Rhodes and the Blooms. People were going back and forth between the residences, and the ball of fire from this bomb flamethrower was at the Rhodes residence and just other fireworks were going off from the Bloom residence.
- Q And then the other time you saw this ball of fire, it was across the street in a vacant lot; correct?
- A When I saw it the second time, I was in my office, which is in a separate house from my main house, and it lit up my whole yard. And I went outside to see what was going on. I thought it was some sort of a fire or explosion because I heard the noise, and I saw the ball of fire which was across the street.
- And, yes, it's a vacant lot, but it was like about 20 feet from a brand-new house that's under construction, wood construction, maybe 20, 30 feet from that. And I went to my

1 video cameras, and then I saw the whole thing lit up the whole 2 entire neighborhood, and I could see the ball of fire with the 3 size and everything. And it --4 0 5 Α It lasted --6 I'm sorry. Go ahead. Q 7 Α I think it exploded or went off about five or six 8 times. But it is on video, and they do have that on video. 9 Sorry to interrupt. And again, Mr. Hodgman, you Q 10 never saw who was operating that flamethrower; correct? 11 Α No, sir. 12 Thank you. Q 13 Α One of the 300 people. 14 THE COURT: Any more, Mr. Gutierrez? 15 MR. GUTIERREZ: No further questions, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: Mr. Mushkin, anything further? 17 MR. MUSHKIN: Nothing further, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Sir, thank you very much for your 19 patience with us today. Have a very nice afternoon. Be well. 2.0 THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am. You too. 21 THE COURT: Next witness. 22 MR. MUSHKIN: Can we get Mr. Antos on the phone? 23 THE COURT: I don't know. Can you?

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MR. MUSHKIN: I mean on the --

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1	THE WITNESS: Hello.
2	THE COURT: Mr. Antos?
3	THE WITNESS: Yes.
4	THE COURT: Can you see us?
5	THE WITNESS: No. I don't have visual, but I have
6	voice.
7	THE COURT: All right. Is everyone okay with
8	proceeding just with the voice?
9	MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Your Honor.
10	MR. MUSHKIN: I am.
11	THE COURT: All right. So, sir, it's my
12	understanding you've agreed to be sworn over our telephone
13	line; is that correct?
14	THE WITNESS: Yes.
15	THE COURT: Would you please raise your right hand.
16	All right.
17	THE WITNESS: It is raised.
18	KENNETH M. ANTOS
19	[having been called as a witness and being first duly sworn,
20	testified as follows:
21	MR. MUSHKIN: Mr. Antos
22	THE CLERK: Please state and spell
23	MR. MUSHKIN: I'm sorry.
24	THE CLERK: Please state and spell your name for the
25	record.

Can you repeat that?

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1 Why was SJC Ventures removed and not a 2 signatory to the pledge agreement that --3 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection, Your Honor. Assumes facts not in evidence --4 5 THE COURT: Overruled. 6 MR. MUSHKIN: -- there is no evidence that they were 7 ever removed. 8 THE COURT: Overruled, Mr. Mushkin. 9 You can answer if you understand --10 THE WITNESS: I have no idea. 11 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 12 Mr. Antos, did you transfer your ownership in SHAC to CBC Partners on April 1st, 2020? 13 Party to -- I'm sorry. Repeat it again. 14 Α 15 Yes. Did you transfer your ownership interest in 16 SHAC to CBC Partners on April 1st, 2020? 17 Effectively I'm not aware that it was transferred, but I did transfer it as collateral for the note. I 18 transferred whatever there was. I'm not sure what the 19 2.0 document. 21 What is your understanding as to what you transferred 22 on April 1st, 2020 to CBC? I'm not aware of anything in 2020. 23 Α

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So you're not aware of any transfer that you made on

behalf of the Antos trust to CBC Partners in 2020?

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2	Q	Mr. Antos, do you have a series of exhibits in front
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4	А	I have some exhibits, but I'm not sure which one you
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6	Q	Okay. And just to be clear, you don't recall
7	transferr	ing anything on behalf of the Antos Trust to CBC
8	Partners	in April of this year?
9	А	No.
10	Q	Do you still believe that you through your trust have
11	a 49 perc	ent ownership interest in SHAC?
12	А	That's what it was originally I'm not sure if that
13	ever chan	ged.
14	Q	Okay. So as you sit here today, you don't know if
15	that ever	changed; is that correct?
16	А	Correct.
17		MR. GUTIERREZ: No further questions, Your Honor.
18		THE COURT: Mr. Mushkin, anything else?
19		REDIRECT EXAMINATION
20	BY MR. MU	SHKIN:
21	Q	Mr. Antos, would you take a look at Exhibit K.
22		THE COURT: Do you have the exhibits, sir?
23		MR. MUSHKIN: He does.
24		THE WITNESS: I'll have to get them here. Hold on a

second, please.

All right. If you would tell me when 1 THE COURT: 2 you've gotten to Exhibit K, K as in kindergarten. 3 THE WITNESS: Could that be in Book 2 of 2? MR. MUSHKIN: Yes. April 1, 2020. It says K001 in 4 5 the bottom right-hand corner. 6 THE WITNESS: Hold on, please. 7 Okay. I have it. 8 BY MR. MUSHKIN: 9 Do you see that letter? 10 Α Hold on, please. Sorry. I need to put my glasses on 11 here. Okay. 12 Do you see that letter from my office to Mr. Bloom 13 and to you and your wife, Sheila? 14 And it's K001 in the right-hand corner, bottom? Α 15 Yes, sir, K001. April 1, 2020 letter. Dear 16 Mr. Bloom and Mr. and Mrs. Antos. Do you see that letter? 17 No, I do not. It says KK --Α 18 Not a KK. Just single K. Q 19 Α Okay. Hold on. So I'm probably in the wrong book. 20 Hold on. Sorry for that. 21 My apologies. Okay. I do have it. Yes. 22 Okay. Do you see that letter? Q 23 Yes, I do. Α

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- A Hold on. For some reason, it goes from page 1 to page 3.
- Q Well, that's okay. Look to Exhibit L, the next exhibit.
 - A L. Yes, I have Exhibit L.
- Q And do you see that that is your signature and your wife's signature on the bottom of L1?
 - A Yes.
- Q And is that the transfer of your interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company to CBC Partners LLC?
- 12 A Yes.
- Q Does that refresh your recollection as to the transfer that took place on April 1?
- 15 A I really don't remember it, but it probably happened,
 16 but I don't remember it.
 - Q That's quite all right. Any reason to believe that's not a true and correct copy of your signature and your wife's signature?
 - A Not to my awareness. It is a true signature of myself, and I recognize my wife's.
 - Q Thank you. When counsel asked you if you transferred, were you confused in thinking that you transferred property?
- 25 A Yes.

1	Q But, in fact, you transferred your LLC interest; is
2	that correct?
3	A Yes.
4	MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you.
5	No further questions, Your Honor.
6	THE COURT: Mr. Gutierrez, anything else?
7	MR. GUTIERREZ: Briefly.
8	THE COURT: Just a moment, sir, Mr. Antos.
9	Mr. Gutierrez is coming to the podium.
10	All right. You may continue, Mr. Gutierrez.
11	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
12	BY MR. GUTIERREZ:
13	Q Mr. Antos, with Exhibit L in front of you, what
14	consideration or what did you get on behalf of the trust for
15	signing over this membership interest?
16	A Nothing.
17	Q Okay. So it's your understanding you received
18	nothing for this transfer; is that correct?
19	A Say it one more time.
20	Q It's your understanding that you on behalf of your
21	trust received nothing for assigning over this membership
22	interest; correct?
23	A That is correct.
24	MR. GUTIERREZ: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor. No
25	further questions

THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. Mushkin?

MR. MUSHKIN: No, ma'am.

THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Antos, and I appreciate your patience with us today. Have a nice day. Be well.

THE WITNESS: Thank you. Bye.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Mushkin, do you have any additional evidence you would like to submit at this time?

MR. MUSHKIN: No, ma'am.

THE COURT: Do you rest?

MR. MUSHKIN: Yes.

THE COURT: Mr. Gutierrez, do you have any additional

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MR. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Would you like to make an argument?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay.

CLOSING ARGUMENT FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, we are requesting that plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction be granted for two reasons: One, the governor's moratorium is clear that there cannot be any notice to vacate or foreclosure proceedings initiated until the state of emergency is lifted. At this stage, we don't know when that will be lifted, but it's clear that CBC Partners, who is a defendant in this case, is not even really opposing the injunction that's being requested. In

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fact, this whole discussion as to whether there was a breach and what happened with the breach, CBC has no standing to now sit back and say that they can point to one of the exceptions in the governor's directive because they have no standing to oppose the injunction. 5148 Spanish Heights LLC is not a party to this transaction.

What we are seeking, Your Honor, is that this injunction be --

THE COURT: They're a counterclaimant.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Well, that's an interesting dynamic.

I guess they are a -- they weren't sued.

THE COURT: We'll have a discussion someday.

MR. GUTIERREZ: They weren't sued. So I remember filing motions to intervene in another case, but we have to get a court order to come --

THE COURT: Really? You had to get court orders to intervene?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Yeah. It was a case with the DOT. I'm going to get a court order to come in.

THE COURT: No. We'll talk about that tomorrow.

MR. GUTIERREZ: I'm sure we'll get in for a while.

THE COURT: Not till 9:00 o'clock.

MR. GUTIERREZ: So that's, procedurally, we'll have issues with that, but as we sit here today, they're not a party. And just based on the governor's directive, Your Honor,

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if you look at the clear language of that, there cannot be foreclosure proceedings initiated or a notice to vacate, which both happened in this case.

It's our position that there's no damages that CBC has because they've been paid 3.5, 3.4 million on their note. So no bond in furtherance of the thousand dollars that has been posted should be issued.

We're requesting that the injunction be granted to the extent to where the governor's moratorium is lifted.

As to CBC, it should be granted till trial. They're not a party, no standing.

To any successors or assigns that may come here, whether it's 5148 Spanish Heights, if they want to initiate foreclosure proceedings or notice of eviction, they should be bound to the same requirements of the governor's moratorium.

None of the exceptions apply. I think the facts that have come out have shown that there is no criminal activity at the property. Any arguments about a flamethrower, it may have happened at Mr. Rhodes's property. No one has testified that this happened on Mr. Bloom's property. Mr. Bloom's testimony is clear that he never authorized it. It wasn't him. wasn't anyone he knew. The facts, so there's no evidence that there's any -- anything that rises to the level of the exceptions to the governor's moratorium, Your Honor.

As to irreparable harm, Mr. Bloom clearly testified

that the property is unique and that he has nowhere else to go. He's concerned about the health and safety of his family if there was a notice to evict or a notice to vacate that was carried on.

So at this point, Your Honor, we'd ask that the actual injunction be granted, the bond remain at a thousand dollars and the injunction as to CBC be granted until trial and the injunction as to CBC or any successors or assigns be granted to until the life of the moratorium is lifted, Your Honor.

And if you have any questions, Your Honor, I can -- I mean, we've also included these arguments in our pleadings on file.

THE COURT: Thank you.

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MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Mushkin.

CLOSING ARGUMENT FOR THE DEFENSE

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, thank you. Thank you for hearing this.

In my 40 years of practicing law, I have never heard more dishonest testimony ever, ever. This is preposterous. There is not a scintilla of evidence that shows that they can win. There is not a scintilla of evidence that shows that an eviction proceeding has been initiated. There is a notice to vacate. And at the bottom of the letter, it acknowledges these

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difficult times and says let's work this out. No eviction is pending. So to enjoin, there has to be something pending. No foreclosure is pending. As you know, the initiation or foreclosure starts with the recordation of a notice of default and election to sell.

THE COURT: And payment of the filing fee to the Clark County Recorder's office.

MR. MUSHKIN: That's exactly right.

And there are no such thing exists in this case. What does exist is the statutory notice that tells you you've got to go get help and all that other stuff, that you have to submit 30 days in advance of the notice of default and election to sell. So there's no foreclosure to enjoin, and there's no eviction to enjoin because there's no eviction proceeding.

I will represent to the Court that there is an unlawful detainer action now pending in front of you. And I will also represent to the Court that we will come before you when the moratorium has been lifted and ask for the return of the property, as is our right, but nothing is out there for you to enjoin.

As I made a point in my opening argument, the March 16th letter is not subject to the emergency directive. There is no relationship to the emergency directive. It seeks information. It says you're in default of a contract. Those are constitutionally protected rights, Your Honor. The Supreme

Court of Wisconsin, I think, yesterday ruled -- I believe it was Wisconsin, not Michigan.

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But I want to be clear, Judge, there's no proceeding to enjoin. And we've brought 5148 as the successor in interest as we rightfully should. We brought them before this Court. They have standing. And CBC Partners still has standing because CBC Partners is the holder of the Antos interest. They still have standing.

Now, on the off chance that you will somehow allow this person to come before you and lie over and over again, Mr. Antos knew that it was a hundred percent of the stock. Mr. Hallberg knew it was a hundred percent of the stock. And Mr. Bloom over and over again signs documents that says he acknowledges that he pledges a hundred percent of his stock. But the only way he can have standing on behalf of SHAC is if he does -- is if he has an interest in SHAC, and he doesn't.

He doesn't own it anymore. He chose to sit on his rights and claimed that no default could take place until March 31st. We don't have to provide this. We don't have to provide that. It's preposterous, Judge. The document says limited defaults are forbeared, not all of it.

And then when I write to counsel and say the information that we requested is in the December 1st, '19 extension of the forbearance agreement, all those items are there, you agreed in December of '19. I'm only asking him 60

days later. But that's no good. No default. Can't take place. It's just preposterous.

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Now, on the off chance that you really think an injunction is warranted in this case -- and, Your Honor, it truly is not. This is bad faith litigation from the get-go. And I brought these judicial -- I wanted judicial notice because he did it with Mr. Simon, and he did it with Plasim Homes, the last two houses that he lived in, the same thing. Makes a bunch of promises. When he doesn't get his way, runs to court and then loses. You want to grant an injunction, you have to have a chance to win. He owes this money.

Now, they want to come up with "trickeration".

That's my favorite word from the Republican administration:

Trickeration. Oh, no merger, and it's extinguished. No
authority, no cases, no nothing. I want to read you the case
on merger.

Your Honor, I can just represent to the Court that in no way does merger apply to this case. It's just throwing something up and hoping it'll stick, and it's wrong, and there's no authority for any of this. It's just troubling to me. Every time they don't get their way, they threaten. They threatened me. I reported it to the attorney general.

Your Honor, there's \$9 million owed against this house, plus about 8 or \$9 million in judgments. I asked
Mr. Bloom why he didn't file the quiet-title action. That's a

specific obligation. It wasn't necessary. I've never heard such answers. I'm dumbfounded that he would come to this Court and think that you're going to let him get away with this. It's just terrible.

The advance note of approximately one million, three, twenty-six, due.

Accrued interest a million, fifty-eight, due.

Taxes, 51,937, due.

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And the monthly obligations are \$60,789.91 a month that he's not paying.

THE COURT: And you're holding up D1.

MR. GUTIERREZ: And I am holding up my demonstrative exhibit that just adds them up for you, Judge.

THE COURT: I understand. I just have to make a record.

MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you.

Judge, I would respectfully request that you deny the motion for preliminary injunction. There is nothing to enjoin. The unlawful detainer action is now before you. It will not and cannot be heard until you decide that's all there is to it. There is no foreclosure proceeding instituted. There will be one. And at that time, after the 008 expires, or if this Court will determine pursuant to the evidence that there are things going on in the property that allow the exception and allow it to take place now, and I believe that evidence has been

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It doesn't matter if the flamethrower was on his property or across the street if it's there for his guests. The party was on the 21st. The flamethrower was brought for his guests. Judge, flamethrowers in the county of Clark are felonies. You fire one of those in the county of Clark, it's a felony. Mr. — unrefuted testimony, a 50-foot firebomb, 40-foot firebomb. This is unbelievable conduct.

An unlicensed driver speeding in the neighborhood. That's just not right. It's not what was contracted for.

And the last item, which is absolutely unrefuted is he contracted for if there's --

THE COURT: Mr. Mushkin, your helper has something for you.

MR. MUSHKIN: If there's a lien --

Ah, there's my case.

-- if there is a lien --

See, I told you: Without her I'm lost.

THE COURT: I know. I just -- I'm trying to help out there.

MR. MUSHKIN: Completely lost.

I lost my spot.

THE COURT: You were arguing about the public safety issues.

MR. MUSHKIN: Oh. And there just can't be any doubt,

Judge. Come on. Flamethrowers? Come on. They have a party together on July 4th, and they bring a flamethrower. Because they have it at one residence instead of both. It's a joint party. Come on.

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Oh. The matter I was raising about the lien, Judge, absolutely unrefuted. The lien was filed. They didn't post the one and a half times bond.

Judge, what the evidence shows is that Mr. Bloom is not tethered to the truth. He's not tethered to the burdens of his contracts. I ask you to take judicial notice because he did it to Plasim, and he did it to Mr. Simon. And he litigated. And he went to the Supreme Court. And he lost everywhere because he doesn't tell the truth.

He makes things up, just like he did today. The security agreement didn't count. The pledge agreement, the security agreement replaced the pledge agreement. How is this possible, Judge? They're both executed on the same day. They're a part of those closing documents. This is pure fraud upon the Court. This is abuse of process from the get-go. It's wrong. It cannot be countenanced. It cannot be rewarded. This conduct must stop.

Merger, the case is *Hanneman v. Downer*, 871 P.2d.

It's a 1994 case. The doctrine of merger is, in this case,

it's about the size of the property and that they claimed that
the contract merged into the deed. And they said no. The deed

is a written expression of its own. In matters affecting real property, all those items must be in writing.

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And in this case, there can be no merger. It simply doesn't exist.

Last item I wanted to raise, Judge, I attached the attorney general's brief that he filed in a case regarding irreparable harm. I want to say it's Exhibit W.

THE COURT: I believe it is Exhibit W, and I was wondering why it was attached.

MR. MUSHKIN: I wanted to tell you that I knew you would ask. When you cite something, you have to give your authority. And in my brief, I cited this, and I cited it because the attorney general did such a good job with irreparable harm.

THE COURT: And it's clearly an unpublished decision.

MR. MUSHKIN: It is. But I -- because I use -- I quoted from it. I didn't want to not attribute.

THE COURT: I understand.

MR. MUSHKIN: And --

THE COURT: But it's not binding on me. It's only informational.

MR. MUSHKIN: No. No. It's not binding. But what I did is I quoted their authority. So I wanted to at least include it. And they set out rather well that you must establish that irreparable harm, imminent irreparable harm.

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And as in that case, the plaintiffs were not likely to succeed on the merits. And they were unable to show an imminent threat of irreparable harm.

And the reason I added that is that I used the same language that the AG did in our case. And that's why I attached that for you because they have not and cannot provide a specific set of facts on irreparable harm. They can say that there's eviction, but there is no eviction pending. They can say that they don't want a foreclosure, but there is no foreclosure pending. And thus this Court has nothing to enjoin.

They have not met their burden of showing imminent irreparable harm. They have not showed their burden of a likelihood of success on the merits.

We acknowledge 008. We believe that we have a defense to its application, both speeding, violations of county code and failure to maintain the property have been uncontroverted. I went straight through them with Mr. Bloom, and all he could say is no, no, no. And many of them he didn't even say no. But I would submit to you, Your Honor, that if you were supposed to spend a hundred thousand in the beginning and maintain the property in top-quality condition, that Mr. Bloom has failed, has continued to fail and as such cannot invoke the protections of the emergency declaration 008 in spite of the fact that we have not initiated an eviction, nor

1 foreclosure proceeding.

So for all of those reasons, Judge, and for the lack of honesty, that most of all, you must come to court in seeking extraordinary relief, and you must come to court, and you must do equity to get equity. And Mr. Bloom and SCVJ have not done that. Mr. Bloom lacks any interest in SHAC at this point. The Court should not entertain this sort of extraordinary relief.

If and when an eviction is initiated or a foreclosure is initiated, which takes 124 or -6 days, depending on when Sunday's fall, then perhaps there's an issue that could be brought to the Court. But now this is another one of those preemptive strikes by Mr. Bloom that the court is full of.

Last comment, Judge. I also ask that you take a look at three other cases for judicial notice.

THE COURT: I'm not going to. I can't. I understand you want me to, but I'm not going to.

MR. MUSHKIN: Why?

THE COURT: If you want to ask for him to be declared a vexatious litigant at a later time or that there's a pattern and practice, there's an entirely different process we've got to go through.

MR. MUSHKIN: Oh. No. Absolutely correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: But I am not going to consider those for deciding this very narrow issue related to the application of

1 Directive 008 to this proceeding.

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MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I respectfully disagree with you, and I want to tell you why.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. MUSHKIN: They've got a pleading on file, and the credibility of that pleading and the credibility of their witness is what's called into question.

THE COURT: I understand, which is why you got to cross-examine him.

MR. MUSHKIN: And it's also why I'm able to look at what he's already done in other cases.

THE COURT: And you could have asked him about that as part of it, but I'm not going to take judicial notice of it.

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor. Thank you for your time again.

THE COURT: At least not at this stage. It may be at a later stage you and I have a discussion about it.

MR. MUSHKIN: Oh, I'm sure it'll be -- Your Honor, there will be a vexatious litigant motion. There's no question it's coming.

THE COURT: I understand.

MR. MUSHKIN: But what I want -- what I did for -- well, I did it for two purposes, Judge, one for the injunction, and two for the protective order that I filed. It's not germane to today.

1 THE COURT: That's not necessary. I took care of 2 that. 3 MR. MUSHKIN: And you did, Your Honor. And I thank 4 you for doing that. 5 Because subpoenas had to be authorized by THE COURT: 6 the Court before they were issued under the chief judge's 7 current orders. 8 MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor. My final comment relates 9 to the filing of their opposition in this case. As you may 10 recall --11 THE COURT: Your opposition? Your opposition or 12 their reply? 13 They filed a TRO. MR. MUSHKIN: 14 THE COURT: They filed an application for TRO, 15 preliminary injunction. 16 MR. MUSHKIN: I filed an opposition. 17 THE COURT: You did. And they got a reply. 18 MR. MUSHKIN: And they filed a reply. 19 THE COURT: Right. 2.0 MR. MUSHKIN: That reply was untimely by a week. 21 the reason I point that out is just another example. When the 22 Court ordered the -- their reply brief on the 15th, it meant 23 it. But instead of abiding by that order, they ignored it. I

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Mr. Bloom wants the benefit of his bargain, but not the burden.

would submit to the Court that that is the pattern here.

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And the only way for Mr. Bloom to have the right to stay in this house by injunction or by contract is to pay for it.

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And on the off chance that you actually want to grant this injunction, Judge, I would only ask that the bond be set at an amount that protects my client's interest as it is designed to do. And that would require a bond to cover the advances, the accrued interest, the taxes and the payments of \$31,187.50 per month. So if on the off chance you wish to grant this, Mr. Bloom has to make these payments, not just the first and second, but all of the secured obligations. He doesn't get to say, oh, it merged. It evaporated. That has to be found by this Court. There's no such finding. He has to pay it.

So on the off chance that you want to grant this injunction, please set the bond at an amount that at least protects my client. There's no way to protect him against the lawlessness. There's no way to protect him against the damages. That's why I don't want you to grant the injunction. That's why I don't believe 008 applies.

We did the inspection. We asked for information. We tried to get cooperation from Mr. Bloom, and we tried to give him more time to perform. But what happens when Mr. Bloom doesn't get his way? He does whatever he wants until a Court stops him. And, Judge, it's your job to stop him, and I hope you will.

Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Mushkin. THE COURT:

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Mr. Gutierrez, anything else you'd like to add?

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MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

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REBUTTAL ARGUMENT FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

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MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes. Mr. Mushkin talked about

credibility CBC stood up and said it sold its note on April 1st, 2020, yet continued to send letters to vacate and

foreclose after that date. Now they're asking for a bond after they've been paid over 3.5 million. That's -- those are issues

of credibility. They didn't even authorize some of those

letters to go out, and now those letters are going out saying

CBC is telling you to vacate, and then we're going to foreclose

on a note that they had already sold. So at no point does CBC

have standing to raise any of these issues.

When it comes to irreparable harm, Your Honor, the governor's directive couldn't be any more clear. It says that the landlord should neither evict nor began the process of eviction while Nevada is under a state of emergency. We shouldn't have had to come here, Your Honor. We requested in writing specifically that the notices be rescinded and that these foreclosure proceedings stop, and they were not.

We had to file an application for TRO and move forward with this. And at, no, point were they saying, well,

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we sold the note. We don't have standing to be here. Now, they're in here asking this Court to find the exceptions apply when they don't have standing because they sold their note.

When we went through Mr. Bloom's testimony, it's clear that none of those exceptions would apply. There's been no criminal activity, no arrests, no damage, no significant damage to the property, no seriously endangering the public that would qualify under these exceptions.

So, Your Honor, we ask that the injunction be granted until the governor's directive is lifted and the bond at \$1,000 that the Court previously ordered stay in place because there is zero damage to CBC after it sold its note.

And Mr. Bloom has already testified that through SHAC they are paying the first and the second on these properties.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

The April 3rd, 2020, notice to vacate violates the Governor's Directive 008 because there is not an establishment of a serious endangerment of the public or other residents or serious criminal activity or significant damage to the property which is required under Section 1 for me to ignore Governor's Directive 008, Section 1.

For that reason, I am granting the preliminary injunction in a limited way to prevent any further action related to the notice to vacate until after the expiration of 1 the Governor's Directive 008.

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Let's talk about the bond, Mr. Gutierrez. You said your client is going to continue to pay the first and second, taxes, insurance and HOA dues during the interim?

MR. GUTIERREZ: That is correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Mushkin, do you have anything else you want me to consider?

MR. MUSHKIN: The third, Your Honor. We've -- we haven't gotten any payments in over 30 months from this individual. We're damaged \$30,000 every month.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. MUSHKIN: He's only paying what he chooses to pay. He's obligated to pay the third.

THE COURT: Well, the Governor's Directive does recognize that this does not relieve parties of their contractual obligations, and they are required to comply with their contractual obligations, whether that happens or not is an entirely different issue.

So, Mr. Gutierrez, as part of the order granting the TRO or the preliminary injunction to the expiration of Directive 008, your client is required to continue to pay the first, second, insurance, taxes and HOA fees. I am not going to require payment of the third. That is something that is going to be an issue we are probably going to discuss in the near future given the new party who has appeared, whether it is

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through intervention that they appeared or whether it is through the filing of a counterclaim. And I'm sure we're going to address that procedural issue fairly quickly so that we can then get to the meat of the issue as to whether there has been a merger and extinguishment or whether the amounts remain due and owing.

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I would only request that they be required to bond the amount that's due us. There is no defense to the bond. They cannot -- you're enjoying our collection. At the very least, they have to bond it.

THE COURT: I'm not enjoining your collection. The governor enjoined your collection. I am -- I am following, as I am in every single one of these commercial cases where someone is trying to resolve the issues related to a failure to pay rent or other issues related to the occupancy strictly in compliance with Directive 008 for the term of 008.

I understand your position. I have to follow Directive 008. I don't have a whole lot of choice. You're not the only property owner or noteholder who is unhappy with the results of Directive 008, but I am not in a place where I have a lot of wiggle room related to that.

MR. MUSHKIN: I appreciate that, Judge, but you do have the ability to require a bond. There's a \$19,000 HOA lien, that by contract he's supposed to bond. He hasn't bonded it. And now we have no payments for April or May. That's

60,000 -- over \$60,000. At the very least, you should pick a 1 2 date to anticipate the expiration of the directive. I suspect July 1 is probably far enough out for the directive to be 3 withdrawn. We'll be in Phase 3 or 4 by then. But it doesn't 4 5 matter. But for those months --6 THE COURT: I sure hope so because I'd love to get 7

out of this mask.

MR. MUSHKIN: Yeah, me too.

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But, Judge, it is completely -- it is completely unfair, and it does not comport with the standards of Rule 65.

THE COURT: I know. You and I have --

MR. MUSHKIN: To leave the third mortgage hanging --

THE COURT: Joan can tell you, you and I and Jean

Bacchus had -- or, no. You're not in that case. Jean Bacchus

15 and I had the exact same discussion in another commercial issue

16 with a large amount of money and the situation, and I cannot

17 deviate from Directive 008. I understand your position, and as

soon as Directive 008 expires, I will move quickly to adjust

19 those issues that need to be taken care of. Right now my order

20 is strictly based on Directive 008.

MR. MUSHKIN: So are you finding that there is a

22 foreclosure proceeding pending?

> THE COURT: No. I found there was a notice to vacate.

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THE COURT: That is all I said.

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THE COURT: You and I both know how long a foreclosure takes to start.

MR. MUSHKIN: Okay. So and I can't convince the Court that the bond should be increased from a thousand dollars when they're not paying me 30,000 a month?

THE COURT: Not when I --

MR. MUSHKIN: And the advance is due?

THE COURT: Not when I have Directive 008 in place.

MR. MUSHKIN: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I don't mean to be dense, but what does 008 have to do with the contractual rights to pay, which you just said they are not relieved of?

THE COURT: Directive 008 says we're going to keep people in their houses until this is over.

MR. MUSHKIN: I fully acknowledge that, Judge.

THE COURT: That's basically what it says. So by requiring a bond that people can't afford to pay, I would be putting people in a position where the TRO -- or the injunctive relief would not take effect. So I understand your position.

My reading of 008 is I'm supposed to prevent the kind of things that are in Section 1 for as long as the governor says Directive 008 is finished. And then I'm going to be really busy in business court when I'm allowed to talk to

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MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I fully acknowledge -- I understand where you're at. I have to tell you that I completely disagree because the directive says he is not relieved of payment.

THE COURT: That is absolutely true. That's Section 3.

MR. MUSHKIN: And you said he has to pay the first and the second.

THE COURT: I did say that --

MR. MUSHKIN: But why not the third?

THE COURT: Because the third is what is at issue here as the injunctive relief.

MR. MUSHKIN: No. No. No.

THE COURT: He volunteered to pay the first and second. So I'm just telling him he's going to do what he volunteered to do, Mr. Mushkin.

MR. MUSHKIN: But the third is not the subject of the injunction on the vacate?

THE COURT: Yes, it is.

MR. MUSHKIN: Oh, no, Your Honor. The vacate is based on the lease, not on the note.

THE COURT: I understand what you're saying, Mr. Mushkin, but they're all related.

MR. MUSHKIN: Well, Judge, I certainly appreciate

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that, but I have to tell you that this is a house that's just shy of 16,000 square feet. There's 9 million in debt, and the operating expenses for a month are \$60,000. I'll submit to the Court that a \$1,000 bond is completely inappropriate. This is an individual who just told you that he has a huge wealth, a solar farm and a -- a judgment for billions. And a thousand dollars is just not appropriate, Judge.

THE COURT: And, Mr. Mushkin, at the time that Directive 008 expires, you and I will have a discussion about whether the injunctive relief continues. And if it does what the bond should be, a realistic bond. But I am not at that stage given Directive 008.

And believe me, I understand, and I understand the issue related to those folks who are at risk with this because of their contracts or their other obligations as landowners, and I understand that. But Directive 008 is really clear. And then I will say the same thing I do as a parent. And by the way, you're still supposed to do all the right things anyway, which is what Section 3 says.

MR. MUSHKIN: I --

THE COURT: This isn't my first one.

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I'm dumbfounded because I just can't imagine that a thousand dollar bond is appropriate for a house that has 9 million in debt. It's just -- I understand the directive. Perhaps if you inquired of the

plaintiff if they could afford a bond of a hundred thousand or 200,000, but to just give them a free pass given the nature of this testimony, Judge, is just wrong.

THE COURT: I understand your position, Mr. Mushkin. Anything else?

Mr. Gutierrez, please prepare the order. Send it to Mr. Mushkin for review.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, may I approach just to grab the exhibits?

THE COURT: You may.

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MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you.

MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Have a nice day. And, oh, by the way, I am not allowed to let you leave the room until I discuss with you the Rule 16 conference.

Given the appearance of the new party as a counterclaimant, I am not going to set the Rule 16 conference today. I am going to set a status check on scheduling the Rule 16 conference in three weeks on my chambers calendar, and I am going to suspend the requirements of NRCP 16B2 pursuant to Admin Order 20-01 because I'm not going to have a Rule 16 until after I straighten out who the right parties are and whether they're an intervener or something else.

THE CLERK: That's --

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, if I can address --

1 THE COURT: Hold on a second. 2 THE CLERK: That's June 5 in chambers, the status 3 check. 4 THE COURT: Okay. Now, Mr. Mushkin. 5 MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, we looked at the rule. 6 THE COURT: Which rule? 7 MR. MUSHKIN: The counterclaim rule. 8 THE COURT: Uh-huh. 9 MR. MUSHKIN: And the reading of the rule was, it 10 appeared on the first pleading, that you can add a party. If 11 you believe that to be incorrect, I will immediately file a 12 motion to intervene. 13 THE COURT: I think you're safer filing a motion to 14 intervene. I think it's a really tough call, Mr. Mushkin. 15 MR. MUSHKIN: Not a problem. 16 THE COURT: I've been dealing with intervention a lot 17 in the last year. 18 MR. MUSHKIN: See you tomorrow, Your Honor? 19 THE COURT: See you tomorrow at 9:00 o'clock,

MR. MUSHKIN: The reason that we did it this way is that we wanted the Court to see the counterclaim.

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Mr. Gutierrez.

THE COURT: It's okay. I understand. But I think intervention is the cleanest way. I know there are arguments to support the counterclaim where you have a successor in

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Mr. Gutierrez, any objection to an intervention?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, we'll likely be filing probably an amended complaint and naming them. So I think at this stage they'll be a party.

THE COURT: All right. So it's really not going to be much of an issue. I'll stay out of it.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE CLERK: Your Honor. Sorry.

THE COURT: So in three weeks when I look on the chambers calendar, if everybody is fully engaged with their pleadings, then we'll either set the Rule 16. If I'm allowed to have in-person hearings on a regular basis or if I'm not allowed to, I will continue it again. And Dan is required not to do a scheduling order because of all of this.

THE CLERK: Your Honor, will the motions for protective order and to quash subpoenas --

THE COURT: They're moot. Those are both moot because I did a minute order yesterday that Mr. Mushkin believes addresses most of those issues, although he may renew his request about the protective order at a later date if it becomes a discovery issue.

Right, Mr. Mushkin?

MR. MUSHKIN: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, d/b/a SJC VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiffs.

VS.

CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; CBC PARTNERS, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; KENNETH ANTOS AND SHEILA NEUMANN-ANTOS, as Trustees of the Kenneth & Sheila Antos Living Trust and the Kenneth M. Antos & Sheila M. Neumann-Antos Trust; DACIA, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

AND RELATED CLAIMS.

Case No.: A-20-813439-B

Dept. No.: 11

PLAINTIFFS' REPLY IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ON AN ORDER SHORTENING TIME

Hearing Date: January 4, 2021

Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m.

Plaintiffs Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC ("SHAC") and SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, d/b/a SJC VENTURES, LLC ("SJC") ("Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorney of record, MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES, hereby file this reply in support of their renewed motion

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for a temporary restraining order, and, after notice and a hearing, for a preliminary injunction on an order shortening time (the "Motion").

This reply is made and based upon the following memorandum of points and authorities, the exhibits attached hereto, and the papers and pleadings on file in this matter.

DATED this 1st day of January, 2021.

MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES

_/s/ Danielle J. Barraza

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Defendants' opposition was replete with rampant speculation that Plaintiffs' counsel of record Mr. Gutierrez was Mr. Bloom's counsel throughout the negotiations of the Forbearance Agreement (he was not). Instead of focusing on legal issues, Defendants have claimed that Mr. Bloom's "counsel [has] been less than candid with this Court," which is completely baseless and sanctionable in itself. Opp. at p. 23. Defendants' obsession with personally attacking Plaintiffs' counsel is disturbing but predicable at this stage, as Defendants would prefer to deviate from a rational legal analysis.

What Defendants did not, and could not, contradict in their opposition was the fact that the Note for the underlying commercial restaurant loan to Kenneth Antos' company KCI Investments, LLC, which purportedly secured the "third Deed of Trust" against the Property that was owned by the Antos Trust, was <u>never amended</u> to reflect that the Antos Trust was either a debtor or a guarantor under the Note. Not only that, but the Antos Trust undisputedly never received any consideration for attempting to convey a "third Deed of Trust" to CBC Partners, which means the language of the Deed

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of Trust reflecting that consideration was provided (language that Mr. Bloom relied upon) was a misrepresentation.

This lack of consideration went acknowledged by CBC Partners I, LLC itself in its deposition:

- Q: So was any additional consideration provided separately to the Antos Trust in addition not in addition, but in exchange for the deed of trust being provided?
- A: Not to my knowledge.

See Exhibit 1, Deposition Transcript of Rule 30(b)(6) corporate representative for CBC Partners I, LLC at pp. 33-34. This testimony confirmed that the representation otherwise on the Deed of Trust was not accurate.

Defendants also noticeably failed to address that defendant 5148 Spanish Height's attempted non-judicial foreclosure is based upon a Notice of Default which was issued by CBC Partners I, LLC months after it testified that it had sold the Note to a wholly separate entity, 5148 Spanish Heights LLC. The CBC Partners I, LLC Notice of Default is on its face defective, as is the Notice of Breach and election to Sell and Notice of Sale, since they rely upon the defective Notice of Default.

Given Plaintiffs' likelihood of success on the merits, it would be improper to allow Defendants to rush a non-judicial foreclosure sale while this matter is being litigated, especially when Defendants have intentionally violated an order compelling discovery responses in an attempt to evade disclosing relevant information which has yet to be produced. If Defendants had a meritorious defense, they would not be trying to sneak a quick foreclosure during the holidays. Instead, Plaintiffs are now facing irreparable harm as a result of Defendants' refusal to simply cooperate with the judicial process.

As such, the exigent circumstances present in this case require granting Plaintiffs' application for a temporary restraining order. Further, a preliminary injunction should be ordered until this case can be fully decided on the merits.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. THERE IS NO VALID THIRD-POSITION DEED OF TRUST

The Deed of Trust specifically states that "FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION," the Antos Trust is providing CBC Partners I, LLC an interest in the Property. Mot at Ex. 7, PLTFS00702. Both CBC Partners I, LLC and Kenneth Antos confirmed that was not

really true, as the Antos Trust received <u>no consideration whatsoever</u>. *See* Ex 1 herein at pp. 33-34 and Mot. at Ex. 4 at p. 69.

In their opposition, Defendants' only argument for the validity of the third-position "Deed of Trust" is that Kenneth Antos (a non-legal expert who desperately signed whatever CBC Partners, LLC put in front of him that would enable him to obtain more money for his failed restaurant business) believes the Deed of Trust is valid and "believes the money is due." Opp. at pp. 16-18. That is not the test for determining the validity of a Deed of Trust. Not even the after-the-fact declaration that Defendants' counsel drafted for Kenneth Antos can somehow create the appearance of consideration being provided to the Antos Trust. Defendants now insist that "the initial Secured Promissory Note was modified several times. Throughout the modifications, the collateral was changed with the Property ultimately becoming the collateral for the Secured Promissory Note." Opp. at p. 16.

But in all of those modifications, not a single one adds the Antos Trust, the *owner* of the Property, as a borrower or guarantor under the KCI commercial loan. The Antos Trust is undisputedly a non-signatory to the underlying Note documents and had zero involvement in that process. Kenneth Antos himself admitted that the Antos Trust did no business with CBC Partners I, LLC. Mot. at Ex. 4 at pp. 71-72. So while Kenneth Antos and his companies may have attempted to turn the Property into collateral under the Note, they frankly had no authority to do so because they never owned the Property – the Antos Trust did and had since 2010.

This is not the normal case of a bank providing a loan to a prospective home-buyer like most Deeds of Trusts are established. This is a case of a commercial restaurant loan being issued to KCI Investments, LLC, the Antos' agreeing to be guarantors on that note in individual capacities, the company then defaulting on that loan numerous times, and then CBC Partners I, LLC trying to obtain a Deed of Trust over the Antos' residence even though neither KCI Investments, LLC, nor the Antos' individually, owned Property. The Antos Trust, never having been added as a borrower or guarantor under the Note, and more importantly never having received any consideration for attempting to convey the Deed of Trust, has no obligation under the commercial restaurant loan to KCI Investments, LLC. Similarly, Plaintiffs as the successor-in-interest to the Property have no obligation under what we have now discovered is an invalid Deed of Trust.

No consideration was ever provided to the Antos Trust for a signed Deed of Trust. Defendants insist that "[t]he balance due from Plaintiffs is approximately \$5,578,459.15 (\$2,935,001.14 for principal, pre-forbearance protection payments of \$1,326,744.55, interest and late charges of \$1,315,105.24 and interest accrued at the rate of 20% in the amount of \$1,608.22 per day from April 1, 2020, Exhibit V)". But that is the balance due by KCI Restaurant Brands as borrower and the Antos' individually as guarantors. It is not due from the Antos Trust, nor from Plaintiffs.

Even if the Court were to somehow find that the Antos Trust, a non-party to the commercial Loan to KCI, somehow was a borrower or guarantor to a commercial loan to which it never signed any amendment to the Note, then the Doctrine of Merger would have extinguished the Note when the Note holder took an equitable position in the collateral at the time the Antos' transferred their interest to the lender CBC Partners I, LLC.

Even further, if the commercial loan to KCI somehow transformed into a debt of the Antos Trust, and the Note was not extinguished under the Doctrine of Merger, then still the One Action Rule would prevent foreclosure as the lender (CBC Partners I, LLC) already elected its remedy in taking possession of an equitable interest.

B. DEFENDANTS' NOTICING DOCUMENTS ARE INVALID

Notably, the Amended Forbearance Agreement was actually breached by defendant CBC Partners I, LLC almost immediately after its execution, as CBC Partners I, LLC failed to make the required mortgage payments to the holders of the first and second position mortgages (City National Bank and Northern Trust Bank. *See* Mot. at Ex. 20, PLTFS00261-Correspondence from Jonathan Ukeiley of Northern Trust Bank stating that there are past due bills from "January, February, March and April 2020." Defendant 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC has not fully remedied this breach, as late fees are still due.

In other words, Defendants are coming to this Court with unclean hands and seeking relief for alleged breaches under an agreement which Defendants have been in breach of for a year now. Perhaps realizing they will not succeed, Defendants have pivoted to trying to notice their own foreclosure sale, but they have continuously gone about it in a way that violates Nevada's foreclosure statutes, which went totally unaddressed in Defendants opposition.

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The July 2, 2020 "Notice of Default" states that "CBC Partners I, LLC, at its option, without further demand, may evoke the power of sale and any other remedies permitted by Nevada law." *See* Mot. at Ex. 18. However, months before that at the May 2020 preliminary injunction hearing, CBC Partners I, LLC claimed that it had sold its Note to 5148 Spanish Heights LLC. CBC Partners I, LLC had no authority to issue a Notice of Default in July 2020, making that document void and unenforceable.

Disregarding that, on September 15, 2020, 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC moved forward not with recording its own Notice of Default but by causing a "Notice of Breach and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust" to be recorded against the Property. Mot. at Ex. 19. This Notice of Breach. Even if Plaintiffs had breached their obligations under the invalid third-position "Deed of Trust," which they have not, this Notice of Breach is improper since it is based on the void Notice of Default.

While Plaintiffs acknowledge that Defendants wanted to rush through with foreclosure proceedings as fast as possible in an attempt to circumvent judicial intervention and did not want to start all over again by having 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC issue its own Notice of Default, their failure to do so means that the subsequently recorded Notice of Breach and Notice of Sale (recorded on December 15, 2020) are also invalid.

Defendants repeatedly boast about the authenticity and the clarity of "the Documents." What they ignore is the substance of those documents, as the documents are clear that Antos Trust was never a borrower or guarantor under the underlying Note; the documents are clear that SJC Ventures was never a signatory to the Pledge Agreement; and the documents are clear that CBC Partners was, and its successor 5148 Spanish Heights LLC is, in default of both the Forbearance Agreement and Amended Forbearance Agreement.

Defendants in multiple instances disregard the indisputable instances when certain parties are not signatories to documents, and simply wants obligations to attach to non-parties to agreements, even when those non-parties received no consideration, as is the case with the Antos Trust receiving nothing in exchange for trying to convey a "Deed of Trust" to CBC Partners I, LLC.

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C. ANY BOND SHOULD BE NOMINAL

Upon issuance of a preliminary injunction, bond should be nominal, as a prohibitive bond to secure a non-party to the Property would be unduly burdensome to the Plaintiffs, and potentially eviscerate the purpose of the injunction. In no case should the bond be more than was required at the previous injunction granted, as it is demonstrated that no harm has come to the Defendants from the last bond. In fact, in Defendants' application to appoint a receiver, Defendants asserted that the equity in the Property has already eroded and therefore no further harm can be suffered by Defendants given their own stated equity in the property.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Plaintiffs request that the Court enter a temporary restraining order, and, after notice and a hearing, a preliminary injunction requiring defendants to rescind their improper Notice of Breach and Notice of Default and further enjoining Defendants from (1) proceeding on the current Notices of Default and Notice of Breach and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust, which are not only nonsensical but blatantly violate Nevada law; (2) engaging in any further foreclosure activities against the subject Property; and (3) attempting to foreclose on the Property through an extinguished and contested purported interest, until after the hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction.

The Court should order that the current Notices must be rescinded, and the Court should consider sanctions against Defendants for forcing Plaintiffs to initiate this motion. The requested injunctive relief is necessary to cure the immediate and irreparable harm being incurred by Plaintffs.

DATED this 1st day of January, 2021.

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<u>/s/ Danielle J. Barraza</u> Joseph A. Gutierrez, Esq. Nevada Bar No. 9046

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6 law. Do you understand that? 1 when you have that pulled up. 2 (Exhibit 26 marked.) 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. Really important in this deposition that we 3 BY MS. BARRAZA: do not talk over each other. So please wait for me Q. You're looking at a document, Notice of 4 4 to finish my question before going into your answer, Taking Web-Based Video Deposition of NRCP 30(b)(6) 5 Deposition of CBC Partners I, LLC. Is that what and I'm going to try to wait for you to finish your 6 complete answer before going into my next question. 7 you're looking at? 8 Okay? 8 A. Yes. 9 9 A. Yes. Q. So this is what's called the notice for Q. There's times where you might say "uh-huh," this deposition that we're in right now. Have you 10 previously reviewed this document? 11 "uh-uh," shake your head, nod your head. If you do 11 that, I'm just going to ask for a verbal response. 12 A. This morning. 12 Not trying to be rude, just trying to have a clear 13 Q. Was this morning the first time you ever record. Okay? 14 saw this? 14 15 15 A. Yes. A. Yep. 16 Q. There's times that your counsel will be 16 Q. So I want to turn your attention to page 2 17 of Exhibit 26. Do you see where it says "Topics"? 17 lodging objections throughout the course of this deposition. So unless you're specifically 18 19 Q. What I want you to do is look through those 19 instructed not to answer the question, even if there's an objection, we do still expect you to 20 topics. You apparently looked through it this answer. Do you understand that? morning, but if you would look through, again, 21 21 Topics 1 through 39 and let me know if you are, in 22 A. Yes. 22 23 Q. Is there any reason why you won't be able 23 fact, the person with the ability to testify as to 24 all these topics. 24 to give me your full, complete, and truthful answers to the questions today? 25 A. Yes. 7 9 1 A. No. No reason. Q. Is there anybody else at CBC Partners I, 1 Q. Can you give me a description of how you 2 LLC, who would be better equipped to answer any of are related to CBC Partners I, LLC? 3 those topics that you just reviewed? A. I am the chief credit officer of the 4 A. No. general partnership CBC Partners, LLC, and we manage 5 Q. So would you agree with me that you are the the loans of the fund CBC Partners I, LLC. 6 person with the most knowledge on behalf of CBC 7 Q. Okay. How long have you been in that role? 7 Partners I, LLC, to answer these questions or these 8 A. Since its founding in 2007. November 2007. 8 topics? Q. And did you go to college? 9 9 A. Yes. 10 A. Yes. 10 Q. Have you reviewed any documents in 11 Q. Where did you go? 11 preparation for your deposition testimony today? 12 A. Georgetown University. 12 A. No. 13 Q. What's your degree in? Q. Did you actually do anything to prepare 13 14 A. Bachelor of science. yourself for answering these topics on Exhibit 26? 14 15 Q. Any other post-graduate education? 15 16 A. No. Q. Did you speak with your counsel -- I don't 16 17 Q. Have you ever been convicted of a crime? 17 want to know the details of any conversation, but 18 A. No. did you speak with your counsel about this 18 Q. Have you ever been arrested for any crimes 19 19 deposition today? 20 involving dishonesty? 20 A. Yes. 21 A. No. 21 Q. Were those conversations all taking place Q. When did you first learn about this 22 22 this morning? 23 deposition? 23 A. No. 24 A. I believe it was last week. 24 Q. When were the other conversations that you 25 Q. If we could go to Exhibit 26, and tell me 25 had?

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10 A. Yesterday and sometime last week. I don't 1 Q. At some point either this week or last 2 remember the exact day. 2 week, Kenneth Antos was emailing you and it was 3 Q. Yesterday's conversation, how long did that mortgage documents. When you say "mortgage conversation with your counsel last? 4 documents," are you talking about --4 5 A. Approximately 15 to 20 minutes. 5 A. Statements. Q. I just want to confirm during that 6 Q. Sorry? 7 conversation you did not review any documents? 7 A. Statements. 8 A. Correct. 8 Q. Mortgage statements. And are you talking 9 MR. MUSHKIN: Excuse me, Counsel. You mean 9 about the first mortgage, the second mortgage, or other than the ones that you provided? 10 10 which mortgage? 11 A. I believe it was the first mortgage that 11 MS. BARRAZA: We can clarify that actually. 12 BY MS. BARRAZA: 12 was showing delinquency. 13 Q. Let me ask you this: I assume your counsel 13 Q. Was there any substantive comments that forwarded you along the exhibits for this 14 Kenneth left you in that email, or was he just 14 deposition? forwarding you those mortgage statements? 15 15 16 A. This morning. 16 A. Simply forwarding. Q. So this morning, did you review those 17 17 Q. Did you respond to that email? 18 exhibits? 18 A. No. 19 A. No. 19 Q. Aside from that email you just mentioned, 20 Q. Now, you also mentioned talking to your any other conversations you've had with Kenneth 21 counsel a few weeks ago or last week? 21 Antos since the one you had in March of 2020 over A. Last week. I don't remember the exact day. 22 22 the phone? Q. That's fine. How long did that 23 23 A. I don't believe so. Certainly not on the 24 phone. He may have forwarded other emails in the 24 conversation last? 25 A. Approximately 15 minutes. 25 past, but I don't recall. I didn't reply to him. 11 13 1 Q. And did you review any documents during 1 Q. Now, aside from your counsel, have you that conversation? spoken to anybody else about this deposition today? 3 A. No. 3 A. Does my wife count? 4 4 Q. Have you spoken with either Kenneth or Q. That's fine. Aside from your wife, anybody 5 Sheila Antos regarding this deposition? 5 else? 6 A. No. 6 A. No. 7 Q. When was the last time you spoke to Kenneth 7 Q. Now, we're here today -- I'll just state for the record so there's no confusion -- because 8 Antos? 8 9 A. I believe that was in March of this year 9 this litigation involves a property located at prior to the sale of our note. 10 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148. Q. So March of 2020 is when you believe is the 11 Throughout this deposition I'm going to be referring 12 last time you spoke to Kenneth Antos; correct? 12 to that as the "property." Is that okay with you? 13 A. Yes. 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Is CBC Partners I, LLC, licensed to conduct 14 Q. Was that conversation over the phone or in 15 person? 15 business in the state of Nevada? 16 A. Phone. A. No. 16 17 Q. I want to make sure. Because I believe you 17 Q. And have you exchanged any kind of email or 18 text or any other kind of communications with testified to the same back at the preliminary 18 19 Kenneth Antos since then? 19 injunction hearing. Do you recall that? 20 A. Yes. I believe I received an email from 20 A. Yes. 21 Antos. I think it was either early this week or 21 Q. And since that hearing, has CBC Partners I, 22 last week. He was forwarding mortgage statements on 22 LLC, done anything in an effort to become authorized 23 the property, which were -- the payments were 23 to conduct business in the state of Nevada? 24 falling behind. So he had received copies and 24 A. We have not pursued getting a business

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forwarded those to me.

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14 16 Q. Do you recall testifying at that 1 Q. I assume in discussing the concept of preliminary injunction hearing for this litigation 2 providing a loan, CBC Partners I, LLC, conducted 2 back in May? 3 some sort of due diligence into these companies? 4 A. Yes. 4 A. Yes. Q. And do you recall testifying that the only 5 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 5 6 6 business that CBC Partners I, LLC, had conducted in question. Nevada was with respect to the origination of the 7 You should answer, please. 8 THE WITNESS: Yes. We performed due loan to Kenneth Antos' company such as Pacific 9 diligence. Restaurant Brands? Do you recall that? 9 10 10 BY MS. BARRAZA: A. Yes. 11 Q. Now is that still the case as you sit here 11 Q. And just, in general, what did that kind of 12 today? Is there any other business that CBC 12 due diligence entail? 13 Partners I, LLC, has conducted in the state of 13 A. Review of financial statements, historical 14 financial statements, review of projections, review Nevada aside from that loan associated with Kenneth 15 of assets within those financial statements, review 15 Antos? 16 A. There was a smaller loan that was 16 of Ken Antos' personal financial condition including 17 outstanding for 12 months with a Las Vegas-based 17 the property. 18 company. It was repaid on schedule. That, I 18 Q. So when you say you also reviewed -- or CBC 19 19 believe, was at least five years ago, if not longer. Partners I, LLC, also reviewed Ken Antos' personal 20 Q. Did that Las Vegas-based company have 20 financial condition including the property, what did 21 21 it review regarding the property? anything to do with Kenneth Antos? 22 22 A. No. A. I believe at the time he had provided us 23 what would then be considered a recent appraisal. 23 Q. So I want to get into talking about the origination of the loan. And when I'm talking about 24 So we looked through that. We pulled comps from the 24 the loan so that we can kind of shorten it to only 25 neighborhood, so we looked at that. 15 17 "loan," I'm talking about that loan that was Q. Back when this loan was being originated, 1 provided to Kenneth Antos' various restaurant 2 did Kenneth Antos reveal that the owner of the companies, Pacific Restaurant Brands. I think 3 property was the Antos trust? there's -- do you recall KCB? Is that another 4 A. I don't recall. 5 entity or no? 5 Q. And back when this loan was being 6 A. No. There's KCI. 6 originated, did CBC Partners I, LLC, conduct a title 7 Q. That's what I meant. And KCI. So do you 7 check to determine who the property was titled to? understand that to be the underlying loan that's at 8 MR. MUSHKIN: I'd like a clarification if I issue in this litigation? 9 could. You keep referencing when this originated. A. Yes. 10 10 Are you talking about the original note or the lien 11 Q. So tell me about how that loan first 11 on the property itself? 12 MS. BARRAZA: I'm talking about back -- the 12 originated. A. Several years ago it was brought to us by a 13 original note. So I'm thinking back in the 2012 13 finder. The purpose of the loan was to provide 14 14 time frame. 15 growth capital to a franchisee of a restaurant brand 15 BY MS. BARRAZA: who was based in Las Vegas. And he was looking at 16 16 Q. Is that the original note, Mr. Hallberg? growing not only in Las Vegas but in 17 17 A. Yes. Southern California. 18 Q. So back in this original note time frame in 19 Q. And do you recall who was that finder? 19 2012, did CBC Partners I, LLC, conduct any kind of 20 A. The name is Doug Metz, M-e-t-z. 20 title check regarding the property to determine who Q. And prior to this point had CBC Partners I, 21 21 the owner was? 22 LLC, ever conducted any kind of business with 22 A. No. Any title check would have been Kenneth Antos or any of his associated companies 23 performed by our outside counsel in Seattle at the such as KCI Investments? 24 24 time that we took a security interest in the

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property.

A. No.

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Q. I'm sorry. I missed the last part of what 1 2 you just said. 2 Q. It looks like Ken Antos signed on behalf of 3 A. Any analysis or any title search would have 3 KCI Investments. Do you see that? been done by our outside counsel at the time that we A. Yes. 4 were taking a security interest in the property. 5 Q. It looks like John Otter signed on behalf Q. Understood. 6 of CBC Partners I, LLC. Do you see that? 7 A. Not by CBC Partners I. 7 A. Yes. Q. Understood. If we could turn to Exhibit 2, 8 Q. Tell me who John Otter is. just tell me when you have it pulled up. A. He's the managing partner of CBC Partners. 9 10 (Exhibit 2 marked.) 10 Q. And is he still the managing partner? 11 THE WITNESS: Okay. 11 A. Yes. 12 BY MS. BARRAZA: 12 Q. Was John Otter the main representative on 13 Q. I just want to make sure, at the top of the behalf of CBC Partners I, LLC, who was working on page does it say "Secured Promissory Note"? 14 this loan with the Antos companies and working on 15 A. Yes. 15 this note? 16 Q. I'll represent to you this Exhibit 2 is a 16 A. No. I was. 17 series of documents that have been submitted by your 17 Q. So you were personally involved, including 18 counsel in this litigation. It consists of the 18 back then in 2012? 19 A. Yes. 19 secured promissory note, and it also consists of various guaranty agreements and various 20 Q. I do want to go to page 612 on Exhibit 2. 21 modifications to that secured promissory note. 21 Tell me whenever you're there. 22 If you could look at the bottom right-hand 22 A. Okay. side of the first page of Exhibit 2, do you see how 23 23 Q. It looks like this is the first 24 it says 5148SH? 24 modification to the secured promissory note. Is 25 A. Yes. 25 that your understanding? 19 21 Q. Then it says 000594? 1 A. Yes. 1 2 A. Yes. Q. And is it your understanding this note went 3 Q. Okay. So throughout this deposition, when through several modifications over the course of I talk about page numbers, I'm going to be referring 4 years? to those Bates stamps at the bottom right. Okay? 5 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form. 6 THE WITNESS: Yes. 6 A. Uh-huh. Yes. Q. And so looking at page 594 on Exhibit 2, is 7 BY MS. BARRAZA: 7 this, to your knowledge, a true and accurate copy of 8 Q. Now, if we could go to 629 of Exhibit 2. Tell me whenever you're there. 9 the original, the first security note? 10 10 A. Yes. A. Okay. 11 Q. All right. And this security note was 11 Q. This appears to be an acknowledgement and between KCI Investments, LLC, as the borrower and 12 agreement of guarantors. What do you understand 12 CBC Partners I, LLC, as the lender; is that correct? 13 this document to be? 13 14 14 A. Yes. A. As it clearly states it's an 15 acknowledgement by the guarantors there was a loan 15 Q. It appears from the face of this document modification. the original loan amount was 300,000; is that 16 correct? 17 Q. Is it CBC Partners I, LLC's understanding 17 that the personal guarantors were Kenneth Antos and 18 A. Yes. 19 Sheila Antos for this loan? 19 Q. Now, if we turn to -- actually, I want to turn to page 609 on Exhibit 2. Tell me whenever 20 A. Yes. 20 21 Q. Were there any other guarantors for this 21 you're there.

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22 loan?

A. I believe initially there was another

guarantor, but he did not continue with the loan.

The primary guarantors were Kenneth and Sheila

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It appears to be a signature page of that secured

promissory note. Is that your understanding?

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- 2 Q. So you believe there was another individual
- 3 guarantor?
- 4 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, if you could just tell me in general 5
- 6 how do these various modifications come about? Was
- this a situation of Mr. Antos approaching CBC
- Partners I, LLC, asking for a modification, or how
- did this come about? 9
- 10 A. Usually he was asking for additional money 11 to fund the growth. And then he would approach us
- and ask for extensions of maturity date because he
- 13 wasn't quite ready to pay the loan.
- 14 Q. I assume throughout the course of the
- years, as further modifications were granted, CBC
- Partners I, LLC, was in agreement with providing
- those additional funds in exchange for these
- 18 additional modifications to the note; is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Now, I'd like to get into at some point in
- time were there discussions about CBC Partners I,
- 23 LLC, obtaining a deed of trust on the property?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Tell me about how those conversations came

- Q. Has CBC Partners I, LLC, gone through its 2 emails with Kenneth Antos since the commencement of 3 this litigation?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Are there potentially emails out there
- 6 between CBC Partners I and Kenneth Antos regarding
- 7 discussing the possibility of CBC Partners I, LLC,
- 8 obtaining that deed of trust on the property?
- 9 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 10 question. Vague and ambiguous.

Please answer if you can.

12 THE WITNESS: I believe most of the 13 communication regarding this deed of trust was 14 verbal. It was telephonic. There may have been some emails, but most of the negotiation was 15 16 telephonic.

- 17 BY MS. BARRAZA:
- 18 Q. And so what we would ask is that CBC
- 19 Partners I, LLC, goes through and looks at its prior 20 emails. And if it uncovers any emails with Kenneth
- 21 Antos specifically regarding the deed of trust and
- 22 the discussions about CBC Partners I obtaining a
- 23 deed of trust on the property, we would ask that
- 24 those be produced. Is that something that's doable?
 - A. I would defer to counsel on that.

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- 2 A. I don't recall all of the details.
- Initially on the loan we had an assignment of a
- stream of payments due Mr. Antos. Those went away.
- They were already settled and we asked for
- replacement collateral, and that replacement
- 7 collateral was a third position on the property.
- Q. What I'm trying to figure out is the
- 9 additional collateral, the property, was that
- 10 something Kenneth Antos had offered up, or was that
- something CBC Partners I brought up on its own as
- wanting to take that additional collateral? 12
 - A. We brought it up. He agreed.
- 14 Q. Okay. And do you recall approximately when
- 15 those conversations took place?
- 16 A. I don't recall.
- 17 Q. Would those conversations have taken place
- in person or over the phone or email?
- 19 A. Most likely over the phone.
- 20 Q. Has CBC Partners I, LLC -- let me start
- 21 with this question: Did you email Kenneth Antos
- back in the time frame of 2012 through 2014 22
- 23 regarding the note?
- 24 A. Probably. That's eight years ago. I'm
- sure Ken Antos and I had communication back then.

- 1 MR. MUSHKIN: I don't see a problem with 2 that. I don't need to have this on the record.
- 3 (A discussion was held off the record.)
 - BY MS. BARRAZA:
 - Q. You mentioned you had various discussions with Kenneth Antos regarding CBC Partners I, LLC,
- 7 wanting to take a deed of trust over the property as
- 8 additional collateral. Was anybody else involved in 9
 - these discussions?
- 10 A. The original finder, Doug Metz, may have 11 participated telephonically to the best of my
- 12 recollection. 13
 - Q. Do you recall Kenneth Antos having any kind of legal counsel during those specific discussions?
 - A. Not on the call, no.
 - Q. At any point during those discussions?
- 17 A. No. My discussions were with Ken. He did 18 not have counsel on the phone with him.
- 19 Q. Going back to this Exhibit 2 and the 20 secured promissory note documents and the various 21 modifications, who drafted those documents?
- 22 A. The outside counsel for CBC which is Lane 23 Powell based in Seattle.
 - Q. And does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any recollection of Kenneth Antos or any representative



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26 28 1 of the borrower making any kind of changes or dispute that? proposing any kind of changes to the security 2 A. Not to my knowledge. promissory note or any of its modifications? 3 Q. Going back to Exhibit 2, if you can, the 4 A. I don't recall. 4 secured promissory note, those documents. Tell me Q. I want to turn to Exhibit 5. I do 5 5 whenever you're there. apologize. I do want to turn to Exhibit 1. Tell me 6 A. I'm there. whenever you're there. 7 Q. In either this original secured promissory 8 (Exhibit 1 marked.) 8 note on page 594 or in any of the modifications 9 THE WITNESS: Okay. 9 thereto that follow on these pages, was the Antos BY MS. BARRAZA: Trust listed as a borrower on any of those 10 10 Q. Exhibit 1 says "Grant Bargain Sale Deed" at 11 11 documents? 12 the top. Do you see that? 12 A. I don't recall. 13 A. Yes. 13 Q. And was the Antos Trust listed as -- do you 14 MR. MUSHKIN: Bates numbers PLTFS 00642 for have any recollection of the Antos Trust being 14 listed as a guarantor on the note? 15 purposes of identification. 15 BY MS. BARRAZA: 16 A. I don't have a recollection, no. 16 17 Q. So I'll represent to you this is a recorded 17 Q. I do want to go back to Exhibit 5. Tell me 18 copy of the grant, bargain, and sale deed with 18 whenever you're there. 19 respect to the property. It indicates that Kenneth (Exhibit 5 marked.) Antos and Sheila Antos, as joint tenants, for 20 THE WITNESS: Okay. valuable consideration are conveying the property to 21 BY MS. BARRAZA: 22 their trust. Do you see that? 22 Q. I just want to make sure what we're looking 23 A. Yes. 23 at -- it says, Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, 24 Q. This was recorded -- you can look at the 24 Security Agreement, and Fixture Filing. Is that 25 top right-hand corner -- in October of 2010. Do you 25 what you're looking at? 27 29 see that? 1 A. Yes. 2 A. Yes. 2 Q. Do you recognize this document? 3 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any reason 3 A. Yes. to dispute that during the time that it has Q. What do you understand this document to be? 4 conducted business with Kenneth Antos and his 5 A. A deed of trust drafted by outside counsel. companies, the property -- during that time period, 6 Q. When you're talking about outside counsel, 7 the property was owned by the Antos Trust and not 7 you're talking about CBC Partners I, LLC's outside Kenneth Antos and Sheila Antos individually; is that 8 counsel? 9 A. Yes. 9 correct? 10 MR. MUSHKIN: To the extent it calls for a 10 Q. This is the deed of trust that CBC 11 legal conclusion, I object. understands that it acquired against the property; 12 Mr. Hallberg, you can answer the question 12 is that correct? 13 13 A. Yes. if you can. 14 THE WITNESS: For documentation, especially 14 Q. All right. Was there any specific reason 15 with respect -- especially with documents pertaining 15 why CBC Partners I, LLC, did not want to take a deed to the property, we relied heavily on advice from 16 of trust in the first place originally back when 17 our external counsel in Seattle, Lane Powell. Being 17 this note was issued? asked for specific information regarding whether 18 A. As I mentioned earlier, Mr. Antos had 19 these documents are good or not, you know, again, 19 another piece of collateral we had taken position 20 I'm not an attorney. 20 in. That ended up being sold, and the proceeds of 21 BY MS. BARRAZA: 21 that collateral were not applied to the loan. So we



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Q. Let me phrase it this way. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any reason to dispute, as it

sits here today, that the Antos Trust owned the

property as of October of 2010? Any reason to

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asked for additional collateral or replacement

Q. That loan that you're talking about, the

original loan, it was a commercial business loan for

collateral which is the house.

30 1 the purpose of his various restaurant entities? MS. BARRAZA: Sorry. I'm talking about A. Yes. 2 Exhibit 5. 2 3 Q. I just want to make sure we're clear for 3 MR. MUSHKIN: That's not a note. It's a 4 the record. This deed of trust was not for the 4 deed of trust. purpose of CBC Partners I, LLC, providing any funds 5 MS. BARRAZA: I'm sorry. I thought it said 5 to Kenneth Antos or any of his entities so that they 6 deed of trust. 7 could purchase the property; is that correct? 7 MR. MUSHKIN: That's all right. I thought -- you just confused me. I thought you were 8 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 8 doing it on purpose just to shake me up to make sure 9 question. Vague and ambiguous. He's wrinkling his 9 10 I'm paying attention. 10 brow too. 11 BY MS. BARRAZA: 11 BY MS. BARRAZA: 12 Q. Go ahead. 12 Q. If you could look at Exhibit 5, that first 13 A. Can you please repeat the question? 13 paragraph is actually one very long sentence. If Q. Sure. Is it correct that the purpose of 14 you could just read that to yourself where it starts 14 CBC Partners I, LLC, obtaining this deed of trust saying "This deed of trust, assignment of rent," and 15 15 was not for providing -- was not to help facilitate 16 tell me when you're done reading it. 17 Kenneth Antos to purchase the property? Is that 17 A. Okav. 18 correct? 18 Q. Do you see how in that first paragraph of A. Correct. 19 Exhibit 5 the term "trustor" is a defined term and 19 20 Q. Because the Antos Trust had already owned that term means the Kenneth Antos and Sheila 21 Neumann-Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007? Do 21 the property long before this deed of trust came you understand that the Antos Trust is defined as 22 about; is that correct? 22 23 the trustor? 23 A. That's my understanding. 24 A. Yes. 24 Q. Prior to this deed of trust coming about, did CBC Partners I, LLC, conduct any due diligence 25 Q. I want to go to the second paragraph of 31 33 as to any other deeds of trust that had already been Exhibit 5 where it states "For good and valuable recorded against the property? consideration trustor hereby jointly and severally 3 A. Yes. That would have been done by outside irrevocably grants, bargains, sells, transfers, and 4 counsel. 4 assigns to trustee," and it goes on. Do you see that? 5 Q. At the time this deed of trust was recorded 5 6 A. Yes. 6 in 2014, did CBC have an understanding and a belief that it was obtaining a third position deed of trust 7 Q. So is it CBC Partners I, LLC's understanding that this language is the trustor against the property? granting CBC Partners I, LLC, a deed of trust with A. Yes. 9 the power to sell the property; is that correct? 10 Q. When CBC Partners I, LLC, obtained this 10 deed of trust, did it ever go back and amend the 11 A. Yes. note to provide that the Antos Trust would be a 12 Q. Now, what good and valuable consideration 12 borrower under the note? 13 did the Antos Trust receive in exchange for 13 providing this deed of trust to CBC Partners I, LLC? MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 14 14 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Asked and 15 question. Calls for a legal conclusion. 15 16 You may answer. 16 answered. 17 BY MS. BARRAZA: THE WITNESS: I don't recall. 17 BY MS. BARRAZA: 18 Q. You can answer it. 18 19 A. As I said before, the original 19 Q. Okay. No recollection of that. I do want 20 to go through some of the language in this note. If 20 consideration was providing a loan to the companies 21 controlled by Ken Antos. We asked for a replacement 21 you look at the first paragraph, I actually just want you to read that first sentence to yourself. 22 collateral, and this was it. 22 23 MR. MUSHKIN: Which exhibit, Counsel? 23 Q. So was any additional consideration 24 MS. BARRAZA: Sorry? provided separately to the Antos Trust in



addition -- not in addition, but in exchange for

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34 36 this deed of trust being provided? 1 BY MS. BARRAZA: A. Not to my knowledge. 2 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any 2 3 Q. I do want to go to another page of this knowledge of the guaranty on the security note 4 document. Page 927 on Exhibit 5, tell me whenever involving the Antos Trust owing any kind of money to 4 5 you're there. CBC Partners I, LLC? A. Okay. 6 MR. MUSHKIN: Same objection. Objection to 7 Q. Do you see how it says near the bottom, 7 form of the question. "For the purpose of securing"? 8 8 Counsel, are you asking if the trust as a A. Yes. 9 9 party is on the note? Q. I'm going to read a little bit of this. It 10 MS. BARRAZA: I was actually asking for --10 MR. MUSHKIN: We'll stipulate that the 11 says, "For the purpose of securing, 1, the payment 11 of any and all amounts, collectively the guarantied trust is not a maker of the note. 12 obligations, due and owing by trustor under that 13 MS. BARRAZA: So the trust is not a maker certain guaranty from Kenneth Antos and Sheila Antos 14 of the note. dated June 22, 2012, in favor of beneficiary." Do BY MS. BARRAZA: 15 you see that? 16 Q. So does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any 16 17 A. Yes. 17 knowledge of the trust being a guarantor under the 18 Q. So what amounts were actually due and owing 18 note? 19 by the Antos Trust? 19 MR. MUSHKIN: Same thing. Foundation as to 20 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Form of the 20 when? 21 21 MS. BARRAZA: As to any point in time. question. THE WITNESS: I don't know where to go with 22 22 MR. MUSHKIN: Now I know what you're 23 this. 23 talking about. That happens --24 24 MR. MUSHKIN: Do you understand what she's MS. BARRAZA: That's not for you to answer. 25 asking? 25 That's for --35 37 1 THE WITNESS: No. MR. MUSHKIN: No. I'm just going to the 1 document because I saw it in here. That's all. BY MS. BARRAZA: 2 3 Q. That's fine. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, 3 THE WITNESS: Pardon me, but you're asking have any knowledge of the Antos Trust owing any me what's on a document that you already possess. money under the guaranty from that promissory note? So, no, I don't recall. As I said in the beginning 5 6 A. I don't recall how the trust was handled in of the deposition, I have not reviewed these 7 7 documents. the guaranty documents. 8 Q. So as CBC Partners I, LLC, sits here today, 8 BY MS. BARRAZA: 9 does it have any kind of knowledge of the Antos Q. Okay. So what I'm entitled to do at this 10 Trust being listed anywhere in the guaranty 10 deposition is question your recollection 11 documents? irrespective of what the documents say. It's okay 12 A. I do not recall. 12 if you don't recall. I just need you to answer that Q. And as CBC Partners I, LLC, sits here if that's the reality --13 13 14 today, does it have any knowledge of the Antos Trust A. I don't recall. 14 15 owing any kind of money with respect to the 15 Q. When the time came for discussions about 16 quaranty? 16 this deed of trust, CBC Partners I, LLC's counsel 17 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Lacks foundation. 17 would have done a title check on the property; is 18 THE WITNESS: The line of questioning is that correct? 18 19 A. Yes. 19 pretty confusing. The guaranty supports the 20 borrower which was the restaurant entity. 20 Q. Now, were any -- would those documents have 21 been saved to any files that CBC Partners I, LLC, 21 BY MS. BARRAZA: Q. So the guaranty had nothing to do with the 22 22 has regarding that title check? 23 23 A. I don't recall. Antos Trust; correct? 24 MR. MUSHKIN: Same objection. Lacks 24 Q. So we just ask, if there were any documents

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saved during that time with respect to a title check

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38 push Kenneth Antos to sell the property? and any communications about that title check, that they be produced. 2 A. I don't recall the exact amount of time. 2 3 MR. MUSHKIN: Counsel, just in an attempt 3 Maybe a year or two. to help in that regard, in these documents, there is 4 Q. At some point did Kenneth Antos represent 4 5 that he found a potential purchaser for the 5 the title -- there it is -- at 675 is the loan policy of title insurance. So I think the trail on 6 property? 7 those documents would lead back to First American 7 A. At a couple of points he said there were maybe one or two interested parties in the property. Title Insurance Company. It was done through 8 outside counsel. To the extent I can help you, 9 I think it was through a listing agent. 9 10 Q. At some point did those turn into 10 there's where that all goes. That's an Alta loan 11 substantive discussions involving CBC Partners I, 11 policy on this. 12 BY MS. BARRAZA: 12 LLC, and a potential purchaser? 13 Q. Going back to Exhibit 2, if you can tell me 13 A. No. We stayed out of any purchase and sale 14 discussions. whenever you're there. 14 15 15 Q. If we could turn to Exhibit 3. Tell me A. Okay. Q. As CBC Partners I, LLC, sits here today, 16 whenever you're there. 16 17 does it have any recollection of the Antos Trust 17 A. Okay. 18 signing off on any of the modifications to the note? 18 (Exhibit 3 marked.) BY MS. BARRAZA: 19 A. I can't recall. 19 20 Q. Now, at some point was Kenneth Antos and 20 Q. Does it say "Forbearance Agreement" at the 21 top? his associated entities, were they at some point 21 defaulting on the note with CBC Partners I, LLC? 22 A. Yes. 22 23 23 A. Yes. Q. And what do you understand this forbearance 24 Q. When did that take place? 24 agreement to be? 25 A. I don't recall. 25 A. Essentially enables Jay Bloom to come into 39 1 Q. Do you recall the approximate year? the house, live there, pay us some consideration for 1 2 A. I'm sorry. I don't recall. I would have 2 that, and we forbear for an agreed period of time. to look at my files. 3 Meanwhile, Mr. Bloom indicated he had Q. And what action did CBC Partners I, LLC, 4 4 sources of liquidity that would most likely retire 5 take as a result of Kenneth Antos' business entities 5 our note plus the other notes on the property. 6 defaulting on that note? 6 Q. Now, this is dated September 2017. Does 7 A. We were pushing him to sell the house 7 that sound right to you? 8 basically. 8 A. Yes. Q. And did CBC Partners I, LLC, understand 9 9 MR. MUSHKIN: Can you give a Bates number, that Kenneth Antos and his wife, they lived at that 10 please? property; is that correct? BY MS. BARRAZA: 12 A. Yes. 12 Q. Page 1 of Exhibit 3. Do you see that? Q. When you say they were pushing him to sell 13 13 14 the house, were letters sent, or how was CBC 14 Q. Who drafted this forbearance agreement? 15 Partners I, LLC, pushing him to sell the house? 15 A. Vernon Nelson. Q. Who is he? 16 A. I believe we had a notice of default sent 16 17 to him, and there were several telephonic 17 A. An attorney in Las Vegas. conversations regarding what to do with the house. Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, have any 18 Q. Was CBC Partners I, LLC, actively involved 19 involvement in drafting or editing this forbearance 19 20 in attempting to sell the property? 20 agreement? 21 A. I assume we had made some comments, but 21 A. No. Q. Was CBC Partners I, LLC, involved in trying 22 22 most of the drafting was done by Vernon. to find potential buyers for the property or no? 23 Q. Is CBC Partners I, LLC, contending that it 24 A. No. 24 has ever held any other deeds of trust in the state 25 Q. How long was CBC Partners I, LLC, trying to of Nevada aside from this deed of trust from this

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42 1 litigation? question. 2 2 A. I'm not aware of any other deeds of trust THE WITNESS: I don't understand the 3 in the state of Nevada. 3 auestion. Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, have any 4 BY MS. BARRAZA: 4 5 Q. So why did CBC Partners I, LLC, not seek to 5 discussions with Jay Bloom regarding this forbearance agreement back when it was being 6 regain its membership in Spanish Heights Acquisition 6 7 drafted? 7 Company after the property had already been 8 A. Yes. 8 transferred --9 MR. MUSHKIN: Same objection. 9 Q. Tell me about those. 10 THE WITNESS: I thought I explained the 10 A. From a high level, it's as I just answer clearly before. We're a creditor. We're not 11 described. He came to us, said he had sources of 11 liquidity including a fairly sizable judgment. He 12 an attorney. could live in the house, contribute to some of the 13 MR. MUSHKIN: Mind if I interject one 14 question, Danielle? expenses, and then that liquidity would retire our position as well as the other positions of the 15 MS. BARRAZA: Sure. 16 house. 16 MR. MUSHKIN: Mr. Hallberg, were you ever 17 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any 17 asked -- before you were made a member, did somebody 18 recollection of the time period that this 18 say to you, you know, sign this document. I'm going to be a member of SHAC? forbearance agreement was being discussed to the 19 time that it was actually executed, how much time 20 THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase the 21 21 had passed? question, Mike? 22 MR. MUSHKIN: Sure. Anybody tell you they 22 A. Approximately two to three months is my 23 23 recollection. were going to make you a member of SHAC? 24 Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC -- during the 24 THE WITNESS: Yes. 25 course of its discussions with Jay Bloom, did it 25 MR. MUSHKIN: How did that come about? 43 45 represent that it held a valid deed of trust against 1 THE WITNESS: I think through the original the property with the power to sell the property? drafting of the documents. I believe Mr. Bloom had 3 MR. MUSHKIN: Calls for a legal conclusion. 3 had some input into the original structuring of the 4 I object. 4 deal. You know, once I saw the draft and it listed 5 5 us as having a third of that, I said, No, we can't You can certainly answer. 6 THE WITNESS: My answer would be we 6 do that. So that was -- I believe -- again, this is 7 represented we had a third position on the property. 7 the best of my recollection -- that Mr. Bloom had BY MS. BARRAZA: 8 already formed the LLC and had us as a third owner, 9 9 Q. Now, at some point in this forbearance and that's when I told him, No, no, no. We need to agreement and with its associated documents, was 10 resign. there discussion of CBC Partners I, LLC, obtaining a 11 MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you. What I was trying share in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company? 12 to ask is did anybody ask you in advance before you 12 A. Originally, yes. 13 saw it, and I think you answered that. 13 14 THE WITNESS: Correct. 14 Q. Tell me about that. A. Mr. Bloom had assumed that he and his 15 15 BY MS. BARRAZA: entities would have a third, Antos would have a Q. What is CBC Partners I, LLC, understanding 16 17 third, and CBC I would have a third. I explained to 17 of why it can't be a lender and an owner? Mr. Bloom we could not be an owner and a creditor, 18 A. Lender liability. 19 so we resigned. 19 Q. Now, does CBC Partners I, LLC, recall that 20 Q. Is there a reason why CBC Partners I, LLC, 20 associated with this forbearance agreement there was 21 what's called a pledge agreement? 21 did not seek to regain its membership interest in 22 22 Spanish Heights Acquisition Company after the A. Yes. 23 property was transferred from the Antos Trust to 23 Q. Tell me about what that was. 24 Spanish Heights Acquisition Company? 24 A. My understanding is the pledge agreement pledges the owner interest in SHAC to CBC. And to 25 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 25



NRCP 30(b)(6) for CBC Partners I, LLC Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, et al. v. CBC Partners I, LLC, et al. Alan Hallberg 1 the extent the forbearance agreement is in default, 261, and tell me whenever you're done. 2 that eventual payment is not made to retire our 2 A. I'm done. 3 note, we call the pledge and take over ownership 3 Q. It looks like this email on 261 is Northern with SHAC. 4 Trust claiming that there's an outstanding bill to Q. Do you recall testifying at the preliminary cure the January, February, March, and April 2020 5 5 injunction hearing that you did not see that SJC past due bills. Do you see that? 7 Ventures, LLC, was a signatory to that pledge A. Yes. 8 Q. Now, does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any agreement? 9 9 A. That's correct. reason to dispute that those bills did become 10 Q. And do you have any testimony otherwise outstanding in those dates referenced? 10 today as you sit here today? 11 11 A. No reason, no. 12 A. No. 12 Q. And has CBC Partners I, LLC, since made 13 MS. BARRAZA: I'm going to take a 13 those payments? 14 five-minute break if I can, and then we'll come

15 back. 16 (A break was taken.)

17 BY MS. BARRAZA:

18 Q. With respect to this forbearance agreement on Exhibit 3, what were CBC Partners I, LLC's 19 20 obligations?

21 A. I don't remember all of them. I know the primary obligations involve the payment to the first 22 23 and second mortgages.

Q. At some point the forbearance agreement was 24 25 amended. Do you recall that?

14 A. We sold the note in early April, and we disclosed at the time we sold the note that there 15

16 were payments owing on this mortgage.

17 Q. So is it correct that CBC Partners I, LLC, 18 did not make those payments for January, February,

March, April 2020? 19

20 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the extent it 21 calls for a legal conclusion.

THE WITNESS: Prior to the sale of the note, it was clear that those needed to be paid, and that was discussed with the buyer. So it was our assumption that the buyer would take care of it.

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1 A. It was extended.

Q. It looks like -- if you want to turn to

3 Exhibit 4, tell me whenever you're there.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. Is this what you recognize to be on

6 Exhibit 4, the amendments extending the forbearance

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8 A. Yes.

Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, perform all of its

obligations with respect to making those payments to

the first and second mortgage?

12 A. Yes, we did.

Q. If we could turn to Exhibit 12 and tell me

14 whenever you're there.

(Exhibit 12 marked.)

THE WITNESS: Okay.

17 BY MS. BARRAZA:

Q. Exhibit 12, I'll represent to you, has been

disclosed by the plaintiffs as an email between Jay

Bloom and a representative of Northern Trust 20

21 Company.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Have you ever looked at this email before?

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25 Q. I'll let you look through that first page, BY MS. BARRAZA:

2 Q. So I understand it's CBC Partners I, LLC's

position that it was agreed, everybody was on the

same page that the buyer would purchase it. I just

want to clarify for the record that CBC Partners I,

6 LLC, is not the entity that made those payments;

7 correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 MR. MUSHKIN: I want to make the same objection. To the extent it calls for a legal 10

conclusion, I'll object. I want to just reference

12 the transfer document because I believe it may

13 address that.

14 BY MS. BARRAZA:

15 Q. Now I want to go to the forbearance

16 agreement. Did Spanish Heights Acquisition Company

17 ever make any kind of payments to CBC Partners I,

18 LLC?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, have records of

21 those payment transactions?

22 A. Yes. I believe we provided that to

23 counsel.

24 Q. And have all of those transactions been

25 produced in this litigation?



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1	A. I would defer to counsel. I provided	1	it.
2	everything to Mike Mushkin.	2	Q. Do you have any reason to dispute that the
3	MS. BARRAZA: We'll just ask, to the extent	3	name of that entity is 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC?
4	there's any outstanding transactions that have not	4	A. It sounds familiar, yes.
5	been produced, that those be produced.	5	Q. So tell me about how these conversations
6	MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the	6	went with respect to Mr. Mushkin offering to
7	question. You mean any evidence of those	7	purchase the property not the property, the note.
8	transactions is what you want produced; correct?	8	A. I believe he originally approached
9	MS. BARRAZA: If there is any evidence of	9	Mr. Antos, and then Ken referred Mr. Mushkin to me.
10	any transactions between CBC and SHAC, we would want	10	And he indicated asking what our position was.
11	those transactions to be produced.	11	Do we want to continue on, or would we be willing to
12	MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you for the	12	sell our position? I said we would be willing to
13	clarification.	13	sell our position. And at that point we started
14	BY MS. BARRAZA:	14	negotiating what that would look like in terms of
15	Q. So tell me about CBC Partners I, LLC's	15	price.
16	position as to what happened following the execution	16	Q. And what price was agreed upon?
17	of this amended forbearance agreement.	17	A. I don't have it in front of me. I'm sorry.
18	MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the	18	I don't recall.
19	question. Vague and ambiguous.	19	Q. The approximate price?
20	THE WITNESS: What do you mean our	20	A. I think that document's been provided, the
21	"position"?	21	purchase and sale agreement. I think in the 3-plus
22	BY MS. BARRAZA:	22	million range.
23	Q. So was the forbearance agreement followed,	23	Q. CBC Partners I, LLC, did it obtain that 3
24	or what happened with it?	24	million range or so? Did it obtain that money from
25	A. It basically matured. We extended it out	25	5148 Spanish Heights, LLC?
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1	to the end of March, and Mr. Bloom indicated he	1	A. Yes.
2	would not have liquidity to retire our note by that	2	Q. When did it obtain that money?
3	maturity date. So our position was, well, we could	3	A. The end of the first week of April or part
4	either, you know, enforce or sell. And we chose to	4	of the second week around that point. It was
5	sell the note.	5	definitely the first half of April.
6	Q. So tell me about that. Tell me about how	6	MR. MUSHKIN: Of 2020?
7	the decision to sell the note came about.	7	THE WITNESS: Yes, 2020.
8	A. I was approached by Mike Mushkin through	8	MR. MUSHKIN: Just trying to make the
9	Mr. Antos. Mike indicated if we were willing to	9	record nice and clear.
10	sell, and we said yes. And we negotiated, and we	10	BY MS. BARRAZA:
11	sold.	11	Q. How was that 3 million or so dollars, how
12	Q. And you negotiated with who?	12	was that provided to CBC Partners I, LLC?
13	A. Mike Mushkin.	13	A. Wire transfer.
14	Q. With anybody else?	14	Q. If you can turn to Exhibit 19 and tell me
15	A. No.	15	whenever you're there.
16	Q. And who did CBC Partners I, LLC, understand	16	A. Okay.
17	it was selling its note to?	17	(Exhibit 19 marked.)
18	A. Mike Mushkin and/or the entity he was	18	BY MS. BARRAZA:
19	controlling.	19	Q. Have you ever seen Exhibit 19 before?
20	Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, conduct any kind	20	A. Yes. I believe so.
21	of due diligence into that entity?	21	Q. I'll represent to you what Exhibit 19 is.
22	A. No.	22	It's CBC Partners I, LLC's responses to written
23	Q. As you sit here today, do you know the name	23	discovery requests that the plaintiff Spanish
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of that entity?

A. I've heard it in the past. I don't recall

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24 Heights Acquisition Company has set forth. I want

25 to turn your attention to Request Number 2, which is

54 on page 3 of Exhibit 19. Tell me whenever you're 1 vou're there. there. 2 A. Okay. 2 3 A. Yes. 3 (Exhibit 7 marked.) BY MS. BARRAZA: 4 Q. Now, if we can look at Request Number 2. 4 It's asking for a copy of the payment, wire, check, Q. Now, this Exhibit 7 is titled "Note 5 or other for the purported purchase of Antos note. 6 Purchase and Sale Agreement." Have you even it 7 That's exactly what we're asking for. We're asking 7 before? A. Yes. for that wire transfer you just mentioned. 8 9 9 It looks like your answer was "CBC is in Q. Tell me what CBC Partners I, LLC's the process of obtaining documents responsive to understanding of what this document is. 10 A. We are selling our position in the this request." Do you see that? 11 11 12 A. Yes. 12 property. 13 Q. What process has CBC Partners I, LLC, 13 Q. Now, is this -- does CBC Partners I, LLC, understand it's selling the underlying note? 14 conducted? 14 15 A. Just going through our accounting records. 15 A. Yes. 16 Q. Has it gone through those accounting 16 MR. MUSHKIN: To the extent that it calls records, and has it obtained that wire transfer? 17 17 for a legal conclusion, I object. I'll actually 18 A. Yes. We have that. 18 also add your objection, that the document speaks for itself, although I never make that objection. 19 Q. And has that been produced in this 19 20 litigation? 20 But I want to do it once today. 21 A. Not to my knowledge. 21 BY MS. BARRAZA: Q. Is there any reason why it can't be 22 22 Q. If we look at Section B on the recitals on 23 produced in this litigation? 23 page 953, it mentions the secured promissory note 24 MR. MUSHKIN: Can I answer that question, 24 dated June 22, 2012, and the ten modifications? 25 please? 25 A. Yes. 55 57 1 MS. BARRAZA: Sure. Q. It says, Excluding that certain severed 1 2 MR. MUSHKIN: So I also have done the same note in the amount of \$15,000. Do you see that? 3 thing on the other end of that wire and I have it 3 A. Yes. today. I think Karen is going to lodge it with you. 4 Q. What was that severed note again with the 4 We wanted to try and get them together. In this 5 \$15,000? What was that about? 6 world of electronic transfers, getting an actual 6 A. I believe it dealt more with the document is not the easiest thing in the world to 7 restaurants. 7 8 do. 8 Q. Is it CBC Partners I, LLC's position that, 9 I actually think that Mr. Hallberg is 9 aside from that severed note, it was transferring referencing their internal document that the secured promissory note and all the loan 10 10 acknowledges that they got it, not what you're 11 modifications to 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC? actually asking for, which I went out and got on my 12 A. Yes. 12 end. And I will ultimately, if you still want it Q. All right. Who drafted this note purchase 13 13 after receiving mine, ask him to go -- you get a and sale agreement? 14 14 15 little declaration from the -- mine is from the 15 A. I believe Mr. Mushkin. sending bank. His is from the receiving bank. I'd 16 Q. And did -- who is the point person from CBC 17 never known how to do this before today. That's the 17 Partners I, LLC, working with Mr. Mushkin on this 18 only reason I'm interrupting is because it was a 18 specific agreement, Exhibit 7? 19 19 whole process. A. I was the point person. 20 MS. BARRAZA: Yeah. I mean, if there's 20 Q. And did you -- on behalf of CBC, did you also any internal kind of records evidencing that 21 have any edits or revisions to the note purchase and sale agreement that Mr. Mushkin had drafted? 22 22 transfer, we would like it.



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A. No.

Q. Was anybody else involved in this note

purchase and sale agreement?

BY MS. BARRAZA:

Q. We can turn to the purchase and sale

25 agreement. That's Exhibit 7. Tell me whenever

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58 A. Conceptually, John Otter, my partner, as (Exhibit 9 marked.) 2 well as the CBC board. But they did not review this 2 BY MS. BARRAZA: agreement during its negotiation. Q. This document appears to be a notice for Q. Now, it looks like this Exhibit 7 is dated 4 SJC Ventures, LLC, to vacate the property. Is that 4 April 1, 2020. Do you see that? 5 your understanding of what this is? 5 6 A. Yes. 6 A. Yes. 7 7 Q. It looks like it was signed on page 961. Q. This is dated April 3, 2020. It looks like 8 8 Do you see that? CBC Partners I, LLC, was cc'd on this. Did CBC A. Yes. 9 Partners I, LLC, authorize this notice to vacate 9 10 MR. MUSHKIN: Counsel, you're referring --10 being sent out? 11 A. Yes. 11 961 is Exhibit B. 12 THE WITNESS: 959. 12 Q. Why was it still taking actions with 13 MS. BARRAZA: Thank you. 959. 13 respect to the property after it had already sold 14 its note? 14 BY MS. BARRAZA: Q. So it looks like the agreement is dated 15 A. We still had the provision that we're held 15 16 April 1st, and it was signed by both parties on 16 to via the purchase and sale agreement. So we still have some responsibility with this transaction. 17 April 3rd; is that correct? 17 18 A. Yes. 18 Q. You're stating here today that CBC 19 Q. After CBC Partners I, LLC, sold its notes, Partners I, LLC, authorized this April 3, 2020, 19 20 did it have any other interest in the property? 20 letter being sent out? 21 A. No. 21 A. Yes. Q. Now, if we could turn to Exhibit 8, and 22 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC -- is it still 22 23 responsible for servicing the note? 23 tell me whenever you're there. 24 A. Okay. 24 A. No. 25 (Exhibit 8 marked.) 25 Q. Going back briefly to the -- I think it was 59 61 BY MS. BARRAZA: Exhibit 7. I want to go back to the note purchase. Q. Have you ever seen this Exhibit 8 before? 2 Is that the only agreement that was executed between 3 A. Yes, I believe so. CBC Partners I, LLC, and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, Q. What do you understand this document to be? regarding the property? 4 5 A. It's a notice of default. 5 A. Yes. I believe so. Q. If we could go to Exhibit 13. Tell me 6 Q. It looks like it's saying this letter shall 6 7 serve as notice that on April 15, 2020, CBC 7 whenever you're there. Partners I, LLC, will exercise its right under the 8 A. Okay. pledge agreement by transferring the pledge 9 (Exhibit 13 marked.) 10 collateral. Do you see that on the second 10 BY MS. BARRAZA: 11 paragraph? 11 Q. Have you ever seen Exhibit 13 before? A. Yes. 12 12 A. I don't believe so. Q. Now, at the time this document, this 13 Q. So you can look through it. It appears to 13 letter, was sent on April 1, 2020, had CBC Partners be a notice of default. On the first paragraph, it 14 15 already sold its note? 15 looks like it says, Your loan with CBC Partners I, MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Asked and 16 16 LLC, is in default. Do you see that? 17 A. Yes. 17 answered I believe. THE WITNESS: Yeah. I believe we had, yes. 18 Q. Do you see how it says, Because of this, 18 19 BY MS. BARRAZA: 19 CBC Partners I, LLC, at its option without further Q. You believe you had. Did CBC Partners I, 20 demand may invoke the power of sale and any other 20 remedies permitted by Nevada law? Do you see that? 21 LLC, authorize this notice of default going out? 21



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A. Yes.

Q. Do you see this is dated July 2, 2020?

Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, believe it has

A. Yes.

you're there.

A. Yes.

Q. Let's turn to Exhibit 9. Tell me whenever

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62 1 Partners I, LLC. any -- does it believe it currently has any powers to sell the property? 2 Q. Setting aside what the documents may state, 2 3 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 3 has CBC Partners I, LLC, had any conversations with question to the extent it calls for a legal Kenneth Antos regarding the doctrine of merger? 4 conclusion. 5 A. No. 6 Q. And has CBC Partners I, LLC, had any BY MS. BARRAZA: 6 7 Q. You can answer. 7 conversations with Kenneth Antos or with Spanish 8 A. No. We believe we sold the loan in April 8 Heights Acquisition Company regarding the one action 9 rule? 9 of 2020. So the holder of that note has the ability to do this, not CBC Partners I. 10 A. No. Q. Okay. So is it CBC Partners I, LLC's 11 11 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, service any of 12 position that as of the date of this letter, July 2, 12 the other mortgages on the property? 13 2020, it did not have the power to sell the 13 14 property? 14 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 15 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the 15 question. You don't mean payment. You mean service question. Vague and ambiguous. Asked and answered. 16 in -- I'm actually going to go back. I'm not sure 16 what you mean by "service." 17 BY MS. BARRAZA: 17 18 Q. You can answer. 18 MS. BARRAZA: That's fine. We can just 19 A. Yes. That's my assumption that we did not 19 strike that. 20 have the ability to force a sale on July 2nd. 20 BY MS. BARRAZA: 21 Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, personally 21 Q. Tell me about CBC Partners I, LLC's history authorize this July 2, 2020, correspondence being 22 of paying any HOA payments associated with the 23 23 sent out? property. 24 A. No. 24 A. It was the responsibility of Mr. Bloom to 25 25 Q. I want to go to Exhibit 14. Tell me make sure that those payments were made. We did get 63 whenever you're there. a notice of intent to sell the property by the HOA 2 A. Okay. because of unpaid HOA dues. I discussed the issue 3 (Exhibit 14 marked.) 3 with Mr. Bloom. He said he would pay. He did not. We got to within a day or two of the deadline, and 4 BY MS. BARRAZA: 5 Q. I assume you haven't, but have you ever 5 this CBC ended up making that payment. 6 seen this Exhibit 14 before? 6 Q. Tell me about any history that CBC 7 7 Partners I, LLC, has with paying any kind of A. No. Q. Do you have any idea what this document is 8 insurance on the property. 9 without looking at it at length? A. I believe that was for the account of 10 A. No. 10 Mr. Bloom, not for CBC. 11 Q. Before we go to CBC Partners, LLC's 11 Q. CBC Partners I, LLC, do they have any 12 testimony, I want to get your testimony as to what 12 personal knowledge of any video footage being taken is CBC Partners I, LLC's relationship with CBC regarding the property? 13 14 14 Partners, LLC? A. No. Q. Has CBC Partners I, LLC, engaged in any 15 A. CBC Partners, LLC, is the general partner 15 16 and manager of the fund CBC Partners I, LLC. kind of communications with the HOA regarding the 17 Q. Has CBC Partners, LLC, been involved in any 17 property? of the underlying secured promissory note documents? 18 A. No. 18 19 Q. And did CBC Partners I, LLC, hire an 19 A. Yes. The credit committee and the board of 20 directors of the manager is at CBC Partners, LLC. 20 inspector to conduct a report regarding the 21 21 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any personal condition of the property earlier this year? 22 22 knowledge of CBC Partners, LLC, being a signatory to A. I believe that was done by Mr. Mushkin. 23 any of the underlying promissory note documents? 23 Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, pay for that 24 A. Not to my knowledge. I assume these are 24 report?



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A. No.

all signed on behalf of the lender of record, CBC

66 1 Q. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, select the A. Yes. Mr. Bloom and I had that discussion 2 inspector? 2 during the negotiations where he indicated, if the 3 A. No. liquidity doesn't come through for him, it's very 4 Q. Does CBC Partners I, LLC, have any input on 4 simple. We enforce our rights, and we have the 5 pledge of the membership interest in SHAC, and we 5 the details of that report? 6 basically take over the property. A. No. 6 7 MS. BARRAZA: I think I'm almost done. I 7 Q. And were you offered a security interest in 8 the judgment that's described in the document as 8 just want to go off for two minutes to verify. 9 additional collateral for Mr. Bloom's performance? 9 Then --MR. MUSHKIN: Can I ask a few questions 10 A. Yes. I believe so. 10 11 Q. Do you believe that you disclosed all of 11 before you go off? Like three or four real guick? 12 MS. BARRAZA: If you can just do yours when 12 the note and amendment terms to Mr. Bloom before he 13 13 entered into the forbearance agreement? 14 14 MR. MUSHKIN: I thought you were done. A. Yes. MS. BARRAZA: I'm saying I want to go off 15 Q. Was there any information that Mr. Bloom 15 16 for two minutes to verify I don't have anything asked you to produce for him that you did not 16 produce? 17 else. At that point I'll verify if I do or if I 17 18 don't. Then we can do yours if you guys are fine 18 A. No. rolling right into CBC Partners I, LLC, after that. 19 Q. Does CBC continue to assist in the 19 20 MR. MUSHKIN: You did Partners I. 20 collection of the note and deed of trust? 21 MS. BARRAZA: Just CBC Partners. LLC. 21 A. Only insofar as we're living up to our 22 indemnification provision and here in this 22 MR. MUSHKIN: I just have a few questions. Very short. 23 deposition. 23 MS. BARRAZA: I'll be back in two minutes. 24 Q. When Ms. Barraza asked you about servicing 24 25 Thanks. 25 the note, do you know what she meant by that? What 67 69 1 (A break was taken.) did you think she meant by "servicing the note"? 2 A. In its industry accepted terminology as the 2 MS. BARRAZA: I'm concluding with my 3 questions for today. However, with respect to the payment and collection agent for a mortgage, we are fact that we still have not received the evidence of 4 not acting as such. the transfer, we are reserving our right to recall 5 Q. But in regards to all things regarding the this deposition with respect to documents that we 6 note and its collection, in terms of the 7 have requested that we still have not received. 7 foreclosure, you are assisting as you are requested; 8 With that in mind, Mr. Mushkin, you can go 8 is that correct? 9 A. Yes. ahead and do any questions that you have. 9 10 Q. Now, there's a lot of stuff about these 10 11 **EXAMINATION** 11 notices. The note is between CBC I and the parties 12 to the note; correct? 12 BY MR. MUSHKIN: Q. Alan, did you ever discuss the doctrine of 13 A. Yes. 13 14 Q. And nowhere does the note say 5148 as the merger with Mr. Bloom? 14 maker of the note, does it? 15 A. No. 15 Q. Did you ever discuss the doctrine of merger 16 A. Correct. 16 17 with Mr. Antos? 17 Q. So the note is properly referenced in terms 18 A. No. 18 of who the maker of the note is. Is that fair? 19 MS. BARRAZA: Objection. Form. 19 Q. Had you ever heard of the doctrine of 20 merger before this case? 20 THE WITNESS: Yes. A. No. 21 BY MR. MUSHKIN: 21 22 Q. At the time that the pledge agreement was 22 Q. Now, on April 1st the documents were executed, did you believe that you were getting a 23 ready -- the testimony you earlier gave is that the documents were executed on April 3rd. Is that fair? hundred percent of the membership interest in SHAC 24 as collateral for the forbearance agreement? 25 A. Yes.



NRCP 30(b)(6) for CBC Partners I, LLC

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1 2 3	Q. And then the actual transfer of payment wasn't until April 6th? A. Yes.	1 2 3	not an attorney. MS. BARRAZA: I'll pass the witness.
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Q. And so the transaction doesn't close until April 6th; is that correct? MS. BARRAZA: Objection. Form. THE WITNESS: Yes. MR. MUSHKIN: That's all I have. MS. BARRAZA: I have a few more coming off of that. FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MS. BARRAZA: Q. If we could go back to Exhibit 2, the secured promissory note documents. Did CBC Partners I, LLC, provide those documents to Jay Bloom while they were negotiating the forbearance agreement? A. I don't recall. If he had asked, I would have provided. But I don't recall if I provided it or not. Q. So as it sits here today, does it have any reason to dispute that those documents were not provided to Jay Bloom?	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MR. MUSHKIN: Q. Do you have any specific recollections of any questions arising in terms of the validity of the deed of trust from Mr. Bloom? A. None whatsoever. MR. MUSHKIN: No further questions. THE COURT REPORTER: Do you want a copy of this? MR. MUSHKIN: Yes. THE COURT REPORTER: Read and sign? MR. MUSHKIN: Sure. (Proceedings concluded at 11:24 a.m.)
25	MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the	25	
1 2 3 4 5	question. THE WITNESS: No reason to dispute. But, again, I will repeat myself, if he would have asked, he would have been given them. BY MS. BARRAZA:	1 2 3 4	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER STATE OF NEVADA) SS COUNTY OF CLARK) I, Holly Larsen, a duly certified court reporter licensed in and for the State of Nevada, do hereby certify:
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Q. And did CBC Partners I, LLC, provide to Jay Bloom any kind of disclosure that the Antos Trust was not a borrower under the underlying promissory note and was not a guarantor under the underlying promissory note? MR. MUSHKIN: Form. THE WITNESS: Please repeat that question. BY MS. BARRAZA: Q. So did CBC Partners I, LLC, ever disclose to Jay Bloom that the Antos Trust was not a borrower under the underlying secured promissory note? A. I don't believe I disclosed that, no.	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	That I reported the taking of the deposition of the witness, Alan Hallberg, at the time and place aforesaid; That prior to being examined, the witness was by me duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; That I thereafter transcribed my shorthand notes into typewriting and that the typewritten transcript of said deposition is a complete, true, and accurate record of testimony provided by the witness at said time to the best of my ability. I further certify (1) that I am not a relative or employee of counsel of any of the parties; nor a relative or employee of the parties involved in said action; nor a person financially interested in the action; nor do I have any other relationship with any of the parties or with counsel of any of the parties involved in the action that may reasonably cause my

18 Q. And did CBC Partners I, LLC, disclose to 19 Jay Bloom that the Antos Trust was not a guarantor

on the underlying note?

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MR. MUSHKIN: Same objection as to requiring a legal conclusion.

Answer if you can.

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't believe that 25 was disclosed. Again, I will disclose right now I'm

impartiality to be questioned; and (2) that transcript 17 review pursuant to NRCP 30(e) was requested. 18 IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand in the County of Clark, State of Nevada, this 18th day 19 of November, 2020. 20 21 22 Holly Larsen 23

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DISTRICT COURT

CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, d/b/a SJC VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; CBC PARTNERS, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; KENNETH ANTOS AND SHEILA NEUMANN-ANTOS, as Trustees of the Kenneth & Sheila Antos Living Trust and the Kenneth M. Antos & Sheila M. Neumann-Antos Trust; DACIA, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

AND RELATED CLAIMS.

Case No.: A-20-813439-B

Dept. No.: XI

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

The Court, having reviewed the application for temporary restraining order filed by Plaintiffs Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC and SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC

("Plaintiffs"), including all other pleadings, declarations, and affidavits on file herein, and for good cause appearing, finds that this is a proper instance for a temporary restraining order to be issued and that if defendants CBC Partners I, LLC, CBC Partners, LLC, and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC ("Defendants") are not restrained and enjoined by order of this Court, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer immediate and irreparable injury. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the application for temporary restraining order filed by Plaintiffs be, and the same is hereby GRANTED in a limited fashion because the July 2020 Notice of Default did not correctly identify the current owner of the Note.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Defendants, together with any and all of their affiliates, agents, employees, and attorneys, are immediately and until after the hearing on Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction, ordered to vacate and not proceed with the foreclosure sale currently set for January 5, 2021.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that an evidentiary hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction filed by Plaintiffs and trial on related legal issues will take place on the 1st day of February 2021, at 1 p.m., in Department 11 of the above-entitled Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Plaintiffs shall provide appropriate security pursuant to NRCP 65(c) for the payment of such costs and damages sustained by any party who is found to have been wrongfully enjoined or restrained in this action. This security shall consist of the maintaining the status quo of the security that has previously been ordered by the May 29, 2020 order granting Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on a limited basis, which includes the \$1,000 bond that Plaintiffs have already previously posted, in addition to plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company continuing to tender payments which come due on the first mortgage (to City National Bank) and the second mortgage (to Northern Trust Bank) while this injunction is in place, although Plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company will not be required to make any payments on any claimed third mortgage (to CBC Partners I, LLC or any purported transferee or assignee of the Note associated with the third mortgage). Additionally, this security shall further consist of Plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company paying the real property taxes, real property

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1	insurance, and monthly HOA dues which come	due while this injunction is in place. Plaintiff Spanish
2	Heights Acquisition Company's obligation here	eunder does not include taxes, real property insurance
3	or HOA dues that are incurred outside of the	injunctive relief period. Likewise, Plaintiff Spanish
4	Heights Acquisition Company's obligation her	reunder does not include the HOA fees that have been
5	imposed and that are subject to any lien that is	s being disputed through the Nevada Division of Rea
6	Estate, but rather solely the outstanding mon	athly HOA assessments which come due during the
7	pendency of this Preliminary Injunction	
8	IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDO	GED, AND DECREED that this temporary restraining
9	order shall remain in effect until the hearing or	n the motion for preliminary injunction, unless furthe
10	extended by order of this Court or stipulation o	f the parties.
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13		Euld January 5, 2021
14		Elizabeth Gonzalez, District Court Judge
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17	Respectfully submitted,	Approved as to form and content:
18	Maier Gutierrez & Associates	Mushkin & Coppedge
19	/s/ Danielle J. Barraza	/s/ Michael R. Mushkin
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Natalie Vazquez

From: Michael Mushkin < Michael@mccnvlaw.com>

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2021 4:14 PM

To: Danielle Barraza

Cc: Natalie Vazquez; Karen Foley

Subject: Re: Spanish Heights matter/ TRO draft

Danielle

Please submit this version with my electronic signature. The sale has been set off.

MRM

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2021, at 4:03 PM, Danielle Barraza <djb@mgalaw.com> wrote:

Let me know if this version works and we will get it submitted.

Thanks,

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Danielle

I am ok with order except #2. She did not order this only sale is enjoined until Feb 1 hearing. Issue of notice basis for TRO. No finding otherwise.

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REPLY IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED MOTION TO DISMISS FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AS TO DACIA, LLC OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Dacia, LLC, by and through its attorney, Michael R. Mushkin, of the law firm of Mushkin & Coppedge, hereby submit its Reply in Support of Renewed Motion to Dismiss First Amended Complaint as to Dacia, LLC or in the Alternative Motion for Summary Judgment (the "Motion").

This Reply is made and based upon the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the points and authorities set forth in the Motion the papers, pleadings, and records on file herein, and any and all arguments that may be allowed at the time of hearing of this motion.

POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. Summary

Plaintiffs' only claim against Dacia arises out of Spanish Hills Community Association ("HOA") fines and subsequent lien. Plaintiffs' Opposition completely ignores the evidence presented, namely that the HOA found that fireworks were discharged on July 3, 4, 5, and 9, 2019. See Motion Exhibit B, specifically 5148SH 000592. As the Court is aware, Dacia did not become the owner of 5212 Spanish Heights Drive until July 19, 2019. See Motion Exhibit A. It is disingenuous of Plaintiffs to claim that Dacia is in anyway responsible for the July 2019 incidents. Further, for the Plaintiffs to claim that somehow Dacia is responsible for events that occurred prior to purchase is violative of this Court's prior Ruling. In addition, the HOA specifically found that the fireworks were not authorized by the previous owner of 5212 Spanish Heights. See Motion Exhibit B, specifically 5148SH 000592.

Finally, as Plaintiffs and Jay Bloom (Plaintiffs' representative) are quite aware, Michael Rhodes is responsible for the September 19, 2019, incident. See Motion Exhibit D Evidentiary Hearing Transcript, 216:6-14 and Exhibit E, Bloom Transcript Vol. 1 at 170:4-25. It is well known that Michael Rhodes and Mr. Bloom are quite friendly with each other and it is deceitful of Plaintiffs to claim that Michael Rhodes is Dacia.

II. Conclusion

Plaintiffs have not pled sufficient facts to support any of their claim against Dacia. Mere

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1	recitation of legal elements and conclusions does not suffice, and the Complaint cannot pass even
2	the most basic scrutiny. Based on the reasons set forth herein and in the Motion, Dacia respectfully
3	requests this Court dismiss Plaintiffs claims against it in their entirety.
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14	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
15	I hereby certify that the foregoing Reply in Support of Renewed Motion to Dismiss
16	First Amended Complaint as to Dacia, LLC was submitted electronically for filing and/or
17	service with the Eighth Judicial District Court on this this 5 th day of January, 2021. Electronic
18	service of the foregoing document shall be upon all parties listed on the Odyssey eFileNV service
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DISTRICT COURT CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

NRS Chapters 78-89	COURT MINUTES		January 11, 2021
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HEARD BY: Gonzalez, Elizabeth **COURTROOM:** RJC Courtroom 03E

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PARTIES None. Minute order only – no hearing held.

PRESENT:

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- Pursuant to Administrative Order 21-01 the Court decides this matter without the necessity of oral argument.

The Court, having reviewed the motion to dismiss and the related briefing and being fully informed, DENIES the motion. The Court declines to address the motion as a Motion for Summary Judgment. The Motion to Dismiss is DENIED as the claims are adequately plead. Counsel for Plaintiff is directed to submit a proposed order approved by opposing counsel consistent with the foregoing within ten (10) days and distribute a filed copy to all parties involved in this matter. Such order should set forth a synopsis of the supporting reasons proffered to the Court in briefing. This Decision sets forth the Court's intended disposition on the subject but anticipates further order of the Court to make such disposition effective as an order.

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, d/b/a SJC VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; CBC PARTNERS, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; KENNETH ANTOS AND SHEILA NEUMANN-ANTOS, as Trustees of the Kenneth & Sheila Antos Living Trust and the Kenneth M. Antos & Sheila M. Neumann-Antos Trust; DACIA, LLC, a foreign Limited Liability Company; DOES I through X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

AND RELATED CLAIMS.

Case No.: A-20-813439-B

Dept. No.: 11

STIPULATION REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES TO BE DECIDED BY THE COURT AT BIFURCATED TRIAL COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 2021

As requested by the Court, in preparation for the bifurcated trial commencing on February 1,

2021, Plaintiffs/Counterdefendants and Defendants/Counterclaimants, by and through their respective

1	attorneys of record, hereby stipulate that the following	owing unresolved legal issues should be adjudicated		
2	by the Court at the bifurcated trial:			
3	1) Contractual interpretation and/or validi	ty of the underlying "Secured Promissory Note"		
4	between CBC Partners I, LLC and KCI I	nvestments, LLC and all modifications thereto;		
5	2) Interpretation and/or validity of the claim	ed third-position Deed of Trust and all modifications		
6	thereto, and determination as to whether	any consideration was provided in exchange for the		
7	Deed of Trust;			
8	3) Contractual interpretation and/or vali	dity of the Forbearance Agreement, Amended		
9	Forbearance Agreement and all associate	d documents/contracts;		
10	4) Whether the Doctrine of Merger applies	4) Whether the Doctrine of Merger applies to the claims at issue; and		
11	5) Whether the One Action Rule applies to	the claims at issue.		
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13	Dated this 11 th day of January, 2021.	Dated this 11 th day of January, 2021.		
14	Respectfully submitted,	Approved as to form and content:		
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SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC,))
Plaintiff,) CASE NO. A-20-813439-B) DEPT NO. XI
VS.)
CBC PARTNERS I LLC,)) TRANSCRIPT OF) PROCEEDINGS
Defendant.	_)
AND RELATED PARTIES) _)

BEFORE THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING AND TRIAL - DAY 1

APPEARANCES:

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DANIELLE J. BARRAZA, ESQ.

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LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, 1:00 P.M. 1 2 All right, guys. Are we all here? Are 3 THE COURT: 4 we all ready? 5 MR. GUTIERREZ: Just waiting on Danielle. She's 6 supposed to be here. 7 THE COURT: So can I do my preliminary thing? 8 Joe, don't leave the room. 9 It's my understanding the parties have stipulated the 10 following legal issues surrounding the claims and counterclaims 11 are advanced for trial: 12 Contractual interpretation and/or validity of the 13 underlying secured promissory note between CBC Partners I, LLC, 14 and KCI Investments, LLC, and all modifications thereto; 15 Interpretation and/or validity of the claimed third position deed of trust and all modifications thereto, and 16 17 determination as to whether any consideration was provided in 18 exchange for the deed of trust; 19 Contractual interpretation and/or validity of the 20 forbearance agreement, amended forbearance agreement and all 21 associated documents and contracts; 22 Whether the doctrine of merger applies to the claims 23 at issue;

And whether the one-action rule applies to the claims at issue.

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I don't admit deposition transcripts as 1 THE COURT: 2 exhibits. We read them. So... 3 MR. MUSHKIN: I know. We have -- we just put them 4 there because we have the --5 THE COURT: You have them marked. 6 MR. MUSHKIN: Yeah, we have the originals to publish. 7 (Pause in the proceedings.) 8 THE COURT: So 1 through 129 with the exception of 9 114 are admitted. Correct, Counsel? 10 MR. MUSHKIN: Yes. And then --11 THE COURT: Wait. I need Joe to say yes. 12 MR. GUTIERREZ: That's correct, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Okay. (Exhibit Number(s) 1-113, 115-129 admitted.) 14 15 THE COURT: Now. 16 MR. MUSHKIN: And then we have some others, Your 17 Honor, that I think will be stipulated in, and that starts at 18 132, and those are discovery responses and checks and recorded instruments. And I don't think there's any objection to any of 19 20 those as well. 21 THE COURT: Mr. Gutierrez? 22 MR. GUTIERREZ: So for the record that would be 132 23 through 145, Counsel? 24 MR. MUSHKIN: Yes. 25 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yeah, no objection, Your Honor.

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1	THE COURT: 132 through 145 will be admitted.
2	(Exhibit Number(s) 132-145 admitted.)
3	(Pause in the proceedings.)
4	THE COURT: That was easy.
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6	week. Do you still think you need all week?
7	MR. MUSHKIN: It really
8	THE COURT: Pull your mask over your nose.
9	MR. MUSHKIN: It's
10	THE COURT: Okay. I'm sorry. I'm the school police
11	or whatever, the hall monitor.
12	MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, it just depends on how long
13	it takes for Mr. Bloom to testify.
14	THE COURT: Okay.
15	MR. MUSHKIN: It was not easy during the
16	THE COURT: Ms. Barraza, how are you doing?
17	MR. MUSHKIN: seven hours of deposition.
18	THE COURT: Ms. Barraza, it's nice to see you. I
19	hope you're doing okay.
20	MS. BARRAZA: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
21	THE COURT: If you need a break at any time, you let
22	us know. Okay?
23	All right.
24	MR. GUTIERREZ: So, Your Honor, we plan on getting
25	three witnesses. So I don't know

THE COURT: I'm ready.

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MR. GUTIERREZ: I don't know that it's going to last longer than three days, but we're ready to start now.

THE COURT: Would anybody like to make an opening statement since we've identified the issues that we have advanced the trial on and for the preliminary injunction?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, briefly, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Yes. Please remember, if you use the lecturn you've got to come up and then wipe it down when you leave.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Will do.

OPENING STATEMENT FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor. Joseph Gutierrez and Danielle Barraza on behalf of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, SJC Ventures, LLC.

With us today is Jay Bloom on behalf of both entities.

Your Honor, for purposes of this trial and I think in this litigation we have been referring to the property at issue, which is 5148 Spanish Heights Drive located in Las Vegas, Nevada, ZIP Code 89148 as "the property" or "the Spanish Heights property."

We've also been referring to Spanish Heights Acquisition Company as "SHAC."

And then SJC Ventures just as "SJC."

THE COURT: You will confuse me if you call it SHAC 1 2 because I will think it is the Sapphires on Industrial Road 3 because that's the "SHAC" that we know. 4 MR. MUSHKIN: Oh, my. 5 THE COURT: As Joe mentioned, that was SHAC versus 6 Eliades. 7 MR. MUSHKIN: Oh, yes, it was. 8 THE COURT: So now we don't need to go through that. 9 MR. GUTIERREZ: We don't need any flashbacks, Your 10 Honor, on that one. 11 THE COURT: So, yeah, let's not call it SHAC. 12 going to call it "Spanish Heights." 13 MR. GUTIERREZ: Spanish Heights. Okay. 14 THE COURT: Yeah. 15 MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, I just -- you've already 16 covered the issues for the bifurcated trial, but I wanted to 17 just go over a brief timeline, what I think the evidence will 18 show for this trial. 19 Your Honor, the evidence will show starting in -- on 20 April 16th, 2007, Ken and Sheila Antos, they purchased the 21 property in their individual capacity and owned it as joint 22 There was a deed of trust held by Colonial Bank. tenants. 23 Three years later, on October 14th, 2010, the

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Antoses transferred the property to a trust that they held, The

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Antos Trust.

And they'll testify, at least Mr. Antos will testify that they transferred it based on advice for estate planning purposes in the case of death. At that time they had a first deed of trust on the property from City National Bank where they pulled 3.62 million to build the house on the property. And they also had a second deed of trust held by Northern Trust, which was a HELOC on the property.

On June 22nd, two years later, 2012, a company called KCI Investments, which Mr. Antos was the managing member of, borrowed money for a commercial loan for a restaurant from CBC Partners. KCI was in the business of operating restaurants, and Mr. Antos has testified that they needed the money for operating capital. There was a promissory note executed for \$300,000. KCI provided restaurant property as security, and the note was guaranteed by the Antoses in their individual capacity.

The Antos Trust owned the property at the time; however, they didn't pledge the property as security. The Antos Trust was not an additional borrower under the KCI note, and the Antos Trust was not a guarantor under the note.

From 2012 to 2016, Your Honor, there was 10 additional amendments to this KCI note:

It included more money being lent to KCI;

It included adding an additional borrower in the form of a company called Dixie Funds;

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And the note was continually secured by the Antoses in their individual capacity;

None of the amendments added the Antos Trust as a borrower;

And none of them added the Antos Trust as an additional guarantor.

In December 2016, there was a forbearance agreement entered into by the Antoses and CBC. And through that document there was an attempt to add the property as security for the note; however, there was no signed guarantee by the Antos Trust, and there was no obligation for the trust to secure.

The evidence, Your Honor, will also show that there was no consideration for the Antos Trust to pledge the deed of trust on the property to CBC under their note.

And in 2017, Your Honor, Mr. Bloom on behalf of SHAC purchased the property from the Antos Trust.

The evidence will show that originally Spanish

Heights Acquisition Company was going to be owned one third by

SJC Ventures, one third by the Antos Trust and one third by CBC

Partners.

The testimony of CBC will show that CBC resigned its membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company in 2017 over lender-liability concerns. So Spanish Heights Acquisition Company was owned 51 percent by SJC Ventures and 49 percent by the Antos Trust.

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There was a forbearance agreement entered into in September of 2017. Mr. Bloom was told that the trust properly secured the CBC note; however, there's misrepresentations within the forbearance agreement that the trust actually guaranteed the note when, in fact, it did not.

There was a pledge agreement signed by the Antos

Trust pledging its interest to -- its interest in SHAC, or

Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, to CBC, and there was a

security agreement by SJC Ventures signed that pledged its

interest in a judgment that a company First 100, LLC, had -- it

actually pledged its assignment of its interest and any

proceeds from that judgment to CBC.

In December 2019, there was an amended forbearance agreement entered into.

And in April 2020, Your Honor, CBC attempted to foreclose on the property. They claimed default and attempted to foreclose.

And what CBC then did is they acquired the Antos
Trust's 49 percent interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition
Company. That was on April 1st, 2020. There's a document
that the Antos Trust signed to give that interest over to CBC.

On April 6, 2020, CBC then sold its interest in the KCI note to a company called 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC. The evidence will show that that company is owned by Mr. Mushkin, counsel for CBC, and it was funded by a person named Lorenzo

Russo (phonetic) through Mr. Mushkin's IOLTA account. That company was formed in April of -- March or April of 2020. And the purpose was to acquire the CBC commercial note and any rights underneath.

Your Honor, you've already spelled out the five issues that this trial is going to address.

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What we'll prove is that the defendants, Your Honor, have remedies; they just don't like them. There's money under the note that's still due and owed by KCI and the Antoses individually. The note is just not secured by the deed of trust on the property.

CBC or any claimed successor in interest should pursue the actual remedies they have against KCI and the Antoses individually.

There were ways to structure this deal that would have solved this problem, but they were never done:

The note could have been amended to add the Antos

Trust as an additional borrower or guarantor. That was never

done;

The trust could have transferred the property to the Antoses individually so they had that property to pledge as security, but that was never done.

Additionally, Your Honor, the evidence will show there's no consideration for the obligation for the trust to guarantee a debt for KCI or the Antoses.

And, Your Honor, we're going to ask the Court to find that the note's valid with the exception of the attempt to incorporate the property as security on that note, as the Antos Trust again were never a borrower nor a guarantor on the note, and the Antos Trust never received any consideration from CBC for pledging the property under the deed of trust.

We're going to ask that Your Honor find that the claimed deed of trust, third deed of trust position is invalid because the guarantor Antos Trust is neither a borrower or a guarantor and for lack of consideration.

We're also asking that the Court find the forbearance agreement and the amended forbearance agreement is not valid with respect to the attempt to incorporate an invalid third deed of trust position into the agreement.

And, Your Honor, we're going to ask that the Court find there's no foreclosure on the property, as it was not pledged as security.

Your Honor, alternatively, if the Court finds that the Antos Trust is liable as a guarantor for the KCI note, we're going to ask that the Court apply the merger — doctrine of merger because CBC chose its remedy when it took the Antos Trust's 49 percent interest in SHAC and its equity interest (indiscernible) of the lien. Applying the doctrine of merger would then eliminate its claimed lien on this collateral.

Additionally, Your Honor, we're asking that the

one-action rule apply as well to preclude any foreclosure
because again CBC elected its remedy in acquiring the equity
position of Antos Trust in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company.

And, Your Honor, we plan on presenting three witnesses, the first of which would be Ken Antos, both in his individual capacity and as the 30(b)(6) witness for the Antos Trust. The next witness would be the 30(b)(6) witness for CBC Partners, who I believe is Alan Hallberg, who is in court today, and he'll be live. And then last we'd present Jay Bloom, who would be the corporate representative on behalf of SJC Ventures and Spanish Heights Acquisition Company.

Thank you, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: Thank you.

And are the parties stipulating that you can do your direct examination of a witness while the other person -- so I don't have to call Mr. Bloom twice?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Oh, to exhaust his testimony, I would like that, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. All right.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Let me wipe down the counter.

THE COURT: Please wipe down.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

THE COURT: All right, Mr. Mushkin. Same spiel.

When you leave, you've got to wipe down. Okay?

MR. MUSHKIN: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

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OPENING STATEMENT FOR THE DEFENSE

MR. MUSHKIN: First, Your Honor, I'd like to thank you for sua sponte advancing the trial on the merits the way you did. I discussed it at the very beginning. It seems like the right way to go here.

What we're here for is a preliminary injunction, and it is plaintiffs' burden to show that there's a likelihood of success on the merits of their claim. They must do so with competent and admissible evidence, and I say admissible evidence, Your Honor, because you're going to be the gatekeeper today for the parol evidence rule. Nowhere in any document are these contracts viewed as ambiguous. There's no claim of this interest rate is wrong; this number is wrong; that's -- no, no, no, Judge, none of that. They're claiming that they were tricked; they were misrepresented.

Plaintiffs' motion challenges the deed of trust itself. Somehow Mr. Bloom believes there is legacy language regarding the pledge of the membership interest of his company even though both forbearances agreements are signed by his company, even though all the documents talk about a hundred percent pledge. The only spot in the documents that's ever been challenged is that somehow Mr. Bloom didn't execute on behalf of his company SJCV -- or SCJV. I inverse those letters regularly. I apologize.

They challenged the deed of trust entered into years before Mr. Bloom's arrival claiming a lack of consideration. The record will show just the opposite, Judge. Mr. and Mrs. Antos received exactly what they bargained for, the extension of credit to their company. That is the consideration bargained for. That is the consideration given.

In both of the forbearance agreements, Mr. Bloom waives any defaults or defects. So I don't know where they can come before this Court and how they can come before this Court with this spurious claim.

Plaintiff is fully aware this is a commercial loan. They say so in all their pleadings. Plaintiff does not question the amount due, and plaintiff acknowledges that the security is a third position deed of trust. They just want this Court to rewrite the contract.

Plaintiffs' claims have been a moving target for us, Your Honor. The complaint sounds in dec relief and contract. The motion argues merger, the one-action rule and consideration, and the testimony of Mr. Bloom claims fraud and misrepresentation.

The one-action rule has been waived in writing,

Judge. Plaintiffs will not and cannot provide evidence to the

contrary. Cumulative remedies are specifically contracted for

between the parties. They can show no evidence to the

contrary.

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The doctrine of merger, fascinating, Judge. The doctrine of merger relates to title. I've been a practicing real estate lawyer for 42 years, and there is no authority cited. There is no authority given that the merger doctrine would even affect the note. The merger doctrine, if it applied, would apply when title and the lien become unanimity of interest, where both are owned by the same party because you can't owe yourself money, and the law goes all the way back to

the English system and about transfer of property.

In this case, the evidence is uncontroverted.

Mr. Antos on behalf of the trust transferred 49 percent of

Spanish Heights to CBC Partners. That was done pursuant to the

pledge agreement. At no time has the noteholder or any party

related to the noteholder come in to title. They are interest

holders in an LLC that is the title holder.

It's a particularly interesting theory, Judge, but they skip a beat. They just skip one critical element of law, and that is that title has to merge. Can't do that in this situation. It would be as if any person that owned a part of the debt on an MGM property and had stock in MGM corporate that somehow that would extinguish those notes. It's the most ludicrous proposition to think of.

Title is different than ownership of a company. They have no authority to say otherwise.

The contracts are very clear, Judge. Now, their

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latest theory, is misrepresentation, this fraud. I want to address that very briefly, Judge, because fraud must be pled with particularity and proven to a higher standard, clear and convincing. The amended complaint is not verified. The declarations of Mr. Bloom are void of facts that support this claim. And this Court must look closely at this new defense, this new theory, particularly in view of the parol evidence rule and the veracity of Mr. Bloom.

The evidence will show a failure of performance by the plaintiff, pure and simple. The documents are clear and unambiguous.

The witnesses, as counsel has stated, there will be three: Mr. Antos, Mr. Hallberg and Mr. Bloom.

Mr. Antos will tell you he owes the money.

Mr. Hallberg will tell you that Mr. Antos and his entities owe the money. Mr. Bloom signed a contract agreeing to pay, and the house was transferred to an entity to facilitate his purchasing the house. The only problem is he hasn't paid for the house.

Mr. Bloom in his deposition, Your Honor, said that the documents speak for themselves 20 times when I questioned him.

Mr. Bloom said he couldn't recall 51 times when I questioned him, including who his attorney was for this transaction.

And he even refused to answer or evaded answering too many to count, Judge. I have stickers that represent all of the questions that I have to go back and ask him because he wouldn't answer them the first time.

Your Honor, the evidence will show that Mr. Bloom violated your order. The evidence will show that the January payment was not made until January 25th --

THE COURT: January 2021?

MR. MUSHKIN: '21, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

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MR. MUSHKIN: And that no evidence of mailing has ever been provided pursuant to the Court's order.

The other payments are erratic and not always on time, but the January 1 is the most alarmingly late because I started asking counsel on the 15th where the proof was.

Normally by the 11th they submit an update. They hadn't. I asked. We've now found out why.

And, Judge, important perhaps more than anything else, particularly given the opening statement is that the note still exists. Well, Judge, if the note still exists and Mr. Bloom and his companies owe it, because that's their consideration for getting their 51 percent of Spanish Heights. But for their promise to pay that debt, they would have no ownership rights, no occupancy rights, none of that. So they come before you claiming a lack of consideration for the Antos

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Trust, a revocable living trust that has no separate existence and exists for the benefit of the grantors, but they never paid for their interest in Spanish Heights.

Your Honor, counsel is in error in his opening statement on at least three statements that he made:

First, that the trust was not added as a borrower -it was, and it's in our brief, and we will provide you that I don't have that number in front of me. exhibit.

Second, that somehow lender liability was ever an issue -- I mean, sorry, lender-liability concerns. That is correct, not merger concerns, lender-liability concerns. sorry.

And, finally, Exhibit 14, Judge, is admitted and uncontroverted, and that is the guarantee of the trust. So not only did the trust become a creditor party, the trust became a quarantor. That's Exhibit 14. It's already been admitted.

Your Honor, I think the Court has been very patient with the plaintiffs through the course of this proceeding, and I am thrilled that we now get to deal with the merits of their claim.

Our request is that you deny the preliminary injunction, vacate the TRO, find that notice of default and election to sell are adequate, as this is a commercial note and not subject to the terms of 107-point -- I apologize. I don't have the quote, the residential sections of 107 -- and find

that the note and deed of trust are valid and enforceable as a commercial obligation.

Your Honor, my last comment is that it should be clear to the Court that what the plaintiffs want to do is steal the house, pure and simple. They don't want to pay for the obligation they contracted for. You cannot allow this to happen, and I trust that you won't, Judge.

Thank you very much.

THE COURT: Thank you.

First witness.

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MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, we call Kenneth Antos. He'll be remote.

THE COURT: Hold on. I'm looking at Jill.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

THE COURT: And for those of you who are in the courtroom observing or the company representatives, if you want to move around, as long as you stay spaced out, please feel free to. If you need to get up and leave for a minute, fine.

If any of the counsel need a break, please let me know. If you are not the counsel doing the questioning or responsible for objecting, you can get up and leave any time you want. But if you're in charge of objecting or asking questions, we'll take a break for you.

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, before we get started, just two real quick things.

THE COURT: Yes, sir. 1 2 MR. MUSHKIN: First, obviously I neglected to 3 introduce Mr. Hallberg, who is seated slightly behind me. THE COURT: I noticed he was there. 4 5 MR. MUSHKIN: You know Mr. Coppedge. 6 THE COURT: I gave Mr. Coppedge a hard time this 7 morning. 8 MR. MUSHKIN: Yeah, I understand that, Judge. I'm 9 fully expecting the same. 10 But finally, Mr. Coppedge will be available only 11 certain parts of the time. My paralegal will come in his 12 place. 13 THE COURT: It's okay. 14 MR. MUSHKIN: And Mr. Hallberg has to leave Thursday 15 afternoon. 16 THE COURT: He can leave any time he wants. 17 MR. MUSHKIN: He is not available on Friday, but I 18 don't think we'll need him. 19 THE COURT: I'm trying to say the only people who 20 have to be in this room are the lawyers, and I only need one 21 lawyer per side at all times, and it doesn't matter which 22 lawyer it is. 23 Thank you, Judge. MR. MUSHKIN: 24 MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor --25

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THE COURT: Good afternoon, Mr. Antos. Can you hear

1 us?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I can. Thank you. (Indiscernible.)

THE COURT: We are all wearing masks here in the courtroom, and so it may be difficult to hear the lawyers asking you questions. If, for any reason, you can't hear him or you don't understand what he said, please ask us to repeat because we're trying to get your best information, and in order to give that to us, you need to understand what we're asking you. Okay?

THE WITNESS: I will.

THE COURT: All right. It's my understanding you've consented to be sworn over the video line. If you could raise your right hand, please.

KENNETH ANTOS

[having been called as a witness and being first duly sworn, testified as follows:]

THE WITNESS: I do.

THE CLERK: Thank you. Please state and spell your name for the record.

THE WITNESS: It's Kenneth Antos. K-e-n-n-e-t-h, A-n-t-o-s.

THE COURT: Thank you, sir. And, sir, again, if you need a break or anything at any time, you just let us know.

Okay?

A Twenty years. Okay.

Well, I (indiscernible) I'm originally from upstate New York, and I joined a company that became Circuit City as the controller. And then subsequently they moved me to the West Coast where I was the president of everything west of the Mississippi for Circuit City.

I subsequently left there in 1991 and became involved with the transaction involving cellular telephones, which I sold in Walmart. I actually owned the departments that sold them to the consumer.

Through that contact, I formed a company with a couple of partners and brought Subway restaurants into Walmart. So anywhere there is a Subway inside of a Walmart, it's a result of that association with Walmart -- currently about 1800 to 2,000 Subways.

I did also have a opportunity as a result of my contact with Walmart to open up a chain of dental offices within their stores and got it up to about 29 or 30. And then, of course, the pandemics became to be, and it was difficult to get patients in. In fact, at some point, at points they limited the patients coming in to zero. So we closed those. We had to close those locations.

And then I decided I've had enough of this, and I'm not working any at this point.

Q Mr. Antos, did you go to college?

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- Q And did you graduate?
- 3 A Yes, I did.
 - Q What was your degree in?
 - A A BS in Accounting and a BS in business -- or an MBA in Business Management.
 - Q Okay. So you did receive your MBA in business management; is that correct?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Okay. Now, Mr. Antos, in the course of your career as a businessman, have you had experience with loan agreements?
- 12 A Yes.
 - Q In the course of your career as a businessman, have you had experience with security agreements or guaranties?
 - MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Compound question.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 17 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 18 BY MR. GUTIERREZ:
 - Q Now, Mr. Antos, you're providing testimony today both in your individual capacity and also as the 30(b)(6) witness, or person most knowledgeable, for the Antos Trust; is that correct?
- 23 A I believe so, yes.
- Q Okay. And you've provided deposition testimony in this case on behalf of yourself individually and the Antos

- 1 Trust; is that correct?
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- Q Okay. Are you currently the trustee for the Antos Trust?
 - A Yes, I am.
 - Q And can you tell us what KCI Investments, LLC, was.
- A KCI was engaged with operating fast food restaurants and had a few different franchises that were under its, you know, authority.
 - Q What was your involvement with KCI Investments?
- A I was one of the original investors, and I was the managing partner for the people involved with it.
- Q What fast food restaurants did KCI Investments operate?
- A We operated Capriotti's. We operated Papa John's and a couple of freestanding supper club kind of restaurants supper club not being entertainment, but full meals here in Nevada, Vegas for those two -- for the supper clubs.
- Q Okay. And at some point, Mr. Antos, did KCI Investments enter into a promissory note with CBC Partners?
 - A Yes.
- Q And that was for a commercial loan for operating expenses for the company; is that correct?
- 24 A That is correct.
 - Q Okay. And you have personal knowledge of that

promissory note between KCI Investments and CBC Partners; is that correct?

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- Q Okay. And in addition to that promissory note between KCI Investments and CBC Partners, there was also a personal guarantee that you and your wife Sheila had signed; is that correct?
 - A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now I want to -- before we get into the loan documents, I want to discuss, Mr. Antos, your purchase of the property at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive. Okay?
- 12 A Okay.
 - Q Now, in this case, Mr. Antos, just so we're clear, we're going to refer to that property as "the Spanish Heights property" or "the property." Do you understand that?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Okay. Now, you and your wife bought the Spanish Heights property on April 16th, 2007; is that correct?
- 19 A Yes.
 - Q And at that time the property was just raw land.

 There was no house on it; is that correct?
 - A That is correct.
 - Q Okay. And, Mr. Antos, if you could turn to Exhibit 17 in front of you, I want to show you the grant bargain sale deed for that purchase. Okay. Hold on.

- 1 A What are we going to be looking at? Sorry.
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- Q Okay. And this is the Exhibit 17 which has been admitted. This is the grant bargain sale deed for the purchase of the Spanish Heights property by you and your wife individually; correct?
 - A I believe this is it.
- Q Okay. Now, Mr. Antos, a few years later, on October 14th, 2010, you and your wife then transferred the Spanish Heights property to a trust, the Antos Trust; is that correct?
 - A I don't remember the exact date, but it did happen.
 - Q It did happen though; correct?
- A Yes.
 - Q Okay. And you testified at your deposition the reason you did that was for -- the reason you transferred the Spanish Heights property was for estate planning reasons; is that correct?
- A That is correct.
 - Q Now, at some point you built the house that was on the Spanish Heights property and took out a loan to build that house; correct?
 - A Yes, I did.
- Q Okay. And that loan was with the -- the first loan was with City National Bank; is that correct?

THE WITNESS: From Southwest --

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THE COURT: With a different bank?

1 THE WITNESS: From Southwest, yes. 2 THE COURT: And that was with what entity? 3 THE WITNESS: With City National. THE COURT: Thank you. So you went from a 4 5 construction loan to a first loan, and then you had an 6 additional home equity loan? 7 THE WITNESS: That is correct. 8 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. 9 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 10 Now, Mr. Antos, in June of 2012, KCI Investments took 11 out a commercial loan with CBC Partners; is that correct? 12 What was your date? Α 13 In June of 2012. 0 14 Α We did take out a loan with them, yes. 15 Okay. Now, you had said that KCI Investments needed 16 that loan for operating expenses; is that correct? 17 Α Yes. 18 Okay. And KCI was the only borrower under that loan Q 19 with CBC Partners; is that correct? 2.0 Α Correct. 21 Okay. Now, the terms of the KCI note -- loan were 22 reflected in a promissory note that you signed on behalf of KCI

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Q Okay. And, Mr. Antos, if you could turn to

Exhibit 18, I just want to confirm that's the actual secured promissory note?

- A Hold on.
- Okay. I'm looking at Exhibit 18.
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 - Q And, Mr. Antos, can you see the bolded numbers at the bottom right-hand corner?
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- 9 Q Okay. Those are what we call Bates numbers, and if
 10 you could turn to where it says 5148SH 000238.
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- 13 0 It was 238.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Do you have that in front of you?
- 16 A Yes, I do.
- Q Okay. Is that your signature on behalf of KCI investments for the promissory note?
- 19 A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now, in addition to this promissory note, you and your wife Sheila personally guaranteed the KCI loan in your individual capacity; is that correct?
 - A Yes.
- 24 Q And if you turn to Exhibit 19, is that the guarantee 25 that you and your wife signed to secure the note?

1 I believe so. Yes. 2 Okay. Now, in addition, you also pledged assets of Q 3 KCI investment to secure the note; is that correct? 4 Α Yes. 5 Okay. And at the time, this is in June of 2012. The 6 Antos Trust was not a party to this agreement; correct? 7 I believe that's correct. 8 And at the time, in June of 2012, the Antos Trust Q 9 owned the Spanish Heights property; is that correct? 10 Α Yes. 11 Okay. Now, Mr. Antos, do you recall there being 12 several amendments to the KCI note? 13 Α Yes. 14 Okay. How many amendments do you recall there being? Q 15 There were several. I don't know the exact number. Α 16 Q And do you know the reason for those amendments? 17 To obtain additional funding for the business. Α 18 So KCI needed additional funding for operating Q 19 So there was amendments to the note; is that 2.0 correct? 21 Α Yes. 22 Okav. If you could go to Exhibit 21, Mr. Antos, Q 23 that's -- it's the first modification to the promissory note. 24 MR. MUSHKIN: Counsel, what one was that?

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MR. GUTIERREZ:

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- Okay. And nowhere in this modification was the Antos Q Trust added as an additional borrower; is that right?
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Did you hear my question, Mr. Antos? 0

- 1 A Yes. I answered you. I said I don't know.
 - Q Okay. If you go to page 280 on this Exhibit 23 -- do you have that in front of you?
 - A Yes.
 - Q And that's a signature line for the borrower, which is KCI Investments; correct?
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- Q Turn to the next page. There's a signature line for the lender, which is CBC Partners I, LLC. Do you see that?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Is there any additional signature lines for the Antos 12 Trust?
- 13 A No.
 - Q And as the trustee of the Antos Trust, if you were to sign on behalf of the Antos Trust, you would list that in a signature; correct?
- 17 A Probably so.
- Q Okay. If you go to Exhibit 24, this is a third modification to the promissory note.
- 20 A Okay.
 - Q And if you go to page 284 -- do you have that in front of you, sir?
- 23 A Okay. Yes.
- Q Again, is there any signature line for the Antos
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- 2 Q So the only borrower at this date is KCI Investments, 3 LLC; is that correct?
 - A Yes, I believe so.

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- Q Now, Mr. Antos, if you could go to -- let's go to Exhibit -- go to Exhibit 33, which is a seventh modification to the KCI note.
- A Okay.
 - Q Do you have that in front of you, sir?
- 10 A Yes, I do.
 - Q Okay. Tell us who Preferred Restaurants Brand, Inc., also known as Dixie Foods International, Inc., tell us who that company was.
 - A That was the successor company to KCI.
- Q Was Preferred Restaurants Brand purchasing KCI? Is that what was going on during this time frame?
- 17 A I believe that that's the eventuality that took 18 place.
 - Q Okay. Now, Preferred Restaurants Brand in the seventh modification to the promissory note with CBC was added as an additional borrower under the note; is that correct?
 - A I assume that that is correct, yes.
 - Q If you go to page 322.
 - A What page? I'm sorry.
- 25 Q 322. It's the very next page.

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And you see where it, under Section 2, where it says joinder of Dixie?

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Dixie hereby agrees to be bound with KCI on a joint and several basis as, quote, "borrower," end quote, under the note, and agrees to be bound by the provisions of the note in its entirety as a signatory thereto on the date of the note as borrower, and Dixie shall comply with and be subject to and have the benefit of and assumes and agrees to be bound by all the terms, conditions, covenants, agreements and obligations set forth therein.

Do you see that?

Α Yes.

Okay. So at this point, Dixie or Preferred Restaurants Brand was added to the note as a borrower under the CBC loan; correct?

I believe that that's what this one is.

MR. MUSHKIN: To the extent it calls for a legal conclusion, I would object. But factually I have no objection.

THE COURT: Overruled.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

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- Q Now, you had testified at your deposition that the Antos Trust did not do any business with CBC; is that correct?
- A I don't know what that means. We obviously we were doing business with CBC in terms of these loans.
- Q Well, let's back that up. You, on behalf of KCI Investments were borrowing money from CBC; isn't that true?
- A Yes.
 - Q And then you and your wife in your individual capacity were guaranteeing that loan; correct?
- 11 A Yes.
 - Q But the Antos Trust, which held the Spanish Heights property was not doing any business with CBC; correct?
 - A There was no business directly with them.
- 15 Q I can't hear you. I'm sorry.
- 16 A Correct.
 - Q Correct. Okay. So and you kept your trust separate from your personal matters; correct?
- 19 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the question.
 20 Vague and ambiguous.
- 21 THE COURT: Can you rephrase your question.
- 22 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Your Honor.
- 23 BY MR. GUTIERREZ:
- 24 Q You, as the -- your trust, the Antos Trust, you were 25 the trustee of that trust; correct?

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- Q And the property of the trust you held separate from what you and your wife had individually; correct?
 - A Yes.

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- Q Okay. If you can go to -- we're on to the same exhibit, Mr. Antos. It's page 332.
- A 332. Okay. Hold on.
- THE COURT: We're still on 33?
- 9 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 12 BY MR. GUTIERREZ:
 - Q Now, this is an acknowledgment and agreement of guarantors, and it's signed by you and your wife individually; correct?
- 16 A Correct.
 - Q Okay. And this acknowledgment and agreements of the quarantors does not reference the Antos Trust; correct?
- 19 A I'd have to read through it, but I assume that that's 20 correct.
 - Q Now go to the next exhibit, which is Exhibit 34.
- 22 A Okay.
- Q And this is a certificate of trust and existence of authority. Do you see that?
- 25 A I guess it is.

1 Now, what was the purpose of this document, 2 Mr. Antos? 3 Α I have no idea without, you know, looking at it and reviewing it. 4 5 If you can just take your time and look it over and 6 let me know when you're done; I think it's a two-page 7 document -- three pages if you count the signature page. I 8 have a few questions on it. 9 Okay. Go ahead. I think I can probably answer. Α 10 Q Okay. What was the purpose of the document, this 11 document we're looking at, Exhibit 34, Bate Number 334? 12 Basically for me and the company to receive additional funding. This document was prepared so that I could 13 14 get additional funding for the company. 15 When you say "the company," you're talking about KCI 16 Investments? 17 I was talking about Preferred Restaurant Brands, 18 Inc., at this point I believe. 19 Understood. Because we've looked at the seventh 20 amendment that where it was a successor company. So the 21 company would be Preferred Restaurant Brands at this stage, 22 which is in, let's see, 2014; is that correct?

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funding for Preferred Restaurant Brands, you and your wife

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- Q Did the trust, the Antos Trust receive any benefit for the additional funding to Preferred Restaurant Brands?
 - A Well, to receive the funds for the business.
 - Q I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you.
- A To receive the funds for the business, I had to sign and create a third deed of trust.
- Q Okay. Is there -- now, we're going to get the third deed of trust. I'm talking about just for the additional capital that Preferred Restaurant Brands received. Did the Antos Trust receive any benefit from that?
 - A No, no cash or anything like that. No.
- Q Now, you can go to -- if you can go to Exhibit 39, Mr. Antos.
- A Okay.
- Q And this is the deed of trust that was signed, and it's dated the December 17th, 2014. Do you see that?
- A I'm trying to see the page with the signature.
- Okay. I see the signature date -- I mean, the signature page, but I don't see the date. Oh, yes, December 17th I believe.
- Q And, Mr. Antos, just who was drafting -- who drafted the original promissory note between KCI and CBC?
- A CBC.

Okay. And who drafted all the amendments to the 1 2 promissory note? 3 Α CBC. And who drafted the quarantees to the note? 4 5 CBC. Α 6 Did you have -- were you represented by any attorneys 7 during the time frame -- I'm sorry. Strike that. 8 Was KCI Investments represented by any attorneys to 9 help the company review the promissory note or the quarantees 10 during this time frame? 11 I don't remember. 12 Okay. Were you or your wife --13 There may have been a review, but I'm not sure, for Α 14 sure positively. 15 Do you recall having any input on the documents and 16 making edits or changes to the documents prepared by CBC? 17 Please ask that again. 18 Sure. Do you recall having -- making any edits or Q 19 changes to the loan documents that were drafted by CBC? 2.0 I don't recall. Α 21 Now, Mr. Antos, this deed of trust you signed on 22 behalf of the Antos Trust for CBC; is that correct? 23 Which one are you talking -- oh, yes, I believe so. Α 24 The one we're looking at on Exhibit 39. Q

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1 And you were asked that at your deposition 2 specifically whether the Antos Trust ever received any type of 3 consideration in return for signing this deed of trust. Do you recall that? 4 5 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection, Your Honor --6 THE WITNESS: I do. 7 MR. MUSHKIN: -- calls for a legal conclusion. 8 THE COURT: -- overruled. Put your mask back on. 9 MR. MUSHKIN: I'm sorry. I was stretching. 10 THE COURT: It's okay. 11 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 12 I'm sorry, Mr. Antos. What did you say? 13 Please ask it again. 14 Sure. I said do you recall at your deposition being 15 asked whether the trust ever received any kind of consideration 16 in return for this deed of trust being signed? 17 I recall a question of that nature where I thought 18 was directed to me about me, and I -- I was confused a little 19 bit at that point. I thought we were asking whether I was 2.0 receiving any compensation from Mr. Bloom. And that was not 21 the case. 22 MR. GUTIERREZ: Okay. Your Honor, can we publish 23 Mr. Antos's deposition? 24 THE COURT: You may. 25

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How are you going to give it to him to look at?

1 MR. GUTIERREZ: He has a copy in front of him, Your 2 Honor. 3 THE COURT: Isn't that nice. Good job. 4 So is it okay with everyone? Do you stipulate that I 5 can publish the electronic version? 6 MR. MUSHKIN: Yes, Your Honor. 7 THE COURT: Okay. Dulce will do whatever it is she 8 has to do to publish the electronic one. 9 MR. GUTIERREZ: I have the original one here. 10 THE COURT: We are not supposed to take paper. 11 MR. GUTIERREZ: Oh, yeah. All right. 12 I would love to, but Judge Bell... THE CLERK: 13 THE COURT: No. Judge Bell said no, no paper. 14 THE CLERK: Sorry. 15 MR. GUTIERREZ: No problem. 16 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 17 Mr. Antos, you have your deposition transcript in 18 front of you; correct? 19 I have it here, yes. 2.0 THE COURT: You got to tell him where. He's got a 21 big book there. 22 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 23 Can you go to -- turn the page to 69. Q 24 THE COURT: Tab 69?

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MR. GUTIERREZ: Page 69 of the deposition transcript.

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Q How many other members were part of that company?

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A I have no idea. It was a public company --

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- 1 | hundred other owners.
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- Q Okay. You also testified, Mr. Antos, that the Antos
 Trust had no business relationship with CBC Partners. Do you
 recall that?
- A I just answered that as a positive to you a few minutes ago.
 - Q Okay. So again that's still true today. The Antos Trust had no business relationship with CBC Partners; correct?
 - A No direct, yes, that is correct.
- Q Now, if we could go to Exhibit 50, Mr. Antos.
- 14 A Fifty -- five, zero?
- 15 Q Five, zero, yes.
 - A Hold on. Okay.
- 17 Q This is a -- do you have it in front of you, sir?
- 18 A Yes, I do.
- Q This is a forbearance agreement dated December 2nd,
 20 2016, between CBC Partners I and KCI Investments and Preferred
 21 Restaurant Brands. Do you see that?
- 22 A If you say so. I haven't read through this since it was done. So it probably is.
- 24 THE COURT: Sir, you can take a minute to read 25 through it if you want to familiarize yourself with it, at

least as much of it as you think you need to, and then let us know when you're finished.

THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, I believe that I know the intent of the document, not being able to read through this specifically at this time because I think it takes a while to read as many pages that are here, but in general it was confirming the fact that I was going to get the other increase in the loan from CBC.

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- Q Okay. And this is in December of 2016. During this time frame was KCI or Preferred Restaurant Brands able to pay the note balance to CBC?
 - A Could you repeat that, please.
- Q Yeah. During this time that this forbearance agreement was signed in December of 2016, was KCI or Preferred Restaurant Brands able to pay what was owed under the note?
 - A No.
- Q And you said this agreement allowed you to borrow additional money for the company?
- A I believe so. The dates have -- I'm not quite certain about the dates, but definitely what you said is in '16 they were unable to make the payment.
- Q Now, during this time frame, did the Antos Trust have any ownership of Preferred Restaurant Brands?
 - A No.

1 The ownership interest you held in Preferred 2 Restaurant Brands, how did you hold that, sir? 3 Α In my name. Now, Mr. Antos, do you recall in 2017 selling the 4 5 Spanish Heights property to Spanish Heights Acquisition Company 6 and Mr. Jay Bloom? 7 Α There was no transaction that took place that was 8 finalized because Mr. Bloom never came up with the terms and 9 conditions of the purchase. So the answer to your question I 10 believe is no. 11 No, my question was do you recall that that loan --12 or that transaction with Mr. Bloom and Spanish Heights 13 Acquisition Company. 14 Please ask -- or answer -- I mean give me that Α 15 question again. I just didn't hear you. Do you -- I'm just talking in general. 16 Sure. 17 recall the transaction in 2017 where the Antos Trust was going 18 to sell the Spanish Heights property to Mr. Bloom, one of 19 Mr. Bloom's entities? 2.0 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the question. THE WITNESS: I recall the --21 22 MR. MUSHKIN: Misstates the evidence. 23 THE COURT: Overruled. 24 THE WITNESS: -- the intent was for that to happen.

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THE COURT: Can you rephrase, but can you rephrase

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1 your question, please.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Sure, Your Honor.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

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- Q Mr. Antos, just in general do you recall meeting with Mr. Bloom to discuss selling the Spanish Heights property?
 - A I met with him once at your office I believe.
- Q Okay. And what was discussed with Mr. Bloom during this time frame?
- A That he was to close on the property and receive the cash to do that through a settlement of a judgment that he was awarded or partially he owned from an individual who got the largest Nevada judgment in history.
- Q Do you recall signing documents related to selling the Spanish Heights property during this time frame to Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?
- A Yes. I signed documents, but I don't know if they were actually abided by by Mr. Bloom.
 - Q And who prepared the documents for this transaction?
 - A Probably your office.
- Q My office?
 - A I believe so.
 - Q Okay. Are you sure?
- A No, I'm not sure.
- Q Okay. Who at my office prepared those documents, sir?

- 1 Are you asking me -- say that again. Ask me that 2 again. 3 Q Sure. Do you recall -- did you have an attorney during this time frame in 2017 helping you with the 4 5 transaction? 6 Α No. 7 Okay. Let's go to Exhibit 1, and we'll start with 8 that exhibit, sir. 9 Α Okay. 10 Q Now, take a look at this document, Mr. Antos. 11 it's a forbearance agreement dated September 27th, 2017. 12 Α Okay. 13 Do you recall seeing this document? 14 Α No. 15 Okay. If you can go to page 25 on this exhibit, Q 16 Mr. Antos. 17 Okay. Α 18 Is that your signature on this page under where it Q 19 says Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust? 20 It says Kenneth Antos, trustee. Α Yes. 21 Okay. You signed this document as a -- you and your 22 wife signed it as trustee of the Kenneth and Sheila Antos 23 Living Trust; correct?
 - A Yes.

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Q And you also signed it in your individual capacity.

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- Q Okay. Now, if you go back to page 1 of this document...
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- Q It says in the very first paragraph that Kenneth Antos and Sheila Neumann Antos, the K and S Trust; do you see that?
- 9 A Yes.
 - Q Well, what was the K and S Trust?
- 11 A Whoever prepared the document used that as a 12 truncated description of the trust name.
 - Q How many -- well, it mentions two trusts. So I want to clarify. It mentions the Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust that's defined as living trust. And then it mentions the Kenneth Antos and Sheila Neumann Antos Trust, the K and S Trust. Do you see that?
- 18 A I do.
- 19 Q What were the difference between those two trusts?
- 20 A I didn't -- in my mind I didn't have a difference.
 - Q Okay.
- 22 A I don't know why he did that.
- Q Were you a trustee of two separate trusts, or was it just one, and this may have been a typo?
 - A One.

1	Q	Okay. Now, this paragraph goes on to state,
2		That Kenneth Antos and Sheila Neumann
3		Antos as trustees of the living trust and the
4		K and S Trust and as personal guarantors of a
5		secured promissory note.
6		At any point was the K and S Trust a guarantor of the
7	promissor	y note?
8	А	In effect that the trust was under my jurisdiction,
9	yeah.	
10	Q	Okay.
11	A	I believe that to be the case.
12	Q	Okay. Mr. Antos, this transaction that you entered
13	into with	Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, do you recall on
14	behalf of	the trust obtaining a 49 percent ownership interest
15	in that co	ompany Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?
16	A	I really don't remember. It's been a while, and I
17	don't know	w for sure.
18		MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, perhaps this might be a
19	good time	to break?
20		THE COURT: Sir, are you okay taking a short break?
21	About ten	minutes?
22		THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm fine.
23		THE COURT: Okay. All right. Ten minutes.
24	(Pro	oceedings recessed at 2:20 p.m., until 2:24 p.m.)

(Pause in the proceedings.)

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THE COURT: Mr. Antos, are you ready to resume?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I am.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Gutierrez, do you

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Gutierrez, do you remember where you were?

MR. GUTIERREZ: I do. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: That would be lovely. Thank you.

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Q Mr. Antos, we were talking about the forbearance agreement in Exhibit 1 before we took a break. Do you recall that?

- A Yes.
- Q Okay. I think we also went to Exhibit 8, which was the pledge agreement. Do you recall that?
 - A No.
 - Q If you could turn to --
- A Do you need me to look at 8?
- 17 Q Okay. If you can go to Exhibit 8.
- 18 A Okay.
- 19 Q Do you recognize this document?
 - A No. I mean, it is (indiscernible) document. So do I recognize it, no.
 - Q Mr. Antos, do you recall as part of your -- as part of the Antos Trust selling the Spanish Heights property to Spanish Heights Acquisition Company that you had received, you meaning the trust, received a 49 percent membership interest in

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- A I remember the intent to do that, yes.
- Q Okay. Do you also recall that you signed this pledge agreement, and the intent was to transfer the interest from the trust to CBC in the event of a default?

MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Misstates the document, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

You can answer. And if you need time to look at the document, you may.

THE WITNESS: Ask the question again, please.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

- Q Okay. Let me ask you this. What's your understanding of the pledge agreement?
- A I'd have to read through it and -- hold on.

Well, CBC was a part of the -- held the third deed of trust. So it involved the deed of trust, and you'll have to talk to probably Alan Hallberg about the intent of what happened here because I don't recall all of it. But they were a party to -- to the transaction. So they did get me to sign to get the situation so that the trust was a part of the -- was a part of the transaction as far as the deed of trust goes.

- Q Mr. Antos, do you recall transferring the Antos Trust membership interest over to CBC?
 - A Do I recall? I'm sorry. Say that -- ask that again.

Do you recall transferring the Antos Trust 1 2 membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company over 3 to CBC? They were part of the crediting -- the creditor. 4 Α 5 They were a creditor out here that (indiscernible) of the third 6 deed of trust, but I'm not quite sure how to answer you. 7 Could you go to Exhibit 81. 8 Α Exhibit 81. Okay. 9 This is a document entitled assignment of company and 10 membership interest of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, 11 LLC. Do you see that? 12 Yes. Α 13 And the document is signed by you and your wife as Q 14 trustee of the Antos Trust; correct? 15 Α Yes. 16 And what's your understanding of the purpose of this Q 17 document? 18 Α Hold on. 19 I believe at the time that I believed that this 20 document helped to solidify the fact that CBC had a continuation of the third deed of trust and that it 21 22 legitimatized it with the trustee. 23 Mr. Antos, did anybody review this particular

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- Q Okay. And as you understand --
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- Q Go ahead.
- A No. No. Other than Mr. Hallberg may have indicated that it was necessary.
 - Q What did Mr. Hallberg say it was necessary for?
 - A I can't remember back then. I have, you know, I just -- I don't remember.
- 9 Q Okay. Now, Mr. Antos, if we can go back, I just want 10 to look at two documents -- well, we'll finish up here.
- 11 Exhibit 39 which we've looked at, which is the deed of trust, 12 if you could go to that document.
- 13 A 39?
- 14 Q Yes.
- 15 A Okay. 39.
- 16 Q Okay. And page 380 under 39.
- 17 A Okay. Hold on. Okay.
- Q When you signed this document on behalf of the trust,
 for the deed of trust on the property to go to CBC, was there
 any guarantee that you had signed on behalf of the trust during
 this time in 2014?
- 22 A I was subject to a guarantee of -- for the company at this time in 2014.
- Q And I understand that. I understand you were subject to a guarantee on behalf of the company and on behalf of

yourself individually, but I want to be specific in that was there any guarantee you signed on behalf of the Antos Trust in 2014 when you signed this deed of trust?

- A I'm not sure.
- Q Okay. Now, you subsequently three years later signed a guarantee on behalf of the trust during the transaction with Spanish Heights Acquisition Company. Do you recall that?
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- Q Go to Exhibit 14.
 - A Okay. I'm there.
- Q And the date of this document is September 27th, 2017; is that correct, the first line?
 - A It doesn't say the date.
- Q The first line, sir.
 - A It doesn't say -- it doesn't have a date on it.
- 16 Q Are you at Exhibit 14.
- 17 A Yes, I am. It says, This guarantee is given this
 18 blank day of September.
- 19 THE COURT: September 27th, 2017.
- 20 THE WITNESS: It doesn't have a date on it.
- 21 THE COURT: Isn't it 27 written in your document?
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Yes, it is.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. Trying to help.
- 24 BY MR. GUTIERREZ:
 - Q So does this personal guarantee agreement dated

September 27th, 2017, and this was three years after you had 1 2 signed the deed of trust on behalf of the Antos Trust; is that 3 correct? 4 Α I assume so, yes. 5 Okay. And what was the purpose of this document? 6 You know, I really don't remember. It was a 7 continuation of the quarantees. 8 Okay. And, sir, what guarantee do you believe was Q 9 continuing at this time in 2017? 10 Α The guarantee of the payment to CBC. 11 From KCI and Preferred Restaurants; is that correct? 12 Specifically under this document, I'm not sure, but 13 it's definitely me and my wife. 14 Okay. Did the Antos Trust ever receive any money Q 15 from CBC as part of the loan agreement? 16 Α Personally, no. 17 MR. GUTIERREZ: I'll pass the witness, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Cross-examination. 19 MR. GUTIERREZ: Let me clean this. 2.0 THE COURT: Or direct. 21 Please wipe down. 22 Sir, give us a minute while we sterilize the lectern, 23 and then the next attorney will come up for questions.

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THE WITNESS: Okay.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION 1 2 BY MR. MUSHKIN: 3 Good afternoon, Mr. Antos. How are you today? Q I'm good. How are you? 4 Α 5 Not too bad. Q 6 Mr. Antos, could you tell the Court how old you are? 7 I am going on 79. Α You were just directed to Exhibit 14; is that 8 Q 9 correct? 10 Α Yes. 11 And that contains the guarantee of the Antos trust; 12 is that correct? 13 I believe it is. Α 14 If you look at the first page, it recites the various 15 names that were used for the Antos Trust. Do you see that? 16 Α Yes. 17 And at the time did you intend for the trust to be a 18 quarantor of the note? 19 Α Yes. 2.0 Now, everyone has -- or counsel has asked you a 21 number of times if the trust were to benefit. Do you remember 22 those questions? 23 Α Yes. And that was addressed in the documents; isn't that 24

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correct?

It depends on which document. I don't know all of 1 2 the documents by heart because there's so many of them, but --3 Let's take a look at Exhibit 34. 4 Α -- (indiscernible), yes. 5 Do you want me to go to 34? 6 Yes, sir. And I'd like you to look at the second Q 7 page of that document, which is 5148 SH 000335. 8 Okay. I'm there. Α 9 Take a look at that first paragraph: Q 10 The trust agreement has not been revoked 11 or modified. 12 Do you see that? 13 I do. Α 14 And was that true at the time? Q 15 Α Yes. 16 And it says provided the trustee is a grantor, any 17 one trustee may act or conduct business on behalf of the trust. 18 Do you see that? 19 Α I do. 2.0 And was that true at the time? Q 21 Α Yes. 22 The next paragraph says, Q 23 The deed of trust and lender's provision 24 of credit under the terms of the note will 25 directly and indirectly benefit the trust and

its beneficiaries.

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- Q Was that true at the time that you signed this document?
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The trustees of the trust have the authority to enter into the transactions with respect to which the certificate is being delivered, and such transactions will create binding obligations on the assets of the trust.

Do you see that?

- A I do.
- 16 Q And did you believe that to be true when you signed 17 it?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And is that -- it was your intention at the time to 20 bind the trust; is that correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now I'd like to take you for a moment and ask you to look at Exhibit 50.
- 24 A Five, zero?
- 25 Q Five, zero.

1 It's entitled forbearance agreement; is that correct? 2 I'm not there yet. Α 3 Yes, that is correct. And what is the date on this agreement? 4 Q 5 The second day of December 2016. Α 6 And I'd like you to turn now to page 506. Q 7 Α Okay. 8 Do you see that document entitled Consent, Q 9 Reaffirmation and General Release of the Trust? 10 Α Yes. 11 And does that have your signature -- your signature 12 at the bottom? 13 Α Yes. 14 And you recognize the lower signature as that of your 15 lovely wife? 16 Α Yes. 17 I'd like to direct your attention to specifically to 18 provision V. It's the last sentence before the last paragraph. 19 It's the last sentence of the first paragraph starting with --20 I'll read it to you: 21 Agrees to join in and be bound to the 22 terms of the representations and warranties 23 contained in Section 4 and 7 and the general 24 release contained in Section 8 of the

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agreement applicable as though the trust were

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1 And that section has a whole series of provisions; is 2 that correct? 3 Α Let me look first. I need to look at it. 4 Sure. 0 5 Α Yes. 6 And this is about a small portion of the note that Q 7 was sold; is that correct, about 15,000? 8 Α What is the 15,000? 9 There came a time when CBC severed the note, took 0 10 15,000 and sold it to a third party. Do you recall that? 11 No, I really don't. 12 Look at Section 3.1. Perhaps that will refresh your Q 13 recollection on page 5 of the note -- 5 of this document. 14 Α Hold on. Let me read through it. Where is it? 15 3.1. Q 16 Α Oh. Yeah. All right. Hold on. 17 I do see it, yes. 18 So there was a time when there was a small portion of Q 19 this note broken out. Do you see that? 20 Α I do. 21 Did you have any recollection before I pointed that 22 out to you, sir? 23 Α No.

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That each party has authority. Do you see that?

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- Q Mr. Antos, are you the beneficiary of the Antos -- you and your wife the beneficiaries of the Antos Trust during your lifetime?
 - A Yes.
- Q Let's go to 50 for just one more quick moment. In 50, the first forbearance agreement, at page 3...
 - A Yes.
- Q By October 31st of '16, the credit balance had reached 2,950,000; is that correct?
- 13 A It's what it says, yes.
- 14 Q And there had been a default; is that correct?
- 15 A Yes.
 - Q You had already put up the deed of trust; is that correct?
- 18 A Yes.
 - Q And at page 506, you consent, reaffirm and generally release -- release the trust to CBC for any of those defaults that may have occurred before that date; is that correct?
- 22 A Yes.
 - Q Did you ever have cause to notice a default to CBC at any time in your relationship?
 - A Not that I can remember.

- 1 So in your deposition, you were asked about 2 consideration over and over again. Can you tell the Court what 3 the trust received from Mr. Bloom to get the house in the name of SHAC and to get his interest in SHAC. 4 5 Nothing that I'm aware of. 6 He made a bunch of promises in the operating Q 7 agreement, didn't he? 8 Yes, he did. Α 9 Did he fulfill any of them? Q
 - A Not that I'm aware of.
- 11 Q Did you ever see a tax return for Spanish Heights?
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- 13 Q Did you ever get a K-1?
- 14 A No.
 - Q Did you ever see a report as called out in the operating agreement? Did you ever get a report from Mr. Bloom on the activities of Spanish Heights?
 - A We had -- my wife and I had very little, if any, association with Bloom. In fact, the last time we had a session on the video she had to ask who that person was, and it was Bloom.
 - Q You didn't even recognize --
 - A We got nothing from the guy.
 - Q And do you believe that CBC is owed the money that was advanced --

1 Α Oh, absolutely. 2 -- pursuant to the note and deed of trust? Q 3 Α I wish he wasn't, but he is. I'm sorry, sir. I didn't understand your --4 Q 5 I said I wish he -- we didn't owe it to him, but we Α 6 do. 7 Oh, okay. And was it your intention upon entering Q 8 into these agreements to have Mr. Bloom retire the debt to CBC? 9 Α Yes. 10 MR. MUSHKIN: No further questions, Your Honor. 11 THE COURT: Redirect? 12 MR. GUTIERREZ: Briefly, Your Honor. 13 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 14 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 15 Mr. Antos, you had Exhibit 34 in front of you. 16 you recall -- do you have that in front of you still? 17 I can get there. Do you want me to go to 34? Α 18 Yes. Q 19 Α Okay. 20 And then on page 335, the second page of the Q 21 document, can you turn there. 22 Α Okay. It's blank -- oh, no. Sorry. It continues on 23 the next page. Yes, 335. 24 The third paragraph that says, Q

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of credit under the terms of the note will directly and indirectly benefit the trust and its beneficiaries,

You talked about how you benefit, Mr. Antos, but how did the trust benefit from this particular agreement?

A The trust benefited because it had the coverage of the amount which was guaranteed to CBC, and it allowed us to get the funding that was a part of the 2.95, I guess it was, from CBC.

- Q That allowed Preferred Restaurant Brands to get additional funding; correct?
 - A Correct.
- Q And but again the trust itself is separate from Preferred Restaurant Brands; correct?
- A The trust itself is separate from them, but the responsibility of the trust is mine.
- Q Mr. Antos, you have been asked about the 49 percent membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company. Do you recall that?
 - A Yes.
- Q Did anybody at any point ever talk to you about the doctrine of merger?
- A Not that I'm aware of. I don't know what a doctrine of merger is.
 - Q And I think that's what you testified during your

1 And you also have personal knowledge of the loan 2 agreement and guarantee between CBC partners and 3 KCI Investments; correct? 4 A Yes. 5 And also the loan guarantees between the Antoses and 6 KCI -- and CBC; correct? 7 Α Yes. What's the difference between CBC Partners and 8 9 CBC Partners I? 10 Α CBC Partners is the general manager or general 11 CBC Partners I is the fund. So the fund is managed 12 by the general partner. 13 THE COURT: And are there limited partners in CBC I? 14 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. The investors are limited. 15 THE COURT: Just checking. 16 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 17 And where is CBC Partners I domiciled? Q 18 The state of Washington. Α 19 Q And what business does CBC Partners do in Nevada? 2.0 Α We just have two loans in Nevada. 21 Now, Mr. Hallberg, you're familiar with the loan 22 documents in this case; correct? 23 Α In general. 24 Okay. We have them in front of you, and I want to

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- A Okay.
- Q Were you involved with the negotiation of this particular note?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Okay. Tell me, who were you dealing with on behalf of KCI Investments?
 - A Primarily Mr. Antos.
 - Q Who else did you deal with?
 - A There was a middleman, an intermediary who introduced the relationship. He was involved off and on, but it was primarily Ken.
- Q Okay. Did KCI Investments have legal counsel during this time frame or during these agreements?
 - A I wasn't a lawyer. I was just working directly with Ken, and I was working directly with my counsel. My counsel did not interact with Ken. So I don't know. I assumed he had, but I did not have any interaction with his counsel.
 - Q And was your counsel the person who was preparing the promissory note and quarantees?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Okay. Do you recall Mr. Antos on behalf of KCI ever having edits and sending you back to changes?
- A He might have. My practice, and I know I did this
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- Q Okay. Now, this secured promissory note, which is Exhibit 18, the borrower is KCI Investments, and the lender is CBC Partners I; correct?
 - A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now, the Antos Trust is not a borrower in any way to this loan agreement; correct?
- A Correct.
- Q And in the 10 separate amendments that were done in this transaction, the Antos Trust was never added as a borrower; correct?
 - A That's my understanding.
- Q Okay. And the Antos -- and I know you testified to this in your deposition, but the Antos Trust was never added as a quarantor as well; correct?
 - A Yes, that's my understanding.
- Q Okay. Can you turn to Exhibit 34, Mr. Hallberg.

 And you've seen this document before?
 - A Likely, yes, but I don't remember it in detail.
 - Q Okay. It's not signed by anyone at CBC Partners. So do you recall the circumstances of this document being sent to the Antoses?
 - A No. It was drafted by outside counsel.
- Q And then when outside counsel would draft it, would you be the person sending it directly to Mr. Antos for

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- A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now, during this time frame, this is in -- well, can you tell me when this document was signed?
 - A December of 2014.
- Q Okay. Now, what consideration did the Antos Trust get for signing this agreement?
 - A They did not receive consideration.
 - Q Can you go to Exhibit --
- MR. MUSHKIN: And to the extent that calls for a legal conclusion, I object, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Okay. The witness can answer, but I understand your legal position.
- 14 BY MR. GUTIERREZ:
 - Q Do you understand what consideration is, sir?
- 16 A Yes.
 - Q Okay. And how long have you been working with loan agreements?
- 19 A Since 1988.
- 20 Q And you've been working with personal guarantees 21 about that long as well; correct, sir?
 - A Personal guarantees since approximately 1992.
 - Q Okay. If you can go to Exhibit 50.
- Do you recall this forbearance agreement, sir, the circumstances surrounding it?

- A It's somewhat vague, but I recall, yes, some of it.
 - Q Okay. And again this was drafted by your counsel?
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- Q Okay. And if you could go to 506 under this exhibit.

 Now, again, sir, did the Antos Trust receive any

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 by the note with KCI?
 - A Only the Antoses individually.
- Q Now, CBC Partners hasn't ever sued the Antos Trust for defaulting on the KCI note in any way; correct?
 - A Correct.
- Q And let's go to Exhibit 1, sir, which is the forbearance agreement.
- Now, do you recall the circumstances surrounding the forbearance agreement details of '17 when Mr. Bloom on behalf of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company acquired the property?
- 17 A Yes.
 - Q Okay. And again, sir, what was the purpose of this document, Exhibit 1, this forbearance agreement?
 - A Through a Realtor hired by Ken Antos, Jay Bloom approached CBC, and he asked us to forbear for a period of time because he had liquidity that he was expecting to come inbound within 18 months or so. And the purpose was we would stall any action on loan enforcement while Mr. Bloom, you know, accumulates his liquidity and pays off our note.

1 Q Okay. 2 THE COURT: And the liquidity was related to a 3 judgment? 4 THE WITNESS: Various things, but that was one of 5 them. THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. 6 7 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 8 And were you the one on behalf of CBC Partners Q 9 negotiating the terms of these agreements with Mr. Bloom? 10 Α Yes. 11 And who was representing CBC during this time frame? 12 Α Vernon Nelson. 13 Okay. He was your Nevada counsel on this? Q 14 Α Yes. 15 Okay. And did the Antoses have counsel during this 16 time frame in 2017 for this transaction? 17 Not to my knowledge, but I would defer to Ken Antos. Α 18 Okay. Now, Mr. Hallberg, do you -- let's go to Q 19 Exhibit 8 first. I'm sorry. Which one? 20 Α 21 Exhibit 8, the pledge agreement. Q 22 Do you recall the circumstances surrounding the 23 pledge agreement with the Antos Trust? 24 Α Yes.

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Okay. And I think originally the memberships

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Okay. And specifically what lender liability laws were you concerned about on behalf of the company in having a membership interest for SHAC?

MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the extent it calls for a legal conclusion.

THE COURT: Overruled.

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In general as a lender I want to remain THE WITNESS: a lender. I don't want a conflict of interest by taking action on a loan as a lender and having an ownership interest. BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

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Q Okay. Now, if CBC had to resign its membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company in 2017 because of lender liability issues, how could it in April of 2020 take over the Antos Trust 49 percent interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?

MR. MUSHKIN: Objection.

THE WITNESS: You said, I'm sorry, April of 2020?

MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

MR. MUSHKIN: To the extent it calls for a legal conclusion, I object.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: That's part of the enforcement, and that was always the understanding. The membership interest the property was put into -- sorry, Your Honor -- SHAC.

THE COURT: It's okay. You just give me flashbacks.

MR. GUTIERREZ: She's getting flashbacks.

THE COURT: To the showgirls coming in for the auction.

THE WITNESS: I really didn't mean that. I'm from Washington. I have no idea what you're talking about.

THE COURT: Okay. Good.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

THE WITNESS: So I'd had a discussion with Mr. Bloom

the summer of 2017 how to structure this. It was understood the property would be in a legal entity. There would be member interest pledged. And to the extent that the forbearance agreement matured and there was no payment to the loan, it would be very simple to just foreclose on the member interest, which is what we did with Mr. Antos.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

Q Okay. So as you sit here today, you don't dispute that CBC Partners foreclosed on the 49 percent interest that the Antos Trust held in SHAC; correct?

A It was the result of the forbearance agreement mature, yes.

Q I understand. But I just want to make sure we're clear that the actual -- that CBC Partners foreclosed on the membership interest of the Antos Trust in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company; isn't that true?

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MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the --

THE WITNESS: It is not a --

MR. MUSHKIN: -- form of the question.

THE COURT: The objection is sustained.

THE WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you, Your Honor.

THE WITNESS: It's not a --

THE COURT: Sir, don't answer.

1 MR. GUTIERREZ: There's no question.

THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm not an attorney.

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- Q Okay. But you said that there was a foreclosure by CBC partners.
 - A It was an enforcement. I'm sorry.
- Q Okay.
 - A Per the terms of the forbearance agreement, if it matured and nothing was paid, the membership interest would revert to CBC.
 - Q Okay. And then Mr. Antos on behalf of the Antos
 Trust signed a document reverting that interest over to CBC --
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O Correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Yes. Okay.
 - And as you sit here today, CBC in your opinion owns 49 percent interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company; correct?
- 20 A It's my understanding.
- 21 Q That's your understanding?
- 22 A Yeah.
- Q Okay. And Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, sir,

 SJC Ventures is still the exclusive and irrevocable manager of
 that company; correct?

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- Q Are you familiar with the operating agreement for that company?
 - A No, I'm not familiar with it.
- Q Now, SJC Ventures is the tenant of the property, the Spanish Heights property; correct?
 - A That's my understanding.
- Q And is it your understanding that SJC Ventures has a prepaid the rent for the property?
- 10 A At times it did, yes.
- 11 Q What's the current status of the rents on the property?
- 13 A Don't know.
 - Q At any point was the doctrine of merger ever waived in writing by any party?
- 16 A I don't know.
- 17 Q Okay. Do you know what the doctrine of merger is?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Okay. Do you know what the one-action rule is, sir?
- 20 A No.
 - Q Isn't it true, sir, that CBC chose to take equity in SHAC as its remedy under the note?
- 23 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Calls for a legal conclusion, Your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: Sustained.

Can you rephrase your question.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes.

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Q Sir, you mentioned that CBC exercised its right under the forbearance agreement, is that correct, to acquire the interest of Antos Trust?

MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Asked and answered.

THE COURT: Overruled.

You can answer.

THE WITNESS: Yes, that's true. That's what I said five minutes ago.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

Q And the purpose -- and explain what the purpose of that was.

A It was part of the understanding all along. A hundred percent of the interest would revert to CBC if we got to the maturity date and Mr. Bloom had not paid off the loan.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Give me one second, sir.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

MR. GUTIERREZ: Sir, thank you for your time.

I'm going to pass the witness, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Mushkin, would you like to do your direct examination?

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I have very little. I'll do my cross. On this particular witness, I am going to

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Q And I want to direct your attention to -- oh, sorry,

1 were a credit party. 2 Do you see that? 3 Α Yes. THE COURT: Where are you reading? 4 5 MR. MUSHKIN: Right above the dark --6 THE COURT: What page number? 7 506. MR. MUSHKIN: 8 THE COURT: Thank you. I was on 486. 9 MR. MUSHKIN: Sorry, Judge. 10 THE COURT: It's okay. Just --11 MR. MUSHKIN: It's at small Roman numeral V. 12 THE COURT: Thank you. 13 BY MR. MUSHKIN: 14 Is it fair to say, Mr. Hallberg, that as of December 15 of '16 the trust became a credit party? 16 Yes, based upon this document. Now, let's take a look. You heard counsel was 17 18 questioning you about the beginning of the note, and he said 19 that the trust wasn't a quarantor, and you said that's correct? 20 Α Yes, I did. 21 And, in fact, the trust was not a guarantor in the 22 beginning, were they? 23 Α Correct.

Q Is it true that the trust became a guarantor?

A Through the forbearance, yes.

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And let's take a look at Exhibit 14. 1 Q 2 THE COURT: Page number? 3 MR. MUSHKIN: 116, Your Honor. THE WITNESS: I'm not seeing that. 4 5 THE COURT: Mine starts at 119. 6 MR. MUSHKIN: I'm looking at my exhibit --7 THE COURT: Personal quarantee agreement, 8 September 27, handwritten in, 2017? 9 MR. MUSHKIN: I'm sorry. I gave you the wrong page, 10 Judge. Mine stuck together. It is 119. 11 THE COURT: Thank you. 12 MR. MUSHKIN: I apologize. There's another personal 13 guarantee at 116, just not the right one. 14 THE COURT: I'm sure, you know... 15 BY MR. MUSHKIN: This is dated September 27th of '17; is that 16 17 correct, Mr. Hallberg? 18 Α Yes. 19 And was that the date of closing of the entire transaction with Mr. Bloom? 20 21 I believe so. Α 22 And I direct your attention to the first paragraph 23 where it sets out the parties. 24 Α Yes.

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Q And this is the -- its title says certificate of existence and of trust existence and authority. Do you see that?

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Q And is this the document that sets forth the authority to deliver a deed of trust?

A One moment. Yes.

Q And did, in fact, the trust deliver that deed of trust?

A Yes.

Q And did you negotiate and bargain for this document and the deed of trust?

A Yes. We increased our outstandings during that month. We advanced additional principal, to be clear.

Q Now, there came a similar moment in time, I don't know if it's precisely, but there was a substantial change in financial condition for Mr. Antos; is that fair?

A In the fourth quarter of 2013, he had sold a personal asset that we had a security interest in. So we had gone roughly a year without replacement collateral. We thought we might get repaid prior to that year, and we did not, and he asked for additional money. And we said essentially, okay, we can approve an additional advance, but now we do need a mortgage on your property in support of your personal quarantee.

You are familiar with the terms of the transaction. 1 2 Have you received -- has CBC or anyone that you are associated 3 with, including 5148, received any funds from Mr. Bloom since March 31st of 2020? 4 5 CBC has not. Α 6 Q No rent? 7 Α No. 8 No retirement of debt? Q 9 Α No. 10 Q No payment of advances? 11 No. Α 12 No payment of real property taxes that have accrued? Q 13 I am unaware. I don't know. Α 14 MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you. 15 I have no further questions, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: Any redirect? 17 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Your Honor. 18 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 19 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 2.0 Mr. Hallberg, Spanish Heights Acquisition Company has 21 been paying the first deed of trust, first mortgage on the 22 property over the last year; correct? 23 I'm not sure. Α 24 You're not sure? 25 No, I'm not sure. Α

1 Has CBC Partners paid it? 2 Α It was -- we ended the relationship. We sold our 3 note in April of 2020. And you sold your note to 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC; 4 Q 5 is that correct? 6 I believe that's the name, yes. Α 7 Who did you negotiate that deal with? 8 Α Mr. Mushkin. 9 Okay. Back to Exhibit 34, you were asked about the Q 10 certificate of trust and existence of authority. Do you see 11 that? 12 Α Yes. 13 THE COURT: That's Exhibit 34? 14 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Your Honor. 15 MR. MUSHKIN: Page 330? 16 MR. GUTIERREZ: 334. 17 THE COURT: It's only three pages. 18 MR. GUTIERREZ: 335. 19 MR. MUSHKIN: 334, 335, something like that. 2.0 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 21 Now, is this what you're relying on as a personal guarantee under the note on behalf of the trust? 22 23 Again, I did not draft the documents. I was advised Α 24 by outside counsel regarding those transaction.

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THE COURT: And that was Mr. Nelson?

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1 THE WITNESS: For this transaction -- one moment, 2 Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: It's okay. And you can look at other documents to refresh your memory, but you've got to tell me 4 5 what you're looking at after you find it. 6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm just looking for the date. 7 THE COURT: It's okay. 8 THE WITNESS: In 2014, this was Lane Powell in 9 Seattle. 10 THE COURT: Lane Powell. Thank you. 11 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 12 So is your understanding that this was a guarantee; 13 is that what you're saying today? 14 I'm not saying that. I'm not in a position to know Α 15 whether or not this is a full-blown guarantee or not. I'm not 16 an attorney. I relied on outside counsel. Understood. Now, if you go to Exhibit 39, which is 17 18 the deed of trust, what is the document that the Antos Trust 19 signed to be bound to the KCI note and pledge its deed of 20 trust? 21 MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Calls for a legal 22 conclusion. 23 THE COURT: Overruled. 24 If you know of any documents, you can tell us. 25 THE WITNESS: I don't know offhand. I'm sorry.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 1 2 When this amendment was done in 2014, I think you 3 said there was additional credit extended to KCI and Preferred Brands. Was any of that money ever given to the Antos Trust? 4 5 Α No. 6 MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor. I'll -- I 7 have no further questions. 8 MR. MUSHKIN: Just one question, Judge. 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 RECROSS-EXAMINATION 11 BY MR. MUSHKIN: 12 Would you turn to Exhibit 14. Q 13 Is that the personal guarantee of the trust? 14 Α Yes. 15 And you relied upon this document. Is that fair? Q 16 Α Yes. 17 MR. MUSHKIN: No further questions, Your Honor. 18 THE COURT: Anything else? 19 MR. MUSHKIN: Nothing for this witness, Your Honor. 2.0 THE COURT: Okay. You may step down. 21 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 22 THE COURT: Mr. Mushkin wants you to stay though. 23 You can't just leave. 24 THE WITNESS: Oh, I wasn't.

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Your Honor, should I just leave the binder?

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1 THE COURT: Yeah, I quess. Mr. Bloom may want to use 2 it. 3 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, he'll want to use that, Your 4 Honor. 5 THE COURT: You ready? MR. GUTIERREZ: Actually, Your Honor, is there any 6 7 way we could start in the morning with Mr. Bloom? I think he's 8 our last witness. I don't plan on being long with him, but I 9 know Mr. Mushkin may. He's had his vaccine shot today and 10 wanted just to rest. 11 THE COURT: Okay. 10:00 o'clock? 12 MR. MUSHKIN: I defer to the Court, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Well, it just means I go home and make 14 dinner, and the kids are happier. 15 MR. GUTIERREZ: Oh, well, that's --16 THE COURT: Because I told them I was at work, and 17 they were going to get dinner until I got ready to get it at 18 home. 19 (Pause in the proceedings.) 20 MR. GUTIERREZ: Judge, do you want us to take 21 everything with us? I know you --22 THE COURT: No. 23 MR. GUTIERREZ: Oh, we can leave it here? 24 THE COURT: You may.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Oh, great. Okay.

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SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC,))
Plaintiff,) CASE NO. A-20-813439-E) DEPT NO. XI
VS.)
CBC PARTNERS I LLC,)) TRANSCRIPT OF) PROCEEDINGS
Defendant.	
AND RELATED PARTIES))

BEFORE THE HONORABLE ELIZABETH GONZALEZ, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING AND TRIAL - DAY 2

APPEARANCES:

FOR THE PLAINTIFFS: JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ, ESQ.

FOR CBC PARTNERS I: MICHAEL R. MUSHKIN, ESQ.

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1	LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, 9:59 A.M.
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3	THE COURT: And we are missing Mr. Coppedge today,
4	but we have quite capable help.
5	Don't take it off.
6	MR. MUSHKIN: I'm just switching masks.
7	THE COURT: Okay. You're putting on the one we can
8	actually hear you through.
9	MR. MUSHKIN: Yes, ma'am.
10	THE COURT: Okay.
11	MR. MUSHKIN: And may I take my coat off again?
12	THE COURT: You may take your coat off any time you'd
13	like. You don't even have to ask permission.
14	Mr. Bloom, if at any time
15	Oh, I like your mask. That's nice.
16	THE WITNESS: Thank you.
17	THE COURT: If at any time you need to take a break,
18	you just let us know. Okay?
19	THE WITNESS: Thank you. I'm feeling much better
20	than yesterday.
21	THE COURT: All right. Well, sometimes when you get
22	the vaccine it's the second or third day that it hits is what I
23	heard.
24	Okay. Raise your right hand.
25	JAY BLOOM

[having been called as a witness and being first duly sworn,

testified as follows:]

THE CLERK: Thank you. Please seated. Please state

and spell your name for the record.

THE WITNESS: Jay Bloom. J-a-y, B-l-o-o-m.

THE WITNESS: Jay Bloom. J-a-y, B-l-o-o-m.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, I'm just looking for our second binder for him.

MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, if I may, more of an administrative matter, as you recall, in my opening statement I was concerned about the parol evidence rule.

THE COURT: Uh-huh.

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MR. MUSHKIN: I want to lodge my objection now. I'll try and make it throughout the course of the testimony, but any time --

THE COURT: Luckily, I'm the fact finder. So I can sift through all that stuff.

MR. MUSHKIN: I understand, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. MUSHKIN: With that said, to the extent that Mr. Bloom attempts to contradict the terms of the contract, I would object under the parol evidence rule.

THE COURT: I certainly understand that, but I would encourage you to make that objection orally so that it can be part of the record, and I will take that into the calculus that is in the back of my mind on how I'm evaluating things.

1 MR. MUSHKIN: I will do so, Your Honor. Thank you. 2 THE COURT: Thank you. 3 THE COURT RECORDER: Mr. Bloom. 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. 5 THE COURT RECORDER: You're going to have to scoot up 6 I know that the chair is stuck on that thing, but once closer. 7 you get over it, you'll be all right. 8 THE WITNESS: Okay. Is that better? 9 THE COURT RECORDER: Yeah. 10 THE WITNESS: Okay. The mask doesn't help. 11 THE COURT: Believe me, we know. 12 MR. GUTIERREZ: Okay. Are you ready, Your Honor? 13 THE COURT: I've been ready. 14 MR. GUTIERREZ: Okay. 15 THE COURT: I've been here since 9:00 o'clock 16 working. I've been sitting in the same place. 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. GUTIERREZ: 19 Good morning, Mr. Bloom. Can you tell us where you Q 20 currently live. 21 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. 22 And we've been calling the 5148 Spanish Heights Drive 23 property the property or Spanish Heights property for purposes

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of this case. Are you okay using those definitions going

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- Α Yes.
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- And who do you live at the Spanish Heights property Q with?
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I live with my wife, my son and my wife has recently brought my mother-in-law and her husband in to live with us as well.

Okay. And how long have you lived at the Spanish

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- A little over three years I believe.
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- Q And is the Spanish Heights property your primary family residence?
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- And at some point did you purchase the Spanish Q Heights property?
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- And can you tell us about the circumstances for having bought the Spanish Heights property.
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- MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the question. Vague and ambiguous as to "you."
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- THE COURT: Overruled.
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- THE WITNESS: I -- my wife actually found it through 22 a Realtor online. It had been listed for quite a period of
- 23 time. We contacted the Realtor. The Realtor put us in touch
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 - with a representative Alan Hallberg for CBC Partners, and there were extended negotiations and discussions which ultimately
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1 lead to the purchase of the real property.

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Q And did you purchase the Spanish Heights property in your own name personally or through a company that you control?

A I purchased it into a special purpose entity created for that purpose.

- Q And what's the name of that company?
- A Spanish Heights Acquisition Company.
- Q And at the time of the purchase, who was the owners -- who owned Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?

A It was originally formed to be owned one third by CBC, one third by SJC, which is my entity, and one third by the Antos Trust, which was the seller.

Mr. Hallberg came back and said after speaking with lawyers he can't hold ownership or that CBC can't hold ownership of the property.

MR. MUSHKIN: Objection. Hearsay, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: And therefore he resigned CBC's membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company.

And we redid -- we redid -- and SJC resigned its interest as well. And then after the transaction where the Antos Trust transferred the property to Spanish Heights, it was the Antos Trust transferred 50 percent of the interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company to SJC -- actually, 51 percent.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Okay.

THE WITNESS: And retained 49 percent interest for itself.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

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- Q And what is SJC Ventures?
- A SJC Ventures is an entity that -- that holds a number of different -- it's a holding company. It holds a number of different projects that I'm involved in.
 - Q And who manages SJC Ventures?
 - A I'm the manager of SJC Ventures.
- Q Okay. And as part of this transaction, Mr. Bloom, did SJC Ventures pledge a part of its beneficial interest in a judgment that First 100, LLC has?
 - A Yes.
 - Q And can you explain that portion of the transaction.
- A Yes. The original proposal was a pledge of -- by the Antoses of their 49 percent interest in the property, and SJC would pledge 51 percent of its 51 percent interest in the property.
- Subsequent negotiations resulted in the culmination of, as CBC Partners was looking for their money back and not the property, the discussions led to a proposal where in lieu of the interest in the -- membership interest in SJC -- in SHAC, Spanish Heights Acquisition Company --
- 24 I'll stay away from SHAC for the Court.
- 25 THE COURT: Thanks.

THE WITNESS: -- it would -- it would instead secure its obligation through an assignment of a portion of its beneficial interest and proceeds collection -- realized through collection efforts on the judgment.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

- Q How did you know that CBC wanted -- or tell us the basis of your understanding that CBC wanted to get paid money versus acquire the property.
- A In my conversations, it was -- it was very clear to me through direct representations that there's no -- there's no interest in the property. They just want to get their money back.
 - Q When you say they, are you talking about CBC?
- 14 A CBC.
 - Q Okay. Now, who owned the property when you were thinking about purchasing it in 2017?
- 17 A The Antos Trust.
 - Q And was it your understanding that the Spanish Heights property was the Antoses' primary residence when they bought the property?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Okay. And can you tell us about the discussions you had with Ken Antos when you were deciding whether or not to purchase the property?
 - A At the time we were discussing purchasing the

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property, it was -- discussions were primarily with CBC. I didn't speak to the Antoses very often. They had pretty much thrown up their hands with regard to the property.

Well, who did you speak with at CBC during this first transaction?

Mr. Hallberg. Α

Okay. Were you ever told during this time frame, and we're talking about 2017 before Spanish Heights Acquisition Company bought the property, were you ever told during this time frame that the original note for the Antos' debt was for a commercial restaurant loan for a company called KCI Investments?

Α No.

And when you were introduced to -- well, let's back Q up.

What kind of due diligence did you do when you were going to purchase the Spanish Heights property?

There really wasn't a lot of due diligence. A lot of Α it was reliance on representations. So there's a warranties and representations section, I believe, and there were representations made in the conversations which gave us the basis for moving forward in the transaction.

And during this time frame, what was your understanding as to the relationship between the Antos Trust and CBC?

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- A I understood the Antos Trust held or the Antos Trust had a third mortgage that was held by CBC.
- Q Did Mr. Antos or CBC ever provide you with the underlying note or guarantees that memorialized the loan between CBC and the Antoses?
 - A Not prior to the culmination of the transaction.
 - Q And what representations --
- MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I will object as under the parol evidence rule as this reflects the clear reps and warranties within the document.
 - THE COURT: Overruled.
- BY MR. GUTIERREZ:
- Q Mr. Bloom, what representations were made to you about the third position deed of trust on the property?
- A The representations were that it related to a third mortgage. You know, yeah. It just it was always a third mortgage throughout the entire negotiations.
- Q Okay. Now, the deed of trust mentions for good and valuable consideration on it. Did Ken Antos ever explain to you what the consideration for the Antos Trust was for pledging the deed of trust on the property?
- A No. Consistent with his testimony here and in his deposition he testified in his deposition that there was no consideration. He testified here in live testimony that there was no consideration, and I'm not aware of any consideration

that the Antos Trust was provided --

MR. MUSHKIN: Same objection, Your Honor.

THE WITNESS: -- from Ken Antos.

THE COURT: Overruled.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

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Q Mr. Bloom, since this case, this litigation has begun last year, did you have a chance -- have you now had a chance to review the underlying promissory note?

- A I have.
- Q To KCI?
- A I have, yes.
- Q Where did you learn about the -- in your review of the underlying note.

A I learned that it was originally a commercial loan to a restaurant in which Mr. Antos had an interest and that it was guaranteed by Mr. Antos and Mrs. Antos individually. I learned that there were 10 subsequent modifications. I learned that there was a deed of trust issued by the Antos Trust in 2014, I believe that, although the Antos Trust was not a guarantor or a borrower under the note. So my — you know, what I've learned is that the deed of trust doesn't create the obligation. It secures an obligation under another document.

And in this instance, in 2014, the Antos Trust is neither a borrower nor a guarantor or had any obligation for which a 2014 deed of trust could secure.

Q So going to the --

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MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, same objection. His testimony conflicts the clear written terms of the note.

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THE COURT: The objection is overruled.

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BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

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Q Mr. Bloom, and now I want to talk about that timeline with the third deed of trust and then the amended deed of trust on the property. You're familiar with both of those documents;

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Q Now, tell us your understanding of what the deed of trust was -- that was issued in 2014, what obligation it was securing.

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A Well, so the deed of trust was supposed to secure the guarantee of the Antos Trust, but there was no guarantee of the Antos Trust. So there was nothing for the deed of trust to secure.

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So if you look at the chronology of the documents that we've received for the first time through discovery in this matter, there's a 2014 deed of trust against a commercial restaurant loan which has no nexus to the Antos Trust, the owner of the property. So there's nothing in 2014 for the deed of trust to secure.

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In 2016, there's a reaffirmation, but again there's, at that point, after, I don't know, 10 note modifications or

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additional advances to the restaurant.

But in 2016 there's a reaffirmation of a nonexisting quarantee and an amendment to the deed of trust.

We also learned through this litigation that there's a 2017 guarantee that the Antos Trust, but no subsequent deed of trust issued once there finally was a guarantee.

So I think the Antos Trust guaranteed it but never pledge the property before selling the property to Spanish Heights Acquisition Company.

Q Now I want to turn your attention, Mr. Bloom, to Exhibit 1, which is the 2017 forbearance agreement.

Do you have that in front of you?

- A (No audible response.)
- Q Do you have that in front of you, Mr. Bloom?
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- Q Okay. Mr. Bloom, what's your understanding of what this forbearance agreement was to document?
- A So in the course of our discussions, while I was under the understanding that there was a third mortgage, there was an action by -- or there was the potential of an action by CBC to foreclose under their, what I thought was a third

mortgage. And, in fact -- and this document was for them to
forbear taking any actions against the third mortgage against
the property that I was interested in buying.

Q And, Mr. Bloom, if you could turn to Exhibit 7, which

Q And, Mr. Bloom, if you could turn to Exhibit 7, which is Exhibit B to the forbearance agreement.

Are you familiar with this document?

- A Yes, I believe so.
- Q Okay. And if you can turn to page 81 under this exhibit.

Can you tell us what the obligations were by CBC under this forbearance agreement.

A CBC was to make payments on the first and second mortgage to prevent the default of the first and second mortgage.

- Q Did CBC continue to make payments under the first and second mortgage during the forbearance period?
- A For January, February and March of 2020, they did not.
- MR. MUSHKIN: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I didn't hear that answer.

THE COURT: Could you repeat yourself, sir.

THE WITNESS: For January, February and March of 2020, during the forbearance period, CBC did not make payments to the first or the second.

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- Q And after the forbearance agreement was executed, did the Antos Trust provide you with a deed of trust on the property that was recorded?
 - A Not until this litigation, no.
- Q Now, Mr. Bloom, I want to turn your attention to the pledge agreement, which is Exhibit 10. I'm sorry. I believe it's Exhibit 8, yeah, Exhibit 8.

Now, can you tell us what the purpose was for this pledge agreement?

MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the question to the extent it contradicts the clear meaning of the document, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: So this was the pledge of the Antos'
49 percent interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company as
signed by Kenneth and Sheila Antos living trust as pledgors.
BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

- Q And if you turn to page 97 in this document, it's exhibit -- is that your signature on behalf of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?
 - A It is.
- Q Okay. And there's been references about potentially SJC pledging its interest in SHAC to CBC, but is SJC a signer on this document at any point?
 - A No. The SJC signature block was removed for

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- Q Okay. And tell us why it was removed.
- A It was removed in favor of a security agreement by offering a position in SJC's beneficial interest in any proceeds realized by SJC's collection under a First 100 judgment.
 - Q And if you turn to Exhibit 10, is that the security agreement that you're discussing?
 - A Yes, it is.
- Q Okay. And if you turn to Exhibit 11, can you tell us what this document is.
 - A This is a payment direction letter where First 100 and SJC authorize Maier Gutierrez & Associates as attorneys for First 100 to direct payment to CBC directly upon collection of proceeds from the judgment.
 - Q Okay. And this is consistent with the security agreement we saw in Exhibit 10; is that correct?
 - A Correct.
- Q Okay. And who is the manager of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?
 - A I am the sole, exclusive and irrevocable manager.
 - Q When you say you, are you talking about you individually, or SJC Ventures?
- A SJC Ventures and me as the manager of SJC.
- Q Okay.

Now, Mr. Bloom, what was the condition of the Spanish Heights property when you purchased it in 2017?

- A Cosmetically it was in decent shape. Mechanically it had some problems with HVAC and some of the systems, home automation and pool, that kind of thing.
- Q Did you make improvements to the property after you bought it?
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- Q And how much money did you put in improvements to the property?
 - A In excess of a hundred thousand dollars.
- Q Were you required in any document to make over a hundred thousand dollars in improvements?
- A My recollection is that we had agreed to do a hundred thousand. I think the document said I may do a hundred thousand, but, no, more than 125,000. So I stayed within the parameters of the documents.
- Q And, Mr. Bloom, if you can go back to Exhibit 7, which is Exhibit B to the forbearance agreement, and go to page 82.
 - A I'm sorry. Page 82?
- 22 Q Yes, under Exhibit 7.
- 23 A Okay.
- Q And Section C discusses SHAC's obligation to maintain property after conveyance to SHAC. Do you see that?

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- A Yes.
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- Q And does that refresh your recollection as far as the obligations for SHAC for improvements on the property?

A Yeah. So SHAC made certain repairs and improvements,

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and the estimate was to be about a hundred thousand, and that

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Corp., will not spend more than 125,000 for such repairs

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Q Okay. And is there a lease on the Spanish Heights

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A SJC Ventures.

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Q Okay. And if you turn to Exhibit 16, I want to talk to you about the amendment to the forbearance agreement that

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Q Okay. And then tell us the purpose of the amended forbearance agreement.

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also acknowledged the extension of the lease and the exercise

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Q And if you turn to page 160 under this exhibit, is

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A Yes. And B1, the last sentence, The parties

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acknowledge that the conditions to which SJC options were subject have been satisfied and that the SJC options have been

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Q And the next page, is that the -- and this was signed

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Q Okay. Now, Mr. Bloom, did CBC follow all of its obligations under the amended forbearance agreement?

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A To the best of my knowledge it did with the exception of the balloon payment, which we discovered was not really an obligation of the Antos Trust when we bought the property.

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Q I'm sorry. I was asking about CBC. Did CBC comply with its obligations?

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- A No. CBC didn't, as I mentioned before, did not make the January, February and March 2020 payments under their obligations under the forbearance agreement.
- Q And has Spanish Heights Acquisition Company been servicing the first and second mortgages on the property?
 - A Yes, for almost a year now.
- Q And has Spanish Heights also been paying the HOA dues and insurance on the property?
 - A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now, one of the allegations that's been made in this case by CBC, Mr. Bloom, is that you failed to set up a funding account, as stated in the agreements. What is your position on that claim?
- A So this is again a chronology issue that Mr. Mushkin seems to have --
- THE COURT: Sir, don't give me any personal attacks, please. Just answer the question.
- THE WITNESS: There was originally, at the beginning of the discussions, the initial conversation was that Spanish Heights Acquisition Company would establish a security account to assure payments under -- payment obligations that arise under the -- under the agreement. I went to Bank of America. They could not provide the kind of account that CBC was asking

for. I told CBC and offered instead to just prepay the expenses negating the need for a security account. CBC agreed. There was a prepayment of the expenses, and there was no requirement for a security account at that point because its function was mooted with the prepayment.

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Q Did CBC ever contact you after 2017 to discuss not setting up that account?

A No. And we did the same thing on the extension as well -- well, for the second year of the lease term, the initial lease term.

Q Now, CBC has claimed that SHAC defaulted by not making the balloon payment under the forbearance agreement. What's your response to that claim?

A So the default -- there is a default on the note. The note though is a commercial loan to a restaurant with personal guarantees by the Antoses. So CBC does have a defaulted note, or I guess their successor has a defaulted commercial loan to a restaurant with personal guarantees by the Antoses.

Q Mr. Bloom, I'm going to turn to discussion of the doctrine of merger. You testified earlier about Spanish Heights Acquisition Company originally being a third, a third ownership; is that correct?

- A Right. Correct.
- Q And in 2017, what was the ownership after CBC

1 rescinded its ownership in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?

A The ownership was 51 percent SJC and 49 percent Antos Trust.

Q Now, at some point in 2020, did you become aware that CBC was attempting or acquired the ownership interest from the Antos Trust in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?

A Yes. CBC I acquired the interest from the Antoses, almost in the form of a deed in lieu of foreclosure type structure where the Antoses signed over their 49 percent interest --

MR. MUSHKIN: Objection to the form of the question --

THE WITNESS: -- in the real property.

MR. MUSHKIN: -- your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

MR. MUSHKIN: Directly contradicts the documents.

THE WITNESS: The Antoses --

THE COURT: Overruled.

THE WITNESS: The Antoses signed over their
49 percent interest, and the only consideration the Antoses
would've gotten for that was the satisfaction of the
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Q And were you sent a letter from -- well, from Mushkin and Coppedge on behalf of CBC where they informed you of the

because it's not one of the two or three that aren't. So...

MR. GUTIERREZ: Yes, Judge. This is admitted Document 74.

THE COURT: Can you blow it up a little bit so people Do you know how to use it? can see.

MR. GUTIERREZ: No, Judge. I am --

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MR. GUTIERREZ: I've seen it used a few times, but I've never really used it.

1 THE COURT: Boy, you're young.

(Pause in the proceedings.)

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

- Q Mr. Bloom, do you see this letter on your monitor?
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- Q It's an April 1st, 2020, letter from the law firm Mushkin & Coppedge, and it's Exhibit 74, Bates stamp 5148SH 000887. Do you see the Bates stamp, Mr. Bloom?
- A Yes. Yes, I do.
 - Q Do you recall receiving this letter?
- 11 A I do.
 - Q And what did this letter tell you as the manager of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?
 - A That the interest of the Antos Trust for 49 percent in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company has transferred to CBC Partners I, the lender, under the pledge agreement.
 - Q Okay. So was it your understanding that as of April 1st, 2020, Spanish Heights Acquisition Company was owned a 51 percent by SJC and 49 percent by CBC Partners I?
- 20 A Correct.
 - Q Did you ever sign an assignment of interest document on behalf of SJC's 51 percent interest in SHAC over to anybody?
 - A No, I did not.
- Q Okay. So as you sit here today, SJC remains a 51 percent owner in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company?

A Yes. That's correct.

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Q What was your understanding of what this notice to vacate letter was attempting to do?

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is owed as a balloon payment. What is your position on that claim?

A Well, again you have a 2014 deed of trust that secures no obligation at the time the deed of trust was issued

could foreclose on the property and is stating that 5.5 million

MR. MUSHKIN: Same objection, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Overruled.

You can answer.

THE WITNESS: There was no guarantee by the Antos
Trust under the note, and the Antos Trust was not the borrower.
Then in 2016 you have the reaffirmation, but you have a
defective deed of trust in November in 2014, which remains
defective in 2016. We finally get to a guarantee in 2017 which
obligates the Antos Trust, but there's no subsequent pledge of
the collateral. The Antos Trust then transfers the property,
and there's no encumbrance on the property that's -- would not
be defective that would allow a foreclosure to occur.

BY MR. GUTIERREZ:

- Q Have you heard of a company called 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC?
 - A I have.
- Q What do you know about 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, in relation to its involvement in this case?
- A Well, I know Mr. Mushkin testified that it's his company. I understand that he purchased the CBC commercial loan to the KCI restaurant as guaranteed by the Antoses individually, and that he funded it with money that he borrowed, I believe, from Laurentiu Russo I think the name is, who is owns a neighboring two neighboring properties actually.
 - Q Has CBC continued trying to foreclose on the property even though it sold its note to 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC?
 - A Yes. It sold CBC -- CBC I sold its note in April of 2020. And then three months later in July of 2020, CBC I issued a notice of default.
 - Q And for the record, the CBC notice of default from July 2020 is an admitted Exhibit 144.
 - And, Mr. Bloom, why should CBC and its successor 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, be prevented from foreclosing on the Spanish Heights property?
- A Well, CBC and its successor don't have a valid deed of trust. The deed of trust is not the obligation. It secures

an obligation under another -- another instrument. 1 2 In this case, it's a commercial restaurant loan --3 MR. MUSHKIN: Same objection, Your Honor. THE COURT: Overruled. 4 5 THE WITNESS: In this case it's a commercial 6 restaurant loan to KCI where Preferred Restaurant Brands 7 through one of the amendments to the note was later added as a 8 borrower as guaranteed by the Antoses individually. But at no 9 time prior to the issuance of the deed of trust did the Antos 10 Trust ever have an obligation under the note. So the deed of 11 trust secures the pledger's obligation in this case, the 12 obligation is zero. 13 MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Mr. Bloom. 14 I'll pass the witness, Your Honor. 15 THE COURT: Cross-examination. 16 MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I'd like --17 THE COURT: Does anybody need a break before we 18 start? 19 MR. MUSHKIN: No, I don't. I'd like to make a motion 20 before we start, Judge. 21 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on a second. 22 Sir, do you need a break before we start 23 cross-examination? 24 (No audible response.)

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THE COURT: Mr. Bloom?

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1 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. 2 THE COURT: Do you need a break before we start 3 cross? 4 THE WITNESS: I think I'm okay. 5 THE COURT: Okay. Your motion. 6 MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, in the opening of this case 7 I was pretty clear the burden is on the plaintiff. This is 8 their third witness, and they've passed. 9 THE COURT: They haven't rested yet. 10 MR. MUSHKIN: Well, Your Honor --11 THE COURT: They haven't rested yet. There's things 12 that happen before you make this motion. I'm not there yet. 13 MR. MUSHKIN: Okay. 14 THE COURT: If you want to reserve your examination 15 of Mr. Bloom and I then ask Mr. Gutierrez that question --16 MR. MUSHKIN: I would like to reserve my examination 17 until you ask that question. 18 THE COURT: Okay. 19 MR. MUSHKIN: I apologize, Your Honor. I jumped 20 to --21 So you don't want to examine Mr. Bloom at THE COURT: 22 this time. You want to reserve it for your own case in chief? 23 MR. MUSHKIN: Well, I'd like to reserve it until I

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THE COURT: Okay. Let me say it a different way.

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you pass now and I ask Mr. Gutierrez if he rests or if he has 1 2 any additional evidence, which is what I ask before he rests, 3 and then he then says he rests, then it would be time to make your motion. If that happens, you are then in your case in 4 5 chief, and you have to call Mr. Bloom if you want to examine 6 him in your case in chief. You don't get to cross-examine him 7 after Mr. Gutierrez rests. So you pick your poison. 8 Do you want to ask him questions now, or do you just 9 want to reserve it all for when you do your --MR. MUSHKIN: I'll reserve, Your Honor. 10 11 THE COURT: Okay. So, Mr. Bloom, you can step down.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

THE COURT: Do you have any additional evidence or witnesses that you would like to submit at this time?

MR. GUTIERREZ: No, Your Honor. The plaintiff will rest.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. So the plaintiff has rested.

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MR. MUSHKIN: Yes, I do, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Sorry. I have this procedure. I've got to get it right.

MR. MUSHKIN: And I apologize for jumping the gun just a little bit.

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Your Honor, when I opened, I was pretty clear that the documents were not controverted. Plaintiff has now rested. They've claimed no ambiguity. They've given you no authority other than Mr. Bloom's testimony that somehow a defense of the trust would give him standing to negate the deed of trust. Documents have all been admitted. The trust gave a certificate The trust became a credit borrower. The trust gave of trust. The trust said in its documents that it received a quarantee. direct and indirect consideration for the -- a benefit.

THE COURT: And Mr. Antos testified to that.

MR. MUSHKIN: And Mr. Antos testified to that. And more importantly, Judge, and the reason their motion fails on its face is they have made no showing that it would be unreasonable for CBC and its successor 5148 to rely on the representations of the trust. They have skipped over one of the elements that they would have to prove, that somehow they were harmed.

Now, let's take a look at the forbearance agreement itself and the reps and warranties where Mr. Bloom reps and warrants that he got everything he asked for. Let's look at the amended forbearance agreement where he reaffirms. And finally, Judge, you must look to the testimony that you heard today that makes absolutely no sense. It completely ignores the obligation to the Antos parties, as does the motion.

Your Honor, you may recall in the original motion there was a statement that now that the authenticity of the documents has been called into question. If you recall, I was quite exercised about that before.

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THE COURT: Because we'd admitted them at the first evidentiary hearing, and I told you, yeah, I understand, but we've still got to go through the process.

MR. MUSHKIN: And now we've done it again.

THE COURT: I know. I am here with you, but I'm not --

MR. MUSHKIN: No challenge to authenticity.

THE COURT: My problem is I'm at a 50(a) standard right now, which is a different standard than I have to make if we finish the evidence. That's my current concern. Now, I understand the argument you're making. I'm going to let you finish, but that's part of the concern I have.

MR. MUSHKIN: I understand, Judge.

Now let's look at 50(a), okay. What is the standard of 50(a)? Have they proven -- now, mindful of what the testimony is that somehow it was misrepresented, that's their testimony. Now, there was a misrepresentation. Even though the documents all over say KCI Preferred Brands, et cetera, et cetera. Have they been able to present any evidence of misrepresentation to this Court unequivocally? No. No evidence of misrepresentation.

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What they're trying to do, Judge, is avoid the obligations that they contracted for, and their defense is somehow that there's a defect that they have a right to claim. They have no right to claim said defect, Your Honor. They've waived it twice in writing. They've acknowledged it.

So under Rule 50 and the parol evidence rule, they have to provide you competent evidence of a material — material breach I guess is what they're saying. They're saying they don't owe it at all. It's an all or nothing here, and they have to — they have to somehow — somehow get this Court to believe that the documents and the title report and everything that's now been submitted to the Court is somehow wrong. And respectfully, Judge, they haven't even sniffed it. The only thing they have is convoluted testimony from Mr. Bloom that says that he can't — that he doesn't have to pay. Your Honor, there is one document that closes the loop entirely, and they brought it out. I believe it's 74, Judge.

THE COURT: Is that the letter?

MR. MUSHKIN: That's the letter.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. MUSHKIN: Mr. Bloom testified that this says that the Antoses transferred their interest. That's not what it says. I don't know if he didn't bother to read the letter or he just doesn't like to tell the truth to the Court.

THE COURT: We're avoiding personal attacks, but I

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MR. MUSHKIN: No, this is -- this is that, Your Honor, I am --

THE COURT: Credibility is one thing, but accusing somebody of being a liar is that step we can't take. So I need you to focus on --

MR. MUSHKIN: So the veracity of a witness is important, Judge.

THE COURT: It is true. That is true. So you have to use careful words when you do that.

MR. MUSHKIN: I will use very careful words, Judge.

The -- it's funny because I got those words from Mr. Coppedge,
and I'm going to go yell at him.

This witness testified that he made the payments in January, February and March. The record shows the opposite. The record shows that those payments were made by CBC or their successor. That is a direct misrepresentation to the Court. He testified that he was servicing. The first payment that he made, Judge, wasn't until June paying April. We have the checks.

But this document says it all, Judge. It does not say that Mr. Antos has transferred his. It says that they are seeking an assignment from Mr. Bloom and an assignment from Mr. Antos, both of which were attached to that letter, and, Judge, it's pretty clear they are trying to exercise their

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Now let's go to the pledge agreement for just a minute, Judge.

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MR. MUSHKIN: I'm getting there.

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THE COURT: Thank you.

And you did a good job yesterday.

MS. FOLEY: Thank you.

MR. MUSHKIN: The first line of the pledge agreement, Judge, SJC Ventures is a party to the pledge.

THE COURT: But remember there wasn't a signature.

MR. MUSHKIN: Oh, we're going to get to that one, Judge.

THE COURT: All right. I'm just remembering.

MR. MUSHKIN: We're going to get to that one.

THE COURT: There's this document from -- we've talked about this one before.

MR. MUSHKIN: No, we have, Judge.

THE COURT: I know.

MR. MUSHKIN: Because the truth, Judge, neither signature is right, and you're going to see.

THE COURT: I know. I know.

MR. MUSHKIN: So the delivery of pledge collateral is at paragraph 3, and that's what that letter was doing was

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executed properly by Spanish Heights Acquisition Company because Mr. Bloom is not the manager of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company. Mr. Bloom is the manager of SJCV.

THE COURT: Which is the manager.

MR. MUSHKIN: SJCV is the manager.

THE COURT: I know.

MR. MUSHKIN: So what you have is the classic misexecution. How do you cure it? Well, that's real simple, This document is in September. So we look first to the forbearance agreement itself, and the forbearance agreement itself recites a hundred percent of the interest of SHAC. we go to the amended forbearance agreement. It reaffirms --

THE COURT: What exhibit number is that one?

MR. MUSHKIN: The amended is --

MS. FOLEY: 16.

THE COURT: Thank you.

MR. MUSHKIN: Thank you.

SJC and Antos continue to pledge, and this one, Judge, just like the original forbearance agreement is signed by SJCV.

Now, I want to go to one other provision in this agreement that was looked at and again is illustrative of the

1 | lack of candor in the testimony before the Court.

The page 7 of that document at paragraph B in bold print, Your Honor.

THE COURT: 7? B?

MR. MUSHKIN: Page 7. It's 000160.

THE COURT: I'm there.

MR. MUSHKIN: Acknowledgment and condition applicable to lease agreement options to extend have terminated. And then it goes on to say the parties have exercised, et cetera, have terminated, bold print, and it's pretty clear why, Judge, and that is because this document extends everything to March 31st where it says it's over, end of relationship. You have to pay by the 31st. There is a provision in the consent to lease, a prior document, that gives CBC the right to terminate the lease agreement as well. But this makes it even more clear terminating the lease.

Now, so what you have, and, Your Honor, frankly occupancy is not an issue today. Today is only a motion to stop the foreclosure and a preliminary injunction.

THE COURT: And for dec relief on certain of the five things in the trial that --

MR. MUSHKIN: Yes, ma'am.

THE COURT: -- we have -- you have stipulated to.

MR. MUSHKIN: Yes.

So, but my 50(b) motion is simply to the preliminary

injunction issue. And what I want to conclude with in terms of my comments are the --

Court's indulgence one minute.

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So the testimony that was given was that CBC hadn't performed and that SHAC had performed; do you recall that testimony, Your Honor?

THE COURT: I do recall that testimony.

MR. MUSHKIN: There is no testimony, and there is no question that there has — the various obligations of the SJCV party have not been met. There have not been a quiet-title action. They've produced no applications for financing. They've not retired the debt. They have not paid the — there's just step after step that was not done, but yet the testimony before you is that somehow they performed and CBC haven't. They have no evidence of that. So in order to obtain extraordinary relief by way of a preliminary injunction, they must make this showing.

Respectfully, Judge, they have not gotten close. There is no showing that anything other than a due obligation secured by a deed of trust on the property, parol evidence rule bars all of this stuff that was testified to. There's been no emails produced. The prior testimony that somehow there was wrong language or it was substituted, it violates the parol evidence rule. It goes against the clear meaning of an unambiguous contact, Judge. Respectfully, the preliminary

injunction should be off the table.

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THE COURT: Thank you.

Mr. Gutierrez.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you, Your Honor.

I think the first issue raised in the 50(a) motion was on standing, and, Your Honor, Spanish Heights Acquisition Company acquired the property, and they said there was no harm to the company. Well, the harm is if they acquired a property with a deed of trust that's invalid. So they have standing to make this objection. You know, the standard under 50(a) is that we haven't met our burden, which we believe the evidence we presented not only through the testimony, but the documents has met this burden.

The next issue is consideration. The testimony about consideration was clear. Both Mr. Hallberg and Mr. Antos got up and said, yeah, there is no consideration. That's what they said. They said, well, there may have been indirect benefit to the trust beneficiaries. Where was the consideration? They both testified. That's the evidence before the Court.

They discuss -- you know, Mr. Bloom discussed in his testimony the misrepresentation regarding the third deed of trust and what it allegedly secured. He can't waive what he does not know, and that's an issue that is before the Court. It's a factual dispute that's before this Court.

The next issue they went down to is on CBC's failure

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to make payments under January, February and March of 2020. It's our position that was a material breach on their end that excused any performance on First 100's position. If they came back later and made those payments and didn't pay any late fees and interest, that doesn't excuse the fact that they initially breached by failing to make those payments, and that's the issue — that's what's before this Court at this stage.

There was a lot of, you know, arguments about on -by Mr. Mushkin on evidence that's not before the Court, but the
evidence we have is the testimony of Mr. Hallberg and from
Mr. Antos when we walked through the history of this
transaction, and it's clear it's a commercial restaurant loan
that was never -- that was secured by the Antoses individually.
That was secured. There were 10 amendments where they then
added an additional borrower. So they knew what they were
doing when they added an additional borrower. But then they go
and they never actually add the Antos Trust as an additional
guarantor until 2017, which is after the two deeds of trust
have already issued.

So I even asked Mr. Hallberg yesterday about the effect of his 2014 agreement. Is this a guarantee? He's like I don't think it is. He knew, and these documents were all prepared by their attorneys in Washington.

So, Your Honor, we have several issues and factual disputes that are before this Court that I believe this honor

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has -- Your Honor as both the trier of fact in the trier of law will make these determinations at the end of trial, and I don't think these obviously address the other two legal arguments that will be made, which would prevent a foreclosure. You have the doctrine of merger, which is a legal argument that's going to be made, and you have clear testimony from Mr. Hallberg and documents that show that the Antoses assigned to their interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company to CBC Partners I and that they acquired it.

And Mr. Hallberg said yesterday we have a 49 percent interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company. Okay, well now that's a legal issue before this Court of whether or not the doctrine of merger applies in this context because they have now become both the borrower and the lender. Did that interest merge?

Same with the one action rule. They selected the remedy in acquiring ownership of the property, almost like a deed in lieu of foreclosure. Does that now prevent them from foreclosing?

Those legal issues are before Your Honor that would prevent foreclosure. So how can any ruling on a 50(a), a directed verdict at this stage would be premature. I believe Your Honor can weigh the facts and the evidence and apply it with the law that's before this Court.

And if you have any questions, Your Honor, I'd be

1 more than happy to --

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THE COURT: I don't.

Mr. Mushkin, anything else?

MR. MUSHKIN: Very briefly, Judge.

NRS 106.320 defines a future advance of loan money to a borrower pursuant to an agreement that made after the agreement is executed. Specifically called out by statute.

106.005 states in pertinent part the deeds of trust create consideration in the promise, but a promise to create a trust in the future is enforceable only if it is under the requirements to enforce the note.

Your Honor, the plaintiff has said that the trust is not a borrower. The document that we've provided you shows the trust became a credit party. The plaintiffs have said the trust is not the guarantor. We have provided you the exhibit that shows the trust became the guarantor. In fact, the trust became a guarantor as a part of the transaction.

I'd like to take you to one last exhibit, Your Honor, and then I'll hopefully allow you to rule in my favor on the motion.

The emails have been admitted, and Mr. Bloom testified about an email that I would direct the Court's attention to.

THE COURT: What exhibit number?

MS. FOLEY: 104. It's going to be a --

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1	THE COURT: Hold on.
2	MS. FOLEY: a specific page.
3	THE COURT: Dulce is going to send me to it.
4	MR. MUSHKIN: Hang on.
5	THE COURT: I've got to get the exhibit first. And
6	then I'll go to the page you tell me. 104.
7	THE CLERK: Okay. This is
8	MR. MUSHKIN: And it is at 003618.
9	THE CLERK: Okay. Because it's a thousand pages. So
10	I can't email (indiscernible) so I have to get the page.
11	3618?
12	MR. MUSHKIN: 003618.
13	THE CLERK: Mine only goes up to
14	MS. FOLEY: There should be three 104s in the folder.
15	THE COURT: Can you use the Elmo?
16	MR. MUSHKIN: Yes.
17	THE CLERK: Sorry.
18	THE COURT: Dulce can't email the document to me
19	because it's too big.
20	MR. MUSHKIN: It's one page, Judge.
21	THE COURT: No. I mean the exhibit is thousands of
22	pages.
23	MR. MUSHKIN: No. 1 you know you asked me if
24	I can use the Elmo. Of course, I can.
25	THE COURT: You know what an Elmo is.

1 MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I'm a high-tech kind of 2 guy. Not. 3 THE MARSHAL: Do we need to blow them up, Judge? 4 MR. MUSHKIN: Yeah. 5 THE COURT: He's got it. He knows what he's doing. 6 THE MARSHAL: Okay. 7 THE COURT: Mr. Gutierrez knows how to do a 8 PowerPoint, but Mr. Mushkin knows how to work the Elmo. 9 MR. MUSHKIN: That might say something about our age, 10 Judge. 11 MS. FOLEY: Together we could do a whole show. 12 MR. MUSHKIN: So, Judge, let's kind of go through 13 this real quick. 14 First of all, and this literally goes to the 15 credibility of the witness that it -- it defies all logic. 16 THE COURT: But you know on a 50(a) I'm not supposed 17 to weigh credibility. 18 MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, 50(a) says they have to 19 meet a burden. How can the Court not weigh credibility if 20 there's a burden to reach? It makes no sense. 21 So all I want to do is show that the timing and the 22 timeline of events in this case make it impossible for the 23 security in the judgment to have replaced the collateral of the

The first paragraph are SHAC as buyer obligations.

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pledge of the Spanish Heights Acquisition Company.

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The second is the third lender obligations. And if you notice, 1 2 at the bottom of this it -- oh, I'll go down a little farther, 3 My thoughts in this proposal give the third lender a full recovery of its note 4 5 balance --6 THE COURT: You've got to push it up a little bit 7 further. 8 MR. MUSHKIN: Sorry. 9 THE COURT: It's okay. 10 MR. MUSHKIN: Oh, there it is. 11 -- a full recovery of its note balance, 12 plus all protective advances past and future; 13 interim cash flow; provides interim 14 additional full collateral where given the

Do you see that, Your Honor?

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MR. MUSHKIN: That's in July. So under the rules, they have to make a showing of a likelihood of success on the merits. With the parol evidence rule, Your Honor, and the testimony of both Mr. Antos and Mr. Hallberg, the plaintiff has failed to do so, and I respectfully request that this Court rule against them on the issue of a preliminary injunction.

current value of the property, the third

position lender is currently unsecured.

THE COURT: Thank you.

1	While there is significant evidence that would
2	support the argument that Mr. Mushkin is making, it would force
3	the Court to weigh the credibility and the evidence at this
4	time. I cannot do that under 50(a).
5	So I am denying the motion for you to finish the case
6	and then make your final arguments.
7	So would you like a break before we start your case
8	in chief?
9	MR. MUSHKIN: Your Honor, I'd just as soon go back on
10	until about noon and then break for lunch.
11	THE COURT: All right.
12	MR. MUSHKIN: Unless the staff or anybody else needs
13	a break.
14	THE COURT: Do you guys need a break?
15	(No audible response.)
16	THE COURT: They say no.
17	Next witness.
18	MR. MUSHKIN: Mr. Bloom.
19	THE COURT: Mr. Bloom. Come on back up. You've
20	already been sworn today so I'm not going to swear you again.
21	And tomorrow we'll start at 9:30 if we don't finish
22	today because I have a 9:00 o'clock hearing.
23	JAY BLOOM
24	(having been recalled as a witness and previously sworn,
25	testified as follows:)

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. MUSHKIN:

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- Q Mr. Bloom, let's go over your testimony. You testified that you and your wife and your son and your in-laws live in the house; is that correct?
- A That's correct.
 - Q There are other people that live in the house too, aren't there?
 - A No.
- Q Well, that's not what you testified to at your deposition. Have the living arrangements changed?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q What's changed?
- A We had somebody that worked for us that no longer does has moved out.
 - Q Your testimony at your deposition you had two other people living there.
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Who were those people?
- 20 A Albert Ramirez (phonetic) has moved out, and James
 21 Burn (phonetic) has moved out.
 - Q And what did those people do for you?
- A Albert Ramirez was a business partner, and James Burn helped around the house.
 - Q Your testimony is that SJCV is the owner today of

- A-20-813439-B | SHAC v. CBC Partners | 2021-02-0251 percent of the interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition 1 2 Company; is that correct? 3 Α That's correct. And you've testified that SJCV holds other projects? 4 5 Α Correct. 6 What are those projects? Q 7 MR. GUTIERREZ: I'm going to object as to the 8 relevance, Your Honor. 9 THE COURT: Overruled. 10 You can answer. 11 THE WITNESS: They range from real estate projects to 12 entertainment projects to renewable energy projects. There's 13 a -- there's a number of them. BY MR. MUSHKIN: 14 15 Well, let's go through them, sir.

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- 16 Before you do that, why would you -- why did you 17 refuse to answer this question at the time of your deposition?
 - Well, because the specifics of the projects are Α covered by confidentiality agreements that would preclude my answering the level of detail that you were asking about.
 - Well, I asked you for the confidentiality agreement. Do you recall that in your deposition?
 - No, I don't recall that. Α
- 24 Well, let's go to your deposition. Q
- 25 THE COURT: So, Mr. Gutierrez, do you have a copy of

the deposition you want to share with the witness, or do you want us to do it on the Elmo?

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MR. MUSHKIN: I'd like to publish the deposition, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You can't publish it. Well, publish it electronically. He can't take it. It's paper. I know.

MR. MUSHKIN: I'm an old -- I'm an old dog.

THE COURT: I can't do the whole Nevada thing of unsealing the hermetically sealed envelope with the bar napkin.

MS. FOLEY: They are numbered 130 and 131 in the dropbox.

THE CLERK: Is it Volume I or II?

MS. FOLEY: He'll start with Volume I.

MR. GUTIERREZ: Your Honor, I have a copy of -- my copy I can give to Mr. Bloom for his review if that's okay with the Court.

THE COURT: Mr. Bloom, go run back over there to your table, and your counsel will hand you your depo, and you can come on back up.

But I'm not going to let him approach because I get too crowded in the well, and I need to keep everybody at least 6 feet away from everybody else.

MR. GUTIERREZ: This is Volume I.

THE COURT: Can you get him Volume 2 too since it sounds like we're going there too.