IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

INDICATE FULL CAPTION:

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

vs.

CBC PARTNERS I, LLC; CBC PARTNERS, LLC; 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC

Respondents.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Appellants must complete this docketing statement in compliance with NRAP 14(a). The purpose of the docketing statement is to assist the Supreme Court in screening jurisdiction, identifying issues on appeal, assessing presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, scheduling cases for oral argument and settlement conferences, classifying cases for expedited treatment and assignment to the Court of Appeals, and compiling statistical information.

WARNING

This statement must be completed fully, accurately and on time. NRAP 14(c). The Supreme Court may impose sanctions on counsel or appellant if it appears that the information provided is incomplete or inaccurate. *Id.* Failure to fill out the statement completely or to file it in a timely manner constitutes grounds for the imposition of sanctions, including a fine and/or dismissal of the appeal.

A complete list of the documents that must be attached appears as Question 27 on this docketing statement. Failure to attach all required documents will result in the delay of your appeal and may result in the imposition of sanctions.

This court has noted that when attorneys do not take seriously their obligations under NRAP 14 to complete the docketing statement properly and conscientiously, they waste the valuable judicial resources of this court, making the imposition of sanctions appropriate. *See* <u>KDI Sylvan Pools v. Workman</u>, 107 Nev. 340, 344, 810 P.2d 1217, 1220 (1991). Please use tab dividers to separate any attached documents.

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4. Nature of disposition below (check all that apply):		
\square Judgment after bench trial	☐ Dismissal:	
☐ Judgment after jury verdict	☐ Lack of jurisdiction	
☐ Summary judgment	☐ Failure to state a claim	
☐ Default judgment	☐ Failure to prosecute	
\square Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief	☐ Other (specify):	
\square Grant/Denial of injunction	☐ Divorce Decree:	
\square Grant/Denial of declaratory relief	\square Original \square Modification	
☐ Review of agency determination	⊠ Other disposition (specify): Receiver order	
5. Does this appeal raise issues concerning any of the following?		
☐ Child Custody		
☐ Venue		
☐ Termination of parental rights		
	this court. List the case name and docket number sently or previously pending before this court which	
	f Fact, Conclusions of Law issued April 6, 2021: LLC et al. v. CBC Partners I, LLC, et al., Nevada ng briefing.	
Appellants are in the process of filing a writ petition and an emergency motion for stay relief, both of which are related to this appeal. Spanish Heights Acquisition Co., LLC vs. Dist. Ct. (CBC Partners I, LLC), Docket Number 83526.		
7. Pending and prior proceedings in	other courts. List the case name, number and	

court of all pending and prior proceedings in other courts which are related to this appeal (*e.g.*, bankruptcy, consolidated or bifurcated proceedings) and their dates of disposition: Pending Bankruptcy proceeding: In re: Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC,

Bankruptcy No. BK-S-21-10501-NMC.

8. Nature of the action. Briefly describe the nature of the action and the result below:

This dispute involves the residential property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (the "Property"). The Property is owned by Appellant/Plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC ("SHAC") pursuant to a recorded deed, and leased by Appellant/Plaintiff SJC Ventures Holding Company LLC ("SJC") pursuant to a valid lease agreement. Third-party defendant Jay Bloom resides at the Property with his family. The original owners of the Property were Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, who then transferred it to their Trust, prior to transferring the Property to Appellant/Plaintiff SHAC.

CBC Partners I, LLC and/or its claimed successor in interest 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC purport to be the holder of a Secured Promissory Note ("Note") issued in favor of various companies associated with Kenneth Antos. According to various amendments made to the Note, CBC Partners I, LLC attempted to acquire a third-position Deed of Trust against the Property as security for that Note, which the actual owners of the Property (the Antos Trust) did not receive any consideration for.

On August 10, 2021, the district court entered an order appointing a receiver over not only SJC, but also "any subsidiary and affiliated entities in which SJC has an ownership interest, specifically First 100, LLC and [SHAC]." That order appointing a receiver is the subject of this appeal.

9. Issues on appeal. State concisely the principal issue(s) in this appeal (attach separate sheets as necessary):

Whether the district court erred in appointing a receiver over not only SJC, but also "any subsidiary and affiliated entities in which SJC has an ownership interest, specifically First 100, LLC and [SHAC]."

Whether the district court erred in relying on 4/6/2021 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which stemmed from a trial that the Bankruptcy Court held was conducted in violation of the automatic stay of litigation.

Whether the district court erred in granting the motion for receiver without a hearing, and explicitly holding that it was doing so based on Judge Denton's findings in the TGC/Farkas Funding, LLC v. First 100, LLC matter before the Eighth Judicial District Court (Case No. A-20-822273-C), when such findings had no relation to this matter.

10. Pending proceedings in this court raising the same or similar issues. If you are aware of any proceedings presently pending before this court which raises the same or similar issues raised in this appeal, list the case name and docket numbers and identify the same or similar issue raised:

Appellants are in the process of filing a writ petition and an emergency motion for stay relief, both of which are related to this appeal. Spanish Heights Acquisition Co., LLC vs. Dist. Ct. (CBC Partners I, LLC), Docket Number 83526. The writ petition seeks a writ of mandamus with respect to both the district court's 4/6/2021 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the 8/10/2021 order appointing receiver, and the emergency motion for stay relief is being requested because the property at issue is at risk of foreclosure now that the bankruptcy stay of litigation has been lifted, and SJC, along with its pending business deals, are at risk of being wrongfully interfered with by the receiver.

11. Constitutional issues. If this appeal challenges the constitutionality of a statute, and the state, any state agency, or any officer or employee thereof is not a party to this appeal, have you notified the clerk of this court and the attorney general in accordance with NRAP 44 and NRS 30.130?
□ N/A
□ Yes
⊠ No
If not, explain:
12. Other issues. Does this appeal involve any of the following issues?
☐ Reversal of well-settled Nevada precedent (identify the case(s))
\square An issue arising under the United States and/or Nevada Constitutions
☐ A substantial issue of first impression
\square An issue of public policy
\square An issue where en banc consideration is necessary to maintain uniformity of this court's decisions
\square A ballot question
If so, explain:

13. Assignment to the Court of Appeals or retention in the Supreme Court. Briefly
set forth whether the matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court or assigned to
the Court of Appeals under NRAP 17, and cite the subparagraph(s) of the Rule under which
the matter falls. If appellant believes that the Supreme Court should retain the case despite
its presumptive assignment to the Court of Appeals, identify the specific issue(s) or circum-
stance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or
significance:

This matter challenges an order appointing a receiver. This matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court under NRAP 17(a)(9).

14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last? 2

Was it a bench or jury trial? Bench

15. Judicial Disqualification. Do you intend to file a motion to disqualify or have a justice recuse him/herself from participation in this appeal? If so, which Justice? Not applicable.

TIMELINESS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

16. Date of entry of	written judgment or order appealed from August 10, 2021
If no written judg seeking appellate	gment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for every exercises:
17. Date written no	otice of entry of judgment or order was served August 11, 2021
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\square NRCP 59	Date of filing
	e pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the ganotice of appeal. <i>See AA Primo Builders v. Washington</i> , 126 Nev, 245 0).
(b) Date of ent	ry of written order resolving tolling motion
(c) Date writte	en notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served
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19. Date notice of ap	peal filed August 18, 2021	
	party has appealed from the judgment or order, list the date each as filed and identify by name the party filing the notice of appeal:	
20. Specify statute or e.g., NRAP 4(a) or otl	rule governing the time limit for filing the notice of appeal, ner	
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	SUBSTANTIVE APPEALABILITY	
21. Specify the statut the judgment or ordo (a)	te or other authority granting this court jurisdiction to review er appealed from:	
□ NRAP 3A(b)(1)	□ NRS 38.205	
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(2)	□ NRS 233B.150	
☐ NRAP 3A(b)(3)	\square NRS 703.376	
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	uthority provides a basis for appeal from the judgment or order: an order appointing a receiver, which pursuant to NRAP 3A(b)(4) is nation.	

22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court: (a) Parties: Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC; SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, plaintiffs 		
CBC Partners I, LLC; CBC Partners, LLC; 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC; Kenneth Antos and Sheila Neumann-Antos; Dacia, LLC, defendants; Jay Bloom, "counterdefendant"		
(b) If all parties in the district court are not parties to this appeal, explain in detail why those parties are not involved in this appeal, e.g., formally dismissed, not served, or other:Kenneth Antos and Sheila Neumann-Antos are not involved in this appeal because they are not parties to SHAC's cause of action for injunctive relief.Jay Bloom is not involved in this appeal because he is not a party to SHAC's cause		
of action for injunctive relief. 23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim. See attached page.		
24. Did the judgment or order appealed from adjudicate ALL the claims alleged below and the rights and liabilities of ALL the parties to the action or consolidated actions below? Yes		
 No 25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following: (a) Specify the claims remaining pending below: See attached page. 		

(b) Specify the parties remaining below: Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC; SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, plaintiffs
CBC Partners I, LLC; CBC Partners, LLC; 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC; Kenneth Antos and Sheila Neumann-Antos; Dacia, LLC, defendants; Jay Bloom, "counterdefendant"
(c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP 54(b)?
\square Yes
\boxtimes No
(d) Did the district court make an express determination, pursuant to NRCP 54(b), that there is no just reason for delay and an express direction for the entry of judgment?
\square Yes
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26. If you answered "No" to any part of question 25, explain the basis for seeking

appellate review (e.g., order is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)): The order appointing a receiver is independently appealable under NRAP 3A(b)(4).

27. Attach file-stamped copies of the following documents:

- The latest-filed complaint, counterclaims, cross-claims, and third-party claims
- Any tolling motion(s) and order(s) resolving tolling motion(s)
- Orders of NRCP 41(a) dismissals formally resolving each claim, counterclaims, crossclaims and/or third-party claims asserted in the action or consolidated action below, even if not at issue on appeal
- Any other order challenged on appeal
- Notices of entry for each attached order

VERIFICATION

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read this docketing statement, that the information provided in this docketing statement is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I have attached all required documents to this docketing statement.

Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, et al. Name of appellant	Joseph A. Gutierrez Name of counsel of record
September 20, 2021 Date	/s/ Joseph A. Gutierrez Signature of counsel of record
Clark County, Nevada State and county where signed	
CERTIFICATE	OF SERVICE
I certify that on the 20th day of Septem completed docketing statement upon all counse ☐ By personally serving it upon him/her; ☐ By mailing it by first class mail with su address(es): (NOTE: If all names and ac below and attach a separate sheet with	l of record: or fficient postage prepaid to the following ddresses cannot fit below, please list names
Michael R. Mushkin, Esq. Mushkin & Coppedge 6070 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 270 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorneys for Respondents	Persi J. Mishel 10161 Park Run Drive, Suite 150 Las Vegas, Nevada 89145 Settlement Judge
Dated this 20th day of Septemb	per , <u>2021</u>
	/s/ Natalie Vazquez Signature

23. Give a brief description (3 to 5 words) of each party's separate claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, or third-party claims and the date of formal disposition of each claim.

SHAC and SJC's claims: (1) declaratory relief as to violation of the eviction moratorium; (2) declaratory relief as to CBC Partners I, LLC's lack of foreclosure rights; (3) declaratory relief as to the One Action Rule; (4) declaratory relief as to the Doctrine of Merger; (5) declaratory relief as to SHAC's manager; (6) injunctive relief against CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC; (7) declaratory relief as to the membership interest in SHAC; (8) breach of contract as to the Forbearance Agreement; (9) contractual breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (10) declaratory relief as to SHAC's lack of liability regarding alleged property disturbances at a different property; (11) indemnity against Dacia, LLC; (12) Contribution against Dacia, LLC.

CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights LLC's claims for relief: (1) breach of contract as to the Forbearance Agreement; (2) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (3) unlawful detainer per NRS 40.250; (4) fraud in the inducement; (5) abuse of process/fraud upon the Court; (6) breach of fiduciary duty; (7) breach of contract (Operating Agreement); (8) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing (Operating Agreement); (9) breach of contract (Pledge Agreement); (10) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing (Pledge Agreement); (11) unjust enrichment; (12) declaratory relief.

The district court's 4/6/2021 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law resolved SHAC and SJC's sixth claim for injunctive relief. The district court's 4/6/2021 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law also served as the disposition for CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights LLC's First, Fourth, Ninth, and Twelfth claims for relief. The district court's 4/6/2021 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law also served as the disposition for SHAC and SJC's third, fourth, and seventh causes of action.

The remaining claims and counterclaims still need to be adjudicated by the district court.

25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:

(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:

SHAC and SJC's remaining claims: (1) declaratory relief as to violation of the eviction moratorium; (2) declaratory relief as to CBC Partners I, LLC's lack of foreclosure rights; 5) declaratory relief as to SHAC's manager; (8) breach of contract as to the Forbearance Agreement; (9) contractual breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (10) declaratory relief as to SHAC's lack of liability regarding alleged property disturbances at a different property; (11) indemnity against Dacia, LLC; (12) Contribution against Dacia.

CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights LLC's remaining claims for relief: (2) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (3) unlawful detainer per NRS 40.250; (5) abuse of process/fraud upon the Court; (6) breach of fiduciary duty; (7) breach of contract (Operating Agreement); (8) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing (Operating Agreement); (10) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing (Pledge Agreement); (11) unjust enrichment.

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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.

Case No.: A-20-813439-B

Dept. No.: 11

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

EXEMPT FROM ARBITRATION:

- 1. Request for Declaratory Relief
- 2. Action Concerning Real Property

Plaintiffs Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, and SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, by and through their attorney of record, MAIER GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES, hereby file this First Amended Complaint. This First Amended Complaint is filed as of right, within 21 days of service of the first answering of defendant's responsive pleading. Nev. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(1)(B). In support of

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PARTIES

- 1. That at all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, is a Limited Liability Company duly registered and in good standing in the State of Nevada.
- 2. That at all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC owns the property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148, with Assessor's Parcel Number 163-29-615-007 ("Property").
- 3. That at all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC (hereinafter referred to as "SJC Ventures Holding, LLC") is a Limited Liability Company duly registered and in good standing in the State of Delaware.
- 4. That at all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff SJC Ventures Holding, LLC has been the sole, exclusive and irrevocable Manager of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.
- 5. That at all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff SJC Ventures Holding, LLC has been a lawful tenant of the Property pursuant to a binding lease agreement.
- 6. That at all times pertinent hereto, Defendant CBC Partners I, L LC is a foreign company doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada without having registered as a foreign entity to do business in Nevada.
- 7. That at all times pertinent hereto, Defendant CBC Partners, LLC is a foreign company doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada without having registered as a foreign entity to do business in Nevada.
- 8. That at all times pertinent hereto, Defendant 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC is a Nevada Limited Liability Company doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 9. That at all times pertinent hereto, Kenneth Antos and Sheila Neumann-Antos are Trustees of the Defendant Kenneth & Sheila Antos Living Trust and the Kenneth M. Antos & Sheila M. Neumann-Antos Trust (collectively referred to herein as the "Antos Trust"), which at all relevant times conducted activities in Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 10. That at all times pertinent hereto, Defendant DACIA, LLC is a foreign Limited Liability Company doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada.

11. That the following alleged incidents occurred in Clark County, Nevada.

12. The true names and capacities of Defendants DOES I through X and/or ROES I through X, whether individual, company, associate, or otherwise, are unknown to the Plaintiff at the time of filing of this Complaint, and Plaintiff therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed, believes and therefore alleges that each of the Defendants, designated as DOES I through X and/or ROES I through X are or may be, legally responsible for the events referred to in this action, and caused damages to the Plaintiff, as herein alleged, and Plaintiff will ask leave of this Court to amend the Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of such Defendants, when the same have been ascertained, and to join them in this action, together with the proper charges and allegations.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

13. As documented by a Deed recorded at the Clark County Recorder's Office on November 3, 2017, Plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC owns the residential Property at issue.

14. As documented by the Operating Agreement of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, SJC Ventures Holding, LLC is the lawful sole, exclusive and irrevocable Manager of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.

15. As documented by a real property lease, SJC Ventures Holding, LLC is the lawful tenant of the Property, with Plaintiff Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC being the lawful Landlord.

16. Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC claims to be the issuer of a Third Position Secured Promissory Note ("Note") dated June 22, 2012, which is purportedly secured by a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing against the Property, made as of December 17, 2014. Subsequently, a First Modification to Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing was recorded in the Property records through the Clark County Recorder's Office on December 19, 2016. Thus, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC purports to have been a secured lender with a subordinated interest in the Property.

17. Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC also purports to have secured certain remedies in the event of a default on the Note through a Forbearance Agreement dated September 27, 2017, and an Amendment to Forbearance Agreement dated December 1, 2019 (collectively the "Forbearance Agreement") which extended Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC's purported obligations

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- 18. One of the purported remedies under the Forbearance Agreement that Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC claims to have is a right to exercise a pledged membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, through a separately-executed Pledge Agreement dated September 27, 2017 ("Pledge Agreement").
- 19. CBC Partners argues that it has the right to exercise this pledge of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC's Membership Interest against both Antos Trust's 49% interest and SJC Ventures Holding, LLC's 51% Membership Interest.
- 20. SJC Ventures Holding, LLC argues that, as a non-party and non-signatory to the "Antos" Pledge Agreement, CBC Partners I, LLC only has a remedy against the Antos' 49% Membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC and in no way has a pledge of non-party, nonsignatory SJC Ventures Holding, LLC's 51% Membership Interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.
- 21. A separate purported remedy under the Forbearance Agreement that Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC claims to have is a right to exercise a security interest in SJC Ventures Holding's beneficial interest in any proceeds realized by way of collections activity relating to a judgment obtained by SJC, through a separately-executed "SJC" Security Agreement dated September 27, 2017 ("Security Agreement").
- 22. At the time the Forbearance Agreement was executed, the Antos Trust owned a 49% membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, and SJC Ventures Holding, LLC owned a 51% membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.
- 23. Although the Antos Trust is a signatory to the "Antos" Pledge Agreement, SJC Ventures Holding, LLC is not a signatory to the "Antos" Pledge Agreement.
- 24. Although SJC Ventures Holding, LLC is a signatory to the "SJC" Security Agreement, the Antos Trust is not a signatory to the "SJC" Security Agreement.
- 25. SJC Ventures Holding maintains that it was bound (until the Note's extinguishment) by the "SJC" Security Agreement to which it is signatory and not bound by the "Antos" Pledge Agreement to which it is not signatory.

26. The Forbearance Agreement also indicates that "[d]uring the Forbearance Period, [CBC Partners I, LLC] shall continue to make payments to the first mortgagee and second mortgagee to prevent the default of the 1st Mortgage and the 2nd Mortgage."

- 27. Upon information and belief, starting on or around January 2020, CBC Partners I, LLC breached the Forbearance Agreement by failing to continue to make payments to the first and second mortgagee.
- 28. On March 16, 2020, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC sent Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC a "Notice of Default" correspondence which prematurely claimed that there was a default under the Forbearance Agreement even though the only performance deadline set forth in the Forbearance Agreement was March 31, 2020.
- 29. On March 23, 2020, Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC sent correspondence to defendant CBC Partners I, LLC which reminded defendant CBC Partners I, LLC that the forbearance period set forth in the Forbearance Agreement was unambiguously extended until March 31, 2020, and CBC Partners I, LLC has no right to unilaterally modify the terms of the Forbearance Agreement to manufacture an earlier performance deadline.
- 30. Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC acknowledged its mistake by issuing an "Amended Notice of Default" on April 1, 2020, admittedly "correcting the default date to March 31, 2020."
- 31. However, the Amended Notice of Default violated Nevada Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 008, issued on March 29, 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which states as follows:

No lockout, <u>notice to vacate</u>, notice to pay or quit, eviction, <u>foreclosure action</u>, <u>or other proceeding involving residential or commercial real estate based upon a tenant or mortgagee's default of any contractual obligations imposed by a rental <u>agreement or mortgage</u> may be initiated under any provision of Nevada law effective March 29, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., until the state of emergency under the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency terminates, expires, or this Directive is rescinded by order of the Governor. This provision does not prohibit the eviction of persons who seriously endanger the public or other residents, engage in criminal activity, or cause significant</u>

damage to the property. (Emphasis added).

- 32. Through correspondence dated April 1, 2020, Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC elected to select its claimed remedy by seeking to exercise its purported rights under the Pledge Agreement by having the Antos Trust's pledged collateral shares of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC transferred to CBC Partners I, LLC's nominee, CBC Partners, LLC.
- 33. Upon information and belief, on April 1, 2020, representatives of the Antos Trust assigned any right, title, interest, and membership interest they had in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC to CBC Partners, LLC, thus effectuating defendant CBC Partners I, LLC's remedy selection. Accordingly, CBC Partners I, LLC is purporting to be a part-owner of the Property, by means of purportedly owning the Antos' 49% membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, owner of the real property.
- 34. Upon information and belief, upon assigning its membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC to CBC Partners I, LLC, the Antos Trust never signed any agreement which waived or excluded the applicability of the Merger Doctrine.
- 35. Upon information and belief, no other consideration was conferred upon the Antos Trust in consideration of its surrender of it alternative collateral Membership Interest, other than the extinguishment of the CBC Partners 1, LLC Note in consideration of its tender of its 49% equitable interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, the entity holding ownership of the real property collateral for that Note.
- 36. Upon information and belief, CBC Partners I, LLC purports to have sold its, at the time extinguished but, claimed Note sometime between April 8, 2020 and April 10, 2020 to defendant 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC.
- 37. On April 3, 2020, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC issued a "Notice to Vacate" to SJC Ventures, LLC, the tenant of the Property. Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC issued this "Notice to Vacate" on April 3, 2020, even though:
 - a) Section 13(a) of the Pledge Agreement provides for a cure period of fifteen (15) days from the date of written notice of default;
 - b) There exists a valid lease agreement with SJC Ventures, acknowledged twice by CBC

Partners; and

- c) Four days prior, Governor Sisolak's March 29, 2020 Emergency Directive placed a moratorium on both foreclosure and eviction actions, which specifically precluded by name ALL "Notices to Vacate."
- 38. Upon information and belief, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC is attempting to exercise both legal title (ownership of the Property) and equitable title (lien encumbering the Property), in violation of the Merger Doctrine.
- 39. On April 8, 2020, CBC Partners I, LLC's counsel sent correspondence claiming that "the default notice will not be withdrawn and <u>the foreclosure process will continue</u>." This correspondence was sent even though CBC Partners I, LLC simultaneously argues to this Court that neither notice constitutes an Eviction or Foreclosure proceeding.
- 40. Further, CBC Partners I, LLC seeks to avoid injunctive relief to prevent foreclosure while simultaneously arguing it is not pursuing foreclosure or eviction activity.
- 41. Additionally, CBC Partners I, LLC seeks to argue that its foreclosure and eviction actions are acceptable under the Governor's exemption to the moratorium on foreclosures and evictions, while simultaneously arguing it is not pursuing foreclosure or eviction activity.
- 42. On April 4, 2020, April 6, 2020, and April 7, 2020, Spanish Heights Acquisition Company (at the direction of its majority owner and sole, exclusive and irrevocable Manager) sent correspondence to defendant CBC Partners I, LLC, demanding that defendant CBC Partners I, LLC rescind its illegal foreclosure and eviction action notices that were issued after Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive placing a moratorium on foreclosure actions.
- 43. CBC Partners I, LLC simultaneously refused to rescind its illegal foreclosure and eviction action notices and also denied its actions were foreclosure and eviction actions, thus prompting this litigation.
- 44. Upon information and belief, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC contends it is exempt from following Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 because it alleges certain activities purportedly exist which CBC Partners asserts are qualifying as exemptions from the Governor's Emergency Executive Order as the purported activities pose imminent threat to the community or are

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief as to the Obligation to Abide by Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive Placing a Moratorium on Foreclosure and Eviction Actions) – Against All Defendants

51. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 50 as though fully set forth herein.

52. A true and justiciable controversy exists between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants concerning

the rights, status, and legal relations of the parties to this action.

53. The Plaintiffs' interests are adverse to those of the Defendants.

54. The Plaintiffs' rights, status, and legal relations in relation to the Defendants are affected by

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statute, including NRS 107.

64. As such, CBC Partners 1, LLC has no authority to conduct any foreclosure or eviction action

2	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION	
3	(Declaratory Relief Regarding the Applicability of the Doctrine of Merger) – Against	
4	CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC	
5	75. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 74 as though fully set forth herein.	
6	76. A true and justiciable controversy exists between the Plaintiffs and the Defendants concerning	
7	the rights, status, and legal relations of the parties to this action.	
8	77. The Plaintiffs' interests are adverse to those of the Defendants CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148	
9	Spanish Heights, LLC.	
10	78. The Plaintiffs' rights, status, and legal relations in relation to the Defendants are affected by	
11	statute, including NRS 107.	
12	79. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.	
13	80. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the Plaintiffs are entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, statutes,	
14	and legal relations at issue in this matter and a declaration that the purported Note that defendants	
15	CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC claim to be secured by a Deed of Trust recorded	
16	against the Property has been extinguished via the Merger Doctrine in light of CBC Partners I, LLC	
17	attempting to exercise purported rights to become legal owner of the Property.	
18	81. Plaintiffs have found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. Therefore,	
19	Plaintiffs are seeking recovery of any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all	
20	attorneys' fees and interest thereon.	
21	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION	
22	(Declaratory Relief Regarding the Status of SJC Ventures Holding, LLC as Sole and	
23	Exclusive Manager of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC)	
24	– Against All Defendants	
25	82. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 81 as though fully set forth herein.	
26	83. A true and justiciable controversy exists between the Plaintiffs and the Defendant concerning	
27	the rights, status, and legal relations of the parties to this action.	
28	84. The Plaintiffs' interests are adverse to those of the Defendants.	

attorneys' fees and interest thereon.

attempting to foreclose on the Property through an extinguished purported interest.

- 94. The actions of Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC described herein have resulted in immediate harm to, among other things, Plaintiffs' Property interests and tenant rights.
 - 95. Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief to end such actions and prevent further harm.
- 96. Plaintiffs have been required to retain the services of an attorney to file and prosecute this action and have thereby been damaged. Accordingly, Plaintiffs seek an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief Regarding the Antos Trust's Purported Assignment of Membership Interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC) – Against the Antos Trust

- 97. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 96 as though fully set forth herein.
- 98. A true and justiciable controversy exists between the Plaintiffs and the Defendant Antos Trust concerning the rights, status, and legal relations of the parties to this action.
 - 99. The Plaintiffs' interests are adverse to those of the Defendant the Antos Trust.
- 100. The Plaintiffs' rights, status, and legal relations in relation to the Defendant are affected by statute, including NRS 107.
 - 101. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act.
- 102. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the Plaintiffs are entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, statutes, and legal relations at issue in this matter and a declaration that upon purportedly assigning its membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC to CBC Partners I, LLC, defendant the Antos Trust did not agree to waive or exclude the applicability of the Merger Doctrine, and further, the Antos Trust was provided no consideration for their equitable interest in the property other than the extinguishment of the Note under the De Facto Merger occurring on April 1, 2020.
- 103. Plaintiffs have found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. Therefore, Plaintiffs are seeking recovery of any and all expenses incurred including, without limitation, all attorneys' fees and interest thereon.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Contract as to the Forbearance Agreement) – Against CBC Partners I, LLC

104. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 103 as though fully set forth herein.

- 105. On or around September 27, 2017, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC executed the Forbearance Agreement, which upon information and belief is a valid contract.
- 106. On or around December 1, 2019, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC executed the Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements, which served as an amendment to the Forbearance Agreement and which extended the forbearance period through March 31, 2020.
- 107. Pursuant to the plain language of the Forbearance Agreement: "[d]uring the Forbearance Period, [CBC Partners I, LLC] shall continue to make payments to the first mortgagee and second mortgagee to prevent the default of the 1st Mortgage and the 2nd Mortgage."
- 108. Upon information and belief, starting on or around January 2020, CBC Partners I, LLC materially breached the Forbearance Agreement by failing to continue to make payments to the first and second mortgagee.
- 109. CBC Partners I, LLC also materially breached the Forbearance Agreement by issuing a "Notice of Default" correspondence on March 16, 2020 which prematurely claimed that there was a default under the Forbearance Agreement even though the only performance deadline set forth in the Forbearance Agreement was March 31, 2020.
- 110. CBC Partners I, LLC's material breach discharged the non-breaching party's duty to perform, thus Plaintiffs had no further duty to perform under the Forbearance Agreement.
- 111. As a direct and proximate result of CBC Partners I, LLC's material breach of contract, to the to the extent that Plaintiffs' damages can be calculated with certainty, Plaintiffs have been and will be damaged in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 112. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned actions and/or omissions of CBC Partners I, LLC, Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of an attorney, incurring attorneys' fees and costs to bring this action, and Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Contractual Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing) – Against CBC Partners I, LLC

113. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 112 as though fully set forth herein.

114. On or around September 27, 2017, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC executed the Forbearance Agreement, which upon information and belief is a valid contract.

- 115. On or around December 1, 2019, defendant CBC Partners I, LLC executed the Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements, which served as an amendment to the Forbearance Agreement and which extended the forbearance period through March 31, 2020.
- 116. Pursuant to the plain language of the Forbearance Agreement: "[d]uring the Forbearance Period, [CBC Partners I, LLC] shall continue to make payments to the first mortgagee and second mortgagee to prevent the default of the 1st Mortgage and the 2nd Mortgage."
 - 117. Defendant CBC Partners I, LLC owed a duty of good faith to Plaintiffs.
- 118. Plaintiffs reasonably expected that defendant CBC Partners I, LLC would fulfill its responsibilities under the Forbearance Agreement by continuing to make payments to the first and second mortgagee.
- 119. Upon information and belief, starting on or around January 2020, while collecting payments due each month from Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, CBC Partners I, LLC, materially breached the Forbearance Agreement by failing to continue to make its payments to the first and second mortgagee.
- 120. CBC Partners I, LLC also materially breached the Forbearance Agreement by issuing a "Notice of Default" correspondence on March 16, 2020 which prematurely claimed that there was a default under the Forbearance Agreement even though the only performance deadline set forth in the Forbearance Agreement was March 31, 2020.
 - 121. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' justified expectations were denied.
- 122. As a direct and proximate result of CBC Partners I, LLC's contractual breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing, to the to the extent that Plaintiffs' damages can be calculated with certainty, Plaintiffs have been and will be damaged in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 123. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned actions and/or omissions of CBC Partners I, LLC, Plaintiffs have been required to engage the services of an attorney, incurring attorneys' fees and costs to bring this action, and Plaintiffs are therefore entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action.

2 (Declaratory Relief as to Plaintiffs' Lack of Liability for Fireworks Set off And The Use Of An 3 Incendiary Device By a Different Property) – Against DACIA, LLC 4 124. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 123 as though fully set forth herein. 5 125. A true and justiciable controversy exists between the Plaintiffs and the Defendant concerning 6 the rights, status, and legal relations of the parties to this action. 7 126. The Plaintiffs' interests are adverse to those of the Defendant DACIA, LLC. 8 127. The Plaintiffs' rights, status, and legal relations in relation to the Defendant are affected by 9 statute, including NRS 107. 10 128. This matter is filed in part under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act. 11 129. It is Plaintiffs' understanding that CBC Partners I, LLC contends it is exempt from following 12 Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 because it alleges fireworks were set off from and an 13 incendiary device was used at the Property in July of 2019. 14 130. In reality, the property owned by defendant DACIA, LLC, which is in the same neighborhood as the Property at issue, set off fireworks and used an incendiary device in July of 2019. 15 16 131. Pursuant to NRS 30.040, the Plaintiffs are entitled to declaratory relief as to rights, statutes, 17 and legal relations at issue in this matter and a declaration that CBC Partners I, LLC is not entitled to 18 claim an exemption to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 based on fireworks that were not 19 set off from or an incendiary device used at the Property but that were actually set off by property owned by defendant DACIA, LLC in July of 2019 – to the extent such fireworks or incendiary device 20 21 even constitute the type of serious endangerment to the public or other residents or criminal activity 22 referenced in the Governor's Emergency Directive, which has not been established. 23 132. Plaintiffs have found it necessary to employ the undersigned attorney to bring suit. 24 Therefore, Plaintiffs are seeking recovery of any and all expenses incurred including, without 25 limitation, all attorneys' fees and interest thereon. 26 ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION 27 (Indemnity) - Against DACIA, LLC 28 133. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 132 as though fully set forth herein.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

134. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that they are in no way responsible for causing any fireworks to be set off from or the use of an incendiary device at the Property in July of 2019, and that any such fireworks were set off from the property owned by DACIA, LLC.

135. Therefore, if the Court determines that an exemption to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 exists as a result of fireworks being set off or the use of an incendiary device in July of 2019, then Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the conduct, in whole or in part of DACIA, LLC, as the owner of the Property that actually set off fireworks or used of an incendiary device at in July 2019, contributed to the happening of the fireworks being set off or the use of an incendiary device in the neighborhood.

136. By reason of the foregoing allegations, if the Court determines that an exemption to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 exists as a result of fireworks being set off or the use of an incendiary device in July of 2019, then Plaintiffs are entitled to be indemnified by defendant DACIA, LLC, for its fair share of any judgment or fines imposed rendered against Plaintiffs as a result of that decision.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Contribution) - Against DACIA, LLC

- 137. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 136 as though fully set forth herein.
- 138. A right to contribution exists "where two or more persons become jointly or severally liable in tort for the same injury to [a] person ... even though judgment has not been recovered against all or any of them." NRS 17.225(1).
- 139. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that they are in no way responsible for causing any fireworks to be set off from or the use of an incendiary device at the Property in July of 2019, and that any such fireworks were set off from the property owned by DACIA, LLC.
- 140. Therefore, if the Court determines that an exemption to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 exists as a result of fireworks being set off or the use of an incendiary device in July of 2019, then Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the conduct, in whole or

in part of DACIA, LLC, as the owner of the Property that actually set off fireworks or used an incendiary device in July 2019, contributed to and caused the happening of the fireworks being set off in or the use of an incendiary device in the neighborhood.

141. By reason of the foregoing allegations, if the Court determines that an exemption to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 exists as a result of fireworks being set off or the use of an incendiary device in July of 2019, then Plaintiffs are entitled to a judgment, over and against defendant DACIA, LLC, for its fair share of any judgment rendered against Plaintiffs as a result of that decision.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment pursuant to NRS 107 and 30.040 that the State of Nevada, Executive Department, Declaration of Emergency Directive 008, dated March 29, 2020, which placed a moratorium on eviction and foreclosure actions, is enforceable by the Plaintiffs against the Defendant and therefore Defendant's Notice of Default and Notice to Vacate are in violation of the Governor's Executive Order 008 and are null and void ab initio;
- 2. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment pursuant to NRS 107 and 30.040 that CBC Partners 1, LLC, as of at least April 8, 2020, by its own admission, is not a secured creditor against the subject real property, has no basis under which it can claim rights to undertake either a non-judicial foreclosure or eviction, has no basis under which it may continue any further foreclosure or eviction activity and is enforceable by the Plaintiffs against the Defendant and therefore Defendant's Notice of Default and Notice to Vacate are null and void ab initio;
- 3. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment pursuant to NRS 107 and 30.040 that the purported Note that defendant CBC Partners I, LLC claims to be secured by a Deed of Trust recorded against the Property has been extinguished via the Merger Doctrine in light of CBC Partners I, LLC exercising its purported rights to become partial legal owner of the Property;
- 4. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment pursuant to NRS 40.430 and 30.040 that defendant CBC Partners I, LLC is precluded from pursuing any foreclosure action against the subject real property pursuant to the One Action Rule;

- 5. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment that SJC Ventures Holding, LLC is recognized as the sole, exclusive and irrevocable Manager of SJC Ventures Holding, LLC as per the Four Corners of the SJC Ventures Holding, LLC Operating Agreement;
- 6. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment pursuant to NRS 40.430 and 30.040 that upon purportedly assigning its membership interest in Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC to CBC Partners I, LLC, defendant the Antos Trust did not agree to waive or exclude the applicability of the Merger Doctrine;
- 7. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment pursuant to NRS 40.430 and 30.040 that CBC Partners I, LLC is not entitled to claim an exemption to Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 008 based on last year's allegations of Spanish Heights Acquisitions Company, LLC's alleged failure to provide a guest list 10 days in advance of an event, using a residents transponder to allow entry to residents and guests wrongfully detained at the gate, or for fireworks or use of an incendiary device that were not set off from the Property but that were actually set off by property owned by defendant DACIA, LLC in July of 2019 to the extent such fireworks on the Fourth of July 2019 or the use of an incendiary device during 2019, even constitute the type of serious endangerment to the public or other residents or criminal activity referenced in the Governor's Emergency Directive, which has not been established;
- 8. For an entry of Declaratory Judgment pursuant to NRS 40.430 and 30.040 that the lease agreement between Spanish Heights Acquisitions Company, LLC, as landlord and SJC Ventures Holding, LLC as tenant is valid and binding unto all parties and is not subject to being voided or terminated prior to the expiration of the two extensions recognized by all parties;
- 9. Judgment in favor of Plaintiffs on the complaint and all claims for relief asserted therein;
 - 10. For such injunctive relief as necessary;
 - 11. For an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Plaintiffs;
 - 12. For an award of pre and post-judgment interest; and

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1	13. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
2	DATED this 15th day of May, 2020.
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5	/s/ Joseph A. Gutierrez
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8	Company; SJC VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; SJC VENTURES	
9	HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; JAY BLOOM,	
10	individually and as Manager, DOE	
11	DEFENDANTS 1-10; and ROE DEFENDANTS 11-20,	
12	Counterdefendants.	
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14	ANTOS, as Trustees of the Kenneth & Sheila Antos Living Trust and the Kenneth M. Antos &	
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Living Trust and the Kenneth M. Antos & Sheila M. Neumann-Antos Trust Answer to First

Amended Complaint ("Defendants"), by and through their attorney Michael R. Mushkin, of the law firm of Mushkin & Coppedge, for their Answer to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint ("FAC") hereby admits, deny, and affirmatively alleges as follows in response to the FAC on file in the above-entitled action:

PARTIES

- 1. In answering Paragraph 1 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 2. In answering Paragraph 2 of the FAC, Defendants admit that there is a property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148, with Assessor's Parcel Number of 163-29-615-007 and Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 3. In answering Paragraph 3 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 4. In answering Paragraph 4 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 5. In answering Paragraph 5 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 6. In answering Paragraph 6 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 7. In answering Paragraph 7 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

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- 8. In answering Paragraph 8 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 9. In answering Paragraph 9 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 10. In answering Paragraph 10 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 11. In answering Paragraph 11 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 12. In answering Paragraph 12 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 13. In answering Paragraph 13 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 14. In answering Paragraph 14 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 15. In answering Paragraph 15 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 16. In answering Paragraph 16 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

- 17. In answering Paragraph 17 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 18. In answering Paragraph 18 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 19. In answering Paragraph 19 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 20. In answering Paragraph 20 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 21. In answering Paragraph 21 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 22. In answering Paragraph 22 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 23. In answering Paragraph 23 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 24. In answering Paragraph 24 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 25. In answering Paragraph 25 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 26. In answering Paragraph 26 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.

- 27. In answering Paragraph 27 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 28. In answering Paragraph 28 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 29. In answering Paragraph 29 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 30. In answering Paragraph 30 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 31. In answering Paragraph 31 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 32. In answering Paragraph 32 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 33. In answering Paragraph 33 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 34. In answering Paragraph 34 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 35. In answering Paragraph 35 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 36. In answering Paragraph 36 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 37. In answering Paragraph 37 of the FAC, Defendants admit that a Notice to Vacate was issued and Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

- 38. In answering Paragraph 38 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 39. In answering Paragraph 39 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 40. In answering Paragraph 40 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 41. In answering Paragraph 41 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 42. In answering Paragraph 42 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 43. In answering Paragraph 43 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 44. In answering Paragraph 44 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 45. In answering Paragraph 45 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 46. In answering Paragraph 46 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 47. In answering Paragraph 47 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny

the allegations contained therein.

- 48. In answering Paragraph 48 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 49. In answering Paragraph 49 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 50. In answering Paragraph 50 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief as to the Obligation to Abide by Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive Placing a Moratorium on Forcelosure and Eviction Actions) Against all Defendants

- 51. In answering Paragraph 51 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 52. In answering Paragraph 52 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief a to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 53. In answering Paragraph 53 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 54. In answering Paragraph 54 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 55. In answering Paragraph 55 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 56. In answering Paragraph 56 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

- 57. In answering Paragraph 57 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 58. In answering Paragraph 58 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief Regarding CBC Partners I, LLC's Lack of Rights to Forcelose or to Evict as it Admits it Sold and no longer Possesses the Purported Note)

Against CBC Partners I, LLC

- 59. In answering Paragraph 59 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 60. In answering Paragraph 60 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 61. In answering Paragraph 61 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 62. In answering Paragraph 62 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 63. In answering Paragraph 63 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remainder of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 64. In answering Paragraph 64 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 65. In answering Paragraph 65 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

- 66. In answering Paragraph 66 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 67. In answering Paragraph 67 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief of the Application of the One Action Rule) Against CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC

- 68. In answering Paragraph 68 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 69. In answering Paragraph 69 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 70. In answering Paragraph 70 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 71. In answering Paragraph 71 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 72. In answering Paragraph 72 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 73. In answering Paragraph 73 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 74. In answering Paragraph 74 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief Regarding the Applicability of the Doctrine of Merger) Against CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC

- 75. In answering Paragraph 75 of the FAC, Defendant repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 76. In answering Paragraph 76 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 77. In answering Paragraph 77 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 78. In answering Paragraph 78 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 79. In answering Paragraph 79 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 80. In answering Paragraph 80 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 81. In answering Paragraph 81 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Declaratory Relief Regarding the Status of SJC Ventures Holding, LLC as Sole and Exclusive Manager of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC)

Against all Defendants

- 82. In answering Paragraph 82 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
 - 83. In answering Paragraph 83 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge

sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.

- 84. In answering Paragraph 84 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 85. In answering Paragraph 85 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 86. In answering Paragraph 86 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 87. In answering Paragraph 87 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 88. In answering Paragraph 88 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 89. In answering Paragraph 89 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, and permanent Injunction) Against CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC

- 90. In answering Paragraph 90 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 91. In answering Paragraph 91 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein.
- 92. In answering Paragraph 92 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 93. In answering Paragraph 93 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

103. In answering Paragraph 103 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Contract as to the Forbearance Agreement)

Against CBC partners I, LLC

- 104. In answering Paragraph 104 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 105. In answering Paragraph 105 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 106. In answering Paragraph 106 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 107. In answering Paragraph 107 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 108. In answering Paragraph 108 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 109. In answering Paragraph 109 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 110. In answering Paragraph 110 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 111. In answering Paragraph 111 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 112. In answering Paragraph 112 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Contractual Breach of the Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing)

Against CBC Partners I, LLC

113. In answering Paragraph 113 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.

contained therein.

- 128. In answering Paragraph 128 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- 129. In answering Paragraph 129 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 130. In answering Paragraph 130 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 131. In answering Paragraph 131 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 132. In answering Paragraph 132 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 133. In answering Paragraph 133 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 134. In answering Paragraph 134 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 135. In answering Paragraph 135 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 136. In answering Paragraph 136 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 137. In answering Paragraph 137 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
- 138. In answering Paragraph 138 of the FAC, Defendants are without knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations and therefore deny the allegations contained therein
- 139. In answering Paragraph 139 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 140. In answering Paragraph 140 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

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141. In answering Paragraph 141 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1) Defendant deny each and every allegation contained in the First Amended Complaint not otherwise specifically admitted or denied herein.
- 2) Plaintiffs have failed to state a claim against Defendants upon which relief may be granted.
 - 3) Plaintiffs' claims are barred because the grant of relief would unjustly enrich them.
- 4) Plaintiff's claims are barred because they failed to satisfy a condition precedent and/or a condition subsequent.
- 5) Defendants' actions upon which Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint is based were reasonable, justified, undertaken in good faith, and lawful.
- 6) Plaintiffs' claims against Defendant are barred as a matter of law as Plaintiffs' Complaint makes numerous blatantly false claims.
 - 7) Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate their damages.
 - 8) Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of laches.
 - 9) Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.
 - 10) Plaintiff's claims are barred by a failure of consideration.
- 11) Plaintiffs are estopped from asserting the claims set forth in the Complaint because of improper conduct, acts, or omissions.
 - 12) Plaintiffs' claims are barred by lack of authority.
- 13) Plaintiffs' claims are barred because Plaintiffs did not suffer any damages and, to the extent Plaintiffs have suffered any losses, they are speculative and vague.
- 14) Defendants have incurred attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of this action and is entitled to full reimbursement thereof.
- 15) Defendants hereby incorporates those affirmative defenses enumerated in NRCP 8 as if fully set forth herein. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving any such defense. In the event further investigation or discovery reveals

the applicability of any such defenses, Defendant reserves the right to seek leave of the Court to amend this Answer to the Complaint and to specifically assert any such defense. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving any such defense.

Pursuant to NRCP 11, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of the Answer to First Amended Complaint. Therefor Defendants reserve the right to amend this Answer, including adding affirmative defenses, based upon discovery, review of documents, and development of evidence in this case.

COUNTERCLAIMANTS, 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 COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST SJC VENUTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, D/B/A SJC VENTURES, LLC A DELAWARE

Counterclaimants, 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, allege as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. Pursuant to Nevada's long arm statute codified at NRS 14.065, a Court of this State may exercise jurisdiction over a party to a civil action on any basis not inconsistent with the Constitution of Nevada or the Constitution of the United States.
 - 2. Venue is proper pursuant to Nev. Rev. Stat. § 13.040.

THE PARTIES

- 3. Counterclaimants, 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, are individuals, residing in Clark County, Nevada.
- 4. Counterdefendant, SJC Ventures, LLC a Delaware limited liability company, upon information and belief, Jay Bloom is the Manager, of SJC Ventures, LLC a Delaware limited

liability company. Upon information and belief, Jay Bloom is a resident of Clark County, Nevada.

- 5. Upon information and belief, Jay Bloom is the sole member of SJC Ventures, LLC.
- 6. Operating Agreement calls for investor member to perform the following:
- a. "Provide for the funding of a (sic) **annual** expense reserve account in the amount of \$150,000.00 within ninety days from which non member CBC1 is authorized to issue payment against its obligations due from Seller Member should Investor Member fail to effect such payments..." (emphasis added).
- b. "Provide for a second funding of an annual expense reserve account one year later in the additional amount of \$150,000.00 within ninety days of the first anniversary of the signing from which non Member CBCI is authorized to issue payment against its Note should Investor Member fail to effect such payments..." (emphasis added).
- c. "Cause the Company to effect repairs to the premises to bring it back to top quality standard and working repair."
 - d. "Cause the Company to pay all HOA assessments and fines."
- e. "At the earlier of 2 years... pay off in full the CBC revicable (sic) as relates to the property."
- f. At the earlier of 2 years... either assume service of or retire either or both of the 1st and 2nd position lenders."
- 7. On or about April 16, 2007 nonparties Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos transferred to Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, Trustees of the Kenneth and Shelia Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007 ("Antos") real property located in Clark County, Nevada commonly known as 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (the "Property").

- 8. On or about June 22, 2012, Antos with nonparties KCl Investments, LLC a Nevada limited liability company ("KCl") entered into a Secured Promissory Note with CBC Partners 1, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("CBCl").
- 9. The June 22, 2012, Secured Promissory Note (the "Note") was modified and amended several times.
- 10. On or about December 29, 2014, a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing ("Deed of Trust") was recorded against the Property in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 201412290002856, for the purpose of securing the Note. The balance due is approximately \$5,578,459.15 (\$2,935,001.14 for principal, preforbearance 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, *May* 14, 2020 Evidentiary Hearing Exhibit A-003-004).
- 11. This Deed of Trust is subordinate to two (2) additional Deeds of Trust recorded against the Property. The First Mortgage to City National is in the principal amount of \$3,240,000.00 with monthly payment of \$19,181.07. The Second Mortgage to Northern Trust Bank is in the principal amount of \$599,000.00 with monthly payments of \$3,034.00.
- 12. The Deed of Trust was subsequently modified on July 22, 2015 and on December 19, 2016 as recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office Instrument No.'s 201507220001146 and 201612190002739 respectively.
- 13. On or about September 27, 2017, Antos, SHAC and Counterdefendant SJC Ventures, LLC ("SJCV") entered into a Forbearance Agreement of the Note, acknowledging default and affirming CBCl has fully performed.

- 14. As part of the Forbearance Agreement Antos conveyed the Property to SHAC and SHAC leased the property to SJCV.
- 15. As part of the Forbearance Agreement SHAC would lease the Property to SJCV the lease contained a Consent to Lease between SHAC and CBCI.
- 16. Paragraph 2 of the Consent to Lease states: "In the event CBCI... or otherwise exercises its rights under the Forbearance Agreement, CBCI may terminate the Lease."
- 17. Pursuant to the terms of the Forbearance Agreement SHAC was to make certain payments to CBCI and other parties. In addition, a balloon payment of the total amount owing was due on August 31, 2019.
- attached as Exhibit B to the Forbearance Agreement. Among the certain requirements was the understanding that the First Lien holder would pay the real property taxes, that CBCI would pay the 1st and 2nd Mortgage payments to prevent default, that SHAC would make certain repairs and improvements to the Property in approximately the amount of \$100,000.00, SHAC would deposit \$150,000.00 with Bank of America and replenish the account and provide CBCI with an Account Control Agreement; SHAC would maintain the Property, and SHAC would pay for a customary homeowner's insurance policy and all Homeowner's Association dues.
- 19. On or about August 4, 2017, SHAC was organized with the initial members being SJCV, CBC Partners, LLC, and Antos.
 - 20. On or about August 9, 2017, CBC Partners resigned as a member of SHAC.
- 21. In addition to the certain requirements of the Forbearance Agreement there was certain pledged collateral. Among the pledged collateral Antos and SJCV pledged I00% of the membership interest in SHAC, the Pledge Agreement.

- 22. The Pledge Agreement was between Antos and SJCV as Pledgors and CBCl as the Secured Party and was dated September 27, 2017.
- 23. Pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, Antos and SJCV and pledged all right, title and interest in and to 100% of their membership inters of SHAC to CBCI.
- 24. In addition to pledging membership interest the Pledgors agreed to not "sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, any of the Pledged Collateral..."
- 25. SJC Ventures, LLC has done none of the required acts to fulfill its obligations under the Operating Agreement and Pledge Agreements.
- 26. Plaintiff/Counterdefendant, SJC Ventures, LLC is in default of the Operating Agreement.
- 27. Defendant/Counterclaimant, 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 have been damaged in an amount in excess of \$15,000.00 and is entitled to rescission.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Breach of Contract

- 28. Defendants/Counterclaimants repeat and reallege each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 27 above and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 29. Counterdefendant has breached the Operating Agreement by failing to perform the terms of the Agreement.

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- 30. Counterdefendant's actions are in breach of the duties owed to Counterclaimants and Counterdefendant has violated the Agreements.
- 31. Counterdefendant did not compensate Counterclaimants under the terms of the Agreement, and Defendants/Counterclaimants are entitled to rescission of the Agreement and mandatory damages in excess of \$15,000.00.
- 32. Counterclaimants are entitled to be compensated for the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the prosecution of this action.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Breach of Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

- 33. Defendants/Counterclaimants hereby repeat and reallege each allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 20 of this Countercomplaint and incorporate the same herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 34. It is well settled in Nevada that every contract imposes upon the contracting parties the duty of good faith and fair dealing.
 - 35. Counterdefendant owed Counterclaimants a duty of good faith and fair dealing.
- 36. Counterdefendant breached the duty of good faith and fair dealings when they performed in a manner that was unfaithful to the purpose of the Agreements and to the justified expectations of Counterclaimants by failing to satisfy the outstanding balance owed to Counterclaimants.
- 37. As a direct and proximate result of Counterdefendant's breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Counterclaimants have been damaged in any amount in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), the exact amount of which will be the subject of proof at trial.
- 38. Counterdefendant's breaches of their contractual duties were intentionally done to injure Counterclaimants with a willful and conscious disregard for Counterclaimants' rights,

constituting oppression, fraud and/or malice.

39. Counterclaimants, in addition to compensatory damages, is entitled to recover all attorney's fees it has reasonably incurred and to recover punitive damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing Counterdefendant to deter similar conduct in the future.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Alter Ego

- 40. Defendants/Counterclaimants hereby repeat and reallege each allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 39 of this Countercomplaint and incorporate the same herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 41. Defendants/Counterclaimants are informed and believe and thereupon allege that Counterdefendant, SJC Ventures, LLC was at all times relevant hereto a Delaware Limited Liability Company.
- 42. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that, in addition to being the Manager of said corporation, Counterdefendant, Jay Bloom, was also the sole owner of said company, and that at all times material hereto said company and businesses existed only as the alter egos of Bloom, and that said company and businesses functioned merely as shells, instrumentalities, and conduits through which Bloom has carried out his business under the corporate and business name exactly as he would have conducted business without incorporation; that Bloom exercised complete control and dominion over said corporations and businesses to such an extent that no practical or real separateness has existed between these named Counterclaimants; that Bloom has at all times material hereto used this legal fiction to avoid payment of the obligations sued upon herein by Counterclaimant, for which Bloom is liable personally by reason of these acts.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for judgment as follows:

- 1. That Plaintiffs take nothing by way of their claims, and the same be dismissed with prejudice;
 - 2. That Defendants be awarded their attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the defense

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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,

v.

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.

5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company,

Counterclaimants,

v.

SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; SJC VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; JAY BLOOM, individually and as Manager, DOE Case No. A-20-813439-B

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DEFENDANTS 1-10; and ROE

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter having come on for preliminary injunction and consolidated non-jury trial on related issues pursuant to NRCP 65(a)(2)¹ before the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez beginning on February 1, 2021, February 2, 2021, February 3, 2021, and March 15, 2021; Plaintiffs SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, ("Spanish Heights")³ and SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, d/b/a SJC VENTURES, LLC ("SJCV") appearing by and through their representative Jay Bloom and their counsel of record JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ, ESQ. and DANIELLE J. BARRAZA, ESQ. of the law firm of MAIER

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The injunctive relief claims are contained in the Amended Complaint Sixth Cause of Action.

Pursuant to NRCP 65(a)(2), the parties have stipulated that the following legal issues surrounding the claims and counterclaims are advanced for trial to be heard in conjunction with the hearing on the preliminary injunction hearing:

Contractual interpretation and/or validity of the underlying "Secured Promissory Note" between CBC Partners I, LLC, and KCI Investments, LLC, and all modifications (Counterclaim First, Fourth, Ninth, and Twelfth Claim for Relief);

Interpretation and/or validity of the claimed third-position Deed of Trust and all modifications thereto, and determination as to whether any consideration was provided in exchange for the Deed of Trust (Counterclaim First, Fourth, Ninth, and Twelfth Claim for Relief);

Contractual interpretation and/or validity of the Forbearance Agreement, Amended Forbearance Agreement and all associated documents/contracts (Counterclaim First, Fourth, Ninth, and Twelfth Claim for Relief);

Whether the Doctrine of Merger applies to the claims at issue (Amended Complaint Fourth, Seventh Cause of Action); and

Whether the One Action Rule applies to the claims at issue (Amended Complaint Third Cause of e) Action).

The Court was advised on February 3, 2021, that Spanish Heights filed for bankruptcy protection. The Court suspended these proceedings and stayed the matter for 30 days as to all parties for Defendants to seek relief from the stay. As no order lifting the stay has been entered by the Bankruptcy Court, nothing in this order creates any obligations or liabilities directly related to Spanish Heights; however, factual findings related to Spanish Heights are included in this decision. The term "Plaintiffs" as used in these Findings of fact and Conclusions of Law is not intended to imply any action by this Court against the debtor, Spanish Heights.

As a result of the bankruptcy filing, Spanish Heights did not participate in these proceedings on March 15, 2021.

GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES and Defendants CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, CBC PARTNERS, LLC, appearing by and through its representative Alan Hallberg ("Hallberg"); 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, 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, (collectively "Defendants") all Defendants appearing by and through their counsel of record MICHAEL R. MUSHKIN, ESQ. and L. JOE COPPEDGE, ESQ. of the law firm of MUSHKIN & COPPEDGE; the Court having read and considered the pleadings filed by the parties; having reviewed the evidence admitted during the trial; having heard and carefully considered the testimony of the witnesses called to testify and weighing their credibility; having considered the oral and written arguments of counsel, and with the intent of rendering a decision on the limited claims before the Court at this time, pursuant to NRCP 52(a) and 58; the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

I. Procedural Posture

On April 9, 2020, the original complaint was filed and a Temporary Restraining Order was issued without notice by the then assigned judge.⁴

Spanish Heights and SJCV initiated this action against CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, CBC PARTNERS, LLC, 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, 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 ("Antos Trust"); DACIA, LLC, with the First Amended Complaint being filed on May 15, 2020.

By Order filed May 29, 2020, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction on a limited basis that remained in effect until after expiration of the Governor's

This matter was reassigned to this department after an April 13, 2020, Request for Transfer to Business Court was made by the Defendants.

Emergency Directive 008.

On June 10, 2020, defendants CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, CBC PARTNERS, LLC, and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, filed their answer to the first amended complaint.

Defendants CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, have also filed a counterclaim against plaintiffs, and Jay Bloom.

On September 3, 2020, Defendant Antos Trust filed an answer and counterclaim against SJCV, which SJCV answered on September 28, 2020.⁵

II. Findings of Fact

- This action involves residential real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights
 Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148, with Assessor's Parcel Number 163-29-615-007 ("Property").
- 2. The original owners of the Property were Kenneth and Sheila Antos as joint tenants, with the original deed recorded in April 2007.
- 3. On or about October 14, 2010, Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos (collectively, "Antos") transferred the Property to Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, as Trustees of the Kenneth and Shelia Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007 (the "Antos Trust", and together with "Antos", the "Antos Parties").
- 4. Nonparty City National Bank is the beneficiary of a first-position Deed of Trust recorded on the Property.
- Nonparty Northern Trust Bank is the beneficiary of a second-position Deed of
 Trust recorded on the Property.
 - 6. The Property is currently owned by Spanish Heights⁶ which has entered into a

The Antos have a pending motion for summary judgment.

The manager of Spanish Heights is SJCV.

written lease agreement with SJCV.⁷

- 7. Although the Property is residential, it is not owner occupied, but is occupied by Jay Bloom ("Mr. Bloom") and his family.
- 8. On or about June 22, 2012, nonparty KCI entered into a Secured Promissory Note (the "Note") with CBC Partners I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("CBCI").
- 9. The Note memorialized a \$300,000 commercial loan that CBCI made to Antos' restaurant company KCI to be used for the restaurant business.
- 10. On or around June 22, 2012, Kenneth and Sheila Antos, in their individual capacities, signed a "Guaranty" in which they personally guaranteed payment of the Note.
- 11. The Note was secured by a "Security Agreement" dated June 22, 2012, where the security interest includes KCI's intellectual property, goods, tools, furnishings, furniture, equipment and fixtures, accounts, deposit accounts, chattel paper, and receivables.
 - 12. The Property was not included as collateral for the original Note.
 - 13. The Note was modified and amended several times.
- 14. On November 13, 2013, a Fourth Modification to Secured Promissory Note ("Fourth Modification") was executed.
- 15. Paragraph 4 of the Fourth Modification amended Paragraph 6.12 of the Note as follows:
 - 6.12 Antos Debt. Permit guarantor Kenneth M. Antos ("Antos") to incur, create, assume or permit to exist any debt secured by the real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.
- 16. Along with the Fourth Modification, the Antos Trust provided a Security
 Agreement with Respect to Interest in Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (the "Security

The manager of SJCV is Bloom.

Agreement").

- 17. This Security Agreement not only granted a security interest in a Settlement Agreement, but also contained certain Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Antos Parties, including:
 - 3.3 Sale, Encumbrance or Disposition. Without the prior written consent of the Secured Party, Antos will not (a) allow the sale or encumbrance of any portion of the Collateral and (b) incur, create, assume or permit to exist any debt secured by the real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89148, other than the first and second position deeds of trust or mortgages...
- 18. KCI was acquired by Preferred Restaurant Brands, Inc. formerly known as Dixie Foods International, Inc. ("Dixie").
- 19. The Note was assumed by Dixie with the Antos Parties continuing to guaranty the obligation.
- 20. On or about October 31, 2014, a Seventh Modification to Secured Promissory Note and Waiver of Defaults ("Seventh Modification") was entered.
- 21. CBCI determined that prior to extension of additional credit; additional security was required to replace a previously released security interest in other collateral.
 - 22. Paragraph 18(f) of the Seventh Modification provided for a condition precedent:

Execution and delivery by Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, as Trustees of the Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007, and any amendments thereto (the "Antos Trust") to Lender of a Deed of Trust on the real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (the "Real Property"), in form and substance satisfactory to Lender in its sole discretion.

- 23. On or about December 17, 2014, the Antos Trust delivered to CBCI a Certificate of Trust Existence and Authority ("Certificate of Trust").
 - 24. The Certificate of Trust provides in part:

Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, as trustees (each, a

"Trustee") acting on behalf of the Trust, are each authorized and empowered in the name of the Trust without the approval or consent of the other Trustee, the beneficiaries, or any other person:

To execute and deliver a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (the "Deed of Trust"), to secure (i) obligations owing to Lender by KCI Investments, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and Preferred Restaurant Brands, Inc., a Florida corporation (individually and collectively, "Borrower"), (ii) that certain Secured Promissory Note dated as of June 22, 2012, in the maximum principal amount of \$3,250,000.00 (the "Note") executed by Borrower in favor of Lender, (iii) that certain Guaranty dated June 22, 2012, executed by the Grantors as individuals and not in their capacity as trustees, and (iv) the other documents and instruments executed or delivered in connection with the foregoing.

25. The Certificate of Trust further provides:

The Deed of Trust and Lender's provision of credit under the terms of the Note will directly and indirectly benefit the Trust and its beneficiaries.

The Trustees of the Trust have the authority to enter into the transactions with respect to which this Certificate is being delivered, and such transactions will create binding obligations on the assets of the Trust.

- 26. On or about December 29, 2014, a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (the "Deed of Trust") was recorded against the Property in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 201412290002856 for the purpose of securing the Note.
- 27. The revocable trust indirectly benefitted from this additional credit that was issued to Antos and his business by CBCI.
- 28. The Deed of Trust is subordinate to the first mortgage to City National in the principal amount of approximately \$3,240,000.00 with a monthly payment of \$19,181.07, and a second mortgage to Northern Trust Bank in the principal amount of approximately \$599,000.00 with monthly payments of \$3,034.00.
 - 29. On or about April 30, 2015, a Ninth Modification to Secured Promissory Note

and Waiver of Defaults ("Ninth Modification") was executed.

30. Paragraph 14(c) of the Ninth Modification provides for a condition precedent as follows:

Execution by the Trustees of the Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007, and any amendments thereto, and delivery to Lender of the Correction to Deed of Trust Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, in form and substance satisfactory to Lender.

- 31. On July 22, 2015, a Correction to Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rent, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing ("Correction to Deed of Trust") was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 201507220001146.
- 32. This Correction to Deed of Trust modified Paragraph One of the Deed of Trust to read:

One: Payment of any and all amounts (collectively, the "Guarantied Obligations") due and owing by Trustor under that certain Guaranty from Kenneth Antos and Sheila Antos (individually and collectively, "Guarantor") dated June 22, 2012, in favor of Beneficiary (the "Guaranty"), guarantying the indebtedness evidenced by that certain Secured Promissory Note (and any renewals, extensions, modifications and substitutions thereof) (collectively, the "Note"), executed by KCI Investments, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and Preferred Restaurant Brands, Inc., a Florida corporation (individually and collectively, "Borrower"), dated June 22, 2012, as modified, in the maximum principal sum of THREE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000,000.00), together with interest thereon, late charges and collection costs as provided in the Note.

- 33. On or about December 2, 2016, CBCI sold a portion of the monetary obligations of the Note in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Southridge Partners II, LP.
- 34. On or about December 2, 2016, CBCI and KCI entered into a Forbearance Agreement.
- 35. As part of the Forbearance Agreement, the Antos Trust executed a Consent, Reaffirmation, and General Release by the Trust wherein the Antos Trust agreed

to join in and be bound to the terms of the Representations and Warranties contained in Sections 4 and 7, and the General Release contained in Section 8 of the Agreement applicable as though the Trust were a Credit Party.

- 36. On or about December 2, 2016, a Tenth Modification to Secured Promissory Note ("Tenth Modification") was entered into.
- 37. Paragraph 6(e) of the Tenth Modification provides for a condition precedent as follows:

Delivery to Lender of a duly executed First Modification to Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, by Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, Trustees of the Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007, and any amendments thereto, as trustor, related to that certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing made December 17, 2014, and recorded in the Official Records of Clark County, Nevada, on December 29, 2014, as instrument number 20141229-0002856.

- 38. On December 19, 2016, the First Modification to Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 201612190002739.
- 39. On or about July 21, 2017, Mr. Bloom proposed to service the CBCI Note in exchange for the ownership in the Property. Specifically, Mr. Bloom wrote,

My thought is that this proposal gets the 3rd lender:

- a full recovery of its Note balance plus all protective advances past and future,
- interim cash flow and
- provides interim additional full collateral where, given the current value of the property, the 3rd position lender is currently unsecured.

As to the Seller, he:

- gets out from under a potential deficiency judgment from the 3rd position lender and
- unburdens himself from any additional assets that may have been pledged.
- 40. Spanish Heights was created to facilitate this transaction.
- 41. On September 27, 2017, CBCI, the Antos Trust, Spanish Heights and Mr.

Bloom's company, SJCV, entered into the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.

- 42. The September 27, 2017 Forbearance Agreement indicates that Mr. Bloom's company Spanish Heights intends to acquire the Property and make certain payments to CBCI pursuant to the terms of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 43. Mr. Bloom testified that he was not provided with a complete set of documents reflecting the prior transactions between the Antos and KCI⁸ and that misrepresentations were made regarding the prior transactions by CBCI.
- 44. In the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, the Antos Parties, Spanish Heights and SJCV acknowledged default and affirmed CBCI has fully performed.
- 45. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement contains an acknowledgement that the prior agreements between the Antos and CBCI are valid.
 - Par. 8.7 Enforceable Amended Note and Modified Deed of Trust/No Conflicts. The Amended Note and Modified Deed of Trust and the Forbearance Agreement, are legal, valid, and binding agreements of Antos Parties and the SJCV Parties, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, and any instrument or agreement required hereunder or thereunder, when executed and delivered, is (or will be) similarly legal, valid, binding and enforceable. This Forbearance Agreement does not conflict with any law, agreement, or obligation by which Antos Parties and the SJCV parties is bound.
- 46. In connection with the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, on November 3, 2017, the Antos Trust conveyed the Property to Spanish Heights.
- 47. A lease agreement between Spanish Heights as the Landlord, and SJCV as the Tenant, was executed by both Spanish Heights and SJCV on or around August 15, 2017.
- 48. The lease agreement between Spanish Heights and SJCV indicates that the lease term is two years, with an option for SJCV to exercise two additional consecutive lease

The Court finds that regardless of whether all of the prior transactional documents were provided to Mr. Bloom, Mr. Bloom was on notice of the prior transactions. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement clearly identifies the nature of the prior transactions in the section entitled "The Parties and Background" which begins on page 1 of the document.

extensions.

- 49. Pursuant to the terms of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, Spanish Heights was to make certain payments to CBCI and other parties. In addition, a balloon payment of the total amount owing, under the Note, was due on August 31, 2019.
- 50. Pursuant to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, SJCV affirmed all obligations due to CBCI under the Note and Modified Deed of Trust.
- 51. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement provides in pertinent part, "CBCI is free to exercise all of its rights and remedies under the Note and Modified Deed of Trust..."
- 52. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement states the rights and remedies are cumulative and not exclusive, and may be pursued at any time.
- 53. As part of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, there were certain requirements of Spanish Heights attached as Exhibit B to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 54. Among the requirements was the understanding that the First Lien holder would pay the real property taxes, that CBCI would pay the 1st and 2nd Mortgage payments to prevent default, that Spanish Heights would make certain repairs and improvements to the Property, Spanish Heights would maintain the Property, and Spanish Heights would pay for a customary homeowner's insurance policy and all Homeowner's Association dues.
- 55. In addition to the requirements of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, there was additional security to be provided by Spanish Heights, SJCV, and others.
- 56. Among the additional security was a Pledge Agreement, through which the members of Spanish Heights pledged 100% of the membership interest in Spanish Heights.⁹

THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT dated 27th (sic)(this "Agreement") is made by Kenneth & Sheila Antos

⁹ The Pledge Agreement states in pertinent part:

- 57. The Pledge Agreement provides in pertinent part, "Secured Party shall have the right, at any time in Secured Party's discretion after a Non-Monetary Event of Default ... to transfer to or to register in the name of Secured Party or any of Secured Party's nominees any or all of the Pledged Collateral."
- 58. Pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, upon an event of default, Pledgors (SJCV and Antos) appointed CBCI as Pledgors' attorney-in-fact to execute any instrument which Secured Party may deem necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of the Pledge Agreement.
- 59. The Pledge Agreement was signed on September 27, 2017, by the Antos and Mr. Bloom as purported manager on behalf of Spanish Heights. No separate signature block for SJCV appears on the Pledge Agreement.
- 60. Paragraph 17 of the Pledge Agreement contained a notice provision which required notice to the Pledgors to be given to Pledgors through Plaintiffs' current counsel, Maier Gutierrez & Associates.
- 61. As additional required security, SJCV agreed to a Security Agreement to grant CBCI a Security Interest in a Judgment described as:

SJCV represents that First 100, LLC, and 1st One Hundred Holdings, LLC, obtained a Judgment in the amount of \$2,221,039,718.46 against Raymond Ngan and other Defendants in the matter styled *First 100, LLC, Plaintiff(s) vs. Raymond Ngan, Defendant(s)*, Case No, A-17-753459-C in the 8th Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada (the "Judgment"), SJCV represents It holds a 24,912% Membership Interest in 1st One Hundred Holdings, LLC. SJCV represents and warrant that no party, other

Living Trust (the Antos Trust"), SJC Ventures, LLC ("SJCV")(collectively the "Pledgors") to CBC Partners I, LLC, a Washington limited-liability company ("Secured Party" or "CBCI").

WHEREAS, Pledgors are the owners of 100%, of the membership interests (the "Membership Interests") of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("SHAC"), which has been organized pursuant to the terms of the Limited Liability Company Agreement of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.

than the Collection Professionals engaged to collect the Judgment, have a priority to receive net Judgment proceeds attributable to SJCV before SJCV; and that SJCV shall receive Its interest at a minimum in pari passu with other parties who hold interests in the Judgment. 1st One Hundred Holdings, LLC, represents and warrant that no party, other than the Collection Professionals engaged to collect the Judgment and certain other creditors of 1st One Hundred Holdings, have a priority to receive net Judgment proceeds prior to distributions to 1st One Hundred Holdings Members; and that SJCV shall receive Its interest at a minimum in pari passu with other parties who hold interests in the Judgment.

- 62. In addition to the other consideration in the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, the Antos Trust signed a Personal Guaranty Agreement, guaranteeing to CBCI the full and punctual performance of all the obligations described in the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 63. Pursuant to the Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements, dated December 1, 2019 (the "Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement"), SJCV¹⁰ acknowledged that it pledged its membership interest in Spanish Heights as collateral for the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.¹¹

An argument has been made that SJCV did not pledge its stock under the original Pledge Agreement. Given the notice provision in the original Pledge Agreement, Mr. Bloom's signature as manager on behalf of Spanish Heights, rather than SJCV, and the language of the Pledge Agreement reflecting a pledge of 100% of the interest in membership of Spanish Heights, it appears the signature line for Mr. Bloom may have been incorrect. Mr. Bloom is not the manager of Spanish Heights; Mr. Bloom is the manager of SJCV, which serves as the manager of Spanish Heights. The language in paragraphs 5 and 9 of the Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement reaffirms SJCV's pledge of its membership interest.

The Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement states in pertinent part:

WHEREAS, on or about September 27, 2017, the parties executed a Forbearance Agreement whereby CBCI agreed to forbear from exercising the rights and remedies under certain loan documents executed by the "Antos Parties." In addition to the Forbearance Agreement, the parties executed "Exhibit B" to the Forbearance Agreement, a Lease Agreement, an Account Control Agreement, a Membership Pledge Agreement, an Assignment of Rents, and a Security Agreement (collectively "the Related Agreements").

5. The Membership Pledge Agreement executed by SJCV and the Antos Trust shall remain in effect and the execution of this Amendment shall not be considered a waiver of CBCI's rights under the Membership Pledge Agreement.

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- 64. On or about December 1, 2019, CBCI, the Antos, Spanish Heights and SJCV entered into an Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, extending the date of the balloon payment to March 31, 2020.
- 65. The Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement was signed by the Antos, Bloom as purported manager on behalf of Spanish Heights, and Bloom as manager of SJCV.
- 66. Pursuant to the Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement, the Security

 Agreement "shall remain in effect and the execution of this Amendment shall not be considered a waiver of CBCI's rights under the Security Agreement…"
- 67. Pursuant to the Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement, any amendment must be in writing.
- 68. On March 12, 2020, Spanish Hills Community Association recorded a Health and Safety Lien against the Property. This Lien was for Nuisances and Hazardous Activities.
- 69. On or about March 16, 2020, CBCI mailed a Notice of Non-Monetary Defaults to Spanish Heights and SJCV. This Notice of Non-Monetary Default delineated the following defaults:
 - 1. Evidence of homeowner's insurance coverage Pursuant to Paragraph 1(A)(6) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements;
 - 2. Evidence of repairs pursuant to Paragraph 3(c)(1) of Exhibit B to Forbearance Agreement;
 - 3. Evidence of Bank of America account balance of \$150,000.00 pursuant to Paragraph 6(c) of Exhibit B to Forbearance Agreement;
 - 4. Opinion letter from SJC Ventures and 1st One Hundred Holdings counsel regarding the Judgment and Security Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 1(A)(12) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements;

^{9.} The Membership Pledge Agreement executed by SJCV and the Antos Trust shall remain in effect and the execution of this Amendment shall not be considered a waiver of CBCI's rights under the Membership Pledge Agreement.

- 5. Evidence of corporate authority for SJC Ventures and 1st One Hundred Holdings pursuant to Paragraph 1(A)(13) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements; and
- 6. Evidence of SJC Ventures filing of applications for mortgages to refinance 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, pursuant to paragraph 1(C) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements.
- 70. On April 1, 2020, a Notice of Default and Demand for Payment was sent to Spanish Heights and SJCV. This letter had a typo on the date of final balloon payment being due on March 31, 2021. This was corrected and emailed to Spanish Height's and SJCV's counsel noting that the default date was corrected to March 31, 2020.
- 71. On April 1, 2020, under separate cover, counsel for CBCI sent a Notice to Spanish Heights, SJCV, and Antos that CBCI would exercise its rights under the Pledge Agreement by transferring the pledged collateral to CBCI's nominee CBC Partners, LLC.
- 72. On April 1, 2020, CBC Partners received the Assignment of Company and Membership Interest of Spanish Heights from the Antos Trust.
 - 73. On April 3, 2020, a Notice to Vacate was sent to SJCV.
- 74. On April 6, 2020, CBCI sold the Note and security associated with the Note, to 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC.
- 75. On May 28, 2020, the Assignment of Interest in Deed of Trust was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No 202005280002508.
- 76. On September 15, 2020, Notice of Breach and Election to Sell Under Deed ofTrust was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No 202009150001405.
- 77. On December 15, 2020, Notice of Trustee's Sale was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office Instrument No 20201215-0000746. The Sale was scheduled for January 5, 2021.
 - 78. CBCI, through Hallberg, and Mr. Antos, both individually and as Trustee of the

revocable living trust as makers; confirm the original debt and the Deed of Trust as collateral for the Note.

- 79. 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, issued a new Notice of Default on January 4, 2021.
- 80. NRS 107.080 sets forth the notice requirements that were followed by 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, and Nevada Trust Deed Services.
- 81. Plaintiff has shown no defect or lack of adequate statutory notice in the current notice.
- 82. NRS 47.240 provides for conclusive presumptions relevant to certain provisions of the relevant documents.¹²
- 83. Nothing in the evidence presented during these proceedings provides any basis for departure from the conclusive presumptions recited in the agreements between the parties.¹³
- 84. At this time, CBCI has acquired the Antos interest in Spanish Heights through the Pledge Agreement. The membership interest in a limited liability company is not an interest in

- 2. The truth of the fact recited, from the recital in a written instrument between the parties thereto, or their successors in interest by a subsequent title, but this rule does not apply to the recital of a consideration.
- For purposes of this proceeding, the Court applies the conclusive presumptions of NRS 47.240 to the following:

From the Pledge Agreement:

WHEREAS, Pledgors are the owners of 100%, of the membership interests (the "Membership Interests") of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("SHAC"), which has been organized pursuant to the terms of the Limited Liability Company Agreement of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.

From the Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement:

WHEREAS, on or about September 27, 2017, the parties executed a Forbearance Agreement whereby CBCI agreed to forbear from exercising the rights and remedies under certain loan documents executed by the "Antos Parties." In addition to the Forbearance Agreement, the parties executed "Exhibit B" to the Forbearance Agreement, a Lease Agreement, an Account Control Agreement, a Membership Pledge Agreement, an Assignment of Rents, and a Security Agreement (collectively "the Related Agreements").

NRS 47.240 Conclusive presumptions. The following presumptions, and no others, are conclusive:

real property. Title to the Property remains in Spanish Heights.

- 85. Plaintiff has not established unanimity of interest in title to the Property.
- 86. Plaintiff has not established an intent on behalf of the creditor to merge their lien with equitable title.
- 87. Plaintiff has provided no evidence that the 2017 Forbearance Agreement and Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement are vague or ambiguous.
- 88. Plaintiff has provided no evidence of fraud or misrepresentation by any Defendant.
- 89. If any findings of fact are properly conclusions of law, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

III. Conclusions of Law

1. The legal standard for granting injunctive relief is set forth in NRS 33.010, which provides:

Cases in which injunction may be granted. An injunction may be granted in the following cases:

- 1. When it shall appear by the complaint that the plaintiff is entitled to the relief demanded, and such relief or any part thereof consists in restraining the commission or continuance of the act complained of, either for a limited period or perpetually.
- 2. When it shall appear by the complaint or affidavit that the commission or continuance of some act, during the litigation, would produce great or irreparable injury to the plaintiff.
- 3. When it shall appear, during the litigation, that the defendant is doing or threatens, or is about to do, or is procuring or suffering to be done, some act in violation of the plaintiff's rights respecting the subject of the action, and tending to render the judgment ineffectual.
- 2. Given the current bankruptcy stay, the Court extends the existing injunctive relief

entered January 5, 2021, pending further order from the Bankruptcy Court.

- 3. The relevant documents, including, but not limited to, the 2017 Forbearance Agreement and Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements, dated December 1, 2019, are clear and unambiguous as a matter of law
 - 4. The Note is secured by the Property.
- 5. As a condition precedent to the Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Modifications to the Note, a Deed of Trust encumbering the Property was required.
- 6. The Antos Parties had authority, individually and as Trustees of the Antos Trust, to encumber the Property with the Deed of Trust to CBCI.
- 7. Plaintiffs have waived any defects, acknowledged the encumbrance and agreed, in writing to pay twice; first in the 2017 Forbearance Agreement and second, in the Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 8. Plaintiffs agreed in the 2017 Forbearance Agreements to pay the amounts in question by separate promise to the Antos Parties.
- 9. The Antos Trust received an indirect benefit from the transactions related to the Deed of Trust.
- 10. Mr. Antos testified that the Property was used as security in exchange for additional capital and release of other collateral from CBCI.
 - 11. Mr. Antos agrees with CBCI that Plaintiffs have failed to perform.
 - 12. NRS 107.500 is only required of owner-occupied housing.
- 13. The doctrine of merger provides that "[w]henever a greater and a less estate coincide and meet in one and the same person, without any intermediate estate, the less is immediately merged in the greater, and thus annihilated." 31 C.J.S. Estates § 153.

- 14. Plaintiffs have made no showing of the applications of the doctrine of merger in this case. As no interests have merged, and there is no showing of intent to merge
- 15. The one-action rule "does not excuse the underlying debt." *Bonicamp v. Vazquez,* 120 Nev. 377, 382-83, 91 P.3d 584, 587 (2004).
- 16. The One-Action Rule prohibits a creditor from "first seeking the personal recovery and then attempting, in an additional suit, to recover against the collateral." *Bonicamp*, 120 Nev. at 383, 91 P.3d at 587 (2004). When suing a debtor on a secured debt, a creditor may initially elect to proceed against the debtor or the security. If the creditor sues the debtor personally on the debt, the debtor may then either assert the one-action rule, forcing the creditor to proceed against the security first before seeking a deficiency from the debtor, or decline to assert the one-action rule, accepting a personal judgment and depriving the creditor of its ability to proceed against the security. NRS 40.435(3); *Bonicamp*, 120 Nev. at 383, 91 P.3d at 587 (2004).
- 17. The "One-Action Rule" was specifically waived by the debtor. The Deed of Trust paragraph 6.21(a) states:

Trustor and Guarantor each waive all benefits of the one-action rule under NRS 40.430, which means, without limitation, Trustor and Guarantor each waive the right to require Lender to (i) proceed against Borrower, any other guarantor of the Loan, any pledgor of collateral for any person's obligations to Lender or any other person related to the Note and Loan Documents, (ii) proceed against or exhaust any other security or collateral Lender may hold, or (iii) pursue any other right or remedy for Guarantors' benefit.

18. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement paragraph 25 gives the benefit of cumulative remedies.

The rights and remedies of CBCI under this Forbearance Agreement and the Amended Note and Modified Deed of Trust are

cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies that CBCI would otherwise have, and may be pursued at any time and from time to time and in such order as CBCI shall determine in its sole discretion.

- 19. The Court concludes as a matter of law that the Plaintiffs have not established facts or law to support the claim that the One-Action Rule bars recovery under the defaulted Note and Security documents.
- 20. The Court's Temporary Restraining Order, filed January 5, 2021, will remain in place pending further order of the Bankruptcy Court.
- 21. If any conclusions of law are properly findings of fact, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

JUDGMENT

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and other good cause appearing:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that as to the Claims for Declaratory Relief, the Court declares the third position Deed of Trust is a valid existing obligation against the Property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that as to the Claims for Declaratory Relief, the Court declares that the Note is a valid existing obligation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that as to the Claims for Declaratory Relief, the Court declares that the Pledge Agreement is a valid existing obligation of SJCV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that as to the Claims for Declaratory Relief, the Court declares that the acquisition of a membership interest in Spanish Heights does not merge the Defendants interests.

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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,

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Defendants.

AND RELATED CLAIMS.

Case No.: A-20-813439-B

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER

TO: ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU will please take notice that a FINDINGS OF FACT AND

1		ed on the 6th day of April, 2021. A copy of which is
2	attached hereto.	
3	DATED this 20th day of April, 2021.	
4		Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Pursuant to Administrative Order 14-2, a copy of the NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ORDER was electronically filed on the 20th day of April, 2021, and served through the Notice of Electronic Filing automatically generated by the Court's facilities to those parties listed on the Court's Master Service List as follows: Michael R. Mushkin, Esq. MUSHKIN & COPPEDGE 6070 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 270 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 Attorneys for Defendants CBC Partners I, LLC, CBC Partners, LLC, 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, and Dacia LLC /s/ Natalie Vazquez An Employee of Maier Gutierrez & Associates

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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.

5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; and CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company,

Counterclaimants,

v.

SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; SJC VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; JAY BLOOM, individually and as Manager, DOE Case No. A-20-813439-B

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter having come on for preliminary injunction and consolidated non-jury trial on related issues pursuant to NRCP 65(a)(2)¹ before the Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez beginning on February 1, 2021, February 2, 2021, February 3, 2021, and March 15, 2021; Plaintiffs SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, ("Spanish Heights")³ and SJC VENTURES HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, d/b/a SJC VENTURES, LLC ("SJCV") appearing by and through their representative Jay Bloom and their counsel of record JOSEPH A. GUTIERREZ, ESQ. and DANIELLE J. BARRAZA, ESQ. of the law firm of MAIER

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The injunctive relief claims are contained in the Amended Complaint Sixth Cause of Action.

Pursuant to NRCP 65(a)(2), the parties have stipulated that the following legal issues surrounding the claims and counterclaims are advanced for trial to be heard in conjunction with the hearing on the preliminary injunction hearing:

Contractual interpretation and/or validity of the underlying "Secured Promissory Note" between CBC Partners I, LLC, and KCI Investments, LLC, and all modifications (Counterclaim First, Fourth, Ninth, and Twelfth Claim for Relief);

Interpretation and/or validity of the claimed third-position Deed of Trust and all modifications thereto, and determination as to whether any consideration was provided in exchange for the Deed of Trust (Counterclaim First, Fourth, Ninth, and Twelfth Claim for Relief);

Contractual interpretation and/or validity of the Forbearance Agreement, Amended Forbearance Agreement and all associated documents/contracts (Counterclaim First, Fourth, Ninth, and Twelfth Claim for Relief);

Whether the Doctrine of Merger applies to the claims at issue (Amended Complaint Fourth, Seventh Cause of Action); and

Whether the One Action Rule applies to the claims at issue (Amended Complaint Third Cause of e) Action).

The Court was advised on February 3, 2021, that Spanish Heights filed for bankruptcy protection. The Court suspended these proceedings and stayed the matter for 30 days as to all parties for Defendants to seek relief from the stay. As no order lifting the stay has been entered by the Bankruptcy Court, nothing in this order creates any obligations or liabilities directly related to Spanish Heights; however, factual findings related to Spanish Heights are included in this decision. The term "Plaintiffs" as used in these Findings of fact and Conclusions of Law is not intended to imply any action by this Court against the debtor, Spanish Heights.

As a result of the bankruptcy filing, Spanish Heights did not participate in these proceedings on March 15, 2021.

GUTIERREZ & ASSOCIATES and Defendants CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, CBC PARTNERS, LLC, appearing by and through its representative Alan Hallberg ("Hallberg"); 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, 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, (collectively "Defendants") all Defendants appearing by and through their counsel of record MICHAEL R. MUSHKIN, ESQ. and L. JOE COPPEDGE, ESQ. of the law firm of MUSHKIN & COPPEDGE; the Court having read and considered the pleadings filed by the parties; having reviewed the evidence admitted during the trial; having heard and carefully considered the testimony of the witnesses called to testify and weighing their credibility; having considered the oral and written arguments of counsel, and with the intent of rendering a decision on the limited claims before the Court at this time, pursuant to NRCP 52(a) and 58; the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

I. Procedural Posture

On April 9, 2020, the original complaint was filed and a Temporary Restraining Order was issued without notice by the then assigned judge.⁴

Spanish Heights and SJCV initiated this action against CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, CBC PARTNERS, LLC, 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, 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 ("Antos Trust"); DACIA, LLC, with the First Amended Complaint being filed on May 15, 2020.

By Order filed May 29, 2020, the Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction on a limited basis that remained in effect until after expiration of the Governor's

This matter was reassigned to this department after an April 13, 2020, Request for Transfer to Business Court was made by the Defendants.

Emergency Directive 008.

On June 10, 2020, defendants CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, CBC PARTNERS, LLC, and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, filed their answer to the first amended complaint.

Defendants CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, have also filed a counterclaim against plaintiffs, and Jay Bloom.

On September 3, 2020, Defendant Antos Trust filed an answer and counterclaim against SJCV, which SJCV answered on September 28, 2020.⁵

II. Findings of Fact

- This action involves residential real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights
 Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148, with Assessor's Parcel Number 163-29-615-007 ("Property").
- 2. The original owners of the Property were Kenneth and Sheila Antos as joint tenants, with the original deed recorded in April 2007.
- 3. On or about October 14, 2010, Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos (collectively, "Antos") transferred the Property to Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, as Trustees of the Kenneth and Shelia Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007 (the "Antos Trust", and together with "Antos", the "Antos Parties").
- 4. Nonparty City National Bank is the beneficiary of a first-position Deed of Trust recorded on the Property.
- Nonparty Northern Trust Bank is the beneficiary of a second-position Deed of
 Trust recorded on the Property.
 - 6. The Property is currently owned by Spanish Heights⁶ which has entered into a

The Antos have a pending motion for summary judgment.

The manager of Spanish Heights is SJCV.

written lease agreement with SJCV.⁷

- 7. Although the Property is residential, it is not owner occupied, but is occupied by Jay Bloom ("Mr. Bloom") and his family.
- 8. On or about June 22, 2012, nonparty KCI entered into a Secured Promissory Note (the "Note") with CBC Partners I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("CBCI").
- 9. The Note memorialized a \$300,000 commercial loan that CBCI made to Antos' restaurant company KCI to be used for the restaurant business.
- 10. On or around June 22, 2012, Kenneth and Sheila Antos, in their individual capacities, signed a "Guaranty" in which they personally guaranteed payment of the Note.
- 11. The Note was secured by a "Security Agreement" dated June 22, 2012, where the security interest includes KCI's intellectual property, goods, tools, furnishings, furniture, equipment and fixtures, accounts, deposit accounts, chattel paper, and receivables.
 - 12. The Property was not included as collateral for the original Note.
 - 13. The Note was modified and amended several times.
- 14. On November 13, 2013, a Fourth Modification to Secured Promissory Note ("Fourth Modification") was executed.
- 15. Paragraph 4 of the Fourth Modification amended Paragraph 6.12 of the Note as follows:
 - 6.12 Antos Debt. Permit guarantor Kenneth M. Antos ("Antos") to incur, create, assume or permit to exist any debt secured by the real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.
- 16. Along with the Fourth Modification, the Antos Trust provided a Security
 Agreement with Respect to Interest in Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release (the "Security

The manager of SJCV is Bloom.

Agreement").

- 17. This Security Agreement not only granted a security interest in a Settlement Agreement, but also contained certain Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Antos Parties, including:
 - 3.3 Sale, Encumbrance or Disposition. Without the prior written consent of the Secured Party, Antos will not (a) allow the sale or encumbrance of any portion of the Collateral and (b) incur, create, assume or permit to exist any debt secured by the real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89148, other than the first and second position deeds of trust or mortgages...
- 18. KCI was acquired by Preferred Restaurant Brands, Inc. formerly known as Dixie Foods International, Inc. ("Dixie").
- 19. The Note was assumed by Dixie with the Antos Parties continuing to guaranty the obligation.
- 20. On or about October 31, 2014, a Seventh Modification to Secured Promissory Note and Waiver of Defaults ("Seventh Modification") was entered.
- 21. CBCI determined that prior to extension of additional credit; additional security was required to replace a previously released security interest in other collateral.
 - 22. Paragraph 18(f) of the Seventh Modification provided for a condition precedent:

Execution and delivery by Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, as Trustees of the Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007, and any amendments thereto (the "Antos Trust") to Lender of a Deed of Trust on the real property located at 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148 (the "Real Property"), in form and substance satisfactory to Lender in its sole discretion.

- 23. On or about December 17, 2014, the Antos Trust delivered to CBCI a Certificate of Trust Existence and Authority ("Certificate of Trust").
 - 24. The Certificate of Trust provides in part:

Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, as trustees (each, a

"Trustee") acting on behalf of the Trust, are each authorized and empowered in the name of the Trust without the approval or consent of the other Trustee, the beneficiaries, or any other person:

To execute and deliver a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (the "Deed of Trust"), to secure (i) obligations owing to Lender by KCI Investments, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and Preferred Restaurant Brands, Inc., a Florida corporation (individually and collectively, "Borrower"), (ii) that certain Secured Promissory Note dated as of June 22, 2012, in the maximum principal amount of \$3,250,000.00 (the "Note") executed by Borrower in favor of Lender, (iii) that certain Guaranty dated June 22, 2012, executed by the Grantors as individuals and not in their capacity as trustees, and (iv) the other documents and instruments executed or delivered in connection with the foregoing.

25. The Certificate of Trust further provides:

The Deed of Trust and Lender's provision of credit under the terms of the Note will directly and indirectly benefit the Trust and its beneficiaries.

The Trustees of the Trust have the authority to enter into the transactions with respect to which this Certificate is being delivered, and such transactions will create binding obligations on the assets of the Trust.

- 26. On or about December 29, 2014, a Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing (the "Deed of Trust") was recorded against the Property in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 201412290002856 for the purpose of securing the Note.
- 27. The revocable trust indirectly benefitted from this additional credit that was issued to Antos and his business by CBCI.
- 28. The Deed of Trust is subordinate to the first mortgage to City National in the principal amount of approximately \$3,240,000.00 with a monthly payment of \$19,181.07, and a second mortgage to Northern Trust Bank in the principal amount of approximately \$599,000.00 with monthly payments of \$3,034.00.
 - 29. On or about April 30, 2015, a Ninth Modification to Secured Promissory Note

and Waiver of Defaults ("Ninth Modification") was executed.

30. Paragraph 14(c) of the Ninth Modification provides for a condition precedent as follows:

Execution by the Trustees of the Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007, and any amendments thereto, and delivery to Lender of the Correction to Deed of Trust Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, in form and substance satisfactory to Lender.

- 31. On July 22, 2015, a Correction to Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rent, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing ("Correction to Deed of Trust") was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 201507220001146.
- 32. This Correction to Deed of Trust modified Paragraph One of the Deed of Trust to read:

One: Payment of any and all amounts (collectively, the "Guarantied Obligations") due and owing by Trustor under that certain Guaranty from Kenneth Antos and Sheila Antos (individually and collectively, "Guarantor") dated June 22, 2012, in favor of Beneficiary (the "Guaranty"), guarantying the indebtedness evidenced by that certain Secured Promissory Note (and any renewals, extensions, modifications and substitutions thereof) (collectively, the "Note"), executed by KCI Investments, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and Preferred Restaurant Brands, Inc., a Florida corporation (individually and collectively, "Borrower"), dated June 22, 2012, as modified, in the maximum principal sum of THREE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000,000.00), together with interest thereon, late charges and collection costs as provided in the Note.

- 33. On or about December 2, 2016, CBCI sold a portion of the monetary obligations of the Note in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Southridge Partners II, LP.
- 34. On or about December 2, 2016, CBCI and KCI entered into a Forbearance Agreement.
- 35. As part of the Forbearance Agreement, the Antos Trust executed a Consent, Reaffirmation, and General Release by the Trust wherein the Antos Trust agreed

to join in and be bound to the terms of the Representations and Warranties contained in Sections 4 and 7, and the General Release contained in Section 8 of the Agreement applicable as though the Trust were a Credit Party.

- 36. On or about December 2, 2016, a Tenth Modification to Secured Promissory Note ("Tenth Modification") was entered into.
- 37. Paragraph 6(e) of the Tenth Modification provides for a condition precedent as follows:

Delivery to Lender of a duly executed First Modification to Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing, by Kenneth M. Antos and Sheila M. Neumann-Antos, Trustees of the Kenneth and Sheila Antos Living Trust dated April 26, 2007, and any amendments thereto, as trustor, related to that certain Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing made December 17, 2014, and recorded in the Official Records of Clark County, Nevada, on December 29, 2014, as instrument number 20141229-0002856.

- 38. On December 19, 2016, the First Modification to Deed of Trust, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No. 201612190002739.
- 39. On or about July 21, 2017, Mr. Bloom proposed to service the CBCI Note in exchange for the ownership in the Property. Specifically, Mr. Bloom wrote,

My thought is that this proposal gets the 3rd lender:

- a full recovery of its Note balance plus all protective advances past and future,
- interim cash flow and
- provides interim additional full collateral where, given the current value of the property, the 3rd position lender is currently unsecured.

As to the Seller, he:

- gets out from under a potential deficiency judgment from the 3rd position lender and
- unburdens himself from any additional assets that may have been pledged.
- 40. Spanish Heights was created to facilitate this transaction.
- 41. On September 27, 2017, CBCI, the Antos Trust, Spanish Heights and Mr.

Bloom's company, SJCV, entered into the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.

- 42. The September 27, 2017 Forbearance Agreement indicates that Mr. Bloom's company Spanish Heights intends to acquire the Property and make certain payments to CBCI pursuant to the terms of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 43. Mr. Bloom testified that he was not provided with a complete set of documents reflecting the prior transactions between the Antos and KCI⁸ and that misrepresentations were made regarding the prior transactions by CBCI.
- 44. In the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, the Antos Parties, Spanish Heights and SJCV acknowledged default and affirmed CBCI has fully performed.
- 45. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement contains an acknowledgement that the prior agreements between the Antos and CBCI are valid.
 - Par. 8.7 Enforceable Amended Note and Modified Deed of Trust/No Conflicts. The Amended Note and Modified Deed of Trust and the Forbearance Agreement, are legal, valid, and binding agreements of Antos Parties and the SJCV Parties, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, and any instrument or agreement required hereunder or thereunder, when executed and delivered, is (or will be) similarly legal, valid, binding and enforceable. This Forbearance Agreement does not conflict with any law, agreement, or obligation by which Antos Parties and the SJCV parties is bound.
- 46. In connection with the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, on November 3, 2017, the Antos Trust conveyed the Property to Spanish Heights.
- 47. A lease agreement between Spanish Heights as the Landlord, and SJCV as the Tenant, was executed by both Spanish Heights and SJCV on or around August 15, 2017.
- 48. The lease agreement between Spanish Heights and SJCV indicates that the lease term is two years, with an option for SJCV to exercise two additional consecutive lease

The Court finds that regardless of whether all of the prior transactional documents were provided to Mr. Bloom, Mr. Bloom was on notice of the prior transactions. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement clearly identifies the nature of the prior transactions in the section entitled "The Parties and Background" which begins on page 1 of the document.

extensions.

- 49. Pursuant to the terms of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, Spanish Heights was to make certain payments to CBCI and other parties. In addition, a balloon payment of the total amount owing, under the Note, was due on August 31, 2019.
- 50. Pursuant to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, SJCV affirmed all obligations due to CBCI under the Note and Modified Deed of Trust.
- 51. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement provides in pertinent part, "CBCI is free to exercise all of its rights and remedies under the Note and Modified Deed of Trust..."
- 52. The 2017 Forbearance Agreement states the rights and remedies are cumulative and not exclusive, and may be pursued at any time.
- 53. As part of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, there were certain requirements of Spanish Heights attached as Exhibit B to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 54. Among the requirements was the understanding that the First Lien holder would pay the real property taxes, that CBCI would pay the 1st and 2nd Mortgage payments to prevent default, that Spanish Heights would make certain repairs and improvements to the Property, Spanish Heights would maintain the Property, and Spanish Heights would pay for a customary homeowner's insurance policy and all Homeowner's Association dues.
- 55. In addition to the requirements of the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, there was additional security to be provided by Spanish Heights, SJCV, and others.
- 56. Among the additional security was a Pledge Agreement, through which the members of Spanish Heights pledged 100% of the membership interest in Spanish Heights.⁹

THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT dated 27th (sic)(this "Agreement") is made by Kenneth & Sheila Antos

⁹ The Pledge Agreement states in pertinent part:

- 57. The Pledge Agreement provides in pertinent part, "Secured Party shall have the right, at any time in Secured Party's discretion after a Non-Monetary Event of Default ... to transfer to or to register in the name of Secured Party or any of Secured Party's nominees any or all of the Pledged Collateral."
- 58. Pursuant to the Pledge Agreement, upon an event of default, Pledgors (SJCV and Antos) appointed CBCI as Pledgors' attorney-in-fact to execute any instrument which Secured Party may deem necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of the Pledge Agreement.
- 59. The Pledge Agreement was signed on September 27, 2017, by the Antos and Mr. Bloom as purported manager on behalf of Spanish Heights. No separate signature block for SJCV appears on the Pledge Agreement.
- 60. Paragraph 17 of the Pledge Agreement contained a notice provision which required notice to the Pledgors to be given to Pledgors through Plaintiffs' current counsel, Maier Gutierrez & Associates.
- 61. As additional required security, SJCV agreed to a Security Agreement to grant CBCI a Security Interest in a Judgment described as:

SJCV represents that First 100, LLC, and 1st One Hundred Holdings, LLC, obtained a Judgment in the amount of \$2,221,039,718.46 against Raymond Ngan and other Defendants in the matter styled *First 100, LLC, Plaintiff(s) vs. Raymond Ngan, Defendant(s)*, Case No, A-17-753459-C in the 8th Judicial District Court for Clark County, Nevada (the "Judgment"), SJCV represents It holds a 24,912% Membership Interest in 1st One Hundred Holdings, LLC. SJCV represents and warrant that no party, other

Living Trust (the Antos Trust"), SJC Ventures, LLC ("SJCV")(collectively the "Pledgors") to CBC Partners I, LLC, a Washington limited-liability company ("Secured Party" or "CBCI").

WHEREAS, Pledgors are the owners of 100%, of the membership interests (the "Membership Interests") of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("SHAC"), which has been organized pursuant to the terms of the Limited Liability Company Agreement of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.

than the Collection Professionals engaged to collect the Judgment, have a priority to receive net Judgment proceeds attributable to SJCV before SJCV; and that SJCV shall receive Its interest at a minimum in pari passu with other parties who hold interests in the Judgment. 1st One Hundred Holdings, LLC, represents and warrant that no party, other than the Collection Professionals engaged to collect the Judgment and certain other creditors of 1st One Hundred Holdings, have a priority to receive net Judgment proceeds prior to distributions to 1st One Hundred Holdings Members; and that SJCV shall receive Its interest at a minimum in pari passu with other parties who hold interests in the Judgment.

- 62. In addition to the other consideration in the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, the Antos Trust signed a Personal Guaranty Agreement, guaranteeing to CBCI the full and punctual performance of all the obligations described in the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 63. Pursuant to the Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements, dated December 1, 2019 (the "Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement"), SJCV¹⁰ acknowledged that it pledged its membership interest in Spanish Heights as collateral for the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.¹¹

An argument has been made that SJCV did not pledge its stock under the original Pledge Agreement. Given the notice provision in the original Pledge Agreement, Mr. Bloom's signature as manager on behalf of Spanish Heights, rather than SJCV, and the language of the Pledge Agreement reflecting a pledge of 100% of the interest in membership of Spanish Heights, it appears the signature line for Mr. Bloom may have been incorrect. Mr. Bloom is not the manager of Spanish Heights; Mr. Bloom is the manager of SJCV, which serves as the manager of Spanish Heights. The language in paragraphs 5 and 9 of the Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement reaffirms SJCV's pledge of its membership interest.

The Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement states in pertinent part:

WHEREAS, on or about September 27, 2017, the parties executed a Forbearance Agreement whereby CBCI agreed to forbear from exercising the rights and remedies under certain loan documents executed by the "Antos Parties." In addition to the Forbearance Agreement, the parties executed "Exhibit B" to the Forbearance Agreement, a Lease Agreement, an Account Control Agreement, a Membership Pledge Agreement, an Assignment of Rents, and a Security Agreement (collectively "the Related Agreements").

5. The Membership Pledge Agreement executed by SJCV and the Antos Trust shall remain in effect and the execution of this Amendment shall not be considered a waiver of CBCI's rights under the Membership Pledge Agreement.

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- 64. On or about December 1, 2019, CBCI, the Antos, Spanish Heights and SJCV entered into an Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement, extending the date of the balloon payment to March 31, 2020.
- 65. The Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement was signed by the Antos, Bloom as purported manager on behalf of Spanish Heights, and Bloom as manager of SJCV.
- 66. Pursuant to the Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement, the Security

 Agreement "shall remain in effect and the execution of this Amendment shall not be considered a waiver of CBCI's rights under the Security Agreement…"
- 67. Pursuant to the Amendment to 2017 Forbearance Agreement, any amendment must be in writing.
- 68. On March 12, 2020, Spanish Hills Community Association recorded a Health and Safety Lien against the Property. This Lien was for Nuisances and Hazardous Activities.
- 69. On or about March 16, 2020, CBCI mailed a Notice of Non-Monetary Defaults to Spanish Heights and SJCV. This Notice of Non-Monetary Default delineated the following defaults:
 - 1. Evidence of homeowner's insurance coverage Pursuant to Paragraph 1(A)(6) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements;
 - 2. Evidence of repairs pursuant to Paragraph 3(c)(1) of Exhibit B to Forbearance Agreement;
 - 3. Evidence of Bank of America account balance of \$150,000.00 pursuant to Paragraph 6(c) of Exhibit B to Forbearance Agreement;
 - 4. Opinion letter from SJC Ventures and 1st One Hundred Holdings counsel regarding the Judgment and Security Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 1(A)(12) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements;

^{9.} The Membership Pledge Agreement executed by SJCV and the Antos Trust shall remain in effect and the execution of this Amendment shall not be considered a waiver of CBCI's rights under the Membership Pledge Agreement.

- 5. Evidence of corporate authority for SJC Ventures and 1st One Hundred Holdings pursuant to Paragraph 1(A)(13) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements; and
- 6. Evidence of SJC Ventures filing of applications for mortgages to refinance 5148 Spanish Heights Drive, pursuant to paragraph 1(C) of Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements.
- 70. On April 1, 2020, a Notice of Default and Demand for Payment was sent to Spanish Heights and SJCV. This letter had a typo on the date of final balloon payment being due on March 31, 2021. This was corrected and emailed to Spanish Height's and SJCV's counsel noting that the default date was corrected to March 31, 2020.
- 71. On April 1, 2020, under separate cover, counsel for CBCI sent a Notice to Spanish Heights, SJCV, and Antos that CBCI would exercise its rights under the Pledge Agreement by transferring the pledged collateral to CBCI's nominee CBC Partners, LLC.
- 72. On April 1, 2020, CBC Partners received the Assignment of Company and Membership Interest of Spanish Heights from the Antos Trust.
 - 73. On April 3, 2020, a Notice to Vacate was sent to SJCV.
- 74. On April 6, 2020, CBCI sold the Note and security associated with the Note, to 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC.
- 75. On May 28, 2020, the Assignment of Interest in Deed of Trust was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No 202005280002508.
- 76. On September 15, 2020, Notice of Breach and Election to Sell Under Deed of Trust was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office as Instrument No 202009150001405.
- 77. On December 15, 2020, Notice of Trustee's Sale was recorded in the Clark County Recorder's Office Instrument No 20201215-0000746. The Sale was scheduled for January 5, 2021.
 - 78. CBCI, through Hallberg, and Mr. Antos, both individually and as Trustee of the

revocable living trust as makers; confirm the original debt and the Deed of Trust as collateral for the Note.

- 79. 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, issued a new Notice of Default on January 4, 2021.
- 80. NRS 107.080 sets forth the notice requirements that were followed by 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, and Nevada Trust Deed Services.
- 81. Plaintiff has shown no defect or lack of adequate statutory notice in the current notice.
- 82. NRS 47.240 provides for conclusive presumptions relevant to certain provisions of the relevant documents.¹²
- 83. Nothing in the evidence presented during these proceedings provides any basis for departure from the conclusive presumptions recited in the agreements between the parties.¹³
- 84. At this time, CBCI has acquired the Antos interest in Spanish Heights through the Pledge Agreement. The membership interest in a limited liability company is not an interest in

- 2. The truth of the fact recited, from the recital in a written instrument between the parties thereto, or their successors in interest by a subsequent title, but this rule does not apply to the recital of a consideration.
- For purposes of this proceeding, the Court applies the conclusive presumptions of NRS 47.240 to the following:

From the Pledge Agreement:

WHEREAS, Pledgors are the owners of 100%, of the membership interests (the "Membership Interests") of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company ("SHAC"), which has been organized pursuant to the terms of the Limited Liability Company Agreement of Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC.

From the Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement:

WHEREAS, on or about September 27, 2017, the parties executed a Forbearance Agreement whereby CBCI agreed to forbear from exercising the rights and remedies under certain loan documents executed by the "Antos Parties." In addition to the Forbearance Agreement, the parties executed "Exhibit B" to the Forbearance Agreement, a Lease Agreement, an Account Control Agreement, a Membership Pledge Agreement, an Assignment of Rents, and a Security Agreement (collectively "the Related Agreements").

NRS 47.240 Conclusive presumptions. The following presumptions, and no others, are conclusive:

real property. Title to the Property remains in Spanish Heights.

- 85. Plaintiff has not established unanimity of interest in title to the Property.
- 86. Plaintiff has not established an intent on behalf of the creditor to merge their lien with equitable title.
- 87. Plaintiff has provided no evidence that the 2017 Forbearance Agreement and Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement are vague or ambiguous.
- 88. Plaintiff has provided no evidence of fraud or misrepresentation by any Defendant.
- 89. If any findings of fact are properly conclusions of law, they shall be treated as if appropriately identified and designated.

III. Conclusions of Law

1. The legal standard for granting injunctive relief is set forth in NRS 33.010, which provides:

Cases in which injunction may be granted. An injunction may be granted in the following cases:

- 1. When it shall appear by the complaint that the plaintiff is entitled to the relief demanded, and such relief or any part thereof consists in restraining the commission or continuance of the act complained of, either for a limited period or perpetually.
- 2. When it shall appear by the complaint or affidavit that the commission or continuance of some act, during the litigation, would produce great or irreparable injury to the plaintiff.
- 3. When it shall appear, during the litigation, that the defendant is doing or threatens, or is about to do, or is procuring or suffering to be done, some act in violation of the plaintiff's rights respecting the subject of the action, and tending to render the judgment ineffectual.
- 2. Given the current bankruptcy stay, the Court extends the existing injunctive relief

entered January 5, 2021, pending further order from the Bankruptcy Court.

- 3. The relevant documents, including, but not limited to, the 2017 Forbearance Agreement and Amendment to Forbearance Agreement and Related Agreements, dated December 1, 2019, are clear and unambiguous as a matter of law
 - 4. The Note is secured by the Property.
- 5. As a condition precedent to the Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Modifications to the Note, a Deed of Trust encumbering the Property was required.
- 6. The Antos Parties had authority, individually and as Trustees of the Antos Trust, to encumber the Property with the Deed of Trust to CBCI.
- 7. Plaintiffs have waived any defects, acknowledged the encumbrance and agreed, in writing to pay twice; first in the 2017 Forbearance Agreement and second, in the Amendment to the 2017 Forbearance Agreement.
- 8. Plaintiffs agreed in the 2017 Forbearance Agreements to pay the amounts in question by separate promise to the Antos Parties.
- 9. The Antos Trust received an indirect benefit from the transactions related to the Deed of Trust.
- 10. Mr. Antos testified that the Property was used as security in exchange for additional capital and release of other collateral from CBCI.
 - 11. Mr. Antos agrees with CBCI that Plaintiffs have failed to perform.
 - 12. NRS 107.500 is only required of owner-occupied housing.
- 13. The doctrine of merger provides that "[w]henever a greater and a less estate coincide and meet in one and the same person, without any intermediate estate, the less is immediately merged in the greater, and thus annihilated." 31 C.J.S. Estates § 153.

- 14. Plaintiffs have made no showing of the applications of the doctrine of merger in this case. As no interests have merged, and there is no showing of intent to merge
- 15. The one-action rule "does not excuse the underlying debt." *Bonicamp v. Vazquez,* 120 Nev. 377, 382-83, 91 P.3d 584, 587 (2004).
- 16. The One-Action Rule prohibits a creditor from "first seeking the personal recovery and then attempting, in an additional suit, to recover against the collateral." *Bonicamp*, 120 Nev. at 383, 91 P.3d at 587 (2004). When suing a debtor on a secured debt, a creditor may initially elect to proceed against the debtor or the security. If the creditor sues the debtor personally on the debt, the debtor may then either assert the one-action rule, forcing the creditor to proceed against the security first before seeking a deficiency from the debtor, or decline to assert the one-action rule, accepting a personal judgment and depriving the creditor of its ability to proceed against the security. NRS 40.435(3); *Bonicamp*, 120 Nev. at 383, 91 P.3d at 587 (2004).
- 17. The "One-Action Rule" was specifically waived by the debtor. The Deed of Trust paragraph 6.21(a) states:

Trustor and Guarantor each waive all benefits of the one-action rule under NRS 40.430, which means, without limitation, Trustor and Guarantor each waive the right to require Lender to (i) proceed against Borrower, any other guarantor of the Loan, any pledgor of collateral for any person's obligations to Lender or any other person related to the Note and Loan Documents, (ii) proceed against or exhaust any other security or collateral Lender may hold, or (iii) pursue any other right or remedy for Guarantors' benefit.

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The rights and remedies of CBCI under this Forbearance Agreement and the Amended Note and Modified Deed of Trust are

cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies that CBCI would otherwise have, and may be pursued at any time and from time to time and in such order as CBCI shall determine in its sole discretion.

- 19. The Court concludes as a matter of law that the Plaintiffs have not established facts or law to support the claim that the One-Action Rule bars recovery under the defaulted Note and Security documents.
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JUDGMENT

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and other good cause appearing:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that as to the Claims for Declaratory Relief, the Court declares the third position Deed of Trust is a valid existing obligation against the Property.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that as to the Claims for Declaratory Relief, the Court declares that the acquisition of a membership interest in Spanish Heights does not merge the Defendants interests.

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