#### 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; AND LARRY L. BERTSCH, RECEIVER, 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):       |                        |
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| ☐ Judgment after bench trial  | ☐ Dismissal:           |                        |
| ☐ Judgment after jury verdict   | ☐ Lack of jurisdic     | tion                   |
| ☐ Summary judgment  | ☐ Failure to state     | a claim                |
| ☐ Default judgment  | ☐ Failure to prose     | ecute                  |
| $\square$ Grant/Denial of NRCP 60(b) relief   | ☐ Other (specify):     |                        |
| $\square$ Grant/Denial of injunction  | ☐ Divorce Decree:      |                        |
| $\square$ Grant/Denial of declaratory relief  | ☐ Original             | $\square$ Modification |
| ☐ Review of agency determination  | ☐ Other disposition (  | (specify):             |
| 5. Does this appeal raise issues conce  | erning any of the foll | owing?                 |
| ☐ Child Custody   |                        |                        |
| □Venue  |                        |                        |
| ☐ Termination of parental rights  |                        |                        |
| <b>6. Pending and prior proceedings in</b> of all appeals or original proceedings presare related to this appeal:             |                        |                        |
| Pending appeal of underlying Findings of<br>Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, I<br>Supreme Court Appeal No. 82868; pending | LC et al. v. CBC Partr | ± ′                    |
| See attached for continuance.   |                        |                        |
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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:

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 a separately-pending appeal (Case No. 83407).

This appeal focuses on the subsequent Order on the Receiver's Request for Instructions, with Notice of Entry entered on March 21, 2022. In that final order, the district court determined that Jay Bloom, SHAC, and SJC Ventures "shall remit to the Receiver within ten (10) days of the date of entry of this Order the sum of \$35,989.20, representing fees of the Receiver and his counsel for the period August 12, 2021, through November 16, 2021.

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

Whether the district court erred in determining that in conjunction with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law that the district court separately-filed on March 20, 2022, it is appropriate to order Jay Bloom, SHAC, and SJC Ventures to "remit to the Receiver within ten (10) days of the date of entry of this Order the sum of \$35,989.20, representing fees of the Receiver and his counsel for the period August 12, 2021, through November 16, 2021."

**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:

N/A.

| <b>11. Constitutional issues.</b> 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 and NRS 30.130? |
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| ⊠ N/A   |
| ☐ Yes   |
| □ No  |
| If not, explain:  |
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| 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  |
| $\square$ A substantial issue of first impression   |
| ☐ 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:   |
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| 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 circumstance(s) that warrant retaining the case, and include an explanation of their importance or significance: |
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| This appeal challenges an order which involves a receiver, expanding the receiver's powers, and awarding fees and costs to the receiver. This matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court under NRAP 17(a)(9).   |
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| 14. Trial. If this action proceeded to trial, how many days did the trial last?  |
| Was it a bench or jury trial?  |

**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 March 20, 2022   |
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| If no written judg<br>seeking appellate      | ment or order was filed in the district court, explain the basis for review:   |
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| 17. Date written no                          | tice of entry of judgment or order was served March 21, 2022   |
| Was service by:                              |  |
| $\square$ Delivery                           |  |
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| 18. If the time for find (NRCP 50(b), 52(b), | iling the notice of appeal was tolled by a post-judgment motion or 59)   |
| (a) Specify the the date of the              | type of motion, the date and method of service of the motion, and filing.  |
| ☐ NRCP 50(b)                                 | Date of filing   |
| ☐ NRCP 52(b)                                 | Date of filing   |
| $\square$ NRCP 59                            | Date of filing   |
|  | pursuant to NRCP 60 or motions for rehearing or reconsideration may toll the a notice of appeal. See AA Primo Builders v. Washington, 126 Nev, 245 0). |
| (b) Date of entr                             | ry of written order resolving tolling motion   |
| (c) Date writte:                             | n notice of entry of order resolving tolling motion was served   |
| Was service                                  | by:  |
| ☐ Delivery                                   |  |
| ☐ Mail                                       |  |

| 19. Date notice of appeal filed April 1, 2022  |                              |
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| If more than one party has appealed from the judgment of notice of appeal was filed and identify by name the party Not applicable. |                              |
| 20. Specify statute or rule governing the time limit for f e.g., NRAP 4(a) or other  | iling the notice of appeal,  |
| NRAP 4(a)(1)   |                              |
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| 21. Specify the statute or other authority granting this the judgment or order appealed from: (a)                                  | court jurisdiction to review |
| □ NRAP 3A(b)(1) □ NRS 38.205   |                              |
| $\square$ NRAP 3A(b)(2) $\square$ NRS 233B.150   |                              |
| $\square$ NRAP 3A(b)(3) $\square$ NRS 703.376  |                              |
| $\boxtimes$ Other (specify) NRAP 3(A)(b)(4)  |                              |
| (b) Explain how each authority provides a basis for appeal from  |                              |

| 22. List all parties involved in the action or consolidated actions in the district court: (a) Parties:   |
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| Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC; SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, plaintiffs   |
| CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, defendants/counterclaimants; Dacia LLC and CBC Partners, LLC, defendants Larry L. Bertsch, Receiver  |
| (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, <i>e.g.</i> , formally dismissed, not served, or other: |
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| 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.  |
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| 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  |
| <ul><li>25. If you answered "No" to question 24, complete the following:</li><li>(a) Specify the claims remaining pending below:</li></ul>  |
| See attached page.  |
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| Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC; SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC, plaintiffs  |
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| CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC, defendants/counterclaimants;<br>Dacia LLC and CBC Partners, LLC, defendants<br>Larry L. Bertsch, Receiver                 |
| (c) Did the district court certify the judgment or order appealed from as a final judgment pursuant to NRCP $54(b)$ ?  |
| ☐ Yes  |
| $\square$ 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  |
| ⊠ No   |
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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)):

This appeal challenges an order which involves a receiver, expanding the receiver's powers, and awarding fees and costs to the receiver. This matter 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 Heig<br>Name of appe   | ghts Acquisition Cor                   | npany, et al.  | Joseph A. Gutierrez  Name of counsel of record                                       |
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| May 5, 202 Date  |  |  | /s/ Joseph A. Gutierrez Signature of counsel of record                               |
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# 6. Pending and prior proceedings in this court.

Petition for Emergency Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition Directing the Eighth Judicial District Court Clark County, Nevada, Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez, District Judge to Vacate the Order of August 10, 2021, Appointing a Receiver over SJC Ventures Holdings Company, LLC filed on August 16, 2021: Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC et al. v. Dist. Ct. (CBC Partners I, LLC), Docket Number 83373; briefing completed.

Pending appeal of underlying Order Appointing Receiver issued on August 10, 2021; Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC et al. v. CBC Partners I, LLC, et al., Nevada Supreme Court Appeal No. 83407; pending briefing.

Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition Directing the Eighth Judicial District Court Clark, County, Nevada, Honorable Elizabeth Gonzalez, District Judge, to Vacate an (1) Injunctive Relief Order with Respect to Property Foreclosure; and (20 an Order Appointing a Receiver Over SJC Ventures Holding Company, LLC filed on September 20, 2021; Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC et al. v. Dist. Ct. (CBC Partners I, LLC), Docket Number 83526; briefing completed.

Emergency Motion Under NRAP 27(e) for the Stay of Order Denying Injunctive Relief Related to Residential Foreclosure Sale Set for February 1, 2022, Relief Requested by January 31, 2022 filed on January 28, 2022; Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC et al. v. Dist. Ct. (CBC Partners I, LLC), Docket Number 84149; briefing completed.

Pending appeal of underlying Receiver's Request for Instructions issued on March 20, 2022; Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC et al. v. CBC Partners I, LLC, et al., Nevada Supreme Court Appeal No. 84504; pending briefing.

Pending appeal of underlying Amended Order Appointing Receiver issued on March 20, 2022; Spanish Heights Acquisition Company, LLC et al. v. CBC Partners I, LLC, et al., Nevada Supreme Court Appeal No. 84602; pending briefing.

# 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.

A February 2022 foreclosure of the Property resolved most of CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC's claims for relief.

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 claims: (8) breach of contract as to the Forbearance Agreement; (9) contractual breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

CBC Partners I, LLC and 5148 Spanish Heights LLC's remaining claims for relief: (4) fraud in the inducement; and (5) abuse of process/fraud upon the Court.

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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

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.

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,

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, non-signatory 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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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.

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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

| 3  | (Declaratory Relief Regarding the Applicability of the Doctrine of Merger) – Against                  |
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| 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.                                 |
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**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION** 

attorneys' fees and interest thereon.

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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. |
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| 2  | DATED this 15th day of May, 2020.  |
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| 4  | Maier Gutierrez & Associates   |
| 5  | /s/ Joseph A. Gutierrez  |
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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 DEFENDANTS 1-10; and ROE DEFENDANTS 11-20,

Counterdefendants.

# DEFENDANT CBC PARTNERS I, LLC, CBC PARTNERS, LLC, AND 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

Defendant, CBC Partners I, LLC, CBC Partners, LLC, AND 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC ("Defendants"), by and through their attorney Michael R. Mushkin, of the law firm of Mushkin & Coppedge, for its 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 admit that CBC Partners I, LLC is a foreign company; however Defendants deny that CBC Partners I, LLC is doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 80.015 and therefore is not required to register as a foreign entity in Nevada.
- 7. In answering Paragraph 7 of the FAC, Defendants admit that CBC Partners, LLC is a foreign company; however Defendants deny that CBC Partners, LLC is doing business in Clark County, State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 80.015 and therefore is not required to register as a foreign entity in Nevada.
- 8. In answering Paragraph 8 of the FAC, Defendants admit 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 I2 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 admit 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.
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# (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. 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 admit the allegations contained therein.
- 53. In answering Paragraph 53 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.

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- 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.
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- 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.

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contained therein.

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

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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.
- 114. In answering Paragraph 114 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 115. In answering Paragraph 115 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 116. In answering Paragraph 116 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 117. In answering Paragraph 117 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 118. In answering Paragraph 118 of the FAC, Defendants admit the allegations contained therein.
- 119. In answering Paragraph 119 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 120. In answering Paragraph 120 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 121. In answering Paragraph 121 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 122. In answering Paragraph 122 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.
- 123. In answering Paragraph 123 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations contained therein.

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### TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

### (Declaratory Relief as to Plaintiffs' Lack of Liability for Fireworks Set Off and the Use of an Incendiary Device by a Different Property)

### Against Dacia, LLC

- In answering Paragraph 124 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all
- In answering Paragraph 125 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- In answering Paragraph 126 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- In answering Paragraph 127 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- In answering Paragraph 128 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- In answering Paragraph 129 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- In answering Paragraph 130 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- In answering Paragraph 131 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations
- In answering Paragraph 132 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations

### **ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

### (Indemnity)

### Against Dacia, LLC

- 133. In answering Paragraph 133 of the FAC, Defendants repeat and reallege all answers as though fully set forth herein.
  - In answering Paragraph 134 of the FAC, Defendants deny the allegations

 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) Defendant has incurred attorneys' fees and costs in the defense of this action and is entitled to full reimbursement thereof.
- 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 Defendant reserves the right to amend this Answer, including adding affirmative defenses, based upon discovery, review of documents, and development of evidence in this case.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for judgment as follows:

1. That Plaintiffs take nothing by way of their claims, and the same be dismissed with prejudice;

| 1  | 2. That Defendant be awarded its attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the defense of            |
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| 2  | this action; and   |
| 3  | 3. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.                             |
| 4  | DATED this day of June, 2020   |
| 5  | MUSHKIN & COPPEDGE   |
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| 8  | MICHAEL R. MUSHKIN, ESQ.<br>Nevada Bar No. 2421  |
| 9  | L. JOE COPPEDGE, ESQ.<br>Nevada Bar No. 4954   |
| 10 | 6070 South Eastern Ave Ste 270   |
| 11 | Las Vegas, NV 89119  |
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| 13 | CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE   |
| 14 | I hereby certify that the foregoing Defendants CBC Partners I, LLC, CBC Partners                 |
| 15 | LLC, and 5148 Spanish Heights, LLC Answer to First Amended Complaint was submitted               |
| 16 | electronically for filing and/or service with the Eighth Judicial District Court on this day of  |
| 17 | June, 2020. Electronic service of the foregoing document shall be upon all parties listed on the |
| 18 | Odyssey eFileNV service contact list:  |
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| 21 | An Employee of MUSHKIN & COPPEDGE  |
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| 2                               | 5148 SPANISH HEIGHTS, LLC, a Nevada<br>limited liability company; and CBC PARTNERS   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3                               | I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company,  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4                               | Counterclaimants,  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 6                               | SPANISH HEIGHTS ACQUISITION  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 8                               | limited liability company; SJC VENTURES  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9                               | HOLDING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; JAY BLOOM,   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10                              | individually and as Manager, DOE DEFENDANTS 1-10; and ROE DEFENDANTS   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12                              | 11-20,   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13                              | Counterdefendants.  KENNETH ANTOS and SHEILA NEUMANN-  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14                              | ANTOS, as Trustees of the Kenneth & Sheila   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15                              | Antos Living Trust and the Kenneth M. Antos & Sheila M. Nuemann-Antos Trust,   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 20                              | limited liability Company, DOES I though X; and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21                              | inclusive,   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 25                              | SHEILA M. NEUMANN-ANTOS TRUS'<br>COMPLAINT AND C   | Γ ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED                    |  |  |  |  |
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| 41                              | Defendants, Shella Antos and Kenneth Anto  | s, as Trustees of the Kenneth & Sheila Antos |  |  |  |  |

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.
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### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

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- 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.

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- 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.
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### Against CBC Partners I, LLC

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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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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> K&K INSURANCE GROUP, INC.'S ANSWER TO THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT A-20-809882-C

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| 1   | POLICE CHASE LAS VEGAS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company,   |
| 2   | Counterclaimant,   |
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| 5   | NEVADA SPEEDWAY, LLC, d/b/a LAS<br>VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY, a foreign<br>limited liability company; DOE INDIVIDUALS |
| 6   | I through X, inclusive; and ROE entities I through X, inclusive,   |
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| 8   | Counterdefendants. POLICE CHASE LAS VEGAS, LLC, a Nevada   |
| 9   | limited liability company,   |
| 10  | Third-Party Plaintiff,   |
| 11  | v.   |
| 12  | SPEEDWAY MOTORSPORTS, LLC, f/d/b/a<br>SPEEDWAY MOTORSPORTS, INC., a foreign                                      |
| 13  | company; CRAIG COCHRAN, an individual; KEVIN CAMPER, an individual; LOCKTON                                      |
| 14  | COMPANIES, LLC, a foreign limited liability company; K&K INSURANCE GROUP, INC., a                                |
| 15  | foreign corporation; DOE INDIVIDUALS I through X, inclusive; and ROE entities I through                          |
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COMES NOW Third-Party Defendant K&K INSURANCE GROUP, INC. ("K&K"), by and through its attorneys of record Jason M. Wiley, Esq. and J. Daniel Kidd, Esq. of the Law Firm Wiley Petersen, and John J. Atallah, Esq. of the Law Firm Foley & Lardner LLP, and hereby answers Police Chase Las Vegas, LLC's ("Police Chase") Third-Party Complaint as follows:

### **GENERAL DENIAL**

Pursuant to Rule 8(b)(3) of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure, K&K denies, generally and specifically, conjunctively and disjunctively, each and every allegation, statement, and matter in the Third-Party Complaint, including, but not limited to, each and every purported cause of action contained therein (including denying the existence of each and every element of each and every cause of action). K&K further specifically denies that Police Chase has been injured or damaged in the manners or sums alleged, or in any manner or sums whatsoever, as a result of any act or omission of K&K, and specifically denies that Police Chase is entitled to any of the relief sought in the Third-Party Complaint.

# **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

In addition, K&K hereby asserts the following separate and distinct affirmative defenses to the Third-Party Complaint and to each and every cause of action therein, unless otherwise stated:

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Third-Party Complaint fails to state a claim against K&K upon which relief can be granted.

### SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase has failed to mitigate its damages and/or the injuries claimed, if any, and therefore Police Chase's claims against K&K are barred.

### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The damages allegedly sustained by Police Chase, if any, were not caused by any negligence or breach of contract or duty by K&K. Any damages allegedly sustained by Police Chase, if any, were the result of acts or omissions of third persons who were not acting on behalf of K&K and which were intervening and superseding causes of Police Chase's alleged damages, if any.

### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase's claims against K&K are barred, in whole or in part, because liability, which is expressly denied, is not properly attributable to K&K.

| 1  | <u>FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>  |
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| 2  | K&K is not responsible for any damages allegedly sustained by Police Chase, if any, because K&K       |
| 3  | committed no wrongful acts as to Police Chase.  |
| 4  | SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE   |
| 5  | Police Chase's claims are barred because at all material times, K&K acted reasonably and in good      |
| 6  | faith under the circumstances known to it.  |
| 7  | SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE   |
| 8  | As a result of the conduct, knowledge, writings and/or statements of Police Chase, its agents         |
| 9  | employees and/or representatives, Police Chase's claims are barred by the doctrine of estoppel and/or |
| 10 | waiver.   |
| 11 | EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  |
| 12 | Police Chase has failed to plead a valid claim upon which an award of attorney's fees or costs may    |
| 13 | be based.   |
| 14 | NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE   |
| 15 | Police Chase's claims are barred because under Nevada law, no fiduciary relationship exists           |
| 16 | between an insured and its insurer, or the managing general agent of such insurer.                    |
| 17 | TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE   |
| 18 | Police Chase's claims are barred because no special relationship exists between Police Chase and      |
| 19 | K&K that would give rise to the claims asserted against K&K in the Third-Party Complaint.             |
| 20 | ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  |
| 21 | Police Chase's claims are barred by operation of Police Chase's ratification of acts complained o     |
| 22 | in the Third-Party Complaint.   |
| 23 | TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE   |
| 24 | Police Chase was informed of and consented to any and all conduct alleged against K&K.                |
| 25 | THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE  |
| 26 | Police Chase's claims are barred due to the absence of privity and/or any other actionable            |
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#### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

K&K satisfied any duty owed, if any, and/or performed any obligation owed, if any, to Police Chase and Police Chase accepted such satisfaction of duty and/or performance of obligation.

# FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

K&K did not breach any duty, if any, owed to Police Chase.

# **SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Any benefits of the insurance policy purchased, considered for purchase, or available for purchase is subject to all terms, conditions, provisions, definitions, limitations, exclusions, underwriting requirements, and endorsements of such policy and the application for such policy. Police Chase's action is barred, restricted, and/or limited accordingly.

# SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The facts alleged in the Third-Party Complaint are insufficient to seek recovery of punitive damages and/or exemplary damages against K&K. An award of punitive damages and/or exemplary damages against K&K would violate its rights under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 8 of the Nevada Constitution, and would constitute a violation of K&K's right not to be subject to excessive fines or penalties under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United State Constitution.

# **EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Any alleged damages sustained by Police Chase, if any, were the result of Police Chase's own negligence, or the negligence of Police Chase's agent(s), and such negligence was greater than the alleged negligence, if any, of K&K, and K&K therefore is not responsible for Police Chase's alleged damages, if any. Alternatively, Police Chase's alleged damages, if any, must be reduced by the amount of the comparative negligence of Police Chase and/or Police Chase's agent(s).

# NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase's claims against K&K are barred because K&K was neither the cause in fact or proximate cause of Police Chase's alleged damages, if any, and was only secondary, inconsequential, and indirect, and in no way contributed to or caused the alleged damages to Police Chase.

#### TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase knowingly, voluntarily, and/or unreasonably undertook to encounter each of the risks and hazards, if any, referred to in the Third-Party Complaint and each alleged cause of action therein, and such undertaking proximately caused or contributed to any loss, injury, and/or damages allegedly sustained by Police Chase.

## TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase's alleged losses, if any, are speculative and/or uncertain and therefore not compensable as a matter of law.

# TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Third-Party Complaint, and each and every cause of action therein, is barred because Police Chase's reliance upon any alleged misrepresentations, if any, was not justified and/or reasonable.

# TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

It has been necessary for K&K to retain the services of an attorney to defend this action, and a reasonable sum should be allowed K&K for its attorney's fees and costs expended in this action.

# TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase's claims for relief are barred by the economic loss doctrine.

# TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase's alleged damages, if any, were caused, in whole or in part, by Police Chase, or were contributed to by reason of Police Chase's conduct, which bars Police Chase's right of recovery and/or substantially reduces any amounts recoverable by Police Chase, according to proof.

# TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Police Chase has failed to plead its claims with the requisite particularity under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 9 to the extent that any allegations and alleged damages may be required to be pled with such particularity.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

K&K is entitled to indemnification and/or contribution from any party or person whose negligence or other acts caused or contributed to Police Chase's alleged claims and damages, if any.

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# TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

K&K hereby incorporates by reference those Affirmative Defenses enumerated in Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 8(c) as if fully set forth herein. In the event that further investigation or discovery reveals the applicability of any such defenses, K&K reserves the right to seek leave of Court to amend its Answer to specifically assert any such defenses. Such defenses are herein incorporated by reference for the specific purpose of not waiving any such defenses.

# TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 11, as amended, all possible affirmative defenses may not have been alleged herein insofar as sufficient facts were not available after reasonable inquiry upon the filing of K&K's Answer and, therefore, K&K reserves the right to amend its Answer to allege additional affirmative defenses if subsequent investigation and discovery warrants such.

WHEREFORE, K&K prays for judgment, as follows:

- 1. That Police Chase take nothing by way of this action;
- 2. That a judgment of dismissal be entered in favor of K&K;
- 3. That K&K be awarded all recoverable costs of suit and attorney's fees incurred herein; and
- 4. That K&K be awarded such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: September 28, 2020 Respectfully submitted,

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#### wrote:

Please see attached proposed FFCL with respect to yesterday's hearing, as well as the proposed sanctions order. Ms. O'Steen will be separately circulating a Supplemental Order re Appointment of Receiver on Monday.

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| 6  | Spanish Heights Acquisition Company LLC, Plaintiff(s)  |                            |  |
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| 8  | CBC Partners I LLC,  |                            |  |
| 9  | Defendant(s)   |                            |  |
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