IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, GRAND SIERRA RESORT UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada nonprofit corporation, GAGE VILLAGE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; AM-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company,

Appellants,

VS.

ALBERT THOMAS, individually; JANE DUNLAP, individually; JOHN DUNLAP, individually; BARRY HAY, individually; MARIE-ANNE ALEXANDER, as Trustee of the MARIE-ANNE ALEXANDER LIVING TRUST; MELISSA VAGUJHELYI and GEORGE VAGUJHELYI, as Trustees of the GEORGE VAGUJHELYI AND MELISSA VAGUJHELYI 2001 FAMILY TRUST AGREEMENT, U/T/A APRIL 13, 2001; D' ARCY NUNN, individually; HENRY NUNN, individually; MADELYN VAN DER BOKKE, individually; LEE VAN DER BOKKE, individually; ROBERT R. PEDERSON, individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LOU ANN PEDERSON, individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LORI ORDOVER, individually; WILLIAM A. HENDERSON, individually; CHRISTINE E. HENDERSON, individually; LOREN D. PARKER, individually; SUZANNE C. PARKER, individually; MICHAEL IZADY, individually; STEVEN TAKAKI, as Trustee of the STEVEN W. TAKAKI & FRANCES S. LEE REVOCABLE TRUSTEE AGREEMENT, UTD

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JANUARY 11, 2000; FARAD TORABKHAN, individually; SAHAR TAVAKOLI, individually; M&Y HOLDINGS, LLC; JL&YL HOLDINGS, LLC; SANDI RAINES, individually; R. RAGHURAM, as Trustee of the RAJ AND USHA RAGHURAM LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 25, 2001; USHA RAGHURAM, as Trustee of the RAJ AND USHA RAGHURAM LIVING TRUST DATED APRIL 25, 2001; LORI K. TOKUTOMI, individually; GARRET TOM, as Trustee of THE GARRET AND ANITA TOM TRUST, DATED 5/14/2006; ANITA TOM, as Trustee of THE GARRET AND ANITA TOM TRUST, DATED 5/14/2006; RAMON FADRILAN, individually; FAYE FADRILAN, individually; PETER K. LEE and MONICA L. LEE, as Trustees of the LEE FAMILY 2002 REVOCABLE TRUST; DOMINIC YIN, individually; ELIAS SHAMIEH, individually; JEFFREY QUINN, individually; BARBARA ROSE QUINN individually; KENNETH RICHE, individually; MAXINE RICHE, individually; NORMAN CHANDLER, individually; BENTON WAN, individually; TIMOTHY D. KAPLAN, individually; SILKSCAPE INC.; PETER CHENG, individually; ELISA CHENG, individually; GREG A. CAMERON, individually; TMI PROPERTY GROUP, LLC; RICHARD LUTZ, individually; SANDRA LUTZ, individually; MARY A. KOSSICK, individually; MELVIN CHEAH, individually; DI SHEN, individually; NADINE'S REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC; AJIT GUPTA, individually; SEEMA GUPTA, individually; FREDERICK FISH, individually; LISA FISH, individually; ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, individually; JACQUELIN PHAM, as Manager of Condotel 1906 LLC; MAY ANNE HOM, as Trustee of the MAY ANNE HOM TRUST;

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Respondents.

APPENDIX TO RESPONDENTS' REPLY TO APPELLANTS' SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO MAY 8, 2023 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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I hereby certify that I am an employee of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson, over the age of eighteen, and not a party to the within action. I further certify that on July 20, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which served the following parties electronically:

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10	MEI-GSR HOLDINGS, LLC., a Nevada	
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12	Defendant.	
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17	Pursuant to WDCR 12(5) the Court after a review	ew of the briefing and related documents and being
18	fully informed rules on MOTION TO CERTIF	Y AMENDED FINAL JUDGMENT AS FINAL
19	PURSUANT TO NRCP 54(b) ("Motion to Cer	tify") ¹ In an abundance of caution, the Motion to
20 21	Certify is granted.	
22	While it is clear that the claim for a Receiver has	s previously been adjudicated through the Order
23	Appointing Receiver and Directing Defendants'	Compliance filed January 7, 2015 ("Appointment
24	Order"), the oversight of the Receivership and t	he Receivership Estate is a continuing judicial
25	responsibility. The Court has repeatedly stated to	that it retains jurisdiction over the dissolution plan
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27 28	Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion to Certify Amended Final Judgment as	ent as Final Pursuant to NRCP 54(b) filed on May 26, 2023; Defendants' Final Pursuant to NRCP 54(b)(filed 5/26/23) filed on nded Final Judgment as Final Pursuant to NRCP 54(b) filed June 23, 2023.

detailed in the December 5, 2022 order, and the wind up of the Receivership. The December 5, 2022 order provides in pertinent part:

Therefore, the Court issues the following Orders:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Grand Sierra unit owners are allowed to proceed with their vote to terminate the GSRUOA and election to sell the Property as a whole. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to a sale of the Property as a whole, the Court shall enter an Order on motion to terminate and or modify the Receivership that addresses the issues of payment to the Receiver and his counsel, the scope of the wind up process of the GSRUOA to be overseen by the Receiver, as well as the responsibility for any amounts which are awarded as a result of the pending Applications for OSC.

It IS FURTHER ORDERED that no sale of the units at GSRUOA or the property rights related to the GSRUOA and the units which currently compose GSRUOA shall occur until further order of this Court which includes a process for the resolution of any retained claims by Plaintiffs and procedure for the determination of fair market value of Plaintiffs' units under NRS 116.2118 et seq..

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall provide supervision of the appraisal process of the units in order to assure that Plaintiffs are provided an opportunity to submit their own appraisal of their respective units for consideration and determination of the fair market value of the units and their allocated interests.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and anyone acting on their behalf are restrained from transferring, selling or otherwise alienating, the units at GSRUOA or the property rights related to the GSRUOA and the units which currently compose GSRUOA pending further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the bond posted by Plaintiffs in the amount of \$50,0000, following the Court's granting a Temporary Restraining Order on March 11, 2022, remain in place as adequate security for this Preliminary Injunction.

By choosing the process detailed under the December 5, 2022 preliminary injunction and moving forward with the termination of the GSRUOA under that framework, the Defendants have voluntarily elected to proceed with the process outlined in the December 5, 2022 order.

On February 6, 2023, the parties entered into a stipulation related to the termination and agreed that the agreement to terminate was consistent with the January 26, 2023 order filed at 11:06a.m. That order provides in pertinent part:

Any sale of the GSRUOA units will be conducted in accordance with the Court's December 5, 2022 Order.

Based upon the February 6, 2023 stipulation, on February 7, 2023 the Court entered an order approving the stipulation. In compliance with the February 7, 2023 order, the Receiver on February 14, 2023 executed the agreement to terminate and now is the trustee over the property interests previously held by the unit owners and GSRUOA pending approval of the sale.

As the Receiver's past due fees have now been paid, within 10 judicial days of this order, the Receiver shall file a written status report related to status of calculation of the actual historical permissible expenses for Defendants to deduct from the revenue of the Parties units as well as the amount of current expenses to deduct from ongoing revenue.

The Receiver's calculations, payment by Plaintiffs of any shortfall, and return of any excess expenses unilaterally deducted from the Plaintiffs' revenues by Defendants since the appointment of the Receiver may affect one of the accepted valuation methods. Additionally return of the reserve funds related to the recently completed contempt trial may affect another valuation methodology.

It is the Court's intention to complete the true up of these calculations and accounts prior to Plaintiffs submitting their appraisals for consideration by the Court as part of the dissolution plan set forth in the December 5, 2022 order.

Dated this 28th day June 2023.

Horf. Elizabeth Gonzalez Sr. District Court Judge

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18	Pursuant to WDCR 12(5) the Court after a review	of the briefing, exhibits, declarations, transcripts
19	and related documents and being fully informed re	ules on the APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY
20	RESTRAINING ORDER, AND MOTION FO	R PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ('the
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22	Injunctive Relief Motion") related to a meeting no	oticed by Defendants for March 14, 2022 to hold a
23	vote on whether the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Ow	vners Association ("GSRUOA") should be
24	dissolved.	
25	The Court makes the following factual findings:	
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	¹ The declarations considered include those filed on Match	28, 2022 after the March 25, 2022 hearing.
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The Court notes that at a hearing on March 11, 2022, the Court granted a temporary restraining order on the following:

...The meeting is scheduled for next Monday. I don't know how long it will take for the order to be prepared, reviewed by Mr. McElhinney, sent to you for a signing and everything, but I just want to make sure I understand that *the meeting next Monday is off*. THE COURT: That is correct, by virtue of court order. Yes.

Transcript of March 11, 2022, Hearing, page 42 lines 1-7. (Emphasis added.)

Although no written order was filed, a bond was posted by Plaintiffs in the amount of \$50,000 on March 11, 2022.

At the preliminary injunction hearing on March 25, 2022, the parties stipulated to an extension of the temporary restraining order pending resolution of the Injunctive Relief Motion. Transcript of March 25, 2022, Hearing, page 125.

The condominium-hotel arrangement at the Grand Sierra Resort constitutes a common-interest community.

The rights and obligations of all unit owners at the Grand Sierra Resort are defined in Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 116.

Each unit owner's Deed and Title to their Units at the Grand Sierra Resort, is subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations included in the Seventh Amendment to Condominium Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservations of Easements, ("7th Amended CC&Rs").

These covenants, conditions, restrictions and reservations limit the owner's property interest.

Section 9.1, appearing on pages 48 and 49 of the 7th Amended CC&Rs, provides as follows:

a. At a meeting duly called for such purpose and open to attendance by all Unit Owners, the Unit Owners by affirmative vote of the Unit Owners who own eighty percent (80%) or more in the aggregate of the entire percentage ownership interest in the Common Elements may elect to sell the Property as a whole. Within ten (10) days after the date of the meeting at which such sale is approved, the Board shall give written notice of such action to each First Mortgagee. Such action shall be binding upon all Unit Owners, and it shall thereupon

become the duty of every Unit Owner to execute and deliver such instruments and to perform all acts as in manner and form may be necessary to effect such sale.

Section 9.1 of the 7th Amended CC&Rs sets forth both a right and obligation of the unit owners that has been a part of their Deed and Title to their Units since the date they purchased their units. Defendants and its privies are currently the owner of over 80% of the units of GSRUOA.

The notice of the unit owners meeting at issue in these injunctive relief proceedings is Exhibit 3 to

the Injunctive Relief Motion. That notice complies with NRS 116 and Section 9.1 of the 7th Amended CC&Rs.

The Court has previously made Findings that Defendants are systematically attempting to increase the various fees in order to devalue the units. October 9, 2015 Order par. 142-143.

The Court has previously made Findings that Defendants breached the Unit Maintenance Agreement and the Unit Rental Agreement. October 9, 2015 Order par. 146.

The findings made in the October 9, 2015 Order do not preclude the Defendants, as owners of more then 80% of the units,² from proceeding under Section 9.1 of the 7th Amended CC&Rs.

The January 7, 2015 Order Appointing Receiver and Directing Defendants' Compliance provides:

Defendants, and their agents, servants and employees, and those acting in concert with them, shall not engage in or perform directly or indirectly, any or all of the following acts: a. Interfering with the Receiver, directly or indirectly, in the management and operation of the Property . . . c. Doing any act which will, or which will tend to, impair, defeat, divert, prevent or prejudice the preservation of the Property or the interest in the Plaintiffs in the Property

January 7, 2015 Order at page 8 lines 2-11. Defendants efforts under Section 9.1 of the 7th Amended CC&Rs do not violate this provision of the January 7, 2015 Order.

² See Paragraph 6 of Declaration of David C. McElhinney filed on March 17, 2022 as Exhibit 12 of the Opposition to the Injunctive Relief Motion.

The Receiver's authority is governed by the January 7, 2015 Order which gives certain authority over the management and operation of the GSRUOA but does not extend to oversight over ownership of the units.

The CC&R's constitute deed restrictions that limit and define Plaintiffs' interest in their units.

The judgment entered October 9. 2015 does not include the depreciation or diminution in value of the units. As with any type of sale, a unit owner may assign, retain or otherwise reserve such a claim from a transfer. These claims may have been preserved and may be retained by a unit owner, in this matter, at the time of any transfer.³

In deciding an injunctive relief motion the court is guided by NRCP 65 and NRS 33.010.

Under the statute, an injunction may be granted under the following circumstances:

1. When it shall appear by the complaint that the plaintiff is entitled to the relief demanded, and such relief or any part thereof consists in restraining the commission or continuance of the act complained of, either for a limited period or perpetually.

2. When it shall appear by the complaint or affidavit that the commission or continuance of some act, during the litigation, would produce great or irreparable injury to the plaintiff.

3. When it shall appear, during the litigation, that the defendant is doing or threatens, or is about to do, or is procuring or suffering to be done, some act in violation of the plaintiff's rights respecting the subject of the action and tending to render the judgment ineffectual.

Injunctive relief is equitable in nature and allows a Court to fashion a remedy balancing the interests of the parties that protects the right of the movant.

NRS 116.21184 governs the termination of a common-interest community.

³ To avoid confusion in this matter, a written notice of the intent to retain any of the claims must be made prior to the sale.

⁴ That statute provides:

^{1.} Except in the case of a taking of all the units by eminent domain, in the case of foreclosure against an entire cooperative of a security interest that has priority over the declaration, or in the circumstances described in NRS 116.2124, a common-interest community may be terminated only by agreement of units' owners to whom at least 80 percent of the votes in the association are allocated, or any larger percentage the declaration specifies, and with any other approvals required by the declaration. The declaration may specify a smaller percentage only if all of the units are restricted exclusively to nonresidential uses.

^{2.} An agreement to terminate must be evidenced by the execution of an agreement to terminate, or ratifications thereof, in the same manner as a deed, by the requisite number of units' owners. The agreement must specify a date after

NRS 116.2118(1), allows for the termination of a common-interest community by agreement of unit owners to whom at least 80% of the votes in the association are allocated.

NRS 116.2118(2), provides that an agreement to terminate the common interest community must be evidenced by the execution of an agreement to terminate, or ratifications thereof, in the same manner as a deed, by the requisite number of unit owners.

NRS 116.2118 (1), dictates that the respective interests of unit owners are the fair market value of their units.

Sale of the Plaintiffs' units will not operate to extinguish a unit owner's claims for damages which exist at the time of the "transfer" and are retained by a unit owner.

which the agreement will be void unless it is recorded before that date. An agreement to terminate and all ratifications thereof must be recorded in every county in which a portion of the common-interest community is situated and is effective only upon recordation.

^{3.} In the case of a condominium or planned community containing only units having horizontal boundaries described in the declaration, an agreement to terminate may provide that all of the common elements and units of the common interest community must be sold following termination. If, pursuant to the agreement, any real estate in the common interest community is to be sold following termination, the agreement must set forth the minimum terms of the sale.

^{4.} In the case of a condominium or planned community containing any units not having horizontal boundaries described in the declaration, an agreement to terminate may provide for sale of the common elements, but it may not require that the units be sold following termination, unless the declaration as originally recorded provided otherwise or all the units' owners consent to the sale.

^{5.} The association, on behalf of the units' owners, may contract for the sale of real estate in a common-interest community, but the contract is not binding on the units' owners until approved pursuant to subsections 1 and 2. If any real estate is to be sold following termination, title to that real estate, upon termination, vests in the association as trustee for the holders of all interests in the units. Thereafter, the association has all powers necessary and appropriate to effect the sale. Until the sale has been concluded and the proceeds thereof distributed, the association continues in existence with all powers it had before termination. Proceeds of the sale must be distributed to units' owners and lienholders as their interests may appear, in accordance with NRS 116.21183 and 116.21185. Unless otherwise specified in the agreement to terminate, as long as the association holds title to the real estate, each unit's owner and his or her successors in interest have an exclusive right to occupancy of the portion of the real estate that formerly constituted the unit. During the period of that occupancy, each unit's owner and his or her successors in interest remain liable for all assessments and other obligations imposed on units' owners by this chapter or the declaration.

^{6.} In a condominium or planned community, if the real estate constituting the common-interest community is not to be sold following termination, title to the common elements and, in a common-interest community containing only units having horizontal boundaries described in the declaration, title to all the real estate in the common-interest community, vests in the units' owners upon termination as tenants in common in proportion to their respective interests as provided in NRS 116.21185, and liens on the units shift accordingly. While the tenancy in common exists, each unit's owner and his or her successors in interest have an exclusive right to occupancy of the portion of the real estate that formerly constituted the unit.

^{7.} Following termination of the common-interest community, the proceeds of a sale of real estate, together with the assets of the association, are held by the association as trustee for units' owners and holders of liens on the units as their interests may appear.

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Plaintiffs' 04/25/22 Motion for Order to Show Cause (Defendants' contempt for violations of Court's orders, including 01/04/22 orders)

⁵ NRS 116.21185 Respective interests of units' owners following termination. The respective interests of units'

^{1.} Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the respective interests of units' owners are the fair market values of their units, allocated interests, and any limited common elements immediately before the termination, as determined by one or more independent appraisers selected by the association. The decision of the independent appraisers must be distributed to the units' owners and becomes final unless disapproved within 30 days after distribution by units' owners to whom 25 percent of the votes in the association are allocated. The proportion of interest of any unit's owner to that of all units' owners is determined by dividing the fair market value of that unit and its allocated interests by the total fair market values of all the units and their allocated interests.

^{2.} If any unit or any limited common element is destroyed to the extent that an appraisal of the fair market value thereto before destruction cannot be made, the interests of all units' owners are:

⁽a) In a condominium, their respective interests in the common elements immediately before the termination;

⁽b) In a cooperative, their respective ownerships immediately before the termination; and

⁽c) In a planned community, their respective liabilities for common expenses immediately before the termination..

Plaintiffs' 03/02/22 Motion for Order to Show Cause (Defendants' contempt for violations of Court's orders, including 01/04/22 orders)

Plaintiffs' 02/01/22 Motion for Order to Show Cause (Defendants' contempt for violations of Court's orders, including 01/04/22 orders)

Plaintiffs' 11/19/21 Motion for Order to Show Cause (Defendants' contempt for violating 01/17/15 Order) and, 12/23/21 Plaintiffs' 09/27/21 Motion for Order to Show Cause (Defendants' contempt for violating 01/17/15 Order) Plaintiffs' 2/11/21 Motion for Order to Show Cause (Defendants' contempt for violating 12/24/22 order) These are referred to collectively as the Applications for OSC.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and anyone acting on their behalf are restrained from transferring, selling or otherwise alienating, the units at GSRUOA or the property rights related to the GSRUOA and the units which currently compose GSRUOA pending further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the bond posted by Plaintiffs in the amount of \$50,0000, following the Court's granting a Temporary Restraining Order on March 11, 2022, remain in place as adequate security for this Preliminary Injunction.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in all other respects the Injunctive Relief Motion is denied.

Dated this 5th day December, 2022.

Hon. Elizabeth Gonzalez, (Ret.) Sr. District Court Judge

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 I certify that I am an employee of THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT; 3 that on the 5th day of December, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the 4 Clerk of the Court system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following: 5 DALE KOTCHKA-ALANES 6 DANIEL POLSENBERG, ESQ. 7 DAVID MCELHINNEY, ESQ. 8 BRIANA COLLINGS, ESQ. 9 ABRAN VIGIL, ESQ. 10 JONATHAN TEW, ESQ. 11 JARRAD MILLER, ESQ. 12 TODD ALEXANDER, ESQ. 13 F. SHARP, ESQ. 14 STEPHANIE SHARP, ESQ. 15 G. DAVID ROBERTSON, ESQ. 16 ROBERT EISENBERG, ESQ. 17 JENNIFER HOSTETLER, ESQ. 18 Holly W. Longe 19 20 21 22 23 24

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1	RENO, NEVADA, FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
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4	THE COURT: Thank you. So let me get through the
5	whole thing, and then if you want to ask questions or ask me
6	for clarification, please do. But I want to get through the
7	whole thing and I have been typing on it all week, so it's
8	four pages long single spaced.
9	Okay. Counsel, I want to thank all of you for the
10	professional and competent way in which you have all
11	participated in this difficult proceeding. As we all know,
12	I am the most recent in a long succession of Judicial
13	Officers assigned or making decisions in this matter. Those
14	include Discovery Commissioner Ayers, Judge Sattler,
15	Judge Sigurdson, Chief Judge Freeman, Senior Judge Kosach,
16	Senior Judge Maddox, Senior Justice Saitta, and Chief Judge
17	Simons.
18	I am not in a position to second-guess the
19	decisions of the Judicial Officers who have made decisions
20	before my assignment or to modify the decision that those
21	Officers have made.
22	Senior Judges assigned to a case under the Senior
23	Judge Program do not have a dedicated staff to rely upon to

24 assist with the necessary judicial tasks and do not have the

- 1 same electronic access as Judges in the Judicial District.
- 2 This creates substantial difficulty for any Senior who takes
- 3 on a case through the AOC under a CR10.
- 4 Regardless of the difficulties, my responsibility
- 5 in this matter is to get this case to the finish line, which
- 6 in this stage includes resolving the pending issues relating
- 7 to contempt before me, the dissolution plan detailed in the
- 8 December 5th, 2022 order, and the wind-up of the
- 9 receivership.
- 10 In addition to Gracie Dawson and the officers who
- 11 have assisted us during this contempt trial, I would like to
- 12 thank the administration of the Second Judicial District, in
- 13 particular Chief Judge Lynne Simons, Court Administrator
- 14 Alicia Lerud, and Judge Simons' JA Holly Longe who were
- 15 critical in providing the resources for my assignment.
- 16 With respect to this contempt trial, the order
- 17 appointing Receiver and directing Defendants' compliance
- 18 filed January 7th, 2015, which I will refer to as the
- 19 Appointment Order, is critical to my analysis. The
- 20 Appointment Order governs the conduct of the parties in this
- 21 matter.

22	The Appointment Order provides in pertinent part,
23	"It is further ordered that to enforce compliance with the
24	Governing Documents the Receiver shall have the following

1	powers and responsibilities and shall be authorized and
2	empowered to pay and discharge out of the Property's rents
3	and/or GSRUOA monthly dues collections all the reasonable
4	and necessary expenses of the receivership, and the costs
5	and expenses of operation and maintenance of the Property,
6	including all of the Receiver's and related fees, taxes,
7	governmental assessments and charges and the nature thereof
8	lawfully imposed upon the Property."
9	"It is further ordered that Defendants and any
10	other person or entity who may have possession, custody or
11	control of any property, including any of their agents,
12	representatives, assignees, and employees shall do the
13	following: Turn over to the Receiver all rents, dues,
14	reserves and revenues derived from the Property wherever and
15	in whatsoever mode maintained."
16	Regardless of the terms of the Appointment Order,
17	the Defendant chose not to pay any of the rents, dues,
18	reserves and revenues to the receivership estate. As a
19	result, the receivership estate was not funded. Therefore,

- 20 the Receiver was not paid for his ongoing work, and as a
- 21 result the Receiver made a decision not to continue with
- 22 those tasks which were assigned to him after the last
- 23 payment of his fees in October of 2019.
- 24 Despite repeated requests to the Court and the

- 1 parties over several years, the Defendants did not pay any
- 2 portion of the rents regardless of whatever interpretations
- 3 Defendants believed the definition of rents to be. This
- 4 failure to pay rents of any sort is the genesis of the
- 5 problems which have plagued the receivership estate and the
- 6 Receiver's work for many years.
- 7 Merely because Defendants believed the orders to
- 8 be wrong and the analysis of the Judicial Officers
- 9 misplaced, disobedience to these orders is not the
- 10 appropriate path. The correct path is an appeal under
- 11 NRAP 3(A) which is related to injunctive relief orders or
- 12 appointment of a receiver or failure to terminate the
- 13 receivership or a petition for extraordinary relief under
- 14 NRAP 21 and any associated motion to stay.
- 15 Instead, here the Defendant substituted their own
- 16 judgment for the judgment of the Receiver and the Court,
- 17 because Defendants disagreed with the assessment of

- 18 appropriate expenses by the Court and the Receiver.
- 19 The Defendants' dissatisfaction with the Court's
- 20 analysis is not a basis for the Defendants to replace those
- 21 determinations with their own preferred analysis. Simply,
- 22 disobedience of the orders is not the appropriate approach.
- 23 As a result of the multiple Judicial Officers that
- 24 have been assigned to this matter, at times different words

- 1 and phrases have been used in orders. The Judicial turnover
- 2 is relevant in this contempt trial.
- In order to hold a party in contempt under the
- 4 Nevada statutory process set forth under NRS 22.090, the
- 5 Presiding Judicial Officer must find by clear and convincing
- 6 evidence that there has been a knowing and willful violation
- 7 of a clear and unambiguous order. In this matter, ambiguity
- 8 exists because of the language in multiple orders related to
- 9 the term rent.
- 10 The Court is very critical of both the Defendants'
- 11 substitution of its own judgment and the Defendants' failure
- 12 to pay the undisputed amounts to the receivership estate
- 13 during the pendency of the receivership. During this trial,
- 14 for the first time Defendants submitted an undisputed amount
- of rents to the receivership estate in the amount of

- 16 \$274,679.44.
- 17 Given the ambiguity in the orders, the Court
- 18 concludes that these failures do not rise to the level of
- 19 contempt for four of the seven applications for OSC.
- 20 Defendants are to prepare an order reflecting this decision
- 21 on the applications filed September 27, 2021, November 19th,
- 22 2021, April 25th, 2022, and December 28th, 2022.
- 23 With respect to the May 23rd, 2023, Application
- 24 for Order to Show Cause, the Court recognizes the concerns

- 1 expressed by all parties and the Receiver about his ability
- 2 to rent the units during the period of the implementation of
- 3 the dissolution plan. As such, the Court declines to hold
- 4 the Defendants in contempt for failure to rent the units
- 5 during the limited period which is the subject of that
- 6 motion.
- 7 The Court modifies its March 14th, 2023, Order
- 8 filed at 12:42 p.m. to accommodate those issues. As those
- 9 units are now being rented through Defendants, the Court
- 10 orders that, one, Defendants will rent the units in a fair
- 11 rotation; two, rather than providing the gross rents or
- 12 revenue for the 95 units beneficially owned by the
- 13 Plaintiffs and 560 units beneficially owned by entities

- 14 affiliated with any of the Defendants as outlined in the
- 15 Appointment Order, GSR will pay its pro rata share of all
- 16 expenses of the receivership on a monthly basis as submitted
- 17 by the Receiver.
- 18 The amount of gross rents or revenue for the
- 19 95 units beneficially owned by the Plaintiffs will be
- 20 provided to the Receiver on a monthly basis after the
- 21 internal accounting controls by Defendants' Finance
- 22 Department have been completed.
- 23 Within 10 business days of receipt, the Receiver
- 24 will calculate the estimated expenses previously approved by

- 1 the Court as set forth in the January 26, 2023, order filed
- 2 at 8:31 a.m. and the pro rata share of expenses of the
- 3 receivership for the 95 units beneficially owned by the
- 4 Plaintiffs to be deducted from the gross rents and forward a
- 5 spreadsheet to all counsel by electronic mail calculating
- 6 the net rents to be paid to each unit owner, including those
- 7 entities affiliated with the Defendants.
- 8 Any objection to the calculation of the net rents
- 9 to be paid to each unit owner shall be filed within three
- 10 business days with an Application for Order Shortening Time
- 11 concurrently submitted to the Court. If no objection is

- 12 filed, or after a ruling by the Court on any objection, the
- 13 net rents will be distributed for the 95 units beneficially
- 14 owned by Plaintiffs.
- 15 Defendants will forward the pro rata share of
- 16 expenses of the receivership for the 95 units beneficially
- 17 owned by Plaintiffs after deduction from the gross rents of
- 18 the 95 units beneficially owned by Plaintiffs. If the
- 19 Receiver and MEI-GSR finance agree, the Receiver may provide
- 20 the spreadsheet with net rents to be paid to each unit
- 21 owner, including those entities affiliated with the
- 22 Defendants. Defendants may then process those payments.
- 23 If the Receiver and MEI-GSR finance do not agree
- 24 to the Defendants processing the payments, the Receiver

- shall process those payments and charge that work as an
- 2 expense of the receivership estate. The Court upon
- 3 application of the parties will true up the actual expenses
- 4 prior to the wind-up of the receivership. Plaintiffs are to
- 5 prepare an order reflecting this decision in an order
- 6 amending the March 14, 2023, order filed at 12:42 p.m.
- 7 With respect to the Applications for Order to Show
- 8 Cause filed February 1st, 2022, and December 29th, 2022, the
- 9 Appointment Order provides in pertinent part, "It is further

- 10 ordered that Defendants and any other person or entity who
- 11 may have possession, custody or control of any property,
- 12 including any of their agents, representatives, assignees,
- and employees shall do the following: Turn over to the
- 14 Receiver all rents, dues, reserves and revenues derived from
- 15 the Property wherever and in whatsoever mode maintained."
- This language is clear and unambiguous. While the
- 17 Receiver has testified that he initially chose to monitor
- 18 the existing reserve accounts rather than opening new
- 19 accounts, this did not change the entity who was in control
- 20 of those funds.
- 21 On September 15th, 2021, a request was renewed by
- 22 Receiver's counsel to transfer the funds, including the
- 23 reserve funds, regardless of the account the reserve funds
- 24 were in. Since the appointment of the Receiver, the reserve

- 1 funds have been under the control of the Receiver pursuant
- 2 to the Appointment Order.
- 3 Neither the Court nor the Receiver authorized any
- 4 withdrawal of funds from the reserve account. Although the
- 5 Defendants filed motions with the Court to approve certain
- 6 capital expenditures, they did not obtain a decision.
- 7 The Court finds by clear and convincing evidence

- 8 that Defendants willfully violated the Appointment Order by
- 9 withdrawing \$3,562,441.28 in 2021 and \$12,892,660.18 in 2022
- 10 from the reserve accounts without approval by the Receiver
- or the Court. These funds have not been returned to the
- 12 reserve accounts.
- 13 Defendants claim those amounts were largely for
- 14 prepayment of expenses for the remodel of the condominiums.
- 15 Less than 300 units have been remodeled, most owned by
- 16 entities affiliated with the Defendants. As the Association
- 17 has been dissolved at the request of Defendants prior to
- 18 completing the remodel, this wrongful conduct is magnified.
- 19 Despite the willful misappropriation of the
- 20 reserve funds by Defendants, the Court is limited to the
- 21 penalties in NRS 22.100. The Court orders the following:
- 22 Within 30 days of the entry of the written order, Defendants
- are to return the \$16,455,101.46 misappropriated from the
- 24 reserve fund along with interest that would have been earned

- 1 in the reserve account, or statutory interest, whichever is
- 2 higher, from the date of the withdrawals.
- Within 45 days of the entry of the written order,
- 4 transfer all of the reserve funds to a separate interest
- 5 bearing account designated by the Receiver. Fines will be

- 6 the maximum statutory amount under NRS 22.100(2) of \$500 for
- 7 this blatant and contemptuous conduct to be paid to the
- 8 Plaintiffs and determines the following additional
- 9 reasonable expenses under NRS 22.100(3) are to be paid by
- 10 Defendants:
- 11 The reasonable attorney fees for the Plaintiffs in
- 12 preparing orders from the contempt proceeding; 75 percent of
- 13 the reasonable attorney fees for the Plaintiffs preparing
- 14 for the contempt proceeding not previously ordered by the
- 15 Court, and 75 percent of the reasonable attorney fees for
- 16 the Plaintiffs participating in the contempt proceeding, and
- 17 the Plaintiffs' share of the reasonable expenses of the
- 18 Receiver in preparing for and testifying at the June 6
- 19 through 8 proceedings. The Plaintiffs are to prepare an
- 20 order related to this decision.
- 21 Questions? Okay. Thank you. We will be in
- 22 recess.
- 23 (Whereupon the proceedings concluded at 3:13 p.m.
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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

ALBERT THOMAS, individually; et al.,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Case No. CV12-02222 Dept. No. 10

MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, GRAND SIERRA RESORT UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Nevada nonprofit corporation, GAGE VILLAGE CÔMMERĈIAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and DOE DEFENDANTS 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

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ORDER APPOINTING RECEIVER AND DIRECTING DEFENDANTS' COMPLIANCE

This Court having examined Plaintiffs' Motion for Appointment of Receiver ("Motion"), the related opposition and reply, and with good cause appearing finds that Plaintiffs have submitted the credentials of a candidate to be appointed as Receiver of the assets, properties. books and records, and other items of Defendants as defined herein below and have advised the Court that this candidate is prepared to assume this responsibility if so ordered by the Court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to this Court's October 3, 2014 Order, and N.R.S. § 32.010(1), (3) and (6), effective as of the date of this Order, James S. Proctor, CPA, CFE, CVA and CFF ("Receiver") shall be and is hereby appointed Receiver over Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association, A Nevada Non-Profit Corporation ("GSRUOA").

The Receiver is appointed for the purpose of implementing compliance, among all condominium units, including units owned by any Defendant in this action (collectively, "the

passwords, and any other information, data, equipment or items necessary for the operations with respect to the Property, whether in the possession and control of Defendants or its principals, agents, servants or employees; provided, however that such books, records, and office equipment shall be made available for the use of the agents, servants and employees of Defendants in the normal course of the performance of their duties not involving the Property.

- iii. all deposits relating to the Property, regardless of when received, together with all books, records, deposit books, checks and checkbooks, together with names, addresses, contact names, telephone and facsimile numbers where any and all deposits are held, plus all account numbers.
- iv. all accounting records, accounting software, computers, laptops, passwords, books of account, general ledgers, accounts receivable records, accounts payable records, cash receipts records, checkbooks, accounts, passbooks, and all other accounting documents relating, to the Property.
- v. all accounts receivable, payments, rents, including all statements and records of deposits, advances, and prepaid contracts or rents, if applicable, including, any deposits with utilities and/or government entities relating to the Property.
- vi. all insurance policies relating to the Property.
- vii. all documents relating to repairs of the Property, including all estimated costs or repair.
- viii. documents reasonably requested by Receiver.
- b. To use or collect:
 - i. The Receiver may use any federal taxpayer identification number relating to the Property for any lawful purpose.
 - ii. The Receiver is authorized and directed to collect and; open all mail of GSRUOA relating to the Property.

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c. The Receiver shall not become personally liable for environmental contamination or health and safety violations.

- d. The Receiver is an officer and master of the Court and, is entitled to effectuate the Receiver's duties conferred by this Order, including the authority to communicate *ex.parte* on the record with the Court when in the opinion of the Receiver, emergency judicial action is necessary.
- e. All persons and entities owing, any money to GSRUOA directly or indirectly relating to the Property shall pay the same directly to the Receiver. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing; upon presentation of a conformed copy of this order, any financial institution holding deposit accounts, funds or property of GSRUOA turnover to the Receiver such funds at the request of the Receiver.

2. Employment

To hire, employ, and retain attorneys, certified public accountants; investigators, security guards, consultants, property management companies, brokers, appraisers, title companies, licensed construction control companies, and any other personnel or employees which the Receiver deems necessary to assist it in the discharge of his duties.

3. Insurance

a. To maintain adequate insurance for the Property to the same extent and, in the same manner as, it has heretofore been insured, or as in the judgment of the Receiver may seem fit and proper, and to request all presently existing policies to be amended by adding the Receiver and the receivership estate as an additional insured within '10-days of the entry of the order appointing the Receiver. If there is inadequate insurance or if there are insufficient funds in the receivership estate to procure adequate insurance, the Receiver is directed to immediately petition the court for instructions. The Receiver may, in his discretion, apply for any bond or insurance providing coverage for the Receiver's conduct and operations of the property, which shall be an expense of the Property, during the period in which the Property is uninsured or underinsured. Receiver shall not be personally responsible for any claims arising therefore.

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7. Reporting

- a. The Receiver shall prepare on a monthly basis, commencing the month ending 30 days after his appointment, and by the last day of each month thereafter, so long as the Property shall remain in his possession or care, reports listing any Receiver fees (as described herein below), receipts and disbursements, and any other significant operational issues that have occurred during the preceding month. The Receiver is directed to file such reports with this Court. The Receiver shall serve a copy of this report on the attorneys of record for the parties to this action.
- b. The Receiver shall not be responsible for the preparation and filing of tax returns on behalf of the parties.

8. Receivership Funds / Payments/ Disbursements

- a. To pay and discharge out of the Property's rents and/or GSRUOA monthly dues collections all the reasonable and necessary expenses of the receivership and the costs and expenses of operation and maintenance of the Property, including all of the Receiver's and related fees, taxes, governmental assessments and charges and the nature thereof lawfully imposed upon the Property.
- b. To expend funds to purchase merchandise, materials, supplies and services as the Receiver deems necessary and advisable to assist him in performing his duties hereunder and to pay therefore the ordinary and usual rates and prices out of the funds that may come into the possession of the Receiver.
- c. To apply, obtain and pay any reasonable fees for any lawful license permit or other governmental approval relating to the Property or the operation thereof, confirm the existence of and, to the extent, permitted by law, exercise the privilege of any existing license or permit or the operation thereof, and do all things necessary to protect and maintain such licenses, permits and approvals.
 - d. To open and utilize bank accounts for receivership funds.

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To present for payment any checks, money orders or other forms of payment e. which constitute the rents and revenues of the Property, endorse same and collect the proceeds thereof.

Administrative Fees and Costs 9.

- The Receiver shall be compensated at a rate that is commensurate with industry а. standards. As detailed below, a monthly report will be created by the Receiver describing the fee, and work performed. In addition, the Receiver shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred by the Receiver on behalf of the Property.
- The Receiver, his consultants, agents, employees, legal counsel, and professionals b. shall be paid on an interim monthly basis. To be paid on a monthly basis, the Receiver must serve, a statement of account on all parties each month for the time and expense incurred in the preceding calendar month. If no objection thereto is filed with the Court and served on the attorneys of record for the parties to this action on or within ten (10) days following service thereof, such statement of account may be paid by the Receiver. If an objection is timely filed and served, such statement of account shall not be paid absent further order of the Court. In the event objections are timely made to fees and expenses, the portion of the fees and expenses as to which no objection has been interposed may be paid immediately following the expiration of the ten-day objection period: The portion of fees and expenses to which: an objection has been timely interposed may be paid within ten (10) days of an agreement among the parties or entry of a Court order adjudicating the matter.
- Despite the periodic payment of Receiver's fees and administrative expenses, such fees and expenses shall be submitted to the Court for final approval and confirmation in the form of either, a stipulation among the parties or the, Receiver's final account and report.
- To generally do such other things as may be necessary or incidental to the d. foregoing specific powers directions and general authorities and take actions relating to the Property beyond the scope contemplated by the provisions set forth above, provided the Receiver obtains prior court approval for any actions beyond the scope contemplated herein.

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10. Order in Aid of Receiver

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Defendants, and their agents, servants and employees, and those acting in concert with them, and each of them, shall not engage in or perform directly or indirectly, any or all of the following acts:

- a. Interfering with the Receiver, directly or indirectly; in the management and operation of the Property.
- b. Transferring, concealing, destroying, defacing or altering any of the instruments, documents, ledger cards, books, records, printouts or other writings relating to the Property, or any portion thereof.
- c. Doing any act which will, or which will tend to, impair, defeat, divert, prevent or prejudice the preservation of the Property or the interest of Plaintiffs in the Property.
- d. Filing suit against the Receiver or taking other action against the Receiver without an order of this Court permitting the suit or action; provided, however, that no prior court order is required to file a motion in this action to enforce the provisions of the Order or any other order of this Court in this action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants and any other person or entity who may have possession, custody or control of any Property, including any of their agents, representatives, assignees, and employees shall do the following:

- a. Turn over to the Receiver all documents which constitute or pertain to all licenses, permits or, governmental approvals relating to the Property.
- b. Turn over to the Receiver all documents which constitute or pertain to insurance policies, whether currently in effect or lapsed which relate to the Property.
- c. Turn over to the Receiver all contracts, leases and subleases, royalty agreements, licenses, assignments or other agreements of any kind whatsoever, whether currently in effect or lapsed, which relate to .any interest in the Property.
- d. Turn over to the Receiver all documents pertaining to past, present or future construction of any type with respect to all or any part of the Property.

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SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

PEDERSON, individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LOU ANN PEDERSON, individually and as Trustee of the PEDERSON 1990 TRUST; LORI ORDOVER, individually; WILLIAM A. HENDERSON, individually; CHRISTINE E. HENDERSON, individually; LOREN D. PARKER, individually; SUZANNE C. PARKER, individually: MICHAEL IZADY, individually; STEVEN TAKAKI, individually: FARAD TORABKHAN, individually; SAHAR TAVAKOL, individually; M&Y HOLDINGS, LLC; JL&YL HOLDINGS, LLC; SANDI RAINES, individually; R. RAGHURAM, individually; USHA RAGHURAM, individually; LORI K. TOKUTOMI, individually; GARRET TOM, individually; ANITA TOM, individually; RAMON FADRILAN, individually; FAYE FADRILAN, individually; PETER K. LEE and MONICA L. LEE, as Trustees of the LEE FAMILY 2002 REVOCABLE TRUST; DOMINIC YIN, individually; ELIAS SHAMIEH, individually: JEFFREY OUINN,

1	individually; BARBARA ROSE QUINN
	individually; KENNETH RICHE,
2	individually; MAXINE RICHE, individually; NORMAN CHANDLER, individually;
3	BENTON WAN, individually; TIMOTHY D. KAPLAN, individually; SILKSCAPE INC.;
4	PETER CHENG, individually; ELISA
5	CHENG, individually; GREG A. CAMERON, individually; TMI PROPERTY
6	GROUP, LLC; RICHARD LUTZ,
	individually; SANDRA LUTZ, individually; MARY A. KOSSICK, individually; MELVIN
7	CHEAH, individually; DI SHEN, individually; NADINE'S REAL ESTATE
8	INVESTMENTS, LLC; AJIT GUPTA,
9	individually; SEEMA GUPTA, individually; FREDRICK FISH, individually; LISA FISH,
10	individually; ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, individually; JACQUELIN PHAM,
	individually, JACQUELIN FITAM, individually, MAY ANN HOM, as Trustee of
11	the MAY ANN HOM TRUST; MICHAEL HURLEY, individually; DOMINIC YIN,
12	individually; DUANE WINDHORST,
13	individually; MARILYN WINDHORST, individually; VINOD BHAN, individually;
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18	individually; SOO YEUN MOON,
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19	the WEISS FAMILY TRUST; PRAVESH
20	CHOPRA, individually; TERRY POPE, individually; NANCY POPE, individually;
21	JAMES TAYLOR, individually; RYAN TAYLOR, individually; KI HAM,
22	individually; YOUNG JA CHOI,
	individually; SANG DAE SOHN, individually; KUK HYUNG (CONNIE),
23	individually; SANG (MIKE) YOO, individually; BRETT MENMUIR, as Trustee
24	of the CAYENNE TRUST; WILLIAM
25	MINER, JR., individually; CHANH TRUONG, individually; ELIZABETH
26	ANDERS MECUA, individually; SHEPHERD MOUNTAIN, LLC; ROBERT
	BRUNNER, individually; AMY BRUNNER,
27	individually; JEFF RIOPELLE, individually; PATRICIA M. MOLL, individually;
28	DANIEL MOLL, individually; and DOE

1	PLAINTIFFS 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,
2	Plaintiffs,
3	vs.
4	MEI-GSR Holdings, LLC, a Nevada Limited
5	Liability Company, GRAND SIERRA RESORT UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION,
6	a Nevada nonprofit corporation, GAGE VILLAGE COMMERCIAL
7	DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and DOE DEFENDANTS
8	1 THROUGH 10, inclusive,
9	Defendants.
10	COME NOW Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs" or "Individual Unit Owners"), by and through their
11	counsel of record, Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson, and for their causes of action
12	against Defendants hereby complain as follows:
13	GENERAL ALLEGATIONS
14	The Parties
15	1. Plaintiff Albert Thomas is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
	California.
16 17	2. Plaintiff Jane Dunlap is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
	California.
18	3. Plaintiff John Dunlap is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
19	California.
20	4. Plaintiff Barry Hay is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
21	California.
22	5. Plaintiff Marie-Annie Alexander, as Trustee of the Marie-Annie Alexander Living
23	Trust, is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of California.
24	6. Plaintiff Melissa Vagujhelyi, as Co-Trustee of the George Vagujhelyi and Melissa
25	Vagujheyli 2001 Family Trust Agreement U/T/A April 13, 2001, is a competent adult and is a
26	resident of the State of Nevada.
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1	20.	Plaintiff Michael Izady is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of New
2	York.	
3	21.	Plaintiff Steven Takaki is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
4	California.	
5	22.	Plaintiff Farad Torabkhan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
6	New York.	
7	23.	Plaintiff Sahar Tavakol is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of New
8	York.	
9	24.	Plaintiff M&Y Holdings is a Nevada Limited Liability Company with its
10	principal plac	ce of business in Nevada.
11	25.	Plaintiff JL&YL Holdings, LLC is a Nevada Limited Liability Company with its
12	principal plac	ce of business in Nevada.
13	26.	Plaintiff Sandi Raines is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
14	Minnesota.	
15	27.	Plaintiff R. Raghuram is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
16	California.	
17	28.	Plaintiff Usha Raghuram is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
18	California.	
19	29.	Plaintiff Lori K. Tokutomi is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
20	California.	
21	30.	Plaintiff Garett Tom is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
22	California.	
23	31.	Plaintiff Anita Tom is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
24	California.	
25	32.	Plaintiff Ramon Fadrilan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
26	California.	
27	33.	Plaintiff Faye Fadrilan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
28	California.	

1	48.	Plaintiff Elisa Cheng is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
2	California.	
3	49.	Plaintiff Greg A. Cameron is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
4	California.	
5	50.	Plaintiff TMI Property Group, LLC is a California Limited Liability Company.
6	51.	Plaintiff Richard Lutz is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
7	California.	
8	52.	Plaintiff Sandra Lutz is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
9	California.	
10	53.	Plaintiff Mary A. Kossick is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
11	California.	
12	54.	Plaintiff Melvin H. Cheah is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
13	California.	
14	55.	Plaintiff Di Shen is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of Texas.
15	56.	Plaintiff Ajit Gupta is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
16	California.	
17	57.	Plaintiff Seema Gupta is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
18	California.	
19	58.	Plaintiff Fredrick Fish is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
20	Minnesota.	
21	59.	Plaintiff Lisa Fish is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of Minnesota.
22	60.	Plaintiff Robert A. Williams is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
23	Minnesota.	
24	61.	Plaintiff Jacquelin Pham is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
25	California.	
26	62.	Plaintiff May Ann Hom, as Trustee of the May Ann Hom Trust, is a competent
27	adult and is a	resident of the State of California.

1	63.	Plaintiff Michael Hurley is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
2	Minnesota.	
3	64.	Plaintiff Dominic Yin is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
4	California.	
5	65.	Plaintiff Duane Windhorst is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
6	Minnesota.	
7	66.	Plaintiff Marilyn Windhorst is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
8	Minnesota.	
9	67.	Plaintiff Vinod Bhan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
10	California.	
11	68.	Plaintiff Anne Bhan is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
12	California.	
13	69.	Plaintiff Guy P. Browne is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
14	California.	
15	70.	Plaintiff Garth Williams is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
16	California.	
17	71.	Plaintiff Pamela Y. Aratani is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
18	California.	
19	72.	Plaintiff Darleen Lindgren is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
20	Minnesota.	
21	73.	Plaintiff Laverne Roberts is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
22	Nevada.	
23	74.	Plaintiff Doug Mecham is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
24	Nevada.	
25	75.	Plaintiff Chrisine Mecham is a competent adult and is a resident of the State of
26	Nevada.	
27	76.	Plaintiff Kwangsoo Son is a competent adult and is a resident of Vancouver,
28	British Colu	nbia.

believe and thereon allege that each of the fictitiously named Defendant Does is liable to Plaintiffs in some manner for the occurrences that are herein alleged.

MEI-GSR's Control of the Unit Owners' Association is to Plaintiffs' Detriment

- 105. The Individual Unit Owners re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 102 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 106. The Grand Sierra Resort Condominium Units ("GSR Condo Units") are part of the Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association, which is an apartment style hotel condominium development of 670 units in one 27-story building. The GSR Condo Units occupy floors 17 through 24 of the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, a large-scale hotel casino, located at 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada.
- 107. All of the Individual Unit Owners: hold an interest in, own, or have owned, one or more GSR Condo Units.
 - 108. Defendants Gage Village and MEI-GSR own multiple GSR Condo Units.
 - 109. Defendant MEI-GSR owns the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.
- 110. Under the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservations of Easements for Hotel-Condominiums at Grand Sierra Resort ("CC&Rs"), there is one voting member for each unit of ownership (thus, an owner with multiple units has multiple votes).
- 111. Because Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village control more units of ownership than any other person or entity, they effectively control the Unit Owners' Association by having the ability to elect Defendant MEI-GSR's chosen representatives to the Board of Directors (the governing body over the GSR Condo Units).
- 112. As a result of Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village controlling the Unit Owners' Association, the Individual Unit Owners effectively have no input or control over the management of the Unit Owners' Association.
- 113. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village have used, and continue to use, their control over the Defendant Unit Owners' Association to advance Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Villages' economic objectives to the detriment of the Individual Unit Owners.

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114.	Defend	dants 1	MEI-G	SR	and	Gage	e V	'illages'	con	trol	of	the	Unit	Owner	s'
Association	violates	Nevad	a law	as	it d	efeats	the	purpose	of	forn	ning	and	main	taining	a
homeowners	s' associa	tion.													

- 115. Further, the Nevada Division of Real Estate requires a developer to sell off the units within 7 years, exit and turn over the control and management to the owners.
- 116. Under the CC&Rs, the Individual Unit Owners are required to enter into a "Unit Maintenance Agreement" and participate in the "Hotel Unit Maintenance Program," wherein Defendant MEI-GSR provides certain services (including, without limitation, reception desk staffing, in-room services, guest processing services, housekeeping services, Hotel Unit inspection, repair and maintenance services, and other services).
- 117. The Unit Owners' Association maintains capital reserve accounts that are funded by the owners of GSR Condo Units. The Unit Owners' Association collects association dues of approximately \$25 per month per unit, with some variation depending on a particular unit's square footage.
- 118. The Individual Unit Owners pay for contracted "Hotel Fees," which include taxes, deep cleaning, capital reserve for the room, capital reserve for the building, routine maintenance, utilities, etc.
- 119. Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically allocated and disproportionately charged capital reserve contributions to the Individual Unit Owners, so as to force the Individual Unit Owners to pay capital reserve contributions in excess of what should have been charged.
- 120. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Development have failed to pay proportionate capital reserve contribution payments in connection with their Condo Units.
- 121. Defendant MEI-GSR has failed to properly account for, or provide an accurate accounting for the collection and allocation of the collected capital reserve contributions.
- 122. The Individual Unit Owners also pay "Daily Use Fees" (a charge for each night a unit is occupied by any guest for housekeeping services, etc.).
- 123. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village have failed to pay proportionate Daily Use Fees for the use of Defendants' GSR Condo Units.

- 124. Defendant MEI-GSR has failed to properly account for the contracted "Hotel Fees" and "Daily Use Fees."
- 125. Further, the Hotel Fees and Daily Use Fees are not included in the Unit Owners' Association's annual budget with other assessments that provide the Individual Unit Owners' the ability to reject assessment increases and proposed budget ratification.
- 126. Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically endeavored to increase the various fees that are charged in connection with the use of the GSR Condo Units in order to devalue the units owned by Individual Unit Owners.
- 127. The Individual Unit Owners' are required to abide by the unilateral demands of MEI-GSR, through its control of the Unit Owners' Association, or risk being considered in default under Section 12 of the Agreement, which provides lien and foreclosure rights pursuant to Section 6.10(f) of the CC&R's.
- 128. Defendants MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village have attempted to purchase, and purchased, units devalued by their own actions, at nominal, distressed prices when Individual Unit Owners decide to, or are effectively forced to, sell their units because the units fail to generate sufficient revenue to cover expenses.
- 129. Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village have, in late 2011 and 2012, purchased such devalued units for \$30,000 less than the amount they purchased units for in March of 2011.
- 130. The Individual Unit Owners effectively pay association dues to fund the Unit Owners' Association, which acts contrary to the best interests of the Individual Unit Owners.
- 131. Defendant MEI-GSR's interest in maximizing its profits is in conflict with the interest of the Individual Unit Owners. Accordingly, Defendant MEI-GSR's control of the Unit Owners' Association is a conflict of interest.

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MEI-GSR's Rental Program

132. As part of Defendant MEI-GSR's Grand Sierra Resort and Casino business operations, it rents: (1) hotel rooms owned by Defendant MEI-GSR that are not condominium

units; (2) GSR Condo Units owned by Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village; and (3) GSR Condo Units owned by the Individual Condo Unit Owners.

- 133. Defendant MEI-GSR has entered into a Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement with Individual Unit Owners.
- 134. Defendant MEI-GSR has manipulated the rental of the: (1) hotel rooms owned by Defendant MEI-GSR; (2) GSR Condo Units owned by Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village; and (3) GSR Condo Units owned by Individual Condo Unit Owners so as to maximize Defendant MEI-GSR's profits and devalue the GSR Condo Units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 135. Defendant MEI-GSR has rented the Individual Condo Units for as little as \$0.00 to \$25.00 a night.
- 136. Yet, MEI-GSR has charged "Daily Use Fees" of approximately \$22.38, resulting in revenue to the Individual Unit Owners as low as \$2.62 per night for the use of their GSR Condo Unit (when the unit was rented for a fee as opposed to being given away).
- 137. By functionally, and in some instances actually, giving away the use of units owned by the Individual Unit Owners, Defendant MEI-GSR has received a benefit because those who rent the Individual Units frequently gamble and purchase food, beverages, merchandise, spa services and entertainment access from Defendant MEI-GSR.
- 138. Defendant MEI-GSR has rented Individual Condo Units to third parties without providing Individual Unit Owners with any notice or compensation for the use of their unit.
- 139. Further, Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically endeavored to place a priority on the rental of Defendant MEI-GSR's hotel rooms, Defendant MEI-GSR's GSR Condo Units, and Defendant Gage Village's Condo Units.
- 140. Such prioritization effectively devalues the units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 141. Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Village intend to purchase the devalued units at nominal, distressed prices when Individual Unit Owners decide to, or are effectively forced to,

sell their units because the units fail to generate sufficient revenue to cover expenses and have no prospect of selling their persistently loss-making units to any other buyer.

- 142. Some of the Individual Unit Owners have retained the services of a third party to market and rent their GSR Condo Unit(s).
- 143. Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically thwarted the efforts of any third party to market and rent the GSR Units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 144. Defendant MEI-GSR has breached the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement with Individual Condo Unit Owners by failing to follow its terms, including but not limited to, the failure to implement an equitable Rotational System as referenced in the agreement.
- 145. Defendant MEI-GSR has failed to act in good faith in exercising its duties under the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreements with the Individual Unit Owners.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Petition for Appointment of Receiver as to Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association)

- 146. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 143 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 147. Because Defendant MEI-GSR and/or Gage Village controls more units of ownership than any other person or entity, Defendant MEI-GSR and Gage Village effectively control the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association by having the ability to elect Defendant MEI-GSR's chosen representatives to the Board of Directors (the governing body over the GSR Condo Units).
- 148. As a result of Defendant MEI-GSR controlling the Grand Sierra Resort Unit-Owners' Association, Plaintiffs effectively have no input or control over the management of the Unit Owners' Association.

- 149. Defendant MEI-GSR has used, and continues to use, its control over the Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association to advance Defendant MEI-GSR's economic objectives to the detriment of Plaintiffs.
 - 150. Plaintiffs are entitled to a receiver pursuant to NRS § 32.010.
- 151. Pursuant to NRS § 32.010, the appointment of a receiver is appropriate in this case as a matter of statute and equity.
- 152. Unless a receiver is appointed, Defendant MEI-GSR will continue to control the Unit Owners' Association to advance Defendant MEI-GSR's economic objections to the detriment of Plaintiffs.
- 153. Without the grant of the remedies sought in this Complaint, Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law to enforce their rights and Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm unless granted the relief as prayed for herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendant Grand Sierra Resort Unit Owners' Association, as set forth below.

<u>SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u> (Intentional and/or Negligent Misrepresentation as to Defendant MEI-GSR)

- 154. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 151 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 155. Defendant MEI-GSR made affirmative representations to Plaintiffs regarding the use, rental and maintenance of the Individual Unit Owners' GSR Condo Units.
- 156. Plaintiffs are now informed and believe, and thereon allege, that these representations were false.
- 157. The Defendant MEI-GSR knew that the affirmative representations were false, in the exercise of reasonable care should have known that they were false, and/or knew or should have known that it lacked a sufficient basis for making said representations.

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	158.	The	representations	were	made	with	the	intention	of	inducing	Plaintif	fs	to
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and oth	nerwise	act, a	s set out above, i	in relia	ınce up	on the	repi	esentation	s.				

- 159. Plaintiffs justifiably relied upon the affirmative representations of Defendant MEI-GSR in contracting with Defendant MEI-GSR for the rental of their GSR Condo Units.
- 160. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant MEI-GSR's misrepresentations, Plaintiffs have been, and will continue to be, harmed in the manner herein.
- 161. Plaintiffs are further informed and believe, and thereon allege, that said representations were made by Defendant MEI-GSR with the intent to commit an oppression directed toward Plaintiffs by intentionally devaluing there GSR Condo Units. As a result, Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of exemplary damages against the Defendant, according to proof at the time of trial.
- 162. In addition, as a direct, proximate and necessary result of Defendant MEI-GSR's bad faith and wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and attorneys' fees and thus Plaintiffs hereby seek an award of said costs and attorneys' fees as damages pursuant to statute, decisional law, common law and this Court's inherent powers.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Breach of Contract as to Defendant MEI-GSR)

- 163. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 160 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 164. Defendant MEI-GSR has entered into a Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement (the "Agreement") with Individual Condo Unit Owners.
- 165. Defendant MEI-GSR has breached the Agreement with Individual Unit Owners by failing to follow its terms, including but not limited to, the failure to implement an equitable Rotational System as referenced in the agreement.

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- 166. The Agreement is an enforceable contract between Defendant MEI-GSR and Plaintiffs.
- 167. Plaintiffs have performed all of their obligations and satisfied all of their conditions under the Agreement, and/or their performance and conditions were excused.
- 168. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant MEI-GSR's breaches of the Agreement as alleged herein, Plaintiffs have been, and will continue to be, harmed in the manner herein alleged.
- 169. In addition, as a direct, proximate and necessary result of Defendant's bad faith and wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and attorneys' fees which they are entitled to recover under the terms of the Agreement.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

$(Quasi\text{-}Contract/Equitable\ Contract/Detrimental\ Reliance\ as\ to\ Defendant\ MEI\text{-}GSR)$

- 170. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 167 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 171. Defendant MEI-GSR is contractually obligated to Plaintiffs. The contractual obligations are based upon the underlying agreements between Defendant MEI-GSR and Plaintiffs, and principles of equity and representations made by MEI-GSR.
- 172. Plaintiffs relied upon the representations of Defendant MEI-GSR and trusted Defendant MEI-GSR with the marketing and rental of their GSR Condo Units.
- 173. Due to the devaluation of the GSR Condo Units caused by Defendant MEI-GSR's actions, the expenses they have had to incur, and their inability to sell the Property in its current state, Plaintiffs have suffered damages.
- 174. Defendant MEI-GSR was informed of, and in fact knew of, Plaintiffs' reliance upon its representations.

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GSR's profits and devalue the GSR Condo Units owned by Plaintiffs.

- 185. Every contract in Nevada has implied into it, a covenant that the parties thereto will act in the spirit of good faith and fair dealing.
- 186. Defendant MEI-GSR has breached this covenant by intentionally making false and misleading statements to Plaintiffs, and for its other wrongful actions as alleged in this Complaint.
- 187. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant MEI-GSR's breaches of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs have been, and will continue to be, harmed in the manner herein alleged.
- 188. In addition, as a direct, proximate and necessary result of Defendant MEI-GSR's bad faith and wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and attorneys' fees and thus Plaintiffs hereby seek an award of said costs and attorneys' fees as damages pursuant to statute, decisional law, common law and this Court's inherent powers.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Consumer Fraud/Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act Against Defendant MEI-GSR)

- 189. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 186 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 190. NRS § 41.600(1) provides that "[a]n action may be brought by any person who is a victim of consumer fraud."
- 191. NRS § 41.600(2) explains, in part, "consumer fraud' means . . . [a] deceptive trade practice as defined in NRS §§ 598.0915 to 598.0925, inclusive."
- 192. NRS Chapter 598 identifies certain activities which constitute deceptive trade practices; many of those activities occurred in MEI-GSR's dealings with Plaintiffs.
- 193. Defendant MEI-GSR, in the course of its business or occupation, knowingly made false representations and/or misrepresentations to Plaintiffs.

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1	194.	Defendant MEI-GSR failed to represent the actual marketing and rental practice	S
impleme	ented l	by Defendant MEI-GSR, as the Defendant was contractually and legally required	d
to do.			

- 195. Defendant MEI-GSR's conduct, as described in this Complaint, constitutes deceptive trade practices and is in violation of, among other statutory provisions and administrative regulations, NRS §§ 598.0915 to 598.0925.
- 196. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant MEI-GSR's deceptive trade practices, Plaintiffs have suffered damages.
- 197. Plaintiffs are also entitled to recover their costs in this action and reasonable attorneys' fees, as allowed by law.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Declaratory Relief as to Defendant MEI-GSR)

- 198. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 195 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 199. As alleged hereinabove, an actual controversy has arisen and now exists between Plaintiffs and Defendant MEI-GSR, regarding the extent to which Defendant MEI-GSR has the legal right to control the Grand Sierra Resort Unit-Owners' Association to advance Defendant MEI-GSR's economic objections to the detriment of Plaintiffs.
- 200. The interests of Plaintiffs and Defendant MEI-GSR are completely adverse as to the Plaintiffs.
- 201. Plaintiffs have a legal interest in this dispute as they are the owners of record of certain GSR Condo Units.
- 202. This controversy is ripe for judicial determination in that Plaintiffs have alluded to and raised this issue in this Complaint.

fiduciaries, managers, advisors, and investors.

- 210. Defendant MEI-GSR has not fulfilled its duties and obligations.
- 211. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that they are interested parties in the Defendant Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association and Defendant MEI-GSR's endeavors to market, maintain, service and rent Plaintiffs' GSR Condo Units.
- 212. Among their duties, Defendant Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association and Defendant MEI-GSR are required to prepare accountings of their financial affairs as they pertain to Plaintiffs.
- 213. Defendant Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association and Defendant MEI-GSR have failed to properly prepare and distribute said accountings.
 - 214. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to a full and proper accounting.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendants MEI-GSR and the Grand Sierra Unit Owners Association, as set forth below.

TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Specific Performance Pursuant to NRS 116.112, Unconscionable Agreement)

- 215. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 212 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference as if fully set forth below.
- 216. As alleged herein, Plaintiffs entered into one or more contracts with Defendant MEI-GSR, including the Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement and the Unit Maintenance Agreement.
- 217. The Grand Sierra Resort Unit Rental Agreement is unconscionable pursuant to NRS § 116.112 because MEI-GSR has manipulated the rental of the: (1) hotel rooms owned by Defendant MEI-GSR; (2) GSR Condo Units owned or controlled by Defendant MEI-GSR; and (3) GSR Condo Units owned by Individual Unit Owners so as to maximize Defendant MEI-GSR's profits and devalue the GSR Condo Units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
- 218. The Unit Maintenance Agreement is unconscionable pursuant to NRS § 116.112 because of the excessive fees charged and the Individual Unit Owners' inability to reject fee increases.

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1	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendant MEI-GSR, as see
2	forth below.
3 4	ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Unjust Enrichment / Quantum Meruit against Defendant Gage Village Development)
5	219. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through
6	216 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference
7	as if fully set forth below.
8	220. Defendant Gage Village has unjustly benefited from MEI-GSR's devaluation of
9	the GSR Condo Units.
10	221. Defendant Gage Village has unjustly benefited from prioritization of its GSR
11	Condo Units under MEI-GSR's rental scheme to the immediate detriment of the Individual Unit
12	Owners.
13	222. It would be inequitable for the Defendant Gage Village to retain those benefits
14	without full and just compensation to the Individual Unit Owners.
15	WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendant Gage Village, as se
16	forth below.
17 18	TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (Tortious Interference with Contract and /or Prospective Business Advantage against Defendants MEI-GSR and Gage Development)
19	223. Plaintiffs re-allege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through
20	220 of this Complaint as though fully stated herein and hereby incorporate them by this reference
21	as if fully set forth below.
22	224. Individual Unit Owners have contracted with third parties to market and rent their
23	GSR Condo Units.
24	225. Defendant MEI-GSR has systematically thwarted the efforts of those third parties
25	to market and rent the GSR Condo Units owned by the Individual Unit Owners.
26	226. Defendant MEI-GSR has prioritized the rental of GSR Condo Units Owned by
27	Defendant Gage Village to the economic detriment of the Individual Unit Owners.
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1	227.	Defendant Gage Village has worked in concert with Defendant MEI-GSR in its
2	scheme to dev	value the GSR Condo Units and repurchase them.
3	WHE	REFORE, Plaintiffs request judgment against the Defendants as follows:
4	1.	For the appointment of a neutral receiver to take over control of Defendant
5		Grand Sierra Unit Owners' Association;
6	2.	For compensatory damages according to proof, in excess of \$10,000.00;
7	3.	For punitive damages according to proof;
8	4.	For attorneys' fees and costs according to proof;
9	5.	For declaratory relief;
10	6.	For specific performance;
11	7.	For an accounting; and
12	8.	For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
13		AFFIRMATION
14	Pursua	ant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned does hereby affirm that this document does
15	not contain th	ne social security number of any person.
16	RESP	ECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26 th day of March, 2013.
17		ROBERTSON, JOHNSON, MILLER & WILLIAMSON
18		50 West Liberty Street, Suite 600 Reno, Nevada 89501
19		Reno, Nevada 67501
20		By: <u>/s/ Jarrad C. Miller</u> G. David Robertson, Esq.
21		Jarrad C. Miller, Esq. Jonathan J. Tew, Esq.
22		Attorneys for Plaintiffs
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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 2 Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I hereby certify that I am an employee of Robertson, Johnson, 3 Miller & Williamson, 50 West Liberty Street, Suite 600, Reno, Nevada 89501, over the age of 18, and not a party within this action. I further certify that on the 26th day of March, 2013, I 4 5 electronically filed the foregoing SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT with the Clerk of the Court by using the ECF system which served the following parties electronically: 6 7 Sean L. Brohawn, Esq. 50 W. Liberty Street, Suite 1040 Reno, NV 89501 9 Attorneys for Defendants / Counterclaimants 10 11 /s/ Kimberlee A. Hill An Employee of Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28