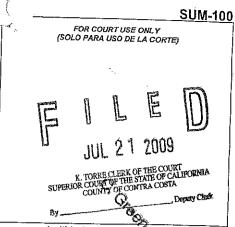
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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

WMC Mortgage Corporation; Regional Trustee Service Corporation; Homeq Services; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems; and

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Hermenegildo J. Caparas and Juanita R. Caparas



NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and iAVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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Superior Court California, County of Contra Costa

725 Court Street; Martinez, CA 94553

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

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(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): The Law Offices of Timothy McCandless; 15647 Village Drive; Victorville, CA 92392 (760) 298-2057

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To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1. check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

Auto Tort

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury) Property Damage/Wrongful Death)

Asbestos (04)

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Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24)

Medical Malpractice (45)

Medical Malpractice-

Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care

Malpractice

Other PI/PD/WD (23)

Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall)

Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of

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Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)

Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil

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Defamation (e.g., slander, libel)

(13)

Fraud (16)

Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25)

Legal Malpractice

Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Contract Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)

Breach of Rental/Lease

Contract (not unlawful detainer

or wrongful eviction)
Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller

Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence)

Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty

Other Breach of Contract/Warranty

Collections (e.g., money owed, open

book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff

Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally

complex) (18)

Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage Other Contract (37)

Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse

Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property

Mortgage Foreclosure

Quiet Title

Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or

foreclosure) Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)

Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal

drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)

Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)

Writ-Administrative Mandamus

Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review

Other Judicial Review (39)

Review of Health Officer Order

Notice of Appeal-Labor

Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)

Construction Defect (10)

Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)

Securities Litigation (28)

Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)

Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex

case type listed above) (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)

Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)

Confession of Judgment (non-

domestic relations)

Sister State Judgment

Administrative Agency Award

(not unpaid taxes)

Petition/Certification of Entry of

Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)

Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (non-

harassment)

Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint

Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint

(non-tort/non-complex)

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate

Governance (21) Other Petition (not specified

above) (43)

Civil Harassment

Workplace Violence

Elder/Dependent Adult

Abuse

Election Contest

Petition for Name Change

Petition for Relief From Late

Claim

Other Civil Petition

SUPERIOR COURT - MARTINEZ COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA MARTINEZ, CA, 94553

CAPARAS VS WMC

NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

CIVMSC09-02048

NOTICE: THE CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR:

12/08/09 7.1 DATE:

8:30 TIME:

THIS FORM, A COPY OF THE NOTICE TO PLAINTIFFS, THE ADR INFORMATION SHEET, A BLANK CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND A BLANK STIPULATION FORM ARE TO BE SERVED ON OPPOSING PARTIES. ALL PARTIES SERVED WITH SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT/CROSS-COMPLAINT OR THEIR ATTORNEY OF RECORD MUST APPEAR.

- You may stipulate to an earlier Case Management Conference. all parties agree to an early Case Management Conference, please contact the Court Clerk's Office at (925)957-5794 for Unlimited Civil cases and (925)957-5791 for Limited Civil cases for assignment of an earlier date.
- You must be familiar with the case and be fully prepared to participate effectively in the Case Management Conference and to discuss the suitability of this case for the EASE Program, private mediation, binding or non-binding arbitration, and/or use of a Special Master.
- At any Case Management Conference the court may make pretrial orders including the following:
 - an order establishing a discovery schedule
 - an order referring the case to arbitration
 - an order transferring the case to limited jurisdiction

an order dismissing fictitious defendants

an order scheduling exchange of expert witness information an order setting subsequent conference and the trial date

an order consolidating cases

- an order severing trial of cross-complaints or bifurcating
- an order determining when demurrers and motions will be filed

SANCTIONS

If you do not file the Case Management Conference Questionnaire or attend the Case Management Conference or participate effectively in the Conference, the court may impose sanctions (including dismissal of the case and payment of money).

Clerk of the Superior Court of Contra Costa County I declare under penalty of perjury that I am not a party to this action, and that I delivered or mailed a copy of this notice to the person representing the plaintiff/cross-complainant.

Dated: 07/21/09

C. GREEN, Deputy Clerk

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15		DECLARATORY RELIEF AND
16	WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION;	1. VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL
17	REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION; HOMEQ SERVICES;	CODE §2923.6; 2. VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND
18	MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC	PROFESSIONS CODE §17200; 3. BREACH OF COVENANT OF GOOD
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19	and DOES 1 through 50 inclusive	4. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; 5. VIOLATION OF CIVIL CODE §1572;
20		(0. FRAUD;
21	Defendants.	7. DECLARATORY RELIEF; 8. INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION;
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26	Plaintiffs, Hermenegildo J. Caparas and Juani	ta R. Caparas, (Hereinafter referred as "Plaintiffs")
27	allege herein as follows:)
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GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- Plaintiffs, Hermenegildo J. Caparas and Juanita R. Caparas at all times relevant have been residents of the County of Contra Costa, State of California and the owners of Real Property, including but not limited to the property at issue herein, 3554 Lovebird Way, Antioch, CA 94509. The Legal descriptions are as follows: Put in APN #075-422-003-6
- Defendant, WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (hereinafter "WMC MORTGAGE") at all times herein mentioned was doing business in the County of Contra Costa, State of California and was the original Lender for Plaintiff's Trust Deed and Note.
- 3. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., (hereinafter "MERS") at all times herein mentioned was presumed to being doing business in the County of Contra Costa, State of California and alleged to be the Beneficiary regarding Plaintiffs' Real Property as described above and as Situated in Contra Costa County California
- 4. Defendant, REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION, (hereinafter "REGIONAL") at all times herein mentioned was doing business in the County of Contra Costa, State of California and was listed on the Notice of Default and Notice of Trustee's Sale for the above named Real Property. (See Exhibit A Notice of Default and Exhibit B Notice of Trustee's Sale)
- Defendant, HOMEQ SERVICES, (hereinafter "HOMEQ") at all times herein mentioned was doing business in the County of Contra Costa, State of California and

was listed on the Notice of Default and Notice of Trustee's Sale for the above named Real Property.

- 6. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names and all persons unknown claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff(s title, or any cloud on Plaintiffs title thereto. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained.
- 7. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that, at all times herein mentioned each of the defendants sued herein was the agent and employee of each of the remaining defendants. Plaintiffs allege that each and every defendant alleged herein ratified the conduct of each and every other defendant. Plaintiffs further allege that at all times said defendants were was acting within the purpose and scope of such agency and employment.
- 8. Plaintiffs purchased the foregoing Real Property and on or about July 7, 2006 financed their purchase through WMC MORTGAGE by virtue of a Trust Deed and Notes securing the Loans.
- 9. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that directly after WMC MORTGAGE caused Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems ("MERS") to go on title as the "Nominee Beneficiary" this is routinely done in order to hide the true identity of the successive Beneficiaries when and as the loan was sold. MERS, however, acted as if they were the actual beneficiary although a Nominee is an entity in whose name a security is registered through true ownership is held by another party, in other words

MERS is not the Beneficiary but is used to hide the true identity of the Beneficiary. Based on this failure to disclose, and the lack of consideration paid by MERS, Plaintiffs allege that the Deed of Trust were never perfected and are a nullity as the MERS recording separates the Debt from the Lien, and this is more so especially upon a sale of the Note and Trust Deed.

- 10. Plaintiffs further allege that MERS acts as a Nominee for more than one principal, and conceals their identity therefore if a Nominee is the same as an agent MERS cannot act as an agent for multiple Banks, insurance and title companies and Mortgage Companies because of a serious Conflict of interest. In addition Plaintiff allege that a Deed of Trust cannot lawfully be held by a Nominee who has no financial interest in the instrument without disclosing the identity of the actual Beneficiary, and that if a party with no interest in the Note records it in their name the recorded deed is Nullity.
- 11. Plaintiffs further allege that MERS failure to transfer beneficial interests as the Note and deed are sold further renders the Deed recording a nullity.
- 12. Plaintiffs further allege that on or about July 7, 2006, Defendants allege that Plaintiffs became in default of their loan. (See Exhibit "A") However this default of the loan was occasioned by the high payments, the structure of the loan and interest rate. Furthermore, Plaintiffs were not in default because of the prior breach of the terms of the notes by Defendants, and each of them, and therefore, the performance of Plaintiffs is excused. In addition, the Declaration of Due Diligence is not attached to the Notice of Default or Notice of Trustee's Sale and therefore the pertinent information such as the required "penalty of perjury" and signature of a person with actual knowledge is missing which will be discussed later in the complaint.

13. Plaintiffs allege that the loan contract was procedurally and substantively unconscionable because while the Plaintiffs' stated income at the time of making the loan was unknown to plaintiff, whereas, the payment on the loan exceeded the Plaintiffs' entire spendable income, the employees and/or agents of WMC MORTGAGE did not disclose to Plaintiffs the terms and conditions of the repayment, and Plaintiffs executed documents without any explanation whatsoever.

- 14. Plaintiffs allege that the employees and/or agents of WMC MORTGAGE represented that said employees and/or agents could work-around the fact that Plaintiffs' credit was not in good standing and could get Plaintiffs approved for the loan. Defendants did not disclose at any time to Plaintiffs that the initial loan payment would exceed their entire income. Plaintiffs allege that the loan contract, deed of trust and accompanying documents were offered to Plaintiffs on a take it or leave it basis.
- 15. Further, on information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that the Defendants charged and obtained improper fees for the placement of their loan as "sub-prime" when they qualified for a prime rate mortgage which would have generated less in fees and interest.
- 16. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that the service of the purported note was, without their knowledge, by some means transferred from or by Defendant WMC MORTGAGE either completely or by association or other means to MERS who unknown to Plaintiffs provided services in various forms to be determined to others which were of such a nature to render them a "Servicer."
- 17. Also on July 7, 2006 Plaintiffs executed a "Deed of Trust" which cited the lenders WMC MORTGAGE and stating in the definition section that:

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- (E) "MERS" is a Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. MERS is the beneficiary under this Security Instrument.
- 18. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant WMC MORTGAGE and a superior bargaining strength over Plaintiff, and that Plaintiffs was relegated only the opportunity to adhere to the contract or reject it, that WMC MORTGAGE drafted all of the documents related to the loan, that no negotiations were possible between Plaintiffs and WMC MORTGAGE, and MERS, and that the contract was a contract of adhesion.
- 19. Plaintiff alleges that the loan was unconscionable in that the repayment terms were unfair and unduly oppressive, because the payments exceeded Plaintiffs entire combined income and as such, Defendants, and each of them, cannot enforce the terms and conditions of the loan against Plaintiffs, and any non-judicial foreclosure arising there from is void.
 - 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, entered into a fraudulent scheme, the purpose of which was to make a loan to Plaintiff, which Defendants, and each of them, were keenly aware that Plaintiff could not afford, at a cost way above the then prevailing market rate, made loans to Plaintiff and falsely represented to Plaintiff that they could not qualify for any other financing, that Plaintiff could not qualify under any reasonably underwriting guidelines, that such scheme was devised to extract illegal and undisclosed compensation from Plaintiff by virtue of an undisclosed yield spread premium and which Defendants, and each of them, shared in some presently unknown percentage.

- 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes and therefore alleges that their loans after they were originated and funded were sold on multiple occasions, bundled into a group of Trust Deeds and subsequently sold to investors as a Derivative, "Mortgage Backed Security", and that therefore none of these defendants, and each of them, owned this loan, or Note and cannot be and are not the Beneficiary, or lawfully appointed trustee, and have no right to declare a default, to cause notices of default to issue or to be recorded, or to foreclose on Plaintiffs interest in the subject property, Defendants, and each of them, were not the note Holder or the Note holder in due course or any Beneficiary at any time in regards to this loan.
- 22. That none of these Defendants, and each of them, were ever disclosed as the beneficiary in accordance with California Code of Civil Procedure section 2924 et seq.

Moreover The California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1137, impacting residential mortgage lenders, foreclosure procedures and eviction procedures. The Governor has signed this law into effect and it has taken effect as Urgency Legislation. The law has three pertinent parts. It amends California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1161(b) regarding notice of an eviction. It adds a provision strengthening the right of local governments to adopt "blight" ordinances and moreover, it modifies the non-judicial foreclosure procedures set forth in California Civil Code Section 2924. The legislature recognized that the need for such legislation by stating as follows:

"...It is essential to the economic health of California for the state to ameliorate the deleterious effects on the state economy and local economies and the California housing market that will result from the continued foreclosures of residential properties in unprecedented numbers by modifying the foreclosures process to require mortgagees, beneficiaries, or authorized agents to contact borrowers and explore options that could avoid foreclosure..."

This law is effective immediately and extends on to January 1, 2013. This law impacts owner-occupied primary residences only and only loans made on January 1, 2003 and December 3, 2007. California *Civil Code Section 2924* states in part:

Foreclosure:

The primary purpose for the Statute is foreclosure procedures and imposes an unprecedented duty upon lenders relating to contact with borrowers. The Statute amends provisions of the non-judicial foreclosure procedures found in California Code of Civil Procedure §2924, by adding requirements for meetings, due diligence, and notification of counseling. Some of the more important provisions include all of the following:

- The lender, beneficiary or authorized agent must wait thirty (30) days after contact is made with the borrower, or thirty days (30) after satisfying the due diligence requirements set forth in the Statute, in order to commence the filing of a Notice of Default.
- The contact requires that the borrower's financial situation be assessed and requires that the borrower and lender explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure.

This was not done by plaintiff or the lender.

- The Statute requires the lender or their authorized agent to advise the borrower that the borrower has the right to a subsequent meeting within fourteen (14) days of the initial contact.
- The borrower is to be provided a toll free telephone number available at HUD for certified housing counseling agencies.
- The borrower may designate an authorized agent, such as a counseling service,
 REALTOR® or attorney, to act as their authorized agent but must expressly approve any workout agreement reached by that agent.

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 The Notice of Default must include a declaration indicating that the lender has made the contact or made a diligent effort to make the contact and will not apply in the event of surrender of the property.

- If the Notice of Default was already recorded prior to the date of the Statute, this declaration must be included in Notices of Sale.
- In the event that the lender is initially unable to contact the borrower, they must attempt telephone contact on three separate occasions at three different times.
- The lender must provide the borrower with an (800) number that will be answered by a live person during normal business hours and provide certain links to web pages. The web page must be a prominent link and must link to the following information:
- Options for borrowers who cannot afford their payments.
- A list of financial documents to gather when discussing their options.
- A toll-free telephone number available by HUD for certified counseling services.
- A toll-free telephone number for borrower's to discuss options to avoid foreclosure with the lender or lender's representative.

Defendants did not fully comply with this code therefore the title is not duly perfected.

- 23. Plaintiffs further allege on information and belief that none of these alleged beneficiaries or representatives of the Beneficiary have the original note to prove that they are in fact the party authorized to conduct the foreclosure.
- 24. Plaintiffs further allege that the foreclosure sale of the Subject Property was not executed in accordance with the requirements of California Civil Code Sections 2923.5, 2932.5 and Commercial Code section 3302 et seq.

25. That the notices and foreclosure failed to conform with the provisions of California Civil Code Sections 2923.5, 2932.5 et seq., and Commercial Code section 3302 et seq. Furthermore, the Notice of Default did not have the required declaration of due diligence with a penalty of perjury disclosure by a agent with personal knowledge. Therefore, it is not a valid Notice of Default.

- 26. Plaintiffs further allege that California Civil Code section 2924 et seq. and its subparts are being applied to Plaintiffs in a manner that is unlawful, because at least in part the party acting as the Trustee proceeded with the foreclosure of Plaintiffs Subject Property notwithstanding the fact that the Trustee was not in possession of the original Note, that the Note when it was assigned, the assignment by WMC MORTGAGE and its assigns, did not covey the power of sale because it violated the terms of California Civil Code section 2932.5, that the assignment when it was made, that the Note executed by Plaintiff was no longer a negotiable instrument because the assignment was not physically applied to the Note pursuant to the holding of *Pribus v. Bush*, (1981) 118 Cal.App.3d 1003, 173 Cal.Rptr. 747, although there was sufficient room on the back of the Note to complete the assignment, and as such the foreclosure of Plaintiff's subject property did not conform to the strict mandates of Civil Code section 2924.76.
- 27. Plaintiffs allege that the employees and/or agents of WMC MORTGAGE represented that said employees and/or agents could work-around the fact that Plaintiffs' credit was not in good standing and could get Plaintiffs approved for the loan. Defendants did not disclose at any time to Plaintiffs that the initial loan payment would exceed their entire income.

28. Plaintiffs allege that the loan contract, deed of trust and accompanying documents were offered to Plaintiffs on a take it or leave it basis.

- 29. That by virtue of the method and manner of Defendants carrying out Civil Code section 2924 et seq., the foreclosure of the Subject Property is void ab initio as a matter of law.
- 30. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants, and each of them, are engaged in and continue to engage in violations of California law including but, not limited to: Civil Code section 2924 et seq. and 2932.5 et seq., and unless restrained will continue to engage in such misconduct, and that a public benefit necessitates that Defendants be restrained from such conduct in the future.

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE FINDINGS

- 31. Recently, the California Legislature found and declared the following in enacting California Civil Code 2923.6 on July 8, 2008:
 - (a) California is facing an unprecedented threat to its state economy because of skyrocketing residential property foreclosure rates in California. Residential property foreclosures increased sevenfold from 2008 to 2007, in 2007, more than 84,375 properties were lost to foreclosure in California, and 254,824 loans went into default, the first step in the foreclosure process.
 - (b) High foreclosure rates have adversely affected property values in California, and will have even greater adverse consequences as foreclosure rates continue to rise. According to statistics released by the HOPE NOW Alliance the number of completed California, foreclosure sales in 2007' increased almost

threefold from 2002 in the first quarter to 5574 in the fourth quarter of that year. Those same statistics report that 10,556 foreclosure sales, almost double the number for the prior quarter, were completed just in the month of January 2008. More foreclosures means less money for schools, public safety, and other key services.

- (c) Under specified circumstances, mortgage lenders and servicers are authorized under their pooling and servicing agreements to modify mortgage loans when the modification is in the best interest of investors. Generally, that modification may be deemed to be in the best interest of investors when the net present value of the income stream of the modified loan is greater than the amount that would be recovered through the disposition of the real property security through a foreclosure sale.
- (d) It is essential to the economic health of California for the state to ameliorate the deleterious effects on the state economy and local economies and the California housing market that will result from the continued foreclosures of residential properties in unprecedented numbers by modifying the foreclosure process to require mortgagees, beneficiaries, or authorized agents to contact borrowers and explore options that could avoid foreclosure. These Changes in accessing the state's foreclosure process are essential to ensure that the process does not exacerbate the current crisis by adding more foreclosures to the glut of foreclosed properties already on the market when a foreclosure could have been avoided. Those additional foreclosures will further destabilize the housing market with significant, corresponding deleterious effects on the local and state economy.

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paying borrowers do not know their lenders may offer alternative to help them
Corporation (Freddie Mac) on January 31, 2008, 57 percent of the nation's late-
(e) According to a survey released by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage

(f) As reflected in recent government and industry-led efforts to help troubled borrowers, the mortgage foreclosure crisis impacts borrowers not only in nontraditional loans, but also many borrowers in conventional loans.

(g) This act is necessary to avoid unnecessary foreclosures of residential properties and thereby provide stability to California's statewide and regional economies and housing market by requiring early contact and communications between mortgagees, beneficiaries, or authorized agents and specified borrowers to explore options that could avoid foreclosure and by facilitating the modification or restructuring of loans in appropriate circumstances.

32. "Operation Malicious Mortgage" is a nationwide operation coordinated by the U.S.

Department of Justice and the FBI to identify, arrest, and prosecute mortgage fraud violators." San Diego Union Tribune, June 19, 2008. As shown below, Plaintiffs were

victims of such mortgage fraud.

33. "Home ownership is the foundation of the American Dream. Dangerous mortgages have put millions of families in jeopardy of losing their homes." CNN Money, December 24, 2007. The Loan which is the subject of this action to Plaintiff is of such

character.

34. "Finding ways to avoid preventable foreclosures is a legitimate and important concern of public policy. High rates of delinquency and foreclosure can have substantial

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spillover effects on the housing market, the financial markets and the broader
economy. Therefore, doing what we, can to avoid preventable foreclosures is not jus
in the interest of the lenders and borrowers. It's in everybody's best interest." Ber
Bernanke, Federal Reserve Chairman, May 9, 2008.

- 35. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants had the duty to prevent such foreclosure, but failed to so act.
- 36. "Most of these homeowners could avoid foreclosure if present loan holders would modify the existing loans by lowering the interest rate and making it fixed, capitalizing the arrearages, and forgiving a portion of the loan. The result would benefit lenders, homeowners, and their communities." CNN Money, id.
- 37. On behalf of President Bush, Secretary Paulson has encouraged lenders to voluntarily freeze interest rates on adjustable-rate mortgages. Mark Zandl, chief economist for Mood's commented, "There is no stick in the plan. There are a significant number of investors who would rather see homeowners default and go into foreclosure." San Diego Union Tribune, id.
- 38. "Fewer than 1% of homeowners have experienced any help "from the Bush-Paulson plan." San Diego Union Tribune, id. Plaintiffs' are not of that sliver that have obtained help.
- 39. The Gravamen of Plaintiff's complaint is that Defendants violated State laws which were specifically enacted to protect such abusive, deceptive, and unfair conduct by Defendants, and that Defendants cannot legally enforce a non-judicial foreclosure.
- 40. Plaintiff is a "debtor" as defined by the Rosenthal Act, California Civil Code 1788.2(h).

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- 42. Defendants regularly attempt to collect consumer debts alleged to be due to another.
- 43. Defendants are "debt collectors" as defined by the Rosenthal Act, *California Civil Code* §1788.2(c).
- 44. The purported debt which Defendants attempted to collect from Plaintiff was a "consumer debt" as defined by the Rosenthal Act, *California Civil Code §1788.2(f)*.

Defendants Are Not Holders In Due Course Since Plaintiff Was Duped Into An Improper Loan And There Is No Effective Endorsement:

- 45. Plaintiff incurred a "debt" as that term is defined by California Civil 17 Code \$1788(d), when he obtained a Loan on their Personal Residence.
- 46. The loan is memorialized via a Deed of Trust and Promissory Note, each of which contain an attorney fees provision for the lender should they prevail in the enforcement of their contractual rights.
- 47. Plaintiff has no experience beyond basic financial matters.
- 48. Plaintiff was never explained the full terms of their loan, including but not limited to the rate of interest how the interest rate would be calculated, what the payment schedule should be, the risks and disadvantages of the loan, the prepay penalties, the maximum amount the loan payment could arise to.
- 49. Certain fees in obtaining the loan, were also not explained to the Plaintiff, including but not limited to "underwriting fees," "MERS registration fee," "appraisal fees," "broker fees", "loan tie in fees," etc.

 50. A determination of whether Plaintiff would be able to make the payments as specified in the loan was never truly made.

- 51. Plaintiff's income was never truly verified.
- 52. Plaintiff was rushed when signing the documents; the closing process provided no time for review and took minutes to accomplish.
- 53. Plaintiff could not understand any of the documents and signed them based on representations and the trust and confidence the Plaintiff placed in Defendants' predecessors.
- 54. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors established and implemented the policy of failing to disclose material facts about the Loan, failing to verify Plaintiff's income, falsifying Plaintiff's income, agreeing to accept a Yield Spread Premium, and causing Plaintiff's Loan to include a penalty for early payment.
- 55. Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors established such policy so as to profit, knowing that Plaintiff would be unable to perform future terms of the Loan.
- 56. Plaintiff was a victim of Fraud in the Factum since the forgoing misrepresentations caused them to obtain the home loan without accurately realizing, the risks, duties, or obligations incurred.
- 57. The Promissory Note contains sufficient space on the note itself for endorsement whereby any assignment by allonge is ineffective pursuant to *Pribus v. Bush*, 118 Cal. App. 3d 1003 (May 12, 1981).

58. Defendants are not holders in due course due to Fraud in Factum and ineffective endorsement.

Defendants' Lack Standing To Conduct A Non-Judicial Foreclosure Pursuant To California Civil Code 2932.5

- 59. Defendants have no standing to enforce a non-judicial foreclosure.
- 60. Defendants are strangers to this transaction, and have no authority to go forward with the foreclosure and Trustee's Sale.
- 61. Plaintiff executed a Promissory Note (hereinafter the "Note") and a Deed of Trust to WMC MORTGAGE.
- 62. WMC MORTGAGE is the Lender and only party entitled to enforce the Note and any security interest with it.
- 63. REGIONAL is not listed anywhere in the Deed of Trust or Promissory Note.
- 64. HOMEQ is not listed anywhere in the Deed of Trust or Promissory Note
- 65. In California, California Civil Code § 2932.5 governs the Power of sale under an assigned mortgage, and provides that the power of sale can only vest in a person entitled to money payments: "Where a power to sell real property is given to a mortgagee, or other encumbrancer, in an instrument intended to secure the payment of money, the power is part of the security and vests in any person who by assignment becomes entitled to payment of the money secured by the instrument. The power of sale may be exercised by the assignee if the assignment is duly acknowledged and recorded."
- 66. The Contra Costa County Recorder's Office does not contain any evidence of a recorded assignment from WMC MORTGAGE.

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- 67. REGIONAL and HOMEQ have never assigned their rights under the Note.
- 68. The power of sale may not be exercised by any of the Defendants since there was never an' acknowledged and recorded assignment pursuant to *California Civil Code* § 2932.5.
- 69. Since the Defendants did not comply with California Civil Code § 2932.5, the Notice of Default provisions of California Civil Code § 2924 were likewise never complied with.
- 70. REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION never complied with the Notice of Default provisions of *California Civil Code §2924*. (See Exhibit "B")
- 71. HOMEQ SERVICES never complied with the Notice of Default provisions of California Civil Code §2924.

Defendants' Lack of Standing to Enforce A Non-Judicial Foreclosure Pursuant To California Commercial Code § 3301

- 72. A promissory note is person property and the deed of trust securing a note is a mere incident of the debt it secures, with no separable ascertainable market value. California Civil Code §§ 657, 663. Kirby v. Palos Verdes Escrow Co., 183 Cal. App. 3d 57, 62.
- 73. Any transfers of the notice and mortgage fundamentally flow back to the note:

 "The assignment of a mortgage without a transfer of the Indebtedness confers no right,
 since debt and security are inseparable and the mortgage alone is not a subject of
 transfer, " Hyde v. Mangan (1891) 88 Cal. 319, 26 P 180, 1891 Cal LEXIS 693;
 Johnson v, Razy (1919)181 Cal 342, 184 P 657; 1919 Cal LEXIS 358;

Bowman v. Sears (1923, Cal App) 63 Cal App 235, 218 P 489, 1923 Cal App Li	EXIS
199; Treat v. Burns (1932) 216 Cal 216, 13 P2d,724, 1932 Cal LEXIS 554.	

- 80. "A mortgagee's purported assignment of the mortgage without an assignment of the debt which is secured is a legal nullity." Kelley V. Upshaw (1952) 39 Cal 2d 179, 246 P2d 23, 1952 Cal. LEXIS 248.
- 74. "A trust deed has no assignable quality independent of the debt; it may not be assigned or transferred apart from the debt; and an attempt to assign the trust deed without a transfer of the debt is without effect." Domarad v. Fisher & Burke, Inc. (1969 Cal. App. 1st Dist) 270 Cal. App. 2d 543, 76 Cal. Rptr. 529, 1969 Cal. App. LEXIS 1556.
- 75. The Promissory Note is a negotiable instrument.
- 76. Transferring a Deed of Trust by itself does not allow enforcement of the instrument unless the Promissory Note is properly negotiated.
- 77. Where an instrument has been transferred, enforceability is determined based upon possession.
- 78. California Commercial Code § 3301 limits a negotiable instrument's enforcement to the following:

"Person entitled to enforce" an Instrument means (a) the holder of the instrument, (b) a nonholder in possession of the instrument who has the rights of a holder, or (c) a person not in possession of the instrument who is entitled to enforce the instrument pursuant to

- 79. None of the Defendants are present holders of the instrument.
- 80. None of the Defendants are nonholders in possession of the instrument who has rights of the holder.
- 81. None of the Defendants are entitled to enforce the instrument pursuant to section 3309 or subdivision (d) of Section 3418.
- 82. Defendants have no enforceable rights under *California Commercial Code 3301(a)* to enforce the negotiable instrument.
- 83. Since there is no right to enforce the negotiable instrument, the Notice of Default provisions of *California Civil Code § 2924* and Notice of Sale provisions of *California Civil Code § 2924(f)* were likewise never complied with, and there is no subsequent incidental right to enforce any deed of trust and conduct a non-judicial foreclosure.
- 84. That the Trustee and the loan servicer are acting as agents of the Beneficiary and signing documents as the agent of the agent of the agent of the Beneficiary for Plaintiffs Notes and the notices therein, notwithstanding the fact that the Notes were not negotiable prior to the sale of the Subject Property.
- 85. That by virtue of the method and manner of Defendants carrying out Civil Code section 2924 et seq., the foreclosure of the Subject Property is void ab initio as a matter of law.
- 86. MERS was NOT and never has been a Beneficiary of this loan or any other. MERS is solely a registration service for tracking these Trust Deeds and mortgages and also

the Notes. MERS records these Trust Deeds in their name as a "nominee", with NO actual ownership interest in these Loans, the purpose is allegedly to allow the sale and transfer of these instruments without the need for further recordation, however what actually occurs is that the real Beneficiary remains obscured, and unknown. In addition MERS is NOT a TRUSTEE and has no right to collect any TD payments on the Note, neither does MERS have any right to enforce the notes or to be a party in any Foreclosure proceedings. Yet MERS has represented itself under oath in this case to be the BENEFICIARY and in that "stated" but "false" capacity has unlawfully nominated a successive trustee.

- 87. While MERS remain on title as a "nominee" for the TD and Note both are sold on several occasions afterward and ultimately bundled as a security and sold to a final investor. MERS actually helps to conceal the real beneficiary which is in violation of California statutory law, Cal. Civ. Code Sec. 2924 et. Seq. The Beneficiary is completely shielded and not disclosed as required. Also the forms that they used to give Notices are defective.
- 88. Evidence in prior cases has demonstrated that MERS is nothing more than a Registration Service, and does not even service the loan. MERS cannot prove or show ownership in the form of an "original Note" (i) with proper endorsements, to them, or that they are actually in the chain of ownership and (ii) to establish the actual relationship of the holder of the Note, as a Holder in Due course, and (iii) with the right to enforce the Note. April Charney, a lawyer at Jacksonville Are Legal Aid in Florida, in 2007 had over 300 foreclosure cases dismissed or postponed due to "MERS" attempting to foreclose on those Mortgages.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE §2923.6

(As Against All Defendants)

- 89. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the above paragraphs 1 through 88 as though set forth fully herein.
- 90. Defendants' Pooling and Servicing Agreement (hereinafter "PSA") contains a duty to maximize net present value to its investors and related parties.
- 91. California Civil Code 2923.6 broadens and extends this PSA duty by requiring servicers to accept loan modifications with borrowers.
- 92. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.6(a), a servicer acts in the best interest of all parties if it agrees to or implements a loan modification where the (1) loan is in payment default, and (2) anticipated recovery under the loan modification or workout plan exceeds the anticipated recovery through foreclosure on a net present value basis.
- 93. California Civil Code 2923.6(b) now provides that the mortgagee, beneficiary, or authorized agent offer the borrower a loan modification or workout plan if such a modification or plan is consistent with its contractual or other authority.
- 94. Plaintiffs' loan is presently in an uncertain state.
- 95. Plaintiffs are willing, able, and ready to execute a modification of their loan on a reasonable basis
 - (a) New Loan Amount: \$325,565.00
 - (b) New Interest Rate: 4%

- (c) New Loan Length: 30 years
- New Payment: \$1,554.30 (d)
- 96. The present fair market value of the property is \$403,500.00.
- 97. The Joint Economic Committee of Congress estimated in June, 2007, that the average foreclosure results in \$77, 935.00 in costs to the homeowner, lender, local government, and neighbors.
- 98. Of the \$77,935.00 in foreclosure costs, the Joint Economic Committee of Congress estimates that the lender will suffer \$50,000.00 in costs in conducting a non-judicial foreclosure on the property, maintaining, rehabilitating, insuring, and reselling the property to a third party. Freddie Mac places this loss higher at \$58,759.00.
- 99. Pursuant to California Civil Code §2823.6, Defendants are now contractually bound to accept the loan modification as provided above and tender is deemed made pursuant to Defendants' Pooling and Service Agreement, California Civil Code 2923.6(a), and California Civil Code 2923.6(b), taken individually or entirely. Plaintiffs invoke the remedies embodied in the aforementioned agreement and/or codes with a willingness to execute a modification of their loan.
- 100. Alternatively, Plaintiffs allege that tender, if any, is excused by obstruction or prevention or imposition of unwarranted conditions by the person or corporate entity to whom it was to be made.
- 101. Alternatively, Plaintiffs allege that obstruction or imposition of unwarranted conditions by defendants occurred when defendants evaded the plaintiffs' attempts to provide tender as specified and encouraged by defendants' pooling agreement, California Civil Code 2923.6(a), and California Civil Code 2923.6(b). [Hudson v.

Morton, 231 Ala. 392, 165 So. 227 (1936); Loftis v. Alexander, 139 Ga. 346, 77 S.E. 169 (1913); Kennedy v. Neil, 333 III. 629, 165 N.E. 148 (1929); Borden v. Borden, 5 Mass. 67, 1809 WL 989 (1809); Loughney v. Quigley, 279 Pa. 396, 123 A. 84 (1924); Montague Corp. v. E.P. Burton Lumber Co., 136 S.C. 40, 134 S.E. 147 (1926); Stansbury V. Embrey, 128 Tenn. 103, 158 S.W. 991 (1913); Loehr v. Dickson, 141 Wis. 332, 124 N.W. 293 (1910)]

- 102. Alternatively, Plaintiffs further allege that obstruction or imposition of unwarranted conditions by defendants occurred when defendants manifested to the Plaintiffs that tender, if made, will not be accepted, the Plaintiffs are excused from making tender as it would be a futile gesture, and the law will not require the doing of a useless act. [Simmons v. Swan, 275 U.S. 113, 48 S. Ct. 52, 72 L. Ed. 190 (1927); Lee v. Joseph E. Seagram & Sons. Inc., 552 F.2d 447 (2d Cir. 1977); Buckner v. Tweed, 157 F.2d 211 (App. D.C. 1946); Peterson v. Hudson Ins. Co., 41 Ariz. 31, 15 P.2d 249 (1932); Woods-Drury, Inc. v. Superior Court in and for City and County of San Francisco, 18 Cal. App. 2d 340, 63 P.2d 1184 (1st District 1936); Chesapeake Bay Distributing Co. v. Buck Distributing Co., Inc. 60 Md. App. 210, 481 A.2d 1156 (1984); Issacs v. Caterpillar, Inc., 765 F. Supp. 1359 (C.D. Ill. 1991); Platsis v. Diafokeris, 68 Md. App. 257, 511 A.2d 535 (1986)]
- 103. Alternatively, Plaintiffs further allege that obstruction or imposition of unwarranted conditions by defendants occurred when defendants' objection for want of actual tender of money is waived by defendants' refusal to receive the money if produced.

 [Shaner v West Coast Life Ins. Co, 73F.2d 681 (C.C.A. 10th Cir. 1934); Buell v. White, 908 P.2d 1175 (Colo. Ct. App. 1995) (when party, who is willing and able to pay,

offers to pay another a sum of money and is advised that it will not be accepted, offer amounts to tender even though money is not produced); <u>Hall v. Norwalk Fire Ins. Co.</u>, 57 Conn. 105, 17 A. 356 (1888); <u>Lamar v. Sheppard</u>, 84 Ga. 561, 10 S.E. 10984 (1890); <u>Ventres v. Cobb</u>, 105 III. 33, 1882 WL 10475 (1882); <u>Metropolitan Credit Union v. Matthes</u>, 46 Mass. App. Ct. 326, 706 N.E.2d 296 (1999)].

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §17200 (As Against All Defendants)

- 104. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 103, inclusive, as though set forth at length herein again.
- 105. Beginning in July 7, 2006, and continuing to the present time, Defendants committed acts of unfair competition as defined by *Business and Professions Code §* 17200, by engaging in the following practices:
- 106. These acts and practices, as described in the previous paragraphs, violate *Business* and *Professions Code § 17200* because their policies and practices described above violate all the statutes as previously listed and *California Civil Code § 1709*, and consequently, constitute and unlawful business act of practice within the meaning of *Business and Professions Code § 17200*.
- 107. The harm to Plaintiffs and to members of the general public outweighs the utility of Defendants' policy and practices, consequently, constitute an unlawful business act of practice within the meaning of Business and Professions Code §17200.
- 108. Further, the foregoing conduct threatens an incipient violation of a consumer law, including, or violates the policy or spirit of such law or otherwise significantly

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threatens or harms competition. Defendants' practices described above are likely to mislead the general public, and therefore, constitute a fraudulent business act of practice within the meaning of *Business and Professions Code §17200*. The Defendants' unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent business practices and false and misleading advertising present a continuing threat to members of public in that other consumers will be defrauded into closing on similar fraudulent loans. Plaintiffs and other members of the general public have no other adequate remedy of law.

109. As a result of the aforementioned acts, Plaintiffs have lost money or property and suffered injury in fact. Defendants received and continue to hold Plaintiffs' money and other members of the public who fell victim to Defendants' scheme.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

BREACH OF COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

(Only Against WMC MORTGAGE)

- 110. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege Paragraphs 1 through 109 as though fully set forth herein.
- 111. Plaintiffs allege that at all times there existed an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing requiring Defendants, and each of them, to safeguard, protect, or otherwise care for the assets and rights of Plaintiffs. Said covenant prohibited Defendants from activities interfering with or contrary to the rights of Plaintiffs.
- 112. Plaintiffs allege that the commencement of foreclosure proceedings upon the property lawfully belonging to Plaintiffs without the production of documents demonstrating the lawful rights for the foreclosure constitutes a breach of the covenant.

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- 113. Defendants breach the provisions as contained within the "Deed of "Trust" which cited the lender as WMC MORTGAGE.
- 114. Defendants breached the provisions as contained within the "Adjustable Rate Note" promising to pay WMC MORTGAGE a monthly payment.
- 115. Plaintiffs paid timely monthly payments in accordance with the "Adjustable Rate Note" to WMC MORTGAGE or its agents.
- 116. As a consequence and proximate result, Plaintiffs has been damaged in a sum to be proven at trial.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

(Against all Defendants)

- 117. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege Paragraphs 1 through 116 as though fully set forth herein.
- 118. Plaintiffs seek a determination as to the legal status of the parties as to the Adjustable Rate Note and the Deed of Trust.
- 119. The Adjustable Rate Note states that the Lender is WMC MORTGAGE.
- 120. It also states, "Lender or anyone who takes this Note by transfer and who is entitled to receive payment under this Note is called the "Note Holder."
- 121. REGIONAL sent to Plaintiffs a statement with a coupon asking for payment.
- 122. The Deed of Trust which cited the lender as WMC MORTGAGE and stating in the definition section that:

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"MERS" is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns; MERS is the beneficiary under this Security Instrument.

- 123. Additionally, based upon information and belief, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems is not qualified to do business in the state of California and therefore, would not have standing to seek non-judicial remedies as well as judicial remedies.
- 124. Defendants should be required to provide the original note with the appropriate endorsements thereon to Plaintiffs or this Honorable Court so that it may determine under California law, who owns the right to receive payments and exercises the rights relating to said ownership.
- 125. Only the Note Holder is authorized to collect payments and, in the event of a default, commence foreclosure proceedings, including authorizing the substitution of a Trustee.
- 126. Until Defendants are able to provide Plaintiffs and this Honorable Court the aforementioned documents, this Honorable Court should order that Plaintiffs are not required to make any further payments on the Adjustable Rate Note and enjoin any further collection activity on the Note, including staying the count down towards the date a Notice of Trustee's sale may be filed and served.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF CIVIL CODE \$1572

(As to All Defendants)

127. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs 1 through 126 as though set forth fully herein.

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26 27 128. The misrepresentations by Defendants' and/or Defendants' predecessors, failures to disclose, and failure to investigate as described above were made with the intent to induce Plaintiff to obligate himself on the Loan in reliance on the integrity of Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors.

- 129. Plaintiff is an unsophisticated customer whose reliance upon Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors was reasonable and consistent with the Congressional intent and purpose of California Civil Code § 1572 enacted in 1872 and designed to assist and protect consumers similarly situated as Plaintiff in this action.
- As an unsophisticated customer, Plaintiff could not have discovered the true nature 130. of the material facts on their own.
- 131. The accuracy by Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors of representation is important in enabling consumers such as Plaintiff to compare market lenders in order to make informed decisions regarding lending transactions such as a loan.
- 132. Plaintiff was ignorant of the facts which Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors misrepresented and failed to disclose.
- Plaintiff's reliance on Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors was a 133. substantial factor in causing their harm.
- Had the terms of the Loan been accurately represented and disclosed by Defendants 134. and/or Defendants' predecessors, Plaintiff would not have accepted the Loan nor been harmed.
- 135. Had Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors investigated Plaintiff's financial capabilities, they would have been forced to deny Plaintiff on this particular loan.
- 136. Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors conspired and agreed to commit the above mentioned fraud.
- As a proximate result of Defendants and or Defendants' predecessors fraud, 137. Plaintiff has suffered damage in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 138. The conduct of Defendants and/or Defendants' predecessors as mentioned above was fraudulent within the meaning of California Civil Code § 3294(c)(3), and by virtue thereof Plaintiff is entitled to an award of punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish and make an example of the Defendants.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR FRAUD

(Against All Defendants)

- 139. Plaintiff repeats and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 138 as though fully set forth herein.
- 140. An unknown employee of REGIONAL executed on behalf of the alleged

 Beneficiary a "Notice of Default" which stated that the payments were due to

 REGIONAL. "Notice of Breach and Default and of Election to Cause Sale of Real

 Property Under Deed of Trust" (See Exhibit "A")
- 141. On the Notice of Breach, it stated, in part, that Plaintiffs as Trustor, to secure certain obligations in favor of Defendants, as beneficiary.
- 142. It further states that:

That by reason thereof of the present Beneficiary under such deed of Trust has executed and delivered to said duly appointed Trustee a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and has deposited with said duly appointed Trustee such Deed of Trust and all documents evidencing obligations secured thereby and has declared and does hereby declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable and has elected and does hereby elect to cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy the obligations served thereby.

- 143. This representation was made by these defendants in order to induce reliance by Plaintiffs.
- 144. Plaintiffs did rely on these representations and because of their reliance their property will be foreclosed and Plaintiffs reliance was justified.

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- 145. Plaintiffs is informed and believes that the representation as stated on the Notice of Default were a false representation in the following particular(s)
 - A. Documents were not provided to the trustee that showed that REGIONAL or HOMEQ or MERS was the Beneficiary and entitled to the payments.
 - B. At the time WMC MORTGAGE made the representations they knew they were false and were made for the sole purpose of inducing reliance.
 - Plaintiffs allege that Defendants, and each of them, were engaged in an illegal scheme the purpose of which was to execute loans secured by real property in order to make commissions, kick-backs, illegal undisclosed yield spread premiums, and undisclosed profits by the sale of any instruments arising out of the transaction and to make loans to borrowers that they could not afford to repay given their stated financial situation. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants, and each of them, have represented to plaintiffs and to third parties that they were the owner of the Trust Deed and Note as either the Trustee or the Beneficiary regarding Plaintiffs real property. Based on this representation they caused a Notice of Default to be issued and recorded without disclosing their true role, and thereafter a notice of intent to foreclose and finally they executed a foreclosure, which was completed, permanently affecting Plaintiffs right, title and interest in the Subject Property. In fact, Plaintiffs allege that the promissory notes which was executed by Plaintiffs and which initially formed a basis of a security interest in the subject property, was assigned in violation of Civil Code section 2932.5 et seq. because the assignment was not recorded, and as such the promissory note was rendered as non-negotiable and no power of sale was conveyed with the note at the

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time of the assignment, and therefore, Defendants, and each of them, had no lawful security interest in the subject property.

- 147. On or about July 7, 2006, representatives, agents and/or employees of Defendants, and each of them, made false representations to Plaintiffs in order to fund a loan, in which the Plaintiffs' personal residence was to be security therefore. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants, and each of them, made certain representations regarding their honesty, that they were experts in obtaining loans which borrower's could afford and that they would only offer Plaintiffs a loan which was in their best interests given their credit history and financial needs and limitations and that Plaintiffs could trust the representations of Defendants, and each of them. Plaintiffs allege that based upon the representations made by Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiffs reasonably reposed their trust in Defendants' representations and disclosed their private financial information to Defendants, in order that Defendants could in keeping with their representations, find a loan which was in the best interests of Plaintiffs given their financial needs and limitations. More particularly, Defendants, and each of them, represented that they would not make a loan to Plaintiffs unless he could afford the loan, and that they would not make the loan unless and until he had passed the underwriting guidelines of the lender, which further assured that the loan being offered to Plaintiffs were in fact in the Plaintiff's best interests, and that the loan was within Plaintiffs' financial needs and limitations.
- 148. Plaintiffs allege that the loans provided by Defendants, and each of them, contained a repayment schedule, whereas, exceeded Plaintiffs' total spendable income, and that the loan contained excessive financing was approved to allow closing costs to be

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financed, that Defendants failed to utilize adequate due diligence regarding Plaintiffs' ability to repay the loan, Defendants' as part of their continuing scheme intentionally placed Plaintiffs' in a sub-prime loan to the benefit of the Defendants with excessively high interest rates, Defendants failed to provide Plaintiffs mandated disclosures, and Defendants repeatedly employed coercive tactics in order to force Plaintiffs to sign the loan documents.

149. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that defendants WMC MORTGAGE, and MERS, engaged in some degree in making the loan to Plaintiffs including, but not limited to: made the loan to Plaintiffs by "marketing and extending adjustable-rate mortgage ("ARM") products to Plaintiffs in an unsafe and unsound manner that greatly increases the risk that Plaintiffs would default on the loan. because the initial payments on the loan exceeded Plaintiffs' established retirement income, and the loan terms offered to Plaintiffs included ARM products with one or more of the following characteristics: without to utilize an adequate analysis of the Plaintiffs ability to repay the debt at the fully-indexed rate; approving Plaintiffs without considering appropriate documentation and/or verification of their income; including substantial prepayment penalties and/or prepayment penalties that extend beyond the initial interest rate adjustment period; providing Plaintiffs with inadequate and/or confusing information relative to product choices, material loan terms and product risks, prepayment penalties, and the Plaintiffs' obligations for property taxes and insurance; approving Plaintiffs for a loan with inadequate debt-to-income analyses

that did not properly consider the Plaintiffs' ability to meet his overall level

indebtedness and common housing expenses; and/or approving Plaintiffs for loan arrangements with loan-to-value ratios approaching or exceeding 100 percent of the value of the collateral;" and making Plaintiffs a mortgage loan without adequately considering the Plaintiffs' ability to repay the mortgage according to its terms.

- 150. Plaintiffs allege that based upon the foregoing representations of Defendants, and each of them, plaintiffs did in fact repose their trust in the representations of Defendants, and each of them, and that such trust was reasonable.
- 151. Plaintiffs alleges that Defendants, and each of them, presented a loan to Plaintiffs whereby Defendants represented that they did qualify for ordinary underwriting, and that the loan was within Plaintiffs' personal financial needs and limitations given the confidential financial information that Plaintiffs shared with Defendants, however, the true is that the loan payments exceeded Plaintiffs' established retirement income.
- 152. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants, and each of them, had a duty to disclose the true cost of the loan which was made to Plaintiffs, and the fact that Plaintiffs could not afford the loan in the first instance. Defendants, and each of them, provided Plaintiff a loan through Defendant WMC MORTGAGE, and Defendants, and each of them, were secretly compensated, however, they did not disclose for this loan that they were by being paid for its services, and in a spread of the yield of an amount which has not yet been fully ascertained as a Yield Spread Premium paid-outside and after the close of escrow.
- 153. Plaintiffs are informed and believes and thereupon allege that after the close of escrow Defendant WMC MORTGAGE paid the other Defendants herein fees above and beyond the value of the services actually performed and an illegal kickback and

added that additional amount to the total amount being financed, however such amount was never disclosed to Plaintiffs.

- 154. Plaintiffs acquire the foregoing property by virtue of the said funding through WMC MORTGAGE based on the representations of Defendants, and each of them, that the loan was the best they could obtain for him, and that the loan was well within Plaintiffs' financial needs and limitations.
- 155. Plaintiffs ARE informed and believe and thereupon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, represented to Plaintiffs that Defendants, and each of them, were working for the benefit of Plaintiffs and in their particular best interest to obtain for him the best loan and at the best rates available.
- 156. That at the time Defendants, and each of them, made the foregoing false representations to Plaintiffs they knew that they were untrue and that these representations were material representations, and that no basis in fact existed to support such fraudulent representations.
- 157. That the foregoing representations were made in order to induce Plaintiff to act on and take the said loan(s) in order for both defendants to make a substantial amount of money thereby and there from.
- 158. Plaintiffs were in fact induced to and did take these loans based on the said fraudulent representations.
- 159. That Plaintiffs were induced to rely and did rely on the representations of these defendants through deception and their reliance was justified as they believed that Defendants, and each of them, were working for their and in his best interests.
- 160. That by virtue of Plaintiff's reasonable reliance and the increased interest they were

made to pay, they have been damaged in the loss of their good credit and a higher payment and are now being involved in litigation that they did not bargain for, all to their damage and injury.

- 161. Plaintiffs have relied on the representations of Defendant, and each of them, and because of this reliance have made various moves to avoid foreclosure all to no avail, while defendants knew all the time that they were deceiving Plaintiffs.
- 162. Plaintiff's reliance was justified based upon the false representations of Defendants, and each of them, and had no reason to believe that a party representing a bank would go to such lengths to deceive and to convert Plaintiffs' property by utilizing such a fraud and artifice.
- 163. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendants, and each of them, at the time of execution of the Deed of Trust and Note maintained an interest in the Subject Property, however at the time the Note and Deed of Trust were assigned to Defendant REGIONAL, the Note was no longer negotiable and the power of sale was not conveyed during the assignment, notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendants, and each of them, foreclosed on Plaintiffs' Trust Deed, in concert with their scheme to defraud Plaintiff out of their property.
- 164. Plaintiffs have recently learned that Defendants, and each of them, are not the legal owners of the Note and TRUST DEED and will not be at the time they will issue the notices and commenced the foreclosure process, notwithstanding the fact that the note was not negotiable and did not contain a valid power of sale.
- 165. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants, and each of them, knew at the time they made these representations to Plaintiffs that they were untrue, and defendants know at the

time that they were attempting to foreclose on Plaintiffs' Trust Deeds and notes that they had no right to do so.

- 166. Plaintiffs allege Defendants, and each of them, intentionally and fraudulently converted Plaintiffs' right, title and interest to his property, and any equity therein.
- 167. Plaintiffs allege that due to their reliance on Defendants representations he has been damaged in an amount that currently exceeds \$25,000.00 and additionally costs of moving out of Plaintiffs' property and the costs to relocate back to the subject Property.
- 168. Defendants' conduct as set forth above was intentional, oppressive fraudulent and malicious so as to justify an award of punitive damages in an amount sufficient that such conduct will not be repeated.
- 169. Plaintiffs will be damaged in having their home wrongfully foreclosed and a slander of their title, and being required to become involved in this litigation all to their damages and injuries the amount of which is subject to proof at the time of trial.
- 170. The actions of Defendants and each of them were fraudulent oppressive and malicious so as to warrant the imposition of exemplary damages, and that by virtue of Defendants conduct as set forth herein Plaintiff is entitled to exemplary damages.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF

(Against all Defendants)

- 171. Plaintiffs repeat and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 170 as though fully set forth herein.
- 172. A dispute has arisen between and among Plaintiffs and Defendants and each of them as to the duties and obligations of the respective parties with regard to the loan

or the foreclosure.

- 173. These disputes concern but are not limited to the ownership rights and the validity of the commencement of the foreclosure process.
- 174. As to these issues, Plaintiff(s) are required to seek this relief.
- 175. Plaintiffs further alleges that a declaration of rights and duties of the parties herein are essential to determine the actual status and validity of the loan, deed of trust, nominated beneficiaries, actual beneficiaries, loan servicers, trustees instituting foreclosure proceedings and related matter.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION (Against all Defendants)

- 176. Plaintiffs repeat and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 175 as though fully set forth herein.
- 177. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the representation as stated on the Notice of Default and each of them were a false representation in the following particulars(s):

 [A] Documents were not provided to the trustee that showed that any of the Defendants was the Beneficiary and entitled to the payments.
 - [B] At the time Defendants made the representations they knew they were false and were made for the sole purpose of inducing reliance and confusing Plaintiffs.

NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

TO SET ASIDE A DEFECTIVE AND WRONGFUL FORECLOSURE (Against all Defendants)

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178. Plaintiff repeats and reallege Paragraphs 1 through 177 as though fully set forth herein.

Recording of an Assignment Prior to Foreclosure

179. Cal. Civ. Code section 2932.5 provides a condition precedent for an assignee of a Deed of Trust prior to commencing a foreclosure:

Where a power to sell real property is given to a mortgagee, or other encumbrancer, in an instrument intended to secure the payment of money, the power is part of the security and vests in any person who by assignment becomes entitled to payment of the money secured by the instrument. The power of sale may be exercised by the assignee *if* the assignment is duly <u>acknowledged and</u> <u>recorded</u>. (Emphasis added)

180. Defendants drafted the Deed of Trust, Plaintiff had no opportunity to negotiate the terms of the instrument.

Defendants REGIONAL and HOMEQ, failed to record the assignment prior to commencing the foreclosure as such the Foreclosure was not conducted in accordance with Cal Civ. Code Sec 2924 and 2932.5.

Invalid Notice of Default

181. There is in existence a certain written instrument which purports to be a Notice of Default that is in the possession of Defendants, and each of them. (See Exhibit "A")

182. The written instrument alleged in Paragraph "181" was procured as follows:

Defendants cannot prove that the nonjudicial foreclosure which occurred, strictly complied

action for possession pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 1161. As of

with the tenets of California Civil Code Sections 2923.5 and 2924 in order to maintain an

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September 6, 2008, California Civil Code Section 2923.5 applies to loans made from January 1, 2003, to December 31, 2007, and loans secured by residential real property that are for owner-occupied residences. For purposes of Section 2923.5, "owner-occupied" means that the residence is the principal residence of the borrower. Prior to filing a Notice of Default, Section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code provides in pertinent part:

- (1) A trustee may not file a notice of default pursuant to Section 2924 until 30 days after contact is made as required by paragraph (2) or 30 days after satisfying the due diligence requirements as described in subdivision (g).
- (2) An authorized agent shall contact the borrower in person or by telephone in order to assess the borrower's financial situation and explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure. During the initial contact, the mortgagee, beneficiary, or authorized agent shall advise the borrower that he or she has the right to request a subsequent meeting and, if requested, the mortgagee, beneficiary, or authorized agent shall schedule the meeting to occur within 14 days.
- (3) A notice of default filed pursuant to Section 2924 shall include a declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary, or authorized agent that it has contacted the borrower, tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by this section, or the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent.

Invalid Declaration on Notice of Default and/or Notice of Trustee's Sale

183. According to Giles v. Friendly Finance Co. of Biloxi, Inc., 199 So. 2nd 265 (Miss. 1967), "an affidavit on behalf of a corporation must show that it was made by an authorized officer or agent, and the officer him or herself must swear to the facts."

Furthermore, in <u>Giles v. County Dep't of Public Welfare of Marion County</u> (Ind.App. 1 Dist.1991) 579 N.E.2d 653, 654-655 states in pertinent part, "a person who verified a pleading to have personal knowledge or reasonable cause to believe the existence of the facts stated therein."

Here, The Notice of Default is missing and does not have the required information.

As a result the Notice of Default is invalid. Furthermore, the Notice of Trustee's Sale is also missing the required declaration.

For the aforementioned reasons, the Notice of Default and Notice of Trustee's Sale will be void as a matter of law.

Recording a False Document

- 184. Furthermore, according to California Penal Code § 115 in pertinent part:
 - (a) Every person who knowingly procures or offers any false or forged instrument to be filed, registered, or recorded in any public office within this state, which instrument, if genuine, might be filed, registered, or recorded under any law of this state or of the United States, is guilty of a felony.
 - (b) Each instrument which is procured or offered to be filed, registered, or recorded in violation of subdivision (a) shall constitute a separate violation of this section.

 In addition, California Evidence Code \$ 660 states in particular parts.
- In addition, California Evidence Code § 669 states in pertinent part:
 - (a) The failure of a person to exercise due care is presumed if:
 - (1) He violated a statute, ordinance, or regulation of a public entity;

Here, as stated above the Declaration of Due Diligence as required by Section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code is missing and/or improper for the Notice of Default. Therefore, Defendants are guilty of a felony for recording the Notice of Default with a false instrument according to California Penal Code §115. Since Defendants have violated a statute, the failure of them to exercise due care will be presumed.

183. The written instrument alleged in Paragraph "181" was also procured as follows: By an invalid sale conducted on the part of Defendants, and each of them, in violation of statutes including, but not limited to: Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that the NOTE was invalid and unenforceable due to the intentional and willful violations including but, not limited to: California Civil Code 2924b etc. et seq., California Civil Code §§§ 2924b(a), 2924b(d), 2924b(e) by failing and/or refusing to mail the Notice of Default within ten business days to Plaintiffs, by failing and/or refusing to post and mail the Notice of Default; by failing and/or refusing to mail Plaintiffs the Notice of Default within one month pursuant to California Civil Code § 2924b (c (1), (2); by failing and/or refusing to properly set the sale date pursuant to California Civil Code § 2924f(b); by failing and/or refusing to publish the Notice of Sale twenty days prior to the date set for sale pursuant to California Civil Code § 2924f(b); by failing and/or refusing to record the Notice of Sale pursuant to California Civil Code § 2924g(d);

184. Since the enumerated law was effective as of September 06, 2008 the sale of the property at issue is invalid pursuant to *California Civil Code Sections* 2923.5 and 2924, and thus the Defendants' claim of title and allegation thereto is erroneous.

185. Plaintiff alleges that Defendants, and each of them, willfully, wrongfully and without justification, and without privilege conducted an invalid foreclosure sale against the Plaintiff's SUBJECT PROPERTY, thereby, slandering Plaintiff's title thereto.

186. Furthermore, The California Foreclosure Prevention Act, states the following:

The California Foreclosure Prevention Action became effective June 15, 2009. This new law delays the non-judicial foreclosure process by requiring an <u>addition 90-day delay</u> (beyond the current three-month period) between recording a notice of default and a <u>notice of stay for certain residential properties</u>. The law applies to:

- 1. Loans recorded between January 1, 2003 and January 1, 2008, inclusive,
- 2. The borrower occupies the property as his/her principal residence and occupied it at the time the loan became delinquent;
- 3. A notice of default has been recorded on the property; and
- 4. The loan is secured by a first lien on residential property that is located in California.
- 187. In our case, Plaintiff's property was his principal place of residence and his deed was dated on July 7, 2009. Therefore, the California Foreclosure Prevention Action applies and they should be allowed an additional 90 days (plus the three-month period already) after Notice of Default is recorded. Therefore, the Notice of Trustee's Sale on August 14, 2008 is invalid because the Notice of Default was recorded on May 12, 2008.
- 188. The aforementioned Instrument directly impairs Plaintiff's right to possession and ownership of the Subject Property.
- 189. Furthermore, the aforementioned acts of Defendants, and each of them, were motivated by oppression, fraud, malice in that Defendants, and each of them, by their

respective acts, omissions, nonfeasance, misfeasance and/or malfeasance executed an invalid foreclosure sale of the Plaintiff's SUBJECT PROPERTY, in order to deny Plaintiff of his rights of possession and ownership, whereupon, the Foreclosure was defective as such the Property must be restored to Plaintiff or Plaintiff is entitled to the value of thereof.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs having set forth the claims for relief against Defendants, respectfully pray that this Court grant the following relief against the Defendants:

- 1. For exemplary and punitive damages;
- 2. Actual Economic and Non-Economic Damages;
- 3. Costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to *California Civil Code* §1717, §1788.30(b), §1788.30(c);
- 4. For a declaration of the rights of the parties relative to Plaintiff's Home, including a declaration that Defendants have no enforceable lien against Plaintiff's Home;
- 5. For a preliminary injunction and permanent injunction enjoining all Defendants, their agents, assigns, and all person acting under, for, or in concert with them, from foreclosing on Plaintiff's Home or from conducting at trustee's sale or causing a trustee's sale to be conducted relative to Plaintiff's Home.
- 6. Cancellation of the sale and restitution of the home to the Plaintiffs; and
- 7. For damages as provided by statute;
- 8. For an Order enjoining Defendants from continuing to violate the statutes alleged herein;
- 9. For an Order, requiring Defendant to reinstate Plaintiff on title to his Property, and or a restraining order preventing Defendants and his, hers, or its agents, employees,

officers, attorneys, and representatives from engaging in or performing any of the following acts: (i) offering, or advertising this property for sale and (ii) attempting to transfer title to this property and or (iii) holding any auction therefore;

10. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

Dated: July 16, 2009

LAW OFFICES OF TIMOTHY MCCANDLESS ESQ

Timothy L. McCandless, Esq., Attorney for Plaintiffs,

Hermenegildo J. Caparas and Juanita R. Caparas

VERIFICATION

I, TIMOTHY L. MCCANDLESS, am an attorney at law admitted to practice before all courts of the State of California and have my office in San Bernardino County, California, and am the attorney for the Plaintiff in this action, that all of the officers of the Plaintiff are unable to make the verification because they are absent from said County and for that reason affiant makes this verification on the Plaintiff's behalf; that I have read the foregoing document and know its contents. I am informed and believe and on that ground allege that matters stated herein are true.

Executed July 16, 2009, at Victorville, Californa.

I declare under penalty of perjury that under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: July 16, 2009

TIMOTHY L. MCCANDLESS, ESQ

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RECORDING REQUESTED BY

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO

REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104

Trustee's Sale No:

05-FMS-58074

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A FULL,
TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL
RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
RECORDER ON: May 13, 2008
AS DOCUMENT NO: 106470
BY: sl Justin Fizer

FIDELITY NATIONAL DEFAULT SOLUTIONS

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL UNDER DEED OF TRUST

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IF YOUR PROPERTY IS IN FORECLOSURE BECAUSE YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR PAYMENTS, IT MAY BE SOLD WITHOUT ANY COURT ACTION, and you may have the legal right to bring your account in good standing by paying all of your past due payments plus permitted costs and expenses within the time permitted by law for reinstatement of your account, which is normally five business days prior to the date set for the sale of your property. No sale date may be set until three months from the date this notice of default may be recorded (which date of recordation appears on this notice). This amount is \$20,300.74 as of 5/12/2008, and will increase until your account becomes current.

While your property is in foreclosure, you still must pay other obligations (such as insurance and taxes) required by your note and deed of trust or mortgage. If you fail to make future payments on the loan, pay taxes on the property, provide insurance on the property, or pay other obligations as required in the note and deed of trust or mortgage, the beneficiary or mortgagee may insist that you do so in order to reinstate your account in good standing. In addition, the beneficiary or mortgagee may require as a condition to reinstatement that you provide reliable written evidence that you paid all senior liens, property taxes, and hazard insurance premiums.

Upon your written request, the beneficiary or mortgagee will give you a written itemization of the entire amount you must pay. You may not have to pay the entire unpaid portion of your account, even though full payment was demanded, but you must pay all amounts in default at the time payment is made. However, you and your beneficiary or mortgagee may mutually agree in writing prior to the time the Notice of Sale is posted (which may not be earlier than the end of the three-month period stated above) to, among other things (1) provide additional time in which to cure the default by transfer of the property or otherwise; or (2) establish a schedule of payments in order to cure your default; or both (1) and (2).

Following the expiration of the time period referred to in the first paragraph of this notice, unless the obligation being foreclosed upon or a separate written agreement between you and your creditor permits a longer period, you have only the legal right to stop the sale of your property by paying the entire amount demanded by your creditor.

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To find out the amount you must pay, or to arrange for payment to stop the foreclosure or if your property is in foreclosure for any other reason, contact:

HOMEQ SERVICING C/O REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 348-2550

If you have any questions, you should contact a lawyer or the governmental agency which may have insured your loan. Notwithstanding the fact that your property is in foreclosure, you may offer your property for sale, provided the sale is concluded prior to the conclusion of the foreclosure.

Remember,

YOU MAY LOSE LEGAL RIGHTS IF YOU DO NOT TAKE PROMPT ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, is allher the duly appointed Trustee, the substitute Trustee or acting as agent for the Beneficiary under a Deed of Trust dated 7/7/2006, executed by HERMENEGILDO J. CAPARAS AND JUANITA R. CAPARAS, HUBBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, to secure obligations in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, recorded 7/19/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0227370-00, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, CALIFORNIA, as more fully described on said dead of trust including one note(s) for the sum of \$640,000.00. That a breach of, and default in, the obligations for which such Deed of Trust is security has occurred as follows:

FAILURE TO PAY INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, IMPOUNDS AND LATE CHARGES WHICH BECAME DUE 2/1/2008 TOGETHER WITH ALL SUBSEQUENT INSTALLMENTS OF PRINCIPAL, INTEREST, IMPOUNDS, LATE CHARGES, FOREGLOSURE FEES AND EXPENSES; ANY ADVANCES WHICH MAY HEREAFTER BE MADE; ALL OBLIGATIONS AND INDEBTEDNESSES AS THEY BECOME DUE; AND ANY INSTALLMENTS ALREADY MADE, THAT AT A LATER DATE PROVE TO BE INVALID.

That by reason thereof, the present beneficiary under such Deed of Trust, has executed and delivered to said Trustee, a written Declaration and Demand for Sais, and has deposited with said Trustee, such Deed of Trust and all the documents evidencing obligations accured thereby, and has declared and does hereby declare all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable and has elected and does hereby elect to cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy the obligations secured thereby.

Dated: 5/12/2008

Regional Service Corporation

As authorized agent

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CANCEL

Servicing #: 11606567

LENDER: WMC MORTGAGE CORP.

DATE: July 7, 2006 LOAN NO.:11606567 TYPE: Conventional

3100 THORNTON AVENUE BURBANK, CA 91504 BORROWERS: JUANITA R CAPARAS HERMENEGILDO J CAPARAS

ADDRESS:

3554 LOVERBIRD WAY

CITY/STATE/ZIP: ANTIOCH, CA 94509

PROPERTY:

3554 LOVERBIRD WAY ANTIOCH, CA 94509

You are entering into a transaction that will result in a mortgage/lien/security interest on your home. You have a legal right under federal law to cancel this transaction, without cost, within THREE BUSINESS DAYS from whichever of the following events occurs LAST:

(I) The date of the transaction, which is

(2) The date you receive your Truth in Lending disclosures; or

(3) The date you received this notice of your right to cancel.

If you cancel the transaction, the mortgage/lien/security interest is also cancelled. Within 20 CALENDAR DAYS after we receive your notice, we must take the steps necessary to reflect the fact that the mortgage/lien/security interest on your home has been cancelled, and we must return to you any money or property you have given us or to anyone else in connection with

You may keep any money or property we have given you until we have done the things mentioned above, but you must then offer to return the money or property. If it is impractical or unfair for you to return the property, you must offer its reasonable value. You may offer to return the property at your home or at the location of the property. Money must be returned to the address below. If we do not take possession of the money or property within 20 CALENDAR DAYS of your offer, you may keep it without further obligation.

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Each of the borrowers in this transaction has the right to cancel. The exercise of this right by one borrower shall be effective

l acknowledge receipt of two copies of NOTICE of RIGHT TO CANCEL.

- Borrower -JUANITA R CAPARAS - DATE -

WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO

REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/7/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Trusfee's Sale No. 05-FMS-58074

On September 4, 2008, at 10:00 AM, AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET CORNER OF MAIN & COURT STREET, in the City of MARTINEZ, County of CONTRA COSTA, State of CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by HERMENEGILDO J. CAPARAS AND JUANITA R. CAPARAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustors, recorded on 7/19/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0227370-00, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of CONTRA COSTA County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit:

TAX PARCEL NO. 075-422-003-6

From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 3554 LOVEBIRD WAY , ANTIOCH, CA 94509.

Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$671,428.63.

Dated: 8/14/2008

REGIONAL, SERVICE, CORPORATION, Trustee

KIMBERLEY HICKMAN, AUTHORIZED AGENT

Agent for Trustee: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING

3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200

IRVINE, CA 92602

Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550

Sale Information:

(714) 730-2727 or http://www.rtrustee.com

NOTICE REQUIRED BY THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICE ACT 15 U.S.C. Section 1692

TS# 05-FMS-58074

5/19/2008

ATTENTION TRUSTORS:

- 1. You are hereby notified that REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION is attempting to collect a debt.
- 2. As of the date of this letter, you owe \$658,737.42. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, or may apply only upon payoff, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check, in which event we will inform you before depositing the check for collection.
- The original creditor to whom the debt is/was owed is MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.. The current creditor is Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of November 1, 2006 Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC Trust 2006-WM3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-WM3.
- 4. The debt will be assumed to be valid by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION unless WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you dispute the validity of the debt or some portion thereof.
- 5. If you notify REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION in writing within thirty days after the receipt of this Notice that the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION will provide a verification of the debt, and a copy of the verification will be mailed to you by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION. In attempting to collect the debt, any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
- If the current creditor is not the original creditor, and if you make a written request to REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION within thirty days after the receipt of this Notice, the name and address of the original creditor will be mailed to you by REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION.
- Written request should be addressed to and further information can be obtained from:

REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500 Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 340-2550

The state Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call you at work if they know or have reason to know that you may not receive personal calls at work. For the most part, collectors may not tell another person, other than your attorney or spouse, about your debt. Collectors may contact another person to confirm your location or enforce a judgment. For more information about debt collection activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-ETC-HELP or www.ftc.gov.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CANCEL

Servicing #: 11606567

LENDER: WMC MORTGAGE CORP.

DATE: July 7, 2006 LOAN NO.:11606567 TYPE: Conventional

3100 THORNTON AVENUE BURBANK, CA 91504
BORROWERS: JUANITA R CAPARAS
HERMRNEGILIO J CAPARAS

ADDRESS:

3554 LOVERBIRD WAY

CITY/STATE/ZIP:

ANTIOCH, CA 94509

PROPERTY:

3554 LOVERBIRD WAY ANTIOCH, CA 94509

You are entering into a transaction that will result in a mortgage/lien/security interest on your home. You have a legal right under federal law to cancel this transaction, without cost, within THREE BUSINESS DAYS from whichever of the following events occurs LAST:

(1) The date of the transaction, which is

_ ; or

- (2) The date you receive your Truth in Lending disclosures; or
- (3) The date you received this notice of your right to cancel.

If you cancel the transaction, the mortgage/lien/security interest is also cancelled. Within 20 CALENDAR DAYS after we receive your notice, we must take the steps necessary to reflect the fact that the mortgage/lien/security interest on your home has been cancelled, and we must return to you any money or property you have given us or to anyone else in connection with this transaction.

You may keep any money or property we have given you until we have done the things mentioned above, but you must then offer to return the money or property. If it is impractical or unfair for you to return the property, you must offer its reasonable value. You may offer to return the property at your home or at the location of the property. Money must be returned to the address below. If we do not take possession of the money or property within 20 CALENDAR DAYS of your offer, you may keep it without further obligation.

HOW TO CANCEL

If you decide to cancel this transaction, you may do so by notifying us in writing at

3100 Thornton Ave. (Call Center)

Burbank, CA 91504

You may use any written statement that is signed and dated by you and states your intention to cancel and/or you may use this notice by dating and signing below. Keep one copy of this notice because it contains important information about your rights.

I WISH TO CANCEL

CONSUMER'S	SIGNATURE
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DATE

Each of the borrowers in this transaction has the right to cancel. The exercise of this right by one borrower shall be effective as to all borrowers.

I acknowledge receipt of two copies of NOTICE of RIGHT TO CANCEL.

⁻ Borrower - JUANITA R CAPARAS - DATE -

Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa

NOTICE TO PLAINTIFFS

In Unlimited Jurisdiction Civil Actions

AFTER YOU FILE YOUR COURT CASE:

- 1. Have the forms the clerk gives you served on all defendants in this case:
 - a. The Complaint
 - b. The Summons
 - c. The Notice of Case Management Conference (shows hearing date and time)
 - d. The Notice to Defendants (Local Court Form CV-655d)
 - e. Blank: Case Management Statement (Judicial Council Form CM-110)
 - f. <u>Blank</u>: Stipulation and Order to Attend ADR and Delay First Case Management Conference 90 Days (Local Court Form CV-655b)
 - g. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information (Local Court Form CV-655c)
- 2. Within 60 days of the date you filed the complaint you must prove that the forms have been served on (delivered to) the defendants correctly by filing the <u>Proof of Service</u> form (POS-010) (completed by the person who did the service) with the court.
- 3. Go to the case management conference on the date indicated on The Notice of Case Management Conference.
- 4. Consider using mediation, arbitration, or neutral case evaluation (ADR) to resolve the dispute. All parties must answer questions about ADR on the Case Management Statement form. For more information, see the enclosed ADR information, visit www.cc-courts.org/adr, or call (925) 957-5787.
- 5. You may delay the first case management conference while you try to resolve the dispute in ADR. If all parties agree to use ADR, complete and file the Stipulation and Order to Attend ADR and Continue First Case Management Conference 90 Days form to tell the court you want to use this option.

All civil actions (except juvenile, probate, family, unlawful detainer, extraordinary writ, and asset forfeiture¹) and personal injury cases where a party is claiming damages² must meet the Civil Trial Delay Reduction time limits for filing documents and moving their cases forward. These time limits are listed in California Rule of Court 3.110 and Local Court Rule 5. If parties miss these deadlines, a judge might issue an order (*Order to Show Cause*) for them to explain in court why they should not have to pay a fine or have their case dismissed.

VIEW LOCAL COURT RULES AT: (WWW.CC-COURTS.ORG/RULES)

Health and Safety Code §11470 et seq.

² Including claims for emotional distress and/or wrongful death. CV-655a/Rev. 07/25/2007

Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS

In Unlimited Jurisdiction Civil Actions

YOU ARE BEING SUED. The packet you have been served should contain:

- The Summons a.
- The Complaint b.
- The Notice of Case Management (shows hearing date and time) C.
- Blank: Case Management Statement (Judicial Council Form CM-110) d.
- Blank: Stipulation and Order to Attend ADR and Delay First Case Management Conference e. 90 Days (Local Court Form CV-655b)
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information (Local Court Form CV-655c) f.



WHAT DO I DO NOW?



You must:

- 1. Prepare your response YOU COULD LOSE YOUR CASE—even before it is heard by a judge or before you can defend yourself, if you do not prepare and file a response on time. See the other side of this page for types of responses you can prepare.
- 2. Complete the Case Management Statement (CM-110)
- Once your court forms are complete, you 3. File and serve your court papers on time must file 1 original and 2 copies of the forms at court. An adult who is NOT involved in your case must serve one set of forms on the Plaintiff. If you were served in person you must file your response in 30 days. If the server left a copy of the papers with an adult living at your home or an adult in charge at your work or you received a copy by mail you must file your response in 40 days.
- by having your server complete a Proof 4. Prove you served your court papers on time of Service, (Judicial Council form POS-040), that must be filed at the court within 60 days.
- 5. Go to court on the date and time given in the Notice of Case Management Conference.
- If you and the other party to the case 6. Consider trying to settle your case before trial can agree to use mediation, arbitration or neutral case evaluation, the Stipulation and Order to Attend ADR and Delay First Case Management Conference 90 Days can be filed with your other papers. For more information read the enclosed ADR information, visit www.cc-courts.org/adr, or call (925) 957-5787.

IMPORTANT! The court recommends consulting an attorney for all or part of your case. While you may represent yourself, lawsuits can be complicated, and the court cannot give you legal advice.

COURT FEES: You must pay court fees the first time you file your papers. If you also file a motion, you must pay another fee. If you cannot afford the fees, you may ask the court to waive (allow you not to pay) fees. Use Judicial Council forms FW-001-INFO [information sheet]; FW-001 [application]; and FW-003 [order].

COURT FORMS: Buy forms at the Forms Window in the Family Law Building or download them for free at: www.courtinfo.ca.gov/forms/

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA

Plaintiff(s) / Cross Plaintiff(s)		
	ADR Case Management Stipulation a	nd O
vs.	(Unlimited Jurisdiction Civil Cas	
	CASE NO.:	
Defendant(s) / Cross Defendant(s)		
MUST SUBMIT THE ORDER FOR THE JUDGE'S SIGN	E. (NOT AVAILABLE IN COMPLEX LITIGATION CASES.) STIPULATION AND ORDER TO THE ADR OFFICE:	
Counsel and all parties agree to delay their case man complete pre-ADR discovery as follows:	agement conference 90 days to attend ADR and	
Selection and scheduling for Alternative Dispute Resolution) (ADR):	
a. The parties have agreed to ADR as follows:		
i. 🛘 Mediation (🗘 Court-connected 🚨	·	
	on-binding) 🔲 Private (non-binding) 📮 Private (bindir	ng))
iii. Neutral case evaluation		
b. The ADR neutral shall be selected by (date):	(no more than 14 days after filing this form)	l .
c. ADR shall be completed by (date): The parties will complete the following discovery plan:	(no more than 90 days after filing this form)	
a. U Written discovery: (U Additional page(s) attac	hed)	
	neu)	
	to:	<u> </u>
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iv. 🖫 l	BANCON OF S	
v. ndependent Medical Evaluation of:		
vi. 🚨 Other:		
b. Deposition of the following parties or witnesses:	(Additional page(s) attached)	
III. c. ☐ No Pre-ADR discovery needed		
The parties also agree:		
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Counsel and self-represented parties represent they are fan ADR as provided in Appendix C, will pay the fees associated good cause, comply with this stipulation and all relevant local.	d with these services, and understand that if they do not, w	
Counsel for Plaintiff (print) Fax	Counsel for Defendant (print) Fax	
Signature	Signature	
Counsel for Plaintiff (print) Fax	Counsel for Defendant (print) Fax	
Signature	Signature	
Pursuant to the Stipulation of the parties, and subject to the C	case Management Order to be filed, IT IS SO ORDERED th	nat
the Case Management Conference set for	is vacated and rescheduled for at	t i
Dated:		
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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
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TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO. (Optional):	
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional):	
ATTORNEY FOR (Name):	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY AND ZIP CODE:	
BRANCH NAME:	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER:	
DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT:	
CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT	CASE NUMBER:
(Check one): UNLIMITED CASE LIMITED CASE (Amount demanded (Amount demanded is \$25,000)	
exceeds \$25,000) or less)	
A CARCE MANAGEMENT CONFEDENCE is a facility of fillenge	
A CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE is scheduled as follows:	No.
	Div.: Room:
Address of court (if different from the address above):	•
Notice of Intent to Appear by Telephone, by (name):	
Total of them to Appear by Telephone, by (Maine).	
INSTRUCTIONS: All applicable boxes must be checked, and the specified	information must be provided.
1. Party or parties (answer one):	·
a. This statement is submitted by party (name):	
b. This statement is submitted jointly by parties (names):	
2. Complaint and cross-complaint (to be answered by plaintiffs and cross-complainants	s only)
a. The complaint was filed on (date):	•
b. The cross-complaint, if any, was filed on (date):	•
3. Service (to be answered by plaintiffs and cross-complainants only)	·
a. All parties named in the complaint and cross-complaint have been served,	or have appeared, or have been dismissed.
b. The following parties named in the complaint or cross-complaint	·
(1) have not been served (specify names and explain why not):	
(O)	inning of (or easify payment)
(2) have been served but have not appeared and have not been d	istnissed (specify frames).
(3) have had a default entered against them (specify names):	
c. The following additional parties may be added (specify names, nature of invertient may be served):	rolvement in case, and the date by which
4. Description of case a. Type of case in complaint cross-complaint (Describe, inc	cluding causes of action);



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION

All judges in the Civil Trial Delay Reduction Program agree that parties should consider using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to settle their cases. To tell the court you will use ADR:

Choose ADR on the Case Management Form (CM-110);

- File a Stipulation and Order to Attend ADR and Continue First Case Management Conference 90-Days (local court form); or
- Agree to ADR at your first court appearance.

Questions? Call (925) 957-5787, or go to www.cc-courts.org/adr

MEDIATION

Mediation is often faster and less expensive than going to trial. Mediators help people who have a dispute talk about ways they can settle their case. Parties call or visit the ADR Programs office to get a list of mediators. After parties have agreed on a mediator, they must write a summary (5 pages or less) explaining the facts, legal arguments, and legal authority for their position. They must send this summary to the other parties and the mediator at least 5 court days before mediation starts.

ALL parties and attorneys must go to mediation. Mediation can be held whenever and wherever the parties and the mediator want, as long as they finish before the court deadline. In some kinds of court cases, parties have the chance to mediate in the courthouse on their trial day.

Most mediators begin by talking with the parties together, helping them focus on the important issues. The mediator may also meet with each party alone. Mediators often ask parties for their ideas about how to settle the case. Some mediators tell the parties how much money they think a case is worth, or tell them what they think might happen if the case went to trial. Other mediators help the parties decide these things for themselves. No matter what approach a mediator takes, decisions about settling a case can only be made when all the parties agree.

If the parties go through the court ADR program, mediators do not charge fees for the first half hour spent scheduling or preparing for mediation. They also do not charge fees for the first two hours of mediation. If parties need more time, they must pay that person's regular fees. Some mediators ask for a deposit before mediation starts. Mediators who do this must give back whatever is left after counting the time he or she spent preparing for or doing the mediation. A party whose court fees have been waived (cancelled) may ask if their mediation fees or deposit can be waived.

If parties agree about how they will settle their case, they can choose to keep it private, write it up as a contract, or ask the judge to make it a court order. What parties say and agree to in mediation is confidential (private).

PRIVATE MEDIATION

Private mediation works in the same way as judicial mediation, but the parties do not go through the ADR Programs office. Parties choose a mediator on their own, and pay the mediator's normal fees.

TEMPORARY JUDGE

Some parties want a trial, but want to choose who will decide the case and when the trial will take place. Parties can agree on an attorney that they want the court to appoint as a temporary judge for their case. (See Article 6, Section 21 of the State Constitution and Rule 2.830 of the California Rules of Court.) Temporary judges have nearly the same authority as a superior court judge to conduct a trial and make decisions. As long as the parties meet the court deadline, they can schedule the trial at their own and the temporary judge's convenience.

Each of the temporary judges on the court's panel has agreed to serve at no charge for up to 5 court days. If the parties need more time, they must pay that person's regular fees. All parties and their lawyers must attend the trial, and provide a copy of all briefs or other court documents to the temporary judge at least two weeks before the trial. These trials are similar to other civil trials, but are usually held outside the court. The temporary judge's decision can be appealed to the superior court. There is no option for a jury trial. The parties must provide their own court reporter.

SPECIAL MASTER

A special master is a private lawyer, retired judge, or other expert appointed by the court to help make day-to-day decisions in a court case. The special master's role can vary, but often includes making decisions that help the discovery (information exchange) process go more smoothly. He or she can make decisions about the facts in the case. Special masters can be especially helpful in complex cases. The trial judge defines what the special master can and cannot do in a court order.

Special masters often issue both interim recommendations and a final report to the parties and the court. If a party objects to what the special master decides or reports to the court, that party can ask the judge to review the matter. In general, the parties choose (by stipulation) whom they want the court to appoint as the special master, but there are times (see California Code of Civil Procedure Section 639), when the court may appoint a special master or referee without the parties' agreement. The parties are responsible to pay the special master's regular fees.

COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICES

Mediation Services are available through non-profit community organizations. These low-cost services are provided by trained volunteer mediators. For more information about these programs contact the ADR Program at (925) 957-5787