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### DISTRICT COURT

# CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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HIGHER GROUND, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, RRR HOMES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; TRIPLE BRAIDED CORD, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; EQUISOURCE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; EQUISOURCE HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; APPLETON PROPERTIES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; CBRIS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; MEGA, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; SOUTHERN NEVADA ACQUISITIÓNS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, on behalf of themselves and as representatives of the class

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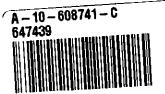
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ROCK ESTATES ASSOCIATION; CHAMPION

VILLAGE MASTER ASSOCIATION;

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#### COMPLAINT

ARBITRATION EXEMPT **Declaratory Relief** 

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TENAYA CROSSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; TERRAZZO AT MACDONALD RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; TIDES I HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; TIMBER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; TRAVERSE POINT CONDOMINIUMS UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION; VENTANA CANYON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; VERDE VIEJO OWNERS ASSOCIATION: VILLAGIO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION; VILLAS AT FORT APACHE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; VISCAYA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION: VISTANA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION; WHISPERING TIMBERS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; WHITE HORSE ESTATES; HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; WIGWAM RANCH EAST TWILIGHT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; DOES I through X and ROE ENTITIES I 11 through X, inclusive 12 Defendants.

#### COMPLAINT

# ARBITRATION EXEMPT: Declaratory Relief

The above Plaintiffs, by their attorney, Adams Law Group, Ltd., bring this civil action against the above Defendants, and each of them, and complain and allege as follows:

1. Plaintiffs, HIGHER GROUND, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; RRR HOMES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; TRIPLE BRAIDED CORD, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; EQUISOURCE, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; EQUISOURCE HOLDINGS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; APPLETON PROPERTIES, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; CBRIS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; MEGA, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company; SOUTHERN NEVADA ACQUISITIONS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, bring this action on behalf of themselves and all other owners and former owners of real property located within Defendant homeowners' associations ("Real Property") said Plaintiffs paying excess monies ("Excess Lien Amounts") to Defendants in order to satisfy homeowners' association

liens ("HOA Liens") claimed by Defendants or their agents under Nevada Revised Statutes §116 against the Real Property of Plaintiffs, said Excess Lien Amounts and the collection thereof being in violation of the Nevada Revised Statutes and of the common laws of the State of Nevada. Additionally, this action is brought only on behalf of those owners of Real Property aforementioned who had obtained title to said Real Property through a trustee's sale instituted by the first security interest holder of said Real Property and which said first security interest had been recorded before the date on which the assessments, penalties, fees, charges, late charges, fines and interest sought by Defendants and comprising said liens, became delinquent.

- 2. This action is brought in accordance with Rule 23 of the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. The class represented by the named Plaintiffs in this action is described in Paragraph 1 of this Complaint. These persons and entities constitute a class that is so numerous that joinder is impracticable. Since the named Defendant homeowners' associations acted similarly in connection with one or more of the Plaintiffs, there exist questions of law or fact which are common to all members of the class, and which predominate over questions of law and fact which affect only individual members of the class. The impact of the offenses committed by the Defendants is common to all Plaintiffs. Since the named Plaintiffs have interests in this action which are coincident with and not adverse to the class they represent, and since the named Plaintiffs individually have a substantial financial interest in this action, these named Plaintiffs will adequately protect the interests of the class they represent.
- 3. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, or otherwise, of Defendants herein designated as DOES I through X and ROE ENTITIES I through X inclusive, are unknown to the Plaintiffs at this time, who therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereupon allege that each of said Defendants is responsible in some manner for the events and happenings alleged herein and proximately caused the injuries and damages herein alleged. Plaintiffs will seek leave to amend this Complaint to allege their true names and capacities as they are ascertained.

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- 5. At all times material hereto, Defendant homeowners' associations were and now are corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada and have their principal places of business and transact business in Clark County, State of Nevada.
- 6. Defendants are organized pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes §116 and have those powers and obligations, and conduct those activities as contained in Nevada Revised Statues §116.3102 ct.seq.
- 7. Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116 governs liens against properties located within homeowners' associations, such as the Real Property, and generally states as follows:
- a. homeowners associations have a lien for any assessment or fine levied against
   a unit within its association from the time the assessment or fine becomes due;
- b. a homeowners' association's lien under Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116 is junior to the first security interest of a mortgage lender whose security instrument was recorded before the date on which the assessment or fine sought to be enforced became delinquent with the exception that only to the extent of an amount equaling 9 months of assessments (only 6 months of assessments prior to October 1, 2009) (the "super priority lien amount") is the homeowners' association lien senior to the aforementioned first security interest of a mortgage lender.
- 8. Thus, Defendants' HOA Liens became extinguished by the trustee's sale of the security interest of the first mortgage lender except for the Defendants' super priority lien amount.

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9. All Plaintiffs obtained title to their respective Real Property through a trustee's sale whereby a secured first lender foreclosed on the Real Property. The trustee's sale extinguished the Defendants' HOA liens against said Real Property but for the super priority lien amount which is the only amount of said lien which survived extinguishment pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes \$116.3116.

- 10. Defendants are homeowners' associations within the meaning of NRS 116 and are bound by its provisions.
- 11. Defendants currently claim, and have claimed liens against the Real Property of the Plaintiffs in an amount greater than the super priority lien amount in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes and the common laws of the State of Nevada.
- Plaintiffs are, or have been "unit owners" within the definitions contained in NRS 116,
   said units comprising the Real Property.
- 13. Defendants currently demand, have demanded or have received through their demands in violation of NRS 116, Excess Lien Amounts from Plaintiffs, i.e., amounts greater that the super priority lien amount in order to satisfy the claimed HOA Liens of Defendants.
- 14. At all times material hereto, and continuing up to and including the date of filing of this Complaint, Defendants, and each of them, have knowingly and unlawfully overcharged Plaintiffs to satisfy said HOA Liens.
- 15. As a result of said overcharging, the named Plaintiffs and all other persons on whose behalf this suit has been brought, have suffered damage and injury in their property in an actual amount which is as yet unknown to Plaintiffs, but which Plaintiffs believe is in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 16. The named Plaintiffs, and all other persons on whose behalf this suit has been brought, are entitled to treble damages in an amount which is not yet ascertained, but which Plaintiffs believe is in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 17. The named Plaintiffs and the persons on whose behalf this suit is brought are entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees for the services of their attorneys in this proceeding, together with their costs of suit.

# First Cause of Action

#### Civil RICO

- 18. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 17 above are hereby re-alleged and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 19. Defendants, and each of them, have demanded and received monies from Plaintiffs in order to satisfy the Excess Lien Amounts, said Excess Lien Amounts and the collection thereof being in violation of the Nevada Revised Statutes and of the common laws of the State of Nevada.
- 20. Defendants had no legal right to demand and collect the Excess Lien Amounts because, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116, the Excess Liens Amounts were extinguished by trustees' sales instituted by the first security interest holders through which Plaintiffs obtained title to their Real Property, which left only the super priority lien amounts amenable to collection by Defendants to satisfy the HOA Liens.
- 21. On each of the multiple occasions Defendants or their agents, and each of them, demanded and received monies from Plaintiffs in excess of the super priority lien amount, Defendants having obtained the monies of Plaintiffs under false pretenses.
- 22. On multiple occasions, Defendants or their agents, and each of them, through the demanding and receiving the Excess Lien Amounts from Plaintiffs in violation of the Nevada Revised Statutes and of the common laws of the State of Nevada, have taken the property of Plaintiffs under circumstances not amounting to robbery, and have obtained possession of money valued at \$250 or more from Plaintiffs by means of false pretenses.
- 23. Each such of these multiple acts constitute crimes related to racketeering as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes §207.360.
- 24. As above described, and at all material times related hereto, Defendants or their agents, and each of them, have conducted "racketeering activity," meaning each has engaged in at least two crimes related to racketeering as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes §207.360, said crimes related to racketeering being

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the demanding and receiving the Excess Lien Amounts, by falsely claiming such a. amounts were properly due to the Defendants by Plaintiffs when, in fact, they were not duc, and

- the wrongful taking of the monies of Plaintiffs under circumstances not amounting to b. robbery.
- All Defendants engaged in these crimes related to racketeering which have the same 25. or similar pattern, intents, results, accomplices, victims or methods of commission, or are otherwise interrelated by distinguishing characteristics and are not isolated incidents.
- 26. Through the combination of individuals comprising each of Defendants' respective governing board members, and each of Defendants' respective collection agencies and management companies, who, assisting in each of Defendants' acts as above described, have acted together, pursuant to a common design and agreement to engage in racketeering activity, have, therefore, structured a criminal syndicate as defined in Nevada Revised Statutes §207.370.
- 27. Defendants, and each of them, have with criminal intent, received monies derived, directly or indirectly, from racketeering activities as above described and used said monies to further establish, operate and control their enterprise.
- 28. Defendants, and each of them, have through their actions above described, intentionally organized, managed, directed, supervised and financed the criminal syndicate.
- Defendants, and each of them, have knowingly incited or induced others, such as their 29. respective collection agencies and management companies to engage in intimidation to promote or further the objectives of their criminal syndicate.
- 30. Acts of intimidation include, but are not limited to threats that unless the unlawful Excess Lien Amounts are paid Plaintiffs, title to Plaintiffs' Real Property would remain clouded, thus, precluding Plaintiffs from selling their Real Property to ready, willing and able buyers, such that Plaintiffs' livelihood would be negatively impacted.
- Defendants, and each of them, by directing their respective collection agencies and 31. management companies to demand the Excess Lien Amounts, furnished advice, assistance or direction in the conduct, financing or management of the affairs of the criminal syndicate with the intent to

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promote or further the criminal objectives of the syndicate.

- 32. Plaintiffs, and each of them, have been injured in their business or property by reason of Defendants, and each of their violations of Nevada Revised Statutes §207.400 and have a cause of action against Defendants for three times the actual damages sustained.
- 33. As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have suffered damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have been forced to 34. incur costs and fees in the prosecution of this action and have been required to hire an attorney and incur attorney fees and costs to which Plaintiffs hereby make claim and to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

# Second Cause of Action

# Negligence Per Se

- The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 34 above are hereby re-alleged and 35. incorporated herein by this reference.
- 36. Plaintiffs, owning and having owned the Real Property, each parcel of which is located within the jurisdiction of one of the Defendant homeowners' associations, belong to a class of persons that Nevada Revised Statutes §116, particularly Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116, was intended to protect.
- Defendants, and each of them have violated Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116 by 37. their actions as above described.
- Each such violation by Defendants caused Plaintiffs to pay more money to the 38. Defendants than required by the Nevada Revised Statutes, said overpayment comprising Plaintiffs' injuries.
- The super priority lien amount limit which is outlined in Nevada Revised Statutes 39. §116.3116 is intended to protect the very Excess Lien Amount injuries incurred by Plaintiffs.
- As a result of Defendants' actions of violating Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116 and 40. overcharging Plaintiffs to satisfy the liens as above described, Plaintiffs have suffered damages in excess of \$10,000.00.

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As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have been forced to 41. incur costs and fees in the prosecution of this action and have been required to hire an attorney and incur attorney fees and costs to which Plaintiffs hereby make claim and to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

# **Third Cause of Action**

# **Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

- The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 41 above are hereby re-alleged and 42. incorporated herein by this reference.
- 43. In their capacity as homeowners' associations with all the statutory rights, duties and obligations imposed upon them by law, Plaintiffs had the right to expect trust and confidence in the integrity and fidelity of Defendants, such that Defendants owed to Plaintiffs a fiduciary duty.
- 44. Defendants' actions as described above, including their multiple and repeated overcharging of Plaintiffs to satisfy the Excess Lien Amounts, constitute of breach of the Fiduciary Duty Plaintiffs owed to Defendants.
- As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have suffered damage 45. in excess of \$10,000.00.
- As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have been forced to 46. incur costs and fees in the prosecution of this action and have been required to hire an attorney and incur attorney fees and costs to which Plaintiffs hereby make claim and to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

# Fourth Cause of Action

#### **Breach NRS 116.3116**

- The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 46 above are hereby re-alleged and 47. incorporated herein by this reference.
- Defendants' actions as described above, including their multiple and repeated 48. overcharging of Plaintiffs to satisfy the Excess Lien Amounts, constitute of breach of Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116.

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49. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes §116.4117, Defendants have a civil action for damages against Plaintiffs which includes punitive damages for Defendants' willful and material failure to comply with Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116.

- As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have suffered damages 50. in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 51. As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and fees in the prosecution of this action and have been required to hire an attorney and incur attorney fees and costs to which Plaintiffs hereby make claim and to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

# Fifth Cause of Action

# Negligence

- The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 51 above are hereby re-alleged and 52. incorporated herein by this reference.
- In their capacity as homeowners' associations with all the statutory rights, duties and 53. obligations imposed upon them by law, Defendants had a duty of due care to Plaintiffs when imposing any liens against Plaintiffs, to impose such liens in an amount consistent with, and not in excess of the amounts permitted by law. Defendants had a further duty to take all appropriate actions which would prevent the overcharging of Plaintiffs for such liens.
- Defendants' actions as described above, including their multiple and repeated 54. overcharging of Plaintiffs to satisfy the Excess Lien Amounts, constitute a breach of that duty, said breach being the legal cause of Plaintiffs' injuries.
- As a result of Defendants' breaches and actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have 55. suffered damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have been forced to 56. incur costs and fees in the prosecution of this action and have been required to hire an attorney and incur attorney fees and costs to which Plaintiffs hereby make claim and to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

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#### Sixth Cause of Action

#### Slander of Title

- 57. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 56 above are hereby re-alleged and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 58. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116, Defendants had a lien against Plaintiffs' Real Property for any assessments, penalties, fccs, charges, late charges, fines and interest permitted under Nevada Revised Statutes §116 to the extent of the super priority lien amount.
- 59. However, Defendants intentionally caused to publically recorded or transmitted to 3rd parties false liens and to make false claims to Plaintiffs and to third parties for amounts in excess of the amount to which they were entitled by law.
- 60. Defendants' have, thus, made false and malicious communications disparaging to Plaintiffs' title in Plaintiffs' Real Property and have slandered Plaintiffs' title to such Real Property.
- 61. As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have suffered special damages in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 62. As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and fees in the prosecution of this action and have been required to hire an attorney and incur attorney fees and costs to which Plaintiffs hereby make claim and to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

# Seventh Cause of Action

# **Unjust Enrichment**

- 63. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 62 above are hereby re-alleged and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 64. Based upon the conduct of Defendants as above described, the Defendants have received undeserved monetary benefits from the collection of the Excess Lien Amounts from Plaintiffs.
- 65. The Defendants have been, therefore, unjustly enriched at the expense of the Plaintiffs giving rise to a legal and equitable duty to repay the Plaintiffs for all sums.

66. As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have suffered special damages in excess of \$10,000.00.

67. As a result of Defendants' actions as herein described, Plaintiffs have been forced to incur costs and fees in the prosecution of this action and have been required to hire an attorney and incur attorney fees and costs to which Plaintiffs hereby make claim and to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

# **Eighth Cause of Action**

# **Declaratory Relief**

- 68. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 67 above are hereby re-alleged and incorporated herein by this reference.
  - 69. Nevada has adopted the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act (the "Act").
- 70. The Act permits persons whose rights, status or other legal relations affected by a statute or municipal ordinance to have determined by a court of competent jurisdiction any question of construction or validity arising under the statute or ordinance and obtain a declaration of rights, status or other legal relations thereunder.
- 71. Plaintiffs seek a declaration from this Honorable Court that declares that Defendants, as statutory homeowners' associations under Nevada Revised Statutes §116, have a super priority lien for any assessments or fines levied against the Real Property of Plaintiffs, but because Plaintiffs took title through a trustees' sale by a first security interest holder, said lien amount cannot exceed 9 months of assessments (only 6 months of assessments prior to October 1, 2008).
- 72. Plaintiffs seek a declaration from this Honorable Court that Defendants have demanded and received from Plaintiffs monies in order to satisfy Defendants' claimed liens which exceed the super priority lien amount contained in Nevada Revised Statutes §116.3116, and, therefore, the Excess Lien Amounts have been unlawfully demanded and collected and must be returned with interest.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, expressly reserving their right to amend this pleading at the time of, or prior to trial, prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

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- 1. For general damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
- 2. For declaratory relief as set forth herein;
- 3. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit of litigation thereof as damages and under applicable statutes and/or as special damages in excess of \$10,000.00;
  - 4. For prc and post judgement interest at the statutory rate as may be applicable;
  - 5. For punitive and trebled damages;
  - 6. For any further legal and equitable relief that this Court may deem just and equitable.

Dated this **22** day of January, 2010.

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