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City of Los Angeles  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT**

THIS AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT, made and entered into, by and between the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter designated as the CITY; and **4535 BEN LLC**

hereinafter designated as SUBDIVIDER; WITNESSETH:

ONE: For, and in consideration of the approval of the final map of that certain division of land known as:

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and for acceptance of the dedication therein by the CITY, the SUBDIVIDER hereby agrees, at his own costs and expense, to construct and install all public improvements required in and adjoining and covered by the final map which are shown on plans, profiles and specifications, previously supplied to the City Engineer; and to furnish all equipment, labor and materials necessary to construct, install and complete the required improvements in a good and workmanlike manner. The estimated cost for completion of the above-mentioned work and improvement is the sum of **TWO HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND AND NO/100 Dollars (\$209,000.00)**.

TWO: It is agreed that the SUBDIVIDER has furnished to the City Engineer all necessary final plans, profiles and standard specifications for the required public improvements; or, that in lieu of such final plans, profiles and specifications, the City Engineer has been furnished preliminary plans that are of sufficient detail so as to be approved by the City Engineer for use in the preparation of the estimated cost of the required improvements. In consideration of the acceptance of such preliminary plans by the City Engineer, the SUBDIVIDER hereby agrees to furnish all necessary final plans, profiles and specifications in a form that will be sufficient to be processed and approved by the City Engineer not later than six (6) months from the date the final map of said subdivision of land is filed for record with the County Recorder, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

THREE: The SUBDIVIDER agrees to perform all of the above-mentioned work under permit or permits to be issued by the Board of Public Works, hereinafter designated as the BOARD. All work shall be performed in accordance with the standards and specifications of the BOARD, as amended, and to the approval of the City Engineer. The SUBDIVIDER further agrees to pay for such inspection of work and improvements as may be required by the BOARD, and the performance of the work shall be further conditioned upon due compliance with all of the provisions of Article 7 of Chapter 1, and Sections 62.105 through 62.117, inclusive, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, as amended.

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**FOUR:** In the event said work is required to be performed under Class "B" Permit as defined in Section 62.106 of the Municipal Code, the SUBDIVIDER hereby agrees to obtain said permit from the City Engineer, including payment of all necessary fees as required under the provisions of Sections 62.110 and 62.111 of said Code, prior to certification of the final map by the City Engineer.

**FIVE:** If the planting of street trees is required under the conditions of approval established by the Advisory Agency, the SUBDIVIDER shall install all required trees and shall pay all maintenance fees for each tree required to be planted by the SUBDIVIDER, in accordance with the maintenance fee schedule set forth in Section 62.176 of the Municipal Code. Said fees shall be paid to the Bureau of Engineering of the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS and shall be included in the permit fee deposit for the permit type determined by the Bureau of Engineering.

**SIX:** The SUBDIVIDER agrees to perform any changes or alterations required by the CITY in the construction and installation of the required improvements, provided that all such changes or alterations do not exceed ten (10) percent of the original estimated cost of such improvements; and the SUBDIVIDER further agrees; to install such devices for the abatement of erosion or flood hazard as may be required under the provisions of Section 61.02 of the Municipal Code; the costs of each of the above to be borne by the SUBDIVIDER.

**SEVEN:** The SUBDIVIDER expressly agrees to perform the above-mentioned work in a diligent and workmanlike manner so as to complete the construction and installation of all required public improvements on or before twenty-four (24) months from the date the final map is filed for record with the County Recorder, County of Los Angeles, State of California; or within any lawful extension of said term, or as otherwise provided by law. The SUBDIVIDER acknowledges that in the event any extension of term is granted, the City Engineer may impose additional conditions in accordance with Section 17.08G-3 of the Municipal Code.

**EIGHT:** The SUBDIVIDER agrees to warrant all work performed against any defective workmanship, or labor done, or defective materials furnished in the performance of the work required by this contract. The term of this warranty shall expire one year from the date of acceptance of the completed improvements by the City Engineer, all as required under Chapter 5 of Division 2 of Title 7 of the State of California Government Code, known as the "Subdivision Map Act," and as amended. The estimated amount sufficient for warranty is the sum of NONE.

**NINE:** The CITY shall not, nor shall any officer or employee thereof, be liable or responsible for any accident, loss or damage happening or occurring from or to the works specified in this contract prior to the completion and acceptance of the same by the City Engineer; nor shall the CITY, nor any officer or employee thereof, be liable for any persons or property injured by reason of the nature of said work, or by reason of the acts or omissions of the SUBDIVIDER, his agents or employees, in the performance of said work; but all of said liabilities shall be assumed by the SUBDIVIDER. The SUBDIVIDER further agrees to protect, defend and hold harmless the CITY and its officers and employees from all loss, liability or claim because of, or arising out of, the acts or omissions of the SUBDIVIDER, or his agents and employees, in the performance of this contract, or arising out of the use of any patent or patented article in the construction of said work.

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**TEN:** It is agreed that the SUBDIVIDER has filed or deposited with the CITY a good and sufficient IMPROVEMENT SECURITY in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.08G of the Municipal Code of the CITY, in an amount equal to or greater than the estimated cost of construction and installation of the required improvements and an amount sufficient to act as warranty for said improvements as defined in Article Eight hereof, together with reasonable attorney's fees which may be incurred by the CITY in enforcing the terms and conditions of this contract. IN ADDITION TO the Improvement Security, it is further agreed that the SUBDIVIDER has filed or deposited a good and sufficient PAYMENT SECURITY for labor and materials in an amount not less than fifty (50) percent of the amount of the Improvement Security, to secure the claims to which reference is made in Title 15, commencing with Section 3082, of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code of the State of California. If the sureties or security on either said Improvement Security or Payment Security, or both, in the opinion of the CITY become insufficient, in any respect, the SUBDIVIDER hereby agrees to furnish sufficient additional security within ten (10) days after receiving notice from the CITY that said extant securities are insufficient.

**ELEVEN:** It is further understood and agreed, that in the event it is deemed necessary to extend the time for the performance of the work contemplated to be done under this contract, such extensions of time may be granted by the City Engineer or by the BOARD, or both, either at their own option or upon request of the SUBDIVIDER, and such extensions shall in no way affect the validity of this contract, the Subdivision Cash or Negotiable Security Improvement and Warranty Performance Agreement executed in connection herewith or release the Surety on any Surety Bond or Bonds. Such extensions of time may be conditioned upon a construction schedule to be specified by the City Engineer, and/or a revision of the Improvement Security based on revised estimated improvement costs, and/or revision of the plans, profiles and specifications used for the construction and installation of the required improvements to comply with the standards and specifications of the BOARD in effect at the time such extension of time is granted.

**TWELVE:** The SUBDIVIDER further agrees to maintain the aforesaid Improvement and Payment Security in full force and effect, during the term of this contract, including any extensions of time as may be granted thereto.

**THIRTEEN:** If the SUBDIVIDER neglects, refuses or fails to prosecute the required work with such diligence as to insure its completion within the time specified herein, or within such extension of said time as may have been granted by the City Engineer or by the BOARD, or both, or if the SUBDIVIDER neglects, refuses or fails to perform satisfactorily any of the provisions of the improvement construction permit, plans and profiles, or specifications, or any other act required under this agreement and contract, the BOARD may declare this agreement and contract in default.

Immediately upon a declaration of default, the Subdivider and Surety shall be liable to City for the cost of construction and installation of the public improvements and for costs and reasonable expense and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in enforcing this Agreement and Contract.

A notice of default shall be mailed to the SUBDIVIDER and any Surety and the Board shall cause a demand to be made for payment of any negotiable securities held as Improvement Securities in connection with this Agreement and Contract.


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In the event of such default, the SUBDIVIDER hereby grants to the CITY and/or the Surety upon any Surety Bond, the irrevocable permission to enter upon the lands of the subject division of land for the purpose of completing the required improvements. The CITY reserves the right if it elects to do the work to exclude the SUBDIVIDER from the site in order to complete the required work either by CITY forces or by separate contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument has been duly executed by the above named SUBDIVIDER on November 19, 20 20.

**4535 BEN LLC**



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SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNATURES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ON "NOTICE TO CLASS B PERMIT AND BOND APPLICANTS" (FORM ENG. 3.693-REVISED)

District Design Office: **VALLEY**

Council District No.: **07**

Date Issued: **12/07/2020**

Location: **13821 - 13827 ELDRIDGE ST**

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

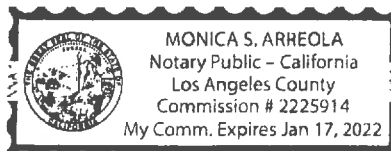
County of Los Angeles

On January 15, 21 before me, Monica S. Arreola, notary public  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Enrique Gonzalez  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Monica S. Arreola', written over a horizontal line.

(Seal)

City of Los Angeles  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
Office of the City Engineer

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SURETY'S BOND NO.

**VALLEY**

District/Division Design Office  
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Date Issued: 12/07/2020

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CAO-RISK MANAGEMENT NO.  
01/26/2021

**SUBDIVISION LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, **4535 BEN LLC**

as PRINCIPAL and Hartford Fire Insurance Company a corporation  
incorporated under the laws of the State of Connecticut and authorized by the  
laws of the State of California to execute bonds and undertakings as sole surety, as SURETY, are  
held and firmly bound unto the City of Los Angeles, in the JUST and FULL SUM of **ONE  
HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 Dollars (\$104,500.00)** . , lawful  
money of the United States, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind  
ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally,  
firmly by these presents.

The CONDITION of the foregoing obligation is such that WHEREAS the PRINCIPAL has entered  
or is about to enter into a contract with the CITY, pursuant to the authority of an act of the  
Legislature of the State of California known as the "Subdivision Map Act" (Division 2, commencing  
with Section 66410, of Title 7 of the Government Code) and amendments thereto, for the  
construction and installation of certain public improvements in accordance with the terms and  
conditions stipulated in said contract, and WHEREAS, pursuant to said Code, the PRINCIPAL  
must give this PAYMENT BOND as a condition to the execution of said contract, and for approval  
by the CITY of that certain division of land known as:

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NOW, THEREFORE, if said PRINCIPAL fails to pay the Contractor or his Subcontractors, or fails  
to pay persons renting equipment or furnishing labor or materials of any kind for the performance  
of said contract, or fails to pay amounts due under the Unemployment Insurance Act with respect  
to such work or labor, then said SURETY will pay the same in an amount not exceeding the  
amount hereinabove set forth, and also in case suit is brought upon this bond, will pay, in addition  
to the face amount thereof, costs and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable  
attorney's fees, incurred by the CITY in successfully enforcing such obligation, to be awarded and  
fixed by the court, and to be taxed as costs and to be included in the judgment therein rendered.

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**SUBDIVISION LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND**

IT IS EXPRESSLY STIPULATED AND AGREED that this bond shall insure to the benefit of any and all persons, companies and corporations entitled to file claims under Title 15 (commencing with Section 3082) of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, so as to give a right of action to them or their assigns to any suit brought upon this bond.

SHOULD THE CONDITION of this bond be fully performed, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

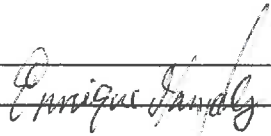
THE SURETY hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the contract, or to the work to be performed thereunder, or to plans and specifications for the work to be performed, shall in any manner affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension, alteration or addition. The provisions of Section 2845 of the Civil Code are not a condition precedent to the SURETY's obligation hereunder and are hereby waived by the SURETY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument has been duly executed by the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY on November 19, 20 20.

Principal Signatories

**4535 BEN LLC**

Principal Signatories



SURETY: Hartford Fire Insurance Company

By:



Julie Karnes (Attorney-in-Fact)

Surety's Address: 1111 Northshore Drive, Suite N-550, Knoxville, TN 37919



# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries/Claims to:

THE HARTFORD

BOND, T-12

One Hartford Plaza

Hartford, Connecticut 06155

[bond.claims@thehartford.com](mailto:bond.claims@thehartford.com)

call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Code: Marsh

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana         |
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having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut, (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint, **up to the amount of unlimited:**

Julie Karnes

of

Knoxville, TN

their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by ☒, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, undertakings, contracts and other written instruments in the nature thereof, on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on August 1, 2009 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



John Gray, Assistant Secretary

M. Ross Fisher, Senior Vice President

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

ss.

Hartford

COUNTY OF HARTFORD

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, before me personally came M. Ross Fisher, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the County of Hartford, State of Connecticut; that he is the Senior Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that he signed his name thereto by like authority.



CERTIFICATE

Nora M. Stranko  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires March 31, 2023

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of November 19, 2020

Signed and sealed at the City of Hartford.



Kevin Heckman, Assistant Vice President



# CALIFORNIA ALL- PURPOSE CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of Tennessee }

County of Knox }

On November 19, 2020 before me, Andrea Allman, Notary Public  
(Here insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Julie Karnes,  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Andrea Allman

Notary Public Signature (Notary Public Seal)

My Commission Expires: May 06, 2023



## ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL INFORMATION

### DESCRIPTION OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

(Title or description of attached document)

(Title or description of attached document continued)

Number of Pages        Document Date       

### CAPACITY CLAIMED BY THE SIGNER

- ☐ Individual (s)  
☐ Corporate Officer

(Title)

- ☐ Partner(s)  
☐ Attorney-in-Fact  
☐ Trustee(s)  
☐ Other

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

*This form complies with current California statutes regarding notary wording and, if needed, should be completed and attached to the document. Acknowledgments from other states may be completed for documents being sent to that state so long as the wording does not require the California notary to violate California notary law.*

- State and County information must be the State and County where the document signer(s) personally appeared before the notary public for acknowledgment.
- Date of notarization must be the date that the signer(s) personally appeared which must also be the same date the acknowledgment is completed.
- The notary public must print his or her name as it appears within his or her commission followed by a comma and then your title (notary public).
- Print the name(s) of document signer(s) who personally appear at the time of notarization.
- Indicate the correct singular or plural forms by crossing off incorrect forms (i.e. he/she/they, is /are ) or circling the correct forms. Failure to correctly indicate this information may lead to rejection of document recording.
- The notary seal impression must be clear and photographically reproducible. Impression must not cover text or lines. If seal impression smudges, re-seal if a sufficient area permits, otherwise complete a different acknowledgment form.
- Signature of the notary public must match the signature on file with the office of the county clerk.
  - ❖ Additional information is not required but could help to ensure this acknowledgment is not misused or attached to a different document.
  - ❖ Indicate title or type of attached document, number of pages and date.
  - ❖ Indicate the capacity claimed by the signer. If the claimed capacity is a corporate officer, indicate the title (i.e. CEO, CFO, Secretary).
- Securely attach this document to the signed document with a staple.

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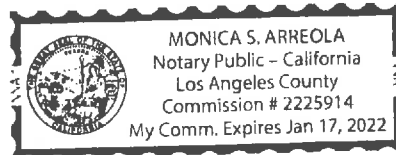
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Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

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States, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs,  
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The CONDITION of the foregoing obligation is such that WHEREAS the PRINCIPAL has entered  
or is about to enter into the annexed agreement with the CITY, pursuant to the authority of an act  
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inclusive, of the Municipal Code of the CITY, as amended, for the construction and installation of  
certain public improvements in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in said  
agreement, and is required by the CITY to give this bond in connection with the execution of said  
agreement as a contract for approval of that certain division of land known as:

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NOW, THEREFORE, if the above bounden PRINCIPAL, his or its heirs, executors, administrators,  
or assigns, shall in all things stand to and abide by, and well and truly keep and perform the  
covenants, conditions and provisions in said annexed agreement and any alteration thereof made  
as therein provided, on his or their part, to be kept and performed at the time and in the manner  
therein specified, and in all respects according to their true intent and meaning, and shall  
indemnify and save harmless the CITY, its officers, agents and employees, as therein stipulated,  
then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and  
effect.

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AS PART OF THE OBLIGATION SECURED HEREBY, and in addition to the face amount specified therefor, there shall be included costs and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the CITY in successfully enforcing such obligation, all to be taxed as costs and included in any judgment rendered therefor.

THE SURETY hereby stipulates and agrees that no change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of the annexed agreement, or to the work to be performed thereunder, or to the specifications accompanying the work to be performed, shall in anywise affect its obligations on this bond, and it does hereby waive notice of any such change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the terms of said agreement, or to the work, or to the plans and specifications. The provisions of Section 2945 of the Civil Code are not a condition precedent to the Surety's obligation hereunder, and are hereby waived by the SURETY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument has been duly executed by the above named PRINCIPAL and SURETY on November 19, 20 20.

Principal Signatories

**4535 BEN LLC**

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*Guilherme F. Souza* \_\_\_\_\_

SURETY: Hartford Fire Insurance Company

By: Julie Karnes Julie Karnes (Attorney-in-Fact)

Surety's Address: 1111 Northshore Drive, Suite N-550, Knoxville, TN 37919

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Julie Karnes

of

Knoxville, TN

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In Witness Whereof, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on August 1, 2009 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



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(Here insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Julie Karnes  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Andrea Allman  
Notary Public Signature (Notary Public Seal)  
My Commission Expires: May 06, 2023



## ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL INFORMATION

### DESCRIPTION OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT

(Title or description of attached document)

(Title or description of attached document continued)

Number of Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Document Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CAPACITY CLAIMED BY THE SIGNER

- ☐ Individual (s)  
☐ Corporate Officer

(Title)

- ☐ Partner(s)  
☐ Attorney-in-Fact  
☐ Trustee(s)  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

*This form complies with current California statutes regarding notary wording and, if needed, should be completed and attached to the document. Acknowledgments from other states may be completed for documents being sent to that state so long as the wording does not require the California notary to violate California notary law.*

- State and County information must be the State and County where the document signer(s) personally appeared before the notary public for acknowledgment.
- Date of notarization must be the date that the signer(s) personally appeared which must also be the same date the acknowledgment is completed.
- The notary public must print his or her name as it appears within his or her commission followed by a comma and then your title (notary public).
- Print the name(s) of document signer(s) who personally appear at the time of notarization.
- Indicate the correct singular or plural forms by crossing off incorrect forms (i.e. he/she/they, is /are) or circling the correct forms. Failure to correctly indicate this information may lead to rejection of document recording.
- The notary seal impression must be clear and photographically reproducible. Impression must not cover text or lines. If seal impression smudges, re-seal if a sufficient area permits, otherwise complete a different acknowledgment form.
- Signature of the notary public must match the signature on file with the office of the county clerk.
  - ❖ Additional information is not required but could help to ensure this acknowledgment is not misused or attached to a different document.
  - ❖ Indicate title or type of attached document, number of pages and date.
  - ❖ Indicate the capacity claimed by the signer. If the claimed capacity is a corporate officer, indicate the title (i.e. CEO, CFO, Secretary).
- Securely attach this document to the signed document with a staple.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of Los Angeles

On January 15, 2021 before me, Monica S. Arreola, notary public  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared Enrique Gonzalez,  
who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are  
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in  
his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the  
person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature [Signature]

(Seal)

