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# TO THE HONORABLE GERALDINE MUND, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

John P. Reitman, as chapter 11 trustee (the "Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate ("Estate") of Shirley Foose McClure, debtor (the "Debtor") in the captioned bankruptcy case under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, as amended (the "Bankruptcy Code"), hereby submits this motion ("Motion"), pursuant to sections 363 and 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, for entry of an order of the Court authorizing the sale of the Estate's residential real property located at 93 Invitational Drive, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 (the "Invitational Property"), free and clear of all liens, claims and interests, and represents as follows:

### I.

# STATEMENT OF FACTS

#### A. **Procedural History**

The Debtor commenced this Bankruptcy Case by filing her voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on December 21, 2012 (the "Petition Date"). The Trustee is informed that the Debtor's bankruptcy Estate is comprised of her interest in multiple parcels of income producing real property in Southern California, San Francisco, Maui and Michigan, and claims asserted in pending litigation against her former attorneys.

On July 12, 2016, the Court entered an order directing the Office of the United States Trustee to appoint a chapter 11 trustee (Docket No. 1090). On July 27, 2016, the United States Trustee appointed Mr. Reitman as the Chapter 11 Trustee (Docket No. 1105) and on the same date Mr. Reitman accepted that appointment (Docket No. 1106). On August 3, 2016, the Court entered its order approving the United States Trustee's appointment of Mr. Reitman as the Trustee (Docket No. 1113).

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#### **B**. **The Invitational Property**

25 The Invitational Property is one of three real properties held by the Estate in Gaylord, 26 Michigan (collectively, the "Michigan Properties"). The other two are: (a) residential real 27 property located at 145 North Otsego Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735, and (b) a vacant lot ("Lot 13") that is adjacent to the Invitational Property. By this Motion, the Trustee only seeks an order

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authorizing the sale of the Invitational Property, not the adjacent Lot 13, which is owned in part by the Debtor's son, Jason McClure, and is not being sold.

The Invitational Property is situated at the north end of the lower peninsula, adjacent to a golf course and near a military facility. Prior to the appointment of the Trustee in August 2016, the Invitational Property was rented to an officer formerly stationed at the military facility for \$1,800.00 per month. However, that tenant vacated the property in July 2016. Due to the severe winters in Gaylord, the rental market is seasonal, and no replacement tenant was found during the winter season just ended.

On April 18, 2017, the Debtor, via e-mail sent to Jon Dalberg, counsel to the Trustee, introduced Thom Green as a prospective tenant for the Invitational Property. Mr. Dalberg contacted Mr. Green, who expressed interest in renting the Invitational Property, but did not discuss rent. Mr. Dalberg indicated that he would speak with the Trustee, and requested Mr. Green to think about what rent he would consider to be appropriate. After speaking with the Trustee, Mr. Dalberg obtained a copy of the prior lease of the property from the Debtor. Mr. Dalberg also contacted Mr. Brian Goebel, the Trustee's broker who was present in Gaylord, and requested that he contact Mr. Green. Mr. Goebel's calls to Mr. Green were not returned.

The Invitational Property is not encumbered by any secured debt.<sup>1</sup> However, maintaining and repairing the Invitational Property, including payments for utilities, insurance, cleaning and repairs, has cost the Estate \$4,110.59 for the period commencing with the Trustee's appointment through May 2, 2017. As such, the Invitational Property has been a drain on the resources of the Estate, prompting the Trustee to determine in the exercise of his sound business judgment that a sale of the Invitational Property is in the best interests of the Estate and all having an interest therein.

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# C. <u>Marketing and Proposed Sale of the Invitational Property</u>

On January 1, 2017, the Trustee filed and served his application for an Order of the Court authorizing the employment of Berkshire Hathaway Michigan Real Estate ("Berkshire

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There may be real property tax liens against the Invitational Property. Those liens, if any, will be paid through the close of escrow.

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1 Hathaway") as listing agent and broker for the marketing and sale of the Michigan Properties 2 (Docket No. 1164) ("Application"). The Debtor objected to the Application (Docket No. 1168) 3 ("Debtor's Objection"). The Trustee timely filed and served his reply to the Debtor's Objection 4 (Docket No. 1169) and, following a hearing held on February 21, 2017, the Court entered its 5 order overruling the Debtor's Objection and granting the Application on February 28, 2017 6 (Docket No. 1172).

Berkshire Hathaway has been actively marketing the Invitational Property since that time, and has identified a purchaser for the property, and conveyed offers and counter-offers between the Trustee and that purchaser. The Trustee, in the exercise of his sound business judgment, has agreed to sell the Invitational Property "as is" to that purchaser, Andrew Hees (the "Purchaser") for \$335,000.00. The agreement between the Trustee and the Purchaser is memorialized in the documents attached as Exhibit A to the Reitman Declaration (collectively, the "Purchase Agreement"). As is set forth therein, the Invitational Property is being sold "as is," with no contingencies or warranties. The sale of the Invitational Property to the Purchaser is subject to approval by the Court and to overbid, as set forth below.

16 The Purchaser has paid a deposit of \$16,750.00 which has been placed in escrow with 17 Alpine Title & Escrow ("AT&E"), and has agreed to pay the remainder of the purchase price in 18 cash upon the close of escrow.

### II.

# **RELIEF REQUESTED**

By this Motion, the Trustee seeks the following relief:

#### A. **Approval of Bidding Procedure**

The Trustee requests approval of the following bidding procedure:

(1)To qualify as an overbidder, a party interested in bidding must, no later than 4:00 25 p.m. on June 21 2017, (a) deliver to the Trustee's counsel a completed and signed copy of the 26 overbid form (the "Overbid Form") attached as Exhibit 1 to the Notice of Motion of John P. 27 Reitman, Chapter 11 Trustee, for Entry of an Order Authorizing Sale of 93 Invitational Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735 Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and Interests (Docket No. 1195) filed

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concurrently herewith, making a binding offer for the Invitational Property of no less than
\$345,000.00 (the "Initial Overbid Amount"), (b) deliver to the Trustee a deposit in an amount
that is the greater of \$17,250.00.00 and 5% of the amount the overbid, either in the form of a
cashier's check payable to the Trustee or by wire transfer to AT&E, and (c) provide to the
Trustee's counsel information sufficient to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the
Trustee that the proposed over bidder has the financial ability to complete the sale on the terms
specified in the Purchase Agreement and Overbid Form (collectively, the "Bid Package"). The
Trustee will notify bidders whether they have qualified to bid at the auction (a "Qualified
Bidder") within two business days after receipt by the Trustee of the Bid Package;

(2) All Qualified Bidders must appear, telephonically or in person, at the hearing on the Motion, at 10:00 a.m., on June 27, 2017, in Courtroom 303, United States Bankruptcy
 Court, 21041 Burbank Boulevard, Woodland Hills, California 91367;

(3) At the hearing on the Motion, the Court shall designate the successful bidder for the Invitational Property (the "Successful Bidder"), which shall be (a) if no parties have qualified as Qualified Bidders, the Purchaser, (b) if only one party has qualified as a Qualified Bidder, and no further overbids are received at the hearing (including by the Purchaser), the Qualified Bidder, or, if multiple parties have qualified as Qualified Bidders, the winning bidder at the auction process described in paragraphs (4) and (5);

(4) If multiple parties have qualified as Qualified Bidders prior to the hearing on the Motion, an auction will be conducted by the Court or by the Trustee at the hearing, or by the Trustee in a conference room in the courthouse identified in open court at the sale hearing, at which the opening bid shall be the Initial Overbid Amount and the opening bidder shall be the first party who qualified as a Qualified Bidder under paragraph (1), with each subsequent bid being at least \$1,000.00 greater than the prior bid;

(5) The winning bidder at the Auction shall be the party that submits the bid that the Trustee determines, in the reasonable exercise of his discretion and with the approval of the Court, to be the highest and best bid for the Invitational Property;

(6) At the hearing on the Motion, if the Trustee so requests, the Court may also

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designate a back-up bidder for the Invitational Property (the "Back-Up Bidder"), which shall be
 (a) if only one overbid is received, the Purchaser, and (b) if more than one overbid is received,
 the party who submits the next highest and best bid, as determined by the Trustee, after the
 winning bid submitted by the Successful Bidder;

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(7) The closing date of the sale to the Successful Bidder shall be a date to which the Trustee and the Successful Bidder agree in writing, but in no event more than 21 days after entry of the order granting the Motion;

(8) The closing date of the sale to the Successful Bidder shall be a date to which the Trustee and the Successful Bidder agree in writing, but in no event more than 21 days after entry of the order granting the Motion, and

(9) If the sale to the Successful Bidder does not close within 21 days after entry of the order granting the Motion, for any reason other than the fault of the Trustee, the Trustee may retain the entire deposit amount submitted by the Successful Bidder without recourse by such bidder.<sup>2</sup>

# B. <u>Sale of the Invitational Property</u>

The Trustee requests that the Court authorize him to take all steps necessary or that he reasonably deems appropriate to complete the sale of the Invitational Property to the Successful Bidder or, if the Successful Bidder does not close within 21 days after the order approving such sale is entered by the Court and the Trustee elects to terminate the sale to the Successful Bidder, to the Back-Up Bidder.

# C. <u>Sale Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and Interests</u>

The Trustee is not aware of any liens claims and interests encumbering the Invitational Property, other than certain real property taxes which were disclosed in a preliminary title report, and which the Trustee believes he has already paid. Nonetheless, the Trustee also requests that the Court order that the sale of the Invitational Property will be free and clear of any and all liens, claims, and interests, whether or not of record, with all liens, claims, and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Trustee reserves the right to alter the Bid Procedures by notifying Qualified Bidders at or before the auction that the Bid Procedures have been altered.

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1 interests (if any) in the Invitational Property to attach to the net sale proceeds in the same 2 validity and priority and subject to the same defenses and avoidability, if any, as before the 3 closing of the sale (other than property taxes then payable which will be paid through escrow at 4 closing).

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#### D. **Payment of Commission and Costs**

The Trustee seeks authority to pay from escrow a total commission of up to 7% of the final purchase price to Berkshire Hathaway. The Trustee also seeks authority to pay the seller's customary costs of sale, including title and escrow charges, from escrow.

#### E. **Good Faith Finding Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(m)**

The Trustee seeks a determination that the Successful Bidder (and the Back-Up Bidder, if any) is a good faith purchaser within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 363(m) and is entitled to all the protections afforded to a good faith purchaser under that section and will file a supplemental pleading setting forth the factual bases upon which the Court may make such a determination.

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## Waiver of 6004(h) Stay Period

The Trustee requests that the Court waive the 14-day stay on the effectiveness of an order authorizing the sale of estate property imposed by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(h).

## III.

# ARGUMENT

#### A. The Court Should Approve the Proposed Bidding Procedure

The Court should approve the proposed bidding procedure because it is designed to maximize the value to the Estate from the Invitational Property. In considering a proposed sale process under 11 U.S.C. § 363(b), "[t]he court's obligation . . . is to assure that optimal value is realized by the estate under the circumstances." Simantob v. Claims Prosecutor, LLC (In re Lahijani), 325 B.R. 282, 288 (9th Cir. BAP 2005). Absent special circumstances, public auctions are generally preferred as a means of obtaining the highest possible price. See, e.g., Sheen v. Diamond (In re American Computer & Digital Components, Inc.), 2005 Bankr. LEXIS 3360, at \*13 (9th Cir. BAP 2005) ("Frequently, the maximum value of estate property will be

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1 realized by competitive bidding."). The bidding procedure proposed by the Trustee is designed 2 to encourage competitive bidding while ensuring that all persons participating in the auction 3 process have the financial wherewithal to close the sale in a timely fashion. The Trustee 4 believes that this procedure will permit him to achieve the highest price for the Invitational Property without unduly delaying the sale, and therefore the procedure should be approved by 5 6 the Court.

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### The Trustee Should be Authorized to Sell the Invitational Property

The Trustee should be authorized to sell the Invitational Property outside of the ordinary 9 course of business, because the Invitational Property is an asset of the Estate that can be 10 liquidated to generate funds for the payment of creditors, and because the costs of its 11 maintenance and repair constitute a drain on the Estate. Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1), "[t]he 12 trustee . . . may use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the 13 estate." For the court to approve a sale of estate assets outside of the ordinary course of 14 business, the trustee must provide an "articulated business justification" for the proposed sale. 15 See, e.g., In re ASARCO, LLC, 650 F.3d 593, 601 (5th Cir. 2011); Walter v. Sunwest Bank (In re 16 Walter), 83 B.R. 14, 19-20 (9th Cir. BAP 1988); In re Ionosphere Clubs, Inc., 100 B.R. 670, 17 674-75 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989). In the present case, the business justification for the proposed 18 sale of the Invitational Property is that it is an asset of the Estate that can be sold to generate 19 funds for the payment of creditors and because the costs of maintenance and repair of the 20 Invitational Property are such that, despite the absence of any secured debt, the Invitational Property has failed to generate positive cash flow for the Estate during the course of the 22 Trustee's administration, warranting its sale to preserve the assets of the Estate.

23 In an individual debtor's bankruptcy case, it is up to the trustee to decide whether to sell 24 estate property. This is true even where the property is the debtor's residence and the debtor is 25 entitled to claim an exemption, with the debtor's interest being limited to receiving sale 26 proceeds equal to the amount of that exemption. See, e.g., Heath v. Farmer (In re Heath), 2007 27 Bankr. LEXIS 4847, at \*8 (9th Cir. BAP Apr. 2, 2007) ("[The individual debtors] had no rights 28 in the Property; the chapter 7 bankruptcy estate, represented by [the] trustee, was the owner of

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1 all rights in the Property; and [the trustee's] efforts in liquidating the Property were necessary, 2 indeed mandated, under the Bankruptcy Code."); In re Farthing, 340 B.R. 376, 380 (Bankr. D. 3 Ariz. 2006) ("The house itself, as distinguished from the Debtors' inchoate interest in a portion 4 of its possible proceeds, remained property of the estate. Because the Trustee is now in a 5 position to sell the home for an amount substantially in excess of all liens against it and the 6 maximum homestead claim of Debtors, it is appropriate for the Trustee to do so and the 7 Debtors' objection to the sale is therefore denied.").

Here, the Invitational Property is not the Debtor's residence, and the Debtor has not (and could not) claim any homestead exemption with respect to it. Moreover, the Trustee is unaware of any liens encumbering the Invitational Property, with the result that proceeds of the sale will be available for the benefit of creditors through the sale process proposed by the Motion, and the Court should authorize the Trustee to proceed with the sale.

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#### C. The Sale Should be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims and Interests

14 The Trustee is unaware of any liens, claims and/or interests that attach to the Invitational 15 Property, other than certain real property taxes, which are reflected in the preliminary title 16 report on the Invitational Property. Nonetheless, the Court should approve the sale of the 17 Invitational Property free of any and all such liens, claims and interests as may exist under 11 18 U.S.C. § 363(f), because, first, such a sale is authorized under §363(f)(2) to the extent that the 19 holder of a lien, claim, or interest fails to object to the Motion. See In re Haven Eldercare, 390 20 B.R. 762, 771 (Bankr. D. Conn. 2008) (finding that sale free and clear is "appropriate by consent pursuant to Section 363(f)(2)" where "[t]here have been no objections filed or 22 presented"); In re Elliot, 94 B.R. 343, 345 (E.D. Pa. 1988) ("[I]mplied consent is sufficient to 23 authorize a sale under § 363(f)(2)."); see also Citicorp Mortgage v. Brooks (In re Ex-Cel 24 Concrete Co.), 178 B.R. 198, 203 n.7 (9th Cir. BAP 1995) (noting that approval of sale free and 25 clear of interest of Citicorp would be permissible under \$ 363(f)(2) if there was "consent or 26 non-opposition by Citicorp").

27 Second, to the extent that there does exist a holder of a lien, claim or interest in the 28 Invitational Property and such holder objects to the proposed sale, the Trustee proposes that any

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1 such lien, claim or interest shall attach to the proceeds of the sale (except that any undisputed 2 property tax liens will be paid through escrow at the closing of the sale) in the same validity and 3 priority and subject to the same defenses and avoidability, if any, as before the closing of the 4 sale. Under such circumstances, a sale of the property free and clear of any such claims is 5 permitted under § 363(f). See, e.g., In re Spanish Peaks Holdings II LLC, 2012 Bankr. LEXIS 6 1944, at \*26 (Bankr. D. Mont. May 3, 2012) ("This Court routinely authorizes trustees to sell 7 property of the estate free and clear of liens under authority of 11 U.S.C. § 363(f), with a 8 provision that all valid liens attach to the proceeds of the sale according to their priority."); In re 9 Canonigo, 276 B.R. 257, 263 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2002) (holding that § 363(f) authorizes sale free 10 and clear of a secured claim provided that the lien attaches to the sale proceeds).

Accordingly, the Court should order that the sale of the Invitational Property will be free and clear of all liens, claims and interests, whether or not of record.

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### D. <u>The Court Should Order Turnover of the Invitational Property</u>

14 The Court should include in it Order authorizing the sale a requirement that the 15 Invitational Property that the Debtor and any persons acting under her direction and control turn 16 over possession of the Invitational Property promptly upon entry of the Court's order approving 17 the sale. The Bankruptcy Code requires the debtor to "cooperate with the trustee as necessary to 18 enable the trustee to perform the trustee's duties under this title" and to "surrender to the trustee 19 all property of the estate." 11 U.S.C. 521(a)(3)–(4). If the trustee can generate net revenue 20 for the estate from the sale of estate property, including the debtor's house, the trustee is entitled 21 to sell the property and require that the debtor turn over the property to him. See, e.g., In re 22 *Ellis*, 2011 Bankr. LEXIS 89, at \*13 (Bankr. D. Idaho Jan. 7, 2011) ("Here, Trustee may sell the 23 house under § 363. When he does, the sale will generate significant value which benefits the 24 creditors in this case. Trustee is therefore justified in requiring that Debtors turn over 25 possession of the house to him for sale, and Debtors must do so."). Because the sale of the 26 Invitational Property will generate substantial revenue for the Estate, the Court should order the 27 Debtor (and any persons acting under her direction and control) to turn over possession of that 28 property to the Trustee.

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# **The Court Should Authorize the Payment of Commission and Costs From the Sale Proceeds**

The Court should authorize the payment of the real estate brokers' commission and the other costs of sale from the gross sale proceeds without further order of the Court. The Trustee will not be able to close escrow without paying these amounts, and the claims that will be satisfied would otherwise constitute administrative expense claims under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b).

# F. <u>The Court Should Make a Good faith finding Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(m)</u>

8 The Court should find that the Successful Bidder (and the Back-Up Bidder, if any) is a 9 good faith purchaser, because neither the Purchaser nor any potential overbidder has engaged in 10 fraud, collusion, or an attempt to take unfair advantage of other bidders. The Bankruptcy Code 11 provides that the "reversal or modification on appeal of an authorization . . . of a sale or lease of 12 property does not affect the validity of a sale or lease under such authorization to an entity that 13 purchased or leased such property in good faith." 11 U.S.C. § 363(m). While the Bankruptcy 14 Code does not define "good faith," the Ninth Circuit has held that "[1]ack of good faith . . . is 15 determined by fraudulent conduct during the sale proceedings." Community Thrift & Loan v. 16 Suchy (In re Suchy), 786 F.2d 900, 902 (9th Cir. 1985). Similarly, the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy 17 Appellate Panel has stated that "the misconduct that would destroy a purchaser's good faith 18 status at a judicial sale involves fraud, collusion between the purchaser and other bidders or the 19 trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders." Prichard v. Sherwood 20 & Roberts, Inc. (In re Kings Inn, Ltd.), 37 B.R. 239, 243 (9th Cir. BAP 1984), quoting In re 21 Rock Industries Machinery Corp., 572 F.2d 1195, 1198 (7th Cir. 1978). The Trustee's court-22 approved real estate broker, Berkshire Hathaway, has conducted a diligent marketing process 23 with the goal of attracting as many potential purchasers as possible. Berkshire Hathaway will 24 continue to actively market the Invitational Property until the hearing on the Motion and will 25 encourage all interested parties to qualify as overbidders and participate in the auction. Further, 26 at or prior to the hearing on the Motion, the Purchaser and any parties qualifying as overbidders will be required to submit statements under penalty of perjury regarding the matters relevant to 27 28 a § 363(m) determination. Accordingly, the Successful Bidder (and the Back-Up Bidder, if

Landau Gottfried & Berger LLP any) will be selected through an open, fair, and competitive process, and should be determined to be a good faith purchaser under § 363(m).

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## G. <u>The Court Should Waive the 6004(h) Stay Period</u>

The Court should waive the stay period imposed by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(h) so that the sale of the Invitational Property can close promptly and the Trustee's administration of the Estate will not be further delayed. Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(h) provides that "[a]n order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property other than cash collateral is stayed until the expiration of 14 days after entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise." The Rule therefore contemplates that the Court may order that the stay period is waived.

The Trustee believes that it is appropriate for the Court to waive the stay period to prevent any further delay in the Trustee's administration of the Estate. As described above, the Invitational Property constitutes a continuing drain on the Estate. For that reason, the Court should waive the stay period so that the Trustee can close the sale of the Invitational Property as expeditiously as possible.

### IV.

# **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set forth above, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order: (a) approving the bidding procedure set forth above; (b) authorizing the Trustee to sell the Invitational Property to the Successful Bidder or, if appropriate, the Back-Up Bidder; (c) ordering that the sale will be free and clear of liens, claims and interests, whether or not of record, with any and all liens (other than any undisputed property tax liens, which will be paid through escrow at the closing of the sale), claims and interests in the Invitational Property to attach to the net sale proceeds in the same validity and priority and subject to the same defenses and avoidability, if any, as before the closing of the sale; (d) authorizing the Trustee to pay a commission of up to 7% of the final purchase price and other costs of sale from the gross sale proceeds without further order of the Court; (e) finding that the Successful Bidder (and the

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Back-up Bidder, if any) is a good faith purchaser within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 363(m);					
and (f) waiving the 14-day stay period set forth in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure					
6004(h).					
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JON L.R. DALBERG					
LANDAU GOTTFRIED & BERGER LLP Counsel for John P. Reitman, Chapter 11 Trustee					
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## **DECLARATION OF JOHN P. REITMAN**

I, John P. Reitman, declare as follows:

1. I am the duly appointed and serving Chapter 11 Trustee ("Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate of Shirley Foose McClure, debtor (the "Debtor") in *In re Shirley Foose McClure*, pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division ("Court") as Case No. 1:13-bk-10386-GM ("Bankruptcy Case"). Except as otherwise stated, each of the facts stated in this declaration is based on my knowledge as Trustee, and if called upon to do so I could competently testify thereto. This declaration is made in support of the *Motion of John P. Reitman, Chapter 11 Trustee, for Entry of an Order Authorizing Sale of 93 Invitational Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735 Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and Interests* (the "Motion"), to which this declaration is appended. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms used in this declaration shall have the same meaning as is ascribed to them in the Motion.

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# A. <u>Procedural History</u>

2. I am informed and believe based upon my review of the matters of record in the Court docket of this Bankruptcy case that (a) the Debtor commenced this Bankruptcy Case by filing her voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on December 21, 2012 (the "Petition Date"); and (b) the Debtor's Estate is comprised of her interest in multiple parcels of income producing real property in Southern California, San Francisco, Maui and Michigan and certain claims asserted in litigation against attorneys who formerly represented her.

3. I am further informed and believe based upon my review of the matters of record in the Court docket of this Bankruptcy Case that (a) on July 12, 2016, the Court entered an order directing the Office of the United States Trustee to appoint a chapter 11 trustee (Docket No. 1090);
(b) on July 27, 2016, the United States Trustee appointed me as the Chapter 11 Trustee (Docket No. 1105) (I accepted that appointment on the same date (Docket No. 1106)); and (c) on August 3, 2016, the Court entered its order approving my appointment as Trustee (Docket No. 1113).

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# B. <u>The Invitational Property</u>

4. I am further informed and believe based upon my review of the matters of record in the Court docket of this Bankruptcy Case that the Estate owns three real properties in Gaylord

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Michigan: the Invitational Property, the adjacent Lot 13, Invitational Drive ("Lot 13") and another
 residential property located at 145 North Otsego Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735 ("Otsego Property and,
 together with the Invitational Property and Lot 13, the "Michigan Properties"). By the Motion, I
 seek an order authorizing the sale of the Invitational Property.

5. The Invitational Property is situated at the top of the lower peninsula, adjacent to a golf course and near a military facility. Prior to the appointment of the Trustee in August 2016, the Invitational Property was rented to an officer formerly stationed at the military facility for \$1,800.00 per month. However, that tenant vacated the property in July 2016. Due to the severe winters in Gaylord, the rental market is seasonal, and no replacement tenant was found during the winter season just ended.

6. Based on my review of a preliminary title report obtained at my request, I am informed and believe that the Invitational Property is not encumbered by any secured debt. There may be real property tax liens against the Invitational Property. Any undisputed property taxes that are due and payable and that are not paid before close of escrow on the proposed sale of the Invitational Property, will be paid through the close of escrow.

7. Maintaining and repairing the Invitational Property, including payments for utilities,
insurance, cleaning and repairs, has cost the Estate \$4,110.59 for the period commencing with my
appointment as Trustee through May 2, 2017. As such, the Invitational Property has been a drain
on the resources of the Estate, and I have determined, in the exercise of my sound business
judgment, that a sale of the Invitational Property is in the best interests of the Estate and all having
an interest therein.

# C. <u>Marketing and Proposed Sale of the Invitational Property</u>

8. On January 1, 2017, I caused to be filed and served my application for an Order of the Court authorizing the employment of Berkshire Hathaway Michigan Real Estate ("Berkshire Hathaway") as listing agent and broker for the marketing and sale of the Michigan Properties (Docket No. 1164) ("Application"). The Debtor objected to the Application (Docket No. 1168) ("Debtor's Objection"). I caused my reply to the Debtor's Objection (Docket No. 1169) to be timely filed and served and, following a hearing held on February 21, 2017, the Court entered its

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order overruling the Debtor's Objection and granting the Application on February 28, 2017 (Docket No. 1172).

9. Berkshire Hathaway has been actively marketing the Invitational Property since that time, and has identified a purchaser for the property, and conveyed offers and counter-offers between me and that purchaser. In the exercise of my sound business judgment as Trustee, I have agreed to sell the Invitational Property "as is" to that purchaser, Andrew Hees (the "Purchaser") for \$335,000.00. A copy of the documents comprising the Purchase Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. As is set forth therein, the Invitational Property is being sold "as is," with no contingencies or warranties. The sale of the Invitational Property to the Purchaser is subject to approval by the Court and to overbid, as set forth in the Motion.

10. The Purchaser has paid a deposit of \$16,750.00 which has been placed in escrow with Alpine Title & Escrow ("AT&E"), and has agreed to pay the remainder of the purchase price in cash upon the close of escrow.

11. I believe that entering into the Purchase Agreement, seeking overbids, and conducting an auction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Motion will permit me to obtain the maximum value for the estate from the Invitational Property.

12. I believe that it is appropriate for the Court to waive the 14-day stay imposed by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(h) so that the sale of the Invitational Property can close promptly. The Invitational Property constitutes a continuing drain on the Estate. For that reason, the Court should waive the stay period so that the sale of the Otsego Property can close as expeditiously as possible.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  day of May, 2017 in Los Angeles, California.

John P. Reitman, Trustee

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# EXHIBIT A

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7	REAL ESTATE TAXES: Seller will pay all prior years' real estate taxes. The current year's real estate taxes will be paid as follows:
	NO PRORATION: Seller will pay the taxes which are due before the date of closing. Buyer will pay taxes which are due on or after the date of closing. "Due" means the date on which a tax becomes payable.
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- 14 LEAD-BASED PAINT DISCLOSURP/INSPECTION (for residential housing built prior to 1978 only): Buyer acknowledges that prior to signing this Agreement, Buyer has received a copy of the *Lead-based Paint Sellers Disclosure* Form completed by the Seller on the terms of which shall be part of this Agreement, Buyer also agrees (check one below):
  - Buyer shall have \_\_\_\_\_\_ days after the date of this Agreement to conduct an inspection of the property for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards. (Federal regulations require a 10-day period or other motivally agreed upon period of time.) If Buyer is not satisfied with the results of this inspection, upon notice from Buyer to Seller within this period, this Agreement shall terminate and any deposit shall be refunded to Buyer.
  - [X] Buyer hereby waives his/her opportunity to conduct a risk assessment or inspection for the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.
- 15. LAND DIVISION ACT (For unplatted land only); Seller and Buyer agree that the following statements shall be included in the deed at the time of delivery:
  - (ii) The granter grants to the grantee the right to make <u>zero</u> (insert "zero" or a specific number, as appropriate) division(s) under section 108 of the Land Division Act, MCI: 560,108
  - (b) This property may be located within the vicinity of farm land or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors and other associated conditions may be used and are protected by the Mielingan right to farm act.

CAUTION: If the space contained in subparagraph (a) above is left blank, the deed will NOT grant Buyer the right to any divisions-

16. PROPERTY INSPECTIONS: Buyer has gersonally inspected the property and accepts it in AS IS present condition and agrees that there are no additional written of oral indecstandings except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

X This offer is contingent upon satisfactory inspections of the property, at Buyer's choice and at Buyer's expense, no later than <u>10</u> business days of the date of this Agreement. These inspections may include, but may not be limited to, situatinal and/or mechanical inspections, survey and site investigation, soil borings, as well as inspections for radon, pests, mold and/or asbestos. Buyer agrees to return the property to its prior condition after any inspections or tests. If Buyer is not satisfied with the results of any inspection, upon written notice from Buyer to Scher within this period, this Agreement shall terminate and any deposit shall be refunded to Buyer. In the event the Buyer acider temoves the contingencies nor terminates this Agreement in the time provided, the Buyer shall be deemed to have waved this contingency. Any request by Buyer to may find writing, or (b) the Buyer removes the inspection shall terminate this agreed to by Scher in writing, or (b) the Buyer removes the inspection soft and inspections.

Bayer acknowledges that Selling Broker/RFALTOR® has recommended that Buyer obtain an inspection of the property hy an inspector and/or a licensed contractor. Buyer does not desire to obtain an inspection of the property.

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- 18. DEFAULT: If Buyer defaults, Seller may enforce this Agreement, or may cancel the Agreement, keep the deposit, and pursue legal remedies. If Seller defaults, Buyer may enforce this Agreement or may demend a refund of the deposit and pursue legal remedies. (This paragraph may be subject to the arbitration provisions in paragraph 22 below).
- 19. LIMITATION: Buyer and Seller agree that any and all claims or lawsaits which they may have against the Listing Broker and its agents and/or Selling Broker and its agents relating to their services must be filed no more than six (6) months after the date of closing of the transaction described in this Agreement. Buyer and Seller waive any statute of limitations to the contrary.

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Addendum A

Addendum to contract dated	d April 9, 2017				
between	John Reitman Ch 11 Bankruptcy	(hereinafter "Seller")			
and	Andrew Hees, Justine Hees	(hereinafter "Buyer")			
Property Address	93 Invitational Dr.Gaylord, MI49735, Gaylord, MI	49735-7828			
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3. Sale to be completed 30 days after the final court order approving the sale.

4. Appliances are not included in the sale. All fixtures are included in the sale. All built in appliances are included in the sale.

5. Sale is subject to Bankruptcy Foreclosure guidelines/proceedings and overbid

6. Relative to the buy and sell agreement referenced above, the buyer and seller agree that the purchase price shall be \$335,000.

7. Buyer to respond by 4/26/2017 5PM.

All other terms and conditions to remain the same.

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Buyer Andrew Hees

Phone: 989.732-9555

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Date

Buyer Justine Hees

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#### ADDENDUM TO LISTING CONTRACT

#### 93 invitational Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735

This ADDENDUM is to be part of and incorporated into a Listing contract between BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOME SERVICES as Listing Realtor/Broker and John Reitman Trustee for Shirley McClure as Seller, Dated December 23, 2016, regarding the above captioned Property.

#### Addendum #1

The Changes listed below are made part of the listing agreement.

#### Paragraph 4

"SELLER AND BROKERS AND AGENTS HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT DETERMINE THE CONDITION OR FITNESS FOR USE FOR USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE. THE SALE SHALL BE "AS IS," "WHERE IS," "WITH ALL FAULTS,' AND WITH NO REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, PROMISES, COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS OR GUARANTIES OF ANY KIND OR CHARACTER WHATSOEVER, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ORAL OR WRITTEN, OR RECOURSE WHATSOEVER, EXCEPT THAT THE SELLER WILL CONVEY TITLE BY A WARRANTY DEED, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL MONETARY LIENS CLAIMIS, AND ENCUMBRANCES OF RECORD PURSUANT TO A BANKRUPTCY COURT ORDER."

#### Paragraph 5

Brokerage Firm shall identify to Seller all persons it introduces to the Property. FURTHER, if within 6 months after the expiration of this agreement, Seller sells, trades or exchanges the Property to anyone introduced to the Property during the term of this Exclusive Listing Contract, the stated compensation will be paid by Seller to Brokerage Firm, unless at the time of the sale, the Property is listed with any other realtor, in which case no compensation will be paid by Seller to Brokerage Firm. It is also agreed that in the event of a trade or exchange, Brokerage Firm is authorized to represent and receive compensation from both parties to the transaction, but in no event shall such compensation exceed 7% of the sale price.

#### Paragraph 21

"Seller is informed and believes that this division has been approved by local municipality."

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#### Paragraph 27

"The bankruptcy court in which the McClure bankruptcy case is pending shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any and all disputes regarding sale of the property. For that purpose the parties each waives any and all right to a trial by jury."

And

"SALE OF THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT, AFTER NOTICE THEREOF AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY INTERESTED PARTY TO OBJECT, AND IS SUBJECT TO OVERBID AT THE HEARING TO APPROVE THE SALE."

#### Seller's Acknowledgement/Lead Based Paint disclosure as follows:

"Seller is informed and believes that the listed property was built in 1978 or later, and that therefore, the federally-mandated lead-based paint disclosure regulations do not apply to this property.

#### SELLERS DISCLOSURE

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May 3, 2017

Mr. John Reitman

**RE: Andrew Hees** 

Mr. Reitman:

This letter is to verify that Andrew Hees, via a combination of deposit accounts and credit facilities (in conjunction with Michael Hees) has available to him the sum of \$335,000 at Fifth Third Bank.

Sincerely,

FIFTH THIRD BANK

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Lori A. Reichard

**Vice President** 

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Cc: Michael Hees

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# Addendum <u>"B"</u>

Addendum to contract dated	April 9, 2917	
between	John P. Reitman, Trustee	(hereinafter "Seller")
and	Andrew Hees, Justine Hees	_ (hereinafter "Buyer")
Property Address	93 Invitational Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735 ·	

HOME INSPECTION CONTINGENCY REMOVAL:

Having conducted an inspection of the property, the Purchasers hereby lift and remove the home inspection contingency referenced in Paragraph 16 of the Buy and Sell Agreement.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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Buyer Andrew Hees	Date	l
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Dyer Justine Hees	Date	

Trustee 5/17 Seller John P. Reitman,

Seller

Date

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1	DECLARATION OF JON L. R. DALBERG
2	I, Jon L.R. Dalberg, declare as follows:
3	1. I am a limited liability partner of Landau Gottfried & Berger LLP ("LGB"), counsel
4	to John P. Reitman, Chapter 11 Trustee for the bankruptcy estate of Shirley Foose McClure (the
5	"Debtor") in Case No. 1:13-bk-10386-GM that is presently pending before the United States
6	Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, San Fernando Valley Division, and as such,
7	unless otherwise stated, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. I make this
8	declaration in support of the Motion of John P. Reitman, Chapter 11 Trustee, for Entry of an Order
9	Authorizing Sale of 93 Invitational Drive, Gaylord, MI 49735 Free and Clear of Liens, Claims and
10	Interests (the "Motion"), to which this declaration is appended. Unless otherwise indicated,
11	capitalized terms used in this declaration shall have the same meaning as is ascribed to them in the
12	Motion.
13	2. On April 18, 2017, I received an e-mail from the Debtor introducing Thom Green as
14	a prospective tenant for the Invitational Property. A true and correct copy of that e-mail is attached
15	as Exhibit A hereto.
16	3. On April 19, 2017, I had a telephone conversation with Mr. Green who expressed
17	interest in renting the Invitational Property, but did not discuss rent. I indicated that I would speak
18	with the Trustee, and requested Mr. Green to think about what rent he would consider to be
19	appropriate.
20	4. On the same day, I informed the Trustee of my conversation with Mr. Green, and
21	also requested via e-mail that the Debtor provide me with a copy of the prior lease on the
22	Invitational Property. A copy of that e-mail is attached as Exhibit B hereto.
23	5. Also on April 19, 2017, I sent an e-mail to Brian Goebel, of Berkshire Hathaway,
24	who was present in Gaylord, providing him with Mr. Green's contact information and requesting
25	that he follow up with Mr. Green. A copy of that e-mail is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
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1	6. By e-mail exchanges on April 20 and April 21, 2017, Mr. Goebel informed me that
2	he had attempted to contact Mr. Green, had left a message for him, and had received no response.
3	Copies of those e-mails are attached as Exhibits D, E and F hereto.
4	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is
5	true and correct.
6	Executed this day of May, 2017 in Los Angeles, California.
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# EXHIBIT A

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Sent:	Tuesday, April 18, 2017 5:37 PM
То:	Thom Green
Cc:	Shirley McClure; Jon L.R. Dalberg; A. Lavar Taylor
Subject:	?? Lease for 93 Invitational Drive

Thom and Jon,

Thom: Jon Dalberg is Chapter 11 Trustee John Reitman's attorney and is handing the Invitational property for Mr. Reitman while he is in a trial.

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Thom's phone number is 817-201-4562.

Will you please both confirm you have received this email.

Thank you,

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# EXHIBIT B

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From:Jon L.R. DalbergTo:"Shirley McClure"Subject:RE: ?? Lease for 93 Invitational DriveDate:Wednesday, April 19, 2017 11:43:08 AM

Thank you Shirley. Can you please send me a pdf of the lease with the prior tenant on this property.

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From:Jon L.R. DalbergSent:Wednesday, April 19, 2017 12:31 PMTo:Pat Lynch-Goebel (lynchgoebel@msn.com)Cc:John P. ReitmanSubject:93 Invitational.

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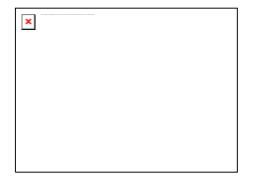
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Brian & Pat Goebel Berkshire Hathaway Michigan Real Estate 989-350-8100 Fax: 989-732-5751



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Sent:	Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:46 PM
То:	Jon L.R. Dalberg
Subject:	Re: 93 Invitational.

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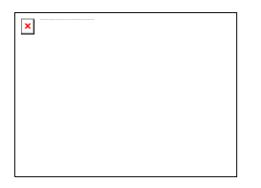
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Sent:	Friday, April 21, 2017 11:30 AM
То:	Jon L.R. Dalberg
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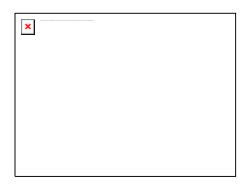
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I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

### LANDAU GOTTFRIED & BERGER LLP, 1801 Century Park East, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): <u>Motion of John P. Reitman, Chapter 11 Trustee,</u> for Entry of an Order Authorizing Sale of 93 Invitational Drive, Gaylord, <u>MI 49735 Free and Clear of Liens, Claims</u> and Interests; <u>Declarations of John P. Reitman and Jon L.R. Dalberg in Support Thereof</u> will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

1. <u>TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)</u>: Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) <u>May 17, 2017</u>, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below:

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#### 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL:

On (*date*) May 17, 2017 I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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### 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method

for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (*date*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or email as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

May 17, 2017	Michael Mocciaro	М.	le
Date	Printed Name	Signature	

This form is mandatory. It has been approved for use by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

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