

ARBITRATION ADDENDUM

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To Agreement dated _____,
between _____, and _____,
concerning property located at _____.

This Addendum supersedes any provisions regarding arbitration contained in the above referenced Agreement.

ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES. Any dispute or claim in law or equity arising out of this contract will be decided by neutral binding arbitration in accordance with the California Arbitration Act, (C.C.P. § 1280 et seq.), and not by court action except as provided by California law for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. If the parties cannot agree upon an arbitrator, a party may petition the Superior Court of the county in which the property is located for an order compelling arbitration and appointing an arbitrator. Service of the petition may be made by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the last known address of the party served. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The parties will have the right to discovery in accordance with Code of Civil Procedure § 1283.05.

The parties agree that the following procedure will govern the making of the award by the arbitrator:

- (a) A Tentative Award will be made by the arbitrator within 30 days following submission of the matter to the arbitrator.
- (b) The Tentative Award will explain the factual and legal basis for the arbitrator's decision as to each of the principal controverted issues.
- (c) The Tentative Award will be in writing unless the parties agree otherwise; provided, however, that if the hearing is concluded within one (1) day, the Tentative Award may be made orally at the hearing in the presence of the parties.
- (d) Within ten (10) days after the Tentative Award has been served or announced, any party may serve objections to the Tentative Award. Upon objections being timely served, the arbitrator may call for additional evidence, oral or written argument, or both. If no objections are filed, the Tentative Award will become final without further action by the parties or arbitrator.
- (e) Within thirty (30) days after the filing of objections, the arbitrator will either make the Tentative Award final or modify or correct the Tentative Award, which will then become final as modified or corrected.

The provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure authorizing the imposition of sanctions as a result of bad faith actions or tactics will apply to the arbitration proceedings, provided, however, that the arbitrator shall not have the power to commit errors of law, errors of legal reasoning, or rely upon unsupported findings of fact in imposing sanctions for any reason against a party or a party's attorney. In the event such error is claimed, the applicable sanctions may be vacated or corrected on appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction for any such error. A prevailing party will also be entitled to an action for malicious prosecution if the elements of such cause of action are met.

The following matters are excluded from arbitration: (a) a judicial or non-judicial foreclosure or other action or proceeding to enforce a deed of trust, mortgage, or real property sales contract as defined in Civil Code § 2985; (b) an unlawful detainer action; (c) the filing or enforcement of a mechanic's lien; (d) any matter which is within the jurisdiction of a probate court, or small claims court; or (e) an action for bodily injury or wrongful death. The filing of a judicial action to enable the recording of a notice of pending action, for order of attachment, receivership, injunction, or other provisional remedies, will not constitute a waiver of the right to arbitrate under this provision.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE "ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES" PROVISION DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AS PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA LAW AND YOU ARE GIVING UP ANY RIGHTS YOU MIGHT POSSESS TO HAVE THE DISPUTE LITIGATED IN COURT OR JURY TRIAL. BY SIGNING IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR JUDICIAL RIGHTS TO DISCOVERY AND APPEAL, UNLESS THOSE RIGHTS ARE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED IN THE "ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES" PROVISION. IF YOU REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO ARBITRATION AFTER AGREEING TO THIS PROVISION, YOU MAY BE COMPELLED TO ARBITRATE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. YOUR AGREEMENT TO THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION IS VOLUNTARY.

WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AND AGREE TO SUBMIT DISPUTES ARISING OUT OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED IN THE "ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES" PROVISION TO NEUTRAL ARBITRATION.

Date _____

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