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## BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS STATE OF NEVADA

Sharath Chandra, Administrator, Real Estate Division, Department of Business & Industry, State of Nevada,

Petitioner,

vs.

Terra Linda Townhouse Homeowners Association,

Respondent.

Case No. 2018-892

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NEVADA COMMISSION OF COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS

### COMPLAINT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada (the "Division"), by and through its counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and Michelle D. Briggs, Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby notifies RESPONDENT TERRA LINDA TOWNHOUSE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (hereinafter. "RESPONDENT" or "ASSOCIATION") administrative hearing before the Commission for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels, State of Nevada, which is to be held pursuant to Chapters 233B and 116 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 116 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if an administrative penalty will be imposed on the RESPONDENTS pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC including, but not limited to. NRS 116.785 and NRS 116.790.

#### JURISDICTION AND NOTICE

- 1. RESPONDENT TERRA LINDA TOWNHOUSE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION is a common interest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2. RESPONDENT is subject to the provisions of Chapter 116 of each the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NRS 116") and are subject to the jurisdiction of

the Division, and the Commission for Common Interest Communities pursuant to the provisions of NRS 116.750.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 3. RESPONDENT TERRA LINDA TOWNHOUSE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (the "Association") consists of 144 townhomes built in 1971 with an annual budget of \$233,280.
  - 4. The Association has been managed by Cary DeGrosa since 1984.
  - 5. Mr. DeGrosa does not have a management contract.
- 6. The Association's board consisted of three members until sometime in 2018 when two of them resigned, leaving Shirley Bellaflores.
- 7. Mr. DeGrosa informed the Division that Ms. Bellaflores is 84 years old and has dementia.
  - 8. The Division has a separate disciplinary case against Mr. DeGrosa.
- 9. Mr. DeGrosa provided unsigned executive session meeting minutes to the Division reflecting the Association modified contracts, approved financials, approved insurance coverages, and hired an auditor in executive session.
- 10. The Association's reserve study dated April 21, 2018 states that the Association is 22.5% funded based on a projected starting reserve balance of \$85,905.
- 11. The reserve study recommended monthly reserve funding for 2018 in the amount of \$6,400.
- 12. The bank records provided by the Association do not show any reserve contributions in 2017 or 2018.
- 13. The Association's reserve funds stayed approximately \$53,000 for 2017 and 2018.
- 14. The Association pays excessive amounts of money to Mr. DeGrosa and "Isaac Thorns" (purportedly doing landscaping) without contracts.

#### VIOLATIONS OF LAW

15. RESPONDENT is in violation of NRS 116.3115 by failing to fund reserves

and failing to establish adequate reserves.

16. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116.31085 by its board taking action in executive session to modify and renew contracts, approve financials, approve insurance coverages, and hire an auditor.

#### DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 116.615; NRS 116.755; NRS 116.785; and NRS 116.790 the Commission has discretion to take any or all of the following actions:

- 1. Issue an order directing RESPONDENT to cease and desist from continuing to engage in the unlawful conduct that resulted in the violation.
- 2. Issue an order directing RESPONDENT to take affirmative action to correct any conditions resulting from the violation.
- 3. Impose an administrative fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation by RESPONDENT.
- 4. IF RESPONDENTS ARE FOUND TO HAVE KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY COMMITTED A VIOLATION of NRS or NAC 116 AND it is in the best interest of the Association, such RESPONDENTS may be removed from his/her position as a director and/or officer.
- 5. Order an audit of the ASSOCIATION, at the expense of the ASSOCIATION.
- 6. Require the BOARD MEMBERS to hire a community manager who holds a certificate.
- 7. Require RESPONDENTS to pay the costs of the proceedings incurred by the Division, including, without limitation, the cost of the investigation and reasonable attorney's fees.
- 8. Take whatever further disciplinary action as the Commission deems appropriate.

The Commission may order one or any combination of the discipline described above. If the Commission finds that the RESPONDENTS knowingly and willfully

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violated the provisions of NRS or NAC 116, the Commission may order that RESPONDENTS be personally liable for all fines and costs imposed.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider this Administrative Complaint against the above-named RESPONDENT in accordance with Chapters 233B and 116 and 116A of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapters 116 and 116A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE at the Commission meeting scheduled for March 12-14, 2019, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. each day, or until such time as the Commission concludes its business. The Commission meeting will be held at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Nevada Room, Suite 400, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 with videoconferencing to Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

STACKED CALENDAR: Your hearing is one of several hearings that may be scheduled at the same time as part of a regular meeting of the Commission that is expected to take place on March 12-14, 2019. Thus, your hearing may be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility to be present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing is called, a default may be entered against you and the Commission may decide the case as if all allegations in the complaint were true. If you need to negotiate a more specific time for your hearing in advance because of coordination with out of state witnesses or the like, please call Samiel Williams, Commission Coordinator, at (702) 486-4606.

YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING: Except as mentioned below, the hearing is an open meeting under Nevada's open meeting law, and may be attended by the public. After the evidence and arguments, the commission may conduct a closed meeting to discuss your alleged misconduct or professional competence. A verbatim record will be made by a certified court reporter. You are entitled to a copy of the transcript of the open and closed portions of the meeting, although you must pay for the transcription.

As a RESPONDENT, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice. At the hearing, the Division has the burden of proving the allegations in the complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making this request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights and obligations, including your obligation to answer the complaint, you have are listed in NRS Chapter 116 and NAC Chapter 116, including without limitation, NRS 116.770 through 116.780, and NAC 116.500 through NAC 116.635 and NRS Chapter 233B.

Note that under NAC 116.575, not less than five (5) working days before a hearing, RESPONDENT must provide to the Division a copy of all reasonably available documents that are reasonably anticipated to be used to support his position, and a list of witnesses RESPONDENT intend to call at the time of the hearing. Failure to provide any document or to list a witness may result in the document or witness

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	being excluded from RESPONDENT'S defense. The purpose of the hearing is to
2	determine if the RESPONDENTS have violated the provisions of NRS 116, and to
3	determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against RESPONDENT.
4	DATED: January _ <b>31</b> _, 2019.
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE (NRS 116.770)

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I hereby certify that on this <u>6th</u> day of February 2019; I deposited a true and correct copy of the foregoing:

# COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING, NOTICE OF DOCUMENTS PRODUCED,

#### And NOTICE OF COMPLAINT AND OBLIGATION TO RESPOND

in the United States Mail, postage pre-paid, in Las Vegas, Nevada, through the State of Nevada mailroom, by certified mail addressed to the following respondents at his last known address as follows

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