1	BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST		
2	COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS STATE OF NEVADA		
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4	SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator,		
5	SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,	Case No. 2023-599	
6	Petitioner,	FILED	
7	vs.	OCT 1 2 2023	
8 9	DIANA D. STEGEMAN, (CAM.0009065 - REVOKED)	NEVADA COMMISSION FOR COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS	
10	Respondent.	mgallo	
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12	COMPLAINT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING		
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14	The Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry, State of		
15	Nevada (the "Division"), by and through its counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of		
16	the State of Nevada, and Christal P. Keegan, Deputy Attorney General, hereby notifies		
17	DIANA D. STEGEMAN ("RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the		
18	Commission for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels, State of		
19	Nevada, which is to be held pursuant to Chapters 233B and Chapters 116 and 116A of		
20	the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and	Chapter 116 and 116A of the Nevada	
21	Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations		
22	stated below and to determine if an administrative penalty will be imposed on the		
23	RESPONDENT pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC including, but not limited to		
24	NAC 116A.360.		
25	JURISDICTION AND NOTICE		

During all relevant times mentioned in this complaint, RESPONDENT held a community manager certificate from the Division (CAM.0009065) and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the provisions of NRS Chapters 116 and 116A and NAC Chapters 116 and 116A. RESPONDENT'S certificate is currently in "revoked" status.

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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

1. At all times relevant to this Complaint, RESPONDENT, by and through her company, Heritage Management Group LLC, was the exclusive manager for The Heathers Homeowners Association ("Association"). *CICC0091 –CICC139*.

2. Over the course of 2021 to 2023, the RESPONDENT overpaid her management company above her contractually agreed upon rate in amounts estimated at \$52,475.82. CICC014-CICC019, CICC0091-CICC139, CICC141.

3. During times relevant to this Complaint, the Association approved and paid vendor, Eagle Restoration, LLC, which was a business owned by a relative of the RESPONDENT however, the Association believed such payments were for a different approved vendor who had performed the work, Lighting Services of Nevada, Inc., also a relative of the RESPONDENT. *CICC016-CICC018, CICC144-174, CICC266, CICC286, CICC291.*

4. From April 2022 through March 2023, the RESPONDENT provided the Association's Board with packets of financial information that included discrepancies to the copies of checks, bank statements data and entries. *CICC009-CICC013*, *CICC408-CICC413*, *CICC020-CICC089*, *CICC316-CICC320*, *CICC182-CICC315*, *CICC321-CICC405*.

5. From November 2022 through March 2023, checks from both the Association's operating and reserve accounts indicated the applied signature of a former treasurer despite his resignation from the Board on October 27, 2022. *CICC177-CICC181, CICC286, CICC291-CICC292, CICC297, CICC301, CICC306.*

6. On or about June 29, 2023, the Division received information from the
Association's Board President regarding the RESPONDENT'S acts of fraud and theft.
CICC001-CICC005.
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7. On July 2, 2023, the Association's Board President filed a police report against the RESPONDENT for embezzlement crimes in the amount of \$50,000. CICC406-CICC407.

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Thereafter, on or about July 7, 2023, the Division sent the RESPONDENT 8. a letter requesting a response and/or information regarding the complaints against her by July 21, 2023, to which she did not respond to. *CICC140–CICC141*.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

8 9 RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(1)(a) for failing to act as a fiduciary to the client when she embezzled funds from the Association.

10 10. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(6) for failing to accurately and 11 properly document the Association's financial documents when she edited bank 12 statements, removed checks, and adjusted incoming funds.

13 RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(10) when she failed to cooperate 11. 14 with the Division in resolving the complaints filed against her.

15 12. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116.640(10) for collecting amounts from her 16 client above and beyond the agreed upon amounts specified in the management 17 agreements.

18 13. RESPONDENT violated NAC 116A.355(2)(b) when she knew and/or should 19 have known but failed to disclose to the Association that its approved vendor payments 20 were being paid to a different unapproved vendor who was related to both the 21 **RESPONDENT** and the approved vendor.

22 RESPONDENT violated NAC 116A.355(2)(c) by engaging in deceitful, 14. 23 fraudulent and/or dishonest conduct by knowingly communicating false, misleading 24 and/or fraudulent financial information to the Association within the board packets.

25 15. RESPONDENT violated NAC 116A.355(2)(h) when she failed to account for 26 and/or remit money that belonged to the Association.

27 16. RESPONDENT violated NAC 116A.355(2)(i) for exceeding the authority 28 granted to her by the management agreement.

1	17.	RESPONDENT violated NAC 116A.355(3)(b) for failing to exercise	
2	reasonable	skill and care with respect to the Association when the signature of a person	
3	who was no longer on the board was being applied to checks paid out.		
4	18.	RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.640(2)(a) for impeding or otherwise	
5	interfering with the Division's investigation by failing to provide documents.		
6	DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED		
7	Pursuant to the provisions of NAC 116A.360, the Commission has discretion to		
8	impose discipline as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to one or more of the		
9	following actions:		
10	(a)	Revoke or suspend the certificate;	
11	(b)	Refuse to renew or reinstate the certificate;	
12	(c)	Place the community manager on probation;	
13	(d)	Issue a reprimand or censure to the community manager;	
14	(e)	Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each violation of a statute or	
15	(f)	regulation; Require the community manager to pay restitution;	
16		Require the community manager to pay the costs of the investigation and	
17	(g)	hearing;	
18	(h)	Require the community manager to obtain additional education relating to the management of common-interest communities; and	
19	(i)	Take such other disciplinary action as the Commission deems appropriate.	
20	The Commission may order one or any combination of the discipline described		
21 22	above.		
22		NOTICE OF HEARING	
23	PLE	ASE TAKE NOTICE that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider this	
25	Administrative Complaint against the above-named RESPONDENT in accordance with		
26	Chapters 233B and 116 and 116A of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 116 and		
27	116A of the Nevada Administrative Code.		
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THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE at the Commission meeting(s) scheduled for December 12-14, 2023, 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, 4th Floor, Nevada Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 with videoconferencing to Department of Business & Industry, Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, 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 December 12-14, 2023. Thus, your hearing may 10 be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility 11 to be present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing 12 is called, a default may be entered against you and the Commission may decide 13 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 14 15 an out of state witness or the like, please call Maria Gallo, Commission 16 Coordinator, at (702) 486-4074.

17 YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING: Except as mentioned below, the hearing is 18 an open meeting under Nevada's open meeting law and may be attended by the public. 19 After the evidence and arguments, the commission may conduct a closed meeting to 20 discuss your alleged misconduct or professional competence. You are entitled to a copy of 21 the transcript of the open and closed portions of the meeting, although you must pay for 22 the transcription. As a RESPONDENT, you are specifically informed that you have the 23 right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel 24 of choice. At the hearing, the Division has the burden of proving the allegations in the 25complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right 26 to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You $\mathbf{27}$ have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine 28 opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel 2 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's testimony and/or 4 evidence. Other important rights and obligations, including your obligation to answer the complaint, are listed in NAC 116A.560 through NAC 116A.655, NRS Chapter 233B, and NRS Chapters 116 and 116A and NAC 116 and 116A.

7 Note that under NAC 116A.585, not less than five (5) working days before a 8 hearing, RESPONDENT must provide to the Division a copy of all reasonably available 9 documents that are reasonably anticipated to be used to support his or her position, and 10 a list of witnesses RESPONDENT intends to call at the time of the hearing. Failure to 11 provide any document or to list a witness may result in the document or witness being 12 excluded from RESPONDENT'S defense. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the RESPONDENT has violated any of the provisions of NRS and NAC Chapters 116 and 13 116A, and to determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against 14 15 RESPONDENT, if any, pursuant to NAC 116A.360.

DATED this 10 day of October, 2023.

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REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA

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AARON D. FORD DATED this <u>10th</u> day of October, 2023.

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