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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.

VIA OLIVERO SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (Entity No. C20365-1998);

Respondent.

Case No. 2024-986



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## 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 Phil W. Su, Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby notifies VIA OLIVERO SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ("RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION" or "RESPONDENT") of an 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 Chapters 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 RESPONDENT pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC including, but not limited to NRS 116.785 and NRS 116.790.

#### JURISDICTION AND NOTICE

At all times relevant to this Complaint, RESPONDENT VIA OLIVERO SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, Entity Number C20365-1998, has been a commoninterest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is, therefore, subject to the provisions of Chapter 116 of each the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada

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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 and Condominium Hotels pursuant to the provisions of NRS 116.750.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION, Entity Number C20365-1998, consists of nine (9) single family home units, or lots designated for such units, in a common interest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada. CICCH0001-0004, Exhibit A.
- 2. RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION first registered as a common interest community with the Division in June 2024 but has operated as an unregistered common interest community since 1998. CICCH0004, Exhibit A.
- 3. On October 21, 2024, the Division's Office of the Ombudsman received an Intervention Affidavit filed by Complainant and unit owner Donna A. Ruthe, alleging that RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION, through its executive board, had committed 13 violations of NRS 116. CICCH0005-0288, Exhibit B, and specifically, CICCH0009; CICCH0061; CICCH0113-0114; CICCH0167-0170; CICCH0179-0184; CICCH00236.
- 4. Attached to the Intervention Affidavits was a "Letter of Representation" signed by Complainant Ruthe, authorizing Deanna Konrad, a licensed supervising community association manager, to represent her "in all matters related to the Via Olivero Springs Homeowners Association." CICCH0006, Exhibit B.
- 5. Attached to Complainant's Intervention Affidavit were copies of the following:
  - a. June 20, 2024, email "Invite to Via Olivero Springs HOA" from Board Member James Kinard to Deanna Konrad. CICCH0011, Exhibit B;
  - b. "Via Olivero Springs HOA Community Review and Recommendations" dated April 30, 2024, and drafted by Deanna Konrad. CICCH0012-0026 and CICCH0027-0166, Exhibit B;
  - c. Undated letter from Board Member Shiaw-Der "Steve" Su resigning from Board effective July 6, 2024; CICCH0172, Exhibit B,

- d. April 18, 2024, emails "Via Olivero Springs HOA- Donna A. Ruthe Survivors Trust" between Board Member James Kinard and Deanna Konrad. CICCH0173-0176, Exhibit B; and
  e. July 12, 2024, email "Via Olivero Springs- Official Records Request July 12, 2024" from Deanna Konrad to Board Members. CICCH0177-0178,
- 6. The following day, October 22, 2024, before the Division had issued any letter to request response or documentation from Respondent Association, the Division received the Association's Response to the Intervention Affidavit. CICCH0290, Exhibit C; and CICCH0291-0367, Exhibit D, specifically, CICCH0310-0367.

Exhibit B.

- 7. Attached to the Association's Response were copies of the following:
  - a. 2025 Draft Operating Fund Budget. CICCH0317-0318. Exhibit D;
  - b. Form 602 Declarations of Certification for board members Seaquett
     Williams, James Kinard, and Steve Su. CICCH0320-0322. Exhibit D;
  - c. Quotation for monitoring/cameras from TMG Systems. CICCH032.
     Exhibit D;
  - d. Email chain from June 28, 2024, to July 5, 2024, regarding board member Su's rescinding of his resignation. CICCH0325-0327. Exhibit
     D;
  - e. Minutes from July 29, 2024, executive board meeting; CICCH0328-0329. Exhibit D;
  - f. Meeting notification examples; CICCH0330-0331. Exhibit D;
  - g. Certificates of Insurance for Association effective Feb. 1, 2024;
     CICCH0332-0333. Exhibit D;
  - h. Email communications with accountant Alan Wegner to perform bookkeeping for Association. CICCH0335-0336. Exhibit D;
  - i. 2023 and 2024 Financial Statements. CICCH0337. Exhibit D;

- j. Email communications with Complex Solutions Ltd. regarding performance of reserve study. CICCH0338-0339. Exhibit D;
- k. 2024 Operating Fund Budget and 2025 Draft Operating Fund Budget.CICCH0339-0342. Exhibit D;
- April 4-5, 2024, email exchange between Complainant and former board president Lefty Battulayan. CICCH0343-0346. Exhibit D; and
- m. August 2, 2024, letter from the board of directors to Deanna Konrad in response to Konrad's July 12, 2024, email to the board. CICCH0348-0366. Exhibit D.
- 8. On or about October 24, 2024, the Case was referred from the Ombudsman's office to the Division's compliance section. **CICCH0290**, **Exhibit C**.
- 9. On January 13, 2025, Chief Compliance Officer Terry Wheaton sent a Compliance Demand Letter to the Association, indicating that the Division's investigation found potential violations of NRS 116 to have occurred and requesting the Association provide documentation of the following corrective actions by May 16, 2025:
  - a. Proof of compliance with HOA election and documentation requirements;
  - b. Proof of insurance documentation to be provided to Complainant;
  - c. Association plans for camera system, including proof of vote held;
  - d. Proof of compliance with HOA meeting requirements, including NRS 116.3108 and 116.31085;
  - e. Proof of compliance with executive board meeting requirements, including NRS 116.31083;
  - f. Proof of training by current board members regarding NRS 116.31175 (Association Records);
  - g. Proof of compliance with reserve funding and reserve study requirements, including proof of deposits into Reserve Account;
  - h. Proof that checks submitted for disbursement are dual-signed as required under NRS 116.31153, and that the payee not be a signer on their own

reimbursement check; and

i. Plans to ensure certification of current and future board members pursuant to NRS 116.31034(19).

### CICCH0369-0377, Exhibit E; specifically CICCH0376-0377.

- 10. Chief Wheaton further recommended that the board strongly consider temporarily retaining a lawyer, CPA and/or Community Association Manager to assist in ensuring the Association's full compliance. CICCH0377. Exhibit E.
- 11. On May 8, 2025, the board sent the Division the Association's formal response to the Compliance Demand Letter. CICCH0381-0389. Exhibit F.
- 12. Attached to the Board's narrative response dated May 6, 2025, were copies of the following:
  - a. Emails to unit owners regarding NRED's board member training offerings, 2025 officer election ballot and election information, and 2025 Draft Operating Fund Budget. CICCH0392-0399, Exhibit F;
  - b. Association's Certificate of Insurance (noting copy of same was forwarded to Deanna Konrad on February 25, 2025). CICCH0400, Exhibit F;
  - c. Documentation/minutes for Association Meetings and Executive Board meetings. CICCH0401-0422, Exhibit F;
  - d. Copy of the Full Reserve Study, adopted on April 8, 2025. CICCH0416-0419; 0445-0483, Exhibit F;
  - e. Form 602 Declarations of Certification for board members Seaquett
    Williams, James Kinard, and Steve Su. CICCH0442-0444, Exhibit F;
  - f. Reserve Budget for FY 2025 and proof of deposited funds to Reserve Account. CICCH0425; 0433; 0484, Exhibit F;
  - g. Proof of dual-signed checks; . CICCH0485-0490, Exhibit F; and
  - h. Proof of Association's adoption of new bylaws. CICCH0434-0439,
     Exhibit F.
  - 13. On May 30, 2025, the Division sent, via Certified Mail, an NRS 233B letter

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notifying the RESPONDENT that it would pursue disciplinary action in a hearing before the Commission for potential violations of various sections of NRS 116. CICCH0492-0493, Exhibit G.

#### VIOLATIONS OF LAW

- RESPONDENT violated NRS 116.31034(19) by failing to have each member 1. of the board certify, in writing, (typically through a Form 602) within 90 days after their appointment or election, that they have read and understand the governing documents of the association and the provisions of NRS 116.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 116.31152 by failing, until at least October 2. 2024, to engage a qualified professional to conduct a reserve study.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 116.3115(2)(b) by failing, until at least April 3. 2025, to establish an adequate reserve fund for the repair, replacement and restoration of the common elements of the association.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 116.3103 pursuant to NRS 116.31153 by allowing a single board member to sign off on association checks without the required countersignature.

#### 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 take affirmative action to correct any conditions resulting from the violation.
- Impose an administrative fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation by 2. Respondent.
- Order the Respondent to pay the costs of the proceedings incurred by the 3. Division, including, without limitation, the cost of the investigation and reasonable attorney's fees.
- Approve application to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment 4. of a receiver for the Respondent.

The Commission may order one or any combination of the discipline described above.

#### 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 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 116 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE at the Commission meeting(s) scheduled for September 9-11, 2025, 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 on September 9-10, 2025, with videoconferencing to Department of Business & Industry, Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706. The Commission meeting will be held at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, 4th Floor, Tahoe Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 on September 11, 2025, with videoconferencing to Department of Business and 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 September 9-11, 2025. 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 an out-of-state witness or the like, please call Maria Gallo, Commission Coordinator, at (702) 486-4074.

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. 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 being excluded from RESPONDENT'S defense. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the

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RESPONDENT has violated the provisions of NRS 116, and to determine what 1 administrative penalty is to be assessed against RESPONDENT. 2 3 DATED this 5th day of August, 2025. 4 5 REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, 6 STATE OF NEVADA 7 8 By: SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator 9 3300 W. Sahara Ave. Ste 350 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 10 (702) 486-4033 11 12 AARON D. FORD Attorney General 13 14 By: /s/ Phil W. Su 15 PHIL W. SU (Bar No. 10450) 16 Senior Deputy Attorney General 1 State of Nevada Way, Ste. 100 17 Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 (702) 486-3655 18 Attorneys for Real Estate Division 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28