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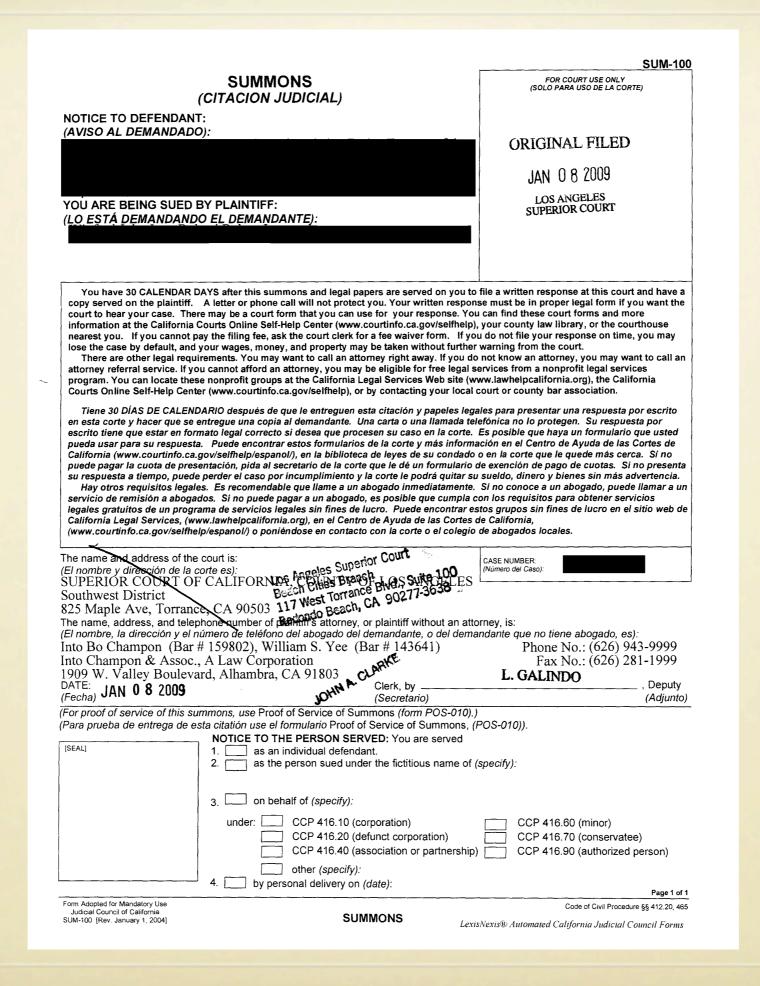
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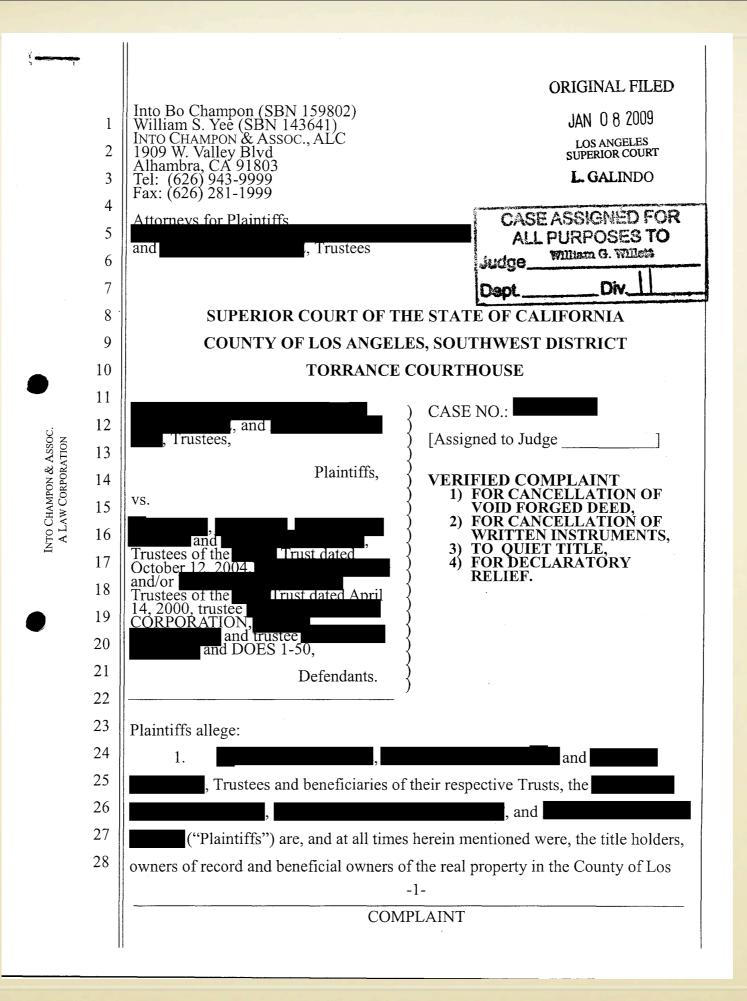
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LAWSUIT

- Complaint
- Summons
- Parties to the action
- Jurisdiction and Venue
- Service of Summons and Complaint
- Response: Motions (Motion to Strike, Demurrer, ...), Answer, Cross-Complaint, Bankruptcy, ...





CURRENT DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF EXEMPTIONS FROM ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS Code of Civil Procedure sections 704.010 et seq. and 703.140(b)

EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 704.010 et seq.

The following lists the current dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment under title 9, division 2, chapter 4, article 3 (commencing with section 704.010) of the Code of Civil Procedure.

These amounts are effective April 1, 2007. They will be adjusted at each three-year interval, ending on April 1. The amount of the adjustment is based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the most recent three-year period ending on the preceding December 31, with each adjusted amount rounded to the nearest \$25. (See Code of Civ. Proc., § 703.150(c).)

Code of Civ. Proc. Section	Type of Property	Amount of Exemption
704.010	Motor vehicle (any combination of aggregate equity, proceeds of execution sale, and proceeds of insurance or other indemnification for loss, damage, or destruction)	\$ 2,550
704.030	Material to be applied to repair or maintenance of residence	\$ 2,700
704.040	Jewelry, heirlooms, art	\$ 6,750
704.060	Personal property used in debtor's or debtor's spouses's trade, business, or profession (amount of exemption for commercial motor vehicle not to exceed \$4,850)	\$ 6,750
704.060	Personal property used in debtor's and spouse's common trade, business, or profession (amount of exemption for commercial motor vehicle not to exceed \$9,700)	\$ 13,475
704.080	Deposit account with direct payment of social security or public benefits (exemption without claim, section 704.080(b)) ¹	
	 Public benefits, one depositor is designated payee Social security benefits, one depositor is 	\$ 1,350
	designated payee	\$ 2,700
	 Public benefits, two or more depositors and designated payees² 	\$ 2,025
	 Social security benefits, two or more depositors are designated payees² 	\$ 4,050
704.090	Inmate trust account	\$ 1,350
	Inmate trust account (restitution fine or order)	\$ 300 ³
704.100	Aggregate loan value of unmatured life insurance policies	\$ 10,775

¹ The amount of deposit account that exceeds exemption amounts is also exempt to the extent it consists of payments of public benefits or social security benefits. (Code of Civ. Proc., § 704.080(c).)

² If only one joint payee is a beneficiary of the payment, the exemption is in the amount available to a single designated payee. (Code of Civ. Proc., § 704.080(b)(3) and (4).)

³ This amount is not subject to adjustments under Code of Civ. Proc., § 703.150.

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CURRENT DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF EXEMPTIONS FROM ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS Code of Civil Procedure sections 704.010 et seq. and 703.140(b)

EXEMPTIONS UNDER SECTION 703.140(b)

The following lists the current dollar amounts of exemptions from enforcement of judgment under Code of Civil Procedure section 703.140(b).

These amounts are effective April 1, 2007. They will be adjusted at each three-year interval, ending on April 1. The amount of the adjustment is based on the change in the annual California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the most recent three-year period ending on the preceding December 31, with each adjusted amount rounded to the nearest \$25. (See Code of Civ. Proc., § 703.150(c).)

Code of Civ. Proc., § 703.140(b)	Type of Property	Amount of Exemption
(1)	The debtor's aggregate interest in real property or personal property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as a residence, in a cooperative that owns property that the debtor or a dependent of the debtor uses as residence, or in a burial plot for the debtor or a dependent of the debtor	\$ 20,725
(2)	The debtor's interest in one motor vehicle	\$ 3,300
(3)	The debtor's interest in household furnishings, household goods, wearing apparel, appliances, books, animals, crops, or musical instruments, that are held primarily for the personal, family, or household use of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor (value is of any particular item)	\$ 525
(4)	The debtor's aggregate interest in jewelry held primarily for the personal, family, or household use of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor	\$ 1,350
(5)	The debtor's aggregate interest, plus any unused amount of the exemption provided under paragraph (1), in any property	\$ 1,100
(6)	The debtor's aggregate interest in any implements, professional books, or tools of the trade of the debtor or the trade of a dependent of the debtor	\$ 2,075
(8)	The debtor's aggregate interest in any accrued dividend or interest under, or loan value of, any unmatured life insurance contract owned by the debtor under which the insured is the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is a dependent	\$ 11,075
(11)(D)	The debtor's right to receive, or property traceable to, a payment on account of personal bodily injury, not including pain and suffering or compensation for actual pecuniary loss, of the debtor or an individual of whom the debtor is a dependent	\$ 20,725

DISCOVERY

- Scope of Discovery: "reasonably calculated to lead to discovery of admissible evidence," "not privileged"
- Interrogatories
- Requests for Admissions
- Inspection Demands
- Physical or Mental Examinations
- Expert Witness Disclosure

DISPOSITIONS

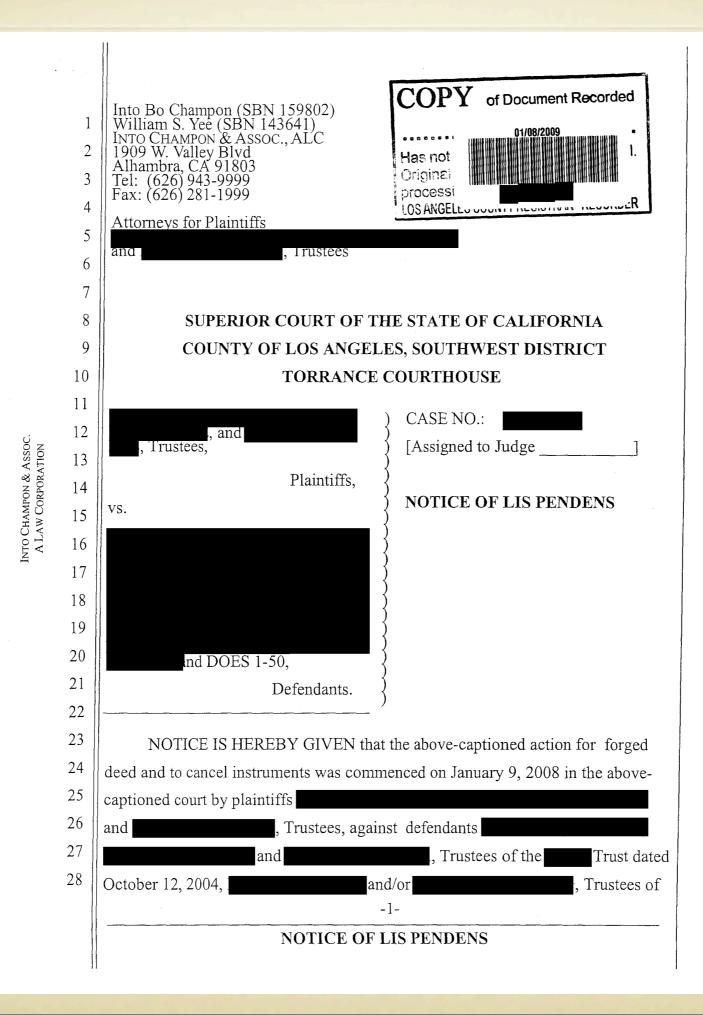
- Motion to Dismiss, Judgment on the Pleadings
- Dismissal (with or without prejudice)
- Mediation; Settlement
- Judicial v. Contractual Arbitration
- Summary Judgment
- Bench v. Jury Trial
- Appeal: Issues of Law

INTERESTING REAL ESTATE CASES

- Junior Trust Deed Cases: Judicial v. Non-Judicial Foreclosure, One-Action Rule (does not apply v. Fed), Purchase Money Trust Deed
- <u>Title Cases:</u> Joint Tenants v Tenants in Common, Title in the Name of Other Than The True Owner(s), Title for Living Trust, ...
- <u>Theft Cases</u>: Lis Pendens requires parties designated by their real names, proof of service, ...
- <u>Deposit Cases</u>: CAR Form is confusing!

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Date		ER: California.
	A.	THIS IS AN OFFER FROM ("Buyer").
		Mindividual(s), A Corporation, A Partnership, An LLC, An LLP, Other THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED is described as
		Los county of Los county ("Property")
	Ç.	THE PURCHASE PRICE offered is <u>\$1X HUNDRED FIFTY</u> THOUSAND DOLLARS. Dollars \$ 50,000
		CLOSE OF ESCROW shall occur on (date) (or iii Days After Acceptance).
2.	FINA	ANCE TERMS: Obtaining the loans below is a contingency of this Agreement unless: (i) either 2L or 2M is checked below or
	(II) O	therwise agreed in writing. Buyer shall act diligently and in good faith to obtain the designated loans. Obtaining deposit, down nent and closing costs is not a contingency. Buyer represents that funds will be good when deposited with Escrow Holder.
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		to the agent submitting the offer (or to i), by personal check
		which shall be held uncashed until Acceptance and then deposited within 3 bysiness days after
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	8.	Escrow Holder, (or Li into Broker's trust account). INCREASED DEPOSIT: Buyer shall deposit with Escrow Holder an increased deposit in the amount of\$
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		(These terms apply whether the designated loan is conventional, FHA or VA.) (2)
		pay % discount points. Seller shall pay other fees not allowed to be paid by Buver. in not
		to exceed \$ Seller shall pay the cost of lender required Repairs (including those for wood-destroying pest) not otherwise provided for in this Agreement, in not to exceed
		\$ (Actual loan amount may increase if mortgage insurance premiums, funding fees
	D	or closing costs are financed.) SECOND LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF
	100.0	(1) I NEW Second Deed of Trust in favor of Li lender, Li seller,
		OR L'ASSUMPTION (or L' "subject to") Existing Second Deed of Trust encumbering the Property,
		securing a note payable at maximum interest of% fixed rate, or% initial adjustable rate with a maximum interest rate cap of%, balance due in years,
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		pay% discount points. Seller shall pay other fees not allowed to be paid by Buyer, i not to exceed \$ Seller shall pay the cost of lender required Repairs (including those for wood
		destroying pests) not otherwise provided for in this Agreement, 🗋 not to exceed \$
		(Actual loan amount may increase if mortgage insurance premiums, funding fees or closing costs are financed.)
	E.	ADDITIONAL FINANCING TERMS: SELLER AGE TO MAY \$ 50,000 FOR S
		BALANCE OF PURCHASE PRICE (not including costs of obtaining loans and other closing costs) in the amount of
		to be deposited with Escrow Holder within sufficient time to close escrow.
	G.	PURCHASE PRICE (TOTAL): LOAN APPLICATIONS: Within 7 (or Li) Days After Acceptance, Buyer shall provide Seller a letter from fender or
	114	mortgage loan broker stating that, based on a review of Buyer's written application and credit report, Buyer is prequalified or
		preapproved for any NEW loan specified above.
		VERIFICATION OF DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COSTS: Buyer (or Buyer's lender or loan broker pursuant to 2H) shall, within 7 (or 1) Days After Acceptance, provide Seller written verification of Buyer's down payment and closing costs.
	J.	Dave After Acceptance Buyer shall, as specified in paragraph 18,
		remove the loan contingency or cancel this Agreement; OR (ii) (if checked) the loan contingency shall remain in effect until the designated loans are funded.
	К.	APPRAISAL CONTINGENCY AND REMOVAL: This Agreement is (OR, if checked, Li is NOT) contingent upon the Property
		appraising at no less than the specified purchase price. Buyer shall, as specified in paragraph 18, remove the appraisal contingency or cancel this Agreement when the loan contingency is removed (or, if checked, a within 17 (or L) Days
		After Acceptance).
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16. BUYER INDEMNITY AND SELLER PROTECTION FOR ENTRY UPON PROPERTY: Buyer shall: (i) keep the Property free and clear of liens; (ii) Repair all damage arising from Buyer Investigations; and (iii) indemnify and hold Seller harmless from all resulting liability, claims, demands, damages and costs. Buyer shall carry, or Buyer shall require anyone acting on Buyer's behalf to carry, policies of liability, workers' compensation and other applicable insurance, defending and protecting Seller from liability for any injuries to persons or property occurring during any Buyer Investigations or work done on the Property at Buyer's direction prior to Close Of Escrow. Seller is advised that certain protections may be afforded Seller by recording a "Notice of Non-Responsibility" (C.A.R. Form NNR) for Buyer Investigations and work done on the Property at Buyer's obligations under this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

17. TITLE AND VESTING:

- A. Within the time specified in paragraph 18, Buyer shall be provided a current preliminary (title) report, which is only an offer by the title insurer to issue a policy of title insurance and may not contain every item affecting title. Buyer's review of the preliminary report and any other matters which may affect title are a contingency of this Agreement as specified in paragraph 18.
- B. Title is taken in its present condition subject to all encumbrances, easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, rights and other matters, whether of record or not, as of the date of Acceptance except: (I) monetary liens of record unless Buyer is assuming those obligations or taking the Property subject to those obligations; and (ii) those matters which Seller has agreed to remove in writing.
- Within the time specified in paragraph 18A, Seller has a duty to disclose to Buyer all matters known to Seller affecting title, whether of record or not.
- D. At Close Of Escrow, Buyer shall receive a grant deed conveying title (or, for stock cooperative or long-term lease, an assignment of stock certificate or of Seller's leasehold interest), including oil, mineral and water rights if currently owned by Seller. Title shall vest as designated in Buyer's supplemental escrow instructions. THE MANNER OF TAKING TITLE MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT LEGAL AND TAX CONSEQUENCES. CONSULT AN APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL.
 E. Buyer shall receive a standard coverage owner's CLTA policy of title insurance. An ALTA policy or the addition of endorsements are provide information about availability.
- may provide greater coverage for Buyer. A title company, at Buyer's request, can provide information about availability. desirability, coverage, and cost of various title insurance coverages and endorsements. If Buyer desires title coverage other than that required by this paragraph, Buyer shall instruct Escrow Holder in writing and pay any increase in cost. 18. TIME PERIODS; REMOVAL OF CONTINGENCIES; CANCELLATION RIGHTS: The following time periods may only be

extended, altered, modified or changed by mutual written agreement. Any removal of contingencies or cancellation under this paragraph must be in writing (C.A.R. Form RRCR). A. SELLER HAS: 7 (or iii) _____) Days After Acceptance to deliver to Buyer all reports, disclosures and information for which

Seller is responsible under paragraphs 2(O), 5, 6A and B, 7A, 8, 11A, 12, 13B(3) and 17.

- Days After Acceptance, unless otherwise agreed in writing, to: B. (1) BUYER HAS: 17 (or _____
 - (I) complete all Buyer Investigations; approve all disclosures, reports and other applicable information, which Buyer receives from Seller; and approve all matters affecting the Property (including lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards as well as other information specified in paragraph 6 and insurability of Buyer and the Property); and
 - (ii) return to Seller Signed Copies of Statutory and Lead Disclosures delivered by Seller in accordance with paragraphs 6A and 7B. Within the time specified in 18B(1), Buyer may request that Seller make repairs or take any other action regarding the Property (C.A.R. Form RR). Seller has no obligation to agree to or respond to Buyer's requests.
 - (3) By the end of the time specified in 18B(1), Buyer shall remove, in writing, the applicable contingency (C.A.R. Form RRCR) or cancel this Agreement. However, if the following inspections, reports or disclosures are not made within the time specified in 18A, then Buyer has 5 (or [_____) Days after receipt of any such items, or the time specified in 18B(1), whichever is later, to remove the applicable contingency or cancel this Agreement in writing: (i) government-mandated inspections or reports required as a condition of closing; (ii) Common Interest Disclosures pursuant to paragraph 11B; (iii) a subsequent

- reports required as a condition of closing; (ii) Common Interest Disclosures pursuant to paragraph 11B; (iii) a subsequent or amended disclosure pursuant to paragraph 9; and (iv) Proposed Changes pursuant to paragraph 10B.
 C. CONTINUATION OF CONTINGENCY OR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION; SELLER RIGHT TO CANCEL:

 (1) Seller right to Cancel: Buyer Contingencies: Seller, after first giving Buyer a Notice to Buyer to Perform (as specified below), may cancel this Agreement in writing the applicable contingency or cancel this Agreement. Once all contingencies have been removed, failure of either Buyer or Seller to close escrow in time may be a breach of this Agreement.
 (2) Continuation of Contingency: Even after the expiration of the time specified in 18B(1), Buyer retains the right to make requests to Seller receives Buyer's written removal of all contingencies. Seller may not cancel this Agreement pursuant to 18C(1). Once Seller receives Buyer's written removal of all contingencies. Seller, after first giving Buyer a Notice to Buyer to Perform (as specified below), may cancel this Agreement in writing and authorize return of Buyer's deposit for any of the following reasons: (i) if Buyer fails to deposit funds as required by 2A or 2B; (ii) if the funds deposited pursuant to 2A or 2B are not good when deposited; (iii) if Buyer fails to provide a letter as required by 2H; (iv) if Buyer fails to provide verification as required by 2I or 2M; (vi) if Seller reasonably disapproves of the verification provided by 2I or 2M; (vi) if Seller reasonably disapproves of the verification provided by 2I or 2M; (vi) if Buyer fails to return statutory disclosures as required by paragraphs 6A and 7B, or (vii) if Buyer fails to sign or initial a separate liquidated statutory disclosures as required by paragraphs 6A and 7B, or (vII) if Buyer fails to sign or initial a separate liquidated damage form for an increased deposit as required by paragraph 22. Seller is not required to give Buyer a Notice to Perform regarding Close Of Escrow.
 - (4) Notice To Buyer To Perform: The Notice to Buyer to Perform (C.A.R. Form NBP) shall (i) be in writing; (ii) be signed by Seller; and (iii) give Buyer at least 24 (or) hours (or until the time specified in the applicable paragraph, whichever occurs last) to take the applicable action. A Notice to Buyer to Perform may not be given any earlier than 2 Days Prior to the expiration of the applicable time for Buyer to remove a contingency or cancel the Agreement or meet an 18C(3) obligation.
- D. EFFECT OF BUYER'S REMOVAL OF CONTINGENCIES: If Buyer removes, in writing, any contingency or cancellation rights, unless otherwise specified in a separate written agreement between Buyer and Seller, Buyer shall conclusively be deemed to have: (i) completed all Buyer Investigations, and review of reports and other applicable information and disclosures pertaining to that contingency or cancellation right; (ii) elected to proceed with the transaction; and (iii) assumed all liability, responsibility, and expense for repairs or corrections pertaining to that contingency or cancellation right, or for inability to obtain financing,
- E. EFFECT OF CANCELLATION ON DEPOSITS: If Buyer or Seller gives written notice of cancellation pursuant to rights duly exercised under the terms of this Agreement, Buyer and Seller agree to Sign mutual instructions to cancel the sale and escrow and release deposits, less fees and costs, to the party entitled to the funds. Fees and costs may be payable to service providers and vendors for services and products provided during escrow. Release of funds will require mutual Signed release Instructions from Buyer and Seller, judicial decision or arbitration award. A party may be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for refusal to sign such instructions if no good faith dispute exists as to who is entitled to the deposited funds (Civil Code §1057.3).

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