



**STANDARD OFFER, AGREEMENT AND ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE**  
(Non-Residential)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Buyer.**

1.1 \_\_\_\_\_, ("Buyer") hereby offers to purchase the real property, hereinafter described, from the owner thereof ("Seller") (collectively, the "Parties" or individually, a "Party"), through an escrow ("Escrow") to close 30 or \_\_\_\_\_ days after the waiver or expiration of the Buyer's Contingencies, ("**Expected Closing Date**") to be held by \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Escrow Holder**") whose address is \_\_\_\_\_, Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_, Facsimile No. \_\_\_\_\_ upon the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("**Agreement**"). Buyer shall have the right to assign Buyer's rights hereunder, but any such assignment shall not relieve Buyer of Buyer's obligations herein unless Seller expressly releases Buyer.

1.2 The term "**Date of Agreement**" as used herein shall be the date when by execution and delivery (as defined in paragraph 20.2) of this document or a subsequent counteroffer thereto, Buyer and Seller have reached agreement in writing whereby Seller agrees to sell, and Buyer agrees to purchase, the Property upon terms accepted by both Parties.

**2. Property.**

2.1 The real property ("**Property**") that is the subject of this offer consists of (insert a brief physical description) \_\_\_\_\_ is located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, is commonly known as (street address, city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_ and is legally described as: \_\_\_\_\_ (APN: \_\_\_\_\_).

2.2 If the legal description of the Property is not complete or is inaccurate, this Agreement shall not be invalid and the legal description shall be completed or corrected to meet the requirements of \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Title Company**"), which shall issue the title policy hereinafter described.

2.3 The Property includes, at no additional cost to Buyer, the permanent improvements thereon, including those items which pursuant to applicable law are a part of the property, as well as the following items, if any, owned by Seller and at present located on the Property: electrical distribution systems (power panel, bus ducting, conduits, disconnects, lighting fixtures); telephone distribution systems (lines, jacks and connections only); space heaters; heating, ventilating, air conditioning equipment ("**HVAC**"); air lines; fire sprinkler systems; security and fire detection systems; carpets; window coverings; wall coverings; and \_\_\_\_\_ (collectively, the "**Improvements**").

2.4 The fire sprinkler monitor:  is owned by Seller and included in the Purchase Price,  is leased by Seller, and Buyer will need to negotiate a new lease with the fire monitoring company,  ownership will be determined during Escrow, or  there is no fire sprinkler monitor.

2.5 Except as provided in Paragraph 2.3, the Purchase Price does not include Seller's personal property, furniture and furnishings, and \_\_\_\_\_ all of which shall be removed by Seller prior to Closing.

**3. Purchase Price.**

3.1 The purchase price ("**Purchase Price**") to be paid by Buyer to Seller for the Property shall be \_\_\_\_\_, payable as follows:  
(Strike any not applicable)

(a) Cash down payment, including the Deposit as defined in paragraph 4.3 (or if an all cash transaction, the Purchase Price): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Amount of "New Loan" as defined in paragraph 5.1, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Buyer shall take title to the Property subject to and/or assume the following existing deed of trust ("**Existing Deed(s) of Trust**") securing the existing promissory note(s) ("**Existing Note(s)**"):

(i) An Existing Note ("**First Note**") with an unpaid principal balance as of the Closing of approximately: \_\_\_\_\_

Said First Note is payable at \_\_\_\_\_ per month, including interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_% per annum until paid  
(and/or the entire unpaid balance is due on \_\_\_\_\_).

(ii) An Existing Note ("**Second Note**") with an unpaid principal balance as of the Closing of approximately: \_\_\_\_\_

Said Second Note is payable at \_\_\_\_\_ per month, including interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_% per annum until paid  
(and/or the entire unpaid balance is due on \_\_\_\_\_).

(d) Buyer shall give Seller a deed of trust ("**Purchase Money Deed of Trust**") on the property, to secure the promissory note of Buyer to Seller described in paragraph 6 ("**Purchase Money Note**") in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Purchase Price: \_\_\_\_\_

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3.2 If Buyer is taking title to the Property subject to, or assuming, an Existing Deed of Trust and such deed of trust permits the beneficiary to demand payment of fees including, but not limited to, points, processing fees, and appraisal fees as a condition to the transfer of the Property, Buyer agrees to pay such fees up to a maximum of 1.5% of the unpaid principal balance of the applicable Existing Note.

#### 4. Deposits.

4.1  Buyer has delivered to Broker a check in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_, payable to Escrow Holder, to be delivered by Broker to Escrow Holder within 2 or \_\_\_\_\_ business days after both Parties have executed this Agreement and the executed Agreement has been delivered to Escrow Holder, or  within 2 or \_\_\_\_\_ business days after both Parties have executed this Agreement and the executed Agreement has been delivered to Escrow Holder Buyer shall deliver to Escrow Holder a check in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_. If said check is not received by Escrow Holder within said time period then Seller may elect to unilaterally terminate this transaction by giving written notice of such election to Escrow Holder whereupon neither Party shall have any further liability to the other under this Agreement. Should Buyer and Seller not enter into an agreement for purchase and sale, Buyer's check or funds shall, upon request by Buyer, be promptly returned to Buyer.

##### 4.2 Additional deposits:

(a) Within 5 business days after the Date of Agreement, Buyer shall deposit with Escrow Holder the additional sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the Purchase Price at the Closing.

(b) Within 5 business days after the contingencies discussed in paragraph 9.1 (a) through (m) are approved or waived, Buyer shall deposit with Escrow Holder the additional sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the Purchase Price at the Closing.

(c) If an Additional Deposit is not received by Escrow Holder within the time period provided then Seller may notify Buyer, Escrow Holder, and Brokers, in writing that, unless the Additional Deposit is received by Escrow Holder within 2 business days following said notice, the Escrow shall be deemed terminated without further notice or instructions.

4.3 Escrow Holder shall deposit the funds deposited with it by Buyer pursuant to paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 (collectively the "Deposit"), in a State or Federally chartered bank in an interest bearing account whose term is appropriate and consistent with the timing requirements of this transaction. The interest therefrom shall accrue to the benefit of Buyer, who hereby acknowledges that there may be penalties or interest forfeitures if the applicable instrument is redeemed prior to its specified maturity. Buyer's Federal Tax Identification Number is \_\_\_\_\_. NOTE: Such interest bearing account cannot be opened until Buyer's Federal Tax Identification Number is provided.

4.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing, within 5 days after Escrow Holder receives the monies described in paragraph 4.1 above, Escrow Holder shall release \$100 of said monies to Seller as and for independent consideration for Seller's execution of this Agreement and the granting of the contingency period to Buyer as herein provided. Such independent consideration is non-refundable to Buyer but shall be credited to the Purchase Price in the event that the purchase of the Property is completed.

4.5 Upon waiver of all of Buyer's contingencies the Deposit shall become non-refundable but applicable to the Purchase Price except in the event of a Seller breach, or in the event that the Escrow is terminated pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 9.1(n) (Destruction, Damage or Loss) or 9.1(o) (Material Change).

#### 5. Financing Contingency. (Strike if not applicable)

5.1 This offer is contingent upon Buyer obtaining from an insurance company, financial institution or other lender, a commitment to lend to Buyer a sum equal to at least \_\_\_\_\_% of the Purchase Price, on terms reasonably acceptable to Buyer. Such loan ("New Loan") shall be secured by a first deed of trust or mortgage on the Property. If this Agreement provides for Seller to carry back junior financing, then Seller shall have the right to approve the terms of the New Loan. Seller shall have 7 days from receipt of the commitment setting forth the proposed terms of the New Loan to approve or disapprove of such proposed terms. If Seller fails to notify Escrow Holder, in writing, of the disapproval within said 7 days it shall be conclusively presumed that Seller has approved the terms of the New Loan.

**5.2 ~~Buyer hereby agrees to diligently pursue obtaining the New Loan.~~ If Buyer shall fail to notify its Broker, Escrow Holder and Seller, in writing within \_\_\_\_\_ days following the Date of Agreement, that the New Loan has not been obtained, it shall be conclusively presumed that Buyer has either obtained said New Loan or has waived this New Loan contingency.**

5.3 ~~If, after due diligence,~~ Buyer shall notify its Broker, Escrow Holder and Seller, in writing, within the time specified in paragraph 5.2 hereof, that Buyer has not obtained said New Loan, this Agreement shall be terminated, and Buyer shall be entitled to the prompt return of the Deposit, plus any interest earned thereon, less only Escrow Holder and Title Company cancellation fees and costs, which Buyer shall pay.

#### 6. Seller Financing. (Purchase Money Note). (Strike if not applicable)

6.1 If Seller approves Buyer's financials (see paragraph 6.5) the Purchase Money Note shall provide for interest on unpaid principal at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_% per annum, with principal and interest paid as follows: \_\_\_\_\_. The Purchase Money Note and Purchase Money Deed of Trust shall be on the current forms commonly used by Escrow Holder, and be junior and subordinate only to the Existing Note(s) and/or the New Loan expressly called for by this Agreement.

6.2 The Purchase Money Note and/or the Purchase Money Deed of Trust shall contain provisions regarding the following (see also paragraph 10.3 (b)):

(a) *Prepayment.* Principal may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time without penalty, at the option of the Buyer.

(b) *Late Charge.* A late charge of 6% shall be payable with respect to any payment of principal, interest, or other charges, not made within 10 days after it is due.

(c) *Due On Sale.* In the event the Buyer sells or transfers title to the Property or any portion thereof, then the Seller may, at Seller's option, require the entire unpaid balance of said Note to be paid in full.

6.3 If the Purchase Money Deed of Trust is to be subordinate to other financing, Escrow Holder shall, at Buyer's expense prepare and record on Seller's behalf a request for notice of default and/or sale with regard to each mortgage or deed of trust to which it will be subordinate.

**6.4 WARNING: CALIFORNIA LAW DOES NOT ALLOW DEFICIENCY JUDGEMENTS ON SELLER FINANCING. IF BUYER ULTIMATELY DEFAULTS ON THE LOAN, SELLER'S SOLE REMEDY IS TO FORECLOSE ON THE PROPERTY.**

6.5 Seller's obligation to provide financing is contingent upon Seller's reasonable approval of Buyer's financial condition. Buyer to provide a current financial statement and copies of its Federal tax returns for the last 3 years to Seller within 10 days following the Date of Agreement. Seller has 10 days following receipt of such documentation to satisfy itself with regard to Buyer's financial condition and to notify Escrow Holder as to whether or not Buyer's financial condition is acceptable. If Seller fails to notify Escrow Holder, in writing, of the disapproval of this contingency within said time period, it shall be conclusively presumed that Seller has approved Buyer's financial condition. If Seller is not satisfied with Buyer's financial condition or if Buyer fails to deliver the required documentation then Seller may notify Escrow Holder in writing that Seller Financing will not be available, and Buyer shall have the option, within 10 days of the receipt of such notice, to either terminate this transaction or to purchase the Property without Seller financing. If Buyer fails to notify Escrow Holder within said time period of its election to \_\_\_\_\_

terminate this transaction then Buyer shall be conclusively presumed to have elected to purchase the Property without Seller financing. If Buyer elects to terminate, Buyer's Deposit shall be refunded less Title Company and Escrow Holder cancellation fees and costs, all of which shall be Buyer's obligation.

## 7. Real Estate Brokers.

7.1 Each Party acknowledges receiving a Disclosure Regarding Real Estate Agency Relationship, confirms and consents to the following agency relationships in this transaction with the following real estate brokers ("Broker(s)") and/or their agents ("Agent(s)"). The following real estate broker(s) ("Brokers") and brokerage relationships exist in this transaction and are consented to by the Parties (check the applicable boxes):

\_\_\_\_\_ represents Seller exclusively ("Seller's Broker");

\_\_\_\_\_ represents Buyer exclusively ("Buyer's Broker"); or

\_\_\_\_\_ represents both Seller and Buyer ("Dual Agency").

Seller's Brokerage Firm License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the broker of (check one):  the Seller; or  both the Buyer and Seller (dual agent).

Seller's Agent License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Is (check one):  the Seller's Agent (salesperson or broker associate); or  both the Buyer's Agent and the Seller's Agent (dual agent).

Buyer's Brokerage Firm License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the broker of (check one):  the Buyer; or  both the Buyer and Seller (dual agent).

Buyer's Agent License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Is (check one):  the Buyer's Agent (salesperson or broker associate); or  both the Buyer's Agent and the Seller's Agent (dual agent).

The Parties acknowledge that other than the Brokers and Agents listed above, there are no other brokers and agents representing the Parties or due any fees and/or commissions under this Agreement. See paragraph 24 regarding the nature of a real estate agency relationship. Buyer shall use the services of Buyer's Broker exclusively in connection with any and all negotiations and offers with respect to the Property for a period of 1 year from the date inserted for reference purposes at the top of page 1.

7.2 Buyer and Seller each represent and warrant to the other that he/she/it has had no dealings with any person, firm, broker, agent or finder in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement and/or the consummation of the purchase and sale contemplated herein, other than the Brokers and Agents named in paragraph 7.1, and no broker, agent or other person, firm or entity, other than said Brokers and Agents is/are entitled to any commission or finder's fee in connection with this transaction as the result of any dealings or acts of such Party. Buyer and Seller do each hereby agree to indemnify, defend, protect and hold the other harmless from and against any costs, expenses or liability for compensation, commission or charges which may be claimed by any broker, agent, finder or other similar party, other than said named Brokers and Agents by reason of any dealings or act of the indemnifying Party.

## 8. Escrow and Closing.

8.1 Upon acceptance hereof by Seller, this Agreement, including any counteroffers incorporated herein by the Parties, shall constitute not only the agreement of purchase and sale between Buyer and Seller, but also instructions to Escrow Holder for the consummation of the Agreement through the Escrow. Escrow Holder shall not prepare any further escrow instructions restating or amending the Agreement unless specifically so instructed by the Parties or a Broker herein. Subject to the reasonable approval of the Parties, Escrow Holder may, however, include its standard general escrow provisions. In the event that there is any conflict between the provisions of the Agreement and the provisions of any additional escrow instructions the provisions of the Agreement shall prevail as to the Parties and the Escrow Holder.

8.2 As soon as practical after the receipt of this Agreement and any relevant counteroffers, Escrow Holder shall ascertain the Date of Agreement as defined in paragraphs 1.2 and 20.2 and advise the Parties and Brokers, in writing, of the date ascertained.

8.3 Escrow Holder is hereby authorized and instructed to conduct the Escrow in accordance with this Agreement, applicable law and custom and practice of the community in which Escrow Holder is located, including any reporting requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. In the event of a conflict between the law of the state where the Property is located and the law of the state where the Escrow Holder is located, the law of the state where the Property is located shall prevail.

8.4 Subject to satisfaction of the contingencies herein described, Escrow Holder shall close this escrow (the "Closing") by recording a general warranty deed (a grant deed in California) and the other documents required to be recorded, and by disbursing the funds and documents in accordance with this Agreement.

8.5 Buyer and Seller shall each pay one-half of the Escrow Holder's charges and Seller shall pay the usual recording fees and any required documentary transfer taxes. Seller shall pay the premium for a standard coverage owner's or joint protection policy of title insurance. (See also paragraph 11.)

8.6 Escrow Holder shall verify that all of Buyer's contingencies have been satisfied or waived prior to Closing. The matters contained in paragraphs 9.1 subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (i), (n), and (o), 9.4, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 24 are, however, matters of agreement between the Parties only and are not instructions to Escrow Holder.

8.7 If this transaction is terminated for non-satisfaction and non-waiver of a Buyer's Contingency, as defined in paragraph 9.2 or disapproval of any other matter subject to Buyer's approval, then neither of the Parties shall thereafter have any liability to the other under this Agreement, except to the extent of a breach of any affirmative covenant or warranty in this Agreement. In the event of such termination, Buyer shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 8.10, be promptly refunded all funds deposited by Buyer with Escrow Holder, less only the \$100 provided for in paragraph 4.4 and the Title Company and Escrow Holder cancellation fees and costs, all of which shall be Buyer's obligation. If this transaction is terminated as a result of Seller's breach of this Agreement then Seller shall pay the Title Company and Escrow Holder cancellation fees and costs.

8.8 The Closing shall occur on the Expected Closing Date, or as soon thereafter as the Escrow is in condition for Closing; provided, however, that if the Closing does not occur by the Expected Closing Date and said Date is not extended by mutual instructions of the Parties, a Party not then in default under this Agreement may notify the other Party, Escrow Holder, and Brokers, in writing that, unless the Closing occurs within 5 business days following said notice, the Escrow shall be deemed terminated without further notice or instructions.

8.9 Except as otherwise provided herein, the termination of Escrow shall not relieve or release either Party from any obligation to pay Escrow Holder's fees and costs or constitute a waiver, release or discharge of any breach or default that has occurred in the performance of the obligations, agreements, covenants or warranties contained therein.

8.10 If this sale of the Property is not consummated for any reason other than Seller's breach or default, then at Seller's request, and as a condition to any obligation to return Buyer's deposit (see paragraph 21), Buyer shall within 5 days after written request deliver to Seller, at no charge, copies of all surveys, engineering studies, soil reports, maps, master plans, feasibility studies and other similar items prepared by or for Buyer that pertain to the Property. Provided, however, that Buyer shall not be required to deliver any such report if the written contract which Buyer entered into with the consultant who prepared such report specifically forbids the dissemination of the report to others.

## 9. Contingencies to Closing.

9.1 The Closing of this transaction is contingent upon the satisfaction or waiver of the following contingencies. **IF BUYER FAILS TO NOTIFY ESCROW HOLDER,**

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TO ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS. THE AWARD SHALL BE EXECUTED BY AT LEAST 2 OF THE 3 ARBITRATORS, BE RENDERED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING, AND MAY INCLUDE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS TO THE PREVAILING PARTY PER PARAGRAPH 16 HEREOF. JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED ON THE AWARD IN ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF A PARTY DULY NOTIFIED OF THE ARBITRATION HEARING TO APPEAR THEREAT.

22.2 BUYER'S RESORT TO OR PARTICIPATION IN SUCH ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS SHALL NOT BAR SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION BY THE BUYER FOR DAMAGES AND/OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE UNLESS AND UNTIL THE ARBITRATION RESULTS IN AN AWARD TO THE SELLER OF LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, IN WHICH EVENT SUCH AWARD SHALL ACT AS A BAR AGAINST ANY ACTION BY BUYER FOR DAMAGES AND/OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

22.3 NOTICE: BY INITIALING 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 A COURT OR JURY TRIAL. BY INITIALING IN THE SPACE BELOW YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR JUDICIAL RIGHTS TO DISCOVERY AND APPEAL, UNLESS SUCH 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.

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### 23. Miscellaneous.

23.1 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding on the Parties without regard to whether or not paragraphs 21 and 22 are initialed by both of the Parties. Paragraphs 21 and 22 are each incorporated into this Agreement only if initialed by both Parties at the time that the Agreement is executed.

23.2 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and paragraph 22.3 is amended to refer to, the laws of the state in which the Property is located. Any litigation or arbitration between the Parties hereto concerning this Agreement shall be initiated in the county in which the Property is located.

23.3 **Time of Essence.** Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

23.4 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed by Buyer and Seller in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Escrow Holder, after verifying that the counterparts are identical except for the signatures, is authorized and instructed to combine the signed signature pages on one of the counterparts, which shall then constitute the Agreement.

**23.5 Waiver of Jury Trial. THE PARTIES HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE PROPERTY OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

23.6 **Conflict.** Any conflict between the printed provisions of this Agreement and the typewritten or handwritten provisions shall be controlled by the typewritten or handwritten provisions. **Seller and Buyer must initial any and all handwritten provisions.**

23.7 **1031 Exchange.** Both Seller and Buyer agree to cooperate with each other in the event that either or both wish to participate in a 1031 exchange. Any party initiating an exchange shall bear all costs of such exchange. The cooperating Party shall not have any liability (special or otherwise) for damages to the exchanging Party in the event that the sale is delayed and/or that the sale otherwise fails to qualify as a 1031 exchange.

23.8 **Days.** Unless otherwise specifically indicated to the contrary, the word "days" as used in this Agreement shall mean and refer to calendar days.

### 24. Disclosures Regarding The Nature of a Real Estate Agency Relationship.

24.1 The Parties and Brokers agree that their relationship(s) shall be governed by the principles set forth in the applicable sections of the California Civil Code, as summarized in paragraph 24.2.

24.2 When entering into a discussion with a real estate agent regarding a real estate transaction, a Buyer or Seller should from the outset understand what type of agency relationship or representation it has with the agent or agents in the transaction. Buyer and Seller acknowledge being advised by the Brokers in this transaction, as follows:

(a) **Seller's Agent.** A Seller's agent under a listing agreement with the Seller acts as the agent for the Seller only. A Seller's agent or subagent has the following affirmative obligations: (1) *To the Seller:* A fiduciary duty of utmost care, integrity, honesty, and loyalty in dealings with the Seller. (2) *To the Buyer and the Seller:* a. Diligent exercise of reasonable skills and care in performance of the agent's duties. b. A duty of honest and fair dealing and good faith. c. A duty to disclose all facts known to the agent materially affecting the value or desirability of the property that are not known to, or within the diligent attention and observation of, the Parties. An agent is not obligated to reveal to either Party any confidential information obtained from the other Party which does not involve the affirmative duties set forth above.

(b) **Buyer's Agent.** A selling agent can, with a Buyer's consent, agree to act as agent for the Buyer only. In these situations, the agent is not the Seller's agent, even if by agreement the agent may receive compensation for services rendered, either in full or in part from the Seller. An agent acting only for a Buyer has the following affirmative obligations. (1) *To the Buyer:* A fiduciary duty of utmost care, integrity, honesty, and loyalty in dealings with the Buyer. (2) *To the Buyer and the Seller:* a. Diligent exercise of reasonable skills and care in performance of the agent's duties. b. A duty of honest and fair dealing and good faith. c. A duty to disclose all facts known to the agent materially affecting the value or desirability of the property that are not known to, or within the diligent attention and observation of, the Parties. An agent is not obligated to reveal to either Party any confidential information obtained from the other Party which does not involve the affirmative duties set forth above.

(c) **Agent Representing Both Seller and Buyer.** A real estate agent, either acting directly or through one or more associate licenses, can legally be the agent of both the Seller and the Buyer in a transaction, but only with the knowledge and consent of both the Seller and the Buyer. (1) In a dual agency situation, the agent has the following affirmative obligations to both the Seller and the Buyer: a. A fiduciary duty of utmost care, integrity, honesty and loyalty in the dealings with either Seller or the Buyer. b. Other duties to the Seller and the Buyer as stated above in their respective sections (a) or (b) of this paragraph 24.2. (2) In representing both Seller and Buyer, the agent may not, without the express permission of the respective Party, disclose to the other Party confidential information, including, but not limited to, facts relating to either Buyer's or Seller's financial position, motivations, bargaining position, or other personal information that may impact price, including Seller's willingness to accept a price less than the listing price or Buyer's willingness to pay a price greater than the price offered, disclose to the other Party that the Seller will accept a price less than the listing price or that the Buyer will pay a price greater than the price offered. (3) The above duties of the agent in a real estate transaction do not relieve a Seller or Buyer from the responsibility to protect their own interests. Buyer and Seller should carefully read all agreements to assure that they adequately express their understanding of the transaction. A real estate agent is a person qualified to advise about real estate. If legal or tax advice is desired, consult a competent professional. Buyer has the duty to exercise reasonable care to protect Buyer, including as to those facts about the Property which are known to Buyer or within Buyer's diligent attention and observation. Both Seller and Buyer should strongly consider obtaining tax advice from a competent professional because the federal and state tax consequences of a transaction can be complex and subject to change.

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