



**STATEWIDE BUYER AND SELLER ADVISORY**  
**(This Form Does Not Replace Local Condition Disclosures.**  
**Additional Advisories or Disclosures May Be Attached)**  
**(C.A.R. Form SBSA, Revised 6/24)**

**BUYER RIGHTS AND DUTIES:**

- The physical condition of the land and improvements being purchased are not guaranteed by Seller or Brokers.
- You should conduct thorough investigations of the Property both personally and with appropriate professionals.
- If professionals recommend further inspections, you should contact qualified experts to conduct such inspections.
- You should retain your own professional even if Seller or Broker has provided you with existing reports.
- You should read all written reports given to you and discuss those reports with the persons who prepared them. It is possible that different reports provided to you contain conflicting information. If there are discrepancies between reports, disclosures or other information, you are responsible for contacting appropriate professionals to confirm the accuracy or correctness of the reports, disclosures or information.
- You have the right to request that the Seller make repairs or corrections or take other actions based on inspections or disclosures, but the Seller is not obligated to respond to you or make any such repairs, corrections or other requested actions.
- If the Seller is unwilling or unable to satisfy your requests, and you act within certain time periods, you may have the right to cancel the Agreement (the Purchase Agreement and any Counter Offer and Addenda together are the "Agreement"). If you cancel outside of these periods, you may be in breach of the Agreement and your deposit might be at risk.

**YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO INVESTIGATE THE CONDITION AND SUITABILITY OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROPERTY. IF YOU DO NOT DO SO, YOU ARE ACTING AGAINST THE ADVICE OF BROKERS.**

**SELLER RIGHTS AND DUTIES:**

- You have a duty to disclose material facts known to you that affect the value or desirability of the Property.
- You are obligated to make the Property available to the Buyer and have utilities on for inspections as allowed by the Agreement.
- This form is not a substitute for completing a Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement, if required, and any other property-specific questionnaires or disclosures.

**BROKER RIGHTS AND DUTIES:**

- Brokers do not have expertise in all areas and matters affecting the Property or your evaluation of it.
- For most sales of residential properties with no more than four units, Brokers have a duty to make a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the accessible areas of the Property and disclose to you material facts or defects that the inspection reveals.
- Many defects and conditions may not be discoverable by a Broker's visual inspection.
- If Brokers give a referral to another professional, Brokers do not guarantee that person's performance. You may select any professional of your own choosing.
- If a Broker gives you reports or other documents, unless otherwise specified, it is possible that different reports provided to you contain conflicting information. Broker has not and will not verify or otherwise investigate the information contained therein.
- Any written agreement between a Broker and either Buyer or Seller or both establishes the rights and responsibilities of those parties.

**LEGAL, TAX AND CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS FOR BOTH BUYER AND SELLER:**

- You are advised to seek legal, tax, and other assistance from appropriate professionals in order to fully understand the implications of any documents or actions during the transaction. You should contact a CPA or tax attorney to determine (i) the basis of the property for income tax purposes; and (ii) any calculations necessary to determine if a sale, and what price, would result in any capital gains taxes that may need to be reported to State and Federal taxing agencies. In addition, you should consult with the CPA or tax attorney regarding what factors affect how the property tax basis is determined. If you are doing a 1031 exchange, you are advised to contact an exchange accommodator to discuss the proper method and timing of the exchange.
- The terms of the Agreement and any counter offers and addenda establish your rights and responsibilities to each other.



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## A. Investigation of Physical Conditions

1. **EASEMENTS, ACCESS AND ENCROACHMENTS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that confirming the exact location of easements, shared or private driveways or roadways, and encroachments on or to the Property may be possible only by conducting a survey. There may be unrecorded easements, access rights, encroachments and other agreements affecting the Property that may not be disclosed by a survey. Representations regarding these items that are made in a Multiple Listing Service or advertisements, or plotted by a title company are often approximations, or based upon inaccurate or incomplete records. Unless otherwise specified by Broker in writing, Brokers have not verified any such matters or any representations made by Seller(s) or others. If Buyer wants further information, Buyer is advised and Broker(s) recommend that Buyer hire a licensed surveyor during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.



2. **ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the presence of certain kinds of organisms, toxins and contaminants, including, but not limited to, mold (airborne, toxic or otherwise), fungi, mildew, lead-based paint and other lead contamination, asbestos, formaldehyde, radon, PCB's, methane, other gases, fuel oil or chemical storage tanks, contaminated soil or water, hazardous waste, waste disposal sites, electromagnetic fields, nuclear sources, urea formaldehyde, or other materials may adversely affect the Property and the health of individuals who live on or work at the property as well as pets. Some municipalities may impose additional requirements regarding underground storage tanks, which may be more common in certain areas and cities throughout the State, especially where there are larger, older homes built before 1935. It is possible that these tanks, either now or in the future, may require inspections or abatement. If Buyer wants further information, Buyer is advised, and Broker(s) recommends, that Buyer have the Property inspected for the existence of such conditions and organisms, and conditions that may lead to their formation. Not all inspectors are licensed and licenses are not available for all types of inspection activities. Buyer is also advised to consult with appropriate experts regarding this topic during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Broker recommends that Buyer and Seller read the booklets titled, "Residential Environmental Hazards: A Guide for Homeowners, Homebuyers, Landlords and Tenants," and "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home." Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
3. **FORMALDEHYDE:** Formaldehyde is a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Exposure to formaldehyde may be caused by materials used in the construction of homes. The United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board, and other agencies have measured the presence of formaldehyde in the indoor air of select homes in California. Levels of formaldehyde that present a significant cancer risk have been measured in most homes that were tested. Formaldehyde is present in the air because it is emitted by a variety of building materials and home products used in construction. The materials include carpeting, pressed wood products, insulation, plastics, and glues. Most homes that have been tested elsewhere do contain formaldehyde, although the concentrations vary from home to home with no obvious explanation for the differences. One of the problems is that many suppliers of building materials and home products do not provide information on chemical ingredients to builders. Buyers may have further questions about these issues. Buyer is advised to consult with appropriate experts regarding this topic during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer and Seller read the booklet titled "Residential Environmental Hazards: A Guide for Homeowners, Homebuyers, Landlords and Tenants." Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
4. **GEOLOGIC HAZARDS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that California has experienced earthquakes in the past, and there is always a potential of future earthquakes. Damage caused by an earthquake may not be discoverable by a visual inspection of Buyer(s) or Broker(s). Inspection by a licensed, qualified professional is strongly recommended to determine the structural integrity and safety of all structures and improvements on the Property. If the Property is a condominium, or located in a planned unit development or in a common interest subdivision, Buyer is advised to contact the homeowners association about earthquake repairs and retrofit work and the possibility of an increased or special assessment to defray the costs of earthquake repairs or retrofit work. Buyer is encouraged to obtain and read the booklet entitled, "The Homeowner's Guide to Earthquake Safety." In most cases a questionnaire within the booklet must be completed by Seller and the entire booklet given to the Buyer if the Property was built prior to 1960. If the Property was built before 1975, and contains structures constructed of masonry or precast (tilt up) concrete walls, with wood frame floors or roof, or if the building has unreinforced masonry walls, then Seller must provide Buyer a pamphlet entitled "The Commercial Property Owner's Guide to Earthquake Safety." Many areas have a wide range of geologic problems and numerous studies have been made of these conditions. Some of this information is available for public review at city and county planning departments. Buyer is encouraged to review the public maps and reports and/or obtain a geologist's inspection report. Buyer may be able to obtain earthquake insurance to protect their interest in the Property. Sellers who agree to provide financing should also consider requiring Buyers to obtain such insurance naming Seller(s) as insured lien holder(s). Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
5. **INSPECTIONS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that Buyer has the right to obtain various inspections of the Property under most residential purchase agreements. Buyer is advised to have the Property inspected by a professional property inspection service within Buyer's investigation contingency period. A licensed building contractor or other professional may perform these services. The inspector generally does not look behind walls or under carpets, or take equipment apart. Certain items on the Property, such as chimneys and spark arresters, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, electrical wiring, pool and spa, septic system, well, roof, foundation and structural items may need to be inspected by another professional, such as a chimney sweep, plumber, electrician, pool and spa service, septic or well company or roofer. A general physical inspection typically will not test for mold, wood destroying pests, lead-based paint, radon, asbestos and other environmental hazards, geologic conditions, age, remaining useful life or water-tightness of roof, cracks, leaks or operational problems associated with a pool or spa or connection of the Property to a sewer system. If Buyer wants further information on any aspect of the Property, Broker recommends that Buyer have a discussion with the professional property inspector and that Buyer hire an appropriate professional for the area of concern to Buyer. Brokers do not verify the results of any such inspection or guarantee the performance of any such inspector or service. Any election by Buyer to waive the right to a physical inspection of the Property or to rely on somebody other than an appropriate professional is against the advice of Brokers. Not all inspectors are licensed and licenses are not available for all types of inspection activities. Brokers do not have expertise in these areas.
6. **MOLD:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the presence of certain kinds of mold, fungi, mildew and other organisms, sometimes referred to as "toxic mold" (collectively "Mold"), may adversely affect the Property and the health of individuals who live on or work at the Property as well as pets. Mold does not affect all people the same way, and may not affect some people at all. Mold may be caused by water leaks or other sources of moisture such as, but not limited



to, flooding, and leaks in windows, pipes and roof. Seller is advised to disclose the existence of any such conditions of which he or she is aware. Buyer should carefully review all of Seller's disclosures for any indication that any of these conditions exist. It is, however, possible that Mold may be hidden and that Seller is completely unaware of its existence. In addition, Mold is often undetectable from a visual inspection, a professional general property inspection and even a structural pest control inspection. Brokers do not have expertise in this area. If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that Buyer have the Property tested for Mold by an environmental hygienist or other appropriate professional during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Not all inspectors are licensed and licenses are not available for all types of inspection activities. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

7. **PETS AND ANIMALS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the current or previous owner(s) may have had domesticated or other pets and animals at the Property. Odors from animal urine or other contamination may be dormant for long periods of time and then become active because of heat, humidity or other factors and might not be eliminated by cleaning or replacing carpets or other cleaning methods. Pet urine and feces can also damage hardwood floors and other floor coverings. Additionally, an animal may have had fleas, ticks and other pests that remain on the Property after the animal has been removed. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer discuss the issue with an appropriate professional during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
8. **SEPTIC SYSTEMS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that a property may be served by one or more septic systems even though adjoining properties are connected to a sewer line. Buyer and Seller are also advised that some septic tanks and systems may have been abandoned or have leaked into ground water sources. Buyer is advised to contact the appropriate government agency to verify that the Property is connected to a sewer or served by a septic system. If the Property is served by a septic system, it may consist of a septic tank, cesspool, pits, leach lines or a combination of such mechanisms ("collectively, System"). No representation or warranty is made by Seller or Broker concerning the condition, operability, size, capacity or future expansion of a System, nor whether a System is adequate for use by the intended occupants of the Property. A change in the number of occupants or the quantity, composition or methods of depositing waste may affect the efficiency of the System. In addition, the amount of rainfall and ground water table may also affect the efficiency of the System. Many factors including, but not limited to, natural forces, age, deterioration of materials and the load imposed on a System can cause the System to fail at any time. Broker recommends that Buyer obtain an independent evaluation of any System by a qualified sanitation professional during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Buyer should consult with their sanitation professional to determine if their report includes the tank only, or other additional components of the System such as pits and leach fields. Not all inspectors are licensed and licenses are not available for all types of inspection activities. In some cases, Buyer's lender as well as local government agencies may require System inspection. System-related maintenance costs may include, but not be limited to, locating, pumping or providing outlets to ground level. Brokers are unable to advise Buyer or Seller regarding System-related issues or associated costs, which may be significant. If Buyer and Seller agree to obtain a System inspection, Buyer and Seller are cautioned that the inspection cost may include, but not be limited to, the costs of locating, pumping or providing outlets to ground level. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
9. **SOIL AND GEOLOGIC CONDITIONS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that real estate in California is subject to settling, slippage, contraction, expansion erosion, subsidence, earthquakes and other land movement. The Property may be constructed on fill or improperly compacted soil and may have inadequate drainage capability. Any of these matters can cause structural problems to improvements on the Property. Civil or geo-technical engineers are best suited to evaluate soil stability, grading, drainage and other soil conditions. Additionally, the Property may contain known or unknown mines, mills, caves or wells. If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that Buyer hire an appropriate professional. Not all inspectors are licensed and licenses are not available for all types of inspections. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
10. **SQUARE FOOTAGE, LOT SIZE, BOUNDARIES AND SURVEYS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that only an appraiser or land surveyor, as applicable, can reliably confirm square footage, lot size, Property corners and exact boundaries of the Property. Representations regarding these items that are made in a Multiple Listing Service, advertisements, and from property tax assessor records are often approximations, or based upon inaccurate or incomplete records. Fences, hedges, walls or other barriers may not represent actual boundary lines. Unless otherwise specified by Broker in writing, Brokers have not verified any such boundary lines or any representations made by Seller or others concerning square footage, lot size, Property corners or exact boundaries. Standard title insurance does not insure the boundaries of the Property. If the exact square footage or lot size or location of Property corners or boundaries is an important consideration in Buyer's decision to purchase the Property and/or how much Buyer is willing to pay for the Property, then Buyer must independently conduct Buyer's own investigation through appropriate professionals, appraisers, or licensed surveyors and rely solely on their data, recognizing that all measurements may not be consistent and that different sources may have different size assessments. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
11. **WATER INTRUSION:** Buyer and Seller are advised that many homes suffer from water intrusion or leakage. The causes of water intrusion are varied, and can include defective construction, faulty grading, deterioration of building materials and absence of waterproof barriers. Water intrusion can cause serious damage to the Property. This damage can consist of wood rot, mold, mildew and even damage to the structural integrity of the Property. The cost of repairing and remediating water intrusion damage and its causes can be very significant. The existence and cause of water intrusion is often difficult to detect. Because you, your Broker or a general home inspector cannot visually observe any effects of water intrusion, Buyer and Seller should not assume that such intrusion does not exist. Broker recommends that Buyer have the Property inspected for water intrusion by an appropriate professional. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.



- 12. WELL AND WATER SYSTEM(S):** Buyer and Seller are advised that the Property may be served by one or more water wells, springs, or private community or public water systems. Any of these private or public water systems may contain bacteria, chemicals, minerals and metals, such as chromium. Well(s) may have been abandoned on the Property. Buyer is advised to have both the quality and the quantity of water evaluated, and to obtain an analysis of the quality of any domestic and agricultural water in use, or to be used at the Property, from whatever source. Water quality tests can include not only tests for bacteria, such as coliform, but also tests for organic and inorganic chemicals, metals, mineral content and gross alpha testing for radioactivity. Broker recommends that Buyer consult with a licensed, qualified well and pump company and local government agency to determine whether any well/spring or water system will adequately serve Buyer's intended use and that Buyer have a well consultant perform an extended well output test for this purpose. Water well or spring capacity, quantity output and quality may change at any time. There are no guarantees as to the future water quality, quantity or duration of any well or spring. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer obtain an inspection of the condition, age, adequacy and performance of all components of the well/spring and any water system during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 13. WOOD DESTROYING PESTS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the presence of, or conditions likely to lead to the presence of infestation or infection of wood destroying pests and organisms may adversely affect the Property. Inspection reports covering these items can be separated into two sections: Section 1 identifies areas where infestation or infection is evident. Section 2 identifies areas where there are conditions likely to lead to infestation or infection. If Buyer wants further information, Buyer is advised and Broker recommends that Buyer have the Property inspected for the existence of such conditions and organisms, and conditions that may lead to their formation, by a registered structural pest control company during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 14. FIRE HARDENING, DEFENSIBLE SPACE, AND WILDFIRE DISASTERS:** California is subject to wildfires which have resulted in damage and destruction of many properties located in the state. Several recent state laws have mandated disclosures by sellers when selling properties in certain identified zones, such as "high" or "very high" fire severity zones. Additionally, state law mandates that sellers provide buyers with statements of compliance with local mandates if adopted by local agencies. The Property may be located in a high or very high fire severity zone. This may impact the availability of insurance and the ability to build or rebuild structures on the Property. Additionally, there may be requirements that certain fire prevention steps may be mandated. Information on fire hardening, including current building standards and information on minimum annual vegetation management standards to protect homes from wildfires, can be obtained on the internet website <http://www.readyforwildfire.org>. Cal Fire has made available a "Fire Hazard Severity Zone Viewer" where you can input the Property address to determine which fire hazard zone, if any, that the Property is located in. The viewer is available at <https://egis.fire.ca.gov/FHSZ/>. Below is a partial list of potential resources provided as a starting point for Buyer/Lessee investigations and not as an endorsement or guarantee that any federal, state, county, city or other resource will provide complete advice.
- California Department of Insurance ("Wildfire Resource") <http://insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/140-catastrophes/WildfireResources.cfm>; 1-800-927-4357
  - Governor's Office of Emergency Services ("Cal OES") California Wildfires Statewide Recovery Resources <http://wildfirerecovery.org/>
  - California Department of Forestry and Fire ("Cal Fire") <http://fire.ca.gov/> and <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>
  - California Department of Transportation <https://calsta.ca.gov/>
  - California Attorney General <https://oag.ca.gov/consumers/pricegougingduringdisasters#8C1>

**Brokers do not have expertise in this area.**

- 15. PRELIMINARY (TITLE) REPORT:** A preliminary report is a document prepared by a title company which shows the conditions upon which the title company is willing to offer a policy of title insurance. However, a preliminary report is not an "abstract of title;" the title company does not conduct an exhaustive search of the title record and does not guarantee the condition of title. Nevertheless, the preliminary report documents many matters that have been recorded that can impact an owner's use of the property such as known easements, access rights, and encroachments and, if applicable, governing documents and restrictions for a homeowners' association (HOA). Among many other restrictions that may appear in the HOA documents are restrictions on the number and weight of pets that are allowed. A preliminary report may contain links to important documents referred to in the report. Broker recommends that Buyer reviews the preliminary report and any documents referenced by links and keep a printed or electronic copy of the preliminary report and documents referenced by link. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

## B. Property Use and Ownership

- 1. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS:** Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are known by many names: granny flats, in-law units, backyard cottages, secondary units and more. California has passed laws to promote the development of ADUs. Additional information about ADUs can be found at <http://hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/AccessoryDwellingUnits.shtml>. Buyer is advised to check with appropriate government agencies or third party professionals to verify permits and legal requirements and the effect of such requirements on current and future use and rentability of the Property, its development and size. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 2. BUILDING PERMITS, ZONING AND CODE COMPLIANCE:** Buyer and Seller are advised that any structure on the Property, including the original structure and any addition, modification, remodel or improvement may have been built without permits, not according to building codes, or in violation of zoning laws. Further, even if such structure was built according to the then-existing code or zoning requirement, it may not be in compliance with current building standards



or local zoning. It is also possible that local law may not permit structures that now exist to be rebuilt in the event of damage or destruction. Certain governmental agencies may require periodic inspections to occur in the future. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer discuss the issue with an appropriate professional during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

3. **BUYER INTENDED FUTURE USE OF, AND MODIFICATIONS TO, THE PROPERTY:** Buyer and Seller are advised that Seller's existing use of the property may not be consistent with Buyer's intended use or any future use that Buyer makes of the property, whether or not Buyer has any current plans to change the use. Buyer is advised to check with appropriate government agencies or third party professionals to verify what legal requirements are needed to accommodate any change in use. In addition, neither Seller nor Broker make any representations as to what modifications Buyer can make to the Property after close of escrow as well as any cost factors associated with any such modifications. Buyer is advised to check with his own licensed contractor and other such professionals as well as with the appropriate government agencies to determine what modifications Buyer will be allowed to make after close of escrow. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
4. **CALIFORNIA FAIR PLAN:** Buyer and Seller are advised that insurance for certain hillside, oceanfront and brush properties may be available only from the California Fair Plan. This may increase the cost of insurance for such properties and coverage may be limited. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer consult with Buyer's own insurance agent during Buyer's investigation contingency period regarding the availability of coverage under the California Fair Plan and the length of time it may take for processing of a California Fair Plan application. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
5. **FUTURE REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS AND REMODELS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that replacement or repairs of certain systems or rebuilding or remodeling of all or a portion of the Property may trigger requirements that homeowners comply with laws and regulations that either come into effect after Close of Escrow or are not required to be complied with until the replacement, repair, rebuild or remodel has occurred. Permit or code requirements or building standards may change after Close of Escrow, resulting in increasing costs to repair existing features. If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that Buyer discuss the issue with an appropriate professional during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
6. **HEATING VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS:** Changes to state and federal energy efficiency regulations impact the installation, replacement and some repairs of heating and air conditioning units (HVAC): (i) Federal regulations now require manufacturers of HVAC units to produce only units meeting a new higher Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER). This will likely impact repairs and replacements of existing HVAC units. State regulations now require that when installing or replacing HVAC units, with some exceptions, duct work must be tested for leaks. Duct work leaking more than 15 percent must be repaired to reduce leaks. The average existing duct work typically leaks 30 percent. More information is available at the California Energy Commission's website <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/home-energy-rating-system-hers-program>. Home warranty policies may not cover such inspections or repairs, (ii) the phase out of the use of HCFC-22 (R-22 Freon) will have an impact on repairs and replacement of existing air conditioning units and heat pumps. The production and import of HCFC-22 ended January 1, 2020. Existing systems may continue to be used and HCFC-22 recovered and reclaimed or that was produced prior to 2020 can help meet the needs of existing systems, however, costs may rise. More information is available from the Environmental Protection Agency at [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/residential\\_air\\_conditioning\\_and\\_the\\_phaseout\\_of\\_hcfc-22\\_what\\_you\\_need\\_to\\_know.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/residential_air_conditioning_and_the_phaseout_of_hcfc-22_what_you_need_to_know.pdf) and <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/phaseout/22phaseout.html>, and (iii) New efficiency standards are also in place for water heaters. As a consequence, replacement water heaters will generally be larger than existing units and may not fit in the existing space. Additional venting and other modifications may be required as well. More information is available from the U.S. Department of Energy at [http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance\\_standards/product.aspx/productid/27](http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/appliance_standards/product.aspx/productid/27). If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that Buyer discuss the issue with an appropriate professional during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
7. **HISTORICAL DESIGNATION, COASTAL COMMISSION, ARCHITECTURAL, LANDSCAPE, AGRICULTURAL OR OPEN SPACE AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON BUILDINGS OR IMPROVEMENTS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the Property may be: (i) designated as a historical landmark, (ii) protected by a historical conservancy, (iii) subject to an architectural or landscaping review process, (iv) within the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission or other government agency, or (v) subject to a contract preserving use of all or part of the Property for agriculture or open space. If the Property is so designated or within the jurisdiction of any such, or similar, government agency, then there may be restrictions or requirements regarding Buyer's ability to develop, remove or trim trees or other landscaping, remodel, make improvements to and build on or rebuild the Property. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer satisfy him/herself during Buyer's investigation contingency period if any of these issues are of concern to Buyer. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
8. **INSURANCE, TITLE INSURANCE AND TITLE INSURANCE AFTER FORECLOSURE:** Buyer and Seller are advised that Buyer may have difficulty obtaining insurance regarding the Property if there has been a prior insurance claim affecting the Property or made by Buyer but unrelated to the Property. Seller is required by C.A.R. Form RPA to disclose known insurance claims made during the past five years (C.A.R. Form SPQ or ESD). Sellers may not be aware of claims prior to their ownership. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that, during Buyer's investigation contingency period, Buyer conduct his or her own investigation for past claims. Buyer may need to obtain Seller's consent in order to have access to certain investigation reports. If the Property is a condominium, or is located in a planned unit development or other common interest subdivision, Buyer and Seller are advised to determine if the individual unit is covered by the Homeowner's Association Insurance and the type of insurance coverage that Buyer may purchase. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer consult Buyer's insurance agents during Buyer's investigation contingency



period to determine the need, availability and possibility of securing any and all forms of other insurance or coverage or any conditions imposed by insurer as a requirement of issuing insurance. If Buyer does any repairs to the property during the escrow period or Buyer takes possession prior to Close of Escrow or Seller remains in possession after Close of Escrow, whether for a limited or extended period of time, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer and Seller each consult with their own insurance agent regarding insurance or coverage that could protect them in the transaction (including but not limited to: personal property, flood, earthquake, umbrella and renter's). Buyer and Seller are advised that traditional title insurance generally protects Buyer's title acquired through the sale of the property. While all title insurance policies, as do all insurance policies, contain some exclusions, some title insurance policies contain exclusions for any liability arising from a previous foreclosure. This can occur when a short sale has occurred but the lender mistakenly has also proceeded with a foreclosure. Buyer is strongly advised to consult with a title insurer to satisfy themselves that the policy to be provided adequately protects their title to the property against other possible claimants. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

- 9. LAND LEASE:** Buyer and Seller are advised that certain developments are built on leased land. This means that: **(i)** Buyer does not own the land, **(ii)** the right to occupy the land will terminate at some point in time, **(iii)** the cost to lease the land may increase at some point in the future, and **(iv)** Buyer may not be able to obtain title insurance or may have to obtain a different type of title insurance. If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that Buyer discuss the issue with an attorney or other appropriate professional. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 10. MARIJUANA, CANNABIS, AND METHAMPHETAMINE LABS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that California law permits individual patients to cultivate, possess and use marijuana for medical purposes. Furthermore, California law permits primary caregivers, lawfully organized cooperatives, and collectives to cultivate, distribute and possess marijuana for medicinal purposes. California law also allows recreational use of marijuana for adults, as well as limited rights for individuals to grow and cultivate marijuana, and rights of others, subject to a licensing process, to grow, cultivate and distribute marijuana for recreational use. California's medical and recreational marijuana laws are in direct conflict with federal law which recognizes no lawful use for marijuana and has no exemptions for medical use. Federal criminal penalties, some of which mandate prison time, remain in effect for the possession, cultivation and distribution of marijuana. Buyer and Seller are strongly advised to seek legal counsel as to the legal risks and issues surrounding owning or purchasing a property where medical or any other marijuana activity is taking place. Marijuana storage, cultivation and processing carry the risk of causing mold, fungus or moisture damage to a property, additionally, some properties where marijuana has been cultivated have had alterations to the structure or the electrical system which may not have been done to code or with permits and may affect the safety of the structure or the safe operation of the electrical system. Buyer is strongly advised to retain an environmental hygienist contractor and other appropriate professionals to inspect a property where medical or any other marijuana activity has taken place. Broker recommends that Buyer and Seller involved with a property where there is medical marijuana activity or where it may take place review the California Attorney General's Guidelines for the "Security and Non-Diversion of Marijuana Grown for Medical Use" <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/MEDICINAL%20CANNABIS%20Guidelines.pdf> and the U.S. Department of Justice memo regarding marijuana prosecutions at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1022196/download>. Brokers do not have expertise in this area. While no state law permits the private production of methamphetamine, some properties have been the site of an illegal methamphetamine laboratory. State law imposes an obligation to notify occupants, a ban on occupying the property and clean up requirements when authorities identify a property as being contaminated by methamphetamine. Buyer is advised that a property where methamphetamine has been produced may pose a very serious health risk to occupants. Buyer is strongly advised to retain an environmental hygienist contractor or other appropriate professionals to inspect the property if methamphetamine production is suspected to have taken place. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 11. OWNER'S TITLE INSURANCE:** The Truth in Lending/RESPA integrated disclosure (TRID) established by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) requires that lenders must tell borrowers that title insurance is "optional." While obtaining an owner's policy of title insurance may be "optional", it may be a contractual requirement as between Buyer and Seller. Furthermore, California Civil Code § 1057.6 requires that Buyers be provided with the following notice: "IMPORTANT: IN A PURCHASE OR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY, IT MAY BE ADVISABLE TO OBTAIN TITLE INSURANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLOSE OF ESCROW SINCE THERE MAY BE PRIOR RECORDED LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES WHICH AFFECT YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY BEING ACQUIRED. A NEW POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE SHOULD BE OBTAINED IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY THAT YOU ARE ACQUIRING."

Additionally, even the CFPB on its "ask CFPB" "What is owner's title insurance?" page advises "You may want to buy an owner's title insurance policy, which can help protect your financial interest in the home." Moreover, not obtaining an owner's policy may increase the cost of the lender's policy (required by most lenders), possibly require the separate purchase of a preliminary title report, and may have an impact on the sale of the Property in the future.

Buyers who decide to opt out of obtaining an owner's title insurance policy are acting against the advice of Brokers as well as the advice provided in the California Civil Code § 1057.6 and by the CFPB. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.



- 12. RENT AND EVICTION CONTROL LAWS AND ORDINANCES:** Buyer and Seller are advised that California and some cities and counties impose or may impose restrictions that limit the rent that can be charged to a tenant, the maximum number of tenants who can occupy the property, the right of a landlord to terminate a tenancy and the costs to do so, and the consequences of terminating a tenancy unlawfully. Even if property that is currently vacant was previously tenant occupied, the termination of that previous tenancy may affect a buyer's rights such as the legal use of the property and who may occupy the property in the future. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer investigate the issue with an appropriate government authority or a qualified California real estate attorney during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 13. RETROFIT, BUILDING REQUIREMENTS, AND POINT OF SALE REQUIREMENTS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that state and local Law may require (i) the installation of operable smoke detectors, (ii) bracing or strapping of water heaters, and (iii) upon sale completion of a corresponding written statement of compliance that is delivered to Buyer. Although not a point of sale or retrofit obligation, state law may require the property to have operable carbon monoxide detection devices. Additionally, some city and county governments may impose additional retrofit standards at time of sale including, but not limited to, installing or retrofitting low-flow toilets and showerheads, gas shut-off valves, fireplaces, and tempered glass. Further, there may be potential health impacts from air pollution caused from burning wood. Exposure to particulate matter from the smoke may cause short-term and long-term health effects. Buyers should consult with licensed professional to inspect, properly maintain, and operate a wood burning stove or fireplace. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer and Seller consult with the appropriate government agencies, inspectors, and other professionals to determine the retrofit standards for the Property, the extent to which the Property complies with such standards, and the costs, if any, of compliance. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 14. SHORT TERM RENTALS AND RESTRICTIONS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that some cities, counties and Homeowner Associations (HOAs) do impose or may impose restrictions that limit or prohibit the right of the owner or occupant to rent-out the Property for short periods of time (usually 30 Days or less). In short term rentals, as well as all rentals, Buyer and Seller are advised to seek assistance to ensure compliance with all fair housing laws and regulations. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer investigate the issue with an appropriate government authority or HOA during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 15. VIEWS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that present views from the Property may be affected by future development or growth of trees and vegetation on adjacent properties and any other property within the line of sight of the Property. Brokers make no representation regarding the preservation of existing views. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer review covenants, conditions and restrictions, if any, and contact neighboring property owners, government agencies and homeowner associations, if any, during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 16. SWIMMING POOL, SECURITY AND SAFETY:** Buyer and Seller are advised that state and local Law may require the installation of barriers, anti-entrapment grates, access alarms, self-latching mechanisms, pool covers, exit alarms and/or other measures to decrease the risk to children and other persons of existing swimming pools and hot tubs, as well as various fire safety and other measures concerning other features of the Property. Compliance requirements differ from city to city and county to county. Unless specifically agreed, the Property may not be in compliance with these requirements. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer contact local government agencies about these restrictions and other requirements. State law requires that new pools and spas be equipped with at least two of seven specified drowning prevention safety features. Home inspectors have a statutory obligation to perform a non-invasive physical examination of the pool area to identify which safety features are present. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 17. WATER SHORTAGES AND CONSERVATION:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the Property may be located in an area that could experience water shortages. The policies of local water districts and the city or county in which the Property is located can result in the occurrence of any or all of the following: (i) limitations on the amount of water available to the Property, (ii) restrictions on the use of water, and (iii) an increasingly graduated cost per unit of water use, including, but not limited to, penalties for excess usage. For further information, Broker recommends that Buyer contact the supplier of water to the Property regarding the supplier's current or anticipated policies on water usage and to determine the extent to which those policies may affect Buyer's intended use of the Property. If the Property is serviced by a private well, Buyer is advised that drought conditions and/or a low water table may make it necessary to arrange, through a private supplier, for delivery of water to the Property. Buyers should contact water truck companies for the costs involved. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 18. 1915 IMPROVEMENT BOND MELLO-ROOS COMMUNITY DISTRICT, AND OTHER ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the Property may be subject to an improvement bond assessment under the Improvement Bond Act of 1915, a levy of a special tax pursuant to a Mello-Roos Community Facilities district, and/or a contractual assessment as provided in § 5898.24 of the Streets And Highways Code or other assessment districts. Seller is generally required to make a good faith effort to obtain a disclosure notice from any local agency collecting such taxes and deliver such notice to Buyers. If there is a question as to whether an existing bond or assessment will be prorated as of the close of escrow, or whether Seller will pay off the bond or assessment at close of escrow, Buyers are advised to discuss the matter with the appropriate entity and address the responsibility for payment in negotiations for the purchase agreement or amendment prior to removing contingencies. Some cities and other localities have begun, or have the intention to begin, the process of requiring the replacement of utility poles by requiring that utility lines be buried underground. These projects can result in special tax assessments and set-up costs that are imposed on individual property owners. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.



## C. Off-Site and Neighborhood Conditions

1. **GOLF COURSE DISCLOSURES:** Buyer and Seller are advised that if the Property is located adjacent to or near a golf course the following may apply: (i) Stray golf balls – Any residence near a golf course may be affected by errant golf balls, resulting in personal injury or destruction to property. Golfers may attempt to trespass on adjacent property to retrieve golf balls even though the project restrictions may expressly prohibit such retrieval. (ii) Noise and lighting – The noise of lawn mowers irrigation systems and utility vehicles may create disturbances to homeowners. Maintenance operations may occur in the early morning hours. Residents living near the clubhouse may be affected by extra lighting, noise, and traffic. (iii) Pesticides and fertilizer use – A golf course may be heavily fertilized, as well as subjected to other chemicals during certain periods of the year. (iv) Irrigation system – Golf course sprinkler systems may cause water overspray upon adjacent property and structures. Also the irrigation system of a golf course may use reclaimed and retreated wastewater. (v) Golf carts – Certain lots may be affected more than others by the use of golf carts. Lots adjacent to a tee or putting green may be subject to noise disturbances and loss of privacy. (vi) Access to golf course from residences – It is likely that most residences will not have direct access from their lots to the golf course. The project restrictions may disclaim any right of access or other easements from a resident's lot onto the golf course. (vii) View obstruction – Residents living near a golf course may have their views over the golf course impacted by maturing trees and landscaping or by changes to the course's configuration. (viii) Water restrictions – As some municipalities face water shortages, the continued availability of water to the golf course may be restricted or otherwise reduced by the local water agency. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer contact the local water agency regarding this matter. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
2. **NEIGHBORHOOD, AREA, PERSONAL FACTORS, BUYER INTENDED USE, HIGH SPEED RAILS, AND SMOKING RESTRICTIONS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that the following may affect the Property or Buyer's intended use of it: neighborhood or area conditions, including schools, proximity and adequacy of law enforcement, crime, fire protection, other government services, availability, adequacy and cost of any speed-wired, wireless internet connections or other telecommunications or other technology services and installations, proximity to medical marijuana growing or distribution locations, cell phone towers, manufacturing, commercial, industrial, airport or agricultural activities or military ordnance locations, existing and proposed transportation, construction, and development, any other source that may affect noise, view, traffic, or odor, wild and domestic animals, susceptibility to tsunami and adequacy of tsunami warnings, other nuisances, hazards, or circumstances, protected species, wetland properties, botanical diseases, historic or other governmentally-protected sites or improvements, cemeteries, conditions and influences of significance to certain cultures and/or religions, and personal needs, requirements and preferences of Buyer and FAA requirements for recreational and non-recreational use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) (drones) (see UAS frequently asked questions <http://www.faa.gov/uas/faqs/>). California is potentially moving toward high speed rail service between Northern and Southern California. This rail line could have an impact on the Property if it is located nearby. More information on the timing of the project and routes is available from the California High-Speed Rail Authority at [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/). The State of California has long-standing no smoking laws in place restricting smoking in most business and some public spaces. Local jurisdictions may enact laws that are more restrictive than state law. Many California cities have enacted restrictions on smoking in parks, public sidewalks, beaches and shopping areas. Some jurisdictions have restrictions entirely banning smoking inside privately owned apartments and condominiums as well as in the common areas of such structures, or limiting smoking to certain designated areas. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer contact local government agencies about these restrictions. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
3. **NEIGHBORHOOD NOISE SOURCES:** Buyer and Seller are advised that even if the Property is not in an identified airport noise influence area, the Property may still be subject to noise and air disturbances resulting from airplanes and other aircraft, commercial or military or both, flying overhead. Other common sources of noise include nearby commercial districts, schools, traffic on streets, highways and freeways, trains and general neighborhood noise from people, dogs and other animals. Noise levels and types of noise that bother one person may be acceptable to others. Buyer is advised to satisfy him/herself with regard to any sources of and amounts of noise at different times of day and night. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
4. **SCHOOLS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that children living in the Property may not, for numerous reasons, be permitted to attend the school nearest the Property. Various factors including, but not limited to, open enrollment policies, busing, overcrowding and class size reductions may affect which public school serves the Property. School district boundaries are subject to change. Buyer is advised to verify whether the Property is now, and at the Close of Escrow will be, in the school district Buyer understands it to be in and whether residing in the Property entitles a person to attend any specific school in which that Buyer is interested. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer contact the local school or school district for additional information during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
5. **UNDERGROUND PIPELINES AND UTILITIES:** Throughout California underground pipelines transport natural gas, liquid fuel and other potentially hazardous materials. These pipelines may or may not provide utility services to the Property. Information about the location of some of the pipelines may be available from a company that also provides disclosures of natural and other hazards or from other sources of public maps or records. Proximity to underground pipelines, in and of itself, does not affirmatively establish the risk or safety of the property. If Buyer wants further information about these underground pipelines and utilities, Buyer is advised to consult with appropriate experts during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
6. **WILDLIFE:** California is the home to many species of wildlife. The location of homes in California continues to expand into areas that are the natural habitat of wildlife and the Property may be in such an area. Wildlife may become a nuisance especially if the availability of their natural sources of food or water is limited. Buyer should investigate the need to



implement mitigation measures at the Property including but not limited to the use of animal-resistant garbage containers, and other appropriate measures depending on the species and habitat involved. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

7. **SEA LEVEL RISE/COASTAL PROPERTIES:** Sea level rise has the potential to affect coastal residents, recreation, and development. Coastal communities may or may not have addressed the potential impact. The following is a non-exclusive list of issues that may be impacted by sea level rise: **(i)** Shoreline, beach and bluff erosion, and flooding; **(ii)** The effectiveness of seawalls and bulkheads, whether built with or without permits; **(iii)** Seaward construction, development or improvement to existing structures; **(iv)** The enactment of geological hazard abatement districts and assessments; and **(v)** The location of the "mean high tide line" which is used to delineate shoreline boundaries for some coastal properties.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of potential resources provided as a starting point for Buyer investigations into sea level rise, and not as an endorsement or guarantee that any federal, state, county, city or other resource will provide complete advice.

- A. California Coastal Commission contact information: <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/contact/#/>  
 B. State Lands Commission contact information: <https://www.slc.ca.gov/contact-us/>  
 C. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (sea level rise page): <https://coast.noaa.gov/slr/>  
 D. California Coastal Commission (sea level rise page): <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/climate/slr/>  
 E. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps>; <https://msc.fema.gov>

If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that Buyer discuss the issue with an appropriate professional during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

## D. Legal Requirements (Federal, State and Local)

1. **DEATH ON THE PROPERTY:** California Civil Code § 1710.2 protects a seller from: **(i)** failing to disclose a death on the property that occurred more than 3 years before a buyer has made an offer on a property; and **(ii)** failing to disclose if an occupant of a property was afflicted with HIV/AIDS, regardless of whether a death occurred or if so, when § 1710.2 does not protect a seller from making a misrepresentation in response to a direct inquiry. If the Buyer has any concerns about whether a death occurred on the Property or the manner, location, details or timing of a death, the buyer should direct any specific questions to the Seller in writing. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
2. **EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONES AND SEISMIC HAZARD ZONES:** Buyer and Seller are advised that California Public Resources Code §§ 2622 and 2696 require the delineation and mapping of "Earthquake Fault Zones" along known active faults and "Seismic Hazard Zones" in California. Affected cities and counties must regulate certain development projects within these zones. Construction or development on affected properties may be subject to the findings of a geological report prepared by a registered California geologist. Generally, Seller must disclose if the Property is in such a zone and can use a research company to aid in the process. If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that, during Buyer's investigation contingency period, Buyer make independent inquiries with such research companies or with appropriate government agencies concerning the use and improvement of the Property. Buyer is advised that there is a potential for earthquakes and seismic hazards even outside designated zones. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
3. **EPA's LEAD-BASED PAINT RENOVATION, REPAIR AND PAINTING RULE:** The new rule requires that contractors and maintenance professionals working in pre-1978 housing, child care facilities, and schools with lead-based paint be certified; that their employees be trained; and that they follow protective work practice standards. The rule applies to renovation, repair, or painting activities affecting more than six square feet of lead-based paint in a room or more than 20 square feet of lead-based paint on the exterior. Enforcement of the rule begins October 1, 2010. See the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/lead> for more information. Buyer and Seller are advised to consult an appropriate professional. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
4. **FIRE HAZARDS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that fires annually cause the destruction of thousands of homes. Due to varied climate and topography, certain areas have higher risks of fires than others. Certain types of materials used in home construction create a greater risk of fire than others. If the Property is located within a State Fire Responsibility Area or a Very High Fire Hazard Zone, generally Seller must disclose that fact to Buyer under California Public Resources Code § 4136 and California Government Code §§ 51178 and 51183.5, and may use a research company to aid in the process. Owners of property may be assessed a fire prevention fee on each structure on each parcel in such zones. The fee may be adjusted annually commencing July 1, 2013. If Buyer wants further information, Broker recommends that, during Buyer's investigation and insurance contingency period, Buyer contact the local fire department and Buyer's insurance agent regarding the risk of fire. Buyer is advised that there is a potential for fires even outside designated zones. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
5. **FIRPTA/CALIFORNIA WITHHOLDING:** Buyer and Seller are advised that: **(i)** Internal Revenue Code § 1445, as of February 17, 2016, requires a Buyer to withhold and to remit to the Internal Revenue Service 15% of the purchase price of the property if the Seller is a non-resident alien, unless an express exemption applies. Only 10% needs to be withheld if the Buyer acquires the property as Buyer's residence and the price does not exceed \$1,000,000. Seller may avoid withholding by providing Buyer a statement of non-foreign status. The statement must be signed by Seller under penalty of perjury and must include Seller's tax identification number. Buyer can also avoid having to withhold Federal taxes from Seller's Proceeds if the property price is \$300,000 or less, and the Buyer signs an affidavit stating Buyer intends to occupy the property as a principal residence. **(ii)** California Revenue and Taxation Code § 18662 requires that a Buyer withhold and remit to the California Franchise Tax Board 3 1/3% of the purchase price of the property unless the Seller



signs an affidavit that the property was the Seller's (or the decedent's, if a trust or probate sale) principal residence or that the sales price is \$100,000 or less or another express exemption applies. Exemptions from withholding also apply to legal entities such as corporations, LLCs, and partnerships. Brokers cannot give tax or legal advice. Broker recommends that Buyer and Seller seek advice from a CPA, attorney or taxing authority. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

- 6. FLOOD HAZARDS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that if the Property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area, as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or an area of Potential Flooding pursuant to California Government Code § 8589.3, generally Seller must disclose this fact to Buyer and may use a research company to aid in the process. The National Flood Insurance Program was established to identify all flood plain areas and establish flood-risk zones within those areas. The program mandates flood insurance for properties within high-risk zones if loans are obtained from a federally-regulated financial institution or are insured by any agency of the United States Government. The extent of coverage and costs may vary. If Buyer wants further information, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer consult his or her lender and/or insurance agent during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Buyer is advised that there is a potential for flooding even outside designated zones. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 7. MEGAN'S LAW DATABASE DISCLOSURE:** Notice: Pursuant to § 290.46 of the Penal Code, information about specific registered sex offenders is made available to the public via an Internet Web site maintained by the Department of Justice at <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>. Depending on an offender's criminal history, this information will include either the address at which the offender resides or the community of residence and ZIP Code in which he or she resides. (Neither Seller nor Brokers, in any, are required to check this website. If Buyer wants further information, Buyer should obtain information directly from this website.) Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 8. NOTICE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL PROPERTY TAX BILL; ACCURATE SALES PRICE REPORTING:** Buyer and Seller are advised that pursuant to Civil Code § 1102.6(c), Seller, or his or her agent, is required to provide the following notice to the Buyer:

"California property tax law requires the Assessor to revalue real property at the time the ownership of property changes. Because of this law, you may receive one or two supplemental tax bills, depending on when your loan closes.

The supplemental tax bills are not mailed to your lender. Even if you have arranged for your property tax payments to be paid through an impound account, the supplemental tax bills will not be paid by your lender. It is your responsibility to pay these supplemental bills directly to the Tax Collector. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call your Tax Collector's Office."

Although the notice refers to loan closing as a trigger, it is actually the change of ownership which triggers this reassessment of property taxes. Therefore, the Property can be reassessed even if there is no loan involved in the purchase of the Property. The Purchase Agreement may allocate supplemental tax bills received after the Close of Escrow to the Buyer. A change (preliminary change) of ownership form is generally required to be filed by the Buyer with the local taxing agency. The form identifies the sales price of the Property. An assessor may value the Property at its fair market value regardless of the sales price declared by the Buyer. If Buyer wants further information concerning these matters, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer discuss the issue with the County Assessor or Tax Collector or their own tax or legal advisor. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

- 9. ZONE MAPS MAY CHANGE:** Maps that designate, among other things, Earthquake Fault Zones, Seismic Hazard Zones, State Fire Responsibility Areas, Very High Fire Hazard Zones, Special Flood Hazard Areas, and Potential Flooding Areas are occasionally redrawn by the applicable Government Agency. Properties that are currently designated in a specified zone or area could be removed and properties that are not now designated in a specified zone or area could be placed in one or more such zones or areas in the future. A property owner may dispute a FEMA flood hazard location by submitting an application to FEMA. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
- 10. ELECTRIFICATION OF ENERGY SOURCE:** Several local jurisdictions in California have enacted laws which prohibit the use of natural gas appliances in new construction. Other local jurisdictions, and State of California, are considering bans, and may even prohibit the replacement, sale or installation of appliances that use any fuel source other than electricity. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

## E. Contract Related Issues and Terms

- 1. SIGNING DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY:** The ability to use electronic signatures to sign legal documents is a great convenience, however Buyers and Sellers should understand they are signing a legally binding agreement. Read it carefully. Although electronic signature programs make it easy to skip from one signature or initial line to another, Buyers and Sellers are cautioned to only sign if they have taken the time necessary to read each document thoroughly, understand the entire document, and agree to all of its terms. Do not just scroll through or skip to the next signature or initial line, even if you have reviewed an earlier draft of the document. If you have questions or do not understand a provision, before you sign ask your Broker, Agent or legal advisor about the contract term and sign only if you agree to be bound by it. Some signature or initial lines are optional, such as for the liquidated damages and arbitration clauses. Consider your decision before signing or initialing. See below for more information on the liquidated damages and arbitration clauses. If there are more than one buyer or seller, each must sign or initial on their own. Do not sign or initial for anyone else unless you have a power of attorney for that person or are otherwise legally authorized, in writing, to



sign or initial for another. Print or electronically store a copy of the document for your own records. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

2. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** Buyer and Seller are advised that a liquidated damages clause is a provision Buyer and Seller can use to agree in advance to the amount of damages that a seller will receive if a buyer breaches the Agreement. The clause usually provides that a seller will retain a buyer's initial deposit paid if a buyer breaches the agreement, and generally must be separately initialed by both parties and meet other statutory requirements to be enforceable. For any additional deposits to be covered by the liquidated damages clause, there generally must be another separately signed or initialed agreement (see C.A.R. Form DID). However, if the Property contains from 1 to 4 units, one of which a buyer intends to occupy, California Civil Code Section 1675 limits the amount of the deposit subject to liquidated damages to 3% of the purchase price. Even though both parties have agreed to a liquidated damages clause, an escrow company will usually require either a judge's or arbitrator's decision or instructions signed by both parties in order to release a buyer's deposit to a seller. Buyers and Sellers must decide on their own, or with the advice of legal counsel, whether to agree to a liquidated damages clause. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
3. **MEDIATION:** Buyer and Seller are advised that mediation is a process by which the parties hire a neutral person to facilitate discussion and negotiation between the parties with the goal of helping them reach a settlement of their dispute. The parties generally share in the cost of this confidential, non-binding negotiation. If no agreement is reached, either party can pursue further legal action. Under C.A.R. Form RPA: (i) the parties must mediate any dispute arising out of their agreement (with a few limited exceptions, such as matters within the jurisdiction of a small claims court) before they resort to arbitration or court, and (ii) if a party proceeds to arbitration or court without having first attempted to mediate the dispute, that party risks losing the right to recover attorney fees and costs even if he or she prevails. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
4. **ARBITRATION:** Buyer and Seller are advised that arbitration is a process by which the disputing parties hire a neutral person to render a binding decision. Generally, arbitration is faster and less expensive than resolving disputes by litigating in court. The rules are usually less formal than in court, and it is a private process not a matter of public record. By agreeing to arbitration, the parties give up the right to a jury trial and to appeal the arbitrator's decision. Arbitration decisions have been upheld even when arbitrators have made a mistake as to the law or the facts. If the parties agree to arbitration, then after first attempting to settle the dispute through mediation, any dispute arising out of their agreement (with a few limited exceptions) must be submitted to binding arbitration. Buyer and Seller must weigh the benefits of a potentially quicker and less expensive arbitration against giving up the right to a jury trial and the right to appeal. Brokers cannot give legal advice regarding these matters. Buyers and Sellers must decide on their own, or with the advice of legal counsel, whether to agree to arbitration. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
5. **ESCROW FUNDS:** Buyer and Seller are advised that California Insurance Code § 12413.1 provides that escrow companies cannot disburse funds unless there are sufficient "good funds" to cover the disbursement. "Good funds" are defined as cash, wire transfers and cashiers' or certified checks drawn on California depositories. Escrow companies vary in their own definitions of "good funds." Broker(s) recommend that Buyer and Seller ask the escrow company regarding its treatment of "good funds." All samples and out-of-state checks are subject to waiting periods and do not constitute "good funds" until the money is physically transferred to and received by the escrow holder. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
6. **HOME WARRANTY:** Buyer and Seller are advised that Buyer and Seller can purchase home warranty plans covering certain standard systems of the Property both before and after Close of Escrow. Seller can obtain coverage for the Property during the listing period. For an additional premium, an upgraded policy providing additional coverage for air conditioning, pool and spa and other features can be purchased. Home warranties do not cover every aspect of the Property and may not cover inspections or upgrades for repairs required by state or federal laws or pre-existing conditions. Broker(s) recommend that Buyer review the policy for details. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
7. **IDENTIFICATION OF NATURAL PERSONS BEHIND SHELL COMPANIES IN ALL-CASH TRANSACTIONS:** The U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) has issued Geographic Targeting Orders (GTOs) targeting alleged money laundering risk in the real estate sector. The GTOs will temporarily require U.S. title insurance companies to identify the natural persons behind shell companies used to pay "all cash" for high-end residential real estate in certain major metropolitan areas. FinCEN explained that it remains concerned that all-cash purchases (i.e., those without bank financing) may be conducted by individuals attempting to hide their assets and identity by purchasing residential properties through limited liability companies or other similar structures. Since the original issuance, the GTOs have been renewed and may continue to be renewed. The GTOs cover the following areas in California: Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Diego Counties. The monetary thresholds for each county is \$300,000. GTOs have helped law enforcement identify possible illicit activity. FinCEN reported that a significant portion of covered transactions have dictated possible criminal activity associated with the individuals reported to be the beneficial owners behind shell company purchasers. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
8. **NON CONFIDENTIALITY OF OFFERS:** Buyer is advised that Seller or Listing Agent may disclose the existence, terms, or conditions of Buyer's offer, unless all parties and their agent have signed a written confidentiality agreement (such as C.A.R. Form NDA). Whether any such information is actually disclosed depends on many factors, such as current market conditions, the prevailing practice in the real estate community, the Listing Agent's marketing strategy and the instructions of the Seller. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
9. **ONLINE OR WIRE FUNDS TRANSFERS:** Instructions for the online or wire transfer of escrow deposits have been known to be intercepted by hackers who alter them so that Buyer's funds are actually wired to accounts controlled by criminals rather than the escrow company. Buyers should exercise extreme caution in making electronic funds transfers,



verifying that the organization they are transferring funds to is, in fact, the escrow company and that their own bank account information is not being exposed. See C.A.R. Form WFA for further information. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

## F. Other Factors Affecting Property

1. **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND PRIVATE TRANSFER FEES:** Buyer and Seller are advised that some areas or communities may have enhancement fees or user-type fees, or private transfer taxes and fees, over and above any stated fees. The Federal Housing Finance Agency has issued a rule that prohibits Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from purchasing loans made on properties with private transfer fees if those fees were established on or after February 8, 2011. See title 12 Code of Federal Regulations § 1228 for more information and exceptions. Private transfer fees: (i) may last for a fixed period of time or in perpetuity, (ii) are typically calculated as a percentage of the sales price, and (iii) may have private parties, charitable organizations or interest-based groups as their recipients who may use the funds for social issues unrelated to the property. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
2. **GENERAL RECALL/DEFECTIVE PRODUCT/CLASS ACTION INFORMATION:** Buyer and Seller are advised that government entities and manufacturers may at any time issue recall notices and/or warnings about products that may be present in the Property, and that these notices or warnings can change. The following nonexclusive, non-exhaustive list contains examples of recalled/defective products/class action information: horizontal furnaces, Whirlpool Microwave Hood Combination; RE-ConBuilding products roof tiles; Central Sprinkler Company Fire Sprinklers; Robert Shaw Water Heater Gas Control Valves; Trex Decking; water heaters; aluminum wiring; galvanized, abs, polybutylene PEX, KITEC® and copper pipe; and dry wall manufactured in China. There is no single, all-inclusive source of information on product recalls, defective products or class actions; however, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) maintains a website that contains useful information. If Buyer wants further information regarding the items listed above, Broker(s) recommend that Buyer review the CPSC website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/> during Buyer's investigation contingency period. Another source affiliated with the CPSC is <http://saferproducts.gov/> which allows a Buyer to search by product type or product name. Buyer may also search using the various search engines on the Internet for the specified product or products in question. Brokers recommend that Buyer satisfy themselves regarding recalled or defective products. Brokers will not determine if any aspect of the Property is subject to a recall or is affected by a class action lawsuit. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
3. **HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS AND COVENANTS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ("CC&Rs"); CHARGING STATIONS; FHA/VA APPROVAL:** Buyer and Seller are advised that if the Property is a condominium, or located in a planned unit development, or in a common interest subdivision, there are typically restrictions on use of the Property and rules that must be followed. Restrictions and rules are commonly found in Declarations and other governing documents. Further there is likely to be a homeowner association (HOA) that has the authority to affect the Property and its use. Whether or not there is a HOA, the Property may still be subject to CC&Rs restricting use of the Property. The HOA typically has the authority to enforce the rules of the association, assess monetary payments (both regular monthly dues and special assessments) to provide for the upkeep and maintenance of the common areas, and enforce the rules and assessment obligations. If you fail to abide by the rules or pay monies owed to the HOA, the HOA may put a lien against your Property. Additionally, if an electric vehicle charging station is installed in a common area or an exclusive use common area, each Seller whose parking space is on or near that charging station must disclose its existence and that the Buyer will have the responsibilities set forth in California Civil Code §4745. The law requires the Seller to provide the Buyer with the CC&Rs and other governing documents, as well as a copy of the HOA's current financial statement and operating budget, among other documents. Effective July 1, 2016, a Common Interest Development (CID) will be required to include in its annual budget report a separate statement describing the status of the CID as a Federal Housing Administration or Department of Veterans Affairs approved Development. While the purchase agreement and the law require that the annual budget be provided by Seller to Buyer, Brokers will not and cannot verify the accuracy of information provided by the CID. Buyer is advised to carefully review all HOA documents provided by Seller and the CC&Rs, if any, and satisfy him/herself regarding the use and restrictions of the Property, the amount of monthly dues and/or assessments, the adequacy of reserves, current and past insurance coverage and claims, and the possibility of any legal action that may be taken by or against the HOA. The HOA may not have insurance or may not cover personal property belonging to the owner of the unit in the condominium, common interest or planned unit development. For more information Buyer may request from Broker the C.A.R. Legal Q&A titled: "Homeowners' Associations: A Guide for REALTORS®". Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

Although unenforceable, it is possible the CC&Rs, deed or other document on title may contain a covenant which at one time may have purported to discriminate against persons based on race, religion or other protected class or characteristics. You have the right to request the assistance of the title or escrow company to help you prepare a form which will be provided to the County and may result in the discriminatory language being removed from the public record. You may also get a notice informing you of these rights from the Broker or title or escrow company. For more information Buyer may request from Broker the C.A.R. Legal Quick Guide titled: "Agent Disclosure of Discriminatory Covenants Based on Actual Knowledge."

4. **LEGAL ACTION:** Buyer and Seller are advised that if Seller or a previous owner was involved in a legal action (litigation or arbitration) affecting the Property, Buyer should obtain and review public and other available records regarding the



legal action to determine: (i) whether the legal action or any resolution of it affects Buyer and the Property, (ii) if any rights against any parties involved in the legal action survive the legal action or have been terminated or waived as a result of the legal action, whether or not involving the same issue as in the legal action, and (iii) if any recommendations or requirements resulting from the legal action have been fulfilled and, if so, that Buyer is satisfied with any such action. Buyer should seek legal advice regarding these matters. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.

5. **MARKETING; INTERNET ADVERTISING; INTERNET BLOGS; SOCIAL MEDIA:** Buyer and Seller are advised that Broker may employ a “staging” company to assist in the presentation of the Property. The furnishings and decorations in the staging are generally not included in the sale unless specifically noted in the Agreement. Statements and inclusion in the MLS entry, flyers, and other marketing materials are NOT part of the Agreement. In addition, Broker may employ a service to provide a “virtual tour” or “virtual staging” or Internet marketing of the Property, permitting potential buyers to view the Property over the Internet. While they are supposed to be an accurate representation of the property, the photos may be enhanced and not fully representative of the actual condition of the property. Further, neither the service provider nor Broker have total control over who will obtain access to materials placed on the internet or what action such persons might take. Additionally, some Internet sites and other social media provide formats for comments or opinions of value of properties that are for sale. Information on the Property, or its owner, neighborhood, or any homeowner association having governance over the Property may be found on the internet on individual or commercial web sites, blogs, Facebook pages, or other social media. Any such information may be accurate, speculative, truthful or lies, and it may or may not reflect the opinions or representations by the Broker. Broker will not investigate any such sites, blogs, social media or other internet sites or the representations contained therein. Buyer is advised to make an independent search of electronic media and online sources prior to removing any investigation contingency. Buyer and Seller are advised that Broker has no control over how long the information or photos concerning the Property will be available on the Internet or through social media, and Broker will not be responsible for removing any such content from the internet or MLS. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
6. **PACE LOANS AND LIENS:** The acronym PACE stands for Property Assessed Clean Energy. PACE programs allow property owners to finance energy and water conservation improvements and pay for them through an assessment on the owner's property. PACE programs are available in most areas for both residential one to four unit properties and commercial properties. PACE programs may be referred to by different names such as HERO or SCEIP, among others. If a PACE project is approved, an assessment lien is placed on a property for the amount owed plus interest. A property owner repays the entity for the improvements as a special tax assessment on the property tax bill over a period of years. A PACE lien is similar to a property tax lien in that it has “super priority.” Sellers are obligated to disclose, pursuant to the C.A.R. Residential Purchase Agreement (C.A.R. Form RPA), whether any improvement is subject to a lien such as a PACE lien. Properties that are subject to PACE liens made on or after July 6, 2010 may not be eligible for financing. For more information, Buyer may request from Broker the C.A.R. Legal Q&A titled: “PACE Programs and Solar Leases”. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
7. **RE-KEYING:** All locks should be re-keyed immediately upon close of escrow so as to ensure the Buyer's safety and security of their persons as well as their personal belongings. Alarms, if any, should be serviced by professionals and codes should be changed. Garage door openers and remotes should be re-coded. In the event of a lease back to Seller after the close of escrow, Seller is advised that the Buyer is entitled to the keys as the Owner of the Property even though the Seller stays in possession of the Property as provided in the RPA. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
8. **SOLAR PANELS AND NET ENERGY METERING:** Solar panel or power systems may be owned or leased. Although leased systems are probably personal property, they are included in the sale by the C.A.R. purchase agreement which also obligates the Seller to make a disclosure to the Buyer and provide the Buyer with documentation concerning the lease and system. Leasing companies generally secure payments by filing a UCC-1 (a Uniform Commercial Code form giving notice of a creditor's security interest) against the property. Sellers are required to provide material information about solar panels (C.A.R. form SOLAR may be used). Buyers are given a contingency right to investigate the solar related system and documentation and assume any lease. Assumption of the lease may require Buyer to provide financial information to the leasing company who may require a credit report be obtained on the Buyer. Should a solar panel or power system be on the Property, Buyers should determine if the system is leased or owned. Buyer's willingness to assume any such lease is a contingency in favor of Seller. For more information, Buyer may request from Broker the C.A.R. Legal Q&A titled: “PACE Programs and Solar Leases”. Solar panel systems may have net energy metering. Payback rates from utilities to property owners with their own source of energy (such as rooftop solar panels) who contribute electricity back to the grid may change from those currently in place and may differ upon change of ownership in the property, Fees for new solar installation may be added or changed. Buyers should discuss with the applicable utility if applicable to the property. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
9. **RECORDING DEVICES:** Audio or video recording devices or both may be present on the Property, whether or not notice of any such devices has been posted. Seller may or may not even be aware of the capability of such devices. Brokers do not have expertise in this area.
10. **WOOD BALCONIES, STAIRS AND OTHER STRUCTURES:** Prior to January 1, 2025, and periodically thereafter, buildings with three units or more, may be required to obtain an inspection of exterior balconies, stairways, walkways, or decks that are supported



in whole or in substantial part by a wood or wood-based materials. For condos, the HOA will be responsible for the inspections per its governing documents. For other buildings, it is the owner's responsibility. An inspection report must be incorporated into a condo HOA's study of reserve account requirements. This could in turn affect lender certification requirements as well as future dues and assessments. A balcony report that identifies an immediate threat to the safety of the occupants will require the condo HOA or owner to prevent access to the balcony further impacting a property's marketability.

## G. Local Disclosures and Advisories

### LOCAL ADVISORIES OR DISCLOSURES (IF CHECKED):

The following disclosures or advisories are attached:

- A.  Alameda County Disclosures and Disclaimers Advisory 7/25
- B.  \_\_\_\_\_
- C.  \_\_\_\_\_
- D.  \_\_\_\_\_

**Buyer and Seller are encouraged to read all 15 pages of this Advisory carefully. By signing below, Buyer and Seller acknowledge that each has received a copy of all 15 pages of this Statewide Buyer and Seller Advisory, and each has read and understands its terms.**

BUYER \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

BUYER \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SELLER  *Signed by: Gerard F. Keena II, Partition Referee* Gerard F. Keena II, Partition Referee Date 6/15/2026

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## INTRODUCTION

This Advisory provides general information about selling and buying real property in Alameda County and is effective as of July 2025. It is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to buying real estate nor is it designed to alarm Buyers and Sellers. Although this Advisory does not limit any legal duty of real estate brokers, it does point out some limitations on real estate brokers' duties. This Advisory points out that when purchasing something as important and valuable as real estate, Buyers have a legal responsibility to protect themselves by taking special precautions to investigate the issues detailed in this Advisory and any other issues which impact the use, value or desirability of the Property; consult with the appropriate experts and/or governmental agencies. Do not just rely on real estate brokers or Sellers as sources for all information. When Buyers have questions, doubts or concerns, they should conduct their own Investigation with their own chosen professionals. For more information about the areas covered by this Advisory, Buyers can go online at the sites referenced at the end of this Advisory.

The information in this Advisory may change over time and/or new issues may develop due to actions taken at the federal, state, county, city and/or private, local level. Some of the issues that are covered in this Advisory are point of sale or retrofit requirements that may also get triggered by remodeling efforts or efficiency requirements. Sellers and Buyers should investigate the applicability of these requirements to the past, present and future sale, purchase, Ownership and/or development of the Property.

- Sellers must disclose anything that is known to the Sellers that materially affects the value or desirability of the Property. Sellers who need help in completing their disclosure obligations should consult with their own qualified, California real estate attorney; Brokers cannot determine the legal sufficiency of any disclosure.
- Sellers should conduct a diligent search of their documents to determine if they have any reports, disclosures, repair estimates and invoices (of any age) or other information which relate to the Property or the issues in this Advisory and provide a copy of that material to Buyers preferably with the Sellers' disclosure documents regardless of which disclosure forms are used.
- Sellers and Buyers should read this Advisory in conjunction with a careful review of all disclosures required by Sellers and by the real estate Brokers involved in the transaction including, without limitation, the Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement and the Supplemental Property Questionnaire, provided by Seller.
- Buyers are responsible for conducting their own investigations into the issues discussed in this Advisory as well as those issues that are not referenced in this Advisory to the extent that those additional issues may affect the Buyers' determination of the use, value, desirability or development of the Property. That investigation should take place prior to the Buyer's removal or waiver of any investigation contingency. Buyers are urged to:
  - Carefully read the information contained in all advisories, pamphlets, disclosures, inspections, and/or reports that Buyers receive from any source.
  - Conduct additional/further investigations and inspections regarding any issues that concern Buyers which are raised in the documents received by Buyers from any source.
  - Thoroughly and thoughtfully inspect and evaluate the Property and, in so doing, meet Buyers' obligation to protect themselves, including those facts which are known to or within the diligent attention and observation of the Buyers.
- Buyers need to inquire into any additional matters (beyond those in this Advisory) to the extent that those additional issues affect the Buyers' determination of the use, value, desirability or development of the Property.
- Buyers must bear in mind that a Property may suffer defects and deficiencies which neither Sellers nor Brokers are aware. Buyers should also recognize that not all issues can be objectively determined and some issues can have varying impacts on different people since some people may be more sensitive than others.
- Buyers are urged to engage licensed professionals to evaluate all aspects of the Property and to consult all appropriate governmental agencies. Buyers' right to conduct certain types of investigations may be limited by the Purchase Contract or other factors such as Homeowners' Association requirements.

- Any representations about the issues in this Advisory made by third parties have not been verified by Brokers and need to be independently confirmed by Buyers.
- **Although licensed to list, sell and lease real estate, Brokers may not have expertise on the issues in this Advisory.**

**The real estate licensees involved in the transaction do not** warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information contained in this Advisory or the adequacy of the information contained herein as it relates to a specific real property transaction.

## A. MARKET CONDITIONS ADVISORY

Real estate markets are cyclical. It is impossible to predict what market conditions will be at any given time. The ultimate decision of how much to offer on any property rests with Buyers. Buyers need to decide what they are willing to pay in light of market conditions and their own financial resources. Buyers must also decide what type of offer to make in recognition of existing market conditions. Purchase price is not a simple calculation based upon square footage but an agreement as to what Buyers will pay and what Sellers will accept.

Real estate brokers traditionally recommend that Buyers protect themselves by conditioning their purchase on an inspection of the Property so that the Buyers can be assured that the Property meets their needs. In some markets, many Buyers are choosing to forego that sage advice so that their offer is more attractive to Sellers. If, after making an offer without an investigation contingency, Buyers become aware of an aspect of the condition of the Property that affects its value or desirability, Buyers may still be required to proceed to purchase the Property or possibly pay damages to the Seller, which may be the deposit in escrow. If this is a condition that must subsequently be repaired, Buyers may have no legal recourse against any of the parties in the transaction after escrow closes, including the Seller, the brokers or the inspectors, and then the Buyers may have to pay to correct those problems.

Waiving the right to have a contingency regarding inspection of the property does not necessarily waive the Buyers' right to access the Property, even if the Property is being sold "AS IS". Regardless of whether there is an investigation contingency, Broker recommends that prospective Buyers have the Property thoroughly inspected by their own experts prior to the Close of Escrow.

The lender's approval of financing includes the lender's determination that (1) Buyers are creditworthy and can afford to make the mortgage payments and (2) that the Property appraises for at least the principal amount of the loan. Even if Buyers have obtained a pre-qualification or pre-approval letter from a lender, the lender may not ultimately approve the loan if the lender's appraiser determines that the Property's fair market value is less than the amount of the purchase price or if the Buyers' financial/employment situation has changed. If there is no financing contingency and the Property does not "appraise", Buyers may not be able to afford to make up the difference between the loan amount applied for and the loan amount actually offered by the lender. Under those circumstances, Buyers may not be able to perform on Buyers' contractual obligations. This could then result in the Buyers paying damages to the Seller. **It is a serious risk for Buyers to eliminate from the purchase contract their right to have a financing and/or appraisal contingency if they intend to secure a loan.**

## B. GENERAL PROPERTY ADVISORIES

1. **EXISTING HOUSING STOCK:** Many properties have been built under different building codes and may not accommodate current or future personal property items such as electric cars. Regardless of its age, Buyers should have the Property inspected by a competent property inspector and obtain additional inspections recommended in any inspection report, or as may be necessary for Buyers to determine the actual condition of the Property. The Property's components, appliances, fixtures, systems and materials may have varying degrees of remaining useful life and may be subject to failure without notice. In addition, not all components, improvements or fixtures of the Property may comply with current code, zoning, health and safety, setback requirements, religious or cultural preferences. Some homes contain appliances, products or manufactured materials, such as Chinese dry wall, which may be defective, create problems with the use or value of other

aspects of the home and/or may be subject to manufacturer or governmental recall and/or a class action lawsuit. All homes include many components which require ongoing maintenance. Deferred maintenance will decrease the life span and/or functionality of many of these components. Buyers should seek reliable advice from appropriate professionals and to plan/budget for maintenance and future repairs.

2. **FLOORS AND WALLS:** The personal property of the Seller may make a visual inspection of floors and walls difficult. The existence of certain types of floor coverings, such as carpeting and rugs, as well as certain types of wall coverings, such as wallpaper and paneling, and furniture prevent inspectors and brokers from inspecting the condition of the floors and walls beneath those materials. When exposed, these areas may have a different pattern of wear or shade of color. If Buyers wish to determine the condition of the floors and walls beneath such coverings, Buyers will need to secure the written authorization of the Seller to conduct investigations with appropriate professionals since removal of floor coverings may be required.
3. **TEMPERED GLASS:** Many homes contain glass that IS NOT tempered in locations where tempered glass IS required by building regulations. Buyers are advised to have a contractor's inspection to identify the presence of any glass that is not properly tempered before removing a physical investigation contingency. Buyers should consider replacing any non-tempered glass with tempered glass to reduce the risk of injury.
4. **FIREPLACES; WOOD-BURNING APPLIANCES:** Residential wood burning is the leading source of wintertime air pollution in the Bay Area and studies have confirmed there are significant health impacts from exposure to fine particulate matter found in wood smoke. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("BAAQMD") established the Wood Smoke Rule, Regulation 6, Rule 3 to reduce wintertime smoke pollution and protect public health. The Wood Smoke Rule requires anyone selling, renting or leasing a property in the Bay Area to disclose the potential health impacts from air pollution caused from burning wood. Fine particulate matter, also known as PM<sub>2.5</sub>, can travel deep into the respiratory system, bypass the lungs and enter the blood stream. Exposure may cause short-term and long-term health effects, including eye, nose and throat irritation, reduced lung function, asthma, chronic bronchitis, cancer and premature deaths. Exposure to fine particulates can worsen existing respiratory conditions. High PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels are associated with increased respiratory and cardiovascular hospital admissions, emergency department visits, and even deaths. Children, the elderly and those with pre-existing respiratory or heart conditions are most at risk from negative health effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure. Buyers should consult with a licensed professional to inspect, properly maintain, and operate a wood burning stove or fireplace insert according to manufacturer's specifications to help reduce wood smoke pollution. The Air District encourages the use of cleaner and more efficient, non-wood burning heating options such as gas-fueled or electric fireplace inserts to help reduce emissions and exposure to fine particulates.

When the BAAQMD issues a Winter Spare the Air Alert during the winter season from November 1 through the end of February, it is illegal to burn wood, manufactured fire logs, pellets or any solid fuels in fireplaces, wood stoves or outdoor fire pits. To check when the air quality is unhealthy and when a Winter Spare the Air Alert is issued, call 1-877-4NO-BURN or visit [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) or [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

The information in **Paragraph 4** was provided by BAAQMD. Brokers have not verified and will not verify any of the information provided by BAAQMD.

5. **SQUARE FOOTAGE AND LOT SIZE:** Different sources of size information including but not limited to Sellers and Appraisers often provide different square footage or lot size numbers for a property; public records may be, and often are, inaccurate and thus there are frequently discrepancies in the advertised sizes. Buyers are advised that square footage and/or lot size numbers, which may be obtained from various sources such as public records, MLS and others and are provided to Buyers regarding the Property are not, and will not be, verified by Sellers or the real estate agents. Buyers should obtain a specific disclosure regarding any known size discrepancies from Sellers and/or the real estate Brokers. **If the square footage or lot size of the Property is an important consideration in Buyers' decision to purchase the Property and/or the price that Buyers are willing to pay, then Buyers must independently conduct Buyers' own investigation through appropriate professionals and rely solely on that data.**
6. **FENCE MAINTENANCE:** If the Property has a fence that is located on the boundary line, Civil Code Section 841 provides that the adjoining private landowners have an equal obligation to maintain the fence. However, fences are often not located on the boundary line and when that is true, who is responsible for maintaining the fence is a legal determination. Thus, questions regarding who is responsible for repairing or maintaining a fence should be reviewed with a qualified California real estate attorney. Brokers are not qualified to make that determination.

- 7. TREES AND VEGETATION: Protected Trees.** Most cities have an ordinance that requires property Owners to obtain a permit prior to removing Protected Trees (*also known as Heritage Trees*) from their property. *Protected Trees* are defined within the code of each city (such as Dublin and Newark). Removing or damaging any *Protected Tree* without the proper permit constitutes an infraction. In addition to the cost of the infraction, violators may be liable for damages. A City may place a lien on the Property if imposed fees are not paid on a timely basis. That lien may subsequently be added to the county property tax bill.

In addition, the Alameda County Tree Ordinance requires property Owners planning to perform any of the following activities to obtain an approved permit from the Alameda County Public Works Agency: Pruning/Trimming of branches over one (1) inch in diameter (permits are not required for minor pruning of branches one (1") inch in diameter or less), planting or removing a tree.

**Hazardous Trees:** Some cities define hazardous tree conditions within their Municipal Building Codes and address ways of mitigating those conditions on both private and public property. There are often stringent time frames for responding to hazardous tree claims. If hazardous tree claims are not resolved privately, a claimant may, as a last resort, pursue the claim through the court system.

**View Ordinances:** Some cities have view ordinances that restrict the height of trees so that trees do not unreasonably obstruct the view that existed at the time of purchase of the property. Certain trees that are part of the natural habitat can be exempt from this law. Often a view property will have recently trimmed trees and shrubs revealing the view. Buyers should take note that maintaining that view could entail not only trimming foliage on their own property, but also enlisting the cooperation of their neighbor to keep their foliage trimmed, usually at the Buyers' expense. Cities do not take an active role in these issues; rather they encourage the private resolution of such disputes. Each city has a slightly different mechanism for handling these situations, and Buyer is encouraged to review the Municipal Code during their inspection period.

Buyers are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed arborist for any questions regarding trees that are on the Property or on a neighbor's property.

- 8. RIVER, CREEK AND LEVEE PROTECTION:** Many properties are impacted by creeks (a narrow channel or small stream), underground aquifers, and/or culverts (a man-made structure used to enclose a flowing body of water which is usually designed to allow water to pass underneath a road or other structures). If the Property includes, abuts or is located near a creek or culvert, Buyers should investigate the possibility of flooding and/or water intrusion or other nuisances that may result from proximity to those water sources by contacting appropriate experts. Brokers cannot determine these issues. In addition, some cities have enacted regulations regarding creeks and culverts making maintenance of these creeks and culverts the responsibility of adjacent property Owners which can involve considerable expense.

For example, in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County, property Owners whose land has a watercourse that abuts or passes through the property must maintain that part of the watercourse and keep it reasonably free of trash, debris, excessive vegetation and other obstacles and must make certain that any structures on the property will not become a hazard to the use, function or physical integrity of the watercourse. Buyers should review the Alameda County Watercourse Protection Ordinance with their own experts regarding these issues and before commencing any work in, over or near a watercourse.

- 9. FLOOD MAPPING:** Flood maps and flood designations for all properties may change over time which could impact the future use, value, desirability or development of the Property as well as its insurability. Rising sea levels may also have an impact on future flooding. Under the "Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014," properties in flood zones, designated in an NHD report, will experience annual premium increases which could be as much as 18% to 25% per year. For further details regarding any specific Property, go to: <https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/> or <http://www.realtor.org/articles/senate-passes-flood-insurance-with-house-amendments>
- 10. ENVIRONMENTAL MAPPING:** Some of the third-party Natural Hazards Disclosure ("NHD") companies may provide information regarding environmental hazards that are mapped by the federal government, state or local entities such as Super Fund Clean-Up sites. Buyers should consider discussing with the NHDS provider what environmental disclosures and maps may be available.

- 11. WILDFIRE HAZARDS:** Wildfire disasters can create health and safety concerns in the aftermath of clean-up efforts, as well as unknown and possible future concerns related to the rebuilding of infrastructure in the impacted areas. Some of the concerns and issues of wildfires include, but are not limited to: lot clearing costs; environmental clean-up concerns; local, state and/or federal regulations for issuing permits and/or for authorizing rebuilding efforts; availability of insurance and/or utilities; construction-related inconvenience and delay; and the impact that federal, state or local disaster declarations may have on materials, prices, costs and rent. Buyers should investigate all wildfire related issues to determine what impact, if any, those issues may have on the Buyer's current and future use or development of the Property.
- 12. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (UST):** Many of the larger, older homes in this area built before 1935 may have or have had an Underground Storage Tank for the fuel oil that fired the Property's furnace. As natural gas became the more common standard fuel for home furnaces, virtually all of the old furnaces have been replaced. However, many of the fuel oil tanks remain buried on the property. In residential applications, the California State Water Resources Control Board regulates all UST's in California. The licensing, inspection and regulation of UST's in residential application are currently exempt provided the tank is less than 750 gallons and was used for fuel oil only. However, this does not guarantee that the Property would be exempt from abatement if a UST is discovered upon the Property. Each municipality has very different regulations concerning UST's that may include removal and soil clean-up of any toxic material that may have leaked from the tank. Buyers and Sellers are advised to speak directly to the Public Works Department, Building Department and/or Fire Department in the pertinent city concerning specific regulations affecting UST's.
- 13. CONDOMINIUMS, COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS:** If the Property is in a Common Interest Development ("CID"), the Seller should request that the Homeowners' Association ("HOA") provide all required documents regarding the HOA operation and expenses to meet the Seller's disclosure obligations under Civil Code Section 4525. It is strongly recommended that Buyers receive the current HOA documents directly from the HOA rather than from any online service or from an earlier transaction. Although Sellers can legally provide their own copies of the required documents, the best practice is to have the HOA provide the documents so that the most current information is provided to Buyers.

Buyers need to carefully examine all of the documents that are provided regarding the HOA and compare the documents with the list of required disclosures specified in the HOA form from the California Association of REALTORS®. If any document(s) are missing, Buyers should send a written request to the Seller that the Seller provide the missing documents and/or provide a written explanation for why the document(s) were not included with the other HOA documents.

Some HOA's do not prepare or keep all documents required by the law, such as reserve studies and/or financials and may not be operating in compliance with the law. As a result, Buyers may only receive a portion of the state required documents; in which case Buyers must be aware that they are buying into an HOA without the benefit of the information those documents would provide. Buyers should retain the services of experts, such as attorneys, accountants or others who specialize in reviewing HOA documents to determine the adequacy of the reserves and whether or not the Property is suitable for the Buyers' intended uses.

Any changes or improvements to a unit generally require some form of review and approval by the HOA. The HOA may impose significant restrictions on any changes, especially those which impact the common area(s). These restrictions may include imposing maintenance obligations and/or indemnification requirements in case of damage during installation. Buyers should review all HOA restrictions and determine the impact of those restrictions, during the contingency period, if they intend to make changes including but not limited to those which involve adding solar energy systems onto common area roofs or adding special equipment for televisions and other electronic equipment. Another example is that HOAs often restrict the type of floor and/or wall material that can be used in certain units and/or the number of pets due to noise and other factors; however, reasonable accommodations must be made for assistance animals. Buyers should directly contact the HOA Board to determine whether or not the Property can be used for Buyers' intended purposes. Buyers should also determine whether or not the Property meets Buyers' subjective personal preferences, including the degree to which smoking is allowed. Buyers should keep in mind that HOA governing documents can change over time (by board action, the member approval process and/or court action) thus there is no guarantee that the Buyers' future intended uses will be allowed. See also **Paragraphs 39 and 40** regarding long-term and short-term rental issues.

Many CID have been involved in or are presently involved in litigation regarding the design, construction, maintenance and/or condition of all or a part of the Development. Whether or not these lawsuits are successful, litigation is expensive and the cost of such legal actions may impact not only the adequacy of the HOA reserves but also the amount of current or future assessments. The existence of HOA insurance does not necessarily mean that there is insurance coverage for any given single interest or unit in the CID, an Owner's remodeling or upgrade efforts, and/or the Owner's contents.

Occasionally issues arise in the purchase of property in a CID regarding parking and/or storage spaces associated with a single interest or unit in the Development. Buyers should determine for themselves whether or not the allotted parking space(s) are adequate to park the Buyers' vehicle(s) in the assigned spaces by actually parking in those spaces. Parking space(s) and storage space(s), if any, may be described in a Condominium Map or in the Preliminary Report issued by a Title Company. The actual markings, striping and numbering of these space(s) may not accurately reflect the actual spaces and may be in conflict with the space(s) designated in the recorded documents. It is therefore crucial that Buyers personally determine that the parking and storage space(s) that are designated in the recorded documents are actually being transferred to Buyers and that those space(s) are acceptable for the Buyers' intended needs and uses of the Property. See also **Paragraph 52** re Sewer Line Inspection and Compliance if there is an HOA.

Sellers who have ever served on the HOA Board, may have access to information and documentation that is not provided by the HOA and/or which is deemed "confidential" or protected by an "attorney client privilege". Sellers should consult with their own qualified California real estate attorneys to determine how they will need to disclose that additional information; Brokers are not qualified to evaluate or investigate those legal issues.

Some cities, such as Berkeley, have enacted No Smoking Ordinances, banning smoking in common areas and units in multi-unit buildings (see **Paragraph 51**). The sale of a unit in a multi-unit building may need to include a disclosure in the contract regarding a local No Smoking Ordinance and renting some multi-unit residences may also require a provision in the lease or other rental agreement that it is a material breach for the Tenant or anyone else to smoke in the unit or common areas. Brokers are not qualified to evaluate or investigate this legal issue.

Real estate licensees are not obligated to inspect the common areas of the CID. Buyers should therefore investigate the general condition of the entire CID subject to the authorization of the HOA.

- 14. PLASTIC PIPE:** Some builders in Alameda County used PEX water pipes in constructing homes. This type of pipe, manufactured under the name of KITEC®, has been alleged in a class action lawsuit to be faulty and a settlement of that lawsuit has been reached. Buyers should investigate whether or not there are any plastic pipes or fittings prior to removing their investigation contingency and investigate the current and future condition of those pipes. For additional information about this particular product and/or to learn more about the lawsuit, there is a website available at: <http://www.kitecsettlement.com/faq.cfm>. Buyers should also contact a qualified California real estate attorney to discuss any questions they may have regarding their ability to recover proceeds from this settlement.
- 15. INSURANCE AND C.L.U.E. REPORTS OF INSURANCE CLAIMS:** As part of Buyers investigation into their ability to obtain homeowners' insurance coverage, Buyers should ascertain if their chosen insurance company will require certain retrofit repairs, such as installation of safety glass and/or fireplace spark arresters and a gas shut-off valve. The fact that an insurance company may require these repairs does not necessarily mean that the Seller is obligated to pay for and/or make the repairs requested by the insurer. In addition, prior claims submitted by Buyers on other properties may affect the final cost of the homeowners' insurance on the property being purchased by Buyers. Buyers should investigate these matters thoroughly prior to removing their investigation contingency.

Standard real estate purchase agreement forms require Sellers to provide Buyers with insurance claims history for the property for a period of five years preceding the sale. Sellers do not always know (or remember) the insurance claims history. Natural Hazards Disclosure Statement ("NHDS") Reports had included a report used by insurance companies called C.L.U.E., but NHDS Reports no longer include those reports. Because a C.L.U.E. report itself is not required, Sellers may disclose the insurance information themselves as part of the disclosure process. For the most accurate information regarding past insurance claims, Sellers may be able to either: (a) go online to: <https://personalreports.lexisnexis.com/> and create an account that will enable the Sellers to order a

C.L.U.E. report; or (b) contact their homeowner insurance policy broker who may be able to provide a copy. Buyers can also include in their purchase contract an obligation for Sellers to provide them a C.L.U.E. report.

- 16. ONLINE PHOTOS, INFORMATION & CONSUMER PRIVACY:** Effective January 1, 2020, the California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018 ("CCPA") imposes new privacy obligations on certain types of businesses that collect "personal information" about California consumers. Not all individuals and/or entities with whom you interact during a real estate transaction are required to comply with the CCPA. For additional information, review the **California Consumer Privacy Act Advisory** created by the California Association of REALTORS®. Whether or not CCPA applies, photographs of the Property provided to the MLS and Brokers' websites may appear on other Brokers' sites as well as national data aggregation sites, including, but not limited to, Realtor.com, Zillow and Trulia. It is not possible for Brokers to remove photos from websites over which they have no control.

Information regarding the Property and the neighborhood may exist online in various blogs, discussion boards, Nextdoor, Facebook pages, official neighborhood association and HOA sites. However, other unofficial sites written by third parties may also exist with postings about the community, people and properties. Some online sites offer viewers the opportunity to express opinions and air complaints. The information available on official and unofficial sites may consist of opinion, speculation, unfounded assertions and rumors, making it difficult to determine what is and what is not true. Neither Seller nor any of the real estate licensees may be aware of, nor will they conduct a search of, any online information, even if they are using or have used those platforms to advertise goods or services. Sellers and real estate licensees are not obligated to verify, investigate, explain or remove commentary of third parties.

- 17. PROBATE SALES AND COURT CONFIRMATION:** An executor or administrator (the "Representative") of a probate estate may sell estate property if it is in the best interests of the estate to do so. The sale of estate real property is typically subject to Probate Court Confirmation. The Independent Administration of Estates Act ("IAEA") provides a simplified method of probating estates with limited court supervision. Under the IAEA, the Representative may list real property with a broker for a period not to exceed 90 days without prior court approval and to sell the Property without court confirmation, unless a person named in the will or other person who is entitled to receive a Notice of Proposed Action objects; in which case court confirmation will be required. The Representative's ability to sell without court supervision or approval under IAEA is not absolute and is conditioned upon there being no objections by interested persons (generally, the heirs). If there is any objection, Court Confirmation may be necessary.

Probate property is always sold "As-Is" and certain standard disclosure forms, such as the Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement, are not required. However, the Representative must nonetheless disclose all actual knowledge of material facts affecting the value or desirability of the Property.

If Court Confirmation is required and is subject to open competitive bidding (which is true in probate, conservatorship, guardianship, receivership or bankruptcy sales), it is strongly recommended that Buyers personally appear in Court when their offer is scheduled for confirmation. Buyers should understand that in most sales requiring Court Confirmation, the Property may continue to be marketed and that their broker and others may represent other competitive bidders prior to and at the Court Confirmation hearing. Different types of courts have their own rules for how to handle the possibility of over-bids, including whether initial deposits need to be in a certain amount or whether an over-bid needs to be a specific percentage above the original offer. Any questions regarding the specific rules for the Court where the confirmation hearing is to be held should be directed to the clerk of that Court. It is also strongly recommended that Buyers consult a real estate attorney who is knowledgeable about Court Confirmation sales since real estate brokers/agents are not qualified to provide legal advice.

- 18. SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:** California Health and Safety Code §13113.8 requires installation of smoke alarms in residential property. If a TDS is required, the Sellers certify in the TDS that the Property has (or will have prior to Close of Escrow) operable smoke alarms which are approved and installed in compliance with the State Fire Marshal's regulations and applicable local standards, including installation of alarms with 10-year batteries in all bedrooms before finalizing any permitted contracting work costing \$1,000 or more. State law requires carbon monoxide detectors in living areas of residential properties that have fossil fuel burning appliances, even if those appliances are several floors below, for example, furnaces in the basement of a condominium building.

- 19. WATER HEATERS:** Under State law, all water heaters must be braced, anchored or strapped to resist falling or horizontal displacement due to earthquake motion and Sellers of Property must certify to Buyers that the bracing requirement has been satisfied. In addition, water heaters which are newly installed or moved must be raised so their ignition point is 18 inches off the ground. Many other plumbing code requirements may also apply, e.g. gas venting, pipe wrapping, temperature and pressure relief valves, drain valves, bollard protection in garages.
- 20. ANIMALS:** The past or present existence of animals anywhere on the property may be a red flag of damage or other problems. Animal urine and feces can damage floors, floor coverings, walls, baseboards, or other components. Additionally, animals can attract fleas, ticks and other pests that can remain on the Property after the animal has been removed. Complete elimination of odors and other problems created by animals may not be possible even by professional cleaning efforts or replacing carpets, pads and other affected components. Property may be subject to local ordinances regulating the maintenance, breeding, number or type of animals permitted, or other requirements such as spaying or neutering. Buyers should investigate whether Homeowner and Common Interest Associations have imposed restrictions on animals. Neighbors may have animals that can cause problems including but not limited to noise or odors. Common pets such as dogs can bark, cats are not easily contained, and in some cases more unusual animals (e.g. poultry, exotic birds, and reptiles) may create issues that impact the value, use and enjoyment of the Property.

California is home to a wide variety of animals, birds, reptiles and insect life, including but not limited to ants, bedbugs, bats, rodents, snakes and larger wild animals such as mountain lions and deer, some or all of which may enter or inhabit the Property and may be difficult to eliminate or control. These creatures can damage landscaping, might be a hazard to people, pets or other animals and may cause issues that impact the Buyers' use and enjoyment of the Property. Proximity to rural or open space areas increases the likelihood of this problem. Buyers should investigate these issues with licensed professionals, including local animal/pest control companies, and/or other qualified agencies or organizations during Buyers' inspection period.

- 21. ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION PLANS:** Property Owners often have architectural/ construction plans and renderings, whether or not those plans were ever approved or used for any purpose. These plans and drawings do not "run with the land" even if the plans were used to build existing structures and even if they are on file with the local planning department. In most situations, Sellers's contracts with the architect specify that the plans remain the possession of the architect; the Seller is granted a limited "non-exclusive license" to use that material. Thus, Sellers generally do not have the legal right to advertise, sell or give that documentation to Buyers without the express written authorization of the architect who in all likelihood has copyrighted the plans. Buyers who want to use the Sellers' plans and drawings for any purpose should contact the creator of the plans directly for authorization to use that material.

## C. FEDERAL, STATE AND REGIONAL CONDITIONS ADVISORIES

- 22. UNSTABLE HILLSIDES:** Many hillside properties are active and potentially active landslide areas. Many of the geologic forces which have shaped California over the eons are still active today. The only way to determine the nature of the soil and bedrock under a structure, and how these forces may affect those structures, is with a geologic or geotechnical inspection and report.
- 23. EXPANSIVE SOILS:** Some parts of Alameda County have expansive, or adobe, soil which will expand and contract with the wet and dry seasons. This expansion and contraction can cause movement or shifting of structures and their foundations.
- 24. HIGH WATER TABLES:** Some parts of Alameda County have high water tables that can intensify mold growth and compromise the stability of soil and/or foundation. In addition, high water tables may affect the use and enjoyment of the surrounding land, particularly during months of heavy rain. Buyers should consult the appropriate experts to help evaluate the effect of high-water tables on the subject property and, when necessary, consider drainage modifications to protect the structure and improve the use and enjoyment of the surrounding landscape.

Some real property in Alameda suffers from drainage and soils issues, which can lead to settlement affecting the structural integrity of the property. Occasional heavy rains, high water tables, and variations in yard elevations, can also cause standing water and poor drainage. Buyers should consult with appropriate experts regarding any concerns. Buyers are also referred to the City of Alameda at (510) 747-4700.

Reports from Natural Hazard Disclosure (NHD) companies may not contain all information from all sources regarding the Property and surrounding conditions and cannot be relied on for all information regarding natural hazards which may affect the Property. Brokers recommend that Buyers have any Property they are purchasing inspected by a qualified geologist, geologic or geotechnical engineer, or other qualified professional.

**25. WET WEATHER CONDITIONS:** At times, this area may have months with heavier than usual rainfall. During these times, hillside properties may be susceptible to earth movement and drainage problems. Properties on flatlands may be susceptible to flooding. Properties which may not have experienced water intrusion into or under the property in the past may experience these conditions as a result of weather-related phenomena. Sellers are obligated to disclose to Buyers those material defects or conditions known to them which affect the value or desirability of the property; however, not all Sellers may be aware of recent changes in the conditions of the property or its improvements caused by unusually wet weather. Because of these factors, it is recommended that, in addition to a home inspection, Buyers have such additional inspections by inspectors or engineers regarding these conditions as Buyers may desire.

**26. CLIMATE CONDITIONS:** The Alameda area exhibits several micro climates. Buyers are advised that these areas are subject to frequent strong winds, wind-driven rain, fog and mist, and direct sunlight, any of which, alone or in combination, can impact the condition of the land as well as prematurely age the interior and exterior of structures. Erosion, warping and cracking of surfaces, failed seals on dual-paned windows, loss of roof shingles, and water intrusion, among other problems, are not uncommon with such properties, and thus these properties require regular, thorough maintenance. In particular, properties located near sources of water, such as the Bay, rivers and streams may require additional, more thorough maintenance. Buyers are advised to fully investigate these conditions and to determine for themselves the cost of any increased maintenance and repairs that may be needed for any Property located in these areas.

**27. PERMIT ISSUES:** An improvement that is made without the required permit can, among other things, have a negative impact on value, require a retrofit, impact habitability, preclude insurance coverage and/or result in fees, penalties, government and/or civil enforcement actions. One such example would be where a second living unit (an accessory dwelling unit "ADU") is being rented by the Seller but the required permit was not obtained for this ADU. In some cities, there may be a lower standard applied in those circumstances where the property Owner is obtaining the permits, as opposed to a contractor doing so. Obtaining and finalizing permits may trigger additional retrofit requirements that are not required as a condition of sale. Examples include but are not limited to water conserving plumbing fixtures and safety devices to prevent drowning of small children in pools and spas. See **Paragraphs 34 and 35**.

Permit inspection periods in the City of Alameda can take at least two or more weeks to be completed. To prevent any delays to escrow and prevent any possible monetary loss, plan accordingly for the automatic gas shutoff valve requirement, EBMUD PSL testing, etc. signoffs. For more information, contact the Alameda Community Development Department (510) 747-6800.

**28. NONCONFORMING USES, ROOMS, ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS:** Any rooms, alterations or additions to the Property which were done without necessary permits or certificates of completion ("nonconforming improvements") may be subject to fines, permit and construction costs, and other expenses to bring into conformity. Nonconforming improvements may be subject to removal by local building inspection and code enforcement agencies. Nonconforming rental units may be required to be vacated and possibly torn down. It may not be feasible to legalize nonconforming improvements because of zoning, permit and/or other legal or regulatory limitations. Some building inspection and code enforcement agencies may conduct random inspections of properties for permit, code and other violations while the Property is being marketed. Such nonconforming improvements may also be discovered when anyone applies for a permit to do work on the property either before or after escrow closes. Whenever nonconforming uses are discovered, the then-current Owner could face expensive repairs, permit fees and other costs and/or even removal of the nonconforming improvement.

While Sellers are obligated to disclose any known nonconforming improvements, Seller may not be aware of some or all illegal improvements or uses especially those that were made prior to Seller's Ownership of the Property. Real estate brokers and agents are not required by law to inspect public records and cannot determine the legal status of improvements based solely on their required visual inspection of the property. Thus, Buyers are strongly urged to investigate possible nonconforming improvements by personally contacting the local building

inspection and code enforcement agencies as well as obtaining the advice of contractors, architects, engineers or other professionals regarding the status and condition of the Property prior to removing the investigation and inspection contingencies.

- 29. BALCONIES/DECKS INSPECTION AND RETROFIT REQUIREMENTS:** Effective January 1, 2019, state law requires an Owner of multi-family buildings with 3 or more dwelling units to conduct an inspection of and make any necessary repairs to exterior decks, balconies and other components that are elevated more than 6 feet above the ground. The inspection must be completed by January 1, 2025 and will require subsequent inspection by January 1st of every six years thereafter. The purpose of the inspection is to determine whether the decks, balconies, and exterior elevated elements and their associated water proofing elements are in a generally safe condition, adequate working order, and free from any hazardous condition caused by fungus, deterioration, decay or improper alteration. State law requires that the inspection be performed by certain qualified professionals. The law sets forth timelines for the completion of the report, delivery to the Owner, and completion of any repairs or replacement. Fines, penalties and/or liens on the property can be imposed for non-compliance with this law. State law allows cities and counties to enact their own regulations which may be stricter than the state requirements, including but not limited to extending the inspection and repair requirements to other exterior components, such as landings, exit corridors, stairway systems and other elements to determine if these structures are in safe condition, in adequate working order and free from hazards, dry rot, fungus, deterioration, decay, improper construction or hazardous conditions. Buyers are strongly urged to investigate possible inspection and retrofit requirements by personally contacting the local building inspection and code enforcement agencies as well as additional licensed professionals regarding the status and condition of any building components at the Property prior to removing any investigation contingency.

**Recent legislation extended the deadline for inspections of wooden balconies and other Elevated Elements for buildings with 3 or more multifamily dwelling units from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026. However, there is no extension of the deadline for wooden balcony inspections for condominium projects which remains January 1, 2025.**

- 30. SEISMIC RETROFITTING/SOFT-STORY BUILDINGS:** Some cities, such as Oakland, are in the process of enacting strict seismic retrofit requirements to minimize significant property damage and loss of life in the event of an earthquake, while other jurisdictions, such as the City of Alameda, are maintaining lists of potentially unsafe properties. One type of structure that is prone to substantial earthquake damage is a multi-story wood-frame building supported by slim columns with garages or storefronts underneath; many of these structures collapsed in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. All soft-story buildings may need to be upgraded, not as a condition of sale but over time. Buyers are strongly urged to investigate possible inspection and retrofit requirements by personally contacting the local building inspection and code enforcement agencies as well as licensed professionals regarding the stability of soft-story buildings prior to removing any investigation contingency. Buyers are also encouraged to review the state pamphlet *The Homeowner's Guide to Earthquake Safety*; Brokers have no expertise in determining structural integrity or the need for any retrofitting.
- 31. HISTORIC RESOURCES:** Some towns, including Fremont, Pleasanton and Union City, have enacted ordinances to preserve and protect certain properties or areas that have been deemed to be of historical significance. Real estate brokers are not qualified to identify the legal or practical effect of any historic designation. Buyers should investigate these issues with the local planning department.'
- 32. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES:** Some towns and cities have begun the process of burying utility lines underground in order to remove the utility poles in the neighborhood. These projects can result in special tax assessments and set-up costs for the individual homeowners. It is recommended that Buyers investigate this issue with Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E").
- 33. CRIME:** Crime is a fact of urban life and some areas experience more crime than others. Crime statistics for various areas and municipalities may rise and fall over time; the incidence of various types of criminal activity may also increase or decrease. Local law enforcement may target designated areas for special but temporary enforcement measures. Individual criminal acts may occur in any neighborhood or may occur close to a property that is being sold while other criminal acts may occur far away. Some crimes may be reported in the news while others are ignored by the media. Because of the ever-changing information regarding crimes, neither Seller nor brokers will independently investigate crime or criminal activity in the area of any property by any means

including, but not limited to, contacting the police or reviewing any internet data bases. If criminal activity is a factor in the decision to purchase a particular property, or in a particular neighborhood, Buyers are urged to check with the local law enforcement agencies and online information, prior to removing their investigation contingency

- 34. WATER-CONSERVING PLUMBING FIXTURES:** Existing law calls for installation of water-conserving plumbing fixtures when the existing plumbing fixtures are “noncompliant” by certain dates, as discussed here. A **noncompliant plumbing fixture** means: (1) any toilet manufactured to use more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush; (2) any urinal manufactured to use more than one gallon of water per flush; (3) any showerhead manufactured to have a flow capacity of more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute; and (4) any interior faucet that emits more than 2.2 gallons of water per minute. There are various dates for compliance:

**SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES:** Under this law, a condo, even a single condo occupied by only one family, is not a single-family residential property. As of **January 1, 2017, all single-family residences built prior to January 1, 1994 must comply with this law by replacing all noncompliant plumbing fixtures whether or not the property is being remodeled or sold.**

**Sellers must disclose to Buyers, in either the Seller Property Questionnaire (SPQ) or the Exempt Seller Disclosure (ESD) form, if Sellers are aware of whether the Property has any noncompliant plumbing fixtures. If a Seller answers “No” to that question, Buyers should not assume that the Property is fully compliant since the “No” response may merely mean that Seller is unaware or is uncertain as to whether or not any such fixtures are noncompliant. For this reason, as a part of their property inspection of Properties subject to this law, Buyers are urged to have all plumbing fixtures inspected by a qualified professional to determine whether all plumbing fixtures are actually compliant with this law.**

Sellers and Buyers are advised to determine, prior to contract acceptance, which Party will be responsible for the cost of the water-conserving plumbing fixtures retrofit.

**MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES:** All multi-family and commercial properties must comply with this law by replacing all noncompliant plumbing fixtures. Sellers will need to disclose to the prospective Buyer if Seller is aware of the existence of any noncompliant plumbing fixtures at the property.

For rental property, compliant plumbing fixtures shall be installed and operating at manufacturer's rated water consumption at the time a tenant takes possession.

- 35. POOL AND SPA SAFETY:** Commencing January 1, 2018, all home inspection reports used in the sale of a single-family residence, must indicate whether or not a Property with a pool and/or spa has any of the 7 drowning prevention safety features described in Health & Safety Code Section 115925. Neither home inspectors nor Buyers and Sellers can agree to waive this requirement if there is a home inspection report but the new law does not obligate Sellers or Buyers to obtain a home inspection report. Real estate professionals are not obligated to and are not qualified to determine if the Property meets current safety requirements.

Although it is important to have appropriate safety measures in place to prevent drowning of small children, this law is not a retrofit requirement that must be completed as a condition of sale. At the time that a single-family residence is altered or improved, the installation of 2 pool/spa safety features must be a condition of final permit approval. Therefore, Sellers and Buyers are advised to determine, prior to contract acceptance, which Party will be responsible for the cost of adding any required pool/spa safety features.

- 36. GARAGE DOOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** Effective July 1, 2019, in addition to existing safety standards regarding automatic reversing device standards, all new automatic garage doors openers sold or installed in California must have a battery-operated back-up system to function during electrical outages.

- 37. REAL PROPERTY TAXES, ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS AND VACANT LAND:** The Purchase Agreement addresses payment of real property taxes and assessments relating to the Property. As part of their negotiations for the Purchase Agreement, the parties may decide how to prorate such taxes and assessments; payments on bonds and assessments and their assumption by Buyers; and payment on Mello-Roos and other Special Assessment District bonds and assessments that are now a lien on the Property.

Some cities, such as Oakland, have imposed and others are contemplating imposing an annual tax on vacant

property. Vacant land and developments are subject to imposition of different fees in different jurisdictions, usually based upon the type of vacant property and/or the length of time the land is left vacant. Unpaid fees can become a lien on the property. Buyers should determine the extent of any unpaid fees and other restrictions by contacting the relevant jurisdiction because Sellers may not be aware of all taxes and/or liens. Real estate brokers and agents are not qualified to make these determinations.

- 38. RENTAL PROPERTY: RENT CAPS & JUST CAUSE EVICTION:** Effective January 1, 2020, with certain exemptions, California law limits the amount of rent increases that can be made by Landlords during any 12 month period of time and establishes “Just Cause” requirements for evicting Tenants who have continuously and lawfully occupied the Property for 12 months or more. This state law establishes criteria and procedures for At-Fault Just Cause Evictions, No-Fault Just Cause Evictions as well as Tenant payments for No-Fault Just Cause Evictions. Existing and future local ordinances may also apply to the frequency and amount of any rent increases as well as the ability to evict Tenants depending upon whether or not the local law is more restrictive on the Landlord than the state law.

Effective July 1, 2020, Landlords must disclose, in writing, to all Tenants, whether the Property is exempt from the Rent Cap and Just Cause Eviction requirements. Although renting out a single-family home is generally exempt from local rent control measures under state law, renting out individual rooms in a single-family home to different Tenants is not exempt from local rent control and eviction ordinances.

Multiple jurisdictions in Alameda County have enacted their own ordinances controlling the ability of property Owners to increase rents, evict tenants and the degree to which the Tenant must be compensated for their relocation expenses. Brokers cannot determine whether local ordinances or state regulations will or will not apply to any given Property or apply to any given Tenant. Therefore, if property Owners have questions regarding these issues, they should consult with an Attorney who specializes in Landlord-Tenant law in Alameda County. In particular, Sellers and Buyers of tenant-occupied property should consult with their own Local Landlord-Tenant Attorney to determine the legal viability of entering into an agreement that the Property shall be vacant prior to, or at any time on or after the Close of Escrow.

- 39. GENERAL RENTAL PROPERTY ISSUES AND FAIR HOUSING:** Landlords must provide Tenants with various state and local disclosures and advisories and comply with all other regulations. Landlord noticing requirements include, but are not limited to, disclosing if the Property is exempt from rent control (**see Paragraph 38**), notifying potential and actual Tenants of any local No-Smoking Ordinance (**see Paragraph 51**) providing all Tenants with a statutory flood hazard disclosure and a bedbug notice. Landlords must also comply with other regulations, such as eradicating bedbugs, to make the property safe for habitation.

Buyers intending to use some or all of a Property for rental purposes should investigate all rental property issues with appropriate governmental authorities, the relevant HOAs, and a Local Landlord-Tenant Attorney during Buyers' inspection/investigation contingency period, if any. Brokers are not qualified to provide legal advice and they are not qualified to determine which Landlord-Tenant laws apply to any given Property or Tenancy.

The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (“DFEH”) has issued regulations that became effective on January 20, 2020 for housing providers, Landlords and property managers which expand the categories of protected classes or “bases”. For example, Landlords cannot discriminate against a prospective Tenant based upon their source of income, including, but not limited to, Tenants who get Section 8 or other types of government housing choice vouchers. The Fair Housing Laws also limit use of criminal records in the Tenant selection process. The blanket use of criminal records to refuse to rent can be a Fair Housing violation under state law and some jurisdictions prohibit a Landlord from running a criminal background check on prospective Tenants, such as the City of Oakland under their Fair Chance Housing Ordinance. It is important to recognize that illegal Discrimination does not have to be intentional to constitute a violation of the Fair Housing Laws if it results in a “disparate impact” on people in any of the protected bases. Landlords are urged to consult with a local Landlord Tenant Attorney regarding the criteria that can legally be used in the Tenant selection process.

When rental properties are offered to the public, the Owner and real estate agent must act in compliance with all federal and state Fair Housing laws and regulations including, but not limited to, providing unrestricted access to potential Tenants with Assistance Animals (defined in California as including both service animals and support

animals). Landlords are required to provide a “reasonable accommodation” for Tenants with disabilities; reasonable accommodations include allowing the Tenant to occupy the rented residence with an Assistance Animal regardless of any “no pet” policy that may otherwise apply. The Landlord may not charge a “pet deposit” or otherwise charge the Tenant for having an Assistance Animal in any manner that is different from a Tenant without such an animal. Any Owner renting their property should consult with a local Landlord-Tenant Attorney who specializes in Fair Housing issues for advice on any matters related to Fair Housing and Assistance Animals.

State law prohibits Landlords from refusing to rent to Tenants who intend to operate a day care facility; a residence with up to 14 children is deemed to be a legitimate residential use. State law also prohibits Landlords/Housing Providers from discriminating against Tenants on the basis of their source of income, such as “Section 8”, the informal name for the federal housing choice voucher program administered by HUD.

Several HOAs already have or are considering imposing restrictions on new Owners who intend to rent out some or all of their Property which may differ from rules for existing Owners in an effort to limit the percentage of non-Owner-occupied units which can impact the ability to obtain financing.

Although state law encourages construction of secondary housing units (an accessory dwelling unit “ADU” or “in-law unit”) and prohibits HOAs from unreasonably restricting building an ADU on an Owner’s separate interest, the ability to construct those units and/or to rent those units to Tenants is still subject to local jurisdiction regulations and approvals. If Buyers intend to construct or use secondary units for rental purposes, they should investigate the financial and legal feasibility of those improvements and uses with appropriate experts during Buyers’ inspection contingency period, if any. Brokers are not qualified to make those determinations.

Buyers who intend to use some portion or all of the Property for any type of rental purposes should contact the relevant City or County to ascertain all governmental requirements that impact the ability to use the Property for rental purposes, including, but not limited to, rent control and eviction requirements, any special permits, business taxes and licenses to use a property for rental purposes, inspections, retrofit or disclosure obligations, prior to removing any inspection contingencies. See, for example, **Paragraphs 27, 29, 34, 38 and 49.**

**40. SHORT-TERM AND VACATION RENTALS:** With the increased popularity of short-term and vacation rental services and websites such as Airbnb and VBRO, various local governmental entities and homeowner associations (“HOA”) have enacted, or are considering enacting, regulations on the ability of Owners to rent out some portion or all of their property on either a short-term or long-term basis. Existing and proposed regulations may include a complete prohibition against certain types of rentals, licensing, permit requirements, special health and safety inspections, taxation and/or restrictions such as a limitation on the number of nights per month, total number of renter occupants, parking requirements and noise restriction. Renting out one’s property may also be impacted by subdivision and HOA Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (“CC&Rs”). In some areas, the HOA and/or governmental entities are classifying short-term and vacation rentals as constituting the running of a business out of a residence which is often prohibited in CC&Rs and/or requires approval of a home occupation permit from the local governmental entity.

Neither Sellers nor Brokers can predict if, or when, any jurisdiction or HOA will adopt regulations, limitations or prohibitions on rentals in the future. Buyers who are considering using some portion of or all of their property for short-term or vacation rentals are strongly encouraged to investigate current and pending governmental and/or HOA rules and regulations related to rentals, insurance coverage, and the existence of taxation such as a Transient Occupancy Tax (“TOT”) and to review that documentation with a qualified California real estate attorney as well as their own insurance broker prior to the Close of Escrow.

**41. PUBLIC SERVICES:** Public services (schools, fire, law enforcement, emergency response, etc.) may have been impacted by financial difficulties which can lead to changes in the level of service. In addition, each school district has its own rules regarding school assignments, and these rules may change at any time with little notice. For these reasons, Brokers cannot represent or guarantee that anyone who resides in any particular property will be able to attend any particular school or school district. If Buyers have any concerns regarding the quality and/or financial viability of public services, Buyers should investigate to their satisfaction prior to removing any applicable contingencies.

- 42. NEW CONSTRUCTION WARRANTIES, DEFECTS AND LAWSUITS:** The Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement (“TDS”) requires Sellers to disclose if there are any lawsuits by or against the Sellers threatening or affecting the real property along with questions related to construction defects, citing Civil Code Sections 900, 903, 910 and 914. These codes are part of a law that is often referred to as SB800 or Title 7, which generally applies to residential real property built by a “Builder” (as defined in Section 911) and sold for the first time after January 1, 2003. Section 900 provides for a limited one-year warranty from the Builder and Builders may provide “enhanced protection agreements” which may extend the warranty period. Homeowners are required to follow all reasonable maintenance obligations and schedules communicated in writing by the Builder and product manufacturers, as well as commonly accepted maintenance practices. Failure to do so may provide a defense against a homeowner claim and Builders often require specific pre-litigation procedures and remedies in the event of a claim against the Builder. Sellers who have questions about how to answer this TDS question should consult with a California real estate attorney for advice. If the Sellers disclose any lawsuits or claims, Buyers should investigate such disclosures with a California real estate attorney. Brokers are not qualified to provide advice on these matters.
- 43. PRIVATE ROADS:** If the property is assessed or affected by a private road that is shared with one or more other properties, Buyers need to determine the existence of a recorded private road maintenance agreement and compliance with that document. If no such agreement exists, Civil Code Section 845(s) provides that “the cost shall be shared proportionately to the use made of the easement by each Owner.” Buyers should contact city/county officials and/or their attorney to evaluate their potential responsibilities.
- 44. MARIJUANA (CANNABIS):** Effective January 1, 2018, California has legalized certain uses of cannabis; however, this new statewide law requires local cities and counties to enact their own regulations regarding where cannabis can be used as well as the requirements for the issuance of permits and licenses prior to anyone cultivating, distributing and/or selling cannabis. Those regulations may include but are not limited to an inspection of the property and/or a determination as to the availability of water and other resources to grow cannabis. However, there are still federal laws which may make those activities illegal and the federal government’s ability to enforce its stricter restrictions in states such as California is still possible.

If Buyers are intending to purchase property that has been used for cultivation, distribution and/or sale of cannabis or if Buyers are intending to purchase property for those same purposes, Buyer should consult with a local, qualified California real estate attorney who has expertise in this area of the law. Cultivation or storage of marijuana may cause damage or alteration to the Property which may not be visibly apparent. Brokers are not qualified to make any determinations regarding these issues.

State law allows Landlords to prohibit/regulate smoking of marijuana in or on the Landlord's property as well as to allow Landlords to prohibit the cultivation, distribution and sale of marijuana for any purpose. Some HOAs may impose their own restrictions on these activities as well. **Thus, simply because the state has legalized cannabis should not be interpreted as eliminating any local restrictions on the cultivation, distribution, selling and/or use of cannabis.**

- 45. COMMUNICATION SERVICES & DEVICES:** The availability of communication services differs throughout the state and can vary by neighborhood. The quality of those services is a subjective issue due to people's individual preferences and uses. The quality and range of cell phone reception that a Buyer's current carrier provides may not be as good (or even available) at the Property; Buyers need to evaluate that issue for themselves. Buyers should also investigate the availability of any desired type of television service (e.g., cable, satellite) and the quality of reception. The availability, speed, quality and cost of internet access and service should also be investigated to determine that Buyers' intended uses are feasible. Asking if a Seller has had any problems with the current internet service (including, but not limited to, any issues with the speed of downloading and uploading data), is not necessarily the best means of predicting whether the Buyer will be satisfied with the internet service. Prior to Buyer's removal of their investigation contingency, Buyers should contact the internet service provider to determine if the current service will be adequate for Buyer's intended usage and/or the cost of installing a service that will better meet the Buyers' needs. Brokers cannot and will not investigate or verify the availability, quality or cost of any communication services or devices.

## D. COUNTY AND CITY ADVISORIES

**46. NOISE FROM TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS:** There are several airports in and around Alameda County that may create a certain level of noise and have flight patterns that are subject to change. For more information on a particular airport contact:

- Livermore Airport, 636 Terminal Cir., Livermore, CA (925) 960-8220
- 63CN Livermore, CA (925) 606-1536
- Hayward Executive Airport, 20301 Skywest Dr., Hayward, CA (510) 293-8678
- Little Hands Airport, 18320 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon, CA (415) 837-8981
- Oakland International Airport, 1 Airport Dr., Oakland, CA (510) 563-3300

There are several commuter and freight rail lines (including but not limited to BART) that run through both the incorporated and unincorporated parts of Alameda County. Buyers need to assess for themselves whether or not the level of noise is personally satisfactory during the investigation contingency period.

**47. SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGULATIONS:** The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission ("BCDC") is charged with the responsibility of restoring Bay wetlands and marshes, preventing wetlands and mudflats from being filled, and supporting the continued and productive use of salt ponds. Properties abutting San Francisco Bay, its tidelands and marshes, may be subject to the jurisdiction of the BCDC which may limit building, and impose other requirements on property Owners. Buyers of such property are urged to contact BCDC at (415) 352-3600.

**48. FLOOD BENEFIT ASSESSMENT:** The Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District levies benefit assessments to help finance flood control operations. These assessments are proportionate to the runoff from each parcel of land. The program applies to all of Alameda County with the exception of the Cities of Albany, Berkeley, Alameda, Piedmont, and the Zone 7 area east of the hills (Livermore-Amador Valley). For more information, contact the Assessor's Office: (510) 272-3787.

**49. SPARK ARRESTORS:** As of the date of this Advisory, the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton have enacted ordinances requiring that properties with fireplaces be fitted with spark arrestors at the time of a sale. Dublin also requires that Seller deliver to Buyer a written statement indicating that the Seller is in compliance with the ordinance. (Dublin Ord. 37-87 § 1 (b)) Other cities may also enact such ordinances. For more information on a particular city's requirements, contact the local Building Department or Fire Chief.

**50. RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNIT FEE:** Various cities and municipalities charge Landlords a "residential Rental Unit Annual Business Tax License Fee and/or Rental Program Fee. The County and/or other cities may enact comparable requirements. The fee may be imposed after escrow closes and the amount or calculation of these fees can change. Please contact the city in which your rental property is located to determine if such fees are charged and for the most current list of such fees since fees are subject to change at any time.

**51. HVAC/DUCTING:** The California Energy Commission issued New Duct Sealing Requirements in 2005. Depending upon certain conditions and the Property location, if a central air conditioner or furnace was installed or replaced after October 1, 2005, the ducts must be tested for leakage. If the ducts leak 15% or more, then repairs must be made to seal the ducts. Additional testing may then be required to verify that the work was done properly. It is strongly recommended that all of this work be done by licensed contractors who should obtain all required permits. Only a contractor who has specialized knowledge regarding HVAC systems can determine whether or not the ducts must be sealed. While portions of Alameda are exempt from this requirement, only a review of the official map of the California Energy Commission can determine whether a particular property is exempt. **See Map for applicable Climate Zones at:**  
[https://www.energy.ca.gov/maps/renewable/building\\_climate\\_zones.html](https://www.energy.ca.gov/maps/renewable/building_climate_zones.html).

**52. NO SMOKING ORDINANCES:** To protect public health, guarantee the right of nonsmokers to breath smoke-free air, and to protect the environment, Alameda County and some cities, such as Alameda, Berkeley and Pleasanton, have enacted "No Smoking Ordinances" banning smoking in some or all public places and/or in multi-unit residences (usually defined as being more than 1 unit which is a personal dwelling space whether or not there are cooking facilities, such as renting out a room in a home). In the unincorporated areas of Alameda County (Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward Acres, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo), smoking is prohibited.

inside multi-unit residences, in common areas and within 25 feet of any doorway, window, vent or other opening into a residence; tenants can be fined by the County's Community Development Agency ("CDC") after 3 CDC warnings and, after 3 CDC fines, tenants may be subject to eviction. Other local ordinances may require that disclosures about this issue must be included in purchase contracts and/or leases. These ordinances may change over time and more cities may enact their own requirements. Brokers have no expertise on these issues and Buyers should investigate the effect of "no smoking ordinances" on their intended use of the Property.

### 53. SEWER LINE INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE:

**NOTE:** Private sewer lateral ("PSL") inspection and testing involves only the section from the building to the public sewer main that is usually in the street. Inspections to, and repairs of, PSL's do not cover other sewer lines in or under the property which are not a part of the PSL itself. These areas would need to be the subject of a separate inspection if desired and requested by Buyer. If the property is not serviced by EBMUD, contact the relevant wastewater entity.

**a. EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT ("EBMUD"):** The EBMUD Wastewater Control Ordinance requires property Owners in certain areas of the EBMUD wastewater service area to obtain a compliance certificate that shows their PSL's are without defects and have proper connections. The ordinance specifies three conditions which require property Owners to test and, if needed, repair or replace their private sewer laterals: (1) prior to selling the property; or (2) when obtaining any permit for the construction or modification of the property estimated to be greater than \$100,000; or (3) when increasing or decreasing the water meter size.

A property is exempt if the PSL is less than 10 years old and was fully replaced before August 2011, and the Owner provides evidence of the replacement work and date performed.

Responsibility for repairs can be negotiated between Buyer and Seller. If repairs cannot be completed prior to Close of Escrow, a property Owner may apply to EBMUD for a 180-day Temporary Waiver and pay a fee.

**Vacant Land:** As part of the sale of vacant land within EBMUD with NO sewer lateral, an exemption certificate must be filed. However, for vacant land that HAS an old sewer lateral (such as a fire lot in the Oakland Hills):

- i. At point of sale, Buyer would need to file for the 180-day compliance extension.
- ii. Buyer would then need to make the decision as to how soon they will be building on the property.
- iii. If building immediately, compliance may be delayed as part of the building and permit process.
- iv. If not building immediately, Buyer would need to abandon or disconnect the sewer lateral from the main and obtain a certificate of abandonment from EBMUD.

**For detailed and current information on a Property's compliance status, and the inspection, repair, temporary waiver and/or certification process, Sellers and Buyers are urged to go to the EBMUD/PSL site or contact the local municipality that controls the Private Sewer Lateral ordinance for the Property. Most municipalities that control the Sewer Lateral ordinance follow the guidelines set by EBMUD. For more information on the inspection, repair, temporary waiver and/or certification process, contact EBMUD or view the information online at <http://www.eastbaypsl.com/eastbaypsl/>.**

**b. CONDOMINIUMS AND CID'S DEFERRED:** (For Cities such as Alameda, Albany, El Cerrito, Emeryville, Kensington, Oakland, Piedmont, Richmond Annex and possibly others) Condominiums and other Common Interest Developments with a Homeowners' Association ("HOA") were generally excluded from bringing PSLs into compliance, whether using individual or shared sewer laterals, and had until July 12, 2021 to comply BUT ONLY if the HOA was built before July 12, 2021 and the HOA is legally responsible for maintaining the sewer laterals (the HOA has not filed an appropriate notification of non-responsibility). HOAs built after July 12, 2019, have a 24-month deferral period from date of completion to be in compliance, There are several exceptions:

- Any Common Interest Development without an HOA does NOT have a deferral for Sewer Lateral compliance.
- If the Homeowner is legally responsible for maintaining the Sewer Lateral, compliance is NOT deferred.
- If the Homeowner is responsible for the Sewer Lateral associated with their unit and the HOA is responsible for any shared laterals, there may be NO deferral for the Sewer lateral associated with the individual unit.

**Prospective Buyers should contact the HOA directly to determine responsibility for the Sewer Laterals, whether the appropriate Notice of Responsibility has been filed with EBMUD for each unit sold, and whether adequate reserves are available to make any necessary repairs. Brokers cannot make this determination for you.**

- 54. REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER AND REHABILITATION OF REAL ESTATE:** Every person in Alameda County engaged in the business of developing or rehabilitating and selling real property in which said person has equity, interest or title, and not specifically taxed by Section 3.04.350 or other provisions of this chapter, shall pay a business tax which is calculated based upon permit value used for building permits within the unincorporated areas of the county. These taxes are subject to change at any time. For more information, visit: [Real Estate Rehabilitation Ordinance](#).
- 55. SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAMS:** The Alameda County Sidewalk Repair Program currently only applies to single-family residential units in the following communities within County Planning Area 2: Ashland, Castro Valley/Fairmont, Cherryland, Unincorporated Hayward/Fairview, and San Lorenzo/Royal Sunset. Funded through Measure B, this program currently reimburses 50% of the sidewalk repair cost per property (up to a maximum of \$750) for sidewalk-related repairs to the frontage of a single-family dwelling. Homeowners residing in San Lorenzo may be eligible for additional assistance through Redevelopment funds, however the costs are subject to change at any time. For more information contact the Public Works Agency: (510) 670-5500.

Some cities, such Berkeley and Piedmont, have their own sidewalk repair or inspection requirements. See **Paragraphs 56a and 60b** below. Effective July 9, 2019, Oakland, has enacted a Sidewalk Repair Ordinance which is a governmental retrofit requirement that is a condition of sale. For more information about the Oakland Sidewalk Repair Ordinance, Sellers and Buyers are encouraged to carefully review the Bridge Association of REALTORS® *Advisory Regarding the City of Oakland Point of Sale Sidewalk Repair Ordinance*. The City of Oakland's information can also be accessed online at <https://www.oaklandca.gov/Public-Safety-Streets/Streets/Sidewalks/Sidewalk-Permit-Certification/Sidewalk-Certification-FAQ>.

**56. ALAMEDA CITY ORDINANCES AND DISCLOSURES:**

**a. SECONDHAND SMOKE ORDINANCE:** The City of Alameda limits exposure to secondhand smoke in places of employment, public places and multi-unit housing (defined as two or more units). Smoking is prohibited inside the units of all rental and common interest complexes (condos, co-ops, PUDs). Additional information is available from the City of Alameda at (510) 747-4700 or online at: <https://www.alamedaca.gov/RESIDENTS/Secondhand-Smoke-Ordinance>.

**b. BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1942 AND/OR DESIGNATED HISTORICAL SITES:** Any Property constructed prior to 1942, as determined by City of Alameda records, may not be demolished or removed without the approval of the Historical Advisory Board. Further, some properties have been deemed to have historical merit and have been placed on the Historical Building Study List. Restrictions on modifications or repairs to these properties can apply. For more information, contact City of Alameda Community Development Department at (510) 747-6850, or Buyers may consult with a property historian.

**c. SOFT STORY ORDINANCE:** Multi-unit residential apartment and condominium buildings with five (5) or more residential units, containing a soft, weak, or open front ground floor, may be designated as potentially hazardous in the event of an earthquake. The City of Alameda has identified and maintains a list of such properties. Buyers should contact the City of Alameda Community Development Department to determine if the property is on the Soft Story list and what further action is required. For more information contact the City of Alameda Community Development Department at (510) 747-6850. It is recommended that Buyers investigate the status of permitting and zoning with the City of Alameda Community Development Department, (510) 747-6850.

**d. BAY FARM ISLAND RECLAMATION DISTRICT:** Homes located in Harbor Bay Isle may have fees assessed by the City of Alameda for maintenance. For more information, contact City of Alameda Community Development Department at (510) 747-6850.

**e. LEASED LAND:** Some properties located on the water are owned by the City of Alameda and leased to the Owners. The property Owners do not have Ownership rights to this property. Buyer is advised to review the title report to confirm whether any land is leased and contact the City of Alameda, Economic Development Division at

(510) 747-6890.

**f. ALAMEDA POINT AND PROXIMITY TO FORMER AND CURRENT MILITARY ORDNANCE LOCATIONS:**

Alameda Point and Coast Guard Facility at Coast Guard Island have been, or are currently, military ordnance locations (military training grounds which may contain explosives and/or hazardous wastes). For more information, contact the City of Alameda (510) 747-4700 or the United States Coast Guard at Coast Guard Island Administration at (510) 437-5371.

**g. INDUSTRIAL ZONE:** Most Alameda Property is located within one mile of an industrial zone. Such zones may create nuisances including, but not limited to, noise, debris and dust. Buyers are encouraged to investigate the neighborhood where the property is located. For more information, contact the City of Alameda Community Development Department at (510) 747-6850.

**h. GAS SHUTOFF VALVES:** The City of Alameda requires all buildings that have natural gas service shall have an automatic gas shutoff valve installed if either of the following situations exists: (a) the Property is being sold **OR** (b) The homeowner has been issued a permit for gas piping. For more information, contact City of Alameda Community Development Department at (510) 747-6850.

**i. SCHOOLS:** To determine the location of the public school a student maybe attending, contact the administrative offices of the Alameda Unified School District (510) 337-7000.

**j. PARKING ADVISORY:** Parking of vehicles both on and off street is governed by city code and/or homeowner's association rules and regulations. Parking could be restricted. Buyers should thoroughly review all documents related to parking. For more information contact the City of Alameda Community Development Department at (510)747-6850 and if applicable, the appropriate HOA.

**k. BEDROOM DEFINITIONS:** A property's number of bedrooms is subject to different and, at times, contradictory definitions. County tax records often indicate the number of bedrooms recorded in the county's tax assessor's office. Owners of a property may describe a room as a bedroom based on how it is used or could be used. There is no statewide definition of a bedroom, but California Building Code provide minimum standards for "Sleeping Rooms." Discrepancies may be the result of an Owner performing work without permits. The City of Alameda's Community Development Department follows the California Building Code requirements. Buyers are advised to consult with the City of Alameda Community Development Department at (510)747-6850.

**l. PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL:** The Alameda Sewer Lateral Ordinance adopted by the City of Alameda considers sewer laterals replaced between 1988 and July of 2012 as valid for 25 years. Sewer lateral tests during this period were valid for 7 years. After July 2012, The City of Alameda considers a sewer lateral replacement valid for 20 years and a test valid for 7 years. Effective January 1, 2015, properties in Alameda are subject to the EBMUD Regional Private Sewer Lateral Program. Information about how properties in Alameda County can comply with the Program is available at [www.EastBayPSL.com](http://www.EastBayPSL.com).

**57. BERKELEY REGULATIONS:** In addition to the following, Buyers should review the City's ordinances, including, but not limited to, rent control/eviction requirements, taxes, permits and licenses, as part of their investigation contingency, if any. All of Berkeley's ordinances, codes and regulations can be viewed at the City's website at <https://www.cityofberkeley.info> or by contacting the City: 2120 Milvia Street, Berkeley CA 94704 T: 510/981-7440

**a. BERKELEY SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM:** Since October 2011, the City of Berkeley splits the cost of sidewalk repair with homeowners 50/50 regardless of the cause of deterioration. Property Owners are responsible for the full amount of repair if the sidewalk was damaged due to (i) intentional acts of property Owner; (ii) property Owner replaces the sidewalk independent of the City's Sidewalk Repair Program; or (ii) the sidewalk is the result of a new development or redevelopment project. To determine if any sidewalk in Berkeley requires repair, the general rule is that any breaks of more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch should be reported. For more information on the City of Berkeley's Sidewalk Repair Program go to: <https://berkeleyca.gov/city-services/streets-sidewalks-sewers-and-utilities/sidewalk-repair>

**b. BERKELEY BUILDING ENERGY SAVING ORDINANCE (BESO):** BESO requires building Owners and homeowners to complete comprehensive energy assessments to uncover energy saving opportunities. These assessments are conducted by registered energy assessors who provide detailed recommendations on how to save energy and link building Owners to incentives for energy efficiency upgrade projects. **Unless exempt, BESO**

**is required prior to sale of a house or whole building. Exemptions Include:** Buildings 600 square feet, or less than 25,000 square feet and individually sold units within a larger building, such as an attached condominium. For details on how to comply with BESO, see the **Berkeley Purchase Agreement Addendum**.

**c. BERKELEY RENTAL HOUSING SAFETY PROGRAM:** Berkeley's Rental Housing Safety Program (RHSP) requires **all residential** rental property owners to perform an annual safety inspection using a RHSP Self-Certification Checklist **and to pay an annual fee**. Property owners must keep a copy **of the safety checklist** and share it with tenants. Properties may be randomly selected for a proactive inspection, and non-compliance can result in citations and fines. For more details and information on how to comply or **apply for an exemption** go to: <https://berkeleyca.gov/doing-business/operating-berkeley/landlords/rental-housing-safety-program-rhsp>

**58. LIVERMORE REGULATIONS:** A Report of Residential Building Records is required to be delivered to the buyer prior to the Close of Escrow. For more information about this requirement and other Livermore ordinances, go to the City's website: <https://www.livermoreca.gov>

**59. MEADOW BROOK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION:** The City of Fremont has issued a Notice and Order to Abate Nuisance with respect to the Meadow Brook Village Common Interest Development ("CID"). The City of Fremont has identified several categories of code enforcement issues that may raise fire, life and safety concerns with the structural components of the structures and individual units within that CID. The Meadow Brook Village Homeowners Association ("HOA") has identified additional issues with respect to underfunded reserve accounts, deferred maintenance of structures, equipment and services that are located within the common area; the HOA has imposed an Emergency Assessment Payment on all units and additional assessments may be imposed in the future.

Buyers are strongly encouraged to review all documents maintained by the City of Fremont regarding this CID and to carefully review all documentation maintained by the HOA regarding these issues. Additional documentation regarding past, current and future problems as well as the potential repairs and remedies, cost estimates and other documentation may be in the possession of the HOA Board of Directors, the Developer, construction personnel and/or attorneys retained by the various parties involved in the development, construction and/or repair of the CID. Brokers have not and cannot investigate any or all off-site sources of potentially critical information. Brokers have not and will not verify the information in any documents provided to Buyers by anyone including but not limited to the Seller, the City of Fremont and/or by the HOA or its Board of Directors. Buyers should consider retaining their own construction and engineering experts to evaluate the CID and any unit in the CID as part of their investigation contingency, if any. Buyers who have any questions regarding the legal duties, rights and obligations of anyone who is or who may be involved in the issues described in **Paragraph 57** should consult with their own qualified California real estate attorney.

**60. OAKLAND REGULATIONS:** In addition to the following, the City of Oakland has enacted hundreds of regulations, some of which relate to property ownership and/or the ability to rent out some or all of a property. Oakland's regulations, taxes, licenses and fees may or may not apply to your particular property; nonetheless, Buyers should review the City's ordinances as part of their investigation contingency, if any. A complete list of Oakland's ordinances, codes and regulations can be viewed at the City's website at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/> or by contacting Oakland's Office of the City Clerk, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 1st Floor, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 238-3611.

**a. DEFAULTED OR FORECLOSED PROPERTY PROGRAMS:** Previously defaulted or foreclosed 1-4 unit residential properties purchased as an investment may be subject to specific City regulations, including inspection, registration, maintenance, and rehabilitation requirements. Buyers are encouraged to review any prior inspection records and verify compliance status, as requirements can vary depending on one or more applicable programs. For more information, see:

- Investor-Owned Residential Property Inspection and Rehabilitation Program: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/register-for-investor-owned-residential-property-inspection-and-rehabilitation-program>
- Foreclosed and Defaulted Residential Properties Inspection and Maintenance Program: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/register-foreclosed-defaulted-residential-property>

**61. PIEDMONT CITY ORDINANCES:** In addition to the following, the City of Piedmont has enacted various ordinances. Buyers should review all relevant Piedmont requirements on the City's website at: <http://www.ci.piedmont.ca.us/> or by contacting the City at 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 Tel: 510/420- 3040

**a. OPEN PERMITS AND NON-PERMITTED CONSTRUCTION:** The City of Piedmont maintains a “House File” for every Piedmont residence. While the City does not verify or guarantee the accuracy of the information contained in their files, Buyers of any Piedmont residence are encouraged to review the entire file during the Buyers' investigation contingency period, if any, to determine what existing work on the Property was done with or without permits and whether the permits are still “open.” To review the House File and/or request a Permit History, Buyers should go to the Department of Public Works, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Piedmont Department of Public Works at (510) 420-3050. No New Permits will be issued for construction, repair or remodeling on the property if any historical permits are still open. For general information about permits and non-permitted construction see Paragraphs 27 and 28 above.

**NOTE:** Any Non-Permitted work at any time in the history of the property, and discovered by a City Official, likely will result in a Demand for Compliance by the Public Works Department regardless of when the Non-Permitted work was completed. The City Council can impose fines of up to \$1,000 per day up to a total fine of \$100,000 until the Property is brought into compliance. Buyers are encouraged to independently determine if there is any unapproved construction. Buyers should also investigate the availability of a retroactive permit compliance process. To determine if there is any unapproved construction, review the and request a permit history.

**b. SIDEWALK INSPECTION ORDINANCE:** A City inspection of the condition of the sidewalk is triggered by a permit application, or an aggregate of permit applications in any year of \$5,000 or more, or upon sale of real property. If the sidewalks for a property are deemed in need of repair, the homeowner has two choices:

- i. Hire a C-8 contractor licensed to work within the City of Piedmont or
- ii. Pay the City on a per square foot basis to have a City Contractor repair the damaged sidewalk.

Failure to comply with this ordinance would result in the City of Piedmont performing repairs, billing the current homeowner, and placing a lien against the property.

## E. SOURCES OF GENERAL INFORMATION:

**CITY OF ALAMEDA:** <https://www.AlamedaCA.gov>  
2263 Santa Clara Ave, Room 380 Alameda, CA 94501 Tel: 510/747-4800  
Alameda Rent Stabilization: <http://www.alamedarentprogram.org/ordinance-3148-overview>  
Police <https://alamedaca.gov/police> Tel: 510/337-8340

**CITY OF ALBANY:** <https://www.albanysca.org/>  
1000 San Pablo Ave, Albany CA 94706 Tel: 510/528-5710  
Police <https://www.albanysca.org/departments/police-department> Tel: 510/525-7300

**CITY OF BERKELEY:** <https://www.cityofberkeley.info>  
2120 Milvia Street, Berkeley CA 94704 Tel: 510/981-7440

**BERKELEY RENT CONTROL:** <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/rent/>  
2125 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 Tel: 510/644-6128  
**BESO:** <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/beso/>  
Police <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/police/> Tel: 510/981-5900

**CITY OF EMERYVILLE:** <http://www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/>  
1333 Park Ave, Emeryville CA 94608 Tel: 510/596-4300  
**EMERYVILLE JUST-CAUSE ORDINANCE:** <http://www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/1127/Eviction-Harassment>  
Police <http://www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/123/Police>

**CITY OF OAKLAND:** <https://www.oaklandca.gov/> Tel: 510/596-3700  
 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Ste 5313, Oakland CA 94612 Tel: 510/238-3501  
**OAKLAND RENT CONTROL:** <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/rent-adjustment-program>  
 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 5th Floor, Oakland CA 94612 Tel: 510/238-3721  
**Police** <https://www.oaklandca.gov/departments/police> Tel: 510/777-3333

**CITY OF PIEDMONT:** <http://www.ci.piedmont.ca.us/>  
 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611 Tel: 510/420-3040  
**Police** <http://www.ci.piedmont.ca.us/police/index.shtml> Tel: 510/420-3000

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO:** <http://www.sanleandro.org>  
 835 East 14th Street, San Leandro, CA 94577 Tel: 510/577-3200

**CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT:** <http://www.cvsan.org/PSL>  
 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546 Tel: 510/537-0757

**STEGE SANITARY DISTRICT:** <https://www.stegesan.org/>  
 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito CA 94530 Tel: 510/524-4668

**WEST COUNTY WASTE WATER DISTRICT:** <https://www.wc wd.org/>  
 2910 Hilltop Drive, Richmond, CA 94806 Tel: 510/222-6700

**Other areas in Alameda and Alameda counties:** <http://www.acgov.org/uninc/>

## F. ATTORNEY AND ACCOUNTANT RECOMMENDATIONS:

In addition to the professional service providers Buyers will retain to inspect and analyze the property being purchased or sold, a situation may arise during the course of Buyers' purchase transaction that requires Buyers to either make an important decision or select a plan of action that could result in significant legal consequences and substantial impact on Buyers' personal finances. The most prudent and best plan is to identify a certified public accountant and real estate attorney in advance of the sale or purchase of the property so that Buyers and Sellers can quickly contact and seek the proper financial and/or legal advice and guidance if needed during the transaction. If a 1031 exchange is contemplated, also contact an exchange accommodator to discuss the proper method and timing of the exchange.

## G. THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING REGARDING BROKER:

- Broker does not warrant or guarantee the condition of the Property.
- Broker shall not be responsible for failure to disclose to Buyer facts regarding the condition of the property where the condition (i) is unknown to Broker or (ii) is not capable of being seen by Broker because it is in an area of the property that is reasonably and normally inaccessible to a Broker;
- **Broker has not verified square footage, size of structures, acreage or boundary lines of the property; representations made by others; information received from public records, Seller or other third parties; information contained in inspection reports or in the Multiple Listing Service, or that has been copied therefrom; or statements in advertisements, flyers or other promotional material; or any other matters described in this Disclosures and Disclaimers Advisory; unless otherwise agreed in writing;**
- Broker does not guarantee, and shall not be responsible for, the labor or services or products provided by others to or on behalf of Buyers or Seller and does not guarantee, and shall not be responsible for, the quality, adequacy, completeness or code compliance of repairs made by Seller or by others;
- Broker does not decide what price Buyers should pay or Sellers should accept;
- Brokers are not qualified to give legal, tax, insurance or title advice;
- Brokers lack professional expertise in the areas listed above, and do not verify the results of any inspections or guarantee the performance or reports of any inspection or professional services; and

- **Buyers and Sellers are advised to investigate and choose their own service providers to conduct investigations and advise them on these and all matters related to the sale and purchase of real property. In these and all other matters referred to in this Disclosures and Disclaimers Advisory,**
- **Buyers and Sellers are advised to seek any desired assistance from appropriate qualified professionals. Nothing any real estate licensee may say will change the terms or effect of this Advisory.**

**WIRE FRAUD SCAM ALERT**

Recently there is a small but growing scheme in which Buyers and Sellers have received e-mails from their agent or an escrow company providing wire transfer information for money from Buyer to Escrow, or to Seller for proceeds from Escrow. Hackers intercept these e-mails and then alter the wire transfer instructions to re-direct the funds to the hacker's account with an off-shore bank.

**DO NOT EVER WIRE FUNDS PRIOR TO CALLING THE ESCROW OFFICER AT THE NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO YOU and confirming verbal wire transfer instructions before taking steps to have the funds transferred.** If you have received questionable wiring instructions, notify your bank, real estate agent and the Escrow holder, as well as the FBI at <https://www.fbi.gov/> and the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <https://www.ic3.gov/>.

**THE UNDERSIGNED ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ALL 23 PAGES OF THIS ALAMEDA COUNTY DISCLOSURES AND DISCLAIMERS ADVISORY WHICH CAN BE SIGNED IN COUNTERPART**

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Buyer

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Buyer

Dated: 6/15/2026

Signed by:  
*Gerard F. Keena II, Partition Referee*  
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Seller **Gerard F. Keena II, Partition Referee**

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

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Seller