

PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS

This AGREEMENT is entered into effective as of _____, 2024 (the “Effective Date”), by and between the CITY OF NEEDLES, a California charter city (“*Seller*”), and Columbus Drive, LLC, a California limited liability company (“*Buyer*”), for acquisition by Buyer of certain real property hereinafter described.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Buyer desires to acquire all of Seller’s right, interest, and title in the Utility and Sewer Easement (“*Property*” or “*Utility and Sewer Easement*”) disclosed in Parcel Map 14798 filed in Book 180, Page 7/8 of the official records of the county of San Bernardino. The Easement encumbers the real property of the Buyer as described in PARCEL MAP 14798 being portion of government lot 8, Section 19, Township 9 north, range 23 east, San Bernadino Base and Meridian, San Bernardino County California and upon the Closing, as defined, below Buyer shall have the obligation to maintain the sewer line located in the former Utility and Sewer Easement.

WHEREAS, the sale will be on an “as-is where-is” basis; and

WHEREAS, Seller desires to sell to Buyer and Buyer desires to buy said Property subject to the conditions and covenants set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows.

SECTION 1 PURCHASE AND SALE

1.1 Property; Agreement to Purchase Property. Seller agrees to sell to Buyer and Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller that certain Property in accordance with the terms, covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

1.2 Purchase Price. The purchase price of the Property (“*Purchase Price*”) shall be the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00).

1.3 Payment. The Purchase Price will be paid by federal wire transfer to Escrow Agent in immediately available funds in accordance with an estimated closing statement consistent with this Agreement, prepared by “*Escrow Agent*”, identified below, and executed by Buyer and Seller (“*Closing Statement*”).

1.4 Amount and Deposit of Earnest Money. No later than 48 hours after the Effective Date, Buyer shall deposit with Escrow, an earnest money deposit in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) (hereinafter the “*Earnest Money*”). The Earnest Money shall be deposited in Escrow Agent’s non-interest bearing escrow/trust account pending disbursement pursuant to this Agreement. The sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) from the Earnest Money shall be nonrefundable

and shall be paid to Seller in the event that Buyer cancels this Agreement in accordance with its express terms.

SECTION 2 ESCROW

2.1 Establishment of the Escrow. An escrow for this transaction (“**Escrow**”) shall be established with Escrow Agent, and Escrow Agent shall be engaged to administer the Escrow. The Escrow shall continue in effect until the earlier of the date that (a) Buyer has purchased the Property or (b) this Agreement terminates.

2.2 Opening and Closing of Escrow. Immediately after the execution of this Agreement by both Buyer and Seller, Seller will deliver a fully executed copy of this Agreement to Escrow Agent. The Closing of Escrow shall take place on the date Escrow Agent (i) is irrevocably committed to issue the Title Policy to Buyer pursuant to **Section 5.3**, and (ii) disburses proceeds of the sale to Seller in accordance with the approved Closing Statement. The date for the Closing (“**Closing Date**”) shall be on the twenty first (21st) day after the expiration of the Due Diligence Period or on such earlier date as agreed to by the parties.

2.3 Acceptance of Escrow. By accepting this Escrow, Escrow Agent agrees to the terms of this Agreement solely as they relate to the duties of Escrow Agent.

2.4 Escrow Instructions. This Agreement constitutes escrow instructions to Escrow Agent. If Escrow Agent requires the execution of its standard form printed escrow instructions, Buyer and Seller agree to execute those instructions; however, those instructions will be construed as applying only to Escrow Agent’s engagement. If there are conflicts between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Escrow Agent’s standard form printed escrow instructions, the terms of this Agreement will control.

2.5 Escrow Cancellation Charges. If Escrow fails to close because of Seller’s default, Seller will pay all customary escrow cancellation charges. If Escrow fails to close because of Buyer’s default, or for any other reason, Buyer shall pay all customary escrow cancellation charges.

SECTION 3 INFORMATION SECURED BY BUYER

3.1 Seller Deliverables. Within five (5) days of the Effective Date, Buyer shall obtain, or cause to be obtained and provided to Seller, the following:

3.1.1 Preliminary Title Report. A current preliminary title report (the “**Title Report**”) for the Property prepared by Escrow Agent along with copies of all documents referenced therein.

SECTION 4

MATTERS RELATING TO THE ESCROW PERIOD

4.1 Survey. Buyer may obtain an ALTA survey of the Property (the “**Survey**”) at no cost to Seller provided that doing so does not delay the Closing. In the event Buyer obtains an ALTA survey, Buyer shall deliver a copy of the Survey to Seller and Escrow Agent promptly following its receipt of the same. In the event that escrow fails to close for any reason not due to the default of Seller, Buyer will assign and deliver the ALTA survey and any other documents produced in connection with its due diligence to Seller simultaneously with the termination of the Escrow.

4.2 Investigation Contingency; Extension Buyer shall have until fifteen (15) days following the Effective Date to complete the Buyer’s inspections and approve or disapprove any and all aspects of the Property (“Due Diligence Period”). Buyer’s failure to timely approve or disapprove shall be deemed approval of all aspects of the Property. If Buyer disapproves the Property in writing to Seller prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, this Agreement shall terminate, and upon such termination the Earnest Money shall be returned to Buyer.

4.3 Investigation Contingency. As a condition of this Agreement, Buyer shall obtain, at Buyer’s expense, a title insurance policy issued by the Title Company. This policy shall insure Buyer that the Utility and Sewer Easement is no longer an exception to Buyer’s title to the property. Seller shall not be responsible for assuring the title to the Property but shall cooperate fully with Buyer in facilitating Buyer’s acquisition of a title insurance policy. Upon closing, the Title Company shall issue a title insurance policy to Buyer, assuring that the Utility and Sewer Easement is no longer an exception to Buyer’s title to the property. The cost of the Policy of Title Insurance from the Title Company shall be borne by the Buyer.

SECTION 5 CLOSING DOCUMENTS; TITLE POLICY

5.1 Seller’s Closing Documents. No later than 48 hours before the Closing Date, Seller will deposit the following documents into the Escrow for delivery at the Closing, each of which will have been duly executed, endorsed and, where appropriate, acknowledged, and will be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Buyer, Buyer’s legal counsel and Escrow Agent:

5.1.1 Closing Statement. Approval of the estimated Closing Statement.

5.1.2 Quitclaim Deed. A Quitclaim Deed releasing Seller’s interest in the Property to Buyer and providing that Buyer shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the sewer line within the former Utility and Sewer Easement. (“Quitclaim Deed”).

5.1.3 FIRPTA Affidavit. An affidavit, signed and acknowledged by Seller under penalty of perjury, certifying that Seller is not a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign trust, foreign estate, or other foreign person within the meaning of Section 1445 and 7701 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the associated Treasury Regulations.

5.1.4 California Withholding Certificate. A duly executed California Franchise Tax Board (“**FTB**”) Form 593-C Withholding Certificate and such other documents required by

Escrow Agent in order to comply with California withholding requirements.

5.1.5 Additional Documents. Such other documents as may be necessary, appropriate or reasonably required by Escrow Agent to transfer and convey the Property to Buyer and to otherwise close this transaction and issue the Title Policy to Buyer in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

5.2 Buyer's Closing Deliveries. No later than 48 hours before the Closing Date, Buyer will deposit into the Escrow the following funds and documents for delivery to Seller at the Closing, each of which, where appropriate, will have been duly executed and acknowledged and will be in form and substance satisfactory to Seller and Seller's legal counsel and Escrow Agent:

5.2.1 Closing Statement. Approval of the estimated Closing Statement.

5.2.2 Preliminary Change of Ownership Report. A Preliminary Change of Ownership Report as required by law.

5.2.3 Additional Documents. Such other documents as may be necessary, appropriate or reasonably required by Escrow Agent to close this transaction in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

5.2.4 Buyer's Closing Funds. The cash portion of the Purchase Price, less the Earnest Money, plus Buyer's Closing costs in accordance with the approved Closing Statement, will be paid at Closing by federal wire transfer to Escrow Agent in immediately available funds.

5.3 Title Policy. Closing is contingent upon Escrow Agent's issuance of the Title Policy. Buyer, at Buyer's expense, will satisfy all of Escrow Agent's Title Requirements for issuance of the Title Policy other than those, if any, within Seller's control or those which Seller is obligated to satisfy under this Agreement.

SECTION 6 CLOSING THE TRANSACTION

6.1 Closing Deadline. The Closing shall occur on or before the Closing Date.

6.2 Closing Costs and Prorations.

6.2.1 Escrow Fees. Seller and Buyer will each pay one-half (1/2) of the Escrow fees.

6.2.2 Title Insurance Fees. Buyer will pay for the Title Report and the premium for a ALTA standard coverage owner's Title Policy and Buyer shall pay the portion of the Title Policy premium attributable to upgrading to ALTA extended coverage, the cost of any endorsements, if requested by Buyer.

6.2.3 Recording Fees. Buyer will pay the recording fees for recording the Quitclaim Deed, the documentary transfer tax and any County transfer tax or similar fee, and all title clearance costs to remove liens, encumbrances or other title matters which are Seller's

responsibility under this Agreement.

Prorations. Buyer is responsible for paying all taxes, assessments, fees, and other charges, and any supplemental taxes attributable to periods prior to and after the Closing, and Seller shall have no liability whatsoever for any such taxes, assessments fees and other charges.

6.2.4 Miscellaneous Closing Costs. Any other closing costs not otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement will be paid by Buyer and Seller as they shall mutually agree or, in the absence of such agreement, according to the usual and customary practice in San Bernardino County, California.

6.3 Seller's Obligation to Deposit Additional Funds. Seller hereby authorizes Escrow Agent to use so much of the proceeds otherwise payable to Seller at Closing as is necessary to pay all costs and other amounts payable by or otherwise chargeable to Seller pursuant to this Agreement.

6.4 Buyer's Obligation to Deposit Additional Funds. On or before the Closing Date, Buyer will deposit with Escrow Agent cash in an amount sufficient to pay all costs and other amounts payable by or otherwise chargeable to Buyer pursuant to this Agreement.

SECTION 7 ADDITIONAL COVENANTS

7.1 Property Sold "As Is".

7.1.1 Limitation of Seller Representations and Warranties. Except for Seller's express representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement, Seller hereby specifically disclaims any warranty (oral or written) or obligation to disclose information concerning: (i) the nature and condition of the Property and the suitability thereof for any and all activities and uses that Buyer elects to conduct thereon; (ii) the manner, construction, condition and state of repair or lack of repair of any improvements on the Property; (iii) the compliance of the Property with any laws, rules, ordinances or regulations of any government or other body; and (iv) the content or accuracy of any documents or materials delivered by Seller to Buyer. Buyer is relying solely upon, and will have conducted, its own, independent inspection, investigation and analysis of the Property as it deems necessary or appropriate in so acquiring the Property from Seller, including, without limitation, an analysis of any and all matters concerning the condition of the Property and its suitability for Buyer's intended purposes, and a review of all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and governmental regulations (including, but not limited to, those relative to building, taxes, zoning and land use) affecting the development, use, occupancy or enjoyment of the Property. If the Buyer discovers any material information that is different from what has been represented by Seller or that was not disclosed by Seller, Buyer as its sole and only remedy shall have the right to terminate this Agreement and recover its Earnest Money. *Except for Seller's express representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement* (i) the sale of the Property is made on a strictly "AS IS", "WHERE IS", "WITH ALL FAULTS" basis as of the date of Closing, and (ii) Seller makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, or arising by operation of law, including, but in no way limited to, any warranty of quantity, quality, condition, habitability, merchantability, suitability or fitness for a particular purpose of the Property, any improvements located thereon or any soil or environmental conditions related

thereto.

7.1.2 Buyer Waiver and Release. Buyer specifically acknowledges that Buyer is not relying on (and Seller hereby disclaims and renounces) any representations or warranties made by or on behalf of Seller of any kind or nature whatsoever, except for those particular representations and warranties expressly provided in this Agreement. Except for Claims related to breach of Seller's express representations and warranties in this Agreement, Buyer, for Buyer and Buyer's successors and assigns, hereby releases Seller from, and waives any and all Claims and liabilities against Seller for, related to, or in connection with, any environmental or physical condition at the Property (or the presence of any matter or substance relating to the environmental condition of the Property), including, but not limited to, Claims and/or liabilities relating to (in any manner whatsoever) any Hazardous Substances, toxic or dangerous materials or substances located in, at, about or under the Property, or for any and all Claims or causes of action (actual or threatened) based upon, in connection with, or arising out of any Environmental Law, or any other claim or cause of action including any federal or state based statutory, regulatory or common law cause of action related to environmental matters or liability with respect to, or affecting, the Property. Buyer represents to Seller that Buyer has conducted, or will conduct prior to Closing, such investigations of the Property, including but not limited to, the physical and environmental conditions thereof, as Buyer deems necessary to satisfy itself as to the condition of the Property and the existence or nonexistence of, or curative action to be taken with respect to, any Hazardous Substances or toxic substances on or discharged from the Property, and will rely solely upon same and not upon any information provided by, or on behalf of, Seller, its agents and employees with respect thereto.

SECTION 8 REMEDIES

8.1 Seller's Remedies. If the Closing does not occur due to any default by Buyer, then Seller shall provide Buyer and Escrow Agent with written notice specifying the nature of Buyer's Default. If Buyer has not cured the default within five (5) days after receipt of Seller's notice, then Seller shall have the right as Seller's sole and exclusive remedy to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of cancellation to Buyer and Escrow Agent and the Earnest Money shall be paid to Seller with no further instruction to Escrow Holder from Buyer.

BUYER AND SELLER HEREBY AGREE THAT IF SELLER TERMINATES THIS AGREEMENT DUE TO BUYER'S DEFAULT, THEN IN SUCH EVENT THE EXACT AMOUNT OF SELLER'S DAMAGES WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN AND THEREFORE THE EARNEST MONEY DEPOSITED INTO ESCROW SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF SELLER'S DAMAGES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1671 OF THE CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE AND SELLER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY IN THE EVENT OF BUYER'S DEFAULT SHALL BE LIMITED TO TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH LIQUIDATED DAMAGES.

BUYER'S INITIALS: _____ **SELLER'S INITIALS:** _____

8.2 Buyer's Remedies. If Seller fails to perform when due any act required by this Agreement to be performed or otherwise breaches this Agreement and such failure or breach continues for a period of five (5) days after Seller receives written notice thereof, then, as an alternative to all

other remedies that are available to Buyer at law or in equity, including the right to have specific performance of this Agreement, Buyer may terminate this Agreement and the Escrow, such cancellation to be effective immediately upon Buyer giving written notice of cancellation to Seller and Escrow Agent, and the Earnest Money along with an additional sum of money in the same amount shall be returned to Buyer and the parties shall have no further liability to one another.

SECTION 9 GENERAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned in whole or part without the express written consent of both parties. However, Buyer shall have the right to assign this Agreement to an affiliated entity to be formed by Buyer, without Seller's written consent, by providing notice to Seller provided that the original party shall remain liable hereunder.

9.2 Binding Effect. The provisions of this Agreement are binding upon and will inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns, including, without limitation, all members of Seller irrespective of any dissolution of Seller after execution of this Agreement or after consummation of a Closing.

9.3 Attorneys' Fees. If any action is brought by either party in respect to its rights under this Agreement, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs as determined by the court.

9.4 Waivers. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement will constitute a waiver of any other provision, whether or not similar, nor will any waiver be a continuing waiver. No waiver will be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver. Either party may waive any provision of this Agreement intended for its benefit; provided, however, such waiver will in no way excuse the other party from the performance of any of its other obligations under this Agreement.

9.5 Construction. This Agreement will be construed according to the laws of the State of California, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles. References in this Agreement to "Sections" are to the Sections in this Agreement, unless otherwise noted. This Agreement shall not be construed as if prepared by one of the parties, but rather according to its fair meaning as a whole, as if both parties had an equal role in its negotiation and preparation.

9.6 Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

9.7 Notices.

9.7.1 Any demand, notice or communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement must be in writing and is deemed given on (a) the day personally delivered, (b) the third business day after the date of mailing by certified or registered first class mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (c) one business day after accepted for next business day delivery by a national commercial delivery service which provides package tracking services ("**Overnight Delivery**"), or (d) when transmitted by e-mail or telephone facsimile (provided that such Notice is confirmed on the same day by sending a copy to the addressee(s) by Overnight

Delivery), in each case addressed to the parties at their respective addresses set forth below (or to such other address as the Parties hereto may designate by notice in the manner set forth herein). Notices which are rejected or refused or which cannot be delivered because of changed address of which no notice was given shall be deemed delivered.

Notice to Seller shall be sent to:

Patrick Martinez, Assistant City Manager
City of Needles
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363

Notice to Buyer shall be sent to:

Jesse Dean Brown, Member
Columbus Drive, LLC
1641 Highway 95
Bullhead City, AZ 86442

Notice to Escrow Agent shall be sent to:

Each party may change their address for the purpose of this Section by giving written notice of such change to the other party in the manner provided in this Section.

9.8 Further Documentation. Each party agrees in good faith to execute such further or additional documents as may be necessary or appropriate to fully carry out the intent and purpose of this Agreement.

9.9 Time Periods. Except as expressly provided for in this Agreement, the time for performance of any obligation or taking any action under this Agreement will be deemed to expire at 5:00 p.m. (California time) on the last day of the applicable time period provided for in this Agreement. If the time for the performance of any obligation or taking any action under this Agreement expires on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the time for performance or taking such action will be extended to the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Any reference in this Agreement to “days” shall mean calendar days unless the Agreement expressly states “business” days.

9.10 No Third-Party Beneficiary. No term or provision of this Agreement is intended to, or shall, be for the benefit of any Person not a party hereto and no such Person shall have any right or cause of action hereunder.

9.11 Headings and Counterparts. The headings of this Agreement are for purposes of reference only and will not limit or define the meaning of any provision of this Agreement. This

Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original but all of which will constitute one and the same instrument.

9.12 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, which includes the Exhibits constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter contained in this Agreement. All prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings of the parties, oral or written, are superseded by and merged in this Agreement. No supplement, modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding unless in writing and executed by Buyer and Seller.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date set forth above.

SELLER:
THE CITY OF NEEDLES

BUYER:
COLUMBUS DRIVE, LLC, a California
limited liability company

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
SBEMP LLP

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED TO SOLELY
FOR PURPOSES OF ACTING AS
ESCROW AGENT:**

By: _____