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| 9                                    | SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA   |  |
| 10                                   | FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO   |  |
| 11                                   | SALAM RAZUKI, an individual,  | Case No.: 37-2018-00034229-CU-BC-CTL   |
| 12                                   | Plaintiff,  | PLAINTIFF SALAM RAZUKI<br>OBJECTIONS TO RECEIVER'S EX  |
| 13                                   | v.  | PARTE APPLICATION TO SEEK APPROVAL OF THE SALE TO PRODIGIOUS AND TO DITRIBUTE SALES PROCEEDS   |
| 14                                   | NINUS MALAN, an individual; CHRIS HAKIM, an individual; MONARCH MANAGEMENT  |  |
| 15                                   | CONSULTING, INC. a California corporation;<br>SAN DIEGO UNITED HOLDING GROUP,   | DATE: April 14, 2021   |
| 16                                   | LLC, a California limited liability company; FLIP MANAGEMENT, LLC, a California limited liability company; MIRA ESTE PROPERTIES,  | TIME: 8:30 a.m.<br>DEPT: C-67  |
| 17                                   | LLC, a California limited liability company; ROSELLE PROPERTIES, LLC, a California  | Judge: Hon. Eddie C. Sturgeon<br>Action Filed: July 10, 2018   |
| 18                                   | limited liability company; BALBOA AVE COOPERATIVE, a California nonprofit mutual  | Tetion Fried. Sary 10, 2010  |
| 19<br>20                             | benefit corporation; CALIFORNIA CANNABIS GROUP, a California nonprofit mutual benefit   |  |
| 21                                   | corporation; DEVILISH DELIGHTS, INC., a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation; and DOES 1-100, inclusive,   |  |
| 22                                   | Defendants.   |  |
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| 24                                   | Plaintiff SALAM RAZUKI ("Plaintiff") hereby submits the following opposition to the   |  |
| 25                                   | Receiver's ex parte application to approve the sale of the Balboa Properties to Prodigious  |  |
| 26                                   | Collectives, LLC ("Prodigious") and to distribute any sales proceeds.   |  |
| 27                                   | This is a complex lawsuit with many litigants, intervenors, and lienholder. There are   |  |
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PLAINTIFF SALAM RAZUKI'S OBJECTIONS TO THE RECEIVER'S EX PARTE RE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF THE BALBOA DISPENSARY TO PRODIGIOUS COLLECTIVES, LLC

## PLAINTIFF OBJECTS TO THE SALE TO PRODIGIOUS

absolutely no exigent circumstances to warrant relief sought under the Receiver's ex parte application. This ex parte application should be brought on a noticed motion where the parties have an adequate opportunity meaningfully respond. The Receiver has given the parties three (3) days' notice to respond to the distribution of over \$3,200,000 which is absurd.

The Receiver has a fiduciary duty to the parties to advocate and obtain the highest and best sale of the receivership assets. In this case, there was a non-contingent \$6,000,000 offer by Pick Axe Holdings ("Pick Axe") that would have netted the receivership estate millions of dollars more than Prodigious' offer. This Court asked the Receiver to voice his opinion during the auction hearing and provide his recommendations at the auction hearing and the Receiver failed to advocate for the highest and best offer. This was a breach of the Receiver's fiduciary duty to the parties in this action. Instead, the Court chose Prodigious' offer of \$3,280,000 instead of the \$6,000,000 offer that would have yielded the Receivership estate an additional \$2,872,000 in funds. Pick Axe waived all contingencies and showed proof of fund of \$10,000,000. To this day, nearly two (2) months later, Prodigious has still failed to show proof of funds to close. The Receiver and the Court should immediately require Prodigious to show proof of funds sufficient to close.

## PLAINTIFF HAS A 1<sup>ST</sup> POSITION UCC-1 LIEN ON THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE BEING SOLD

On or about March 15, 2017, Razuki Investments, Inc. ("Razuki Investments") sold the Balboa Dispensary business and the Balboa Dispensary Units to Balboa Ave Cooperative, a California Corporation ("Balboa Ave Coop."), for a total of \$1,575,000 with a seller carryback financing through a Secured Promissory Note in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$1,575,000 (the "Note"), a copy of which has already been provided to the Court. The transaction was consummated through Allison McClusky Escrow. A true and correct copy of the Buyer's Closing Statement and various escrow documents including, but not limited to, the Bill of Sale, which was previously provided to the Court.

The Note provided that: (i) interest in the amount of 8.5% per annum would commence on

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March 21, 2017; (ii) all principal and interest would be due and payable on or before March 20, 2022; and, (iii) the "[I]ender may declare immediately due and payable all sums due herein upon the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Business."

On or about March 15, 2017, Malan, on behalf of the debtor, Balboa Ave Coop., and Plaintiff, as the secured party, also executed a Security Agreement in the amount of \$1,575,000 which also authorized Plaintiff to file a UCC Financing Statement ("UCC 1") with the California Secretary of State to perfect its security interest in the collateral. A true and correct copy of the Security Agreement was previously provided to the Court. Plaintiff subsequently *perfected* the Security Agreement by filing a UCC-1 with the California Secretary of State on March 21, 2017. A true and correct copy of the UCC-1 was previously provided to the Court.

No payments were ever made towards the Note because it did not require payments, but instead a balloon payment of principal and interest due on March 20, 2022. The Note further provided that all principal and interest is due and payable upon the sale or transfer of the Business at the election of Plaintiff. Approximately \$2,182,727.45 is currently owed under the Note and Pliantiff notified the Receiver and the relevant parties through counsel in this action that he intends to accelerate the Note upon sale or transfer of the Balboa Dispensary as per the terms of the note. Id.

This lien is on the improvements to the personal property of the dispensary which is now being sold. Plaintiff asserts his first position interest which was perfected in March of 2017, over a year and a half prior to the commencement of this litigation and obviously, before any Receivership order. There is no legal basis to strip Plaintiff's lien and he should be paid before all other lienholders because his interest is first in time.

## **CONCLUSION**

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Receiver's ex parte application be denied, or at a minimum, it should be brought by a noticed motion so that the lienholders who have millions of dollars to lose have a fair opportunity to present their legal position.

DATED: April 14, 2021 ELIA LAW FIRM, APC By: /s/ Steven A. Elia Steven A. Elia Maura Griffin Garrett F. Groom Attorneys for Plaintiff, SALAM RAZUKI