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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – ALHAMBRA COURTHOUSE

JAMES BURBANK, an individual;
 JENNIFER BURBANK, an individual;

Plaintiffs,

vs.

BRAD MARTINEZ, an individual; VICKI
 MARTINEZ, an individual; GAIL D.
 CALHOUN, as TRUSTEE of the GAIL D.
 CALHOUN FAMILY TRUST; LOTUS
 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC.; BRIAN
 GORDON, an individual; SALLY
 GUTIERREZ, an individual; GRACE
 CHENG, an individual; DOES 1 – 50,
 inclusive;

Defendants.

CASE NO. 24NNCV06082

**DEFENDANT GAIL D. CALHOUN,
 AS TRUSTEE OF THE GAIL D.
 CALHOUN FAMILY TRUST'S
 RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFF JAMES
 BURBANK'S SPECIAL
 INTERROGATORIES, SET ONE**

Trial Date: None Set
Complaint Filed: November 25, 2024

PROPOUNDING PARTY: Plaintiff, JAMES BURBANK

RESPONDING PARTY: Defendant, GAIL D. CALHOUN, AS TRUSTEE OF
 THE GAIL D. CALHOUN FAMILY TRUST

SET NO.: ONE

TO PLAINTIFF AND HIS RESPECTIVE ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Pursuant to Sections 2030.210, *et seq.*, of the California Code of Civil Procedure,
 Defendant GAIL D. CALHOUN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE GAIL D. CALHOUN FAMILY

1 TRUST (“Responding Party”) hereby submits these objections and responses to the First Set of
2 Special Interrogatories propounded by Plaintiff JAMES BURBANK (“Propounding Party”) as
3 follows:

4 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

5 Responding Party has not completed its investigation of the facts relating to this case, its
6 discovery or its preparation for trial. All responses and objections contained herein are based only
7 upon information that is presently available to and specifically known by Responding Party. It is
8 anticipated that further discovery, independent investigation, legal research and analysis will
9 supply additional facts and add meaning to known facts, as well as establish entirely new factual
10 conclusions and legal contentions, all of which may lead to substantial additions to, changes in and
11 variations from the responses set forth herein.

12 These responses, while based on diligent inquiry and investigation by Responding Party,
13 reflect only the current state of Responding Party’s knowledge, understanding, and belief, based
14 upon the information reasonably available to it at this time. As this action proceeds, and further
15 investigation and discovery are conducted, additional or different facts and information could be
16 revealed to Responding Party. Moreover, Responding Party anticipates that Propounding Party
17 may make legal or factual contentions presently unknown to and unforeseen by Responding Party
18 which may require Responding Party to adduce further facts in rebuttal to such contentions.
19 Consequently, Responding Party may not yet have knowledge and may not fully understand the
20 significance of information potentially pertinent to these responses. Accordingly, these responses
21 are provided without prejudice to Responding Party’s right to rely upon and use any information
22 that it subsequently discovers, or that was omitted from these responses as a result of mistake,
23 inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. Without in any way obligating itself to do so,
24 Responding Party reserves the right to modify, supplement, revise, or amend these responses, and
25 to correct any inadvertent errors or omissions which may be contained herein, in light of the
26 information that Responding Party may subsequently obtain or discover.

27 Nothing in this response should be construed as an admission by Responding Party with
28 respect to the admissibility or relevance of any fact or document, or of the truth or accuracy of any

1 characterization or statement of any kind contained in Propounding Party's interrogatories.

2 Each of the following responses is made solely for the purpose of this action. Each
3 response is subject to all objections as to relevance, materiality, and admissibility, and to any and
4 all objections on any ground that would require exclusion of any response if it were introduced in
5 court. All objections and grounds are expressly reserved and may be interposed at the time of
6 trial, hearing, or otherwise. Furthermore, each of the objections contained herein is incorporated
7 by reference as though fully set forth in each response.

8 The following objections and responses are made without prejudice to Responding Party's
9 right to produce at trial, or otherwise, evidence regarding any subsequently discovered
10 information. Responding Party accordingly reserves the right to modify and amend any and all
11 responses herein as research is completed and contentions are made.

12 Nothing contained herein is to be construed as a waiver of any attorney-client privilege,
13 work product doctrine, or any other applicable privilege or doctrine. To the extent any
14 interrogatory may be construed as calling for disclosure of information protected from discovery
15 by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, or any other privilege or protection, a
16 continuing objection to each and every such interrogatory is hereby interposed.

17 **GENERAL OBJECTIONS TO INTERROGATORIES**

18 Responding Party generally objects to the Interrogatories as follows:

19 A. Responding Party objects generally to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek to
20 elicit information that is neither relevant to the subject matter of this action, nor reasonably
21 calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

22 B. Responding Party objects generally to the Interrogatories to the extent that they are
23 unreasonably overbroad in scope, and thus burdensome and oppressive, in that each such
24 interrogatory seeks information pertaining to items and matters that are not relevant to the subject
25 matter of this action, or, if relevant, so remote therefrom as to make its disclosure of little or no
26 practical benefit to Propounding Party, while placing a wholly unwarranted burden and expense on
27 Responding Party in locating, reviewing and producing the requested information.

28 C. Responding Party objects generally to the Interrogatories to the extent that they are

1 burdensome and oppressive, in that ascertaining the information necessary to respond to them
 2 would require the review and compilation of information from multiple locations, and voluminous
 3 records and files, thereby involving substantial time of employees of Responding Party and great
 4 expense to Responding Party, whereas the information sought to be obtained by Propounding
 5 Party would be of little use or benefit to Propounding Party.

6 D. Responding Party objects generally to the Interrogatories to the extent that they are
 7 vague, uncertain, overbroad, and without limitation as to time or specific subject matter.

8 E. Responding Party objects generally to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek
 9 information at least some of which is protected by the attorney-client privilege or the attorney
 10 work-product doctrine, or both.

11 F. Responding Party objects generally to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek to
 12 have Responding Party furnish information that is a matter of the public record, and therefore is
 13 equally available to the Propounding Party as they are to Responding Party.

14 G. Responding Party objects generally to the Interrogatories to the extent that they seek to
 15 have Responding Party furnish information that is proprietary to Responding Party and contain
 16 confidential information.

17 H. Responding Party objects to the interrogatories, and to any individual interrogatory set
 18 forth therein, to the extent that they are compound and constitute an impermissible effort to
 19 circumvent the 35 special interrogatory limit set by Section 2030.030 of the California Code of
 20 Civil Procedure.

21 I. Responding Party expressly incorporates each of the foregoing General Objections into
 22 each specific response to the interrogatories set forth below as if set forth in full therein. An
 23 answer to an interrogatory is not intended to be a waiver of any applicable specific or general
 24 objection to such interrogatory.

25 Without waiver of the foregoing, Responding Party further responds as follows:

26 **RESPONSES TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES**

27 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 1:**

28 IDENTIFY each DOCUMENT which supports the affirmative defenses YOU have

1 alleged in YOUR Answer to the Complaint filed in this action. The terms "YOU" and "YOUR"
2 refer to the defendant to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded. The term
3 "IDENTIFY", when used with respect to a DOCUMENT, means to describe it with sufficient
4 clarity to enable the party propounding this discovery device to formulate a reasonable description
5 for inclusion in a demand for inspection, including the name or title and date of the
6 DOCUMENT, and the name of each person or entity possessing a copy thereof. The term
7 "DOCUMENT" means a writing, as defined in Evidence Code section 250, and includes the
8 original or a copy of handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, and every
9 other means of recording upon any tangible thing and form of communicating or representation,
10 including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations of them.

11 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 1:**

12 Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of
13 Civil Procedure §2030.060(d) as not being full and complete in and of itself. This interrogatory
14 refers to a separate discovery request, thus the interrogatory is not complete in itself. Further,
15 responding to this interrogatory would necessitate making a compilation or summary of
16 information contained in both the Plaintiffs and the Defendants' document productions; and the
17 burden or expense of preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating
18 party as for the responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230.

19 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
20 follows:

21 Responding Party has conducted a thorough and diligent search and reasonable inquiry
22 into the subject matter of this interrogatory and identifies the documents produced herewith in
23 response to the Requests for Production propounded on Responding Party.

24 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
25 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

26 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 2:**

27 As to each of YOUR responses to the first set of requests for admissions which are
28 served upon YOU concurrently herewith which shall be other than an unqualified admission, state

each fact which YOU contend supports such response. The terms "YOU" and "YOUR" refer to the defendant to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 2:

Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of Civil Procedure §2030.060(d) as not being full and complete in and of itself. This interrogatory refers to a separate discovery request, thus the interrogatory is not complete in itself. Further, responding to this interrogatory would necessitate making a compilation or summary of information contained in Responding Party's responses to Form Interrogatory 17.1; and the burden or expense of preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230. The interrogatory is also objected to on the grounds that it is continuous discovery that has previously been propounded, and is burdensome and oppressive.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as follows:

Responding Party refers the Propounding Party to the responses to Form Interrogatory 17.1, concurrently served herewith. Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement or amend this response as this matter progresses.

SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

As to each of YOUR responses to the first set of requests for admissions which are served upon YOU concurrently herewith which shall be other than an unqualified admission, IDENTIFY each person whom YOU believe has knowledge of the facts which support such response. The terms "YOU" and "YOUR" refer to the defendant to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded. The term "IDENTIFY" means to state his or her full name, residential address, business and/or work address, residential telephone number and business and/or work telephone number.

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 3:

Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of Civil Procedure §2030.060(d) as not being full and complete in and of itself. This interrogatory

refers to a separate discovery request, thus the interrogatory is not complete in itself. Further, responding to this interrogatory would necessitate making a compilation or summary of information contained in Responding Party's responses to Form Interrogatory 17.1; and the burden or expense of preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230. The interrogatory is also objected to on the grounds that it is continuous discovery that has previously been propounded, and is burdensome and oppressive.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as follows:

Responding Party refers the Propounding Party to the responses to Form Interrogatory 17.1, concurrently served herewith. Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement or amend this response as this matter progresses.

SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

As to each of YOUR responses to the first set of requests for admissions which are served upon YOU concurrently herewith which shall be other than an unqualified admission. IDENTIFY each DOCUMENT which supports such response. "The terms "YOU" and "YOUR" refer to the defendant to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded. The term "IDENTIFY", when used with respect to a DOCUMENT, means to describe it with sufficient clarity to enable the party propounding this discovery device to formulate a reasonable description for inclusion in a demand for inspection, including the name or title and date of the DOCUMENT, and the name of each person or entity possessing a copy thereof. The term "DOCUMENT" means a writing, as defined in Evidence Code section 250, and includes the original or a copy of handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing and form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations of them.

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 4:

Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of Civil Procedure §2030.060(d) as not being full and complete in and of itself. This interrogatory

1 refers to a separate discovery request, thus the interrogatory is not complete in itself. Further,
2 responding to this interrogatory would necessitate making a compilation or summary of
3 information contained in Responding Party's responses to Form Interrogatory 17.1; and the burden
4 or expense of preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as
5 for the responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230. The interrogatory is also objected to on the
6 grounds that it is continuous discovery that has previously been propounded, and is burdensome
7 and oppressive.

8 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
9 follows:

10 Responding Party refers the Propounding Party to the responses to Form Interrogatory
11 17.1, concurrently served herewith. Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party
12 reserves the right to supplement or amend this response as this matter progresses.

13 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 5:**

14 DESCRIBE FULLY each COMMUNICATION occurring anytime during the past
15 two years between YOU and the PROPOUNDING PARTY wherein its subject matter related in
16 any way to the persons occupying the PREMISES. The term "DESCRIBE FULLY" means to
17 state the date, parties, form, and substance. The term COMMUNICATION means all methods
18 and means by which information or data is sent, received, or exchanged, including, without
19 limitation, in person conversations, telephone conversations, and the sending, receiving or
20 exchanging of items through the mail, by delivery service, by hand delivery, by email, by
21 electronic messaging, by text messaging, or by means of facsimile. The term "YOU" means the
22 person to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded. The term
23 "PROPOUNDING PARTY" means Plaintiff JAMES BURBANK, as well as any person or entity
24 believed by YOU to have been acting as its agent, employee or representative, including, without
25 limitation, any property manager. The term "PREMISES" means the real property that is the
26 subject of this action located at 518 N STONEMAN A VENUE, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA
27 91801.

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1 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 5:**

2 Objection. Responding Party objects that responding to this interrogatory would
3 necessitate making a compilation or summary of information contained in the Plaintiffs and
4 Defendants' email and text correspondence between each other; and no such compilation or
5 summary presently exists; and the burden or expense of preparing or making it would be
6 substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the responding party. (Code Civ. Proc. §
7 2030.230.) Further, this interrogatory calls for a narrative response. Responding Party also objects
8 that this interrogatory seeks information equally available to Propounding Party, as the
9 interrogatory seeks a description of every communication between Propounding Party and
10 Responding Party; Responding Party does not have an obligation to obtain information that is
11 equally available to the Propounding Party. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.220(c).)

12 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
13 follows:

14 Pursuant to Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230, Responding Party directs Propounding Party to
15 the Plaintiffs' document production, as well as the Defendants' document production at: DEF
16 000011 – DEF 000046; DEF 000088 - 000170; DEF 000381 – DEF 000410. Responding Party
17 refers Propounding Party to emails and video footage from January 2025, regarding the leaking
18 with foul odor, concerns of mold, floor damage, as well as plumbing, and repair to address issues
19 Propounding Party raised regarding the property.

20 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
21 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

22 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 6:**

23 DESCRIBE FULLY each payment of rent for the PREMISES made to YOU
24 during the past 12 months. The term "DESCRIBE FULLY" means to state the date, amount,
25 payor, payee and rental period to which it was intended to be applied. The term "YOU" means
26 the person to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded, as well as any person
27 acting on YOUR behalf. The term "PREMISES" means the real property that is the subject of
28 this action located at 518 N STONEMAN A VENUE, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91801.

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 6:

Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory seeks information equally available to Propounding Party, as the interrogatory seeks a description of every communication between Propounding Party and Responding Party; Responding Party does not have an obligation to obtain information that is equally available to the Propounding Party. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.220(c).)

Responding Party also objects to the defined term “DESCRIBE FULLY” as the request for the “rental period to which it was intended to be applied” requires speculation on the part of Responding Party. Responding Party cannot speak to the state of mind of the payee.

SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

If YOU contend that Plaintiff, JENNIFER BURBANK, lacks standing to maintain this action, state each fact which supports that contention. The term “YOU” means the person to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded.

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 7:

Objection. This interrogatory is vague and ambiguous with respect to the word “action” which is nowhere defined by Propounding Party. The interrogatory also calls for a legal conclusion from a lay person.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as follows:

Responding Party makes no such contention at this time.

Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement or amend this response as this matter progresses.

SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 8:

IDENTIFY each person who is in possession of the PREMISES. The term "IDENTIFY" means to state his or her full name, residential address, residential telephone number, work or business address and work or business telephone number. The term "PREMISES" means the real property that is the subject of this action located at 518 N STONEMAN A VENUE, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91801

1 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 8:**

2 Objection. The interrogatory is vague as to time and requires speculation on the part of
3 Responding Party. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory seeks information equally
4 available to Propounding Party, as the interrogatory seeks identification and contact information of
5 the Plaintiffs; Responding Party does not have an obligation to obtain information that is equally
6 available to the Propounding Party. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.220(c).)

7 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
8 follows:

9 Responding Party believes Plaintiffs, and their minor children. Responding Party does not
10 know of additional person(s) in possession as the subject property is currently leased to the
11 Plaintiffs.

12 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
13 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

14 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 9:**

15 If it is YOUR contention that the Plaintiff was negligent, state each fact which
16 supports that contention. The term “YOUR” means the person to whom this set of special
17 interrogatories has been propounded.

18 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 9:**

19 Objection. Responding Party also objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is
20 vague, and ambiguous as to the term “negligent.” The interrogatory is further unclear as to which
21 “Plaintiff” as there are two in the action. Responding Party further objects that this request seeks
22 information equally available to Propounding Party; Responding Party does not have an obligation
23 to obtain information that is equally available to the Propounding Party. (Code Civ. Proc. §
24 2030.220(c).) This interrogatory also seeks premature disclosure of expert opinion in violation of
25 Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220, and 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to
26 violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine in violation of California
27 Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section
28 950.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as follows:

Plaintiffs have failed to comply with the terms of the lease agreement. Plaintiffs have delayed in reporting perceived and claimed issues as to the PREMISES. Plaintiffs have imposed unreasonable and unrealistic requirements for communications with the Defendant landlords. Plaintiffs have refused and/or delayed access for repairs. Plaintiffs made modifications to the PREMISES without authorization or notice to the Defendant landlords.

Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement or amend this response as this matter progresses.

SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

If it is YOUR contention that there were no habitability issues at the PREMISES, state each fact which supports that contention. The term “YOUR” means the person to whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded. The term "PREMISES" means the real property that is the subject of this action located at 518 N STONEMAN A VENUE, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91801.

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 10:

Objection. Responding Party also objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is vague, and ambiguous as to the phrase “habitability issues.” The interrogatory is vague and ambiguous as to time as there is none specified. This interrogatory seeks premature disclosure of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220, and 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as follows:

Defendant landlords have responded to every concern raised by the Plaintiffs, including sending vendors and repair personnel when warranted, and when access has been permitted.

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1 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 11:**

2 If it is YOUR contention that YOU do not owe a duty of care to the Plaintiff, state
3 each fact which supports that contention. The term “YOU” and “YOUR” means the person to
4 whom this set of special interrogatories has been propounded.

5 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 11:**

6 Objection. Responding Party also objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that it is
7 vague, and ambiguous as to the phrase “duty of care.” The interrogatory is further unclear as to
8 which “Plaintiff” as there are two in the action. This interrogatory also seeks premature disclosure
9 of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220, and
10 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work
11 product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and
12 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950.

13 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
14 follows:

15 As Responding Party understands the interrogatory, Responding Party makes no such
16 contention at this time.

17 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
18 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

19 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 12:**

20 If it is YOUR contention that Plaintiffs violated lease term 13, including but not
21 limited to: a. The date(s) of each alleged violation; b. The specific conduct alleged for each
22 violation; c. The names of all persons involved or with knowledge of each alleged incident; d.
23 Whether any written notice, warning, or notice to cure was issued to the tenants in relation to the
24 alleged violation(s); e. The identity and description of each such notice; f. The date on which each
25 such notice was provided to the tenants; and g. Whether the alleged condition or violation was
26 ever restored, corrected, or otherwise remedied by the tenants, and if so, the date and manner of
27 such correction, state each fact which supports that contention.

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1 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 12:**

2 Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of
3 Civil Procedure §2030.060(d) as not being full and complete in and of itself. This interrogatory
4 refers to a separate lease term, which is not referenced in this interrogatory, thus the interrogatory
5 is not complete in itself. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code
6 of Civil Procedure §2030.060(f) as it contains subparts. Further, responding to this interrogatory
7 would necessitate making a compilation or summary of information; and the burden or expense of
8 preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the
9 responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230. This interrogatory also seeks premature disclosure
10 of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220, and
11 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work
12 product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and
13 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950.

14 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
15 follows:

16 Pursuant to Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230, Responding Party refers Propounding Party to the
17 lease agreement; text messages from June 17, 2024, regarding the discovery of the dog; and
18 correspondence regarding termination of the Plaintiffs' lease (DEF 000001 – DEF 00046; DEF
19 000404 – DEF 000410).

20 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
21 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

22 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 13:**

23 If it is YOUR contention that Plaintiffs violated lease term 17, including but not
24 limited to: a. The date(s) of each alleged violation; b. The specific conduct alleged for each
25 violation; c. The names of all persons involved or with knowledge of each alleged incident; d.
26 Whether any written notice, warning, or notice to cure was issued to the tenants in relation to the
27 alleged violation(s); e. The identity and description of each such notice; f. The date on which each
28 such notice was provided to the tenants; and g. Whether the alleged condition or violation was

1 ever restored, corrected, or otherwise remedied by the tenants, and if so, the date and manner of
2 such correction, state each fact which supports that contention.

3 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 13:**

4 Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of
5 Civil Procedure §2030.060(d) as not being full and complete in and of itself. This interrogatory
6 refers to a separate lease term, which is not referenced in this interrogatory, thus the interrogatory
7 is not complete in itself. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code
8 of Civil Procedure §2030.060(f) as it contains subparts. Further, responding to this interrogatory
9 would necessitate making a compilation or summary of information; and the burden or expense of
10 preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the
11 responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230. This interrogatory also seeks premature disclosure
12 of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220, and
13 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work
14 product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and
15 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950.

16 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
17 follows:

18 Pursuant to Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230, Responding Party refers Propounding Party to the
19 lease agreement; text messages from May 2024, regarding the discovery of the modification to the
20 PREMISES; and correspondence regarding termination of the Plaintiffs' lease. (DEF 000001 –
21 DEF 00046; DEF 000404 – DEF 000410).

22 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
23 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

24 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 14:**

25 DESCRIBE FULLY when you first observed or became aware of any water damage or
26 staining on the ceiling located directly below the upstairs restroom inside the second bedroom.
27 The term "DESCRIBE FULLY" means to state the date, how it was discovered, name of the
28 individual who made the observation, name of the individual who made you aware and form of

1 communication.

2 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 14:**

3 Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of
4 Civil Procedure §2030.060(f) as it is compound. This interrogatory also seeks premature
5 disclosure of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220,
6 and 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work
7 product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and
8 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950.

9 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
10 follows:

11 Based upon information and belief, approximately May 2024.

12 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
13 or amend this response as this matter progresses

14 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 15:**

15 If it is YOUR contention that you ever informed the tenants that the ceiling damage or
16 water staining located below the upstairs restroom inside the second bedroom was confirmed to
17 have been caused by the removal of the shower doors, state each fact which supports that
18 contention.

19 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 15:**

20 Objection. Responding Party objects that responding to this interrogatory would
21 necessitate making a compilation or summary of information; and the burden or expense of
22 preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the
23 responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230. This interrogatory also seeks premature disclosure
24 of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220, and
25 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work
26 product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and
27 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950.

28 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as

1 follows:

2 Pursuant to Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230, Responding Party refers Propounding Party to
3 text messages from May 2024, regarding the discovery of the modification to the PREMISES; and
4 correspondence regarding termination of the Plaintiffs' lease. (DEF 000001 – DEF 00046; DEF
5 000404 – DEF 000410).

6 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
7 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

8 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 16:**

9 If it is YOUR contention that you requested or demanded that the tenants pay for or repair
10 any damage to the ceiling located below the upstairs restroom inside the second bedroom, state
11 each fact which supports that contention.

12 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 16:**

13 Objection. Responding Party objects that the interrogatory is vague and ambiguous as to
14 the term “you” which is nowhere defined by Propounding Party. The interrogatory is further
15 unlimited as to time.

16 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
17 follows:

18 Responding Party makes no such contention at this time.

19 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to
20 supplement or amend this response as this matter progresses.

21 **SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 17:**

22 If it is YOUR contention that any individual or professional ever determined that the
23 ceiling damage or water staining located below the upstairs restroom inside the second bedroom
24 was caused by the removal of the shower doors, state each fact which supports that contention.

25 **RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 17:**

26 Objection. Responding Party objects that responding to this interrogatory would
27 necessitate making a compilation or summary of information; and the burden or expense of
28 preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the

responding party. Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230. This interrogatory also seeks premature disclosure of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220, and 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010 and 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950.

Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as follows:

Pursuant to Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230, Responding Party refers Propounding Party to text messages from May 2024, regarding the discovery of the modification to the PREMISES; and correspondence regarding termination of the Plaintiffs' lease. (DEF 000001 – DEF 00046; DEF 000404 – DEF 000410).

Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement or amend this response as this matter progresses.

SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 18:

DESCRIBE FULLY the repair issue involving the leaking pipe in the garage, below the planters of the patio. The term "DESCRIBE FULLY" means to state: the date you were first made aware of the issue, each subsequent date you were reminded, notified, or otherwise informed of the same issue, the method of each communication (e.g., email, phone, text, in-person), the name of the person who reported or communicated the issue to you, the name of the individual who responded to each communication, the content of the response or action taken in response to each communication; and g. The date on which the repair was fully and permanently completed.

RESPONSE TO SPECIAL INTERROGATORY NO. 18:

Objection. Responding Party objects that this interrogatory violates California Code of Civil Procedure §2030.060(f) as it contains subparts. Further, responding to this interrogatory would necessitate making a compilation or summary of information; and the burden or expense of preparing or making it would be substantially the same for the interrogating party as for the responding party. (Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230.) This interrogatory also seeks premature disclosure of expert opinion in violation of Code of Civil Procedure sections 2034.210, 2034.220,

1 and 2034.270. This interrogatory seeks to violate the attorney-client privilege and attorney work
 2 product doctrine in violation of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 2017.010, and
 3 2018.030, and California Evidence Code section 950. Finally, Responding Party objects to the
 4 phrase "leaking pipe" as vague and ambiguous.


5 Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objections, Responding Party responds as
 6 follows:

7 Pursuant to Code Civ. Proc. § 2030.230, Responding Party refers Propounding Party to the
 8 email correspondence and text messages between the parties, including the communication that
 9 were previously produced by the Plaintiffs.

10 Discovery in this matter is ongoing, and Responding Party reserves the right to supplement
 11 or amend this response as this matter progresses.

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 13 DATED: August 19, 2025

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VERIFICATION

I have read the foregoing and know its contents:

**DEFENDANT GAIL HOUSER, AS TRUSTEE OF THE GAIL D. CALHOUN
FAMILY TRUST’S RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFF JAMES BURBANK’S
SPECIAL INTERROGATORIES, SET ONE**

I am a party to this action, and I am authorized to make this verification for and on my behalf, and I make this verification for that reason. I am informed and believe and on that ground allege that the matters stated in the foregoing document are true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 19, 2025, at San Gabriel, California.

Gail Calhoun	<i>Gail Calhoun</i>
_____ Name of Signatory	_____ Signature