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**FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
2025-269347**

The following person is doing business as: **BRAID THEORY**, 14426 CRENSHAW BLVD E, GARDENA, CA 90249. Registered Owners: **STRONG FOUNDATION23 LLC**, 1153 W. 160TH ST, GARDENA, CA 90247 This business is conducted by: **LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. Signed: **REGINA FLYNN, MEMBER**. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 12/03/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1,8/2026 -159084**

**FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
2025-275167**

The following person is doing business as: **REAL MEN TALK**, 11901 S AVALON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. Registered Owners: **SOUL ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES, INC.**, 11901 S AVALON BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061. This business is conducted by: **CORPORATION**. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. Signed: **MICHAEL WILLIS SR., PRESIDENT**. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 12/11/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1,8/2026 -159221**

**FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
2025-255815**

The following person is doing business as: **THREE DOORS DOWN**, 22422 KATHRYN AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA 90505.

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Registered Owners: **CAMY BYRD**, 22422 KATHRYN AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA 90505. This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL**. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2025. Signed: **CAMY BYRD, OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 11/13/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1,8/2026 -159223**

**FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
2025-273869**

The following person is doing business as: **GREENWOOD REALTY & LOANS**, 15737 SOUTH HASKINS AVE, WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA 90220. Registered Owners: **OTIS WALKER JR**, 15737 SOUTH HASKINS AVE, WEST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA 90220. This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL**. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2025. Signed: **OTIS WALKER JR, OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 12/09/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1,8/2026 -159240**

**FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
2025-276375**

The following person is doing business as: **UGMC**, 3321 W 118TH PLACE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. Registered Owners: **RANDY THOMAS**, 3321 W 118TH PLACE, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303. This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL**. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above:

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02/2025. Signed: **RANDY THOMAS, OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 12/12/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1,8/2026 -159241**

**FICTITIOUS
BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
2025-277319**

The following person is doing business as: **PUP E TAILS**, 2050 ARTESIA BLVD #104, TORRANCE, CA 90504. Registered Owners: **KIMBERLY WESSERLING**, 2050 ARTESIA BLVD #104, TORRANCE, CA 90504. This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL**. The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A. Signed: **KIMBERLY WESSERLING, OWNER**. This statement was filed with the County Recorder Office: 12/15/2025. Notice — This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Recorder Office. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et.seq., Business and Professions Code). **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1,8/2026 -159250**

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-25-1020200-CL Order No.: FIN-25009345 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/13/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, or cash equivalent if deemed acceptable to the trustee, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or

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savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **Connie Harris**, a single woman Recorded: 10/25/2006 as Instrument No. 062367575 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/8/2026 at 09:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$276,714.98 The purported property address is: 16133 S VERMONT AVE #5, GARDENA, CA 90247 Assessor's Parcel No.: 6113-024-024 All bidders, at the date, time, and place of the scheduled sale, will be required to show satisfactory support to the auctioneer of their ability to pay the amount they intend to bid, unless arrangements have been made with the trustee prior to the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these re-

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sources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1020200-CL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 619-645-7711, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-25-1020200-CL to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:**

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Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-25-1020200-CL and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The above statutorily mandated notices to Tenant, Prospective Owner-Occupant, and Prospective Post-Sale Over Bidders are brief summaries of what may be required under Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. Compliance with all relevant provisions will be required. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For **NON SALE** information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION TS No.: CA-25-1020200-CL IDSPub #0271712 12/4/2025 12/11/2025 12/18/2025** **Gardena Valley News 12/4,11,18/25-158725**

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID HERMAN CASE NO. 25STPB11905 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of **DAVID HERMAN**. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **LAURIE CLARK** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **LAURIE CLARK** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. THE WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/15/26 at 8:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner **NIKOLAS ANTZOULATOS, ESQ.** SBN 355102 THE LEGACY LAWYERS, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 21515 HAWTHORNE BLVD, SUITE 150 TORRANCE CA 90503 Telephone (714) 963-7543 BSC 227798 12/18,12/25/25, 1/1/26 **CNS-3993577#** **GARDENA VALLEY NEWS** **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1/2026-159100**

**CITY OF GARDENA
NOTICE INVITING
BIDS
for
PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY IMPROVEMENT 2024/2025
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
PROJECT NO. JN 545**

Plans and Specifications are available through ARC Document Solutions. Please be advised that there is an additional charge for delivery. Upon payment of the purchase price, they become the property of the purchaser and may not be returned for refund.

You may access the plans through the following website under Public Planroom:

<https://www.e-arc.com/location/costa-mesa/>
(Scroll down to "Planrooms"/"Order From PlanWell"/"Public Planroom" and select City of Gardena under the "in all company" pull-down menu) or https://customer.e-arc.com/arcEOC/Secures/PWELL_PrivateList.aspx?PrjType=pub

For help accessing and ordering, please contact a Planwell Administrator at 562.436.9761.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Gardena will receive sealed bids at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1700 W. 162nd Street, Gardena, California, until **2:00 PM on January 15, 2026**, and shortly thereafter on this same day, they will be publicly opened and read in the City Clerk's Office in-person and via ZOOM.

The information to join the bid opening via ZOOM is the following:

**Topic: Bid Opening
Time: 2:00 PM on
January 15, 2026
(Shortly thereafter the**

proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court of county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000.00 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 dias, la corte puede de-

CITY OF GARDENA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, the Planning Commission of the City of Gardena will conduct a public hearing at **1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA, in the City Hall Council Chambers**, to consider the following matter:
Zone Text Amendment #3-25
The Planning and Environmental Quality Commission will consider recommending an Ordinance to the City Council to amend Title 18 (Zoning) of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to the review process and development/design standards for mechanical/robotic parking structures, and on-site/off-street parking standards for Gardena Boulevard between Normandie Avenue and Vermont Avenue (the parking in-lieu fee).
Environmental Consideration: The Zone Text Amendment and Ordinance is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(B)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
Project Location: City Wide
The related materials will be on file and open for public inspection by January 16, 2026 before the public hearing date in January 20, 2026 on the City's website at <https://www.cityofgardena.org/community-development/planning-projects/>. You will have the opportunity to speak during the hearing. Comments may also be submitted via email to publiccomment@cityofgardena.org or by mail to 1700 W 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you will be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raises at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Gardena Planning and Environmental Quality Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further information, please contact the Planning Division, at (310) 217-9524, or CDDPlanningandZoning@cityofgardena.org

sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayunda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniendose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO! Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000.00 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y direcci3n de la corte es): LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, TORRANCE COURTHOUSE, 825 MAPLE AVENUE, TORRANCE, CA 90503 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, direcci3n y el n3mero de tel3fono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): CHRISTOPHER K. ROBERTS, SBN 232791; SEAN L. FREDERICK, SBN 323669; RAFII & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 9100 WILSHIRE BLVD, SUITE 465E, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212. TEL: 310-777-7877 FAX: 310-777-7855 Date: 08/23/2023 David W. Slayton Executive Officer/Clerk of Court Clerk, by (Secretario): C. DAVILA Deputy (Adjunto) NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Case No. 231— IR C V 02770
Plaintiff, ISRAEL LEAL PENSADO, an individual, Plaintiff v. Defendants, RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT; SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC; MARK LONGCHAMPS; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, Defendants. **PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES**
1. NEGLIGENCE
2. NEGLIGENCE PER SE
3. NEGLIGENCE (Vicarious Liability)
4. NEGLIGENCE (Negligent Entrustment)
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
Plaintiff, ISRAEL LEAL PENSADO, an individual, (hereinafter "Plaintiff") alleges as follows:
1. Defendant, RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT is a Delaware corporation, and Defendant, SYNCREON LOGIS-

ICS USA LLC, a California Limited Liability Company that are collectively and at all times mentioned herein were, licensed to operate in the State of California as a common carrier that transports goods in exchange for payment of fare, and at all relevant times herein, so did within the County of Los Angeles, and others. 2. Defendant, MARK LONGCHAMPS, is a natural person who at all times herein mentioned was a resident of the County of Los Angeles, California. 3. Plaintiff is informed and believe and thereon allege that at all relevant times hereto, Defendant, MARK LONGCHAMPS, was employed by Defendant, SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC within the County of Los Angeles, California. 4. Defendants RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT; SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC; MARK LONGCHAMPS; and DOES 1 through 50 may be collectively referred to as "Defendants." 5. Plaintiff ISRAEL LEAL PENSADO at all relevant times herein, is, and was, a resident of Los Angeles County, California. 6. Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1-50, inclusive, and therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. 7. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named Defendants are negligently responsible in some manner for the occurrences alleged in this Complaint, and Plaintiffs injuries as alleged were proximately caused by Defendants' negligence. 8. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT; SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC; MARK LONGCHAMPS and DOES 1 through 50 were those owning, operating, controlling, repairing, modifying, and maintaining a certain 2015 Kalmar Ottawa (Diesel) Tractor Truck, white in color, bearing California license number 9F3 8105 (hereinafter referred to as "truck"). 9.. At all times relevant herein, Defendants RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT; SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC; MARK LONGCHAMPS and DOES 1-50, inclusive, were the employees of, agents of, or were otherwise acting upon the direction of, each the other, and so acted within the scope of that employment or agency. 10. At all times mentioned herein, approximately 400 feet south of the intersection of Harborgate Way with W 190th Street is a

public road or highway in the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter "Subject Location"). **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**
11. Jurisdiction and venue are proper because the injury and loss occurred in the County of Los Angeles at the Subject Location. Additionally, Plaintiff and Defendants SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC and MARK LONGCHAMPS are residents of Los Angeles County. **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION — NEGLIGENCE (BY PLAINTIFF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**
12. Plaintiff incorporates as if alleged herein each allegation as set forth in paragraphs 1 through 11 above. 13. On or about March 2, 2022, at the Subject Location, Defendants, and each of them, negligently and recklessly drove, and operated the truck, causing Defendants' truck to collide with a stop sign and/or Plaintiff's person, directly and proximately causing those injuries and damages to the Plaintiffs as hereinafter described. 14. Defendants did so negligently hire, train, supervise, and retain its employee and agent, and did negligently provide him/her, and entrust him/her, with the truck, a dangerous instrumentality, with the prior knowledge that he/she lacked the skill, training, experience, expertise, and temperament to safely operate said dangerous instrumentality on a public roadway, and was unfit to do so, directly, and proximately resulting in severe injuries and damages to Plaintiff. 15 That as a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Defendants, and each of them, Plaintiff received severe injuries to his body and shock and injuries to his nervous system, all of which caused and continue to cause him severe pain and discomfort. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and based upon such information and belief alleges, that he will in the future suffer severe mental, physical and nervous pain and suffering, all to his general damages as a result of the incident alleged herein, in a sum according to proof at the time of trial. 16. That as a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of Defendants and each of them, and the injuries resulting therefrom, Plaintiff necessarily employed physicians, surgeons, mental health professionals, and other medical care providers for medical examination, treatment, and care of these injuries, and incurred medical and incidental expenses related thereto. As a result of said injuries Plaintiff will also have to incur additional like

expenses in the future, all in amounts presently unknown to him, in amounts according to proof at trial. 17. That as a direct and proximate result of the acts and omissions of each of the Defendants as alleged herein, and the injuries resulting therefrom, Plaintiff has been unable to carry out his usual occupation and will thereby suffer damages by reason of loss of income; past and future, in amounts according to proof at trial. **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION — NEGLIGENCE PER SE (BY PLAINTIFF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**
18. Plaintiff incorporates as if alleged herein each allegation as set forth in paragraphs 1 through 17 above. 19. At all times relevant herein, California Vehicle Code section 21952 was operative and applicable to defendants. Section 21952 provides as follows: *The driver of any motor vehicle, prior to driving over or upon any sidewalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian approaching thereon.* 20. At all times relevant herein, California Vehicle Code section 22350 was operative and applicable to defendants. Section 22350 provides as follows: *No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent.* 21. On March 2, 2022 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Defendants' agent or employee violated Vehicle Code sections 21952 and 22350 by failing to exercise due care and yielding the right of way to Plaintiff, and by driving at an excessive speed, Defendants' agent or employee drove onto the subject sidewalk while Plaintiff was lawfully present on the subject public sidewalk, striking a stop sign that subsequently struck Plaintiff. 22. As a direct and proximate cause of defendants' violation of Vehicle Code section 21952, Plaintiff has suffered serious bodily injuries. Plaintiff's involvement in such a traumatic occurrence has caused and continues to cause Plaintiff great mental physical and emotional suffering. Plaintiff has incurred medical and related expenses as a result and may continue to incur these expenses in the future. Plaintiff further incorporates by reference herein the damage allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 16, above. 23. *Vehicle Code* section 21952 is specifically intended to prevent the type of collision that occurred and injuries that were proximately caused as a result of defendants' reckless conduct. As such, Plaintiff was

within the class of persons for whose protection the statute was adopted that being any person with whom Defendants' agent or employee, as a motorist on a public thoroughfare, could come into contact. **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION — NEGLIGENCE (VICARIOUS LIABILITY) (BY PLAINTIFF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**
24. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 23, as though fully set forth herein. 25. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT; SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC; MARK LONGCHAMPS and DOES 1 through 50 were those owning, operating, controlling, repairing, modifying, and maintaining a certain 2015 Kalmar Ottawa (Diesel) Tractor Truck, white in color, bearing California license number 9F3 8105. 26. At all times relevant herein, Defendants RYDER TRUCK RENTAL LT; SYNCREON LOGISTICS USA LLC; MARK LONGCHAMPS and DOES 1-50, inclusive, were the employees of, agents of, or were otherwise acting upon the direction of, each the other, and so acted within the scope of that employment or agency. Defendants are therefore vicariously liable for Defendants' agent or employee's negligence under California Vehicle Code section 17150. 27. As a proximate result of the negligence of Defendants' agent or employee, Plaintiff was injured as set forth in paragraphs 1 through 21 above, which are incorporated by reference herein. **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION — NEGLIGENCE (NEGLIGENT ENTRUSTMENT) (BY PLAINTIFF AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS)**
28. Plaintiff incorporates by reference Paragraphs 1 through 25, as though fully set forth herein. 29. On March 2, 2022, Defendants permitted their agent or employee to drive their 2015 Kalmar Ottawa (Diesel) Tractor Truck, white in color, bearing California license number 9F3 8105, referenced herein. 30. At all times alleged in this Complaint, Defendants' agent or employee was a careless and reckless person in general and a careless and reckless driver of automobiles in particular. Although Defendants knew or should have known that their agent or employee was a careless and reckless driver, Defendants nevertheless negligently permitted said agent or employee to operate their 2015 Kalmar Ottawa (Diesel) Tractor Truck on public highways. 31. On March 2, 2022,

when Defendants supplied and entrusted the subject vehicle to their agent or employee, Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that said agent or employee was an inexperienced, incompetent, and unfit driver that would create an unreasonable risk of danger to persons and property on the public streets and highways. 32. On the date and time of the collision alleged in this Complaint, Defendants negligently entrusted the truck to their agent or employee, who in turn failed to yield the right of way to Plaintiff and in fact hit a stop sign that subsequently struck Plaintiff who was lawfully present on a public sidewalk. 33. As a proximate result of the negligence of Defendants and the resulting collision as previously alleged, Plaintiff was injured as set forth in paragraphs 1 through 32 above, which are incorporated by reference herein. **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the Defendants, and each of them, as follows: (1) For economic damages, including lost wages, lost employee benefits, medical expenses and other economic obligations incurred according to proof at trial; (2) For non-economic damages, including physical pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life and anxiety associated with his injuries; (3) For pre-judgment interest at the maximum legal rate; (4) For post-judgment interest at the maximum legal rate; (5) For costs of suit herein incurred; (6) For such other relief that at the Court may deem just and proper. **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**
Plaintiff requests that the present matter be set for jury trial. DATED: August 23, 2023 Respectfuemitted, Rafii & Associates, P.C. By: /s/ Christopher K. Roberts, Esq. Sean L. Frederick, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiffs **AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT (Fictitious/Incorrect Name)**
FICTITIOUS NAME (No order required)
Upon the filing of the complaint, the plaintiff, being ignorant of the true name of the defendant and having designated the defendant in the complaint by the fictitious name of: TOMMIE GRAY amends the complaint by substituting the true name for the fictitious name wherever it appears in the complaint. Date: 12-12-24 /s/ Sean L. Frederick **Gardena Valley News 12/18,25/25,1/1,8/2026 -159253**