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## POWER OF ATTORNEY

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UNIT 31 IN CATALINA VILLAS CONDOMINIUM III AS DELINEATED ON A SURVEY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE: THAT PART OF LOT 6 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 242.00 FEET OF THE EAST 185.00 FEET) IN SILVER LAKE GARDENS UNIT 8, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHICH SURVEY IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM MADE BY CATALINA CONSTRUCTION CORP., A CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS DOCUMENT 86296707, TOGETHER WITH ITS UNDIVIDED PERCENTAGE INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 15217 S. 73rd Avenue, #31, Orland Park, IL 60462

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 27-13-206-003-1031

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## "NOTICE TO THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING THE ILLINOIS STATUTORY SHORT FORM POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PROPERTY.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. The form that you will be signing is a legal document. It is governed by the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. If there is anything about this form that you do not understand, you should ask a lawyer to explain it to you.

The purpose of this Power of Attorney is to give your designated "agent" broad powers to handle your financial affairs, which may include the power to pledge, sell, or dispose of any of your real or personal property, even without your consent or any advance notice to you. When using the Statutory Short Form, you may name successor agents, but you may not name co-agents.

This form does not impose a duty upon your agent to handle your financial affairs, so it is important that you select an agent who will agree to do this for you. It is also important to select an agent whom you trust, since you are giving that agent control over your financial assets and property. Any agent who does act for you has a duty to act in good faith for your benefit and to use due care, competence, and diligence. He or she must also act in accordance with the law and with the directions in this form. Your agent must keep a record of all receipts, disbursements, and significant actions taken as your agent.

Unless you specifically limit the period of time that this Power of Attorney will be in effect, your agent may exercise the powers given to him or her throughout your lifetime, both before and after you become incapacitated. A court, however, can take away the powers of your agent if it finds that the agent is not acting properly. You may also revoke this Power of Attorney if you wish.

This Power of Attorney does not authorize your agent to appear in court for you as an attorney-at-law or otherwise to engage in the practice of law unless he or she is a licensed attorney who is authorized to practice law in Illinois.

The powers you give your agent are explained more fully in Section 3-4 of the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. This form is a part of that law. The "NOTE" paragraphs throughout this form are instructions.

You are not required to sign this Power of Attorney, but it will not take effect without your signature. You should not sign this Power of Attorney if you do not understand everything in it, and what your agent will be able to do if you do sign it.

Please place your initials on the following line indicating that you have read this Notice:

*PAJ*  
Principal's initials"

(d) The Illinois Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney for Property shall be substantially as follows:

### "ILLINOIS STATUTORY SHORT FORM POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PROPERTY

I, **LOUISE A. STEPANEK**, 15217 S. 73rd Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 hereby revoke all prior powers of attorney for property executed by me and appoint my husband, **JEROME A. STEPANEK**, 15217 S. 73rd Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 (NOTE: You may not name co-agents using this form.) as my attorney-in-fact (my "agent") to act for me and in my name (in any way I could act in person) with respect to the following powers, as defined in Section 3-4 of the "Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney for Property Law" (including all amendments), but subject to any limitations on or additions to the specified powers inserted in paragraph 2 or 3 below:

(NOTE: You must strike out any one or more of the following categories of powers you do not want your agent to have. Failure to strike the title of any category will cause the powers described in that category to be granted to the agent. To strike out a category you must draw a line through the title of that category.)

- (a) Real estate transactions.
- (b) Financial institution transactions.
- (c) Stock and bond transactions.
- (d) Tangible personal property transactions.
- (e) Safe deposit box transactions.
- (f) Insurance and annuity transactions.
- (g) Retirement plan transactions.

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(Second witness) The undersigned witness certifies that LOUISE A. STEPANEK known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed as principal to the foregoing power of attorney, appeared before me and the notary public and acknowledged signing and delivering the instrument as the free and voluntary act of the principal, for the uses and purposes therein set forth. I believe him or her to be of sound mind and memory. The undersigned witness also certifies that the witness is not: (a) the attending physician or mental health service provider or a relative of the physician or provider; (b) an owner, operator, or relative of an owner or operator of a health care facility in which the principal is a patient or resident; (c) a parent, sibling, descendant, or any spouse of such parent, sibling, or descendant of either the principal or any agent or successor agent under the foregoing power of attorney, whether such relationship is by blood, marriage, or adoption; or (d) an agent or successor agent under the foregoing power of attorney.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

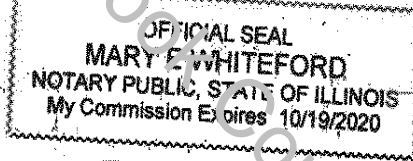
State of IL)

) SS.

County of Cook)

The undersigned, a notary public in and for the above county and state, certifies that LOUISE A. STEPANEK known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed as principal to the foregoing power of attorney, appeared before me and the witness(es) Isaac C. Franco (and \_\_\_\_\_) in person and acknowledged signing and delivering the instrument as the free and voluntary act of the principal, for the uses and purposes therein set forth, and certified in the correctness of the signature(s) of the agent(s).

Dated: 9/3/2019



Mary E. Whiteford  
Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

(NOTE: You may, but are not required to, request your agent and successor agents to provide specimen signatures below. If you include specimen signatures in this power of attorney, you must complete the certification opposite the signatures of the agents.)

Specimen signatures of agent (and successors)

I certify that the signatures of my agent (and successors) are genuine.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(agent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(successor agent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(successor agent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(principal)

(NOTE: The name, address, and phone number of the person preparing this form or who assisted the principal in completing this form should be inserted below.)

Isaac C. Franco  
11950 S. Harlem Ave, Ste 101  
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Phone: (708) 422-6050

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(e) Notice to Agent. The following form may be known as "Notice to Agent" and shall be supplied to an agent appointed under a power of attorney for property.

## "NOTICE TO AGENT"

When you accept the authority granted under this power of attorney a special legal relationship, known as agency, is created between you and the principal. Agency imposes upon you duties that continue until you resign or the power of attorney is terminated or revoked.

As agent you must:

- (1) do what you know the principal reasonably expects you to do with the principal's property;
- (2) act in good faith for the best interest of the principal, using due care, competence, and diligence;
- (3) keep a complete and detailed record of all receipts, disbursements, and significant actions conducted for the principal;
- (4) attempt to preserve the principal's estate plan, to the extent actually known by the agent, if preserving the plan is consistent with the principal's best interest; and
- (5) cooperate with a person who has authority to make health care decisions for the principal to carry out the principal's reasonable expectations to the extent actually in the principal's best interest. As agent you must not do any of the following:

- (1) act so as to create a conflict of interest that is inconsistent with the other principles in this Notice to Agent;
- (2) do any act beyond the authority granted in this power of attorney;
- (3) commingle the principal's funds with your funds;
- (4) borrow funds or other property from the principal, unless otherwise authorized;
- (5) continue acting on behalf of the principal if you learn of any event that terminates this power of attorney or your authority under this power of attorney, such as the death of the principal, your legal separation from the principal, or the dissolution of your marriage to the principal.

If you have special skills or expertise, you must use those special skills and expertise when acting for the principal. You must disclose your identity as an agent whenever you act for the principal by writing or printing the name of the principal and signing your own name "as Agent" in the following manner:

"(Principal's Name) by (Your Name) as Agent"

The meaning of the powers granted to you is contained in Section 3-4 of the Illinois Power of Attorney Act, which is incorporated by reference into the body of the power of attorney for property document.

If you violate your duties as agent or act outside the authority granted to you, you may be liable for any damages, including attorney's fees and costs, caused by your violation.

If there is anything about this document or your duties that you do not understand, you should seek legal advice from an attorney."

(f) The requirement of the signature of a witness in addition to the principal and the notary, imposed by Public Act 91-790, applies only to instruments executed on or after June 9, 2000 (the effective date of that Public Act).

(NOTE: This amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly deletes provisions that referred to the one required witness as an "additional witness", and it also provides for the signature of an optional "second witness".)

(Source: P.A. 96-1195, eff. 7-1-11.)