information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraph and therefore denies each and every allegation therein.

3. In response to paragraph 3 of the SAC, JPMorgan lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraph and therefore denies each and every allegation therein.

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- 4. In response to paragraph 4 of the SAC, based upon information and belief, JPMorgan admits the allegations set forth therein.
- 5. In response to paragraph 5 of the SAC, JPMorgan states that it is a national banking association authorized to do business in the State of California. JPMorgan denies that it is a corporation. As to the remaining allegations, JPMorgan admits it is the current servicer and owner of the Subject Loan.
- 6. In response to paragraph 6 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies that the loan has been securitized. Except as expressly alleged, JPMorgan lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraph and therefore denies each and every allegation therein.
- 7. In response to paragraph 7 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary.

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8. In response to paragraph 8 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary. To the extent that the paragraph contains allegations of fact directed against JPMorgan, JPMorgan lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraph and therefore deny each and every allegation therein.

# **Claims for Relief**

9. In response to paragraph 9 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations contained therein.

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#### **Background Facts**

- 10. In response to paragraph 10 of the SAC, JPMorgan, based upon information and belief, admits the allegations therein.
- In response to paragraph 11 of the SAC, JPMorgan lacks knowledge and 11. information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraph and therefore denies each and every allegation therein.
- In response to paragraph 12 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that Plaintiff executed a Fixed / Adjustable Rate Note ("Subject Note") in the amount of \$2,660,000.00 payable to Washington Mutual Bank, FA. JPMorgan further admits Plaintiff executed the DOT. As to the remaining allegations, Defendant lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraph and therefore denies each and every remaining allegation therein.
- In response to paragraph 13 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits the allegations 13. contained therein.
- In response to paragraph 14 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 14. therein.
- In response to paragraph 15 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that it is the 15. owner and servicer of the Loan.
- In response to paragraph 16 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits the allegations 16. contained therein.
- In response to paragraph 17 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that on August 17. 16, 2010, California Reconveyance Company ("CRC") caused to be recorded a Notice of Sale ("NOS") which set the date of the trustees' sale of the Subject Property as September 7, 2010, and that the document is the best evidence of its contents and speaks for itself.

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#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

#### Violation of Civil Code Section 2923.5

- 18. In response to paragraph 18 of the SAC, JPMorgan re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 17 as if set forth herein.
- 19. In response to paragraph 19 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits the allegations contained therein.
- 20. In response to paragraph 20 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that it received the subject letter, but denies that it was not working to assist the Plaintiff.
- 21. In response to paragraph 21 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary.
- In response to paragraph 22 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 22. therein.
- 23. In response to paragraph 23 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary.
- In response to paragraph 24 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that it sent Exhibit 7 to the Complaint, but denies the remaining allegations.
- In response to paragraph 25 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits on or about 25. May 14, 2010, CRC caused a Notice of Default concerning the Subject Property to be recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office. Defendant admits the remaining allegations contained in paragraph 25.
- In response to paragraph 26 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 26. contained therein.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

# Wrongful Foreclosure

- In response to paragraph 27 of the SAC, JPMorgan re-alleges and 27. incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 26 as if set forth herein.
- In response to paragraph 28 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 28. therein.

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- 29. In response to paragraph 29 of the SAC, JPMorgan alleges no recorded transfer was necessary as it acquired the Loan from the FDIC pursuant to a Purchase and Assumption Agreement dated September 25, 2008.
- 30. In response to paragraph 30 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations therein.
- 31. In response to paragraph 31 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations therein.
- 32. In response to paragraph 32 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that the Subject Note speaks for itself and is the best evidence of its contents.
- 33. In response to paragraph 33 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that the DOT speaks for itself and is the best evidence of its contents.
- In response to paragraph 34 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 34. therein.
- In response to paragraph 35 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that paragraph 35. 24 of the DOT speaks for itself. As to the remaining allegations, JPMorgan denies each and every allegation therein.
- In response to paragraph 36 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that on about 36. May 3, 2010 CRC caused to be recorded a substitution of trustee. Defendant denies Deborah Brignac's signature is a forgery.
- 37. In response to paragraph 37 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the subject signature is a forgery.
- In response to paragraph 38 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that on or 38. about May 14, 2010, CRC caused to be recorded a Notice of Default ("NOD") regarding the Subject Property which was signed by Silvia Freeberg. As to the remaining allegations, JPMorgan admits it is described as beneficiary in the Declaration of Compliance. JPMorgan admits that Washington Mutual is described in the NOD as the original beneficiary. JPMorgan denies the loan was sold in 2006.
  - In response to paragraph 39 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 39.

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#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

#### **Quasi Contract**

- In response to paragraph 40 of the SAC, JPMorgan re-alleges and 40. incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 39 as if set forth herein.
- In response to paragraph 41 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits the allegations 41. contained therein.
- 42. In response to paragraph 42 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations contained therein.
- In response to paragraph 43 of the SAC, JPMorgan admits that paragraph 43. 23 of the DOT speaks for itself. As to the remaining allegations, JPMorgan denies the allegations therein.
- 44. In response to paragraph 44 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary. To the extent that the paragraph contains allegations of fact directed against JPMorgan, JPMorgan denies each and every allegation therein.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

#### No Contract

- In response to paragraph 45 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed 45. with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- In response to paragraph 46 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed 46. with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- In response to paragraph 47 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed 47. with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- In response to paragraph 48 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed 48. with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- In response to paragraph 49 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed 49. with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.

- 50. In response to paragraph 50 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 51. In response to paragraph 51 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 52. In response to paragraph 52 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 53. In response to paragraph 53 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 54. In response to paragraph 54 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 55. In response to paragraph 55 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 56. In response to paragraph 56 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 57. In response to paragraph 57 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 58. In response to paragraph 58 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# **Quiet Title**

- 59. In response to paragraph 59 of the SAC, JPMorgan re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 44 as if set forth herein.
- 60. In response to paragraph 60 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary. To the extent that the paragraph contains allegations of fact directed against JPMorgan, JPMorgan lacks knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in said paragraph and therefore deny each and every allegation therein.
  - 61. In response to paragraph 61 of the SAC, based upon information and

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belief, JPMorgan admits the allegations therein.

- In response to paragraph 62 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 62. contained therein.
- In response to paragraph 63 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 63. contained therein.
- In response to paragraph 64 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations contained therein.
- 65. In response to paragraph 65 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary. To the extent that the paragraph contains allegations of fact directed against JPMorgan, JPMorgan denies each and every allegation therein.

#### SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# **Declaratory and Injunctive Relief**

- In response to paragraph 66 of the SAC, JPMorgan re-alleges and 66. incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 44, and 69 through 65 as if set forth herein.
- In response to paragraph 67 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 67. contained therein.
- In response to paragraph 68 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph 68. contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary. To the extent that the paragraph contains allegations of fact directed against JPMorgan, JPMorgan denies each and every allegation therein.
- In response to paragraph 69 of the SAC, JPMorgan denies the allegations 69. contained therein.
- In response to paragraph 70 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph 70. contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary. To the extent that the paragraph contains allegations of fact directed against JPMorgan, JPMorgan denies each and every allegation therein.

71. In response to paragraph 71 of the SAC, the allegations in this paragraph contain legal conclusions as to which no answer is necessary. To the extent that the paragraph contains allegations of fact directed against JPMorgan, JPMorgan denies each and every allegation therein, that it acted improperly or that it caused any damage to Plaintiff.

#### **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress**

- 72. In response to paragraph 72 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 73. In response to paragraph 73 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 74. In response to paragraph 74 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 75. In response to paragraph 75 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 76. In response to paragraph 76 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 77. In response to paragraph 77 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.
- 78. In response to paragraph 78 of the SAC, as this claim has been dismissed with prejudice, no response to this paragraph is required.

As separate and distinct affirmative defenses to the SAC on file in this action, JPMorgan alleges as follows:

# FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

# (Failure to State a Claim for Relief)

1. The SAC, and each claim asserted in the SAC, fails to set forth facts sufficient to constitute a claim for relief against JPMorgan.

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SECOND AI	FIRMATIVE	<b>DEFENSE</b>
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#### (Waiver)

Plaintiff is barred by the equitable doctrine of waiver from obtaining any 2. relief as against JPMorgan.

#### THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### (Estoppel)

Plaintiff is estopped from asserting and/or recovering on any claims 3. against JPMorgan by reason of Plaintiff's own acts, omissions, and conduct.

#### FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### (Unclean Hands)

Plaintiff is barred by the equitable doctrine of unclean hands from 4. asserting any claim against JPMorgan.

# FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

# (Privilege)

5. The SAC, and each claim asserted in the SAC, is barred by virtue of the fact that all of the acts alleged to have been performed by JPMorgan were privileged or justified, if performed at all.

# SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

# (Unjust Enrichment)

The SAC, and each claim asserted in the SAC, is barred by virtue of the 6. fact that Plaintiff would be unjustly enriched to the detriment of JPMorgan.

# SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

# (Offset)

The SAC, and each claim asserted in the SAC, is barred, in whole or part, 7. by virtue of offsets to which JPMorgan is entitled by way of Plaintiff's wrongful conduct.

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# EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### (Ratification)

8. The SAC, and each claim asserted in the SAC, is barred by Plaintiff's ratification of the actions allegedly undertaken.

# NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### (Consent)

9. The SAC, and each claim asserted in the SAC, is barred by Plaintiff's consent.

#### TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### (Comparative Fault)

10. Plaintiff's recovery, if any, must be reduced proportionately to the extent that any damages alleged by Plaintiff are caused and contributed to by Plaintiff's own action or actions by third parties.

# **ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

#### (Failure to Mitigate)

11. Plaintiff is barred from recovering monetary damages from JPMorgan or any other relief against JPMorgan to the extent Plaintiff failed to mitigate or reasonably attempt to mitigate the damages as required by law.

# TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

# (Right to Add Additional Affirmative Defenses)

12. JPMorgan allege that they cannot fully anticipate all affirmative defenses that may be applicable to the within action. Accordingly, the right to assert additional affirmative defenses, if and to the extent that such affirmative defenses are applicable, is hereby reserved.

# THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

# (Equitable Lien)

13. Defendant alleges that it is entitled to an equitable lien in the amount that its loan paid off existing loans secured by the subject property.

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#### FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

#### (Good Faith Encumbrancer)

14. Defendant alleges that its security interests in the subject property should stand, as Defendant is a good-faith encumbrancer for value which took its interests without actual or record notice of any adverse claims.

# WHEREFORE, JPMorgan prays:

- 1. That Plaintiff takes nothing by his SAC;
- 2. For dismissal of the SAC against JPMorgan with prejudice;
- 3. For attorneys' fees as permitted by law or contract and costs of suit; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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A Professional Corporation

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