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9	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
10	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE		
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12 13	ANONYMOUS INVESTOR, and similarly situated persons in the public interest,) CASE NO	
14	Plaintiff/Petitioner,) COMPLAINT FOR FRAUD,	
15	vs.	 UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES, DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP [Corporations Code § 2000], DECLARATORY 	
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	JOVANE INVESTMENTS, COMMUNITY FIRST BANK, GMAC MORTGAGE CORP., SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, AURORA LOAN SERVICES, HOME EQ SERVICING, SLS LOAN SERVICING, SUNBURST FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, OETTING ENTERPRISES, INC., DOES 1 through 250, Inclusive, Defendants/Respondents.	RELIEF; FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE Unlimited Civil Jurisdiction Unlimited Civil Jurisdiction	
23	${\it Plaintiff} and {\it Petitioner}, ANONYMOUSINVESTOR, herebypetitionsand$		
25	alleges as follows:		
26	1. ANONYMOUS INVESTOR	R ("INVESTOR") is a resident of the City of Temecula,	
27	County of Riverside, State	of California. INVESTOR is similarly situated to at least	
28	400 other victims of the fi	raud of Defendant JOVANE INVESTMENTS, or related	
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entities, as alleged herein. Plaintiff sues under a pseudonym because notice of the name of the Plaintiff, at this time, will foreseeably cause harm to her and/or her family because of previous perceived threats made by Defendants or persons related to business dealings of the "JOVANE INVESTMENTS" Defendants and the fact that financial privacy is a huge concern in this case. INVESTOR also seeks protective orders as necessary to the protection of her and her family, in the interest of preventing harm to ongoing investigations, and in the interest of preserving assets held by the Defendants. INVESTOR also wants to provide an opportunity for the Riverside County District Attorney, California Attorney General, or United States Attorney (Southern or Central District) to take over all or part of the criminal or civil prosecution of this case.

Defendants COMMUNITY FIRST BANK, GMAC MORTGAGE CORP., AURORA LOAN SERVICES, HOME EO SERVICING, SLS LOAN SERVICING, and DOES 1 through 20, Inclusive, are mortgage lending companies who have an interest in the adjudication of this matter and who regularly conduct business within the borders of the State of California, and in the County of Riverside. As many as several hundred loans with said mortgage providers, or other lenders, may be affected by this litigation and said lenders have a direct interest in the constructive trust to be established by this Court as against Defendant JOVANE INVESTMENTS and companies/persons related to the same. Most of these hundreds of loans have been originated in the Murrieta/Temecula Valley. The California Department of Corporations, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Riverside County District Attorney are aware of the true names and capacities of the related entities involved in this extensive alleged real estate fraud case. Protective orders necessary to the disclosure and dissemination of information relating to said investigations or inquiries by law enforcement will be necessary for the adequate prosecution of this case.

3. Defendant JOVANE INVESTMENTS, is a business entity of unknown origin or form,

that operates within the County of Riverside, State of California. Upon information and belief, it is alleged that JOVANE INVESTMENTS is ostensibly operating from an address commonly known and located at 26555 Mahonia Way, Murrieta, CA 92562. Plaintiff will amend this complaint if new or different information comes to light. JOVANE INVESTMENTS, while purporting to be a legitimate business enterprise, has failed to identify its true address, place of business, or location on the Internet. Defendants SUNBURST FINANCIAL SYSTEMS and OETTING ENTERPRISES, INC., are alleged to be business operating within the State of California, but of unknown true form and identity. These two defendants appear throughout JOVANE INVESTMENTS-related activities as documented by INVESTOR and other class members.

- 4. JOVANE INVESTMENTS is not known to plaintiffs to be licensed as a securities investment firm, certified financial planning firm, law firm, currency broker, or other licensed entity relating to the type of business, which ordinarily requires a license to operate within the State of California, in which JOVANE INVESTMENTS ("JOVANE") is currently claims to be engaged.
- 5. DOES 21 through 250 are other persons, agents, representatives, employees, principals, parties acting in concert with, or business entities associated with the tortious and illegal activities of Defendant JOVANE. Each of these DOE defendants conspired with, formulated schemes with, acted with, worked with, or acted in a representative capacity as to the others.
- 6. Serious irreparable harm will occur if the JOVANE-related defendants are not stopped from engaging in the illegal behavior complained of herein.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANT FACTS

APPLICABLE TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

- 7. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs 1 through 6 as though fully set forth and alleged herein.
- 8. In fall of 2004, Plaintiff joined an alleged investment group based out of Murrieta.

The principals and agents of JOVANE, and related mortgage company representatives, were the entities/persons responsible for establishing the group and finding interested investors. JOVANE is not a licensed real estate company, licensed securities firm, licensed financial institution, or licensed currency broker within the United States or California. The "investment group" is a fraud and Plaintiff did not find out about the same until many months later. The investment group commonly lured investors by sponsoring meetings at a Marie Callendars' food establishment located on Ynez and Rancho California streets in the City of Temecula, County of Riverside, State of California. Said investor meetings took place in and around fall of 2004 and thereafter. Meetings have occurred as recently as just weeks ago. The purpose of these meetings is to have potential investors become involved in the fraudulent schemes referenced in Exhibits "1" and "2." The schemes all bear the hallmarks of what the Federal Bureau of Investigation views as "property-flipping" and "skimming" real estate activities. (See Exhibit "4" as sought to be incorporated as though fully set forth herein).

- 9. Many of the persons brought into the "investment" group are of Filipino descent and work within the hospital nursing community in the Temecula-Murrieta area and Northern San Diego County. Rancho Springs Medical Center presently employs many of the victims and at least one perpetrator of the fraud described and alleged herein.
- 10. In or about November 2004, the principals of JOVANE represented to Plaintiff and other similarly situated persons at "investor meetings" that the investors could invest and buy into real estate. Also, at some point in time thereafter, Plaintiff class members gave some kind of power of attorney over to the JOVANE-related defendants who used the power to open hundreds of thousands of dollars in open lines of credit. In late 2006, the victims of what appears to be identity theft or misuse of powers of attorney, were demanded by JOVANE-related companies to cash out all open lines of credit, pay the proceeds to the JOVANE-related

defendants, or face imminent foreclosure and financial disaster. Other class members were told to cash out retirement accounts or other accounts or be destroyed financially. The persons who made telephonic threats to this effect were associated with JOVANE. Copies of tape-recorded messages relating to the alleged JOVANE scheme are alleged to be in the possession, custody or control of investigating authorities or will soon be.

- 11. The true facts relating to the scheme are set forth in Attachment "1," a true and correct copy of a letter sent to the Riverside County District Attorney's office by counsel herein. The document is redacted so as not to interfere with ongoing federal, state and local investigations into the individual or related persons involved in the scheme to defraud the Plaintiff and similarly situated persons. All unredacted portions are true and correct and are fully incorporated as though fully alleged and set forth herein. Plaintiff will amend this complaint as necessary to effectuate justice and disclosure as required by the facts or relevant court orders.
- The loans or mortgage obligations taken out with respect to the properties mentioned in Exhibit "1" were with the other named Defendants or their predecessors. All of these loans are about to go into a default and foreclosure status. The local courts will soon be inundated with hundreds of cases involving failed loans relating to the facts surrounding the instant litigation. During the pendency of the investigation of this case, Plaintiff seeks an injunction preventing the same with related orders allowing all rents or other profits from the properties to be held in constructive trust for the Defendants other than JOVANE.
- 13. JOVANE INVESTMENTS and DOES 21 through 30 are alleged to be currently in possession, custody or control of excess funds received from escrow on the bad loans with the mortgage company/holder Defendants, and any "investment" returns or interest on the money belong to the other mortgage-holder Defendants who have a beneficial, equitable or security interest in the same. JOVANE's funds are alleged to be on deposit with UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA or other California banking

- institutions. Funds have and continue to be wired by and through a companies known as SUNBURST FINANCIAL SYSTEMS and OETTING ENTERPRISES, INC., Both companies are believed to have been involved in prior investigations by private and/or governmental entities. (See Exhibit "5" as incorporated herewith in its entirety as to allegations and alleged facts set forth therein).
- 14. On or about May 31, 2006, JOVANE purports to have purchased Iraqi Dinars on behalf of INVESTOR. Said purchases were allegedly made on and behalf of other plaintiff class members as well. A redacted copy of the fraudulent agreement presented to INVESTOR is provided herewith. INVESTOR never purchased such currency. Exhibit "2" was provided to INVESTOR after the alleged date that dinars were allegedly purchased (mid 2006). The statement of facts/averments contained in Exhibit "2" is a lie. Exhibit "2" has been presented for signatures by licensed notary public Chris Smith, who worked for the JOVANE-related Defendants. Her notary journal is the subject of a written demand to avoid spoliation of evidence. The notary journal contains the names of many other victims who are members of the plaintiff class alleged herein. A notary by the name of "Crystal Fingers" is also alleged to have been involved in the documentation leading up to the bad loans and currency investments described herein.
- 15. JOVANE is not a registered currency exchange representative or authorized agent of the United States Treasury Department or Iraqi government.
- 16. JOVANE is not a registered securities broker.
- 22 | 17. JOVANE is not a licensed banking institution.
- 23 | 18. JOVANE is not a licensed financial planning entity.
- 24 19. JOVANE is not registered as a corporation with the Secretary of State.
- 25 20. JOVANE is related to certain persons engaged in the practice of real estate as set forth in Exhibit "1."
 - 21. The current United States Dollar ("USD") to Iraqi Dinar ("ID") currency exchange rate is less than 600USD:1,000,000ID. The reasonable exchange rate has never,

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since post-war issuance of the dinars, been 25,000USD:1,000,000ID.

- 22. Iraqi dinars have never been delivered to Plaintiff or other class members as indicated in Exhibit "2," although a purchase was alleged to have occurred in late spring of 2006. Had dinars been provided as promised or represented, they would have appeared substantially similar to the images contained in Exhibit "3" hereto, which a true and correct exemplar of the appearance of current Iraqi dinars put into circulation after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.
- 23. Money allegedly held by JOVANE was, in part, to be used to pay mortgage payments to the other mortgage-holder Defendants. Alternatively, the money held by JOVANE is purchase money and the other Defendants maintain a security interest in the same. JOVANE or its representatives have represented in loan documentation that the monies in JOVANE INVESTMENTS, SUNBURST FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, or OETTING ENTERPRISES "accounts" are that of Plaintiff's and there are bank records with wire transfer information and loan documentation held by the innocent mortgage-holder co-defendants which confirms the same as well.
- 24. Plaintiff seeks the imposition of a constructive trust as against all assets of JOVANE and any alter-egos, principals, or operators of the JOVANE INVESTMENTS business.
 - As a result of the actions of JOVANE, the Plaintiff has been personally and severely damaged in an amount far exceeding \$1,000,000.00. It is alleged herein that the total value and economic effect of the fraud against Plaintiff, class members, neighbors of homes in foreclosure or about to be in foreclosure, and the Riverside County Assessor's office, and the Temecula/Murrieta community (bad loans, stolen money, damaged credit histories, lost retirement accounts, interest in fraudulent credit, foreclosure costs, lost home values, diminution of neighborhood values) likely exceeds \$1,200,000,000.000.00. The plaintiff class seeks damages in said amount plus punitive damages not to exceed 10 times the value of the case. Plaintiff alleges that there are over 400 investors in JOVANE-related fraud schemes and that each "owns"

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at least several properties with individual loan values of \$550,000-\$800,000. Conservatively, the fraud value is in the hundreds of millions of dollars. The decreasing value of real property in the region, inventory of available homes for sale, building permits, and continuing activities of the defendants could cause this number to go much higher. It should also be noted that not all JOVANE-related plaintiffs own real estate. Some were defrauded through direct cash investments in JOVANE-related investments. However, the fraud on all anticipated class members bears core similarities in fact and legal analysis. Class certification will be necessary to efficiently dispose of all relevant claims and to prevent inundation of an already overcrowded civil justice system in this Court.

The conduct of the Defendants was reckless, intentional, fraudulent and done with 26. the desire to oppress the rights of the plaintiff class and its members.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR FRAUD

As Against JOVANE INVESTMENTS and DOES 21-250

- Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs 1 through 26 as though fully set forth 27. herein.
- 28. The statements of fact in Exhibit "2" are completely misleading, false, and intended to induce JOVANE investors into using money borrowed from the mortgage-holder Defendants for investment in alleged Iraqi dinars. JOVANE's principals do not disclose that they intend on keeping the difference between the 25,000.00 USD that they are charging for 1,000,000.00ID and the actual \$400-500.00 value, at best, of the same dinars.
- JOVANE appears to be representing itself as a part of legitimate currency exchange 29. markets and JOVANE has no such qualifications.
- JOVANE, for all intensive purposes, is not a "real" company. However, the 30. principals referenced in Exhibit "1," and whose true names and capacities are known to governmental agencies mentioned herein, are operating the company known as

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related companies. Imposition of a constructive trust in conjunction with the same is sought herewith.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF & INDEMNITY BY JOVANE

As Against All Defendants

- 47. There exists a legitimate controversy over the facts and legal allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 46 above.
- 48. There is a legal controversy as to the meaning and legal importance of Exhibit "2" and any executed documents that exist between other class members and the Defendants as related to any happenings with JOVANE or its principals (including mortgage brokers, appraisers, agents, title companies, escrow companies and other related entities).
- 49. The controversy cannot be resolved without judicial intervention.
- 50. Plaintiff and related class members seek a decree as to the rights, obligations, privileges, benefits and meaning of Exhibit "2" and the legal duties of the parties as alleged herein.
- 51. Plaintiff seeks indemnity against Defendant JOVANE and DOES 21-250 with respect to her obligations under any mortgages with any other named defendants herein.
- 52. The mortgage-holder defendants have already given notices to INVESTOR relating to defaults on the loans referenced herein. A total of 10 separate loans, at a loan value exceeding \$5,000,000.00, are affected as to INVESTOR alone. The total number of loans affected by JOVANE-related activities is likely in the hundreds, if not thousands, within the Temecula/Murrieta area. The enforceability and collection of the same are dependent on this Court's rulings and protective orders as sought herein.
- 53. Plaintiff has placed the mortgage-holder defendants on notice of the intent to file this action. This action is necessary to prevent future harm to other investors and to prevent interference with complete investigation and adjudication of all possible

claims against the JOVANE-related Defendants.

54. Notice has been given to all related persons or parties with respect to the duty to preserve evidence necessary to the prosecution of this matter by Plaintiff, prospective class members, or the mortgage-holder defendants. Judicial relief is sought as to the handling, administration, and scope of release of information to said parties or others.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FOR FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE

(As Against JOVANE INVESTMENTS, SUNBURST FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, OETTING ENTERPRISES, INC., and DOES 21-200)

- 55. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs 1 through 54 as though fully set forth and alleged herein.
- The transfers of excess loan proceeds from transactions, as described in Exhibit "1," made between JOVANE-related entities and was made with the intent to hinder, delay and defraud the mortgage-holder defendants named herein, who are creditors of Plaintiff INVESTOR and class members.
- 57. At all relevant times Plaintiffs were creditors of JOVANE INVESTMENTS, SUNBURST FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, and OETTING ENTERPRISES, INC., as a matter of law.
- 58. Claims arose before the transfers alleged in this case. Transfers of assets that could have been used to satisfy the lenders or plaintiffs, as creditors, were made without lawful consideration by the Defendants and in conjunction with persons and companies commonly known as Hendrix Montecastro, Helen Montecastro, Stonewood Consulting, James Duncan, Pacific Wealth Management, Rose Valenciano, Nelly Carpo, Chris Smith, Crystal Fingers, Bob Montecastro, Maurice McCloud, Linda Brooks, and one Terri Aime. The exact involvement of these persons is yet unknown as to full scope and effect. Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend this complaint as appropriate depending on the culpability or non-culpability

1	5.	Damages in the am	ount of \$1,200,000,000.00 to be placed in constructive or actual	
2		trust to be distribu	ated to victims of the JOVANE-Defendants' fraud and to those	
3		governmental agen	cies who incur costs as a result of the investigation of any matters	
4		against the JOVAN	IE-related defendants, whether named or unnamed.	
5	6.	The granting of an	y requests for intervention by any governmental or regulatory	
6		agency who seeks t	the same in this case, if at all.	
7	7.	Punitive damages a	as to the first cause of action, not to exceed 10 times the value of	
8		any proven fraud herein.		
9	8.	Costs of suit.		
10	9.	Restitution, constr	uctive trust, and rescission where appropriate to make Plaintiff	
11		whole on any or all	of the causes of action as alleged.	
12	10.	Any and all other r	elief as necessary or deemed appropriate in this case.	
13	11.	Attorneys' fees put	rsuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5 and the	
14		provisions of Califo	ornia Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq.	
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