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October 7, 2015

Mark Corso-Chief Financial Officer San Francisco Fire Department 682 2nd street San Francisco, CA 94107

> Administration of the Pastor Revocable Trust Re:

Dear Mr. Corso:

As you know, The San Francisco Fire Department is one of the beneficiaries of Pastor Revocable Trust.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$4,400.00 which represents The San Francisco Fire Department's remaining 2% interest in the Trust. Please sign and date the Acknowledgment of Receipt and return it to my office in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Joseph P. Corey

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July 17, 2015

Mark Corso-Chief Financial Officer San Francisco Fire Department 682 2nd street San Francisco, CA 94107

Re: Administration of the Pastor Revocable Trust

Dear Mark Corso:

As you know, the San Francisco Fire Department is one of the beneficiaries of Pastor Revocable Trust and the estate of Russell Pastor. The administration of the estate is now virtually complete and the Trustee is now prepared to make a distribution to each beneficiary.

Enclosed is the Beneficiary Accounting for your review. Once you have completed a careful review, please sign and date the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Accounting and return it to my office in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

The Trustee will be making a preliminary distribution of \$ 3,400,000.00 to the beneficiaries. When I receive the signed Acknowledgment and Receipt, the Trustee will forward a check to The San Francisco Fire Department in the amount of \$ 68,000.00. This will represent the San Francisco Fire Department's initial 2% interest in the Trust.

It is important to note the trust estate will not be fully distributed at this time. We will keep a reserve to account for any unexpected expenses, bills or liabilities that may arise in the next couple of months.

Also, approximately \$ 200,000 of the estate was held in accounts not titled in the name of the Pastor Revocable Trust. As such, those accounts are now subject to the Probate Court. While we have petitioned the Court to have that money released to the Trustee, it is possible that a full Probate of that portion of the estate may be necessary. In that case, the release of that money to the beneficiaries may take up to one year. We will keep you informed either way.

Please call if you have any questions.

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| 1 2 | EDWARD E. COREY (STATE BAR #124900) JOSEPH P. COREY (STATE BAR #154514) COREY & COREY, A Professional Corporation 300 Montgomery Street, Suite 500 | ENDORSED Superior Court of California County of San Francisco MAY 15 2015 |
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| 4 5 | jpc@corey-corey.com | CLERK OF THE COURT BY: KURT KYAUK Deputy Clerk |
| 6 | Attorneys for LEONARD P. SHAPIRO, Trustee | • |
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| 8 | SUPERIOR COURT FOR TI | HE STATE OF CALIFORNIA |
| 9 | FOR THE COUNTY | OF SAN FRANCISCO |
| 10 | T | PTR-15-298774 |
| 11 | -In re |) CASE NO.) PETITION FOR ORDER CONFIRMING) SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE AND TRUST |
| 12 | PASTOR REVOCABLE TRUST, DATED January 18, 1994 |) ASSETS; MEMORANDUM OF POINT'S |
| 13 | January 16, 1994 |) AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION) OF JOSEPH P. COREY; VERIFICATION) OF LEONARD P. SHAPIRO |
| 14 | |) C.C.P. §§ 850 (a)(3) and 17200.1 |
| 15 | |) DATE: = JUL 14 2015 |
| 16 | , |) TIME: 9:00 a.m.) DEPARTMENT: PROBATE, Room 203 |
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| 19 | The Trustee LEONARD P. SHAPI | RO herein petitions this Court for an ORDER |
| 20 | CONFIRMING SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE AND CO | NFIRMING TRUST ASSETS. |
| 21 | Said motion will be based on the f | following: 1) the Decedent RUSSELL R. PASTOR |
| 22 | intended that all of his assets either be part of his | Revocable Living Trust or that they pass |
| 23 | automatically to named beneficiaries; 2) the Dece | dent declared that all of the assets on the Exhibit |
| 24 | A to his Revocable Living Trust were assets of his | Trust; 3) the Decedent specifically identified the |
| 25 | assets at issue in the Exhibit A to both modification | ons to his Revocable Living Trust; 4) the Decedent |
| 26 | successfully transferred 96% of his estate to the Tr | rust (or designated a beneficiary); and 5) the |
| 27 | Decedent believed that his Wells Fargo and JP Mo | organ Chase bank accounts were properly titled in |

the name of his Revocable Living Trust.

Said motion will be based on this notice, the memorandum of points and authorities set forth below, the provisions of <u>Probate Code</u> §§ 850(a)(3) and 17200.1, the holding of <u>Estate of Halvard L. Heggstad</u> (1993) 16 Cal. App.4th 943, the attached declaration of Joseph P. Corey, the attached Verification of Leonard P. Shapiro and the complete files and records in this action.

DATED: May 4, 2015

COREY & COREY, P.C.

JOSEPH P. COREY

Attorneys for LEONARD P. SHAPIRO,

Trustee.

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I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Russell R. Pastor (hereinafter the "Decedent") died on January 4, 2015. (A true and correct copy of the Death Certificate is attached hereto as Exhibit "A").

On January 18, 1994, the Decedent executed the PASTOR REVOCABLE TRUST (hereinafter the "Trust"). (A true and correct copy of the Trust is attached hereto as Exhibit "B").

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

The Decedent modified his Trust twice, the first time on May 6, 2002, and the second time September 4, 2013. (A true and correct copy of the Modifications are attached hereto as Exhibits "C" and "D").

Pursuant to the terms of the Trust, Leonard P. Shapiro is now the acting Trustee.

The Decedent was very concerned about making sure that his estate would avoid

Probate upon his death. Toward that end, he took several steps to re-title his assets in the name of
his Revocable Living Trust:

- 1) On January 20, 1994, two days after he signed his Revocable Living

 Trust, he a) wrote a letter to Merrill Lynch, asking them to re-title his brokerage account (A true
 and correct copy of the letter to Merrill Lynch is attached hereto as Exhibit "E") and b) visited

 Wells Fargo in person to make sure they re-titled his bank accounts there (A true and correct copy
 of the letter from Wells Fargo confirming his request is attached hereto as Exhibit "F");
- 2) He transferred his California Lottery Prize to his Trust with an Assignment. (A true and correct copy of the Declaration By Russell R. Pastor and Assignment of California Lottery Prize to the Pastor Revocable Trust is attached hereto as Exhibit "G");
- 3) He transferred his real property to his Trust; (A true and correct copy of the Grant Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "H");
- 4) He specifically listed the assets he intended to make part of his Revocable Living Trust on the Exhibit A to the First Modification to Pastor Revocable Trust, Dated January 18, 1994, and on the Exhibit A to the Second Modification to Pastor Revocable Trust, Dated January 18, 1994. (See Exhibits "C" and "D").

| 1 | In Article I, Paragraph (A) of the Pastor Revocable Trust, Dated January 18, 1994, | | | |
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| 2 | entitled "Designation of Trust Property", the Decedent declared: "The Trustee declares that he | | | |
| 3 | has set aside and holds in trust all of his property that he may describe in Exhibit A, attached to this | | | |
| 4 | instrument". | | | |
| 5 | The Exhibit "A" to the Decedent's Second (and final) Modification to the Pastor | | | |
| 6 | Revocable trust, lists the trust property as follows: | | | |
| 7 | EXHIBIT A | | | |
| 8 | PROPERTY OF | | | |
| 9 | RUSSELL R. PASTOR | | | |
| 10 | Bank Accounts: CITIBANK 138 West Portal Avenue | | | |
| 11 | SF CA 94127 Acct. #: 040012438459 | | | |
| 12 | Acct. #: 040010431720 | | | |
| } | Wells Fargo Bank | | | |
| 13 | 145 West Portal Avenue SF CA 94127 | | | |
| 14 | Acct. #: 0078499274 | | | |
| 15 | Safety Deposit Box:(Client Privilege) | | | |
| 16 | JP Morgan Chase Bank 98 West Portal Avenue | | | |
| | SF CA 94127 | | | |
| 17 | Acct. #: 393-321465-7 Acct. #: 000000928049601 | | | |
| 18 | Acct. #: CA2-286770 | | | |
| 19 | Stocks/Funds: Merrill Lynch | | | |
| 20 | 800 California Street SF CA 94108 | | | |
| 21 | Acct. #: 270-56X36 Acct. #: 040132497234 | | | |
| 22 | American Century Investments | | | |
| 23 | PO Box 419311 Kansas City, MO 64141-6311 | | | |
| 24 | In spite of all of the Decedent's efforts to either title the accounts in the name of his | | | |
| 25 | trust or to specifically designate a beneficiary, the Trustee discovered after the Decedent's death | | | |
| 26 | that the Wells Fargo Bank Account (Acct. #: 0078499274) and the two smaller JP Morgan Chase | | | |
| 27 | (Acct. #: 393-321465-7 and Acct. #: 000000928049601) were not titled in the name of the Trust. | | | |
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property may be considered part of a revocable trust, without actual conveyance of title to the Trust, as long as the Settlor made a valid declaration of trust and a statement that he held the property as trustee. Heggstad, at 946. In Heggstad, the Settlor identified the disputed, untitled property on the Schedule A of his trust. The court found such an identification was a proper manifestation of his intent to create a trust. Heggstad, at 948. To create an express trust, there must be a competent trustor, trust intent, trust property, trust purpose and a beneficiary. Heggstad, at 947.

While the Heggstad court holding specifically dealt with real property, the reasoning of Heggstad was extended to personal property by the Second Appellate District in Kucker v. Kucker (2011) 192 Cal. App. 4th 90. In Kucker, a decedent used a general assignment to transfer all of his shares in 11 specified corporations to his revocable trust. Upon his death, it was discovered that the shares of one particular corporation (3,017 shares of "Medco" which had been lost) were not specifically identified in the general assignment. Nevertheless, the Court held that a general assignment was sufficient to include all of his stock, even that which wasn't specifically listed.

Relying on Heggstad, Kucker stated:

"The Heggstad Court also stated that the probate courts' jurisdiction over trusts includes the 'court's inherent power to decide all incidental issues necessary to carry out its express powers to supervise the administration of the trust' (Id., at p. 951).

This power included power to add shares of stock to the trust that were omitted because the shares were lost."

Kucker v. Kucker, at p.

In the case at hand, the Decedent Russell R. Pastor (unlike the decedent in <u>Kucker</u>) specifically identified the Wells Fargo and JP Morgan chase accounts on his Exhibit A, including account numbers. He also explicitly declared them part of his Trust.

Further, at the time the original trust was executed on January 19, 1994, Russell

R. Pastor was a competent trustor, had intent to create a trust, had ownership interest in property

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that he intended to convey to the trust, and specifically named beneficiaries of the trust (See <u>Heggstad</u>, at p. 947).

The Decedent Russell R. Pastor clearly intended to transfer the Wells
 Fargo and JP Morgan Chase accounts to his Revocable Trust.

Russell R. Pastor manifested his intent to convey his property to the trust by declaring himself Trustee and by declaring that all his property ("separate property of Russell R. Pastor") on the Exhibit A was part of his Trust. (See <u>Heggstad</u>, at p. 947).

Russell R. Pastor further manifested his intent by going to great lengths to actually re-title all of his assets into the name of his trust, including his Merrill Lynch account, the Wells Fargo account (within 2 days of executing his Trust), the Citibank Account, his California Lottery Prize and his real and personal property. The assets that are not currently titled in the trust, which are the subject of this Petition, amount to only 4% of the total estate value of over \$ 4.5 m. At the time of his death, the Decedent believed that ALL of his accounts were properly titled. It would have been odd for the Decedent to go to the effort of protecting 96% of his estate from probate, only to leave 4% out of the Trust. He clearly intended for his entire estate to avoid probate.

Based upon all of the above mentioned facts, and the holdings of <u>Heggstad</u> and <u>Kucker</u>, Petitioner requests that this Court confirm that the Wells Fargo Account Acct.

No. 0078499274, and JP Morgan Chase Account Nos. 393-321465-7 and 000000928049601 are assets subject to the PASTOR REVOCABLE TRUST, Dated January 18, 1994, and under the control of Leonard P. Shapiro as Trustee.

III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Petitioner believes that the Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase accounts should be subject to his control as Trustee based upon 1) the specific intent of the Decedent to make those assets a part of the Trust; 2) the Decedent's Declaration that the assets on Exhibit A were part of his Trust; 3) the fact that the decedent transferred 96% of his assets to the Trust, and had no reason not to transfer the other 4%; and 4) the probate of these assets, when the Settlor's intent to include them in his Trust estate was clear, would be a waste of this Court's time and resources and an

Exhibit "B".

DECLARATION OF JOSEPH P. COREY

I am an attorney at law duly licensed to practice before all of the courts in the State of California. I make this declaration based upon my own personal knowledge and could and would testify to the facts herein if called upon as a witness to do so.

- 1. A true and correct copy of the Death Certificate of Russell R. Pastor is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
 - 2. A true and correct copy of the Pastor Revocable Trust is attached hereto as
- 3. A true and correct copy of the first modification to the Pastor Revocable Trust (dated May 6, 2002) is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".
- 4. A true and correct copy of the second modification to the PASTOR REVOCABLE TRUST (dated September 4, 2015) is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".
- 5. A true and correct copy of the letter to Merrill Lynch from the decedent, dated January 20, 1994, is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".
- A true and correct copy of the letter from Wells Fargo to the decedent, dated
 January 20, 1994, is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".
- 7. A true and correct copy of the Declaration By Russell R. Pastor and Assignment of California Lottery Prize to the Pastor Revocable Trust is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".
 - 8. A true and correct copy of the Grant Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".
- 9. A true and correct copy of Decedent's pourover will is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on May 4, 2015 at San Francisco, CA.

JOSEPH P. COREY

VERIFICATION

I, LEONARD P. SHAPIRO, declare:

I am the Petitioner herein. I have read the foregoing PETITION FOR ORDER CONFIRMING SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE AND TRUST ASSETS; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION. The statements made in the Petition are true and correct based upon my personal knowledge.

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

Executed on April 4, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

Leonal P. Singpino

LEONARD P. SHAPIRO