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17	CARMEN ARBALLO, ANGELA 1. Breach/Unjust Enrichment			
18	BROWN, ANTHONY JOHNSON, 2. HAMP Breach/Unjust Enrichment			
19	OTIS BANKS, RICHARD 3. Breach of Contract – Third Party Ben.			
	APOSTOLOS, REGAN OWEN, 4. Declaratory Relief/Default Cured			
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	on behalf of themselves and all others 11. Fraud 12. Declaratory Police/Universities			
25	similarly situated, 12. Declaratory Relief/Injunction			
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27	vs.			
28	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL ***			
	TRUST COMPANY, DEUTSCHE Request for IMMEDIATE RELIEF:			
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1 2	BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS and AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Inclusive,	TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER and INJUNCTION filed Concurrently herewith ***		
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Plaintiffs, by and through their attorney, bring this action on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated against Deutsche Bank National Trust Company ("DBNT" or "Defendant"). Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas ("DBTCA" or "Defendant") and Aurora Loan Services, LLC. ("Aurora" or "Defendant"). Plaintiffs allege the following on information and belief, except as to those allegations which pertain to the named Plaintiffs:

1. Introduction

- 1. Plaintiffs bring this action to challenge the defendants' manipulation and use of the federal and state programs surrounding the mortgage crisis, such as HAMP and other foreclosure prevention services.
- 2. The defendants defaulted the plaintiffs and those similarly situated then offered them federal and state home retention programs such as Home Affordability Modification Program agreements (HAMP).
- 3. After the Plaintiffs made their post default payments as requested, the defendants never-the-less denied the permanent modification, did not cure the default or reinstate the plaintiffs' loans on the grounds they couldn't get the loan to work.
- 4. The program guidelines state that if the Net Present Value ("NPV") of the loan modification is greater than the NPV at foreclosure, then the lenders *must* modify the loan.

- 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that the defendants were already made whole upon the loans because these loans were securitized with credit default swaps ("CDS") and other security interests, and the CDS were factored into the NPV and not merely the amount that the defendants may receive on a foreclosure sale.
- 6. The securitization of their loans with CDS was never revealed to the plaintiffs and the Class prior to their default.

2. Jurisdiction and Venue

- 7. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 USC § 1331 wherein the action arises under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States.
- 8. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the defendants in this action by the fact that the Defendants are corporations conducting business in the state of California.
- 9. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 USC § 1392 because the action involves real property located in both the Central and Southern District of California; and pursuant to 28 USC § 1391(b) inasmuch as defendant DBNT and DBTCA reside in the Central District of California, and a substantial part of the events or omissions on which the claims are based occurred in this District.

3. The Parties

10. Plaintiffs Eddie Yau and Gloria Yau (the "Yaus," "plaintiff," "plaintiffs" or "borrowers") are a married couple residing in Vista, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property

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commonly known as 1307 Summer Court, Vista, California 92084 ("subject property").

Douglas L. Edman was the borrower on the loan.

- 11. Plaintiffs Robert Rhoades and Nicole Rhoades (the "Rhoades," "plaintiff," or "borrowers") are a married couple residing in Chino, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 7746 Holland Park, Chino, California 92401 ("subject property"). Robert Rhoades was the borrower on the loan.
- 12. Plaintiff Steve Burke is an adult residing in Paradise, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 5871 Pine Circle, Paradise, California 95969 ("subject property"). Steve Burke was the borrower on the loan.
- 13. Plaintiff Chen Pi, acting on her own behalf and as trustee for the Pi Trust dated May 17, 2004 resides in La Puente California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 17116 Samgerry Dr., La Puente, California ("subject property"). Chen Pi was the borrower on the loan.
- 14. Plaintiff Otis Banks is an individual residing in Inglewood, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 5408-5408 ½ 8TH Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90045 ("subject property"). Otis Banks was the borrower on the loan.

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15. Plaintiff Salim Bensrhir and Kimberly Christensen are a married couple residing in Los Angeles, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 842 N Dillon Street, Los Angeles, California 90026 ("subject property"). Salim Bensrhir and Kimberly Christensen were the borrowers on the loan.

16. Plaintiff Alice Mbaabu is an individual residing in Fontana, California.

Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 13536 Whipple Street, Fontana, California 92336 ("subject property"). Alice Mbaabu was the borrower on the loan.

17. Plaintiff Carmen Arballo is an individual residing in Chino, California.

Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 6952 Gloria Street, Chino, California 91710 ("subject property"). Carmen Arballo was the borrower on the loan.

18. Plaintiff Angela Brown is an individual residing in Stockton, California.

Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 4516 Abruzzi Circle, Stockton, California 95206 ("subject property"). Angela Brown was the borrower on the loan.

19. Plaintiff Anthony Johnson is an individual is an individual residing in Corona, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint

was the owner of real property commonly known as 382 Minaret Street, Corona, CA 92881 ("subject property"). Anthony R. Johnson was the borrower on the loan.

20. Plaintiff Richard Apostolos is an individual residing in Perris, California.

Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 21200 Mountain Ave., Perris, California 92570 ("subject property"). Richard Apostolos was the borrower on the loan.

21.Regan Owen and Jennifer Owen are a married couple residing in Chula Vista, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 2872 Ranch Gate Rd., Chula Vista, California ("subject property"). Regan Owen was the borrower on the loan.

22. Plaintiff Joanne Anderson is an individual residing in Laguna Niguel,
California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint
was the owner of real property commonly known as 24291 Park Pl Dr, Laguna Niguel,
CA 92677 ("subject property"). Joanne Anderson was the borrower on the loan.

23. Jeremy John Dale is an individual residing in Paynes Creek, California.

Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 30510 HWY 36 East, Paynes Creek,

California 96075 ("subject property"). Jeremy John Dale was the borrower on the loan.

24. Douglas L. Edman is an individual residing in Malibu, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real

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property commonly known as 612 Thrift Road, Malibu, California 90265 ("subject property"). Douglas L. Edman was the borrower on the loan.

25. Douglas L. Edman and Eric Edman as trustees of the HIGH DESERT ENTERPRISES TRUST reside in Malibu, California. Plaintiff is now, and at all times mentioned herein relevant to this complaint was the owner of real property commonly known as 612 Thrift Road, Malibu, California 90265 ("subject property"). Douglas L. Edman was the borrower on the loan. Then after the loan was made, the property was transferred by Douglas L. Edman to Douglas L. Edman, Trustee of the High Desert Enterprises Trust.

26. Defendant DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY ("DBNT" or "Custodian") has its principal place of business at 1761 Saint Andrews Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

27. Defendant DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS ("DBTCA") has its principal place of business at 1761 Saint Andrews Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705. When DBNT and DBTCA are mentioned together in this complaint they may be referred to as "Deutsche Bank."

28. Defendant AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC ("Aurora" or "loan servicer") is headquartered in Littleton, Colorado and regularly conducts business in the state of California.

29. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and allege thereon that their loans are in securitized trusts where the defendants are either the Servicer, Custodian, or Trustee of that trust.

30.Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that DBNTC and DBTCA act as board members and are referred to as the Company each with different duties in the trusts.

31.DBNTC and DBTCA are both subsidiaries created by nonparty Deutsche Bank Company ("DBC") which has its principal place of business in Germany. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon DBNTC and DBTCA were either acting in concert, instructing, adopting, ratifying, assisting DBC's conduct as alleged in this complaint through an agency or contractual relationship. As such, the actions or failure to act are the actions or failure to act of each other.

32. Nonparty FANNIE MAE/FREDDIE MAC ("Fannie Mae") entered into an agreement with defendant Aurora of which the plaintiffs and the Class were intended beneficiaries.

33. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that each defendant is responsible in some manner for the occurrences alleged in this complaint, and that plaintiff's damages were proximately caused by the defendants and at all times mentioned in this complaint, were the agents, servants, representatives, and/or employees of their co-defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged were acting in the

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scope of their authority as agents, servants, representatives, family members and/or employees, and with the permission and consent of their co-defendants.

34. Additionally, plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that each defendant assisted, aided and abetted, adopted, ratified, approved, or condoned the actions of every other defendant and that each corporate defendant, if any, was acting as the alter ego of the other in the acts alleged herein.

3. Statutory and Regulatory Scheme

- 35.On March 4, 2009 President Obama signed into law the Making Home Affordable Plan as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. It is in two parts: the Home Affordable Refinance program ("HARP") and the Home Affordable Modification program ("HAMP").
- 36. Under these programs, the U.S. Department of the Treasury directed the large national bank servicers to take corrective action by providing loan modifications that produced more sustainable loan payments.
 - 37. On March 4, 2009 the U.S. Department of the Treasury explained,
- 38. With the information now available, servicers can begin immediately to modify eligible mortgages under the Modification program so that at-risk borrowers can better afford their payments.
- 39. Aurora entered into a Servicer Participation Agreement for the HAMP program with Fannie Mae; the latter acted as Financial Agent of the United States. (Exhibit 1).

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40. However, Aurora failed and refused to put Mr. Yau immediately into a modification program until they first defaulted and gave Notice of Sale of Mr. Yau's home. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that defendant Aurora first caused Notices of Default and Notice of Foreclosure Sale to be served on the Class prior to placing the Class into a temporary HAMP also.

41. By March 2010, the White House fortified the HAMP program because only **170,000** borrowers out of the **3 to 4 million borrowers** it was aimed at were placed in a more affordable home loan.

42. Thereafter, the contract between Aurora and Fannie Mae was amended and restated on or about September 1, 2010. The Amended and restated contract is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 2**.

43. The United States Treasury, Office of the Comptroller of Currency (hereinafter the "OCC") regulates the banking industry such as defendant Deutsche Bank. The OCC mandated that the largest banks institute HAMP programs.

44. The Office of Thrift Supervision (hereinafter the "OTS") regulates loan services such as defendant Aurora.

45. According to the Aurora Loan Services – Issuer Profile dated June 24, 2008 by Analyst Kathleen Tillwitz, Aurora Loan Services was a wholly owned subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, servicing 20,000 to 110,380 (or 21.4% of their loans) in

California. As of February 29, 2008 Aurora serviced 514,831 mortgage loans totaling \$113.2 billion dollars.

- 46. On 11/19/10 the OCC supplied the following written testimony:
- 47. HAMP guidelines now preclude the servicer from initiating a foreclosure action until the borrower has been determined to be ineligible for a HAMP modification.
- 48. Aurora actions in working with the borrowers on the loans at issue in this complaint violated and continue to violate these directives.
- 49. Under the contract, the Servicer of the loan must perform a Net Present Value (NPV) Test to compare the value of the money that it would receive if the loan were modified with the value it could expect from foreclosure.
- 50. If the servicer and owner of the loan can expect a greater return from modifying the loan, the loan is considered NPV positive and the servicer and owner *must* then modify the loan. (**Exhibit 4**)
- 51. In plaintiff's case, plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that the defendants as the servicer and owner of the loan could have expected no more than one-third of what the plaintiff would have paid under the HAMP loan modification which would have been anywhere from \$934,560.00 to over \$1 million dollars.
- 52. As servicer of the loan, Aurora must modify the loan unless the contractual agreement it has with the actual holder of the loan prohibits modification. In that case,

the servicer is required to use reasonable efforts to obtain waivers or approval of a modification from the owner and/or investor

53. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that Aurora failed to disclose to Fannie Mae that loans like the Yau's which appear to nicely fit under the program's protected class, were actually the loans that would never become permanently modified because these loans were backed by CDS and such. Signing up as a servicer of the HAMP program, was a carrot to lure distressed homeowners into default.

54. The defendants signed up for exemptions with the California Commissioner for the same reason, motive or to assist in effectuating this plan.

55. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon defendant failed to make these material disclosures to Fannie Mae and the California Commissioner, so the defendants could use the guise of being able to offer these "Programs" to maximize their own profit by luring homeowners into default, dragging out the process and obtaining more money from the defaulted homeowner than otherwise would likely occur if the homeowner did not have hope they may qualify for one of the foreclosure alternatives, such as HAMP.

56. In the Yau's case, who were initially only behind by \$5,000.00, if they had known and understood the truth to this scheme, they would have had an incentive to find a short term loan or other capital to cure the late payment prior to default instead of relying on their lender to place them in a foreclosure alternative program; they most

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likely would have never entered into the mortgage in the first place; and surely would have never paid a dime to the defendants after they gave notice of default and foreclosure.

57. The impact of Aurora's practice of defaulting before processing a foreclosure alternative request by a homeowner, then dragging out the process while the homeowner is making monthly payments and denying blocks of HAMP modifications after obtaining a temporary modification is nothing more than a financial "Death Spiral" for the homeowner.

58. At all times herein mentioned, plaintiff and the Class believed that they were eligible for HAMP.

59. Although the plaintiffs and the Class complied with the terms of the post default program agreements, Defendants refused to cure the default, offer such a permanent modification under the program or to take corrective action by providing loan modifications that produced more sustainable loan payments to plaintiff.

60. The market size for credit default swaps by 2008 in the United States was estimated to be \$3.86 Trillion dollars.

Critics assert that naked CDS should be banned, comparing them to buying fire insurance on your neighbor's house, which creates a huge incentive for arson. [emphasis added]

61. In essence the defendants bet against the borrower from the beginning then used the Federal Government through the federal HAMP program to take even more money from the defaulting homeowner in this class knowing that they would never grant this class of homeowners a permanent loan modification or any other type of relief. The defendants never fully disclosed or adequately explained this to Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac. The entire program failed to the assist the very class of homeowners it was intended to protect.

62.On or about February 2, 2011 the Securities and Exchange Commission started accepting comment on creating an exchange called "Swap Execution Facilities" under the *Dodd- Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act* in order to create greater transparency with Credit Default Swaps which the SEC refers to as "Security Based Swaps."

- 63. The plaintiffs and the Class in this Complaint are the class of homeowners these federal and state programs, including the HAMP program were intended to protect.
- 64. The plaintiffs and the Class were led to believe that they would have the opportunity to cure their default and be reinstated, but no matter how much they paid the

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Credit_default_swap

defendants each month or what they signed, it never happened and they were kept in constant foreclosure status the entire time while doling out money and their private financial information to the defendants.

65. Plaintiff alleges defendants intended to, did and still continue to use these Programs to manipulate more money from the Plaintiffs and the Class.

66. After obtaining the agreements with Fannie Mae and the California Commissioner, the defendants used the guise of offering these "Programs" to lure homeowners into default, drag out the process and confuse the homeowners on the type of alternative temporary program they were placing the homeowner in just to get them to shell out more money to the defendants after a Notice of Default and Notice of Sale was filed and served.

67. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that defendant Aurora knew or had reason to know that defendant Deutsche Bank bought credit default swaps or other types investment security/insurance that were either worth more than making the loan modifications permanent prior to default on these blocks of homes when entering to the contract with Fannie Mae or defendants failed to properly calculate the Net Present Value ("NPV") on these loan modifications. But Aurora never disclosed these facts to Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac.

68. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that these CD swaps and other financial arrangements and the NPV calculations as applied to these asset-backed

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loans were material facts and as such Defendants had a duty to disclose these material facts under the agreement with Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac or comply with the terms with regard to NPV calculations.

69. Even if such material facts were disclosed to Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac, these material facts were never disclosed to the intended beneficiaries of the agreements between Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac and Aurora, the plaintiffs and the Class.

70. If it is later interpreted that the facts were disclosed to Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac but the defendants were forbidden from using the gains they could expect to receive from the CDS by defaulting the homeowners, then the plaintiffs allege that the defendants breached that covenant to the injury of the plaintiffs.

71. As intended beneficiaries of the agreements between Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac and Aurora, the Plaintiffs and the Class were injured due to the failure to disclose these material facts and/or comply with the terms of the agreement.

72. The impact of defendants' practice and/or scheme as more fully described below was nothing more than a financial "Death Spiral" to the borrower resulting in making extortion like payments after giving a complete disclosure of their remaining financial assets, and allowing their credit to be decimated or face foreclosure sale.

73. And even if these borrowers had the ability to reinstate their loans, under this scheme the proceeds the defendants received on default would not be applied to the loan but become a windfall to the defendants, still leaving the homeowner's credit and

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financial health badly battered, making the entire scheme outrageous, despicable and deserving of punitive or exemplary damages.

4. General Factual Allegations

74. The plaintiffs each received a written agreement such as a temporary HAMP agreement after default appearing to give the plaintiffs an opportunity to save their home if they made the requested payments.

75. Plaintiffs and those similarly situated made all payments, however the defendants did not cure the default, reinstate the loan or permanently modify the loan.

76. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that at all times mentioned in this complaint, the defendants knew California was not a deficiency judgment state and understood their actions of collecting payment after default without cure or reinstatement was unlawful.

77. Yet, the defendants collected money from the plaintiffs before satisfying the debt with the security.

78.Mr. Burke has paid the defendants approximately \$20,279.00 since the Notice of Default dated 9/16/08 originally for \$6,312.74.

79. Plaintiff, Mr. Apostolos has paid \$27,928.00 after his Notice of Default dated 6/7/10 in the amount of \$33,014.53 and turned over approximately \$7,000.00 payments to his attorney to be held in trust for payments on his home.

80. Plaintiff Ms. Brown has paid the defendants approximately \$24,728.00 after her Notice of Default dated 2/14/09 in the amount of \$5,899.60 and also placed additional payments in trust with her attorney and/or deposited with the court.

- 81. Plaintiff Mr. Salem Benshir and Kimberly Christensen has paid the defendants approximately \$51,991.25 after their Notice of Default dated 11/16/08 in the amount of \$10,495.23.
- 82. Plaintiff Regan Owens and Jennifer Owens paid the defendants approximately \$38,059.00 after their Notice of Default dated 3/10/09 in the amount of \$27,371.99.
- 83. Plaintiff Ms. Chen Pi has paid the defendants approximately \$24,728.00 after her Notice of Default dated 2/14/09 in the amount of \$5,899.60 and also placed additional payments in trust with her attorney and/or deposited with the court.
- 84. Plaintiff Ms. Alice Mbaabu has paid the defendants approximately \$24,728.00 after her Notice of Default dated 2/14/09 in the amount of \$5,899.60 and also placed additional payments in trust with her attorney and/or deposited with the court.
- 85. Plaintiff Ms. Carmen Arballo has paid the defendants approximately \$24,728.00 after her Notice of Default dated 2/14/09 in the amount of \$5,899.60 and also placed additional payments in trust with her attorney and/or deposited with the court.
- 86. Plaintiff Mr. Anthony Johnson has paid the defendants approximately \$24,728.00 after her Notice of Default dated 2/14/09 in the amount of \$5,899.60 and also placed additional payments in trust with her attorney and/or deposited with the court.

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87. Plaintiff Mr. Otis Banks has paid the defendants approximately \$24,728.00 after her Notice of Default dated 2/14/09 in the amount of \$5,899.60 and also placed additional payments in trust with her attorney and/or deposited with the court.

88. In fact, each of the named plaintiffs and those similarly situated have entered into agreements with the defendants after default and tendered payments as requested.

89. In 2009, 632,573 California properties had some type of foreclosure filed on its property record.²

90. According to a California Consumer Banking article dated December 13, 2010, the outlook for 2011 is worse.

91. The number of foreclosures is expected to increase in 2011 as more mortgage defaults work their way through the pipeline. Rick Sharga, a senior vice president for RealtyTrac, said there were approximately 1.2 million bank repossessions in 2010, 900,000 in 2009, and "We expect we will top both of those numbers in 2011," he said.³

92. Quality Loan Service Corporation, agent of defendant Aurora Loan Services, LLC recorded over **4,943** foreclosure type filings in **Orange County, California** in 2010 alone.

² (www.realtytrac.com/contentmanagement/pressrelease.aspx ?Channelid=9&itemid=8333).

 $^{^3\,}http://california consumer banking.com/2010/12/13/2011-foreclosures-expected-to-increase.html$

93.Recently, the Attorney General of Arizona was quoted by Business Week as stating

What I'm most angry about is the simultaneous modifications and foreclosures... We need to look for a stipulated judgment in all 50 states, that if someone is in modification, they can't be foreclosed. (www.businessweek.com/news/2010-10-28/arizona-seeks-changes-to-banks-home-loan-modification-process.html).

94. The plaintiffs and the Class were led to believe that they would have an opportunity to cure their default, receive a modification and have their loan reinstated, but no matter how much they paid the defendants each month or what they signed, it never happened. Attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of the Yaus' Temporary HAMP Agreement.

95. Some plaintiffs signed temporary modification agreements, others were actually placed in limited modification Special Forbearance agreements, and some were placed in both after notice of default.

96. Defendant Aurora contracted with Fannie Mae to provide foreclosure prevention services intending to benefit homeowners with affordable loan modifications. In return Aurora would be compensated over \$2.873 Billion dollars in taxpayer funds as incentive to do so. Attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the original Agreement between Aurora and Fannie Mae.

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97.Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that Aurora Loan Services made and/or is making more money on defaults and/or foreclosures than on the loan modifications and knew it would do so when entering into the contract with Fannie Mae.

98. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that defendant Aurora knew or had reason to know that defendant Deutsche Bank bought credit default swaps or other types investment security/insurance that were either worth more than making the loan modifications permanent prior to default on these blocks of homes when entering to the contract with Fannie Mae or they failed to report the way they were calculating NPV under the agreement. But Aurora never disclosed these facts to Fannie Mae.

99. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that these CDS and other financial arrangements were material facts and as such Defendants had a duty to disclose these material facts under the agreement or the NPV calculations violated the terms of the agreement with Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac. Attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of the March 4, 2009 Home Affordable Modification Program Guidelines including the NPV calculations.

- 100. But defendants never disclosed or adequately explained these material facts.
- 101. Assistant Treasury Secretary Herbert M. Allison admitted that modifying mortgages has been more difficult than administration officials had anticipated."

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"Certainly we've seen a lot of frustration with this program since its inception," he told lawmakers. "We did not fully envision the we would encounter." (http://rismedia.com/2010-03-28/white-house-to-adjust-troubled-mortgage-modification-program/)

- Section 5 of the Servicer agreement between Aurora and Fannie Mae contains the representations, warranties and covenants which state in part:
 - (b) Servicer is in compliance with, and covenants that all Services will be performed in compliance with all applicable Federal, state and local law, regulations, regulatory guidance, statutes, ordinances, codes and requirements, including, but not limited to, the Truth in Lending Act, 15 USC 1601 et seq., the home Ownership and Equity Protection Act, 15 USC 1639, the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 USC 41 et seq., the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 15 USC 701 et seq., the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., the fair Housing Act and other Federal and state laws designed to prevent unfair, discriminatory or predatory lending practices and all applicable laws governing tenant rights...Servicer is not aware of any other legal or financial impediments to performing its obligations under the Program in which Servicer participates or the Agreement and shall promptly notify Fannie Mae of any financial and/or operational impediments which may impair its ability to perform its obligations under such Programs or the Agreement...
 - (c) Servicer covenants that:...all data ...that is relied upon by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac in calculating the Purchase Price or in performing any compliance review will be true, complete and accurate in all material respects, and consistent with all relevant business records, as and when provided.
 - (d) Servicer covenants that it will(i) perform the Services required under the Program Documentation and the Agreement in accordance with the practices, high professional standards of care, and degree of attention used in a well-managed operation...

- (f) Servicer acknowledges that the provision of false or misleading information to Fannie Mae or Freddie mac in connection with any of the Programs or pursuant to the Agreement may constitute a violation of: (a) Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code; or (b) the civil False Claims Act (31 USC § 3729-3733). Servicer covenants to disclose to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac any credible evidence, in connection with the Servicers, that a management official, employee, or contractor of Servicer has committed, or may have committed, a violation of the referenced statutes.
- (g) Servicer covenants to disclose to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac any other facts or information that the Treasury, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac should reasonably expect to know about Servicer and its contractors to help protect the reputational interests of the Treasury, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in managing and monitoring the Programs in which Servicer participates." (Exhibit 1 page A-2 to A-4; Exhibit 2 page B-3 to B-4)
- 103. Plaintiff alleges that defendants breached these covenents.
- 104. Defendants used the offering of the federal HAMP Program as an incentive to get the homeowners to default on their loans which would trigger payment on the CDS without any care about placing the homeowners at risk of a foreclosure sale and then have the homeowners like the plaintiffs in this case continue to make monthly payments on them while in default facing a foreclosure sale all to the defendants' financial benefit.

8. Factual Allegations of the Yaus Repesenting the HAMP Subclass

105. On July 7, 2007 plaintiff Eddie Yau borrowed \$608,000.00 from Homecomings Financial, LLC on a 30 year negative adjustable rate note to purchase his

home where he lives with his wife. His payments were supposed to be fixed at \$2,402.34 per month for the first five years of the loan.

- 106. Mr. Yau, a retired military veteran and mechanic, has no mortgage or home lending financial experience beyond basic financial matters.
- 107. Plaintiff, as trustor, executed and delivered a deed of trust, conveying the real property described herein to secure payment of the principal sum and interest as provided in the note and as part of the same transaction to Homecomings Financial, LLC which was then later assigned, sold or transferred by the lender to either DBNT or DBTCA as beneficiary and serviced by defendant Aurora.
- 108. Mr. Yau missed his July 2008 payment and telephoned defendant Aurora

 Loan Services and explained he was experiencing financial difficulties due to a decrease
 in his income and inquired as to alternatives to foreclosure.
- 109. On or about September 24, 2008 defendant Aurora Loan Services sent a letter explaining the following programs it offered and that by entering into the programs the borrower "will avoid the loss of your home through foreclosure or further impairment on your credit."

"Repayment Plan: If you recently experienced a temporary reduction in income or an increase in living expenses, a repayment plan will allow you to repay the past due amount over a specified period of time.

Forbearance Plan: You may be able to suspend or reduce your mortgage payments for a short period of time. Thereafter, we would

review your current financial situation and determine what home retention option would best assist you in bringing your loan current.

Loan Modification: A loan modification may offer you the ability to change on or more of the terms of your mortgage. This may assist you with providing an affordable payment and avoiding foreclosure. Again, we would need to review your financial situation and ability to pay. If your loan is current and you anticipate that you may have difficulty in making the increased monthly payment, we may be able to assist you with a loan modification that will provide you with an affordable payment based on your current financial information.

110. Then on December 02, 2008 defendant Aurora Loan Services wrote Mr.

Yau which stated:

"Based upon the information that you provided during your telephone conversation with Aurora, your loan may qualify for a loan modification....You must provide documentation to support your inability to reinstate the mortgage loan in one lump sum...under some circumstances, you may be expected to pay a loan modification fee." [Emphasis added]

111. Then on December 19, 2008 Aurora Loan Services sent Mr. Yau a letter noting Mr. Yau's was in default in the amount of \$4,828.68 and that

"If you do not bring your loan current within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter, Aurora Loan Services may demand the entire balance outstanding under the terms of your Mortgage/Deed of Trust."

- 112. Aurora then followed up with the same letter of September 24, 2008 again on December 24, 2008 and January 20, 2009.
- 113. Instead of sending Mr. Yau a loan modification plan, defendant Aurora

 Loan Services sent him a Repayment Agreement expecting him to pay an additional

 \$802.78 per month (\$3,207.12 per month for 6 months) which equaled a 33% increase in

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his monthly mortgage payment. This payment plan did not create a "more sustainable payment plan."

- 114. In 2009 the Yau's financial situation became worse as their investments were depleted from what was later characterized as a "Ponzi scheme."
- 115. From that time up to June 2009, plaintiff would telephone defendant Aurora seeking a modification and Aurora would take down information representing the defendants would start the process, but the process was never started.
- 116. Mrs. Yau spoke to a person at Aurora Loan Services named Steve who promised that someone from Aurora Loan Services would call them back no later than June 1st about the Making Home Affordable Loan Program.
- 117. On June 16, 2009 defendant caused to be served and recorded a purported Notice of Default and Election to Sell under Deed of Trust (NOD) alleging (a) that a breach of the obligation secured by the deed of trust had occurred, consisting of Mr. Yau's failure to pay \$12,655.67 as of 6/15/09, and (b) that the defendant, as beneficiary, elected to sell, or to cause to be sold, the property to satisfy that obligation.⁴

⁴ However, that Notice of Default was outside the chain of title because Lawyers Title Company, as the original trustee and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the nominee did not assign this right until June 24, 2009. Attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 8** is a true and correct copy of the Assignment to Quality Loan Service which was not notarized until 6/24/09.

118. A few months later defendant Aurora Loan Services faxed a "customized Home Affordable Modification Trial Period Plan ("Trial Period Plan")" under HAMP wherein Mr. Yau was supposed to make payments of \$1,943.70 on 10/01/09, 11/01/09, and 12/01/09.

119. The temporary HAMP agreement which is incorporated herein stated in part

"If I comply with the requirements in Section 2 and my representations in Section 1 continue to be true in all material respects, the Lender will send me a Modification Agreement for my signature which will modify my Loan Documents as necessary to reflect this new payment amount and waive any unpaid late charges accrued to date."

120. Aurora promised:

"If you qualify under the federal government's Home Affordable Modification program and comply with the terms of the Trial Period Plan, we will modify your mortgage loan and you can avoid foreclosure."

- 121. These terms are boilerplate in all such agreements received by the coplaintiffs and the class.
- 122. Mr. Yau believed he was eligible for HAMP and made the payments as laid out in the agreement under Section 2, provided the necessary documents and his representations in Section 1 continued to be true in all material respects, yet defendant Aurora Loan Services failed and refused to send the Modification Agreement for him to sign, or to cure the default and reinstate the loan.

123. On or about March 6, 2010 defendant Aurora Loan Services sent a letter to Mr. Yau explaining,

"Unfortunately, we are unable to offer you a Home Affordable Modification for the following reasons: Excessive Forbearance. We are unable to offer you a Home Affordable Modification because we are unable to create an affordable payment equal to 31% of your reported monthly gross income without changing the terms loan beyond the requirements of the program."

- 124. Defendant's representation in that letter was false. According to Aurora Loan Service's Customer Account Activity Statement the principal balance on the loan was at \$643,178.83 when he entered the temporary payment plan.
- 125. The contract required Aurora to place the Yaus into a permanent modification if the NPV was greater under modification than a foreclosure sale. Plaintiffs allege the defendants breached by failing to place them in the permanent modification.
- 126. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that Plaintiff's home at foreclosure would not have resulted in a sale in excess of the NPV of the modification.
- 127. Plaintiff through counsel, demanded defendant's calculations used to deny plaintiff's modification and NPV. To date, defendant failed to provide plaintiff with a HAMP-compliant modification or any documentation showing its calculations to justify why a permanent modification was not offered to Plaintiff.
- 128. Mr. Yau's loan accelerated from \$643,178.83 to \$649,482.15 during the interim.

129. Along with the notice that Mr. Yau did not qualify for the loan modification, defendant Aurora stated that Mr. Yau may qualify for other foreclosure alternatives such as

"Repayment Plan: allows you to repay the past due amount over a specified period of time.

Forbearance Plan: allows you to suspend or reduce your mortgage payments for a short period of time until a long term solution is available.

Loan Modification: allows us to modify one or more of your original mortgage terms which will provide you with an affordable payment based on your current financial information.

Pre-foreclosure Sale (short sale): allows you to sell your property, pay off your mortgage for an amount less than total pay off to avoid foreclosure and minimize damage to your credit rating.

Deed in lieu of foreclosure: allows you to voluntarily deed your property to Aurora Loan Services to payoff your mortgage. Taking this action may not save your home, but it may help your ability to qualify for another mortgage in the future."

- 130. The Yaus telephoned Aurora and were assured that the defendants would work with the Yaus and that they could cure their default by having the lender temporarily forebear the terms of the agreement so that the Yaus could catch up.
- 131. Consequently, Mr. Yau continued making monthly payments on his home and entered into a Special Forbearance Plan with defendant Aurora when they sent him the application to sign.

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132. On or about April 7. 2010 Defendant Aurora sent Plaintiffs a letter stating it had enclosed a "Special Forbearance Agreement which has been prepared on your behalf." On page 2 of the agreement it stated "WHEREAS, customer has requested and Lender has agreed to allow Customer to repay the Arrearage pursuant to a loan work-out arrangement on the terms set forth herein."

- 133. However, there was no real consideration and the agreement was illusory because the Lender had been given the right to proceed with a foreclosure sale during the term of the agreement at its discretion and the terms never gave the Yaus an opportunity to repay the arrearage.
- The Plan was not the same as advertised in its prior letters to Mr. Yau or as represented on the telephone. The forbearance Plan did not allow Mr. Yau to suspend or reduce his mortgage payments for a short period of time until a long term solution was available.
- 135. Mr. Yau made the required \$4,804.72 initial payment and monthly payments of \$2,875.00 but he was only getting further in debt.
- The true facts were that his payments were increased to \$2,875.00 per month and no other terms of his loan were modified or suspended during the forbearance period. He was still in default and the foreclosure sales were still pending.
 - 137. Furthermore, the terms of the Agreement violated California law.

- 138. Mr.Yau continued to make the \$2,875.00 monthly payments until this action was filed.
- 139. Instead of putting Mr. Yau into a temporary modification, they delayed processing, requesting the same documents they already had over and over again.
- 140. As a result of defendants' unlawful practices, unfair acts and failure to place Mr. Yau into a permanent HAMP loan modification on December 1, 2009, his loan as of October 10, 2010 approached the HAMP cap.

Total Unpaid principal	\$664,711.59
Interest from 12/1/09 to 10/10/10	47,916.49
Escrow/Impound Overdraft	12,983.09
Corporate advance	3,652.84
Unpaid Late Charges	120.12
Recording Fee	37.00
Suspense Balance	-2,345.75
Total:	\$727.075.38

- 141. On November 5, 2010 defendant Aurora sent notice that it intended on increasing Mr. Yau's monthly loan payment to \$5,466.57 on 3/01/11.
 - 142. Defendant then notified Mr. Yau it intended to sell his home on 12/13/10.
- 143. From September 2008 when Mr. Yau was behind by approximately\$5,000.00 through present plaintiff has paid defendants approximately \$54,293.08. This

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is very close to the amount he would have paid the defendants if he had never defaulted on the loan in the first place (\$2402.34*24 months = \$57,656.16).

144. Plaintiff further alleges the defendants were deceptive and unlawful in their handling of the loans and business practices. Examples in the Yaus' case, include but are not limited to the fact that defendant has not rescinded the Notice of Default or Notice of foreclosure sale although the Notice was filed before Quality Loan Services received assignment and as such is outside the chain of title. Failing to send the plaintiffs a loan modification application until after they filed a Notice of Default. Additionally, flood hazard insurance was not required on the Yaus loan but the defendants charged Mr. Yau \$1592.00 for flood hazard insurance after the loan went into default in addition to other fees and charges for allegedly driving by the home and such. Also, Defendant obtained an exemption to allow defendant Aurora to offer modifications and other programs in excess of 38% of the borrower's income from the California Commissioner but defendant never notified plaintiff of that fact as required under California law and never took the foreclosure off of the home when it was notified of this failure to notify. Defendants failed and refused to request partition even after being notified only Mr. Yau was on the Note and Mrs. Yau at most was a trustee and was given no consideration for her name to be placed on their filed recordings as a "co-borrower" for non-judicial foreclosure purposes.

5. Factual Allegations of Mr. Edman representing the Forebearance Class

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- 145. Mr. Edman obtained a loan to build a home on his land in Malibu, California.
- 146. On or about 12/07/06, for valuable consideration, plaintiff, as borrower made, executed and delivered to his original lender a written promissory note in the amount of \$850,000.00, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 10** and incorporated by reference herein.
- 147. According to the terms of the Note, Mr. Edman was required to pay \$3,141.77 per month for the first five (5) years.
- 148. Plaintiff, as trustor, executed and delivered a deed of trust, conveying the real property described herein to secure payment of the principal sum and interest as provided in the note and as part of the same transaction which was then transferred to defendant, as beneficiary.
- 149. Said deed of trust was recorded against the subject property in the Official Records in Los Angeles County, California, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit B** and incorporated by reference herein.
- 150. On or about 1/14/09, defendant caused to be recorded a notice of default and election to sell in the Official Records in Los Angeles, County, California alleging (a) that a breach of the obligation secured by the deed of trust had occurred, consisting of plaintiff's alleged failure to pay \$14,267.35 as of 1/13/09, and (b) that the defendant, as beneficiary, elected to sell, or to cause to be sold, the trust property to satisfy that

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obligation, a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit 11** and incorporated by reference herein.

151. A week later on or about 1/23/09, defendants delivered a document to Mr. Edman which represented a "Special Forbearance Agreement [] has been prepared on your behalf."

"WHEREAS, customer has requested and Lender has agreed to allow Customer to repay the Arrearage pursuant to a loan work-out arrangement on the terms set forth herein...NOW, THEREFORE...Lender shall forbear from exercising any or all of its rights and remedies.." [pg 2]

"The amount of each Plan payment specified above includes both (1) the regularly scheduled monthly payment, plus (2) the portion of the Arrearage specified above... in the event Customer cures the Arrearage by making all Plan payments on or before the Expiration Date, and is current with the payments then due, and no default then exists under the Loan Documents and Agreement, Lender shall consider the Note and Security Instrument to be current and in effect according to their original terms and conditions." Attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 12** is a true and correct copy of the Special Forbearance Agreement entered into post-default.

152. Consequently, Mr. Edman made the monthly payments on his home and entered into a Special Forbearance Plan with defendant Aurora.

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- 153. The terms of the Agreement violated California law.
- 154. The agreement demanded repayment of \$30,505.91 over the next 4 months. However, it was only approximately \$14,267.35 to cure and \$10,866.81 to reinstate (approximately \$25,1234.16 total to cure and reinstate the loan.
- 155. As such, plaintiff hired legal counsel when the balloon became due. Acting in good faith, from that time through present plaintiff has paid defendants approximately \$60,851.51 total and entered into several other forbearance agreements offered by defendant.
- 156. However, plaintiff has remained in default and defendant served a Notice of Sale on plaintiff originally set for 1/31/11 and which is currently set for March 16, 2011. [Attached as **Exhibit 13**]
- 157. Each of the other named plaintiffs and those similarly situated can generally describe the same facts, events or occurrences as either Mr. Yau or Mr. Edman.

6.Class Action Allegations

158. Plaintiffs bring this action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of the themselves and on the following Classes and Subclass consisting of:

All California homeowners who tendered money to Defendants on their mortgage pursuant to a written agreement presented by Aurora or another servicer acting in

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concert therewith after default, but whose default was not cured and loan was not reinstated by defendants after plaintiff tendered the requested payments.

HAMP Subclass:

California homeowners who were denied permanent HAMP loan agreements after entering in a temporary HAMP agreement with defendant Aurora whose loans are held by DBNT as Custodian, and making their payments as requested under the temporary HAMP agreement.

Forbearance Subclass:

California homeowners who were denied permanent HAMP loan agreements after entering in a temporary limited modification Special Forbearance agreement with defendant Aurora whose loans are held by DBNT as Custodian, and making their payments as requested under the temporary HAMP agreement.

- 159. Excluded from the Class are governmental entities, defendants, and their affiliates, subsidiaries, current or former employees, officers, directors, agents, representatives, their family members, the members of this Court and its staff.
- 160. Defendants subjected plaintiffs and each of their respective Classes to the same unfair, unlawful and deceptive practices and harmed them in the same manner.

 Now plaintiffs and each of their respective Classes seek to enforce the same rights and remedies under the same substantive law.
- 161. Plaintiffs do not know the exact size or identities of the members of the proposed class, since such information is in the exclusive control of the Defendants.

 Plaintiffs believe that the Class encompasses over 41 individuals California homeowners

which could reach into the thousands whose identities can be readily ascertained from Defendant's books and records. Defendants filed over 4,000 foreclosure documents with the Orange County Recorder's office in 2010 alone. Therefore, the proposed Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.

- 162. Based on the market value of these homes in foreclosure and the size of the payments made by the Class members under the temporary HAMP agreements and thereafter, plaintiffs believe the amount in controversy could range anywhere from \$1,250,000 for the first 25 members to over \$2 billion dollars for the entire anticipated class.
- 163. All members of the Class have been subject to and affected by the same conduct. The claims are based on wrongfully forcing the Class into default before implementing a written foreclosure alternative program then wrongfully failing to cure the default, reinstate the loan or permanently modifying the loan under HAMP and other government programs after the Class made the payments as requested.
- 164. There are questions of law and fact that are common to the Class, and predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the Class. These questions include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. The validity of the contracts at issue in this case (See, Black Gold Marine, Inc. v Jackson Marine Co. (5th Cir 1985) 759 F2d 466, 471);

- b. The nature, scope and operation of defendants' obligations to the borrowers under the Servicer Participation Agreements entered into between Aurora and Fannie Mae (*See, Topps Chewing Gum, Inc. v Fleer Corp.* (2nd Cir 1986) 799 F.2d 851, 856);
- c. Whether the defendants must now be reclassified as unsecured creditors.
- d. Whether the plaintiffs have cured their defaults and are entitled to reconveyance upon payments of subsequent sums due and owing, if any.
- e. Whether plaintiffs are entitled to reconveyance of their deeds.
- f. The defendants' obligations to the borrowers when the borrower holds a CDS or some similar type of security/insurance against default on the borrower's loan;
- g. Whether the existence of a CDS or similar type of security/insurance to a borrower should be disclosed at the time the borrower signs the promissory note and mortgage or as soon as the lender obtains a CDS contract that could cover the loan.
- h. Whether the failure to disclose the existence of a CDS or similar type of security/insurance to a borrower before default is a breach of good faith and fair dealing;

- i. The Class' right to terminate and rescind the contracts at issue in this action (See, Leisure Time Productions, B.V. v Columbia Pictures Indus. Inc. (2nd Cir. 1994) 17 F3d 38, 39-40).
- j. The nature, scope and operation of defendants' obligations to the borrowers under the temporary HAMP agreements;
- k. Whether the temporary HAMP agreements created any legally binding obligation on the defendants;
- 1. Whether the agreements entered into by the borrowers after they were denied a permanent HAMP agreement were void ab initio for failure or partial failure of consideration;
- m. Whether the agreements entered into by the borrowers after they were denied a permanent HAMP agreement were illusory;
- n. Whether the promissory note and mortgage agreements entered into by the borrowers after the owner purchased a CDS or similar security/insurance were void ab initio for failure to disclose this adverse interest or partial failure of consideration;
- o. Whether defendants actions failed to take corrective action by providing loan modifications that produced more sustainable loan payments;
- p. Whether the plaintiffs and the Class ("borrowers") payments after the Notice of Default were the result of fraud of duress:

- q. Whether Aurora violated California law by using false, deceptive, and misleading statements and omission in connection their collection of Plaintiffs' and the Class's mortgage debt;
- r. Whether defendants actions or failure to act constituted a breach of their obligation of good faith and fair dealing;
- s. Whether contracts implied in fact were created when Aurora required the borrowers to continue to make payments after the temporary HAMP agreement expired;
- t. Whether Aurora was required to rescind or otherwise nullify the pending foreclosure proceedings for all borrowers who were still being considered for a HAMP modification after the OCC stated "HAMP guidelines now preclude a servicer from initiating a foreclosure action until the borrower has been deemed ineligible for a HAMP modification."
- whether the disclosure of the credit default swaps or other types of investment security/insurance were "material" under federal law;
- v. Whether the plaintiff and the Class members are intended beneficiaries of the agreement between defendant Aurora and Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac;
- w. Whether defendant Aurora breached its agreement with Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac;

- x. Whether defendant Aurora failed to disclose a material fact to Fannie
 Mae/Freddie Mac as required under its contract with them to the detriment of its intended beneficiaries;
- y. Whether defendants conduct as described in this Complaint constituted fraud or duress;
- z. Whether defendants were unjustly enriched;
- aa. Whether defendants acts and practices described herein constitute unfair or deceptive business practices under California Unfair Competition Law ("UCL")
- bb. Whether injunctive relief is appropriate
- cc. Whether specific performance is appropriate
- dd. Whether punitive or exemplary damages are appropriate
- 165. The claims of the individual named Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Class and do not conflict with the interests of any other members of the Class in that both the Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class' loans were all securitized in vehicles that had default and other types of swaps placed on them, they were subjected to the same conduct, the same terms, and tendered payments to the defendants after being served with a Notice of Default pursuant to a post default foreclosure alternative program.

- 166. The individually named Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class. They are committed to the vigorous prosecution of the Class' claims and have retained attorneys who are qualified to pursue this litigation.
- 167. A class action is superior to other methods for the fast and efficient adjudication of this controversy. A class action regarding the issues in this case does not create any problems of manageability.
- 168. The putative class action meets the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2) and 23(b)(3).
- 169. The nature of notice to the proposed class required and/or contemplated is the best practicable method possible and contemplated the defendant's list when disclosed would most likely be mailing to the property addresses affected by the filed foreclosures and internet and other general notices are contemplated to ensure notice.
- 170. Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the Class so that final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief is appropriate respecting the Class as a whole.

7. Claims for Relief

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Contract/Unjust Enrichment

(All Plaintiffs and Classes against All Defendants)

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- 171. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 170 in this cause of action as though fully set forth herein.
- 172. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- Forbearance Agreement, the temporary HAMP agreement, or other written post-default agreement, plaintiff would be able to save his home in that defendant would not sell plaintiff's home, and plaintiff would be able to either cure their default or receive a permanent loan modification.
- 174. In reliance on defendants' representations, plaintiff paid the defendants after Notice of Default was served and recorded.
- 175. All of the terms in the forbearance agreements, temporary HAMP agreements or other post-default agreements were drafted by the defendant, and not negotiable.
- 176. Plaintiff had no bargaining power in negotiating the terms of these agreements or the amounts of payments requested.
- 177. Defendants took the money then elected to sell the property through foreclosure.
- 178. Plaintiff alleges said conduct constituted a breach of good faith and fair dealing, was unconscionable, unjust and/or coercive.

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- 179. As a result of defendant's conduct, plaintiff was damaged financially.
- 180. Plaintiff seeks damages according to proof and reserves the right to seek equitable remedies of unjust enrichment and disgorgement of profit made on the Plaintiff under guise of performance of this agreement.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Unjust Enrichment/Breach of Temporary HAMP Agreement

(Plaintiffs, Eddie Yau, Gloria Yau, Rob Rhoades, Nicole Rhoades, Steve Burke,

Otis Banks, Richard Apostolos, Joanne Anderson and the HAMP Class against

all Defendants)

- 181. Plaintiff incorporates in this cause of action all of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 180 as though set forth in full herein.
- 182. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and the Subclass described above.
- 183. Defendant Aurora and the Plaintiffs and Class entered into a Temporary HAMP agreement as alleged above, a true and correct copy of the Mr. Yau's agreement is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 3.**
- 184. Defendant Aurora agreed to permanently modify plaintiff and each members of the Class's loan if plaintiffs and the Class complied with the terms of the temporary modification.

185. Plaintiff and the Class complied with the terms of the temporary modification, except for those terms and conditions that were excused or waived.

- 186. Defendant unjustifiably and inexcusably breached the contract by failing to perform its obligations thereunder as described above.
- 187. As a result of defendant's breach, plaintiff's loan was not permanently modified causing injury to the plaintiff and Class.
- 188. As a result of Defendants' unjust enrichment, Plaintiffs and the Class have sustained damages in an amount to be determined at trial (which include legal and other fees in excess of the principal and interest due on their loans) and seek full disgorgement and restitution of Defendants' enrichments, benefits, and ill-gotten gains acquired as a result of the wrongful conduct alleged above. Alternatively, Plaintiffs and the Class seek specific performance or if specific performance cannot be granted, reformation of the contract from temporary to permanent under the same monthly payment terms for a term of 30 years or if reformation of the contract cannot be granted, damages according to proof and reserve the right to seek equitable remedies to rescind the payments made to defendants under guise of performance of this contract and disgorgement of profits made on the Plaintiffs and the Class loans above reasonable rental value of their homes from the time the loans originated.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Breach of Written Contracts – Third Party Beneficiary

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189. Plaintiffs repeat and re-allege every allegation in paragraphs 1 through 188 as though set forth in full herein.

(All Plaintiffs and Classes against all Defendants)

- 190. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- 191. Plaintiffs and the Class members are third party beneficiaries to the contract attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 1** and to the Amended and Restated contract attached hereto and fully incorporated herein as **Exhibit 2**.
 - 192. Plaintiff and the Class are intended beneficiaries under the contracts.
- 193. Defendants Aurora and DBTCA and DBNTC, jointly and severally, unjustifiably and inexcusably breached the Contract by failing to perform their obligations thereunder as described above.
 - 194. Defendants' breach of the contract resulted in harm to plaintiff.
- 195. Pursuant to California Civil Code §1559 and/or federal law, plaintiff may enforce the contract's provisions.
- 196. Plaintiffs and the Class seek specific performance or if specific performance cannot be granted, reformation of the contract from temporary to permanent under the same monthly payment terms for a term of 30 years or if reformation of the contract cannot be granted, damages according to proof and reserve the right to seek equitable remedies to rescind the payments made to defendants under

guise of performance of this contract and disgorgement of profits made on the Plaintiffs and the Class loans above reasonable rental value of their homes from the time the loans originated.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Declaratory Relief – Cure and Reinstatement by Mutual Consent

(All plaintiffs and classes against all defendants)

- 197. Plaintiff incorporates in this cause of action all of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 196 as though fully set forth herein.
- 198. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- 199. An actual controversy exists between plaintiff and defendant concerning their respective rights and duties pertaining to the subject property and described transactions because plaintiff alleges there was a cure and reinstatement by mutual consent.
- 200. As a result, plaintiff desires a judicial determination and declaration that the default was cured, plaintiff is entitled to reconveyance upon payment of subsequent sums and the defendant has no ability to foreclose on plaintiff's home.
- 201. Such a declaration is appropriate at this time so that plaintiff may determine his or her rights and duties before the subject property is sold at a foreclosure sale.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Declaratory Relief - One Action Rule

(All plaintiffs and classes against all defendants)

- Plaintiff incorporated in this cause of action all of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 201 and the allegations in the Second cause of action as though fully set forth herein.
- 203. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- 204. An actual controversy exists between plaintiff and defendant concerning their respective rights and duties pertaining to the subject property and described transactions because plaintiff alleges the defendant violated the One Action Rule so defendant is reduced to the status of unsecured creditor, entitling plaintiff to injunctive relief, attorney fees and costs of suit.
- 205. As a result, plaintiff desires a judicial determination and declaration the defendants are reduced to the status of unsecured creditor(s), the defendants have no ability to foreclose on plaintiff's home as unsecured creditors, and plaintiff is entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit.
- 206. Such a declaration is appropriate at this time so that plaintiff may determine his or her rights and duties before the subject property is sold at a foreclosure sale.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Declaratory Relief

Improper Application and/or Calculation of Payments, Fees and Costs

(All plaintiffs and classes against all defendants)

- 207. Plaintiff incorporates in this cause of action all of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 206 as though fully set forth herein.
- 208. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- 209. An actual controversy exists between plaintiff and defendant concerning their respective rights and duties pertaining to the subject property and described transactions because plaintiff alleges a breach of the obligation for which the deed of trust is security has not occurred or is excused because the beneficiary improperly applied and/or calculated plaintiff's payments, costs, fees, insurance, taxes and other charges prior to, during, and/or after default.
- 210. As a result, plaintiff desires a judicial determination and declaration of plaintiff's and defendant's respective rights and duties; specifically that plaintiff did not breach his or her obligations and as such the Notice of default and election to sell was null and void.

211. Such a declaration is appropriate at this time so that plaintiff may determine his or her rights and duties before the subject property is sold at a foreclosure sale.

SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Fraud/Misrepresentation of Material Fact)

[By all plaintiffs and classes against all defendants)

- 212. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through211 as though fully set out herein.
- 213. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- 214. Consent to the special forbearance was not real or free in that it was obtained solely through fraud and misrepresentations as herein alleged.
- 215. Plaintiffs thus seek to rescind the agreements under California Civil Code section 1689(b)(1). Plaintiffs have retained no consideration provided by defendants Aurora or Deutsche Bank that can be tendered back to Aurora or Deutsche Bank prior to rescission.
- 216. Aurora led plaintiff to believe that it wanted to help Plaintiff maintain ownership of their homes.
- 217. Aurora represented it wanted to help Plaintiff maintain ownership of his home through the language of the special forbearance agreement which states

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"WHEREAS, Customer has requested and Lender has agreed to allow Customer to repay the Arrearage pursuant to a loan work-out arrangement on the terms set forth herein." Aurora led Plaintiff to believe that their arrearage in payments that led to default would be repaid if they made the payments under the special forbearance agreement.

- 218. Plaintiff reasonably relied on defendant's representations which led Plaintiff to believe that the default on his home would be cured and his loan would eventually be reinstated under the agreement.
- 219. At the time that Aurora made these representations, Aurora know or should have known that they were not true.
- 220. Plaintiff is informed and believes and alleges thereon that Aurora would ensure that the requested payments were never enough to repay the arrearage due to the way the payments were applied.
- 221. Plaintiff is informed and believes and further alleges thereon that the notice of default was on file before the special forbearance was offered so that Aurora could execute the Trustee's sale and foreclose after obtaining the payments knowing that the arrearage would not be repaid.
- 222. Aurora made these representations with the purpose of persuading Plaintiff to enter into the Special Forbearance agreements and to continue to make payments of thousands of dollars.

- 223. Plaintiff reasonably relied on these representations.
- 224. Plaintiff would not have entered into the special forbearance agreement and paid thousands of dollars to defendants Aurora and Deutsch Bank after default had he known that he would not have had a genuine opportunity to save his home.
- 225. As a proximate result of defendant's conduct plaintiff has been financially injured in an amount to be proven at trial and his credit has been damaged.

EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Injunctive Relief

(All Plaintiffs and Classes against all Defendants)

- 226. Plaintiff incorporates in this cause of action all of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 225 as though fully set forth herein.
- 227. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- 228. Defendants beneficiary and trustee intend to sell and unless restrained will sell or cause to be sold, the subject property, all to plaintiff's great and irreparable injury in that defendant has given notice that the trustee sale of the property will take place on March 11, 2011 or anytime thereafter, and if the sales take place as scheduled, plaintiff
- 229. The scheduled sales should be enjoined by virtue of the facts alleged that

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236. California's Unfair Competition Law (UCL) defines unfair competition to include any "unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent" business act or practice. Cal Bus & Prof Code 17200 et seq.

237. By its terms, the statute is broad in scope. "It governs "anti-competitive business practices? as well as injuries to consumers, and has as a major purpose "the preservation of fair business competition." [Citations.]" (Cel-Tech Communications, Inc. v. Los Angeles Cellular Telephone Co. (1999) 20 Cal.4th 163, 180.) "By defining unfair competition to include any "unlawful . . . business act or practice? [citation], the UCL permits violations of other laws to be treated as unfair competition that is independently actionable. [Citation.]" (Kasky v. Nike, Inc. (2002) 27 Cal.4th 939, 949.) In addition, under the UCL, ""a practice may be deemed unfair even if not specifically proscribed by some other law.? [Citation.]" (Korea Supply Co. v. Lockheed Martin Corp. (2003) 29 Cal.4th 1134, 1143.) The remedies available under the UCL are "cumulative . . . to the remedies or penalties available under all other laws of this state." (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 17205.) Arce v Kaiser Foundations Health Plan, Inc. (2010)

- 238. Defendants have violated Cal Bus & Prof Code §17200 et seq with the conduct as alleged above.
 - 239. Such acts include but are not limited to:
 - a. Defendants have a pattern and practice of refusing to provide permanent loan modifications to those borrowers who loans were placed in temporary

HAMP plans but were covered by CDS or other securities/insurance, and this refusal to provide permanent loan modifications constitutes an unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice in violation of UCL, and/or

- b. Defendant Aurora engaged in "fraudulent" business practices under the UCL because its temporary HAMP Agreements and post temporary HAMP Agreements were intended and likely to mislead the public into believing that if they made the additional payments that Aurora required they would have an opportunity to cure their loan defaults with a permanent HAMP modification or similar type of agreement prior to foreclosure. A true opportunity to cure their defaults was "material" to Plaintiffs and the Class within the meaning of *In re Tobacco II Cases*, (2009) 46 Cal 4th 298, 325, and/or
- c. Aurora engaged in "unlawful" business practices under the UCL based on its violations of the Security First Rule, Cal Code Civ Pro 726 which states in pertinent part:
- (a) There can be but one form of action for the recovery of any debt or the enforcement of any right secured by mortgage upon real property or an estate for years therein, which action shall be in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. In the action the court may, by its judgment, direct the sale of the encumbered real property or estate for years therein (or so much of the real property or estate for years as may be necessary), and the application of the proceeds of the sale to

the payment of the costs of court, the expenses of levy and sale, and the amount due plaintiff, including, where the mortgage provides for the payment of attorney's fees, the sum for attorney's fees as the court shall find reasonable, not exceeding the amount named in the mortgage.

- (b) The decree for the foreclosure of a mortgage or deed of trust secured by real property or estate for years therein shall declare the amount of the indebtedness or right so secured and, unless judgment for any deficiency there may be between the sale price and the amount due with costs is waived by the judgment creditor or a deficiency judgment is prohibited by Section 580b, shall determine the personal liability of any defendant for the payment of the debt secured by the mortgage or deed of trust and shall name the defendants against whom a deficiency judgment may be ordered following the proceedings prescribed in this section....
 - d. Aurora engaged in "unfair" business practices under the UCL because it violated the laws and underlying legislative policies concerning: (1) foreclosure prevention; (2) the unavailability of deficiency judgments after a lender exercised its election to sell under non-judicial foreclosure; and (3) the rights of contracting parties to enjoy the benefits of their agreements after having paid valuable consideration for such benefits.
- 240. As a proximate result of defendant Aurora's conduct, plaintiff was injured financially and/or to his property rights. Aurora's conduct as set forth herein resulted in loss of money or property to Plaintiff.
- 241. Plaintiff seeks damages, disgorgement of profits on the CD Swaps, injunctive relief in the form of correction of his/her, their damaged credit, cure of

default and reconveyance of the deed, and any other equitable relief that the court deems appropriate.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Fraud/Concealment of Material Fact)

(All Plaintiffs and Classes against All Defendants)

- 242. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 241 as though fully set out herein.
- 243. Plaintiffs bring this claim on their own behalf and on behalf of each member of the Class and Subclass described above.
- 244. As more fully described above defendants concealed the following material facts that they had a duty disclose:
 - e. Defendants Deutsche Bank and Aurora concealed the material fact that

 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company Americas as trustee was the

 owner of the note and mortgage loan until after the plaintiffs and Class

 were thrown into default on their loans.
 - f. Defendant Deutsche Bank concealed the material fact that the plaintiffs and Class's loans were covered with CDS or other similar security/insurance after the defendant defaulted the plaintiffs and Class's loans.
 - g. Defendant Aurora concealed a material fact that the way the contract was written between Fannie Mae and Aurora, there was a substantial amount of

loans aimed at receiving a more sustainable and affordable mortgage under HAMP that would not pass the NPV test because the lenders such as defendant Deutsche Bank had purchased credit default swaps or other types of investment security/insurance against these mortgages.

- 245. In plain language, the very types of mortgages the federal HAMP program was designed to protect were the very types of mortgages that were not being protected by the terms of the agreement between Aurora and Fannie Mae. The lenders like defendant Deutsche Bank knew it. The servicers such like defendant Aurora knew or should have known it and the plaintiffs and the Class in this action didn't have a clue.
- 246. Aurora was under a duty by the terms of the contract with Fannie Mae to disclose this material fact to Fannie Mae when it entered into this Agreement or when it learned of this material fact from defendant Deutsche Bank. The defendants were under a duty to disclose the owner of the loan.
- 247. The suppression of this fact was likely to mislead and did mislead Fannie Mae, the plaintiffs and the Class.
- 248. The representations and failure to disclose information and suppression of the information herein alleged to have been made by defendant were made with the intent to induce plaintiffs and the Class to act in the manner herein alleged in reliance thereon.

249. In reliance upon the representation that defendants were qualified to offer the HAMP program to plaintiffs and the Class and without knowing that their loans were asset-backed pass-through securities held by Deutsche Bank who bought credit default swaps or other types of investment security/insurance or what that really meant, the plaintiffs and the members of the Class continued to make payments on their mortgage after they were in default and entered into the temporary HAMP agreements as described above believing if they continued to make their payments they would be accepted into a permanent HAMP modification.

250. Plaintiffs and the members of the Class, at the time these failures to disclose and suppressions of facts occurred, and at the time plaintiff took the actions herein alleged, was ignorant of the existence of the facts which defendant suppressed and failed to disclose. If plaintiff had been aware of the existence of the facts not disclosed by defendant, plaintiff would not have paid these additional amounts to the defendants after default; may not have even signed the note or mortgage loan; and most likely would not have relied on defendant Aurora's representations which lulled them into default without looking beyond the servicer for an alternate solution.

251. As a proximate result of Defendants' fraudulent conduct as herein alleged, plaintiffs and the Class were induced to disclose all of their private financial information and pay Aurora additional monies without any real consideration by reason of which plaintiffs and the Class have been damaged in the sum of their payments so made.

252. Plaintiffs and the Class seek specific performance or if specific performance cannot be granted, reformation or if reformation cannot be granted, offset, equitable remedies to rescind the payments made to defendants under guise of performance of this contract and disgorgement of profits made on the Plaintiffs and the Class loans above reasonable rental value of their homes from the time the loans originated.

253. The aforementioned conduct of defendant(s) was an intentional misrepresentation, deceit, or concealment of a material fact known to the defendant(s) with the intention on the part of the defendant(s) of thereby depriving plaintiff of property or legal rights or otherwise causing injury, and was despicable conduct that subjected plaintiff to a cruel and unjust hardship in conscious disregard of plaintiff's rights, so as to justify an award of exemplary and punitive damages.

254. Plaintiffs and the Class seek specific performance of the temporary HAMP agreement by converting it to a permanent modification on the same terms and if specific performance cannot be granted; rescission of all of the agreements as a result of these failures of consideration. Plaintiffs have no other adequate remedy at law and will suffer irreparable harm if the agreements are not rescinded and if the fees paid (which included legal and other fees not required to be paid under their notes) are not returned.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Declaratory Relief/Injunction

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(As between plaintiff Gloria Yau and all those similarly situated and all defendants)

- 255. Plaintiff incorporates in this cause of action all of the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 254 as though set forth in full herein.
- 256. Plaintiff Gloria Yau and all those similarly situated always held title in the home described in the complaint and in the Notice of Default and Foreclosure Sale attached hereto as exhibits.
- 257. Plaintiff Gloria Yau was not a signer on the Note and was not a coborrower on the loan, in fact.
- 258. Defendants contend that they have the right to non-judicially foreclose on plaintiff Gloria Yau's home, and conduct a trustee's sale relative to that property and evict her.
- 259. Plaintiff contends that Defendants do not have a right to foreclose on her portion of the home.
- 260. An actual controversy presently exists between Plaintiff Gloria Yau and Defendants as to the existence of the ability or right to foreclose on her home and evict her. A judicial decision is necessary and appropriate at this time so that Plaintiff Gloria Yau and Defendants may ascertain their respective rights relative to Plaintiffs and the Class's homes and the appropriate injunction issued.

8. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against defendants, Aurora Loan Services, LLC, DBNTC, DBTCA and each of them, jointly and severally, as follows:

- **A.** A judicial determination and decree that:
 - 1. the plaintiffs have cured their default and plaintiff is entitled to reconveyance upon payment of subsequent sums;
 - 2. the defendants, and each of them, have no legal right or authority to foreclose on plaintiff's home,
 - 3. that the defendant is reduced to the status of an unsecured creditor,
 - **4.** that defendant improperly applied and/or calculated plaintiff's payments requiring a full accounting;
- B. An accounting;
- C. A permanent or final injunction to force defendants to request immediate removal of default or foreclosure status and all other derogatory/negative information from the Plaintiff's credit reports and to refrain such derogatory reporting in the future;
- **D.** A permanent or final injunction, to effect full and fair relief consistent with the law, including but not limited to forcing defendants to reconvey the deed of the trust to the plaintiffs and Class and refrain from holding the debt out as "secured" to any other creditors. Such injunctive relief could include, case

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