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ATTORNEYS' TITLE GHARANTY FUND, INC.

PETER BENJAMIN
LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that I, DAVID W. RUIZ of Lake County, Indiana, hereby appoint BARBARA J. CASTILLO, of Lake County, Indiana, my attorney-in-fact, to do and execute all or any of the following acts, deeds and things, as fully as I might or could do if personally present, namely:

To sign contracts, agreements, and any other documents relating to the transfer of the property commonly known 814 Hoffman, in the City of Hammond and the State of Indiana, more specifically described as:

NOT OFFICIAL!

LOT 6, BLOCK 5, AND THAT PART, IF ANY, OF THE HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY LYING SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TOT HE LAND, SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 2, 3, 4, AND 5, STAFFORD AND TRANKLE'S ADDITION TO HAMMOND, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

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limited to the signing of any and all deeds, leases, assessment agreements, bills of sale for personality to be conveyed with the property, pro-rations of any assessments as may be appropriate, tax returns, closing statements, declarations, and releases of any kind;

To transfer any funds, sign any checks or money orders or other documents representing a transfer or intended transfer of funds, and to take any and all acts necessary to effectuate the transfer of the purchase monies and fees to be paid by the buyer or to any lender or governmental entity which may, in his discretion, be necessary to complete the aforementioned transfer of the property;

To conduct any investigations, inspections, or other review of the aforesaid premises, as may be provided for in the Contract of Sale or otherwise, and to make any necessary judgments or decisions as he may deem necessary or advisable;

To perform any and all other acts as he may deem appropriate to effectuate the aforesaid transfer of the property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27 th day of December 1999.

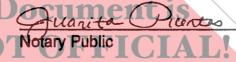
DAVID W. RUIZ

OK# 1209

| Indiana STATE OF ILLINOIS | )          |
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| COUNTY OF COOK            | ) SS:<br>) |

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, do hereby certify that DAVID W. RUIZ, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given my hand and official seal, this <u>27</u> day of <u>December</u>, 19<u>99</u>



My Commission Expires:

1-27-08

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Hammond IN. 46324



