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LAKE COUNTY  
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POWER OF ATTORNEY 50  
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PETER BENJAMIN  
LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, WILLIAM GARDNER  
Lake County, Indiana, have made, constituted and appointed and by  
these presents do make, constitute and appoint MARY TRESE BUKSAR of  
the County of Lake, State of Indiana, my true, sufficient and  
lawful attorney for me and in my name, place and stead, and for my  
use and benefit all such actions which I could do if personally  
present, with full power of delegation of duties and full power of  
substitution and revocation as to successor with respect to the  
closing of the sale of real estate hereinafter described,  
including, but not limited to, the execution of all closing  
documents on my behalf, all actions necessary to convey the said  
real estate to the buyer or buyers thereof, the receipt on my  
behalf of a check in payment of the proceeds of such sale payable  
to me and, if necessary, the execution of a Warranty Deed of  
conveyance. My agent shall not be bound by any rules of self-  
dealing, conflicts of interest, or rule of law concerning undivided  
loyalties, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said  
attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done in and about  
the premises by virtue of this Durable Power of Attorney and the  
power herein granted.

This power of attorney shall be known as a Durable Power of  
Attorney and shall not be affected by my incompetency.

This Power of Attorney relates to the following described real  
estate:

Lot Numbered Fourteen (14), in Block Numbered Ten (10), as marked  
and laid down on the recorded plat of Smith and Bader's Second West  
Park Addition to Hammond, in Lake County, Indiana, as per plat  
thereof, recorded in Plat Book 15, page 9, in the Office of the  
Recorder of Lake County, Indiana.

and I further grant unto my said attorney-in-fact the power to  
correct in a deed of conveyance or any other document any  
inconsistency between the legal description of the said real estate  
as shown in this Power of Attorney and the legal description as it  
may appear on a title commitment from a title company issuing an  
owner's title policy on the said real estate.

Any action taken in good faith pursuant to the foregoing  
authority without actual knowledge of my death shall be binding  
upon me, my heirs, assigns and personal representatives. Third  
parties which come into contact with my attorney-in-fact are  
expressly granted the right to rely upon the terms of this power of  
attorney, whether in original or photostatic form. This power of  
attorney shall remain in force until all my right, title and  
interest in the said real estate has been fully conveyed to any  
buyer thereof and the same is evidenced by a recorded deed of  
conveyance or until an instrument in writing revoking the same  
shall have been recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Lake  
County, Indiana, whichever shall first occur.

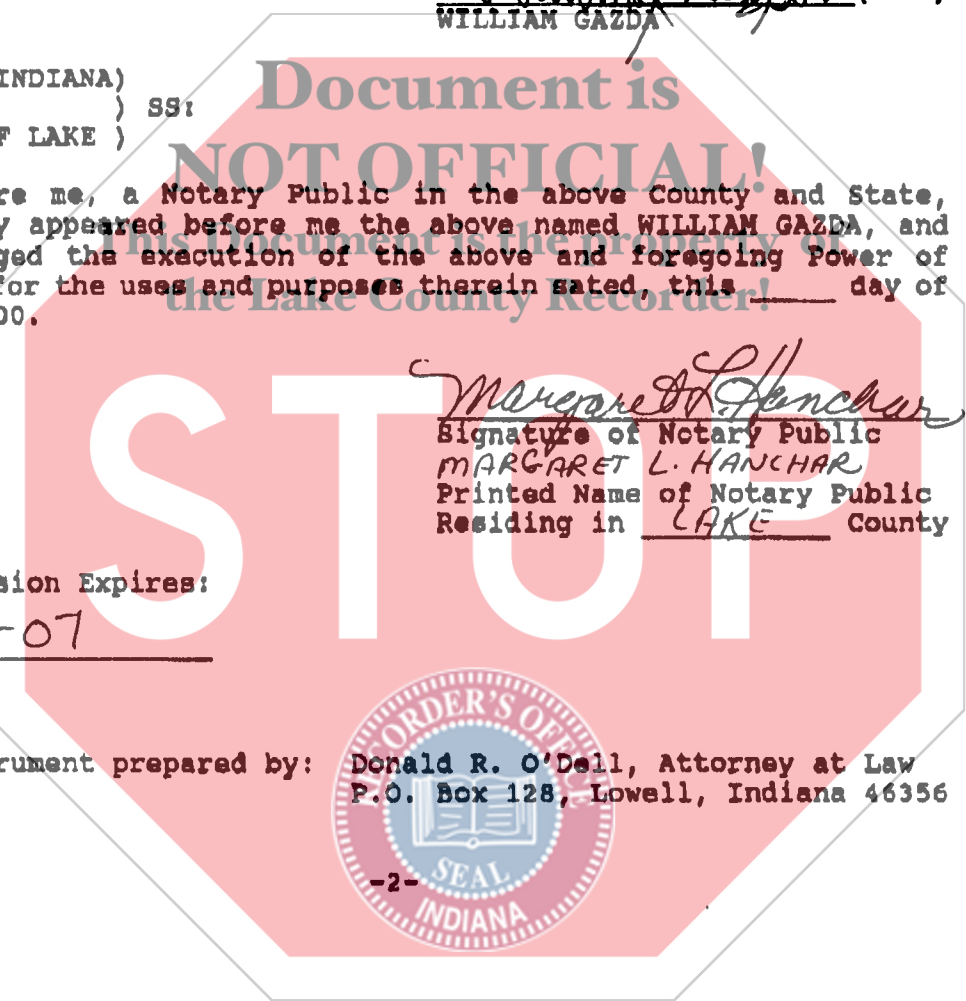
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this 7 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal day of April, 2000.

*William Gazda*  
WILLIAM GAZDA (Seal)

STATE OF INDIANA )  
                          ) SS:  
COUNTY OF LAKE )

Before me, a Notary Public in the above County and State, personally appeared before me the above named WILLIAM GAZDA, and acknowledged the execution of the above and foregoing Power of Attorney for the uses and purposes therein sated, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2000.



*Margaret L. Hanchar*  
Signature of Notary Public  
MARGARET L. HANCHAR  
Printed Name of Notary Public  
Residing in LAKE County

My Commission Expires:  
4-15-07

This instrument prepared by: Donald R. O'Dell, Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 128, Lowell, Indiana 46356

