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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No. 2:19-cv-01937-JCM-VCF 11 Plaintiff, JOINT MOTION FOR 12 DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS v. **DEPOSITED WITH COURT** 13 DEMETRIOS A. DALACAS; **ELENE MYLORDOS**; WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND 14 SOCIETY, FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL 15 CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2019-RP11 TRUST; REPUBLIC SILVER STATE DISPOSAL INC.;) 16 R & K DEVELOPMENT INC.; 17 COPPER CREEK CONSTRUCTION INC.; LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT; 18 CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA; CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA; 19 JOHN TOUSOULIS; DENISE TOUSOULIS; 20 Defendants.

The United States, Elene Mylordos, individually and as personal representative for the

Estate of Demetrios A. Dalacas, Republic Silver State Disposal, Inc., the Las Vegas Valley

Water District, the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, Clark County, Nevada, and John Tousoulis,

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individually and as personal representative for the Estate of Denise Tousoulis ("the parties") jointly move for an order distributing the \$627,069.54, plus interest that has accrued pursuant to Local Rule 67-2(a), in proceeds of the sale of the three Subject Properties at issue in this action, which is currently being held in the Court's registry.

### **BACKGROUND**

The United States initiated this action on November 4, 2019, seeking to reduce income tax assessments to judgment against Demetrios A. Dalacas and foreclose tax liens on three parcels of property located in Clark County, Nevada referred to in the Complaint as the Queens Church Property, the Valley Drive Property, and the Tonopah Drive Property (collectively the "Subject Properties"). (Dkt. 1). The United States filed an amended complaint on November 7, 2019 adding Clark County, Nevada as a defendant, (Dkt. 3), and a Second Amended Complaint on March 19, 2021, adding John Tousoulis and Denise Tousoulis as defendants pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7403(b). (Dkt. 62). Mr. Dalacas died on May 16, 2020, *see* (Dkt. 28), and his sister Elene Mylordos, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas, was substituted as defendant. (Dkt. 30).

On June 29, 2020, Elene Mylordos, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas, stipulated to judgment as to the full amount sought by the United States in its Complaint. (Dkt. 31). The Court entered judgment against Elene Mylordos, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas, on July 2, 2020. (Dkt. 32). Additionally, on December 30, 2020, the Court entered default judgment against Defendants Copper Creek Construction, Inc., and R & K Development, Inc., and determined that they "have no right, title, or interest in the Subject Properties and are not entitled to any portion of the proceeds of a sale of any of the Subject Properties." (Dkts. 56, 57).

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### Sale of the Queens Church Property

On December 30, 2020, the Court entered an Order Approving the Sale of the Queens Church Property. (Dkt. 58). Pursuant to the terms of the Court's Order, the interests of Wilmington, the City of Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and Clark County, Nevada were satisfied directly from the proceeds of the sale. (*Id*).

On February 18, 2021, \$298,516.97, constituting the remaining proceeds of the sale of the Queens Church Property (after the costs of sale and the interests of Wilmington, the City of Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and Clark County, Nevada were satisfied), was deposited with the Court. (Dkt. 59). On April 19, 2021, an additional \$13,306.83 was deposited with the Court representing the final distribution of funds from the sale of the Queens Church Property. (Dkt. 69).

### Sale of the Valley Drive Property

The Estate of Demetrios Dalacas held an interest in the Valley Drive Property by virtue of its interest in the Estate of Eugenia Dalacas (Mr. Dalacas's mother). Second Am. Compl ¶22 (Dkt. 62). The Estate of Eugenia Dalacas sold the Valley Drive Property on July 24, 2020, for \$195,000. The Estate of Eugenia Dalacas then received \$170,477.96 from the sale (after payment of costs), which were deposited into the Estate of Eugenia Dalacas's bank account. On June 13, 2022, the probate court entered an Order Settling Second and Final Account, For Approval of Attorney's Fees, and For Decree of Final Distribution. This Order distributed payments to creditors of the Estate and provided that \$154,376.17 (representing Mr. Dalacas's share of the Estate) was to be deposited with the Court's registry in this case. On June 23, 2022, \$154,376.17 was deposited with the Court. (Dkt. 85). These funds constituted the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas's interest in the Estate of Eugenia Dalacas. (*Id*).

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### Sale of the Tonopah Drive Property

The Estate of Demetrios Dalacas holds an interest in the Tonopah Drive Property by virtue of its interest in the Estate of Eugenia Dalacas (Mr. Dalacas's mother). Second Am. Compl. ¶ 25 (Dkt. 62). On July 2, 2021, the Court approved an agreement between the United States, the Estate of Eugenia Dalacas, and John Tousoulis, both individually and as personal representative for the Estate of Denise Tousoulis, whereby (1) the United States and Mr. Tousoulis agreed to release their liens as to the Tonopah Property and (2) 50% of the proceeds of the Tonopah Property, reflecting the interest of the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas in the Tonopah Property, were deposited with the Court. (Dkt. 79). The Probate Court administering Eugenia Dalacas's estate approved the sale on the same terms. Order Approving Partial Transfer of Real Property Proceeds to U.S. District Court Clerk, *In re Dalacas*, P-20-101809-E (Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County Nevada) (Dkt. 60).

On January 19, 2022, \$137,826.82, constituting the majority of the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas's portion of the proceeds of the Sale of the Tonopah Property, was deposited with the Court pursuant to the Court's July 2, 2021, Order. (Dkt. 83). On January 25, 2022, \$23,042.75, constituting the remainder of the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas's portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Tonopah Property, was deposited with the Court. (Dkt. 84).

To date, \$627,069.54 has been deposited with the Court. The Court currently holds in its Registry Account \$627,069.54 plus interest that has accrued pursuant to Local Rule 67-2(a) (the "Funds").

#### APPLICABLE STATUTES

The Internal Revenue Code grants courts broad jurisdiction and authority to enforce the internal revenue laws. 26 U.S.C. § 7402. Section 7403 specifically provides the statutory authority for the United States to foreclose upon its tax liens and obtain an order of sale from a

district court. Section 7403(a) states that "[i]n any case where there has been a refusal or neglect to pay any tax, or to discharge any liability in respect thereof," a civil action may be filed in order to enforce the United States' lien "with respect to such tax or liability or to subject any property, of whatever nature, of the delinquent, or in which he has any right...." 26 U.S.C. § 7403(a).

Section 7403 further requires that all persons claiming any interest in the property be made parties to suit, 26 U.S.C. § 7403(b), and provides the Court the authority to sell property, adjudicate the parties' interests in the proceeds of the sale, and distribute proceeds in accordance with those findings. 26 U.S.C. § 7403(c).

As shown in this motion, all individuals and entities that may have an interest in the Subject Properties have been made parties to the suit. A money judgment for taxes has been entered, and the Subject Properties have been sold with the proceeds deposited into the Court's registry. The United States now moves the Court to distribute sale proceeds in order of priority, as stipulated by the parties below.

#### **ARGUMENT**

The United States named as defendants all individuals that may claim an interest in the Subject Properties, as required by 26 U.S.C. § 7403(b). Their roles, status in this case, and entitlement to the Funds are summarized below.

### 1. The City of Las Vegas, Nevada

The City of Las Vegas, Nevada has an interest in the Funds by virtue of special assessment liens for sewer service and nuisance abatement associated with the Tonopah Property. The amount owed to the City of Las Vegas, Nevada is \$36,478.25. Pursuant to NRS

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§ 268.430 and 26 U.S.C. § 6323(b), the City of Las Vegas's special assessment liens are entitled to first priority.<sup>1</sup>

#### 2. The United States

The United States has an interest in the Funds by virtue of its federal tax liens that arose upon assessment of the income taxes at issue in this action pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6321.

Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6323, the United States recorded Notices of Federal Tax Lien with the Clark County Recorder as follows:

Tax Period	Recording Date	Instrument Number
2009	06/08/2017	201706080001582
2000	05/06/2019	20190500002004
2008	05/06/2018	201805090002094
2008	03/28/2019 (originally filed	201903280000222
	07/27/2010)	

The current balance due to the United States on the 2008- and 2009-income tax assessments at issue in this action, as of January 1, 2023, is \$514,382.99, plus interest and other statutory accruals from that date, according to law.

### 3. John Tousoulis, individually and as personal representative for the Estate of

# Denise Tousoulis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At the time the proceeds from the sale of the Tonopah Property were being distributed, the escrow company First American Title inadvertently sent a check to the City of Las Vegas in the amount of \$46,498.25 in satisfaction of the City's interest. The City of Las Vegas processed the payment and realized that it represented an overpayment of \$9,750, which it refunded to First American Title. First American then submitted the amount of \$23,042.75 to the District Court pursuant to the agreement between the parties regarding the disbursement of funds from the sale pending resolution of this case, and pursuant to the agreement, distributed the other \$23,042.75 to the Estate of Elene Mylordos. (Dkts. 84). Because the City of Las Vegas has not returned the \$36,478.25 (\$47,498.25-\$9,750) it received from First American Title despite First American Title depositing the City of Las Vegas's interest in the Tonopah Property with the Court, the City of Las Vegas is directing that it's claim to the proceeds at issue in this action be paid to First American Title.

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#### 4. Republic Silver State Disposal, Inc.

\$1,757,542.20 as of December 19, 2022.

Republic Silver State Disposal, Inc. ("Republic") has an interest in the Funds by virtue of liens for trash services recorded against the subject properties. The current amount owed to Republic is \$3,828.02. By stipulation dated November 30, 2020, and approved by the Court on December 7, 2020, the United States and Republic agreed that the United States' liens have priority over Republic's liens and that the Funds shall be applied to Mr. Dalacas's unpaid income tax liabilities before being applied to satisfy Republic's liens. (Dkt. 50).

John Tousoulis, individually and as personal representative for the Estate of Denise

Republic Services and John Tousoulis, individually and as personal representative for the Estate of Denis Tousoulis, have agreed that Republic's liens are entitled to priority over the Tousoulis judgment lien.

#### 5. The Las Vegas Valley Water District

The Las Vegas Valley Water District's interest in the Subject Properties was satisfied directly from the sale of the Subject Properties and consequently claims no interest in the Funds.

#### 6. Clark County, Nevada

Clark County, Nevada's interest in the Subject Properties was satisfied directly from the sale of the Subject Properties and consequently claims no interest in the Funds.

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# 7. Elene Mylordos, Individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of

Elene Mylordos, as personal representative for the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas, has an interest in the Funds by virtue of Mr. Dalacas's former ownership of the Queens Church Property and status as a beneficiary of the Estate of Eugenia Dalacas. Elene Mylordos' interest in the Funds, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Demetrios Dalacas, is subordinate to the other lien holder parties. Elene Mylordos, individually, has no interest in the Funds.

### 8. Copper Creek Construction Inc. and R& K Development, Inc.

Copper Creek Construction, Inc., and R & K Development, Inc., hold no interest in the Funds. On December 30, 2020, the Court entered default judgment against Defendants Copper Creek Construction, Inc., and R & K Development, Inc., and determined that they "have no right, title, or interest in the Subject Properties and are not entitled to any portion of the proceeds of a sale of any of the Subject Properties." (Dkts. 56, 57).

### 9. Wilmington

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB not in its individual capacity, but solely Owner Trustee of CSMC 2019-RPL11 Trust ("Wilmington") held an interest in the Queens Church Property by virtue of a deed of trust recorded in Clark County, Nevada. *See* (Dkt. 72). Wilmington's interest in the Queens Church Property was satisfied directly from the sale of the Queens Church Property pursuant to the terms of the Court's order. Wilmington stipulated that its deed of trust no longer encumbers the Queens Church Property and was dismissed from this action with prejudice. (*Id*).

### **Distribution of the Funds**

The parties stipulate that the funds shall be distributed as follows:

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Dated: January 13, 2023,

Party To Be Paid	<b>Amount To Be</b>	Remainder
-	Paid	
		\$627,069.54, plus
		accrued interest
City of Las Vegas Nevada	\$36,478.25	\$590,591.29 plus
		accrued interest
The United States of America	\$514,382.99	\$76,208.30 plus accrued
		interest
Republic	\$3,828.02	\$72,380.28 plus accrued
		interest
John Tousoulis, Individually and as	\$72,380.28	\$0
Personal Representative for the Estate of	plus accrued	
Denise Tousoulis	interest	
All other parties	\$0	\$0

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the Court approve the above stipulation and distribute the Funds pursuant to its terms. A proposed order is included herewith. Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

It is hereby certified that service has been made on January 13, 2023, by CM/ECF, which will send notice of the foregoing to all parties who have appeared in this case.

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14	ELENE MYLORDOS; WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND	
14	SOCIETY, FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL	,
15	CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER )	
16	TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2019-RP11 TRUST; ) REPUBLIC SILVER STATE DISPOSAL INC.;)	
10	R & K DEVELOPMENT INC.;	
17	COPPER CREEK CONSTRUCTION INC.;	
18	LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT; ) CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA;	
10	CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA;	
19	JOHN TOUSOULIS;	
20	DENISE TOUSOULIS;  Defendants.	
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22	This matter comes before the Court on the	parties' Joint Motion for Distribution of
23	Proceeds Deposited with Court. Having considered	I the motion, and for good cause shown, the
24	Court hereby ORDERS that:	
25	[Proposed] Order 2:190-cv-01937-JCM-VCF	

1	3. Within 21 days after the above checks have been issued, the United States shall file a
2	status report informing the Court regarding what, if any, further action is required in this
3	case.
4	IT IS SO ORDERED
5	Dated: January 13, 2023
6	US District Judge
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