**FILED** RECEIVED **ENTERED** SERVED ON COUNSEL/PARTIES OF RECORD 1 2 JUL 17 2012 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTERK US DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA DISTRICT OF NEVADA DEPUTY 5 3:12-cv-00007-ECR-WGC MARK TRAVIS WYMAN, KRYSTA MICHELLE ) WYMAN, Order 8. Plaintiffs, 9 vs. 10 FIRST MAGNUS FINANCIAL 11 CORPORATION; GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC; DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY 12 AMERICAS; RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC; EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE 13 |SERVICES, LLC; FANNIE MAE/FREDDIE MAC; CEREBRUS 14 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT; LSI TITLE CO., INC.; DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY a/k/a 15 | INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, 16 Defendants. 17 18 This case arises out of a quiet title action alleging that 19 Defendants wrongfully foreclosed on Plaintiffs' home. 21 I. Factual and Procedural Background 22 On or about September 6, 2006, Plaintiffs executed a Deed of 23 Trust with regard to the real property located at 196 Taylor Creek Road, Gardnerville, NV 89406 to secure a loan in the amount of 26 27

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1 \$1,000,000.00. (Deed of Trust¹ (#30-1).) The Deed of Trust was
2 recorded on September 11, 2006 as document #0684234, and names
3 Defendant First Magnus Financial Corporation as the lender, Western
4 Title Company Inc. as the trustee, and Mortgage Electronic
5 Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as the beneficiary and nominee
6 of the lender. (Id.) The Deed of Trust allows the lender to
7 appoint a substitute trustee and provides that "MERS holds only
8 legal title to the interests granted by Borrower in this Security
9 Instrument," but has the right to foreclose and sell the property as
10 a nominee of the lender. (Id.)

On June 11, 2011, MERS substituted Defendant Executive Trustee Services, LLC ("ETS") as the trustee under the Deed of Trust, memorialized by a Substitution of Trustee recorded on June 16, 2011 as document #765318. (Substitution of Trustee (#30-3).) Also on June 16, 2011, Defendant ETS recorded a Notice of Breach and Default and of Election to Cause Sell [sic] of Real Property Under Deed of Trust as document #765319. (Notice of Default (#30-4).)

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Defendants Deutsche, ETS, GMAC, and RFC and Defendant FNMA have requested that the Court take judicial notice of relevant publicly recorded documents, copies of which are filed in support of their respective Motions to Dismiss (## 5, 28). This Court takes judicial notice of these public records. See Disabled Rights Action Comm. v. Las Vegas Events, Inc., 375 F.3d 861, 866 n.1 (9th Cir. 2004) (holding that the court may take judicial notice of the records of state agencies and other undisputed matters of public record under Fed. R. Evid. 201). Importantly, "[a] court may . . . consider certain materials — documents attached to the complaint, documents incorporated by reference in the complaint, or matters of judicial notice — without converting the motion to dismiss into a motion for summary judgment." United States v. Ritchie, 342 F.3d 903, 908 (9th Cir. 2003). The Court therefore considers the judicially notice documents without converting the Motions to Dismiss (## 5, 28) to motions for summary judgment.

On February 15, 2011, MERS executed an Assignment of Deed of 2 Trust, assigning the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust and 3 the underlying note to Defendant Deutsche Bank Trust Company 4 Americas ("Deutsche"). (Assignment of Deed of Trust (#30-5).) Assignment was recorded on February 18, 2011 as document #778756. (Id.)

Defendant ETS, as trustee under the Deed of Trust, recorded a 8 second Notice of Breach and Default and of Election to Cause Sell  $9 \parallel [\text{sic}]$  of Real Property Under Deed of Trust as document #779886 on 10 March 14, 2011. (Second Notice of Default (#30-8).)

On or about August 3, 2011, the State of Nevada Foreclosure 12 Mediation Program issued a Certificate, recorded on November 7, 2011 13 as document #792196, noting that Plaintiffs failed to attend and/or 14 produce the necessary forms at the Foreclosure Mediation Conference 15 and authorizing the beneficiary to proceed with the foreclosure (Certificate (#30-9).) 16 process.

On November 16, 2011, Defendant ETS recorded a Notice of 18 Trustee's Sale, setting the sale date for December 21, 2011. 19 (Notice of Sale (#30-10).)

Plaintiffs subsequently filed a quiet title complaint (#1-1) in 21 the Ninth District Court of the State of Nevada in and for the 22 County of Douglas (the "State Court") on December 19, 2011. 23 Defendants Residential Funding Company ("RFC"), ETS, GMAC Mortgage, 24 |LLC ("GMAC"), and Deutsche removed the action to this Court on 25 January 5, 2012, invoking the Court's federal question jurisdiction. 26 (Pet. Removal (#1).)

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On January 12, 2012, Defendants RFC, ETS, GMAC, and Deutsche 2 filed a Motion to Dismiss (#5). On January 26, 2012 Defendant LSI 3 Title Co., Inc. ("LSI") and Defendant Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac  $4 \parallel ("FNMA")$  joined (## 13, 16) the motion. Plaintiffs responded (#10) 5 on January 24, 2012, and the moving Defendants replied (#19) on 6 February 1, 2012.

On January 24, 2012, Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Remand (#9). 8 Defendant FNMA responded (#22) on February 7, 2012, and Defendants 9 RFC, ETS, GMAC and Deutsche responded (#23) on February 8, 2012.

Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Strike (#24) Defendant LSI's 11 ||joinder (#13) to the Motion to Dismiss (#5) on February 8, 2012. 12 | Defendant LSI responded (#26) on February 9, 2012.

On February 8, 2012, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Summary 14 Judgment (#25). Defendant FNMA responded (#31) on February 27, 15 2012. Additionally, on March 1, 2012, Defendants RFC, ETS, GMAC, 16 and Deutsche filed their Response (#39), which was joined by 17 Defendants Cerebrus Capital Management ("Cerebrus"), LSI, and FNMA  $18\parallel(\#\#40, 41, 42)$ . Plaintiffs filed their Reply (#44) on March 7, 19 2012.

On February 17, 2012, Defendant FNMA filed a Motion to Dismiss 20 l (#28). Plaintiffs responded (#33) on February 29, 2012. Defendant 22 Cerebrus joined (#43) FNMA's Motion to Dismiss (#28) on March 7, FNMA replied (#45) on March 9, 2012. FNMA filed a Motion for 23 2012. 24 Hearing (#62) regarding its Motion to Dismiss (#28) on May 30, 2012.

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On February 29, 2012, Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Strike (#34) which the Court construes as an additional motion to remand. 3 Defendant FNMA responded (#47) on March 13, 2012.

On April 30, 2012, we found that federal question jurisdiction does not exist and ordered (#56) Defendants to submit evidence of  $6 \parallel$  the citizenship of the parties in order to determine whether the Court may exercise diversity jurisdiction over the matter.

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## II. Plaintiffs' Motions to Remand (## 9, 34)

## A. Legal Standard

Under the federal removal statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a),

any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or the defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division embracing the place where such action is pending.

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A district court has original jurisdiction over civil actions where the suit is between citizens of different states and the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds \$75,000.00. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a). If a defendant has improperly removed a case

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federal court shall remand the case to state court. 28 U.S.C. §

over which the federal court lacks diversity jurisdiction, the

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1447(c). However, the district court should deny a motion to remand

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to state court if the case was properly removed to federal court. <u> Carpenters S. Cal. Admin. Corp. v. Majestic Hous.</u>, 743 F.2d 1341,

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The removing party bears the burden of 1343 (9th Cir. 1984).

25 26 establishing federal jurisdiction. Calif. ex rel Lockyer v. Dynegy,

Inc., 375 F.3d 831, 839 (9th Cir. 2004). Removal statutes are to be

1 strictly construed, and any doubts as to the right of removal must 2 be resolved in favor of remanding to state court. Durham v. 3 Lockheed Martin Corp., 445 F.3d 1247, 1252 (9th Cir. 2006).

#### 4 B. Discussion

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The Court finds on the basis of the pleaded facts in the 6 Petition for Removal (#1) and the additional submitted evidence of 7 citizenship that the parties are completely diverse because none of 8 the Defendants are citizens of the state of Nevada. Furthermore, 9 Plaintiffs do not contend that any Defendant is a citizen of Nevada 10 or that the parties are not otherwise completely diverse.

Plaintiffs dispute in their Motion for Summary 12 | Judgment (#25) that the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 as 13 ||required by 28 U.S.C. § 1332. Where a defendant removes a state 14 action on the basis of diversity jurisdiction, the defendant must 15 either: (1) demonstrate that it is facially evident from the 16 plaintiff's complaint that the plaintiff seeks in excess of \$75,000, 17  $\parallel$ or (2) prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the amount in 19 [Ins. Col, 372 F.3d 1115 (9th Cir. 2004). In this case, it is clear 20 ||from the face of the complaint and the judicially noticed documents 21 that the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. While Plaintiffs do 22 not seek damages, they do seek a declaration that the promissory 23 note is fully discharged and that the Deed of Trust is null and (Compl. at 20 (#1-1).) The Deed of Trust (#30-1), which is 24 Void. 25 also attached to Plaintiffs' complaint (see Compl. Ex. A), secures a loan in the amount of \$1,000,000. Thus, not only it is "facially

1 evident" from the complaint that this requirement is met, but the 2 Deed of Trust establishes that the amount in controversy exceeds  $3 \parallel \$75,000$  by a preponderance of the evidence.

Plaintiffs' remaining objections to the Court's exercise of 5 | jurisdiction are generally without merit, as they cite to the 6 Federal Rules of Evidence and local rules governing appearances 7 | before this Court. Plaintiffs' Motions to Remand (## 9, 34) must 8 therefore be denied.

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#### III. Defendants' Motions to Dismiss (## 5, 28)

## 11 A. Legal Standard

Courts engage in a two-step analysis in ruling on a motion to 12 13 dismiss. Ashcroft v. Igbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937 (2009); Bell Atl. Corp. 14 v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544 (2007). First, courts accept only non-15 conclusory allegations as true. <a href="Igbal">Igbal</a>, 129 S. Ct. at 1949. 16 Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported 17 by mere conclusory statements, do not suffice." Id. (citing Twombly, 18 550 U.S. at 555). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 "demands more" 19 than an unadorned, the-defendant-unlawfully-harmed-me accusation." 20 Id. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 "does not unlock the doors of 21 discovery for a plaintiff armed with nothing more than conclusions."  $22 \parallel Id.$  at 1950. The Court must draw all reasonable inferences in favor 23 of the plaintiff. See Mohamed v. Jeppesen Dataplan, Inc., 579 F.3d 24 943, 949 (9th Cir. 2009).

After accepting as true all non-conclusory allegations and 26 drawing all reasonable inferences in favor of the plaintiff, the

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Court must then determine whether the complaint "states a plausible claim for relief." Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. at 1949 (citing Twombly, 550 U.S. at 555). "A claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged."

Id. at 1949 (citing Twombly, 550 U.S. at 556). This plausibility standard "is not akin to a 'probability requirement,' but it asks for more than a sheer possibility that a defendant has acted unlawfully." Id. A complaint that "pleads facts that are 'merely consistent with' a defendant's liability...'stops short of the line between possibility and plausibility of 'entitlement to relief.'"

Id. (quoting Twombly, 550 U.S. at 557).

### 13 B. Discussion

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## 1. Quiet Title

Plaintiffs' complaint seeks to quiet title in Plaintiffs'
names. Under Nevada law, a quiet title action may be brought by a
party who claims an adverse interest in the subject property. Nev.

Rev. Stat. § 40.010. "In a quiet title action, the burden of proof
rests with the plaintiff to prove good title in himself." Breliant
v. Preferred Equities Corp., 918 P.2d 314, 318 (Nev. 1996)

(citations omitted). When an adverse claim exists, the party
seeking to have another party's right to property extinguished must
overcome the "presumption in favor of the record titleholder." Id.
(citing Biasa v. Leavitt, 692 P.2d 1301, 1304 (Nev. 1985)).

Finally, an action to quiet title requires a plaintiff to allege
that he has paid any debt owed on the property. Scarberry v. Fid.

1 Mortg. of N.Y., No. 2:12-cv-00128-KJD-CWH, 2012 WL 2522812, at \*5 2 (D. Nev. June 29, 2012) (citing <u>Ferguson v. Avelo Mortg., LLC</u>, No.  $3 \parallel B223447$ , 2011 WL 2139143, at \*2 (Cal.App.2d June 1, 2011)); see also 4 Gomez v. Countrywide Bank, FSB, No. 2:09-cv-01489-RCJ-LRL, 2009 WL 5 3617650, at \*6 (D. Nev. Oct. 26, 2009) (holding that a plaintiff may 6 not quiet title in himself where he does not allege that he is not 7 | in default).

Plaintiffs have not alleged that they have paid the debt owed 9 on the property. The claim must therefore be dismissed. See Rivera 10 v. Recontrust Co., N.A., No. 2:11-CV-01695-KJD-PAL, 2012 WL 2190710, 11 at \*4 (D. Nev. June 14, 2012) ("Plaintiff claims an adverse interest 12  $\parallel$ in the Property but has not alleged an absence of default, and has 13 | failed to show that she has satisfied all encumbrances against the 14 Property. . . . Accordingly, the claim for quiet title fails."). 15 Moreover, it is undisputed that Plaintiffs have defaulted on the 16 | loan. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' quiet title action must be 17 dismissed. See Anderson v. Deutsche Bank Nat'l Trust Co., No. 2:10-18 CV-1443 JCM (PAL), 2010 WL 4386958, at \*5 (D. Nev. Oct. 29, 2010) 19 ("Plaintiff's claim must be dismissed because plaintiff has not done 20 equity; it is undisputed that plaintiff defaulted on his loan. 21 Accordingly, the [quiet title] action is dismissed."). Furthermore, 22 the Court dismisses the action with prejudice as leave to amend 23 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a) would prove 24 ||futile.

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# 2. Wrongful Foreclosure

Although the complaint (#1-1) does not make it explicit, 3 Plaintiffs' allegations may be construed to assert a cause of action 4 for wrongful foreclosure under Nevada law. Specifically, it appears 5 that Plaintiffs claim that Defendants do not have authority to  $6\,\|$ foreclose because the securitization of the note and the Deed of 7 Trust have discharged Plaintiffs' obligations and because Defendants 8 are not the holders in due course of the note. (See Compl. ¶ 11 Plaintiffs further claim that Defendants do not have 10 authority to foreclose where the note is "split" from the Deed of (Id.) Finally, Plaintiffs claim that there is no evidence 12 of transfer of ownership from the original lender to the party now 13 seeking to foreclosure. (Id. ¶ 24.)

The Nevada Supreme Court has yet to address the split note See Leyva v. Nat'l Default Servicing Corp., 255 P.3d 1275  $16 \parallel (\text{Nev. 2011})$  ("Since the documents . . . did not establish transfer 17 of either the mortgage or the note, we express no opinion on the 18 issue addressed in the Restatement (Third) of Property Mortgages 19 section 5.4 concerning the effect on the mortgage of the note having 20 been transferred or the reverse."). However, courts in this 21 District and others have repeatedly rejected the theory advanced by 22 Plaintiffs that securitization somehow splits a note from a deed of 23 trust and renders either a nullity or otherwise discharges a 24 grantee's obligations. See, e.g., Parker v. GreenPoint Mortg. 25 Funding, Inc., No. 3:11-cv-00039-ECR-RAM, 2011 WL 5248171, at \*4 (D. 26 Nev. Nov. 1, 2011) (rejecting Plaintiff's "splitting the note

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1 theory"); Manderville v. Litton Loan Servicing, No. 2:10-cv-01696,  $2 \parallel 2011$  WL 2149105, at \*2 (D. Nev. May 31, 2011) ("As plaintiff is 3 basing her quiet title claim on the 'split the note' theory, which 4 has been rejected by many courts with regards to nonjudicial 5 foreclosures such as this, it cannot survive."); Birkland v. Silver 6 State Fin. Servs., Inc., No. 2:10-cv-00035, 2010 WL 3419372, at \*2 (D. Nev. Aug. 25, 2010) (holding that the plaintiff is "incorrect"  $8 \parallel$ in "claiming that the securitization - or placement of her note/loan 9 on the secondary market - makes it impossible to identify which  $10\,\mathrm{parties}$  have purchased an interest in the note, and that the deed of 11 trust 'is split from the note and is unenforceable.'"). See also 12 Horvath v. Bank of N.Y., N.A., 641 F.3d 617, 624 (4th Cir. 2011) ("If . . . the transfer of a note splits it from the deed of trust, 13 14 . . . there would be little reason for notes to exist in the first 15 place. One of the defining features of notes is their 16 transferability, . . . but on [plaintiff]'s view, transferring a 17 note would strip it from the security that gives it value and render 18 the note largely worthless. This cannot be - and is not - the 19 law."); Commonwealth Prop. Advocates v. Mortg. Elec. Registration 20 Sys., Inc., No. 2:11-CV-214 TS, 2011 WL 1897826, at \*2 (D. Utah May  $21 \parallel 18$ , 2011) ("[A]s any assignment of the note necessarily carries with 22 it the deed of trust securing the property, the Court has found that 23 such a 'split-note' scenario is untenable."). The Court will 24 therefore again reject the theory that the securitization of a note 25 somehow voids Plaintiffs' obligations.

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Moreover, Plaintiffs cannot establish a cause of action for wrongful foreclosure where they have defaulted on the loan:

[A]n action for the tort of wrongful foreclosure will lie [only] if the trustor or mortgagor can establish that at the time the power of sale was exercised or the foreclosure occurred, no breach of condition or failure of performance existed on the mortgagor's or trustor's part which would have authorized the foreclosure or exercise of the power of sale.

7 Collins v. Union Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n, 662 P.2d 610, 623 (Nev. Therefore, "[t]he material issue of fact in a wrongful  $9 \parallel$  foreclosure claim is whether the trustor was in default when the  $10 \parallel \text{power of sale was exercised."}$  Id. Here, Plaintiffs' claim fails 11 because they cannot allege that there were not in default on their 12 loan obligations when foreclosure proceedings were initiated, nor 13 that they made any attempt to cure the default.

Finally, the judicially noticed documents evidence a 15 procedurally proper non-judicial foreclosure in accord with Nev. 16 Rev. Stat. § 107.080. For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs cannot 17 establish a claim for wrongful foreclosure. Moreover, because the 18 Court finds that leave to amend would prove futile, the claim will 19 be dismissed with prejudice.

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# IV. Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike (#24)

Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike and Objection to Joinder to Motion 23 to Dismiss (#24) is a largely incoherent dissertation on "Canons of 24 Ecclestiastical [sic] Law known collectively as Canonum De Lex 25 Ecclesium." (Mot. Strike at 1 (#24).) In the second half of the 26 forty-page motion, Plaintiffs have copied excerpts of the local

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1 rules governing practice before this Court, the Federal Rules of 2 Evidence governing hearsay, and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 19 3 governing required joinder of parties. The motion also contains the 4 same argument, addressed above, that the Court lacks subject matter 5 jurisdiction. Plaintiffs have therefore provided no basis to strike 6 Defendant LSI's Joinder (#13) to Deutsche, ETS, GMAC, and RFC's 7 Motion to Dismiss (#5). Moreover, given that Plaintiffs' 8 substantive claims in their complaint (#1-1) have no merit, striking  $9 \parallel \text{LSI's Joinder (#13)}$  would have little practical effect on this case. 10 Accordingly, Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike (#24) will be denied.

# V. Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment (#25)

# 13 A. Summary Judgment Standard

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Summary judgment allows courts to avoid unnecessary trials 15 where no material factual dispute exists. Nw. Motorcycle Ass'n v. 16 U.S. Dep't of Agric., 18 F.3d 1468, 1471 (9th Cir. 1994). The court 17 must view the evidence and the inferences arising therefrom in the 18 light most favorable to the nonmoving party, Bagdadi v. Nazar, 84 19 F.3d 1194, 1197 (9th Cir. 1996), and should award summary judgment 20 where no genuine issues of material fact remain in dispute and the 21 moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. FED. R.  $22 \parallel \text{CIV. P. } 56(\text{c})$ . Judgment as a matter of law is appropriate where 23 there is no legally sufficient evidentiary basis for a reasonable 24 jury to find for the nonmoving party. FED. R. CIV. P. 50(a). 25 reasonable minds could differ on the material facts at issue, 26 however, summary judgment should not be granted. Warren v. City of

1 Carlsbad, 58 F.3d 439, 441 (9th Cir. 1995), cert. denied, 516 U.S. 2 1171 (1996).

The moving party bears the burden of informing the court of the 4 basis for its motion, together with evidence demonstrating the 5 absence of any genuine issue of material fact. Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986). Once the moving party has met  $7 \parallel$ its burden, the party opposing the motion may not rest upon mere 8 allegations or denials in the pleadings, but must set forth specific  $9 \parallel$  facts showing that there exists a genuine issue for trial. 10 v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986). Although the 11 parties may submit evidence in an inadmissible form--namely, 12 depositions, admissions, interrogatory answers, and affidavits--only 13 evidence which might be admissible at trial may be considered by a 14 trial court in ruling on a motion for summary judgment. FED. R. CIV. 15 P. 56(c); Beyene v. Coleman Sec. Servs., Inc., 854 F.2d 1179, 1181 16 (9th Cir. 1988).

In deciding whether to grant summary judgment, a court must 17 18 take three necessary steps: (1) it must determine whether a fact is 19 material; (2) it must determine whether there exists a genuine issue 20 for the trier of fact, as determined by the documents submitted to 21 the court; and (3) it must consider that evidence in light of the 22 appropriate standard of proof. Anderson, 477 U.S. at 248. 23 judgment is not proper if material factual issues exist for trial. 24 B.C. v. Plumas Unified Sch. Dist., 192 F.3d 1260, 1264 (9th Cir.  $25 \parallel 1999$ ). As to materiality, only disputes over facts that might 26 affect the outcome of the suit under the governing law will properly

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1 preclude the entry of summary judgment. Disputes over irrelevant or 2 unnecessary facts should not be considered. Id. Where there is a 3 complete failure of proof on an essential element of the nonmoving 4 party's case, all other facts become immaterial, and the moving 5 party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Celotex, 477 U.S. 6 at 323. Summary judgment is not a disfavored procedural shortcut, 7 but rather an integral part of the federal rules as a whole. 8 B. Discussion

Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment (#25) argues that 10 Plaintiffs are entitled to judgment as a matter of law because 11 Defendants have not presented evidence of an injury in fact to 12 establish Constitutional standing, Defendants have not presented 13 evidence to establish a genuine issue of material fact, and 14 Defendants lack Constitutional standing. (Mot. Summ. J. at 2-5, 10-15  $\parallel$  12 (#25).) The Motion (#25) also contains arguments that the Court 16 | lacks subject matter jurisdiction, which the Court addresses above.

Plaintiffs' argument that Defendants have not and cannot 18 establish standing is misapplied. The authorities on standing, as 19 cited by Plaintiffs, make clear that is it a plaintiff's burden to  $20\,\|$ establish the three elements of standing because "they are not mere 21 pleading requirements but rather an indispensable part of the 22 plaintiff's case." Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife, 504 U.S. 555,  $23 \parallel 561$  (1992). The cases cited by Plaintiff establish that Article III 24 standing requires that (1) "the plaintiff must have suffered an 25 \"injury in fact'" that (2) is "fairly traceable to the challenged 26 action of the defendant," and (3) that plaintiff's injury will be

1  $\parallel$  redressed by a favorable decision." Id. at 560-561 (citations 2 omitted) (emphasis added). Thus, Plaintiffs' argument that 3 Defendants cannot show that they have suffered an injury in fact is 4 completely unavailing.

Moreover, because Plaintiffs' claims fail as a matter of law 6 and must be dismissed, Plaintiffs cannot establish that they are 7 entitled to summary judgment, nor have they produced any evidence 8 establishing the absence of a genuine issue of material fact, as is 9 their burden. Celotex, 477 U.S. at 323. Accordingly, Plaintiffs' 10 Motion for Summary Judgment (#25) must be denied.

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### VI. Conclusion

The Court may properly exercise jurisdiction because the 14 parties are completely diverse and the amount in controversy exceeds The judicially noticed documents establish that Defendants 15 | \$75,000. 16 have properly initiated a non-judicial foreclosure in compliance 17 with Nev. Rev. Stat. § 107.080 after Plaintiffs defaulted on their 18 mortgage loan. Plaintiffs' quiet title action therefore fails as a 19 matter of law and must be dismissed with prejudice, and Plaintiffs 20 are not entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

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IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motions to 23 Remand (## 9, 34) are **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants' Motions to Dismiss (## 24 25 5, 28) are **GRANTED**. The complaint (#1-1) is **DISMISSED** with 26 prejudice.

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| 1  | <u>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED</u> that Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike (#24) |
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| 2  | is <u>DENIED</u> .   |
| 3  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary            |
| 4  | Judgment (#25) is <b>DENIED</b> .                                    |
| 5  | IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac's        |
| 6  | Motion for Hearing (#62) is <u>DENIED</u> as moot.                   |
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| 8  | The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.                          |
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