EXHIBIT A

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL A. LIEB

I, Michael A. Lieb, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

- 1. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein and am competent to testify to the same. If called to testify, I would testify consistent with the facts set forth herein.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit 1 is biographical information regarding me and my firm. I have had extensive experience with the listing, marketing, and the purchase and sale of property in the downtown area of Phoenix. For example, I was hired to assemble a large section of property between 7th Street and 3rd Street and between Van Buren and Roosevelt for a potential Cardinals stadium. I was involved in the acquisition of 35-40 parcels in this area at an average purchase price of about \$20 per square foot. As such, I have had a long history of extensive involvement with and knowledge of the property in the vicinity of the property at issue here, the "Roosevelt & Gateway Property."
- 3. I have also had extensive history with this property, the Roosevelt & Gateway Property. A couple of years before it was purchased by the LaMar group, this property was listed with my firm and I was involved in completing the sale where it was sold for \$15 per square foot.
- 4. Because of my experience in the area, my firm was retained by ML Manager in the summer of 2010 to market and sale the Roosevelt & Gateway Property. I developed a marketing package. I utilized a long list of prospective brokers, developers, investors and other interested parties that I developed over the many years of activity that

I have had in this particular infill area. A copy of the marketing package is attached as Exhibit 2. The marketing package was sent to over 500 separate contacts, many of whom, because they were brokers or representatives, shared the package with multiple contacts. I believe that from this distribution the package was seen and reviewed by at least 1000 separate people or groups who have shown interest in infill development in this area. In addition, I serve on the Executive Committee for the Downtown Phoenix Community Alliance. This is a long standing downtown business organization that represents all of the downtown business interests and is extensively involved in promoting new development in this area. There are more than 300 individuals or companies involved with the Downtown Phoenix Community Alliance, and I provided all of them the marketing package as well.

- 5. In addition to the marketing package, I placed four large signs at the corners of the property. Because this property is at the apex of the traffic bridge combining and/or separating one way traffic on 3rd and 5th streets it is adjacent to and the focal point of a major transportation corridor in and out of downtown Phoenix. As such, this signage received great visibility. I received many calls from interested individuals as a result of the signage on the property.
- 6. As a result of the marketing efforts, we received four written offers. The offer range was from a low of \$1,258,884 or \$10 per square foot to the current offer and escrow agreement with Concorde Eastridge at \$3,085,138. Their initial offer was \$2,835,000, but through negotiations this offer was increased to the contract price.

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7. This buyer is a serious and well-established buyer. They have an intention to develop student housing and already have a partner with an educational REIT. The other offers, which were lower, were more speculative and were contingent on receiving City or State credits or money such as tax credits, IDAs or other yet to be established incentives.

- 8. With regard to the allegations that there are high comps in the general area and the argument that the current fair market value of the property is substantially higher, in my opinion this simply is not true. In fact, there has been very little in the way of true arms-length transactions in the area. I was asked by other parties to do a Broker Opinion of Value on two or three sites south of Chase Field, and my opinion was that the value of that property was \$20 per square feet or less.
- 9. I believe that there are only two types of buyers for this type of property in today's market speculators and developers for a specific project. The speculators look to tie up property and/or hold for a develop cycle of 5-7 years or longer. If they are purchasing property, they are looking to acquire it for \$10-\$15 per square foot as evidenced by some of the offers we received. The other type of buyer is a buyer for a specific development. There are very few specific development projects, so the market for such buyers is extremely small. In this case I believe that it was fortunate to find a solid buyer with a specific development proposal, which clearly led to a higher price.
- 10. I have personal knowledge of the property directly west of this property. It is a 21,000 square foot parcel of vacant land that sold for approximately \$123 per square 2375029/28149.017

foot in January 2007. Based on my experience, research, and information that I have received and reviewed, I believe that the current offers and probable selling range for this property will be in the \$18 -\$25 range.

- 11. There is a 3.94 acre site located at 202 E. McDowell, adjacent to the Phoenix Art Museum that sold for \$3.2 million or \$18.60 per square foot in February 2008. It was rezoned for urban scale multi-family of 300 units, and is even a current income producing property until it can be redeveloped.
- 12. Another comparable property that is for sale is the vacant property on the northwest corner of Central and McDowell. It has immediate access to a light rail station and is located in the Downtown Redevelopment District, which gives it particular benefits. It previously sold for over \$100 per square foot. It is being actively marketed at this time, but my understanding is that current offers are in the \$20 to \$25 per square foot range.
- 13. Another potential comp is the former Mortgages Ltd. property at the corner of Highland and Central that was sold for \$2,860,000 or \$19.26 per square foot in December 2009 through a bankruptcy auction. This site has light rail access.
- 14. I have reviewed the alleged comps asserted by the Objectors. I do not believe that they are true "comps" or representative of the value of this property. Based on my experience, research and all information available to me, in my opinion the current offer represents the fair market value of this property at this time, and it is speculative as to whether the value of the property will materially increase in the foreseeable future.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: 00.3,2010.

Michael A. Lieb

EXHIBIT A1

Michael A. Lieb, President, Michael A. Lieb, Ltd. - Background Experience

Deemed the "King of Infill" by the Arizona Republic for over two decades Michael Lieb has been a key player in the residential and commercial development of thousands of acres located in urban and rural areas throughout Metropolitan Phoenix. In Urban areas such as Downtown and Central Phoenix and Downtown Tempe, Lieb has dedicated himself to working to attract national and international developers to achieve the vision set forth by both these cities and their downtown community of new urban scale housing and mixed-use commercial development.

His involvement in various real estate projects which include residential, retail and commercial have made him an instrumental force in the success of the newly created downtown core of Phoenix known as Copper Square and make him a true pioneer in the effort to revitalize downtown and central Phoenix into a valuable urban center. Lieb has the ability, experience, and relationships necessary to work closely with top Phoenix public officials and senior staff members in the downtown phoenix areas. Professionally Michael A. Lieb, Ltd is well known and highly respected for his real estate expertise throughout the local real estate market. This professional recognition has enabled him to establish relationships with top real estate executives and decision makers of many local and national real estate development companies.

Michael a. Lieb, Ltd

For nearly two decades Michael A. Lieb, Ltd has been among the Valley's leading real estate/land acquisition professionals. Lieb has been a catalyst for redevelopment by promoting and creating infill development in the Central and Downtown Phoenix area. Brokerage activities include but are not limited to:

- Marketing sites for sale with detailed information packages and direct communication with decision makers.
- Site selection including ownership, zoning and entitlement research
- Negotiation of letters of intent and purchase contracts
- Assistance provided to developers and landowners with selection of architects, civil engineers, zoning attorneys and other related consultants
- Assistance provided to developers and land owners with processing of entitlements including zoning strategies and communication with surrounding neighborhoods
- Assistance provided to developers and landowners with all real estate feasibility periods and due diligence items including property surveys, environmental studies, soil and compaction testing and utility studies.
- Communication among and representation of both Buyers and Sellers to ensure all issues pertaining to contracts are resolved and adhered to in prompt and timely manner
- Coordination of all activities pertaining to real estate close of escrow

Partial Client List:

Arizona State Land Department

City of Phoenix

Arizona State University

Downtown Phoenix Partnership-CDC

Dr. Horton

Starpoint Properties Alliance Residential

Opus West

Trillium Residential Anthem Master Plan Del Webb/Pulte Homes

Engle Homes Greystone

Gray Development

Meritage/Monterey Homes

Westcor Company

Lincoln Property Company

Centrum Properties Archstone - Smith Butler Housing Wood Partners Trammell Crow

JPI

Legacy Partners Sun America Shea Commercial

PB Bell

Wallick Companies
Westone Properties
Camden Property Trust
Hanover Companies
SW Retail Group

Catholic Diocese Real Estate Department

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Jameson Realty Group

Lieb's knowledge and efforts of the urban residential and commercial real estate market alone make him an asset to the continued success of Phoenix and have resulted in over 3,500 new housing units constructed in central Phoenix and the downtown Copper Square.

Specific examples of both residential and commercial projects include the following:

Artisan Homes

The latest urban housing projects Lieb's leadership has been able to attract to downtown Phoenix include urban housing and loft expert Eric Brown of Artisan Homes. The success of the Artisan Homes loft concept began when Lieb was able to further his vision for downtown by successfully recruiting Artisan Homes to set their sights on the downtown residential housing market. The three mixed use loft projects which many Phoenix officials credit to have launched the beginning of the urban housing transformation in downtown Phoenix include Artisan Lofts located on Central Avenue, Artisan Parkview located at 7th Street and Washington and the most recent Artisan Village at 7th Street and Roosevelt. In negotiating this latest residential project with City of Phoenix officials, Lieb was successful in securing a \$2.5 million dollar grant which provided financial assistance for the developer to offset inflated cost of land in Urban downtown Phoenix. In total the Artisan Homes loft projects include over 240 total residential units in the downtown corridor.

T-GEN/IGC - Phoenix Bioscience Center

At the joint request of the Phoenix Downtown Partnership and the Phoenix Community Alliance, Lieb was selected and charged with assembling a parcel of land in downtown Phoenix that could accommodate at the time, the pending TSA site selection requirements for the Arizona Cardinals Stadium. This site included the area from Fillmore to Roosevelt, 7th Street to 4th Street and include over 130 different parcels and over 35 separate property owners which Lieb in a 90 day time-frame was able to convince all owners to agree to long term real estate options. These long-term options enabled the city of Phoenix to consider utilizing the assembled parcels for various redevelopment efforts, which included a potential sports stadium and various other commercial uses. Due to extenuating circumstances concerning the deadlines associated with the TSA's selection process, the 13 acre site became available giving the city the opportunity to purchase the assembled parcels for \$18 million. This parcel eventually became a portion of the expansion located of the highly coveted T-GEC/IGC research project that will not only diversify Arizona's industry but diversify the office and employee market downtown Phoenix. Partnerships associated with the world-renowned T-GEN project will also provide educational opportunities for thousands of new students in the downtown Phoenix area.

Playa del Norte - Tempe Town Lake

In working to help meet the needs of the City of Tempe and its newest redevelopment project at Tempe Town Lake, Michael A. Lieb successfully performed a 22 acre land acquisition which resulted in a development project located on the North side of Tempe Town Lake. This \$80 million dollar mixed use project is currently under construction and is set to open in the end of 2006. After acquisition of the 22 acre site the land owner hired Lieb to market the parcels which resulted in 508 urban apartments, 134 sold-out condos with underground parking and lastly a 22 story high rise condo project called the "Onyx" on Tempe Town Lake. At the time of these sales the land price was the highest achieved on the Tempe lake.

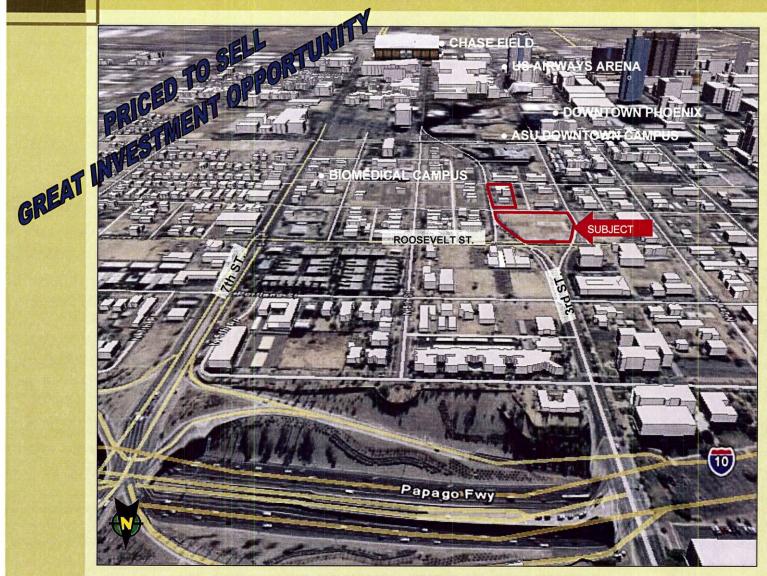
Albertson's shopping Center - Scottsdale Road and Thomas Road

In the true spirit of infill redevelopment Michael A. Lieb, Ltd worked successfully on behalf of Albertsons' Grocery Chain and Kobel Development to acquire an infill location in South Scottsdale. Lieb was the acquisition professional able to secure the land and the zoning entitlements of 30 existing blighted single family homes and a dilapidated shopping center at the Southeast Corner of Scottsdale Road and Thomas Road. Today

EXHIBIT A2

AVAILABLE 2.89 ACRE DOWNTOWN PHOENIX SITE

SEC OF 3RD STREET AND ROOSEVELT STREET • PHOENIX ARIZONA



- C-2 HIGH RISE ZONING, CITY OF PHOENIX
- * EXCELLENT INFILL SITE, LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO: ASU DOWNTOWN CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MEDICAL SCHOOL, DOWNTOWN BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS, AND ARIZONA CENTER
- **THREE BLOCKS FROM THE METRO LIGHT RAIL LINE**

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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT SITE

Property Highlights SEC of 3rd Street and Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, AZ.

Project Size: <u>+</u>2.89 Acres (125,924 SF.)

Price: \$3,777.720 (\$30.00 per SF)

Assessor

Parcels: 21 individual parcels encompass the 2.8 Acres

111-44-001 thru 006, 111-44-007B,008A 111-44-011A, 011D, 111-44-012 thru 015

111-44-023 thru 029

Zoning: C-2, Downtown Code

City of Phoenix

The site is located in the established Evans Church

District, this area allows for 250 feet of height.

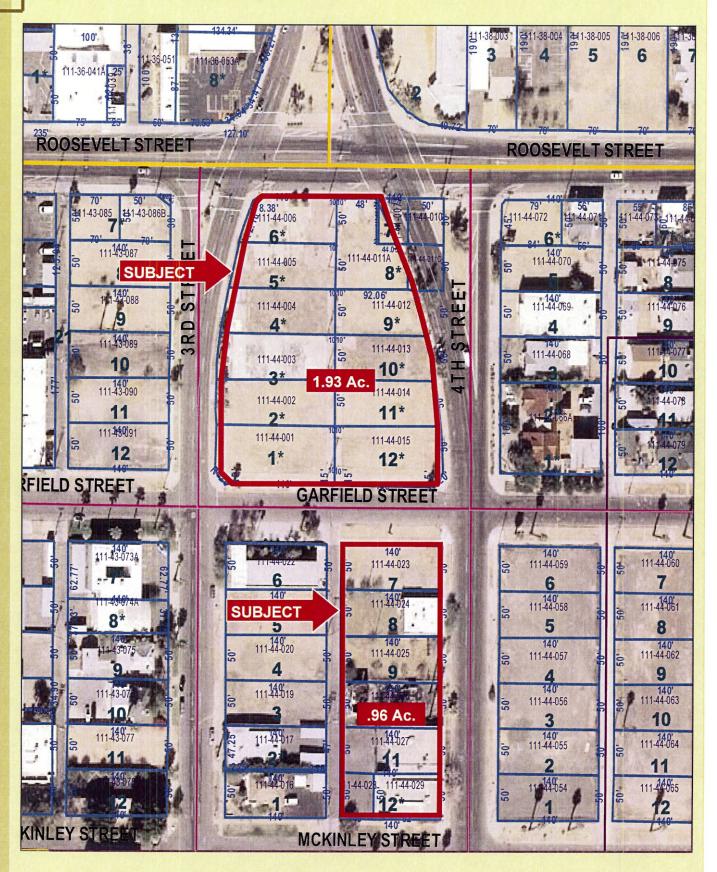
Utilities: Electric - Arizona Public Service

Water - City of Phoenix Sewer - City of Phoenix

Telephone - Qwest Communications

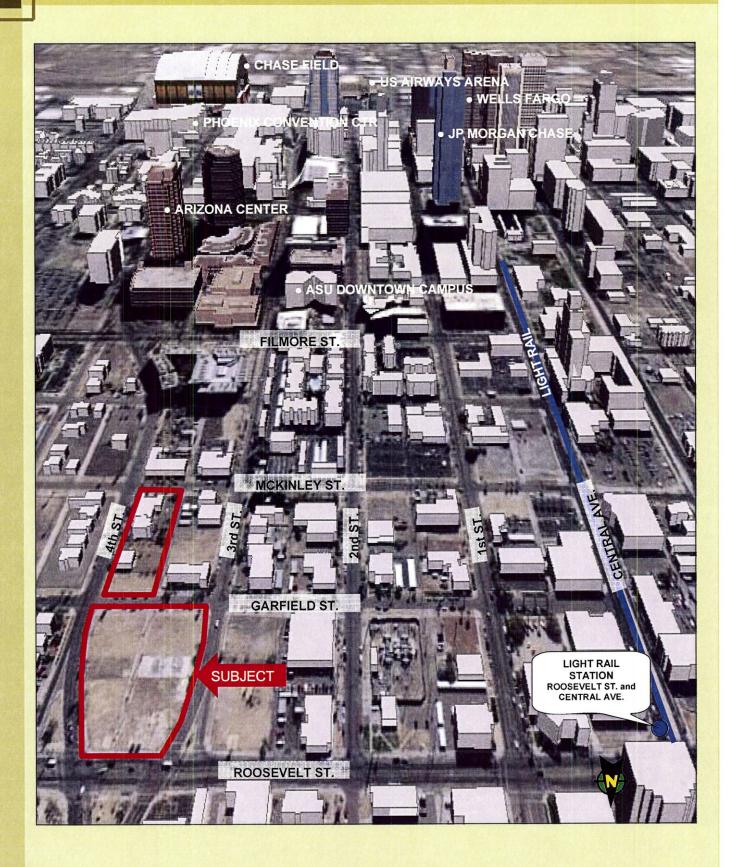
Cable - Cox Communications

MARICOPA COUNTY ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS



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Phoenix Downtown Development Site

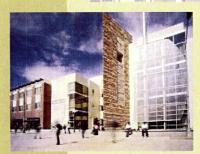


Phoenix Biomedical Campus

PHOENIX BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS







Downtown Phoenix is the heart of the Phoenix metropolitan area. From 2006 to 2011, approximately \$4 billion of private and public capital will have been invested in the 1.5 square mile downtown area. In addition to the to the 83,000 workers who make downtown their daytime home, more than 10 million people visit the areas many cultural, sports, and entertainment venues each year.

In December 2004, the Phoenix City Council adopted a plan entitled, "Downtown Phoenix: A Strategic Vision and Blueprint for the Future" to establish a roadmap for the next 10 years of downtown development. The Strategic Vision and Blueprint builds off of the significant public and private initiatives currently underway in Downtown Phoenix, including the *Phoenix Biomedical Campus*, Valley Metro Rail transit system, the new 1,000 room Sheraton hotel, the development of the new Arizona State University Downtown Phoenix campus, the establishment of the University of Arizona medical school, and the development of approximately 2,000 student housing units.

The plan also calls for more than 600,000 square feet of retail and entertainment space, 10,000 new jobs, urban-oriented academic and biomedical campuses, continued focus on the arts and historic preservation, and strong pedestrian environments.



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