UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

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) Civil Action No. 18-CV-5587
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) Hon. John Z. Lee
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) Magistrate Judge Young B. Kim
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ORDER PARTIALLY GRANTING RECEIVER'S TENTH MOTION TO CONFIRM THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE AND FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF CERTAIN MORTGAGES, LIENS, CLAIMS, AND ENCUMBRANCES

WHEREAS, by Order Appointing Receiver, dated August 17, 2018 (Dkt. 16) this Court

took exclusive jurisdiction and possession of the assets of all Receivership Defendants;

WHEREAS, the Order Appointing Receiver identified EquityBuild, Inc. ("EquityBuild")

and 4533-37 S Calumet LLC as Receivership Defendants;

WHEREAS, by Order entered March 14, 2019 (Dkt. 290), the Court identified SSDF7

Portfolio 1 LLC as an additional Receivership Defendant;

WHEREAS, 4533-37 S Calumet LLC is the owner of record of the real estate located at

4533-47 South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653 ("4533-47 South Calumet"), whose

commonly known address, permanent index number, and legal description is reflected on Tab A

hereto;

WHEREAS, SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC is the owner of record of the real estate located at

4317-19 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653 ("4317-19 South Michigan"), 7442-48

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South Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60619 ("<u>7442-48 South Calumet</u>"), 7701-03 South Essex Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60649 ("<u>7701-03 South Essex</u>"), and 816-20 East Marquette Road, Chicago, Illinois 60621 ("<u>816-20 East Marquette</u>"), whose commonly known addresses, permanent index numbers, and legal descriptions are reflected on Tab A hereto;

WHEREAS, EquityBuild is the owner of record of the real estate located at 431 East 42nd Place, Chicago, Illinois 60653 ("<u>431 East 42nd</u>"), whose commonly known address, permanent index number, and legal description is reflected on Tab A hereto;

WHEREAS, the Court finds that the sales prices reflected in the Purchase And Sale Agreements that the Receiver has accepted for the conveyances of <u>4533-47 South Calumet</u>, <u>4317-19 South Michigan</u>, <u>7442-28 South Calumet</u>, <u>7701-03 South Essex</u>, <u>816-20 East Marquette</u>, and <u>431 East 42nd</u> (collectively, the "Properties") are consistent with the fair market value of the Properties;

WHEREAS, Kevin B. Duff, as receiver ("Receiver") for the Receivership Defendants, filed a Tenth Motion To Confirm The Sale Of Certain Real Estate And For The Avoidance Of Certain Mortgages, Liens, Claims, And Encumbrances (the "Motion");

WHEREAS, the Court received no objections to the Motion with regard to the sales of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that the Receiver has given fair, adequate, and sufficient notice to all interested parties, including all mortgagees and other encumbrancers affected by the Motion;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Motion is GRANTED in part.

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The Receiver is authorized to sell the real property and improvements at <u>4533-47</u>
<u>South Calumet</u> free and clear of:

a. that certain Mortgage recorded September 8, 2016 as Document No. 1625250139 made by EquityBuild, Inc. to Annie Chang, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; iPlan Group Agent for Custodian FBO Vladimir Matviishin IRA, as to an undivided 1.76% interest; Rabbi Dr. Gideon Goldenholz, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; iPlan Group Agent for Custodian FBO Joshua Mora IRA, as to an undivided 1.97% interest; iPlan Group Agent for Custodian FBO Christopher Mora IRA, as to an undivided 2.31% interest; Dee Ann Nason, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Lorraine K. McClane, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Shengjie LI and Yuye Xu, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Jackie Becker, as to an undivided 0.86% interest; Joyce W. Bak Revocable Trust Joyce Becker Bak Trustee, as to an undivided 0.86% interest; Walter Becker, as to an undivided 3.45% interest; iPlan Group Agent for Custodian FBO Mark Young IRA, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Asians Investing in Real Estate LLC, as to an undivided 1.83% interest; Madison Trust Company Custodian FBO Xuwen Lin IRA Account #M1606034, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Harvey Singer, as to an undivided 3.45% interest; Robert A. Potter, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Madison Trust Company FBO James Henderson IRA, as to an undivided 1.38% interest; Eleven St. Felix Street Realty Corp, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; IRA Trust Services Co. FBO SLM Property Investments IRA Account #: 5877315203, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Layne A. Hermansen, as to an undivided 1.76% interest; Paul N. Wilmesmeier, as to an undivided 0.86% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO Darrell Duty IRA, as to an undivided 0.22% interest; Captain Jack, LLC, as to an undivided 0.69% interest; Douglas & Narine Nebel, as to an

undivided 1.72% interest; Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Andrew Brooks 401k Plan, as to an undivided 0.69% interest; Vantage Appraisals, Inc. 401k, as to an undivided 1.90% interest; Denton Real Estate Company Inc. 401k, as to an undivided 3.45% interest; Baron Real Estate Holdings, LLC, as to an undivided 10.34% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO William Jack Needham IRA Account#3300944, as to an undivided 5.84% interest; Optima Property Solutions LLC, as to an undivided 2.41% interest; New Move Ventures Inc., as to an undivided 2.41% interest; Charles Savona, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; The Entrust Group Inc. FBO Patrick Sheehan IRA #11011, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO David Trengove IRA Account #3300951, as to an undivided 6.90% interest; Tierra Buena, LLC, as to an undivided 2.59% interest; Russ Moreland, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Quest IRA, Inc. FBO Steven C. Noss IRA#12201-11, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Louis Liu, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Hoang-Small Trust, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Bluebridge Partners Limited, as to an undivided 3.45% interest; Rajitha Dundigalla, as to an undivided 1.72% interest; Double Portion Foundation, as to an undivided 1.38% interest; iPlan Group Agent for Custodian FBO Brett Burnham, as to an undivided 2.76% interest; and Big Bean, LLC, as to an undivided 3.45% interest, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$2,900,000.00;

b. that certain Mortgage and that certain Assignment of Rents recorded February 23, 2017 as Document Nos. 1705429017 and 1705429018 made by 4533-37 S. Calumet LLC to BMO Harris Bank N.A., to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$3,020,000.00; and c. that certain *lis pendens* recorded as Document No. 1818318076 in connection with *Anson Markwell, as Trustee for the Amark Investment Trust vs. EquityBuild, Inc. d/b/a EB EquityBuild Capital, Inc.; Hard Money Company, LLC d/b/a Venture Hard Money Capital LLC; EquityBuild Finance, LLC; Jerry J. Cohen; Shaun D. Cohen; SSDF4 6250 S Mozart, LLC; SSDF4 638 N. Avers, LLC; SSDF4 701 5th, LLC; SSFD4 7024 S. Paxton LLC; SSDF4 7255 S. Euclid, LLC; SSDF5 Portfolio 1, LLC; SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC; 4533-37 S. Calumet LLC; 6437 S. Kenwood, LLC; 7026 Cornell, Inc., 7109 S. Calumet, LLC; 8100 S Essex, LLC; EB South Chicago 4, LLC and SSPH Portfolio 1, LLC, Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 18-CH-09098.*

The Receiver is authorized to sell the real property and improvements at <u>4317-19</u>
<u>South Michigan</u> free and clear of:

a. that certain Mortgage recorded February 22, 2016 as Document No. 1605356098 made by EquityBuild, Inc. to Gerry Recamara and Clarice Recamara, as to an undivided 1.01% interest; Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Ronald M. Beal IRA, as to an undivided 9.09% interest; Harvey Singer, as to an undivided 21.21% interest; Susan Martinez, as to an undivided 5.05% interest; Sohm Strategic Investments LLC, as to an undivided 2.53% interest; Paul N. Wilmesmeier, as to an undivided 2.53% interest; The Entrust Group Inc. FBO Marjorie Jean Sexton IRA# 7230013060, as to an undivided 0.95% interest; Pinellas Florida Freedom Realty, LLC, as to an undivided 1.01% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO Verdell Michaux, as to an undivided 0.40% interest; Verdell Michaux, as to an undivided 0.10% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO Mario Flores IRA, as to an undivided 16.54% interest; Hillside Fund, LLC, as to an undivided 7.58% interest; Deborah Buffamanti, as to an undivided 5.05% interest; Paul

Harrison, as to an undivided 15.43% interest; Hang Zhou and Lu Dong; as to an undivided 5.05% interest; Thaddeus Gala, as to an undivided 2.53% interest; Ramsey Stephan, as to an undivided 2.02% interest; and Summit Trust Company, Trustee David R. Theil MD PS PL Profit Sharing Keogh FBO David R. Theil Plan Administer, as to an undivided 1.92% interest, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$990,000.00; and

b. that certain Mortgage recorded May 7, 2018 as Document No. 1812734048 made by SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC to Liberty EBCP, LLC, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$18,400,000, that certain Assignment of Rents made by SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC to Liberty EBCP, LLC recorded May 7, 2018 as Document No. 1812734049, and that certain financing statement filed by Liberty EBCP, LLC on May 7, 2018 as Document No. 1812734050 (collectively, the "Second Set Of Liberty Security Documents");

c. that certain *lis pendens* recorded as Document No. 1822706115 in connection with *Michigan Shore Apartments LLC vs. Equity Build, Inc., SSDF7 Portfolio LLC, and Liberty EBCP LLC*, Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 18-CH-09098 (the "Michigan Shore 6115 Lis Pendens"); and

d. that certain *lis pendens* recorded as Document No. 1818318079 in connection with Anson Markwell, as Trustee for the Amark Investment Trust vs. EquitBuild, Inc. d/b/a EB EquityBuild Capital, Inc.; Hard Money Company, LLC d/b/a Venture Hard Money Capital LLC; EquityBuild Finance, LLC; Jerry J. Cohen; Shaun D. Cohen; SSDF4 6250 S Mozart, LLC; SSDF4 638 N. Avers, LLC; SSDF4 701 5th, LLC; SSFD4 7024 S. Paxton LLC; SSDF4 7255 S. Euclid, LLC; SSDF5 Portfolio 1, LLC; SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC; 4533-37 S. Calumet LLC; 6437 S. Kenwood, LLC; 7026 Cornell, Inc.,

7109 S. Calumet, LLC; 8100 S Essex, LLC; EB South Chicago 4, LLC and SSPH Portfolio 1, LLC, Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 18-CH-09098 (the "Markwell 8079 Lis Pendens").

The Receiver is authorized to sell the real property and improvements at <u>7442-48</u>
<u>South Calumet</u> free and clear of:

a. that certain Mortgage recorded February 4, 2016 as Document No. 1603550260 made by EquityBuild, Inc. to Paul Harrison, as to an undivided 10.81% interest; Peter P. Nuspl, as to an undivided 0.97% interest; Bluebridge Partners Limited, as to an undivided 25.22% interest; David Marcus, as to an undivided 9.13% interest; Jerome Shaffer, as to an undivided 13.04% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO Ed Bancroft IRA acct. no. 3320329, as to an undivided 0.70% interest; Shelton Family Trust, as to an undivided 2.61% interest; Bonaparte Properties, LLC, as to an undivided 2.17% interest; Robert Guiney, as to an undivided 2.17% interest; Demetres Velendzas, as to an undivided 4.35% interest; Alex Breslav, as to an undivided 4.35% interest; Harvey Singer, as to an undivided 3.04% interest; Timothy Sharp, as to an undivided 4.35% interest; Arthur Bertrand, as to an undivided 4.35% interest; Cheryl L. Pammer, as to an undivided 5.13% interest; EquityBuild, Inc., as to an undivided 4.35% interest, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$1,150,000.00;

b. that certain Mortgage recorded May 7, 2018 as Document No. 1812734045 made by SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC to Liberty EBCP, LLC, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$18,400,000, that certain Assignment of Rents made by SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC to Liberty EBCP, LLC recorded May 7, 2018 as Document No. 1812734046, and that certain financing statement filed by Liberty EBCP, LLC on May 7, 2018 as Document No. 1812734047;

c. the Michigan Shore 6115 Lis Pendens; and

d. that certain *lis pendens* recorded as Document No. 1818318078 in connection with *Anson Markwell, as Trustee for the Amark Investment Trust vs. EquitBuild, Inc. d/b/a EB EquityBuild Capital, Inc.; Hard Money Company, LLC d/b/a Venture Hard Money Capital LLC; EquityBuild Finance, LLC; Jerry J. Cohen; Shaun D. Cohen; SSDF4 6250 S Mozart, LLC; SSDF4 638 N. Avers, LLC; SSDF4 701 5th, LLC; SSFD4 7024 S. Paxton LLC; SSDF4 7255 S. Euclid, LLC; SSDF5 Portfolio 1, LLC; SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC; 4533-37 S. Calumet LLC; 6437 S. Kenwood, LLC; 7026 Cornell, Inc., 7109 S. Calumet, LLC; 8100 S Essex, LLC; EB South Chicago 4, LLC and SSPH Portfolio 1, LLC, Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 18-CH-09098.*

5. The Receiver is authorized to sell the real property and improvements at <u>7701-03</u> South Essex free and clear of:

a. that certain Mortgage recorded January 14, 2014 as document no. 1401456018 made by Shane Veltri to Jay Zerfoss, as to an undivided 11.24% interest; iPlan, LLC FBO Dennis McCoy IRA, as to an undivided 11.24% interest; Covenant Funding LLC, as to an undivided 33.71% interest; Terry L. and Sheryl R. Merrill, as to an undivided 5.62% interest; Domenic Simone, as to an undivided 11.24% interest; Alan and Vicky Schankman, as to an undivided 5.62% interest; Louis Duane Velez LLC, as to an undivided 16.85% interest; and 1839 Fund I, LLC as to an undivided 5.62% interest, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$890,000.00;

b. the Second Set Of Liberty Security Documents; and

c. that certain lis pendens recorded as Document No. 1818318080 in connection with Anson Markwell, as Trustee for the Amark Investment Trust vs. EquityBuild, Inc. d/b/a EB EquityBuild Capital, Inc.; Hard Money Company, LLC d/b/a Venture Hard Money Capital LLC; EquityBuild Finance, LLC; Jerry J. Cohen; Shaun D. Cohen; SSDF4 6250 S Mozart, LLC; SSDF4 638 N. Avers, LLC; SSDF4 701 5th, LLC; SSFD4 7024 S. Paxton LLC; SSDF4 7255 S. Euclid, LLC; SSDF5 Portfolio 1, LLC; SSDF7 Portfolio 1 LLC; 4533-37 S. Calumet LLC; 6437 S. Kenwood, LLC; 7026 Cornell, Inc., 7109 S. Calumet, LLC; 8100 S Essex, LLC; EB South Chicago 4, LLC and SSPH Portfolio 1, LLC, Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 18-CH-09098.

The Receiver is authorized to sell the real property and improvements at <u>816-20</u>
<u>East Marquette</u> free and clear of:

a. that certain Mortgage recorded January 13, 2017 as Document No. 1701318124 made by EquityBuild, Inc. to iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO Betty Beal Mize IRA, as to an undivided 3.30% interest; Flying Hound Holdings, LLC, as to an undivided 4.35% interest; Harendra Pal, as to an undivided 8.70% interest; Ed Bancroft, as to an undivided 0.52% interest; Shengjie Li and Yuye Xu, as to an undivided 2.17% interest; La Donna Acklen, as to an undivided 3.48% interest; Hillside Fund, LLC, as to an undivided 5.65% interest; Petra Zoeller, as to an undivided 2.61% interest; Quest IRA Inc FBO Terri S. Tracy IRA 24921-11, as to an undivided 4.35% interest; CAMA SDIRA, LLC FBO Bill Akins IRA, as to an undivided 21.74% interest; Wisemove Properties, LLC, as to an undivided 8.70% interest; Concorde Management, LLC, as to an undivided 10.43% interest; Pat Desantis, as to an undivided 8.70% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO William Jack Needham IRA Account #3300944, as to an undivided 0.52% interest;

Madison Trust Company Custodian FBO Ricardo Acevedo IRA, as to an undivided 3.04% interest; iPlanGroup Agent for Custodian FBO Mark Young IRA, as to an undivided 4.35% interest; Grathia Corporation, as to an undivided 3.04% interest; and Frank Sohm and Laura Sohm, as to an undivided 4.35% interest, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$1,150,000.00; and

b. the Second Set Of Liberty Security Documents;

c. that certain *lis pendens* recorded as Document No. 1822706116 in connection with *Michigan Shore Apartments LLC vs. Equity Build, Inc., SSDF7 Portfolio LLC, and Liberty EBCP LLC, Circuit Court of Cook County, Case No. 18-CH-09098; and*

d. the Markwell 8079 Lis Pendens.

The Receiver is authorized to sell the real property and improvements at <u>431 East</u>
<u>42nd</u> free and clear of that certain Mortgage recorded March 28, 2014 as Document No.
1408756025 made by EquityBuild, Inc. to Hard Money Company, to secure a note in the originally stated principal amount of \$291,580.00.

8. The Receiver is hereby vested with full power and authority to execute any and all closing documents associated with the conveyances of the Properties, including, but not limited to, deeds, bills of sale, affidavits of title, and settlement statements.

9. The proceeds from the sales of the Properties shall be held by the Receiver in separate subaccounts for which the Receiver shall maintain an accounting as to all sums deposited therein, and shall not be available to pay operating expenses of the Receivership nor for any other expense or distribution, absent further order of Court.

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The

The Honorable John Z. Lee

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TAB A

4533-47 SOUTH CALUMET CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60653

4533-37 S CALUMET LLC 20-03-317-009-0000 20-03-317-010-0000 20-03-317-011-0000 20-03-317-012-0000

LOT 9, 10, 11, AND 12 IN ALFRED COWLE'S ESTATE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 4 IN CLEAVER AND TAYLOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, FTOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINICPAL MERDIIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

4317-19 SOUTH MICHIGAN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60653 SSDF7 PORTFOLIO 1 LLC 20-03-302-002-0000

LOT 7 IN BLOCK 1 IN L. W. STONE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 20 ACRES OF THE NORTH 30 ACRES OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

7442-28 SOUTH CALUMET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60619 SSDF7 PORTFOLIO 1 LLC 20-27-122-027-0000

LOT 5 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 8 FEET THEREOF) IN BLOCK 11 IN PRESCOTT'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

7701-03 SOUTH ESSEX CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60649 SSDF7 PORTFOLIO 1 LLC 21-30-320-001-0000

LOT 36 AND THE NORTH 2.41 FEET OF LOT 35 IN BLOCK 10 IN SOUTH SHORE PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

816-20 EAST MARQUETTE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60621 SSDF7 PORTFOLIO 1 LLC 20-23-112-028-0000

LOT 12 IN BLOCK 8 IN WOODLAWN RIDGE SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

431 EAST 42ND CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60653 EQUITYBUILD, INC. 20-03-222-014-0000

LOT 16 AND THE WEST 2-3/4 INCHES OF LOT 17 IN BOTSFORD'S BOULEVARD SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, LYING WEST OF VINCENNES AVENUE (EXCEPT THAT PART TAKEN FOR PEARCE STREET), IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.