CAUSE NO. 2023-07067

LONDALE, INC. **CYBER LODGING SERVICES, LLC**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

334th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

HOUSES TO HOMES VENTURES, LLC'S ORIGINAL ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE DAWN RODGERS:

COMES NOW Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC, Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, filing its Original Answer and Affirmative Defenses and would respectfully show this Court the following:

GENERAL DENIAL

Subject to such stipulations and affirmative defenses as may hereafter be made, 1.

Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC asserts a general denial as is authorized by Rule 92

of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC respectfully

requests that Plaintiff be required to prove the charges and allegations against Defendants by a

preponderance of the evidence as is required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

2. Even if Plaintiff proves the allegations set forth in its Original Petition, Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures. LLC is not liable to Plaintiff because:

- No legally binding contract exists between Plaintiff and Defendant A. Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC.
- B. Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC is entitled to the affirmative defense of accord and satisfaction since Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC has already signed a Release of Earnest Money on

09/01/2020 in relation to this property. A true and correct copy of the signed Release of Earnest Money is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and incorporated herein for all purposes.

- C. Plaintiff's damages, if any, were proximately caused by the act, omissions or breaches of other persons and/or entitles and the acts, omissions or breaches were intervening and superseding causes of Plaintiff's alleged damages.
- D. Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC will show that Plaintiff failed to mitigate its damages, if any.
- E. Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC denies that all conditions precedent have occurred in order to entitle Plaintiff to recover reasonable and necessary attorney fees.

PRAYER

Defendant Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC respectfully prays for judgment of this Court that Plaintiff take nothing by way of its claims and that Houses to Homes Ventures, LLC has judgment for cost, fees, and for such other and further relief to which it is justly entitled. Respectfully submitted,

VILT LAW, P.C.

By: <u>/s/ Robert C. Vilt</u> ROBERT C. VILT Texas Bar Number 00788586 Email: <u>clay@viltlaw.com</u> 5177 Richmond Avenue, Suite 1142 Houston, Texas 77056 Telephone: 713.840.7570 Facsimile: 713.877.1827 ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT HOUSES TO HOMES VENTURES, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the above foregoing document was served upon all counsel and/or parties of record in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure via electronic and/or hand delivery on the 28TH day of February, 2023.

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> <u>/s/ Robert C. Vilt</u> ROBERT C. VILT

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EXHIBIT 1



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RELEASE OF EARNEST MONEY BETWEEN THE UNDERSIGNED BUYER AND SELLER CONCERNING THE PROPERTY AT

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A. <u>The undersigned Buyer and Seller release each other, any broker, title company, and escrow agent</u> from any and all liability under the aforementioned contract.

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