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#### CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-18-007069

TURNQUIST PARTNERS REALTORS, INC. d/b/a ENGEL & VÖLKERS AUSTIN,  Plaintiff, vs.	<b>§</b> <b>§</b>
ROBERT TURNER AND ITCOA, L.L.C.	§ § §
d/b/a INDEPENDENCE TITLE	§
COMPANY	§
Defendants.	§
	OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
ROBERT TURNER,	
Counter-Plaintiff	\$ f
VS.	§
TURNQUIST PARTNERS REALTORS, INC. d/b/a ENGEL & VÖLKERS AUSTIN,	f
Counter-Defendant	t § 419 <sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# PLAINTIFF/COUNTER-DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER TO DEFENDANT/COUNTER-PLAINTIFF SECURED LAND TRANSFER, LLC'S ORIGINAL COUNTERCLAIM

Now Comes Turnquist Partners Realtors, Inc. d/b/a Engel & Völkers Austin, and files this Original Answer to Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff, Secured Land Transfer, LLC's Original Counterclaim and in support states as follow:

### A. GENERAL DENIAL

1. As authorized by Rule 92 of the TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Turnquist Partners Realtors, Inc. d/b/a Engel & Völkers Austin, generally denies the allegations contained in Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff's Original Counterclaim and respectfully requests that the Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff be required to prove the charges and allegations against them by a preponderance of the evidence as is required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

## B. <u>AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES</u>

- 2. Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Turnquist Partners Realtors, Inc. d/b/a Engel & Völkers Austin pleads the following affirmative defenses:
  - a. Judicial estoppel;
  - b. Equitable estoppel;
  - c. Waiver; and
  - d. In the alternative, no action for fees maybe asserted against a non-signatory to an agreement.

#### C. PRAYER

- 3. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Turnquist Partners Realtors, Inc. d/b/a Engel & Völkers Austin prays that upon proper hearing of evidence this Court:
  - a. Dismiss Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff's suit and/or order that Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff takes nothing as against Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Turnquist Partners Realtors, Inc. d/b/a Engel & Völkers Austin;
  - b. Order that all costs of suit be taxed against Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff; and

c. Award Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant Turnquist Partners Realtors, Inc. d/b/a
Engel & Völkers Austin such other and further relief as may be just in
equity or law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above document was served on the following counsel(s) of record and/or individual(s) in accordance with TEX. R. CIV. P. 21a via the method indicated for each on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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