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I, CHERIE ESTES, declare as follows:

- 1. I am over the age of 18 years and am one of the class representatives in the above-captioned class action. I have personal knowledge of the matters contained in this declaration and if called to testify, I would and could competently testify to such matters. I make this declaration upon my personal knowledge and, if called upon and sworn as a witness, I could and would competently testify hereto.
- 2. I am represented by my counsel Bridgford, Gleason & Artinian, Kabateck LLP and McNicholas & McNicholas LLP.
- 3. I submit this declaration in support of the motion for preliminary approval of class settlement.
- 4. I am a class member in this class action and have been asked to serve as one of the class representatives in this action. My husband and I are owners of 8 St. Steven Court, Ladera Ranch, CA 92694 a home included within this class action.
- 5. I have been kept apprised of this case through Plaintiff's counsel since I became involved in this action in 2013, when I retained plaintiffs' counsel.
- 6. My counsel has explained to me what my obligations are for serving as a class representative in this matter, and I take those obligations seriously and intend to carry out those obligations to the best of my ability. I understand that I may not put my personal interests ahead of the Class Members' interests as a whole and that my interests cannot be antagonistic to those of the Class. My interests align with those of the Class, because the Class and I share the mutual interest of establishing Defendant's liability and obtaining relief for the Class.
- 7. I have actively worked with my attorneys to assist them in litigating this case, and in the settlement discussions. I have also engaged in several discussions with my counsel regarding the details and status of the lawsuit and settlement. My counsel has routinely informed me of the status of the case and has attended to my questions and concerns about the litigation on my behalf and all similarly situated. I will continue to remain engaged in this

lawsuit through the duration of the litigation and diligently discharge my duties as class representative.

- 8. My counsel has explained to me the terms of the proposed Settlement and answered all questions that I had about its terms. I was fully advised as to the provisions of the proposed Settlement and have reviewed the entire agreement before executing it. I fully support the terms reached within the Settlement and find it to be fair and reasonable when taking into account all aspects of this litigation and the risks as have been explained to me by my counsel.
- 9. I am currently not party to, nor have I been a party to at any time during the course of this litigation, any cases which are similar to this case pending in other jurisdictions.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on ______ at Ladera Ranch, California.

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CHERIE ESTES

PROOF OF SERVICE 1 Del Rivero v. Centex Homes, et al. Orange County Superior Court Case No.: 30-2013-00649338 2 3 I, the undersigned, declare that: 4 I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. I am employed in the County where the Proof of Service was prepared and my business address is Law Offices of 5 BRIDGFORD, GLEASON & ARTINIAN, 26 Corporate Plaza, Suite 250, Newport Beach, CA 92660. 6 7 On the date set forth below, I served the following document(s): **DECLARATION OF** CHERIE ESTES IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY 8 **APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT** on the interested party(s): 9 SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST by the following means: 10 () **BY MAIL**: By placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope with 11 postage thereon fully prepaid. I am readily familiar with the business practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the 12 same day that correspondence is processed for collection and mailing it is 13 deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service in Newport Beach, California to the address(es) shown herein. 14 () BY PERSONAL SERVICE: By placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a 15 sealed envelope, I caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the 16 recipients herein shown (as set forth on the service list). 17 BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY: I served the foregoing document by Overnight () Delivery as follows: I placed true copies of the foregoing document in 18 sealed envelopes or packages designated by the express service carrier, 19 addressed to recipients shown herein (as set forth on the service list), with fees for overnight delivery paid or provided for. 20 BY ELECTRONIC MAIL (EMAIL): I caused a true copy thereof sent via **(X)** 21 email to the address(s) shown herein. 22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the 23 foregoing is true and correct. 24 Dated: February 3, 2023 /s/Debbie Knipe 25 Debbie Knipe 26 27 28

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