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CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEE

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CREDITOR MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Today the U.S. Bankruptcy Court has ordered your Creditors Meeting pursuant to Title 11, United States Code, Section 341(a), to be conducted. This Meeting is a requirement in order for the Court to consider the discharge of your debts.

There are certain issues you should be aware of today:

1. This meeting does not conclude your bankruptcy;
2. There is no requirement of your creditors to attend this meeting;
3. The Trustee is not a Judge (*please do not refer to him as "Your Honor"?* - his function is basically fourfold:
 - To review your Petition, Schedules and Statements and conduct an examination under oath to determine if any non-exempt assets are available for liquidation to address claims of your estate;
 - To review your Schedule I and J, as well as your Means Test (Form B-22) examination, and make recommendations to the U.S. Trustee as to your filing status;
 - To refer any indicators of criminal conduct to the United States Trustee/Attorney for further investigation; and
 - To conduct an examination to determine if there is a basis and cause to object to the granting of a discharge of debts.

You will be testifying under penalty of perjury. The penalties for perjury are, twenty (20) years imprisonment and/or \$250,000.00, in fines.

If you have not already fully read and reviewed your Petition, Schedules and Statements at least two times, you must do so immediately. You will be asked, under oath, to verify you have done so. This applies also to joint debtors, i.e., each must have read all documents filed with the Court, not simply one who directed the other to sign. The Trustee is relying on your representations in these documents you have signed under penalty of perjury, and you will be reaffirming the accuracy of those documents today under penalty of perjury. If there are any changes to these documents you must advise the Trustee today.

You must ensure you have disclosed all of your interests in assets. *An asset is defined as anything of any value, no matter how small.* It can be something you presently have possession of or control over, something you are entitled to in the future, or a contingency, i.e., something you have an arguable right or claim to now that may or may not materialize in the future, i.e., such as, but not exclusively at the time of filing your bankruptcy, a right to bring a complaint against another person or entity for personal or property damages., a beneficiary interest in a trust, a tax refund, or an interest in a business entity.

The Standing Administration Guidelines referred to on page 3 of the Notice of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case, Meeting of Creditors, & Deadlines makes reference to "Disclosure of When Debtor Incurred Debt." If you have not accurately stated when each debt was incurred on your Schedules filed with the Court you must advise the Trustee today, as he is relying on your representations to make statutory decisions in your case.

You will also be required to read and understand the United States Trustee's Bankruptcy Information sheet. Please relax - the Trustee understands your nervousness in this proceeding. If you are unsure of how to respond to any inquiry you should communicate that to the Trustee, who will allow you sufficient time to confer with your counsel before responding.

Your responses are being recorded. Please speak up so that an audible record will result in the event a future review of the Meeting is necessary. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH HOW TO USE ZOOM AND **TURN YOUR VIDEO ON** (The Trustee must identify you).

Finally, if you discover after today that you have not disclosed all your assets or have otherwise provided inaccurate testimony on any question or issue you must:

1. Notify your attorney for advice
2. If your case is still open and not closed by the Court, file an Amendment with the Court disclosing this omitted asset or misrepresentation;
3. If your case has been closed, motion the Court to reopen your case immediately and upon reopening the case file an Amendment with the Court disclosing the omitted asset or correcting the misrepresentation.

I have read and understand the information set forth on these instructions.

Dated: _____
Debtor Co-Debtor

Email Address: _____

I have provided these instructions to the debtor(s) and have responded to any inquiries of the debtor(s) for clarification thereof.

Dated: _____
/s/Rick G Melendez
Attorney for Debtor(s) (signature)

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Attorney for Debtor (print name)

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