

## DECREASE PENALTY RIDER

BOND AMOUNT \$8,543,700.00 BOND NO. SUR0073410

To be attached and form a part of Bond No. SUR0073410 dated the 6th Day of December, 2022, executed by Argonaut Insurance Company as surety, on behalf of Pulte Home Company, LLC as current principal of record, and in favor of County of Contra Costa, as Obligee for , and in the amount of Eight Million Five Hundred Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$8,543,700.00).

In consideration of the agreed premium charged for this bond, it is understood and agreed that Argonaut Insurance Company hereby consents that effective from the 29th Day of May, 2025, said bond shall be amended as follows:

THE BOND PENALTY SHALL BE DECREASED:

FROM: Eight Million Five Hundred Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$8,543,700.00)

TO: One Million Two Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,294,500.00)

The DECREASE of said bond penalty shall be effective as of the 29th Day of May, 2025, and does hereby agree that the continuity of protection under said bond subject to changes in penalty shall not be impaired hereby, provided that the aggregate liability of the above mentioned bond shall not exceed the amount of liability assumed by it at the time the act and/or acts of default were committed and in no event shall such liability be cumulative.

Signed, sealed and dated this 29th Day of May, 2025

Argonaut Insurance Company  
SURETY

BY

Jeremy Polk, ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

THE ABOVE BOND IS HEREBY AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED BY:

County of Contra Costa  
OBLIGEE

BY

TITLE



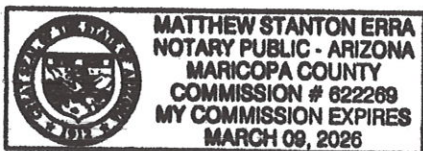
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**State of Arizona**

**County of Maricopa**

On 5/29/2025 before me personally appeared **Jeremy Polk** whose identity was proven to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who he or she claims to be, and acknowledged that he or she signed the attached document.

(Seal)



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MSE", written over a horizontal line.

*Notary Signature*

**Matthew Stanton Erra**  
**Commission Expires March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Argonaut Insurance Company**  
**Deliveries Only: 225 W. Washington, 24th Floor**  
**Chicago, IL 60606**

**United States Postal Service: P.O. Box 469011, San Antonio, TX 78246**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Argonaut Insurance Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois and having its principal office in the County of Cook, Illinois does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint: **Jeremy Polk**

Surety Bond No.: SUR0073410  
Principal: Pulte Home Company, LLC  
Obligee: County of Contra Costa

Their true and lawful agent(s) and attorney(s)-in-fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, contracts, agreements of indemnity and other undertakings in suretyship provided, however, that the penal sum of any one such instrument executed hereunder shall not exceed the sum of:

\$97,550,000.00

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Argonaut Insurance Company:

"RESOLVED, That the President, Senior Vice President, Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and each of them hereby is authorized to execute powers of attorney, and such authority can be executed by use of facsimile signature, which may be attested or acknowledged by any officer or attorney, of the Company, qualifying the attorney or attorneys named in the given power of attorney, to execute in behalf of, and acknowledge as the act and deed of the Argonaut Insurance Company, all bond undertakings and contracts of suretyship, and to affix the corporate seal thereto."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Argonaut Insurance Company has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed by its duly authorized officer on the 19th day of November, 2021.

Argonaut Insurance Company



by:

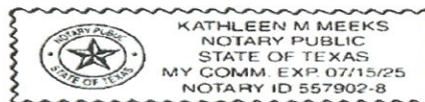
*[Signature]*

Gary E. Grose, President

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS SS:

On this 19th day of November, 2021 A.D., before me, a Notary Public of the State of Texas, in and for the County of Harris, duly commissioned and qualified, came THE ABOVE OFFICER OF THE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in, and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposed and said that he is the officer of the said Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company, and the said Corporate Seal and his signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and that Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my Official Seal at the County of Harris, the day and year first above written.

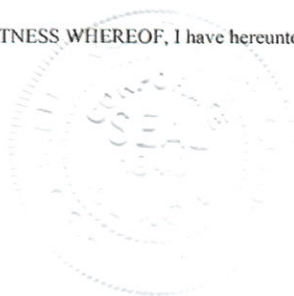


*[Signature]*

(Notary Public)

I, the undersigned Officer of the Argonaut Insurance Company, Illinois Corporation, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy is still in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Company, on the 29th day of May, 2025.



*[Signature]*

Austin W. King, Secretary