

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:**       **Real Estate & Transportation Committee**  
Commissioner Mike Musick, Chairman  
Commissioner Bill Read  
Commissioner Chad McLeod

**FROM:**     City Attorney's Office

**DATE:**     August 19, 2024

**RE:**       **Purchase Agreement for 914 and 918 N. Kentucky Ave.**

Attached for your consideration is a Purchase Agreement between the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Gospel, Inc. for the purchase of two parcels located at 914 and 918 N. Kentucky Avenue within the Midtown CRA district. A summary of the parcels is below:

<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Address/Location</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Sq Ft</b>
Gospel, Inc.	914 N. Kentucky Ave	O-1	0.155	6,751.8
Gospel, Inc.	918 N. Kentucky Ave	O-1	0.155	6,751.8
		<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>13,503.6</b>

The subject properties are located directly west of the Polk County Tax Collector's Office and are bordered on both the north and south by CRA-owned properties that have been improved for use as shared parking facilities. The subject properties each contain a single-family residential structure, which would be evaluated for repurposing and/or relocation. Acquisition of the properties would further consolidate CRA-ownership in this block, position the CRA for strategic future redevelopment opportunities and eliminate blighted conditions.

Under the proposed Purchase Agreement, the CRA would purchase 914 and 918 N. Kentucky Avenue for a combined purchase price of \$180,000. The CRA will provide a deposit of \$5,000 and have a 90-day due diligence period to assess the suitability of the properties. The CRA may terminate the Agreement in its sole discretion at any time prior to the expiration of the due diligence period and receive a full refund of its deposit. Closing will occur within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the due diligence period, or approximately November 15, 2024, provided the CRA does not exercise its right to terminate.

It is recommended that the City Commission, acting as the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency, approve the purchase of 914 and 918 N. Kentucky Avenue in accordance with the above-described terms and conditions and authorize the appropriate CRA officials to execute all documents necessary to finalize the transaction.

Attachments





Putnam & Creighton, P.A.  
P.O. Box 3545  
Lakeland, FL 33802  
(863) 682-1178  
(863) 683-3700

**Commercial Contract**

1 **1. PARTIES AND PROPERTY:** Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency ("Buyer")  
2 agrees to buy and Gospel, Inc. ("Seller")

3 agrees to sell the property at:  
4 Street Address: 914 & 918 N Kentucky Ave., Lakeland, FL

5 \_\_\_\_\_  
6 Legal Description: N 1/2 Lot 4 & S 1/2 Lot 6, Block 23, Schipmans Surv, DB G, pg 360  
7 PIN: 24-28-18-203000-023042 & 24-28-18-203000-023061

8 and the following Personal Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
9 \_\_\_\_\_  
10 (all collectively referred to as the "Property") on the terms and conditions set forth below.

11 **2. PURCHASE PRICE:** \$ 180,000.00

12 (a) Deposit held in escrow by: Putnam & Creighton, P.A. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
13 ("Escrow Agent") (checks are subject to actual and final collection)

14 Escrow Agent's address: 500 S. Florida Ave., Ste 300, Lakeland Phone: 863-682-1178

15 (b) Additional deposit to be made to Escrow Agent  
16  within \_\_\_\_\_ days (3 days, if left blank) after completion of Due Diligence Period or  
17  within 10 days after Effective Date \$ 5,000.00

18 (c) Additional deposit to be made to Escrow Agent  
19  within \_\_\_\_\_ days (3 days, if left blank) after completion of Due Diligence Period or  
20  within \_\_\_\_\_ days after Effective Date \$ \_\_\_\_\_

21 (d) Total financing (see Paragraph 5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

22 (e) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

23 (f) All deposits will be credited to the purchase price at closing.  
24 Balance to close, subject to adjustments and prorations, to be paid  
25 via wire transfer. \$ 175,000.00

26 For the purposes of this paragraph, "completion" means the end of the Due Diligence Period or upon delivery of  
27 Buyer's written notice of acceptability.

28 **3. TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE; EFFECTIVE DATE; COMPUTATION OF TIME:** Unless this offer is signed by Seller  
29 and Buyer and an executed copy delivered to all parties on or before July 18, 2024, this offer  
30 will be withdrawn and the Buyer's deposit, if any, will be returned. The time for acceptance of any counter offer will be  
31 3 days from the date the counter offer is delivered. **The "Effective Date" of this Contract is the date on which the**  
32 **last one of the Seller and Buyer has signed or initialed and delivered this offer or the final counter offer or**  
33 \_\_\_\_\_ . Calendar days will be used when computing time periods, except time periods of 5  
34 days or less. Time periods of 5 days or less will be computed without including Saturday, Sunday, or national legal  
35 holidays. Any time period ending on a Saturday, Sunday, or national legal holiday will extend until 5:00 p.m. of the next  
36 business day. **Time is of the essence in this Contract.**

37 **4. CLOSING DATE AND LOCATION:**  
38 (a) **Closing Date:** This transaction will be closed on See Paragraph 23 (Closing Date), unless  
39 specifically extended by other provisions of this Contract. The Closing Date will prevail over all other time periods  
40 including, but not limited to, Financing and Due Diligence periods. In the event insurance underwriting is suspended

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on Closing Date and **Buyer** is unable to obtain property insurance, **Buyer** may postpone closing up to 5 days after the insurance underwriting suspension is lifted.

**(b) Location:** Closing will take place in Polk County, Florida. (If left blank, closing will take place in the county where the property is located.) Closing may be conducted by mail or electronic means.

~~5. THIRD PARTY FINANCING.~~



~~**BUYER'S OBLIGATION:** On or before \_\_\_\_ days (5 days if left blank) after Effective Date, **Buyer** will apply for third party financing in an amount not to exceed \_\_\_\_% of the purchase price or \$ \_\_\_\_\_, with a fixed interest rate not to exceed \_\_\_\_% per year with an initial variable interest rate not to exceed \_\_\_\_%, with points or commitment or loan fees not to exceed \_\_\_\_% of the principal amount, for a term of \_\_\_\_ years, and amortized over \_\_\_\_ years, with additional terms as follows:~~

~~**Buyer** will timely provide any and all credit, employment, financial and other information reasonably required by any lender. **Buyer** will use good faith and reasonable diligence to (i) obtain Loan Approval within \_\_\_\_ days (45 days if left blank) from Effective Date (Loan Approval Date), (ii) satisfy terms and conditions of the Loan Approval, and (iii) close the loan. **Buyer** will keep **Seller** and Broker fully informed about loan application status and authorizes the mortgage broker and lender to disclose all such information to **Seller** and Broker. **Buyer** will notify **Seller** immediately upon obtaining financing or being rejected by a lender. **CANCELLATION:** If **Buyer**, after using good faith and reasonable diligence, fails to obtain Loan Approval by Loan Approval Date, **Buyer** may within \_\_\_\_ days (3 days if left blank) deliver written notice to **Seller** stating **Buyer** either waives this financing contingency or cancels this Contract. If **Buyer** does neither, then **Seller** may cancel this Contract by delivering written notice to **Buyer** at any time thereafter. Unless this financing contingency has been waived, this Contract shall remain subject to the satisfaction, by closing, of those conditions of Loan Approval related to the Property. **DEPOSIT(S) (for purposes of Paragraph 5 only):** If **Buyer** has used good faith and reasonable diligence but does not obtain Loan Approval by Loan Approval Date and thereafter either party elects to cancel this Contract as set forth above or the lender fails or refuses to close on or before the Closing Date without fault on **Buyer's** part, the Deposit(s) shall be returned to **Buyer**, whereupon both parties will be released from all further obligations under this Contract, except for obligations stated herein as surviving the termination of this Contract. If neither party elects to terminate this Contract as set forth above or **Buyer** fails to use good faith or reasonable diligence as set forth above, **Seller** will be entitled to retain the Deposit(s) if the transaction does not close. For purposes of this Contract, "Loan Approval" means a statement by the lender setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the lender is willing to make a particular mortgage loan to a particular buyer. Neither a pre-approval letter nor a prequalification letter shall be deemed a Loan Approval for purposes of this Contract.~~

**6. TITLE:** **Seller** has the legal capacity to and will convey marketable title to the Property by  statutory warranty deed  special warranty deed  other \_\_\_\_\_, free of liens, easements and encumbrances of record or known to **Seller**, but subject to property taxes for the year of closing; covenants, restrictions and public utility easements of record; existing zoning and governmental regulations; and (list any other matters to which title will be subject) \_\_\_\_\_

provided there exists at closing no violation of the foregoing and none of them prevents **Buyer's** intended use of the Property as **Buyer determines within the Due Diligence Period**

**(a) Evidence of Title:** The party who pays the premium for the title insurance policy will select the closing agent and pay for the title search and closing services. **Seller** will, at (check one)  **Seller's**  **Buyer's** expense and within \_\_\_\_ days after Effective Date or at least 60 days before Closing Date deliver to **Buyer** (check one)  (i) a title insurance commitment by a Florida licensed title insurer setting forth those matters to be discharged by **Seller** at or before Closing and, upon **Buyer** recording the deed, an owner's policy in the amount of the purchase price for fee simple title subject only to exceptions stated above. If **Buyer** is paying for the evidence of title and **Seller** has an owner's policy, **Seller** will deliver a copy to **Buyer** within 15 days after Effective Date.  (ii.) an abstract of title, prepared or brought current by an existing abstract firm or certified as correct by an existing firm. However, if such an abstract is not available to **Seller**, then a prior owner's title policy acceptable to the proposed insurer as a base for reissuance of coverage may be used. The prior policy will include copies of all policy exceptions and an update in a format acceptable to **Buyer** from the policy effective date and certified to **Buyer** or

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91 **Buyer's** closing agent together with copies of all documents recited in the prior policy and in the update. If such  
92 an abstract or prior policy is not available to **Seller** then (i.) above will be the evidence of title.

93 **(b) Title Examination:** **Buyer** will, within 15 days from receipt of the evidence of title deliver written notice to **Seller**  
94 of title defects. Title will be deemed acceptable to **Buyer** if (1) **Buyer** fails to deliver proper notice of defects or (2)  
95 **Buyer** delivers proper written notice and **Seller** cures the defects within 60 days from receipt of the notice  
96 ("Curative Period"). **Seller** shall use good faith efforts to cure the defects. If the defects are cured within the  
97 Curative Period, closing will occur on the latter of 10 days after receipt by **Buyer** of notice of such curing or the  
98 scheduled Closing Date. **Seller** may elect not to cure defects if **Seller** reasonably believes any defect cannot be  
99 cured within the Curative Period. If the defects are not cured within the Curative Period, **Buyer** will have 10 days  
100 from receipt of notice of **Seller's** inability to cure the defects to elect whether to terminate this Contract or accept  
101 title subject to existing defects and close the transaction without reduction in purchase price.

102 **(c) Survey:** (check applicable provisions below)

103 (i.)  **Seller** will, within 10 days from Effective Date, deliver to **Buyer** copies of prior surveys,  
104 plans, specifications, and engineering documents, if any, and the following documents relevant to this  
105 transaction:

106 All pertinent information such as existing title insurance, leases, agreements affecting the Property,  
107 prepared for **Seller** or in **Seller's** possession, which show all currently existing structures. In the event this  
108 transaction does not close, all documents provided by **Seller** will be returned to **Seller** within 10 days from the  
109 date this Contract is terminated.

110  **Buyer** will, at  **Seller's**  **Buyer's** expense and within the time period allowed to deliver and examine  
111 title evidence, obtain a current certified survey of the Property from a registered surveyor. If the survey reveals  
112 encroachments on the Property or that the improvements encroach on the lands of another,  **Buyer** will  
113 accept the Property with existing encroachments  such encroachments will constitute a title defect to be  
114 cured within the Curative Period.

115 **(d) Ingress and Egress:** **Seller** warrants that the Property presently has ingress and egress.

116 **7. PROPERTY CONDITION:** **Seller** will deliver the Property to **Buyer** at the time agreed in its present "as is" condition,  
117 ordinary wear and tear excepted, and will maintain the landscaping and grounds in a comparable condition. **Seller**  
118 makes no warranties other than marketability of title. In the event that the condition of the Property has materially  
119 changed since the expiration of the Due Diligence Period, **Buyer** may elect to terminate the Contract and receive a  
120 refund of any and all deposits paid, plus interest, if applicable, or require **Seller** to return the Property to the required  
121 condition existing as of the end of Due Diligence period, the cost of which is not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ (1.5% of  
122 the purchase price, if left blank). By accepting the Property "as is", **Buyer** waives all claims against **Seller** for any  
123 defects in the Property. (Check **(a)** or **(b)**)

124  **(a) As Is:** **Buyer** has inspected the Property or waives any right to inspect and accepts the Property in its "as is"  
125 condition.

126  **(b) Due Diligence Period:** **Buyer** will, at **Buyer's** expense and within 90 days from Effective Date ("Due  
127 Diligence Period"), determine whether the Property is suitable, in **Buyer's** sole and absolute discretion. During the  
128 term of this Contract, **Buyer** may conduct any tests, analyses, surveys and investigations ("Inspections") which  
129 **Buyer** deems necessary to determine to **Buyer's** satisfaction the Property's engineering, architectural,  
130 environmental properties; zoning and zoning restrictions; flood zone designation and restrictions; subdivision  
131 regulations; soil and grade; availability of access to public roads, water, and other utilities; consistency with local,  
132 state and regional growth management and comprehensive land use plans; availability of permits, government  
133 approvals and licenses; compliance with American with Disabilities Act; absence of asbestos, soil and ground  
134 water contamination; and other inspections that **Buyer** deems appropriate. **Buyer** will deliver written notice to  
135 **Seller** prior to the expiration of the Due Diligence Period of **Buyer's** determination of whether or not the Property  
136 is acceptable. **Buyer's** failure to comply with this notice requirement will constitute acceptance of the Property in  
137 its present "as is" condition. **Seller** grants to **Buyer**, its agents, contractors and assigns, the right to enter the  
138 Property at any time during the term of this Contract for the purpose of conducting Inspections, upon reasonable  
139 notice, at a mutually agreed upon time; provided, however, that **Buyer**, its agents, contractors and assigns enter  
140 the Property and conduct Inspections at their own risk. **Buyer** will indemnify and hold **Seller** harmless from  
141 losses, damages, costs, claims and expenses of any nature, including attorneys' fees at all levels, and from  
142 liability to any person, arising from the conduct of any and all inspections or any work authorized by **Buyer**. **Buyer**  
143 will not engage in any activity that could result in a mechanic's lien being filed against the Property without  
144 **Seller's** prior written consent. In the event this transaction does not close, (1) **Buyer** will repair all damages to the

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145 Property resulting from the Inspections and return the Property to the condition it was in prior to conduct of the  
146 Inspections, and (2) **Buyer** will, at **Buyer's** expense release to **Seller** all reports and other work generated as a  
147 result of the Inspections. Should **Buyer** deliver timely notice that the Property is not acceptable, **Seller** agrees that  
148 **Buyer's** deposit will be immediately returned to **Buyer** and the Contract terminated.

149 (c) **Walk-through Inspection:** **Buyer** may, on the day prior to closing or any other time mutually agreeable to the  
150 parties, conduct a final "walk-through" inspection of the Property to determine compliance with this paragraph and  
151 to ensure that all Property is on the premises.

152 **8. OPERATION OF PROPERTY DURING CONTRACT PERIOD:** **Seller** will continue to operate the Property and any  
153 business conducted on the Property in the manner operated prior to Contract and will take no action that would  
154 adversely impact the Property after closing, as to tenants, lenders or business, if any. Any changes, such as renting  
155 vacant space, that materially affect the Property or **Buyer's** intended use of the Property will be permitted  only with  
156 **Buyer's** consent  without **Buyer's** consent.

157 **9. CLOSING PROCEDURE:** Unless otherwise agreed or stated herein, closing procedure shall be in accordance with  
158 the norms where the Property is located.

159 (a) **Possession and Occupancy:** **Seller** will deliver possession and occupancy of the Property to **Buyer** at  
160 closing. **Seller** will provide keys, remote controls, and any security/access codes necessary to operate all locks,  
161 mailboxes, and security systems.

162 (b) **Costs:** **Buyer** will pay **Buyer's** attorneys' fees, taxes and recording fees on notes, mortgages and financing  
163 statements and recording fees for the deed. **Seller** will pay **Seller's** attorneys' fees, taxes on the deed and  
164 recording fees for documents needed to cure title defects. If **Seller** is obligated to discharge any encumbrance at or  
165 prior to closing and fails to do so, **Buyer** may use purchase proceeds to satisfy the encumbrances.

166 (c) **Documents:** **Seller** will provide the deed; bill of sale; mechanic's lien affidavit; originals of those assignable  
167 service and maintenance contracts that will be assumed by **Buyer** after the Closing Date and letters to each  
168 service contractor from **Seller** advising each of them of the sale of the Property and, if applicable, the transfer of its  
169 contract, and any assignable warranties or guarantees received or held by **Seller** from any manufacturer,  
170 contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier in connection with the Property; current copies of the condominium  
171 documents, if applicable; assignments of leases, updated rent roll; tenant and lender estoppels letters (if  
172 applicable); tenant subordination, non-disturbance and attornment agreements (SNDAs) required by the **Buyer** or  
173 **Buyer's** lender; assignments of permits and licenses; corrective instruments; and letters notifying tenants of the  
174 change in ownership/rental agent. If any tenant refuses to execute an estoppels letter, **Seller**, if requested by the  
175 **Buyer** in writing, will certify that information regarding the tenant's lease is correct. If **Seller** is an entity, **Seller** will  
176 deliver a resolution of its governing authority authorizing the sale and delivery of the deed and certification by the  
177 appropriate party certifying the resolution and setting forth facts showing the conveyance conforms to the  
178 requirements of local law. **Seller** will transfer security deposits to **Buyer**. **Buyer** will provide the closing statement,  
179 mortgages and notes, security agreements, and financing statements.

180 (d) **Taxes and Prorations:** Real estate taxes, personal property taxes on any tangible personal property, bond  
181 payments assumed by **Buyer**, interest, rents (based on actual collected rents), association dues, insurance  
182 premiums acceptable to **Buyer**, and operating expenses will be prorated through the day before closing. If the  
183 amount of taxes for the current year cannot be ascertained, rates for the previous year will be used with due  
184 allowance being made for improvements and exemptions. Any tax proration based on an estimate will, at request  
185 of either party, be readjusted upon receipt of current year's tax bill; this provision will survive closing.

186 (e) **Special Assessment Liens:** Certified, confirmed, and ratified special assessment liens as of the Closing Date  
187 will be paid by **Seller**. If a certified, confirmed, and ratified special assessment is payable in installments, **Seller** will  
188 pay all installments due and payable on or before the Closing Date, with any installment for any period extending  
189 beyond the Closing Date prorated, and **Buyer** will assume all installments that become due and payable after the  
190 Closing Date. **Buyer** will be responsible for all assessments of any kind which become due and owing after Closing  
191 Date, unless an improvement is substantially completed as of Closing Date. If an improvement is substantially  
192 completed as of the Closing Date but has not resulted in a lien before closing, **Seller** will pay the amount of the last  
193 estimate of the assessment. This subsection applies to special assessment liens imposed by a public body and  
194 does not apply to condominium association special assessments.

195 (f) **Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA):** If **Seller** is a "foreign person" as defined by FIRPTA,  
196 **Seller** and **Buyer** agree to comply with Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code. **Seller** and **Buyer** will  
197 complete, execute, and deliver, as directed any instrument, affidavit, or statement reasonably necessary to comply

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198 with the FIRPTA requirements, including delivery of their respective federal taxpayer identification numbers or  
199 Social Security Numbers to the closing agent. If **Buyer** does not pay sufficient cash at closing to meet the  
200 withholding requirement, **Seller** will deliver to **Buyer** at closing the additional cash necessary to satisfy the  
201 requirement.

202 **10. ESCROW AGENT:** **Seller** and **Buyer** authorize Escrow Agent or Closing Agent (collectively "Agent") to receive,  
203 deposit, and hold funds and other property in escrow and, subject to collection, disburse them in accordance with the  
204 terms of this Contract. The parties agree that Agent will not be liable to any person for misdelivery of escrowed items to  
205 **Seller** or **Buyer**, unless the misdelivery is due to Agent's willful breach of this Contract or gross negligence. If Agent  
206 has doubt as to Agent's duties or obligations under this Contract, Agent may, at Agent's option, (a) hold the escrowed  
207 items until the parties mutually agree to its disbursement or until a court of competent jurisdiction or arbitrator  
208 determines the rights of the parties or (b) deposit the escrowed items with the clerk of the court having jurisdiction over  
209 the matter and file an action in interpleader. Upon notifying the parties of such action, Agent will be released from all  
210 liability except for the duty to account for items previously delivered out of escrow. If Agent is a licensed real estate  
211 broker, Agent will comply with Chapter 475, Florida Statutes. In any suit in which Agent interpleads the escrowed items  
212 or is made a party because of acting as Agent hereunder, Agent will recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs  
213 incurred, with these amounts to be paid from and out of the escrowed items and charged and awarded as court costs  
214 in favor of the prevailing party.

215 **11. CURE PERIOD:** Prior to any claim for default being made, a party will have an opportunity to cure any alleged  
216 default. If a party fails to comply with any provision of this Contract, the other party will deliver written notice to the non-  
217 complying party specifying the non-compliance. The non-complying party will have 5 days (5 days if left blank) after  
218 delivery of such notice to cure the non-compliance. Notice and cure shall not apply to failure to close.

219 **12. FORCE MAJEURE:** **Buyer** or **Seller** shall not be required to perform any obligation under this Contract or be liable  
220 to each other for damages so long as performance or non-performance of the obligation, or the availability of services,  
221 insurance, or required approvals essential to Closing, is disrupted, delayed, caused or prevented by Force Majeure.  
222 "Force Majeure" means: hurricanes, floods, extreme weather, earthquakes, fire, or other acts of God, unusual  
223 transportation delays, or wars, insurrections, or acts of terrorism, which, by exercise of reasonable diligent effort, the  
224 non-performing party is unable in whole or in part to prevent or overcome. All time periods, including Closing Date, will  
225 be extended a reasonable time up to 7 days after the Force Majeure no longer prevents performance under this  
226 Contract, provided, however, if such Force Majeure continues to prevent performance under this Contract more than  
227 30 days beyond Closing Date, then either party may terminate this Contract by delivering written notice to the other  
228 and the Deposit shall be refunded to **Buyer**, thereby releasing **Buyer** and **Seller** from all further obligations under this Contract.

229 **13. RETURN OF DEPOSIT:** Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, in the event any condition of this Contract is  
230 not met and **Buyer** has timely given any required notice regarding the condition having not been met, **Buyer's** deposit  
231 will be returned in accordance with applicable Florida Laws and regulations.



232 **14. DEFAULT:**

233 (a) In the event the sale is not closed due to any default or failure on the part of **Seller** other than failure to make  
234 the title marketable after diligent effort, **Buyer** may elect to receive return of Buyer's deposit without thereby  
235 waiving any action for damages resulting from Seller's breach and may seek to recover such damages or seek  
236 specific performance. If Buyer elects a deposit refund, Seller may be liable to Broker for the full amount of the  
237 brokerage fee.

238 (b) In the event the sale is not closed due to any default or failure on the part of **Buyer**, **Seller** may either (1)  
239 retain all deposit(s) paid or agreed to be paid by **Buyer** as agreed upon liquidated damages, consideration for the  
240 execution of this Contract, and in full settlement of any claims, upon which this Contract will terminate or (2) seek  
241 specific performance. If **Buyer** fails to timely place a deposit as required by this Contract, **Seller** may either (1)  
242 terminate the Contract and seek the remedy outlined in this subparagraph or (2) proceed with the Contract without  
243 waiving any remedy for **Buyer's** default.

244 **15. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS:** In any claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Contract, the  
245 prevailing party, which for purposes of this provision will include **Buyer**, **Seller** and Broker, will be awarded reasonable  
246 attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses.

247 **16. NOTICES:** All notices will be in writing and may be delivered by mail, overnight courier, personal delivery, or  
248 electronic means. Parties agree to send all notices to addresses specified on the signature page(s). Any notice,  
249 document, or item given by or delivered to an attorney or real estate licensee (including a transaction broker)  
250 representing a party will be as effective as if given by or delivered to that party.

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251 **17. DISCLOSURES:**

252 **(a) Commercial Real Estate Sales Commission Lien Act:** The Florida Commercial Real Estate Sales  
253 Commission Lien Act provides that a broker has a lien upon the owner's net proceeds from the sale of  
254 commercial real estate for any commission earned by the broker under a brokerage agreement. The lien upon the  
255 owner's net proceeds is a lien upon personal property which attaches to the owner's net proceeds and does not  
256 attach to any interest in real property. This lien right cannot be waived before the commission is earned.

257 **(b) Special Assessment Liens Imposed by Public Body:** The Property may be subject to unpaid special  
258 assessment lien(s) imposed by a public body. (A public body includes a Community Development District.) Such  
259 liens, if any, shall be paid as set forth in Paragraph 9(e).

260 **(c) Radon Gas:** Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that, when it has accumulated in a building in  
261 sufficient quantities, may present health risks to persons who are exposed to it over time. Levels of radon that  
262 exceed federal and state guidelines have been found in buildings in Florida. Additional information regarding radon  
263 and radon testing may be obtained from your county public health unit.

264 **(d) Energy-Efficiency Rating Information:** Buyer acknowledges receipt of the information brochure required by  
265 Section 553.996, Florida Statutes.

266 **18. RISK OF LOSS:**

267 **(a)** If, after the Effective Date and before closing, the Property is damaged by fire or other casualty, Seller will  
268 bear the risk of loss and Buyer may cancel this Contract without liability and the deposit(s) will be returned to  
269 Buyer. Alternatively, Buyer will have the option of purchasing the Property at the agreed upon purchase price and  
270 Seller will credit the deductible, if any and transfer to Buyer at closing any insurance proceeds, or Seller's claim  
271 to any insurance proceeds payable for the damage. Seller will cooperate with and assist Buyer in collecting any  
272 such proceeds. Seller shall not settle any insurance claim for damage caused by casualty without the consent of  
273 the Buyer.

274 **(b)** If, after the Effective Date and before closing, any part of the Property is taken in condemnation or under the  
275 right of eminent domain, or proceedings for such taking will be pending or threatened, Buyer may cancel this  
276 Contract without liability and the deposit(s) will be returned to Buyer. Alternatively, Buyer will have the option of  
277 purchasing what is left of the Property at the agreed upon purchase price and Seller will transfer to the Buyer at  
278 closing the proceeds of any award, or Seller's claim to any award payable for the taking. Seller will cooperate  
279 with and assist Buyer in collecting any such award.

280 **19. ASSIGNABILITY; PERSONS BOUND:** This Contract may be assigned to a related entity, and otherwise  is not  
281 assignable  is assignable. If this Contract may be assigned, Buyer shall deliver a copy of the assignment agreement  
282 to the Seller at least 5 days prior to Closing. The terms "Buyer," "Seller" and "Broker" may be singular or plural. This  
283 Contract is binding upon Buyer, Seller and their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns (if  
284 assignment is permitted).

285 **20. MISCELLANEOUS:** The terms of this Contract constitute the entire agreement between Buyer and Seller.  
286 Modifications of this Contract will not be binding unless in writing, signed and delivered by the party to be bound.  
287 Signatures, initials, documents referenced in this Contract, counterparts and written modifications communicated  
288 electronically or on paper will be acceptable for all purposes, including delivery, and will be binding. Handwritten or  
289 typewritten terms inserted in or attached to this Contract prevail over preprinted terms. If any provision of this Contract  
290 is or becomes invalid or unenforceable, all remaining provisions will continue to be fully effective. This Contract will be  
291 construed under Florida law and will not be recorded in any public records.

292 **21. BROKERS:** Neither Seller nor Buyer has used the services of, or for any other reason owes compensation to, a  
293 licensed real estate Broker other than:

294 **(a) Seller's Broker: NONE**  
295 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name) (Licensee)

296 who  is a single agent  is a transaction broker  has no brokerage relationship and who will be compensated by  
297  Seller  Buyer  both parties pursuant to  a listing agreement  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
298 \_\_\_\_\_  
299 \_\_\_\_\_

300 **(b) Buyer's Broker: SVN Saunders Ralston Dantzler Real Estate Cliff Wiley**  
301 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name) (Licensee)

302 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address, Telephone, Fax, E-mail)

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302 who  is a single agent  is a transaction broker  has no brokerage relationship and who will be compensated by  
303  Seller's Broker  Seller  Buyer  both parties pursuant to  an MLS offer of compensation  other (specify)  
304 Buyer's Broker paid by Buyer pursuant to separate agreement  
305 (collectively referred to as "Broker") in connection with any act relating to the Property, including but not limited to  
306 inquiries, introductions, consultations, and negotiations resulting in this transaction. Seller and Buyer agree to  
307 indemnify and hold Broker harmless from and against losses, damages, costs and expenses of any kind, including  
308 reasonable attorneys' fees at all levels, and from liability to any person, arising from (1) compensation claimed which is  
309 inconsistent with the representation in this Paragraph, (2) enforcement action to collect a brokerage fee pursuant to  
310 Paragraph 10, (3) any duty accepted by Broker at the request of Seller or Buyer, which is beyond the scope of  
311 services regulated by Chapter 475, Florida Statutes, as amended, or (4) recommendations of or services provided and  
312 expenses incurred by any third party whom Broker refers, recommends, or retains for or on behalf of Seller or Buyer.

313 **22. OPTIONAL CLAUSES:** (Check if any of the following clauses are applicable and are attached as an addendum to  
314 this Contract):

- |                                                             |                                                            |                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 315 <input type="checkbox"/> Arbitration                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller Warranty                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Mortgage          |
| 316 <input type="checkbox"/> Section 1031 Exchange          | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Construction Control Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Buyer's Attorney Approval  |
| 317 <input type="checkbox"/> Property Inspection and Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Area Hazard Zone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller's Attorney Approval |
| 318 <input type="checkbox"/> Seller Representations         | <input type="checkbox"/> Seller Financing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |

319 **23. ADDITIONAL TERMS:**

320 The Closing Date is that date thirty (30) days from expiration of the Due Diligence Period.  
321 The Buyer has designated Putnam & Creighton, P.A., as Escrow Agent and Closing Agent.  
322 This Contract is contingent upon Buyer's receipt of approval of the CRA Board and the City Commission of  
323 the City of Lakeland, which shall be sought within the Due Diligence Period.  
324 The Property shall be delivered vacant and broom clean at the Closing.  
325 Within thirty (30) days of Effective Date, Seller will deliver to Escrow Agent a copy of its by-laws and the  
326 resolutions of its Board of Directors, consistent with the by-laws, which ratify this Contract and authorize the  
327 sale of the Property.  
328 \_\_\_\_\_  
329 \_\_\_\_\_

330 **THIS IS INTENDED TO BE A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT. IF NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD, SEEK THE**  
331 **ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO SIGNING. BROKER ADVISES BUYER AND SELLER TO VERIFY ALL**  
332 **FACTS AND REPRESENTATIONS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM AND TO CONSULT AN APPROPRIATE**  
333 **PROFESSIONAL FOR LEGAL ADVICE (FOR EXAMPLE, INTERPRETING CONTRACTS, DETERMINING THE**  
334 **EFFECT OF LAWS ON THE PROPERTY AND TRANSACTION, STATUS OF TITLE, FOREIGN INVESTOR**  
335 **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, ETC.) AND FOR TAX, PROPERTY CONDITION, ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER**  
336 **ADVICE. BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BROKER DOES NOT OCCUPY THE PROPERTY AND THAT ALL**  
337 **REPRESENTATIONS (ORAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE) BY BROKER ARE BASED ON SELLER**  
338 **REPRESENTATIONS OR PUBLIC RECORDS UNLESS BROKER INDICATES PERSONAL VERIFICATION OF**  
339 **THE REPRESENTATION. BUYER AGREES TO RELY SOLELY ON SELLER, PROFESSIONAL INSPECTORS AND**  
340 **GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FOR VERIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY CONDITION, SQUARE FOOTAGE AND**  
341 **FACTS THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT PROPERTY VALUE.**

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342 Each person signing this Contract on behalf of a party that is a business entity represents and warrants to the other  
343 party that such signatory has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Contract in accordance with its  
344 terms and each person executing this Contract and other documents on behalf of such party has been duly authorized  
345 to do so.

346 **ATTENTION: SELLER AND BUYER**

347 **CONVEYANCES TO FOREIGN BUYERS:** Part III of Chapter 692, Sections 692.201 - 692.205, Florida Statutes, 2023  
348 (the "Act"), in part, limits and regulates the sale, purchase and ownership of certain Florida properties by certain buyers  
349 who are associated with a "foreign country of concern", namely: the People's Republic of China, the Russian  
350 Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the  
351 Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic. **It is a crime to buy or knowingly sell property  
352 in violation of the Act.**

353 **At time of purchase, Buyer must provide a signed Affidavit which complies with the requirements of the Act.**  
354 **Seller and Buyer are advised to seek legal counsel regarding their respective obligations and liabilities under the Act.**

355 Valerie Julie Vaynt Date: 7/16/2024  
(Signature of Buyer)

356 Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency Tax ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name of Buyer)

357 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

358 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Buyer)

359 \_\_\_\_\_ Tax ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name of Buyer)

360 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

361 Buyer's Address for purpose of notice Attn.: City Attorney, 228 S Massachusetts, Lakeland, FL 33801

362 Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: aap@putnampa.com

363 Gospel, Inc.  
Lakeland Ray Shank Date: 7/18/2024  
(Signature of Seller)

364 Gospel, Inc. Tax ID No.: 90 077 1464  
(Typed or Printed Name of Seller)

365 Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

366 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Seller)

367 \_\_\_\_\_ Tax ID No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name of Seller)

368 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

369 Seller's Address for purpose of notice: P.O. Box 3278, Lakeland, FL 33802

370 Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: ray@gospelinc.org

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