



RESIDENTIAL DWELLING LEASE

USE ONLY FOR IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY CONTAINING ONE, TWO OR THREE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT; IF NOT UNDERSTOOD, SEEK COMPETENT LEGAL ADVICE.

LEASING BROKER: _____ BRANCH OFFICE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ BROKER/AGENT ID: _____

LEASING ASSOCIATE: Anousha Nikjouian PHONE: (202) 802-5434 E-MAIL: anousha.nik@compass.com

ACTING AS: ☐ OWNER'S AGENT (WHETHER COOPERATING AGENT OR OWNER AGENT) - OR
☐ EXCLUSIVE TENANT'S AGENT - OR
☐ INTRA-COMPANY AGENT WITH BROKER AS DUAL AGENT

IN COOPERATION WITH

LISTING BROKER: _____ BRANCH OFFICE: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ BROKER/AGENT ID: _____

LISTING ASSOCIATE: Anousha Nikjouian PHONE: (202) 802-5434 E-MAIL: anousha.nik@compass.com

ACTING AS ☒ LISTING BROKER AND OWNER'S AGENT - OR
☐ INTRA-COMPANY AGENT WITH BROKER AS DUAL AGENT

OWNER: Anousha Nikjouian

OWNER, AS USED HEREIN, SHALL INCLUDE OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

TENANT: Rivka Manangan, Sadeen Musa, Taylor Hu, Crystal Nguyen, Santhoshi Kavali

LEASED PROPERTY ADDRESS ("THE PROPERTY"): 1723 E Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21231

1. INITIAL LEASE TERM: Owner leases to Tenant and Tenant leases from Owner the Property for the term of _____ year(s) or month(s) commencing on the 7th day of August, 2026 (mo./yr.) and ending on the 6th day of August, 2027 (mo./yr.) (the "Initial Term"), at a total rental of Fifty Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$ 50,400.00) for said Term, due and payable in equal monthly installments of Four Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$ 4,200.00), in advance, on the first day of each month.

2. RENEWAL OF LEASE TERMS (Initial one selection):

____/____/____/____ **NONE.** Tenant agrees to vacate the Property by the last day of the Initial Term. Notice shall not be required by either

☒ **MONTH-TO-MONTH:** This Lease shall continue in force from month to month after the expiration of the Initial Term. However, either party may terminate this Lease at the end of the initial Term by giving written notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to end of the Initial Term. Either party may terminate the month-to-month lease at the end of any rental month, provided that written notice is given to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the last day of the desired final rental month of the tenancy. **NOTE:** In Baltimore City at least sixty (60) days notice must be given; i.e., either party may terminate the month-to-month lease at the end of any rental month provided that written notice is given to the other party at least sixty (60) days prior to the last day of the desired final rental month of the tenancy.

____/____/____/____ **YEAR-TO-YEAR:** This Lease shall continue in force from year to year after the expiration of the Initial Term. Either party may terminate this Lease at the end of the Initial Term, or any renewal term, by giving written notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to end of the initial or renewal term. **NOTICE: ANY WRITTEN NOTICE GIVEN PURSUANT TO RENEWAL TERMS BECOMES EFFECTIVE UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF THE NOTICE.**

3. SECURITY DEPOSIT: PAYMENT AND RECEIPT: A security deposit is required as a condition of this Lease. *Upon payment of the security deposit by Tenant to Owner, Owner will provide a receipt containing the security deposit provisions required by law.*

• Security Deposit Amount: Four Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$ 4,200.00)

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4. PAYMENT OF RENT: Tenant agrees to pay the rent when due without any deduction or setoff. If a monthly installment of rent is paid more than Five (5) days after the date when due, Tenant shall pay, as additional rent, a sum equal to 5% of the amount of delinquent rent due. If a check is accepted by Owner from Tenant for rent, it is purely as an accommodation to Tenant. If the check is dishonored, Tenant agrees to pay a \$ 45.00 charge to Owner as additional rent. The amount of late fees and bad check fees shall be added to and deemed part of the rent due and shall be payable by Tenant to Owner on demand. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such charges and fees as Owner has for the non-payment of rent.

5. OWNER LEGAL RIGHTS: If Tenant shall fail to pay the rent or any additional rent as herein provided, within Thirty (30) days of the date when due, or if Tenant shall breach any other term, covenant, or condition of this Lease, including, but not limited to, any misrepresentation in Tenant's application, Owner may (a) re-enter the Property and terminate this Lease in accordance with the applicable provisions of law; (b) bring summary ejectment proceedings to evict Tenant; or (c) pursue any and all other remedies available to Owner at law or in equity. No such termination of the Lease, nor recovery of possession of the Property, however, shall constitute a waiver by Owner of any available action by Owner against Tenant for unpaid rent or for damages which may be due or sustained prior to or subsequent to the termination of this Lease, nor shall such termination extinguish Tenant's obligation to pay all rent and other sums due and owing to Owner prior to or subsequent to such termination and/or recovery of possession.

6. PERSONS WHO WILL OCCUPY THE PROPERTY: Tenant covenants and agrees that the Property shall be occupied only by the following person(s), and by no other persons: Rivka Manangan, Sadeen Musa, Taylor Hu, Crystal Nguyen, Santhoshi Kavali

Tenant, by Tenant's signature, represents and warrants to Owner that neither Tenant nor any person(s) identified in this Paragraph 6 has been convicted of a felony crime in any federal or state court except as otherwise disclosed by Tenant to Owner on the Application For Tenancy Form, as signed by Tenant.

7. TENANT'S RIGHT TO OCCUPY THE PROPERTY: Owner agrees that Tenant may, peaceably and quietly, enter the Property at the beginning of the Term and that the Property will be made available in a condition permitting reasonably safe habitation. If permission is given to Tenant to enter into possession of the Property prior to the date specified for the commencement of the Term, such occupancy shall be deemed to be in accordance with all the terms, covenants, conditions, and provisions of this Lease, and the rent shall be apportioned for such period of occupancy.

8. SMOKE DETECTOR NOTICE: This residential dwelling unit contains alternating current (AC) electric service. In the event of a power outage, an alternating current (AC) powered smoke detector will not provide an alarm. Therefore, the occupants should obtain a dual powered smoke detector or a battery powered smoke detector. SM TH SK RM Tenant's Initials

9. SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE: (a) Tenant acknowledges that Landlord has installed one or more smoke detectors in accordance with §9-102 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. (b) If this lease pertains to a property located in Baltimore County, Tenant also acknowledges that Owner has installed one or more smoke detectors in accordance with §§ 14-2-201 of the Baltimore County Code. (c) If this lease pertains to property located in Baltimore City, Tenant also acknowledges that Owner has installed one or more smoke detectors in accordance with Part VIII, Section 907 of the Building, Fire and Related Codes of Baltimore City. (d) Tenant further acknowledges that with respect to any smoke detector installed in accordance with state or local law, said detector(s) is in good condition and proper working order as of the date of this Lease. Tenant agrees not to obstruct or tamper with any detector, or otherwise permit any detector to be obstructed or tampered with for any reason whatsoever. Tenant further agrees to test the detector periodically and to report in writing to Owner any malfunction. Tenant assumes sole responsibility to test the detector and shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from any and all liability for injury, death, property damage, or other loss resulting from any defect or malfunction of such detector which Tenant shall not have specifically reported in writing to Owner as required. If any detector within the Property becomes damaged by tampering or through the negligence or deliberate misuse or abuse by Tenant, any resident of the Property, or any agent, employee, invitee or family member of Tenant, Tenant shall promptly notify Owner and Owner shall promptly cause the detector to be repaired or replaced. Upon demand, Tenant shall pay to Owner the costs of repair or replacement incurred by Owner, or such costs as may be added to and deemed part of the rent. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such costs as Owner has for nonpayment of rent.

10. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE: (a) Tenant acknowledges that Landlord has installed one or more carbon monoxide detectors as follows: (b) If this lease pertains to a property located in Baltimore County, in accordance with §35-5-213.1 of the Baltimore County Code. (c) If this lease pertains to property located in Baltimore City, in accordance with Part II, §1211 Section 907 of the Building, Fire and Related Codes of Baltimore City. (d) Tenant further acknowledges that with respect to any carbon monoxide detector installed in accordance with state or local law, said detector(s) is in good condition and proper working order as of the date of this Lease. Tenant agrees not to obstruct or tamper with any detector, or otherwise permit any detector to be obstructed or tampered with for any reason whatsoever. Tenant further agrees to test the detector periodically and to report in writing to Owner any malfunction. Tenant assumes sole responsibility to test the detector and shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless from any and all liability for injury, death, property damage, or other loss resulting from any defect or malfunction of such detector which Tenant shall not have specifically reported in writing to Owner as required. If any detector within the Property becomes damaged by tampering or through the negligence or deliberate misuse or abuse by Tenant, any resident of the Property, or any agent, employee, invitee or family member of Tenant, Tenant shall promptly notify Owner and Owner shall promptly cause the detector to be repaired or replaced. Upon demand, Tenant shall pay to Owner the costs of repair or replacement incurred by Owner, or such costs as may be added to and deemed part of the rent. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such costs as Owner has for nonpayment of rent.

I hereby certify that I am an adult and that I have received from the Owner or the Owner's Authorized Representative written information concerning the manufacturer's recommendation for maintenance and testing of the detector(s).

Rivka Manangan Sadeen Musa Crystal Nguyen Taylor Hu Santhoshi Kavali

Signature

Relationship to Tenant

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11. TENANT'S USE OF KEYS AND LOCKS: No additional lock(s) shall be installed by Tenant and no existing lock(s) shall be changed by Tenant without the Owner's prior written consent. Two (2) keys will be furnished to the Tenant and any additional keys required will be obtained from Owner and paid for by Tenant. Duplicate key(s) will not be made without Owner's prior written consent. All keys will be returned by Tenant to Owner upon termination of the Lease or vacating of the Property, whichever first occurs. Tenant shall reimburse Owner, as additional rent, for the cost of changing any locks or replacing any key(s) lost or damaged by Tenant.

12. TENANT'S COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY AND INSURANCE REGULATIONS: Tenant agrees not to do or permit to be done anything on the Property in contravention of any hazard insurance policy in force thereon or which will increase the premium payable on such policy. Tenant shall not in any way obstruct any public sidewalk nor permit anything to be done on the Property contrary to the rules and regulations of the Fire Department or Health Department or any other governmental authority.

13. OWNER/TENANT LIABILITY: Tenant agrees that with respect to those portions of the Property within the exclusive control of Tenant, Owner shall not be responsible or liable for any loss or damage to any goods or chattels placed on, in, or about the Property, nor for any personal injury to Tenant or any agent, employee, invitee, or family member of Tenant. Owner shall not be deemed a bailee as to any goods or chattels placed on, in, or about the Property. It is the responsibility of Tenant to obtain and pay the costs of any insurance to protect Tenant from loss or damage to Tenant's personal property placed on, in, or about the Property, and to maintain adequate personal liability insurance. Notwithstanding any provision of this Lease to the contrary, no provision of this Lease shall be construed to indemnify Owner, or to hold Owner harmless, or to exonerate Owner from any liability to Tenant, or to any other person, for any injury, loss, damage, or liability arising from any omission, fault, negligence, or other misconduct of Owner on or about those areas which are not within Tenant's exclusive control.

14. TENANT INDEMNIFIES OWNER: Tenant shall indemnify and hold Owner harmless against and from any and all liability arising from any injury or death, property damage, or other loss during the Term to person or property arising within those portions of the Property within the exclusive control of Tenant, or occasioned by any act or omission of Tenant, any resident of the Property, or of any agent, employee, invitee, or family member of Tenant.

15. OWNER'S RIGHT TO ENTER THE PROPERTY DURING THE TERM: Owner and Owner's agents and employees shall have the right to enter upon the Property at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection or making any repairs which Owner is required to make under the terms of this Lease or which Owner otherwise deems necessary or appropriate. For a period of ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Initial Term, or any renewal thereof, Owner and Owner's agents shall have the right, at reasonable times, to show prospective tenants or purchasers through the Property and to post "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs thereon, as may be permitted by law.

16. TENANT'S RESPONSIBILITY AT END OF TERM: Tenant agrees to surrender the Property to Owner at the end of the Initial Term, or any renewal thereof, in the same condition as when received, ordinary wear and tear excepted. Tenant further agrees to surrender the Property free and clear of all furniture and debris and in a broom clean condition.

17. FAILURE TO VACATE AT TERMINATION: If Tenant does not vacate the Property on or before the last day of the applicable Term, Owner may (a) eject Tenant and take possession of the Property, storing all furniture and other personal property found on the Property at Tenant's risk and expense without liability to Owner; (b) hold Tenant liable as a tenant holding over for another one or more terms at the same rental; and/or (c) exercise any other remedy granted to a landlord under Maryland law.

18. TENANT RESTRICTED FROM SUBLEASING OR ASSIGNING LEASE: Tenant shall not assign this Lease or sublet all or part of the Property without the prior written consent of Owner, which consent may be withheld in the Owner's sole and absolute discretion. Any assignment or subletting without Owner's prior written consent shall be null and void and of no effect. Owner may elect to accept rent directly from any assignee or subtenant, but the acceptance of rent from an assignee or subtenant shall not constitute a release of Tenant from Tenant's liability hereunder. Any consent to a subletting or assignment shall not constitute a waiver of the obligation of Tenant to obtain consent for any subsequent assignment or subletting, and such consent shall not constitute a release of Tenant from Tenant's liability hereunder.

19. TENANT'S AND OWNER'S RIGHTS IF PROPERTY IS DAMAGED: If the Property is (a) rendered totally uninhabitable by fire, act of God, or by the acts of rioters or public enemies; or (b) if the Property is only partially damaged or destroyed and Owner, upon notice to Tenant, elects not to repair such damage or destruction, the tenancy hereby created shall immediately cease and all rent payable under this Lease shall be apportioned to the date of such occurrence. If, however, the Property is only partially destroyed or damaged and Owner elects to repair the damage to the Property, then Owner shall restore the Property to substantially the same condition as existed immediately before such occurrence without unreasonable delay. In such event, the rent payable under this Lease shall not be abated and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect.

20. TENANT'S AND OWNER'S RIGHTS IF PROPERTY IS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT: If the Property or any part thereof is taken or condemned for a public or quasi-public use, this Lease shall, as to the part so taken, terminate as of the date title shall vest in the condemnor. Tenant waives all claims against Owner and condemnor by reason of the complete or partial taking of the Property, and all damages awarded as a result of any condemnation, whether for the whole or a part of the Property, shall belong to and shall be the sole property of Owner, whether such damages shall be awarded as compensation for diminution in value to the leasehold or to the fee of the Property.

21. INSPECTIONS: Tenant acknowledges that Owner has the right to be present at any and all inspections in and about the Property, and agrees to notify Owner prior to any inspection.

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22. TENANT'S RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING VEHICLE PARKING: Only properly licensed vehicles in operating condition may be parked in the driveways, if provided, or in the street or other paved parking areas, in accordance with the law and any community rules, regulations and restrictions.

23. TENANT'S RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING TRASH: All garbage and trash must be placed in dumpsters (if provided) or in suitable covered containers to be left in designated pickup locations no earlier than the evening before scheduled pickup.

24. TENANT AND OWNER AGREEMENT IF UTILITIES ARE INTERRUPTED: In the event Owner or Tenant is prevented or is unable, for reasons beyond Owner's or Tenant's control, to obtain fuel, electricity, water or sewer or the services they respectively have agreed to furnish, or in the event of the rationing or non-delivery of same, Owner is hereby released and discharged from any liability, loss, cost, damage or expense, direct or indirect, which might be suffered by Tenant, and this Lease shall continue in full force and effect for the full rent without abatement.

25. TENANT AND OWNER AGREEMENT FOR REPAIRS: If, under the terms of this Lease, Owner has agreed to furnish any service or utility at Owner's cost and expense, Owner may temporarily stop or curtail the furnishing of any such service or utility for the purpose of repairing or replacing the equipment or utility lines furnishing such service or utility without direct or indirect liability to Tenant if an accident or malfunction occurs. Should Owner temporarily stop or curtail the furnishing of any such service or utility, Owner shall use due diligence in restoring such service or utility.

26. OWNER'S RIGHTS TO RE-RENT THE PROPERTY: If the Property becomes vacant because of the exercise by Owner of Owner's remedies under this Lease, or should Tenant abandon the Property, Owner may take possession of and re-let the Property, as agent of Tenant, upon such terms and conditions as Owner shall reasonably determine. Tenant, upon demand by Owner, shall pay to Owner all costs and expenses incurred by Owner in such re-letting and shall thereafter pay monthly to Owner, in advance, the difference between the rent payable under this Lease and the amount of the rent received upon any such re-letting. Nothing contained in this Lease shall be deemed to impose upon Owner any obligation to show or lease the Property in preference to any other rental property(ies) owned by Owner.

27. TENANT RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL RENT: Tenant agrees to pay as additional rent (a) any and all sums which may become due by reason of the failure of Tenant to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Lease; (b) any and all damages, costs and/or expenses which the Owner may suffer or incur by reason of any default under this Lease by Tenant; and (c) any and all damages to the Property caused by any act or negligence of Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, employees, invitees, or family members. In the event Tenant fails to make any such payments, then the amount thereof shall be added to and deemed part of the rent due, and Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such payments as Owner has for non-payment of rent under this Lease.

28. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS: Should any action be brought by either party hereto to enforce any provision of this Lease, the prevailing party in such action shall be reimbursed by the other party for all reasonable attorney's fees, necessary expenses, and court costs incurred by the prevailing party in the action.

29. OWNER DOES NOT WAIVE LEGAL RIGHTS: The failure of Owner to insist upon the strict performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Lease, in any one or more instances, or to exercise any election as herein provided, shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver by Owner of such term or condition or an election for future instances.

30. HEIRS AND ASSIGNS ARE BOUND BY LEASE: The terms and conditions of this Lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns (if permitted) of Owner and Tenant.

31. CONTROLLING LAW: This Lease shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. As used in this Lease, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular and the use of any genders shall be applicable to all genders.

32. REAL ESTATE BROKER LEGAL LIMITATIONS: Owner and Tenant understand and acknowledge that Broker and Broker's agents, subagents, and employees are not and were not at any time authorized to make any representations regarding this Lease or the Property other than those expressly set forth herein. Broker and Broker's agents, subagents, and employees do not assume any responsibility for the condition of the Property or for the performance of this Lease by any or all parties hereto. By signing this Lease, Tenant acknowledges that Tenant has not relied upon any representations made by Broker or any agent, subagent, or employee of Broker, except those representations expressly set forth herein. In the event a dispute arises under this Lease between Owner and Tenant resulting in Broker or Broker's agents, subagents, or employees being made a party to any litigation, whether as a defendant or third party defendant, Owner and Tenant, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify Broker and Broker's agents, subagents, or employees for all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Broker or Broker's agents, subagents, or employees as a result of such litigation, provided that such litigation does not result in a judgment against Broker or Broker's agents, subagents, or employees for any wrongdoing.

33. TENANT'S OBLIGATIONS REGARDING USE AND OCCUPANCY: Tenant agrees to use the Property in a careful manner and not to use or permit the use of any portion of the Property for any purpose other than as a private single-family residence; to keep all lawns neatly mowed and all hedges, flower beds, and shrubbery in good order; to promptly remove snow, ice, and leaves from all walkways and driveways; to keep the Property in a clean and sanitary condition; and to comply with all laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations, including health and housing codes and criminal laws applicable to the Property and all covenants and restrictions applicable to Tenant's use of the Property.

Tenant and all other occupants and/or invitees on the Property, whether known by the Tenant or not, shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not disturb the peaceful enjoyment of neighbors, and Tenant further covenants and agrees that Tenant will not use or permit the Property to be used for any improper, illegal, or immoral purposes, nor use, permit, or suffer the same to be used by any person or persons in any noisy, dangerous, offensive, illegal, or improper manner. Tenant further agrees that no drugs or other illegal substances will be used, manufactured, sold, or distributed within, on,

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or from the Property. Tenant shall indemnify and save Owner harmless from (a) any and all liability, loss, cost, damage or expense arising out of any violation by Tenant of such laws, codes, ordinances, rules or regulations; (b) any violation or non-performance by the Tenant of any of the covenants contained herein; or (c) any other act or omission of Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, employees, invitees, or family members. All electrical, heating, air-conditioning, mechanical, and plumbing equipment and facilities shall be used for their intended purposes only.

34. WATER/MOISTURE/MOLD: Tenant shall promptly notify Owner in the event of the presence of water moisture, water leaks, water spillage (including in or around roof, windows, doors, ceilings, floors, toilets, bathtubs, sinks, dishwasher, washing machine, refrigerator, freezer, air conditioning unit(s), faucets), flooding and/or water damage to the premises.

In the event of water moisture, water leaks, water spillage, flooding and/or water damage, Tenant shall take immediate measures to contain the water and to prevent further water damage including turning off any faucets and to cease the use of any toilet, sink, bathtub or appliance causing such water leaks or spillage. Tenant shall notify Owner promptly in the event mold of any type is observed within the leased premises.

Upon notification from Tenant, Owner, at Owner's sole expense, shall promptly remediate and repair any water damage to the premises caused by water moisture, water leaks, water spillage or flooding and remove in accordance with industry standards any mold within the premises which occur through no fault of Tenant. In the event water damage or mold occurs within the premises through the negligence of Tenant, Tenant shall pay, as additional rent, all costs and expenses incurred by Owner, to remediate and repair such water damage and removal of mold.

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35. TENANT'S RESTRICTIONS ON CHANGES TO THE PROPERTY: Tenant shall not make any alterations, additions, or improvements, including painting or electrical work, to the Property without first obtaining Owner's written consent.

36. TENANT AND OWNER MAY MEDIATE DISPUTES: In the event a dispute between Owner and Tenant arises out of or from this Lease, Owner and Tenant acknowledge that such dispute may be voluntarily submitted to mediation through the local board/association of REALTORS®, the Maryland Association of REALTORS®, or through such other mediator or mediation service as may be mutually agreed upon by Tenant and Owner in writing. Mediation is a process by which the parties attempt to resolve a dispute with the assistance of a neutral mediator who is trained to facilitate the resolution of disputes. The mediation process requires the voluntary participation by both Tenant and Owner. The mediator has no authority to make an award, to impose a resolution of the dispute upon the parties, or to require the parties to continue mediation if either party does not desire to do so. A resolution of a dispute through mediation is not binding upon the parties, unless the parties voluntarily enter into a binding written agreement resolving the dispute.

37. INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS: Included in the Property are all permanently attached fixtures, including all smoke detectors. Certain other now existing items which may be considered personal property, whether installed or stored upon the property, are included, as follows:

CHECK INCLUDED ITEMS

☒ Stove or Range	☒ Dishwasher	☒ Ceiling Fan(s) # _____	☐ Alarm System
☐ Cooktop	☐ Freezer	☒ Clothes Washer	☐ Intercom
☐ Wall Oven(s) # _____	☐ Window Fan(s) # _____	☒ Clothes Dryer	☐ Storage Shed(s) # _____
☒ Refrigerator(s) # <u>1</u>	☐ Fireplace Screen/Doors	☐ Furnace Humidifier	☐ Garage Opener(s) # _____
☒ w/ice maker	☐ Pool, Equip., & Cover	☐ Electronic Air Filter	☐ w/remote(s) # _____
☒ Microwave	☐ Hot Tub, Equip., Cover	☐ Water Filter	☐ Playground Equip.
☐ Trash Compactor	☐ Screens	☐ Water Softener	☐ Wood Stove
☐ Exist. w/w Carpet	☒ Storm Doors	☐ Draperies/Curtains	☐ T.V. Antenna
☒ Garbage Disposer	☐ Storm Windows	☐ Drapery/Curtain Rods	☐ Satellite Dish
☒ Exhaust Fan(s)	☐ Window A/C Unit(s) # _____	☒ Shades/Blinds	☐ Central Vacuum
☐ Lawn Mower(s) # _____		☒ Carbon Monoxide Detector(s)	

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Additional Inclusions: _____

Exclusions: _____

38. UTILITIES AGREEMENT: The obligations of Owner and Tenant with respect to the provision of utilities shall be as follows:

UTILITY	FURNISHED AT COST OF:	UTILITY	FURNISHED AT COST OF:
a. Heating Fuel	Owner _____ Tenant ☒	e. Cold Water/Sewer	Owner _____ Tenant ☒
b. Cooking Fuel	Owner _____ Tenant ☒	f. Cable TV	Owner _____ Tenant ☒
c. Electricity	Owner _____ Tenant ☒	g. _____	Owner _____ Tenant _____
d. Heating of Water	Owner _____ Tenant ☒	h. _____	Owner _____ Tenant _____

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Costs for utilities which are to be furnished at the expense of Tenant, as listed above, shall be considered additional rent and Tenant agrees to pay such costs when due. If Tenant fails to pay any utility costs within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the bill, such failure shall constitute a default under this Lease and Owner may, in Owner's discretion, pay such costs, in which event, the amount thereof shall be added to and deemed part of the rent due and shall be payable by Tenant to Owner on demand. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such utility costs as Owner has for the non-payment of rent under this Lease.

39. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS: (a) Owner shall maintain, and/or repair/replace (if necessary in Owner's sole discretion) the plumbing, heating, cooling, electrical systems, and also the exterior walls and roof of the Property. However, Tenant shall be obligated for the costs of such repairs, replacements, and related services if the need for such repairs, replacements, and related services results from the negligence or misuse by Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, servants, employees, invitees, or family members. Tenant agrees to promptly notify Owner of any condition which is the obligation of Owner to repair or replace.

(b) Except as provided in (a) above, Tenant shall be responsible for all other repairs and replacements to the Property. Any damage to the wallpaper, paint, walls, floors, carpeting, doors, windows, window treatments, light fixtures, appliances, or other improvements to the Property, in excess of ordinary wear and tear, shall be promptly repaired or replaced by Tenant, at Tenant's sole expense, so as to restore the Property to the same condition as existed prior to the commencement of the Term. If Tenant shall fail to make any such repair or replacement, Owner, in Owner's sole discretion, may make such repair or replacement, in which event, the cost of such repair or replacement shall be added to and deemed a part of the rent and shall be payable by Tenant to Owner on demand. Owner shall have the same remedies for the collection of such costs as Owner has for the non-payment of rent under this Lease. Tenant shall furnish the HVAC system filters, electric light bulbs, and fuses at Tenant's expense.

(c) If the Property is part of a multi-unit building, Tenant shall also be liable to Owner for the cost of any repairs or replacements to the building if the need for such repairs or replacements results from the negligence or misuse of the building by Tenant, other residents of the Property, or Tenant's agents, servants, employees, invitees, or family members. The cost of such repairs or replacements shall be added to and deemed a part of the rent due and shall be payable by Tenant to Owner on demand. Owner shall have the same remedies for collection of such costs as Owner has for the non-payment of rent under this Lease.

(d) Additional agreements, if any, regarding maintenance, repairs and/or replacement are as follows: Change HVAC Filter 6X/year (every 2 months).

40. TENANT'S RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING PETS: NO PETS may be kept on the Property without the prior written permission of the Owner. If pets are allowed, an addendum containing PET provisions must be attached to this Lease.

41. TENANT'S AND OWNER'S DELIVERY OF NOTICES: All notices required to be given by Owner to Tenant shall be sufficiently given by leaving the same at the Property, except that notice of the withholding by Owner of any portion of the security deposit shall be mailed by Owner to Tenant at Tenant's last known address, within forty-five (45) days after the termination or expiration of this Lease.

All notices required to be given by Tenant to Owner, and all rent, shall be delivered to the following address: (Notices shall be given by certified mail.)

Name Anousha Nikjouian ☐ Owner ☒ Property Manager

Address 11523 Deborah Drive Potomac, MD 20854 Phone (202) 802-5434

42. AGENTS OF OWNER AND TENANT: Owner and Tenant each confirm that disclosure of the agency relationships as described in this Lease conforms with the agency relationships previously agreed upon in writing. Owner recognizes Anousha Nikjouian as the Broker negotiating this Lease and agrees to pay said Broker a brokerage fee for services rendered in the amount provided for in the Listing Contract. In the event of the purchase of the property by Tenant or any agent or assign of Tenant during the initial Term of this Lease, or any renewal, Owner agrees to pay to Broker a brokerage fee in the amount of _____ % of the purchase price.

43. LEAD PAINT - APPLICABLE LAW: Title X, Section 10108, The Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (the Federal Program) requires the disclosure of certain information regarding lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards in connection with the rental of residential real property. An owner of pre-1978 housing is required to disclose to the tenant, based upon the owner's actual knowledge, all known lead-based paint hazards in the Property and provide the tenant with any available reports in the owner's possession relating to lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards applicable to the Property.

If the Property was built prior to 1979, the Property is also subject to the Maryland Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Program Act contained in the Maryland Code, Environmental Article Section 6-801 et seq. (the Maryland Program). If the Property was constructed prior to 1950, **all** provisions of the Maryland Program will apply to the Property. If the Property was constructed during the period 1950 through 1978, the provisions of the Maryland Program will also apply to the Property except that Owner will have the option to participate in the liability limitation portion of the Maryland Program.

Age Classification of Property: Owner represents and warrants to Tenant(s), broker(s), broker(s)' agents and subagents, intending that they rely upon such warranty and representation, that **(initial all that apply):**

• **The Federal Program (initial one)**

_____ the Property was built during or after 1978; **the Federal Program does not apply.**

  _____ the Property was built before 1978; **the Federal Program applies.**

• **The Maryland Program (initial one)**

_____ the Property was built prior to 1950, **the Maryland Program applies fully.**

  _____ the Property was built after 1949 but before 1979, **the Maryland Program applies at Owner's option.**

• **Age Classification Unknown (initial, if applicable)**

_____ Owner is uncertain as to age classification; therefore, Owner acknowledges that, for the purposes of the rental contemplated by this Lease, the Property will be treated as though it had been constructed prior to 1950, and agrees that the Property is fully subject to Federal and Maryland law as to the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards.

NOTICE TO TENANT - LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS: Tenant acknowledges that Property may be subject to Federal and Maryland law as to the presence of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards. Tenant acknowledges the receipt of the following required brochures:

1. **Under Federal Law** (the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992)
 - a. The EPA "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home" brochure.
2. **Under Maryland Law** (the Maryland Lead Poisoning Prevention Program)
 - a. The Notice of Tenants' Rights, Lead Poisoning Prevention, as published by the Maryland Department of the Environment.
 - b. The EPA "Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home" brochure (the same brochure as 1.a.).

Tenant understands and acknowledges that compliance under the Federal and Maryland laws is the sole responsibility of Owner and that Tenant agrees to read and become familiar with the requirements of Federal and Maryland law as contained in the above brochures and notice.

  _____ Tenant's Initials

44. TENANT ACCEPTS PROPERTY: Tenant has been provided with an opportunity to inspect the Property and accepts the Property in its present condition, unless otherwise agreed in writing below.

45. "TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE" SHALL APPLY TO THIS LEASE.

46. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:

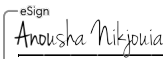
Three Guarantors provided in the 1st addendum attached.

47. ADDENDUM(S) ATTACHED CONCERNING _____

TENANT HAS READ OR HAS LISTENED TO A READING OF THIS LEASE, UNDERSTANDS SAME, AND HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS LEASE. OWNER AND TENANT BY THEIR SIGNATURES BELOW, HEREBY ACCEPT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THIS LEASE.

 _____ 08/03/2026
 _____ 07/30/2026 SEAL
 Date

 _____ 08/04/2026
 _____ 07/30/2026 SEAL
 Tenant Date

 _____ 08/06/2026 SEAL
 Owner/Authorized Representative Date

 _____ 08/03/2026
 Owner/Authorized Representative Date

For convenience of Owner and Tenant a SECURITY DEPOSIT RECEIPT is printed on the next page

SECURITY DEPOSIT RECEIPT

DATE DEPOSIT PAID _____

OWNER Anousha Nikjouian

TENANT Rivka Manangan, Sadeen Musa, Taylor Hu, Crystal Nguyen, Santhoshi Kavali

LEASED PREMISES ADDRESS (THE "PROPERTY") 1723 E Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21231

Owner and Tenant have entered into a Lease dated July, 30th, 2026, for the rental of the Property. Owner hereby acknowledges receipt from Tenant of the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

in the form of _____ as a security deposit in connection with the Lease to protect Owner against non-payment of rent, damage due to breach of the Lease (including failure to surrender the Property free and clear of debris and furniture, or failure to return all keys to the Property to the Owner), and for damages to the Property, common areas, major appliances and furnishings, if any, caused by Tenant, or any agent, employee, invitee or family member of Tenant, in excess of ordinary wear and tear.

The amount of the security deposit shall not exceed the equivalent of two (2) months' rent per dwelling unit leased under the Lease. Tenant shall not apply the security deposit as rent, including the last month's rent.

Tenant has the right to have the Property inspected by Owner, in the presence of the Tenant, for the purpose of making a written list of damages to the Property that exist at the commencement of the tenancy if Tenant so requests, in writing, by certified mail, to Owner within fifteen (15) days of the Tenant's occupancy of the Property.

Within thirty (30) days of its receipt, the security deposit shall be deposited by Owner in a Federally insured Maryland banking or savings institution, in an insured certificate of deposit in an institution located in Maryland, or in securities issued by the Federal Government or the State of Maryland, in an interest-bearing account devoted exclusively to security deposits. Within forty-five (45) days after the end of the tenancy, the Owner shall return the security deposit to Tenant together with simple interest at the minimum statutory rate, less any damages rightfully withheld, including nonpayment of rent, damages due to breach of the Lease or damages to the Leased Premises, common elements, major appliances and furnishings caused by Tenant, or by Tenant's family, agents, employees, guests or invitees in excess of ordinary wear and tear. Interest shall accrue on security deposits of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more at monthly intervals from the day Tenant gives the security deposit. Interest shall not be compounded. If Owner withholds all or any portion of the security deposit for unpaid rent or for damages as provided, Owner, within forty-five (45) days after the termination of the tenancy, shall furnish, by first class mail to Tenant's last known address, a written list of damages claimed, together with a statement of the costs actually incurred. No interest is due or payable unless the landlord has held the security deposit for at least six (6) months or for any period less than a full month.

At the end of Tenancy, Tenant has the right to be present when Owner inspects the Property in order to determine if any damage was done to the Property, if Tenant notifies the Owner, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of moving, by certified mail of Tenant's intention to move, the date of moving and Tenant's new address. Upon receipt of such notice, Owner shall notify Tenant in writing and by certified mail of the time and date when the Property is to be inspected and the inspection shall occur within five (5) days before or five (5) days after the date of moving as designated in the notice from Tenant to Owner. Owner need not notify Tenant of his intention to withhold all or any part of the security deposit if Tenant has been evicted, or ejected for breach of a condition or covenant of the Lease prior to the termination of the tenancy, or if Tenant has abandoned the Property prior to the termination of the tenancy. In such event, Tenant may make demand for return of the security deposit by giving written notice by first class mail to Owner within forty-five (45) days of being evicted or ejected or of abandoning the Property. The notice shall specify the Tenant's new address. Owner, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of said notice, shall supply Tenant with a list of damages and costs by first class mail.

In the event Owner fails to comply with the provisions of Maryland law applicable to residential security deposits, Owner may be liable to Tenant for a penalty of up to three (3) times the amount of the security deposit withheld by Owner, plus reasonable attorney's fees. Owner, by Maryland law, shall retain a copy of this receipt for a period of two (2) years following the termination of the tenancy, abandonment of the Property, or eviction of the Tenant. If there is no written receipt, the Owner shall pay a \$25 penalty for non-compliance.

If the Property is sold, transferred, or assigned by the Owner, the Owner shall have the right to transfer the security deposit to the transferee and Owner shall be released from all liability for the return of the security deposit and Tenant shall look solely to the transferee for the return of the security deposit. It is agreed that the foregoing shall apply to every transfer or assignment made of the security deposit to a transferee. In the event of any rightful or permitted assignment or sublease of the Lease by Tenant to any assignee or sublessee, the security deposit shall be deemed to be held by Owner as a deposit made by the assignee or sublessee and Owner shall have no further liability with respect to return of such security deposit to Tenant.

Tenant acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Receipt for Security Deposit

Tenant_____Date_____SEAL

Tenant_____Date_____SEAL

Owner_____Date_____SEAL

Owner_____Date_____SEAL



08/06/2026

AMENDMENT/ADDENDUM

ADDENDUM NUMBER 1 to CONTRACT OF SALE/LEASE dated 07/30/2026
BUYER(S)/TENANT(S): Rivka Manangan, Sadeen Musa, Taylor Hu, Crystal Nguyen, Santhoshi Kavali
SELLER(S)/LANDLORD(S): Anousha Nikjouian
PROPERTY: 1723 E Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21231

For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the undersigned parties hereby agree as follows;

GUARANTOR ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT

This Guarantor Addendum ("Addendum") is made and entered into on this 30th day of July 2026 and is incorporated into and made a part of the Residential Lease Agreement ("Lease"). Guarantors (collectively, the "Guarantors"):

Hala Asaad, Akshay Patel, and Rona Manangan.

1. Purpose of Addendum

In consideration of Landlord entering into the Lease with Tenant(s), and as a material inducement for Landlord to do so, the undersigned Guarantors hereby jointly and severally guarantee the full and timely performance of all obligations of Tenant(s) under the Lease, including any renewals, extensions, or modifications thereof.

2. Joint and Several Liability

Each Guarantor's obligations under this Addendum are joint and several with the Tenant(s) and with each other Guarantor. Landlord may pursue any one or more of the Guarantors (or all of them, in any order) for the full amount of any unpaid rent, damages, fees, or other obligations owed under the Lease, without first proceeding against Tenant(s) or any other Guarantor. Nothing in this Addendum requires Landlord to pursue Tenant(s) before pursuing any Guarantor.

3. Scope of Guaranty

The Guarantors' obligations include, but are not limited to:

- (a) All rent, late fees, and other charges due under the Lease;
- (b) Any damages to the Premises beyond ordinary wear and tear;
- (c) Any unpaid utilities for which Tenant(s) is responsible;
- (d) Attorneys' fees and court costs incurred by Landlord in enforcing the Lease or this Addendum, to the extent permitted by Maryland law;
- (e) Any and all other obligations, monetary or otherwise, of Tenant(s) under the Lease.

All other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same and in full force and effect.

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Buyer/Tenant		Date	
eSign Akshay Patel 08/04/26 - 09:36 PM EDT	(SEAL)	08/04/2026	07/30/2026
Buyer/Tenant		Date	
	(SEAL)		
Seller/Landlord		Date	
eSign Anousha Nikjouian 08/06/26 - 11:30 AM EDT	(SEAL)	08/06/2026	
Seller/Landlord		Date	



AMENDMENT/ADDENDUM

ADDENDUM NUMBER 2 to CONTRACT OF SALE/LEASE dated 07/30/2026BUYER(S)/TENANT(S): Rivka Manangan, Sadeen Musa, Taylor Hu, Crystal Nguyen, Santhoshi KavaliSELLER(S)/LANDLORD(S): Anousha NikjouianPROPERTY: 1723 E Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21231

For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the undersigned parties hereby agree as follows;

4. Term and Continuing Guaranty

This guaranty shall remain in full force and effect for the entire term of the Lease and any renewals, extensions, or holdover periods, until all obligations of Tenant(s) have been fully satisfied. This is a continuing guaranty and shall not be discharged by partial performance.

5. Waiver of Notice

Each Guarantor waives:

(a) Notice of acceptance of this guaranty;

(b) Notice of any default by Tenant(s), except as required by Maryland law;

(c) Notice of any modification, renewal, or extension of the Lease;

(d) The requirement that Landlord first proceed against Tenant(s) or exhaust any remedies against Tenant(s) before proceeding against Guarantors.

6. Modifications to Lease

Guarantors agree that Landlord and Tenant(s) may modify, amend, or renew the Lease without notice to or consent of Guarantors, and such modifications shall not release Guarantors from their obligations hereunder, provided the guaranty amount is not materially increased without written notice to Guarantors.

All other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same and in full force and effect.

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Hake Asaad
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07/30/2026

Buyer/Tenant

Date

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Akshay Patel
08/04/26 - 09:37 PM EDT

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Rana Manangan
07/30/26 - 10:44 PM PDT

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08/04/2026

07/30/2026

Buyer/Tenant

Date

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Seller/Landlord

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08/06/26 - 11:30 AM EDT

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08/06/2026

Seller/Landlord

Date





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AMENDMENT/ADDENDUM

ADDENDUM NUMBER 3 to CONTRACT OF SALE/LEASE dated 07/30/2026
BUYER(S)/TENANT(S): Rivka Manangan, Sadeen Musa, Taylor Hu, Crystal Nguyen, Santhoshi Kavali
SELLER(S)/LANDLORD(S): Anousha Nikjouian
PROPERTY: 1723 E Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21231

For valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the undersigned parties hereby agree as follows;

7. Financial Information

Each Guarantor represents that they are of legal age, financially capable of performing under this guaranty, and have provided accurate financial information to Landlord. Guarantors authorize Landlord to obtain credit reports and verify financial information as reasonably necessary.

8. Governing Law and Venue

This Addendum shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. Any legal action arising out of this Addendum shall be brought in the District Court or Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland.

9. Severability

If any provision of this Addendum is held to be unenforceable under Maryland law, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

10. Entire Agreement

This Addendum, together with the Lease, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the guaranty of Tenant(s)' obligations. Any changes must be in writing and signed by all parties.

11. Independent Obligation

Each Guarantor acknowledges that their obligation under this Addendum is independent of the Lease and is not conditioned on Landlord's ability or inability to collect from Tenant(s) or any other party.

All other terms and conditions of the Contract shall remain the same and in full force and effect.

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Hala Asaad

07/30/26 - 06:57 PM EDT

Buyer/Tenant

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07/30/2026

Date

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Akshay Patel

08/04/26 - 09:37 PM EDT

Buyer/Tenant

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Rana Manangan

07/30/26 - 10:44 PM PDT

(SEAL)

08/04/2026

Date

07/30/2026

Date

eSign

Anousha Nikjouian

08/06/26 - 11:30 AM EDT

Seller/Landlord

(SEAL)

08/06/2026

Date

(SEAL)

Seller/Landlord

Date



DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ON LEAD-BASED PAINT AND LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS FOR HOUSING RENTALS AND LEASES

Addendum Number 2 to Lease dated 07/30/2026
Tenant (s): Rivka Manangan, Sadeen Musa, Taylor Hu, Crystal Nguyen, Santhoshi Kavali
Landlord (s): Anousha Nikjouian
Property: 1723 E Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21231

Lead Warning Statement
Housing built before 1978 may contain lead-based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not taken care of properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. Before renting pre-1978 housing, landlords must disclose the presence of known lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards in the dwelling. Tenants must also receive a Federally approved pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention.

Lessor's Disclosure (initial)
An (a) Presence of lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards (check one below);
Known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards are present in the housing (explain)
Lessor has no knowledge of lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.
An (b) Records and reports available to the lessor (check one below):
Lessor has provided the lessee with all available records and reports pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing (list documents below).
Lessor has no reports or records pertaining to lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in the housing.

Lessee's Acknowledgment (initial)
Sh Sh Sh (c) Lessee has received copies of all information listed above.
Sh Sh Sh (d) Lessee has received the pamphlet Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home.

Agent's Acknowledgment (initial)
(e) Agent has informed the lessor of the lessor's obligations under 42 U.S.C. 4582(d) and is aware of his/her responsibility to ensure compliance.

Certification of Accuracy
The following parties have reviewed the information above and certify, to the best of their knowledge, that the information provided by the signatory is true and accurate.

Anousha Nikjouian 08/06/2026 Lessor Date
Rivka Manangan 07/30/2026 Lessee Date
Crystal Nguyen 08/03/2026 Lessee Date
Santhoshi Kavali 08/03/2026 Lessee Date
Agent Date Agent Date



Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home



United States
Environmental
Protection Agency



United States
Consumer Product
Safety Commission



United States
Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Are You Planning to Buy or Rent a Home Built Before 1978?

Did you know that many homes built before 1978 have **lead-based paint**? Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards.

Read this entire brochure to learn:

- How lead gets into the body
- How lead affects health
- What you can do to protect your family
- Where to go for more information

Before renting or buying a pre-1978 home or apartment, federal law requires:

- Sellers must disclose known information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards before selling a house.
- Real estate sales contracts must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.
- Landlords must disclose known information on lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a specific warning statement about lead-based paint.

If undertaking renovations, repairs, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or apartment:

- Read EPA's pamphlet, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*, to learn about the lead-safe work practices that contractors are required to follow when working in your home (see page 12).



Simple Steps to Protect Your Family from Lead Hazards

If you think your home has lead-based paint:

- Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.
- Always keep painted surfaces in good condition to minimize deterioration.
- Get your home checked for lead hazards. Find a certified inspector or risk assessor at [epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead).
- Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe certified renovation firms.
- Before buying, renting, or renovating your home, have it checked for lead-based paint.
- Consult your health care provider about testing your children for lead. Your pediatrician can check for lead with a simple blood test.
- Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods high in iron, calcium, and vitamin C.
- Remove shoes or wipe soil off shoes before entering your house.

Lead Gets into the Body in Many Ways

Adults and children can get lead into their bodies if they:

- Breathe in lead dust (especially during activities such as renovations, repairs, or painting that disturb painted surfaces).
- Swallow lead dust that has settled on food, food preparation surfaces, and other places.
- Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

Lead is especially dangerous to children under the age of 6.

- At this age, children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.



Women of childbearing age should know that lead is dangerous to a developing fetus.

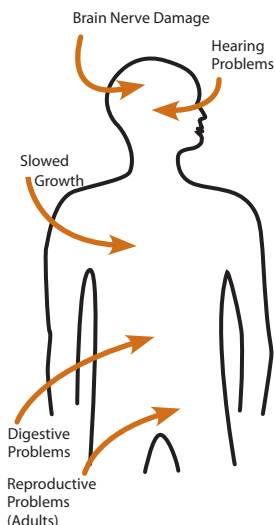
- Women with a high lead level in their system before or during pregnancy risk exposing the fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.

Health Effects of Lead

Lead affects the body in many ways. It is important to know that even exposure to low levels of lead can severely harm children.

In children, exposure to lead can cause:

- Nervous system and kidney damage
- Learning disabilities, attention-deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence
- Speech, language, and behavior problems
- Poor muscle coordination
- Decreased muscle and bone growth
- Hearing damage



While low-lead exposure is most common, exposure to high amounts of lead can have devastating effects on children, including seizures, unconsciousness, and in some cases, death.

Although children are especially susceptible to lead exposure, lead can be dangerous for adults, too.

In adults, exposure to lead can cause:

- Harm to a developing fetus
- Increased chance of high blood pressure during pregnancy
- Fertility problems (in men and women)
- High blood pressure
- Digestive problems
- Nerve disorders
- Memory and concentration problems
- Muscle and joint pain

Check Your Family for Lead

Get your children and home tested if you think your home has lead.

Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect lead. Blood lead tests are usually recommended for:

- Children at ages 1 and 2
- Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead
- Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan

Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.

Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

In general, the older your home or childcare facility, the more likely it has lead-based paint.¹

Many homes, including private, federally-assisted, federally-owned housing, and childcare facilities built before 1978 have lead-based paint. In 1978, the federal government banned consumer uses of lead-containing paint.²

Learn how to determine if paint is lead-based paint on page 7.

Lead can be found:

- In homes and childcare facilities in the city, country, or suburbs,
- In private and public single-family homes and apartments,
- On surfaces inside and outside of the house, and
- In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources, such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

Learn more about where lead is found at [epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead).

¹ "Lead-based paint" is currently defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter (mg/cm²), or more than 0.5% by weight.

² "Lead-containing paint" is currently defined by the federal government as lead in new dried paint in excess of 90 parts per million (ppm) by weight.

Identifying Lead-Based Paint and Lead-Based Paint Hazards

Deteriorated lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking, or damaged paint) is a hazard and needs immediate attention. **Lead-based paint** may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear and tear, such as:

- On windows and window sills
- Doors and door frames
- Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches

Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition and if it is not on an impact or friction surface like a window.

Lead dust can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Lead dust also forms when painted surfaces containing lead bump or rub together. Lead paint chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can reenter the air when the home is vacuumed or swept, or when people walk through it. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in dust as hazardous:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ and higher for interior window sills

Lead in soil can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. EPA currently defines the following levels of lead in soil as hazardous:

- 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil
- 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard

Remember, lead from paint chips—which you can see—and lead dust—which you may not be able to see—both can be hazards.

The only way to find out if paint, dust, or soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes how to do this.

Checking Your Home for Lead

You can get your home tested for lead in several different ways:

- A lead-based paint **inspection** tells you if your home has lead-based paint and where it is located. It won't tell you whether your home currently has lead hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a lead-based paint inspector, will conduct a paint inspection using methods, such as:
 - Portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine
 - Lab tests of paint samples
- A **risk assessment** tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards. A trained and certified testing professional, called a risk assessor, will:
 - Sample paint that is deteriorated on doors, windows, floors, stairs, and walls
 - Sample dust near painted surfaces and sample bare soil in the yard
 - Get lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples
- A combination inspection and risk assessment tells you if your home has any lead-based paint and if your home has any lead hazards, and where both are located.



Be sure to read the report provided to you after your inspection or risk assessment is completed, and ask questions about anything you do not understand.

Checking Your Home for Lead, continued

In preparing for renovation, repair, or painting work in a pre-1978 home, Lead-Safe Certified renovators (see page 12) may:

- Take paint chip samples to determine if lead-based paint is present in the area planned for renovation and send them to an EPA-recognized lead lab for analysis. In housing receiving federal assistance, the person collecting these samples must be a certified lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor
- Use EPA-recognized tests kits to determine if lead-based paint is absent (but not in housing receiving federal assistance)
- Presume that lead-based paint is present and use lead-safe work practices

There are state and federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your state or local agency for more information, visit epa.gov/lead, or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for a list of contacts in your area.³

³ Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

What You Can Do Now to Protect Your Family

If you suspect that your house has lead-based paint hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:

- If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.
- Keep painted surfaces clean and free of dust. Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner. (Remember: never mix ammonia and bleach products together because they can form a dangerous gas.)
- Carefully clean up paint chips immediately without creating dust.
- Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads often during cleaning of dirty or dusty areas, and again afterward.
- Wash your hands and your children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces, or eating soil.
- When renovating, repairing, or painting, hire only EPA- or state-approved Lead-Safe Certified renovation firms (see page 12).
- Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron, and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products. Children with good diets absorb less lead.

Reducing Lead Hazards

Disturbing lead-based paint or removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.

- In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition, you can **temporarily** reduce lead-based paint hazards by taking actions, such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover lead-contaminated soil. These actions are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- You can minimize exposure to lead when renovating, repairing, or painting by hiring an EPA- or state-certified renovator who is trained in the use of lead-safe work practices. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, learn how to use lead-safe work practices in your home.
- To remove lead hazards permanently, you should hire a certified lead abatement contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent control.



Always use a certified contractor who is trained to address lead hazards safely.

- Hire a Lead-Safe Certified firm (see page 12) to perform renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects that disturb painted surfaces.
- To correct lead hazards permanently, hire a certified lead abatement contractor. This will ensure your contractor knows how to work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly.

Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

Reducing Lead Hazards, continued

If your home has had lead abatement work done or if the housing is receiving federal assistance, once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be conducted until clearance testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following levels:

- 10 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) for floors, including carpeted floors
- 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for interior windows sills
- 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window troughs

Abatements are designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards. However, lead dust can be reintroduced into an abated area.

- Use a HEPA vacuum on all furniture and other items returned to the area, to reduce the potential for reintroducing lead dust.
- Regularly clean floors, window sills, troughs, and other hard surfaces with a damp cloth or sponge and a general all-purpose cleaner.

Please see page 9 for more information on steps you can take to protect your home after the abatement. For help in locating certified lead abatement professionals in your area, call your state or local agency (see pages 15 and 16), [epa.gov/lead](https://www.epa.gov/lead), or call 1-800-424-LEAD.

Renovating, Repairing or Painting a Home with Lead-Based Paint

If you hire a contractor to conduct renovation, repair, or painting (RRP) projects in your pre-1978 home or childcare facility (such as pre-school and kindergarten), your contractor must:

- Be a Lead-Safe Certified firm approved by EPA or an EPA-authorized state program
- Use qualified trained individuals (Lead-Safe Certified renovators) who follow specific lead-safe work practices to prevent lead contamination
- Provide a copy of EPA's lead hazard information document, *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*



RRP contractors working in pre-1978 homes and childcare facilities must follow lead-safe work practices that:

- **Contain the work area.** The area must be contained so that dust and debris do not escape from the work area. Warning signs must be put up, and plastic or other impermeable material and tape must be used.
- **Avoid renovation methods that generate large amounts of lead-contaminated dust.** Some methods generate so much lead-contaminated dust that their use is prohibited. They are:
 - Open-flame burning or torching
 - Sanding, grinding, planing, needle gunning, or blasting with power tools and equipment not equipped with a shroud and HEPA vacuum attachment
 - Using a heat gun at temperatures greater than 1100°F
- **Clean up thoroughly.** The work area should be cleaned up daily. When all the work is done, the area must be cleaned up using special cleaning methods.
- **Dispose of waste properly.** Collect and seal waste in a heavy duty bag or sheeting. When transported, ensure that waste is contained to prevent release of dust and debris.

To learn more about EPA's requirements for RRP projects, visit epa.gov/getleadsafe, or read *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*.

Other Sources of Lead

Lead in Drinking Water

The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, faucets, and fixtures.

Lead pipes are more likely to be found in older cities and homes built before 1986.

You can't smell or taste lead in drinking water.

To find out for certain if you have lead in drinking water, have your water tested.

Remember older homes with a private well can also have plumbing materials that contain lead.

Important Steps You Can Take to Reduce Lead in Drinking Water

- Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Remember, boiling water does not remove lead from water.
- Before drinking, flush your home's pipes by running the tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or doing a load of dishes.
- Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator).
- If you use a filter certified to remove lead, don't forget to read the directions to learn when to change the cartridge. Using a filter after it has expired can make it less effective at removing lead.

Contact your water company to determine if the pipe that connects your home to the water main (called a service line) is made from lead. Your area's water company can also provide information about the lead levels in your system's drinking water.

For more information about lead in drinking water, please contact EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have other questions about lead poisoning prevention, call 1-800 424-LEAD.*

Call your local health department or water company to find out about testing your water, or visit [epa.gov/safewater](https://www.epa.gov/safewater) for EPA's lead in drinking water information. Some states or utilities offer programs to pay for water testing for residents. Contact your state or local water company to learn more.

* Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Other Sources of Lead, continued

- **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.
- **Your job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your body or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.
- **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture. Call your local health department for information about hobbies that may use lead.
- Old **toys** and **furniture** may have been painted with lead-containing paint. Older toys and other children's products may have parts that contain lead.⁴
- Food and liquids cooked or stored in **lead crystal** or **lead-glazed pottery or porcelain** may contain lead.
- Folk remedies, such as "**greta**" and "**azarcon**," used to treat an upset stomach.

⁴ In 1978, the federal government banned toys, other children's products, and furniture with lead-containing paint. In 2008, the federal government banned lead in most children's products. The federal government currently bans lead in excess of 100 ppm by weight in most children's products.

For More Information

The National Lead Information Center

Learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and get other information about lead hazards on the Web at epa.gov/lead and hud.gov/lead, or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)**.

EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline

For information about lead in drinking water, call **1-800-426-4791**, or visit epa.gov/safewater for information about lead in drinking water.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline

For information on lead in toys and other consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, call **1-800-638-2772**, or visit CPSC's website at cpsc.gov or saferproducts.gov.

State and Local Health and Environmental Agencies

Some states, tribes, and cities have their own rules related to lead-based paint. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your state or local contacts on the Web at epa.gov/lead, or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may access any of the phone numbers in this brochure through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at **1-800-877-8339**.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regional Offices

The mission of EPA is to protect human health and the environment. Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

Region 1 (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, OES 05-4
Boston, MA 02109-3912
(888) 372-7341

Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 2
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
Building 205, Mail Stop 225
Edison, NJ 08837-3679
(732) 906-6809

Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, DC, West Virginia)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 814-2088

Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 4
AFC Tower, 12th Floor, Air, Pesticides & Toxics
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8998

Region 5 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 5 (LL-17J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3666
(312) 353-3808

Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and 66 Tribes)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
(214) 665-2704

Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219
(800) 223-0425

Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop St.
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 312-6966

Region 9 (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 9 (CMD-4-2)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 947-4280

Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 10 (20-C04)
Air and Toxics Enforcement Section
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 553-1200

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

The CPSC protects the public against unreasonable risk of injury from consumer products through education, safety standards activities, and enforcement. Contact CPSC for further information regarding consumer product safety and regulations.

CPSC

4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814-4421
1-800-638-2772
cpsc.gov or saferproducts.gov

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. Contact to Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes for further information regarding the Lead Safe Housing Rule, which protects families in pre-1978 assisted housing, and for the lead hazard control and research grant programs.

HUD

451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 8236
Washington, DC 20410-3000
(202) 402-7698
hud.gov/lead

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IMPORTANT!

Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil in and Around Your Home Can Be Dangerous if Not Managed Properly

- Children under 6 years old are most at risk for lead poisoning in your home.
- Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- Homes, schools, and child care facilities built before 1978 are likely to contain lead-based paint.
- Even children who seem healthy may have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.
- Disturbing surfaces with lead-based paint or removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.
- People can get lead into their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- People have many options for reducing lead hazards. Generally, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard (see page 10).