



SELLER PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

(C.A.R. Form SPQ, Revised 6/23)

This form is not a substitute for the Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement (TDS). It is used by the Seller to provide additional information when a TDS is completed. If Seller is exempt from completing a TDS, Seller should complete an Exempt Seller Disclosure (C.A.R. Form ESD) or may use this form instead:

NOTE TO SELLER: YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE DISCLOSURE INFORMATION ADVISORY (C.A.R. Form DIA) BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THIS SELLER PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE. ALL SELLERS OF CALIFORNIA REAL PROPERTY ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE VARIOUS DISCLOSURES, EITHER BY CONTRACT, OR BY STATUTE OR CASE LAW. MANY DISCLOSURES MUST BE MADE WITHIN CERTAIN TIME LIMITS. TIMELY AND THOROUGH DISCLOSURES HELP TO REDUCE DISPUTES AND FACILITATE A SMOOTH SALES TRANSACTION.

Seller makes the following disclosures with regard to the real property or manufactured home described as 2572 Virginia Street #5, Assessor's Parcel No. 058-2198-021, situated in Berkeley, County of ALAMEDA, California ("Property").

☐ This property is a duplex, triplex or fourplex. A SPQ is required for all units. This SPQ is for all units (or ☐ only unit(s) _____).

1. **Disclosure Limitation:** The following are representations made by the Seller and are not the representations of the Agent(s), if any. This disclosure statement is not a warranty of any kind by the Seller or any agents(s) and is not a substitute for any inspections or warranties the principal(s) may wish to obtain. This disclosure is not intended to be part of the contract between Buyer and Seller. Unless otherwise specified in writing, Broker and any real estate licensee or other person working with or through Broker has not verified information provided by Seller. A real estate broker is qualified to advise on real estate transactions. If Seller or Buyer desires legal advice, they should consult an attorney.

2. **Note to Seller, PURPOSE:** To tell the Buyer about known material or significant items affecting the value or desirability of the Property and help to eliminate misunderstandings about the condition of the Property.

- Answer based on actual knowledge and recollection at this time.
- Something that you do not consider material or significant may be perceived differently by a Buyer.
- Think about what you would want to know if you were buying the Property today.
- Read the questions carefully and take your time.
- If you do not understand how to answer a question, or what to disclose or how to make a disclosure in response to a question, whether on this form or a TDS, you should consult a real estate attorney in California of your choosing. A broker cannot answer the questions for you or advise you on the legal sufficiency of any answers or disclosures you provide.

3. **Note to Buyer, PURPOSE:** To give you more information about known material or significant items affecting the value or desirability of the Property and help to eliminate misunderstandings about the condition of the Property.

- Something that may be material or significant to you may not be perceived the same way by the Seller.
- If something is important to you, be sure to put your concerns and questions in writing (C.A.R. form BMI).
- Sellers can only disclose what they actually know. Seller may not know about all material or significant items.
- Seller's disclosures are not a substitute for your own investigations, personal judgments or common sense.

4. **SELLER AWARENESS:** For each statement below, answer the question "Are you (Seller) aware of..." by checking either "Yes" or "No." A "yes" answer is appropriate no matter how long ago the item being asked about happened or was documented unless otherwise specified. Explain any "Yes" answers in the space provided or attach additional comments and check paragraph 19.

5. DOCUMENTS:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

Reports, inspections, disclosures, warranties, maintenance recommendations, estimates, studies, surveys or other documents (whether prepared in the past or present, including any previous transaction, and whether or not Seller acted upon the item), pertaining to (i) the condition or repair of the Property or any improvement on this Property in the past, now or proposed; or (ii) easements, encroachments or boundary disputes affecting the Property whether oral or in writing and whether or not provided to the Seller ☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: If yes, provide any such documents in your possession to Buyer.

Explanation: _____

6. STATUTORILY OR CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRED OR RELATED:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Within the last 3 years, the death of an occupant of the Property upon the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Note to seller: The manner of death may be a material fact to the Buyer, and should be disclosed, except for a death by HIV/AIDS.)
- B. An Order from a government health official identifying the Property as being contaminated by methamphetamine. (If yes, attach a copy of the Order.) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. The release of an illegal controlled substance on or beneath the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- D. Whether the Property is located in or adjacent to an "industrial use" zone ☐ Yes ☒ No
(In general, a zone or district allowing manufacturing, commercial or airport uses.)
- E. Whether the Property is affected by a nuisance created by an "industrial use" zone ☐ Yes ☒ No
- F. Whether the Property is located within 1 mile of a former federal or state ordnance location (In general, an area once used for military training purposes that may contain potentially explosive munitions.) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- G. Whether the Property is a condominium or located in a planned unit development or other common interest subdivision ☐ Yes ☒ No



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- H. Insurance claims affecting the Property within the past 5 years ☐ Yes ☒ No
I. Matters affecting title of the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
J. Plumbing fixtures on the Property that are non-compliant plumbing fixtures as defined by Civil Code § 1101.3 ☐ Yes ☒ No
K. Material facts or defects affecting the Property not otherwise disclosed to Buyer ☐ Yes ☒ No
Explanation, or ☐ (if checked) see attached; _____

7. REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Any alterations, modifications, replacements, improvements, remodeling or material repairs on the Property (including those resulting from Home Warranty claims) ☐ Yes ☒ No
B. Any alterations, modifications, replacements, improvements, remodeling, or material repairs to the Property done for the purpose of energy or water efficiency improvement or renewable energy? ☐ Yes ☒ No
C. Ongoing or recurring maintenance on the Property (for example, drain or sewer clean-out, tree or pest control service) ☐ Yes ☒ No
D. Any part of the Property being painted within the past 12 months ☐ Yes ☒ No
E. Whether the Property was built before 1978 (if No, leave (a) and (b) blank) ☐ Yes ☒ No
(a) If yes, were any renovations (i.e., sanding, cutting, demolition) of lead-based paint surfaces started or completed (if No, leave (b) blank) ☐ Yes ☐ No
(b) If yes to (a), were such renovations done in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency Lead-Based Paint Renovation Rule ☐ Yes ☐ No

Explanation: _____

8. STRUCTURAL, SYSTEMS AND APPLIANCES:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Defects in any of the following (including past defects that have been repaired): heating, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing (including the presence of polybutylene pipes), water, sewer, waste disposal or septic system, sump pumps, well, roof, gutters, chimney, fireplace foundation, crawl space, attic, soil, grading, drainage, retaining walls, interior or exterior doors, windows, walls, ceilings, floors or appliances ☐ Yes ☒ No
B. The leasing of any of the following on or serving the Property: solar system, water softener system, water purifier system, alarm system, or propane tank(s) ☐ Yes ☒ No
C. An alternative septic system on or serving the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: _____

9. DISASTER RELIEF, INSURANCE OR CIVIL SETTLEMENT:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

Financial relief or assistance, insurance or settlement, sought or received, from any federal, state, local or private agency, insurer or private party, by past or present owners of the Property, due to any actual or alleged damage to the Property arising from a flood, earthquake, fire, other disaster, or occurrence or defect, whether or not any money received was actually used to make repairs ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, was federal flood disaster assistance conditioned upon obtaining and maintain flood insurance on the Property ☐ Yes ☐ No

(NOTE: If the assistance was conditioned upon maintaining flood insurance, Buyer is informed that federal law, 42 USC 5154a requires Buyer to maintain such insurance on the Property and if it is not, and the Property is damaged by a flood disaster, Buyer may be required to reimburse the federal government for the disaster relief provided.)

Explanation: _____

10. WATER-RELATED AND MOLD ISSUES:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Water intrusion, whether past or present, into any part of any physical structure on the Property; leaks from or in any appliance, pipe, slab or roof; standing water, drainage, flooding, underground water, moisture, water-related soil settling or slippage, on or affecting the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
B. Any problem with or infestation of mold, mildew, fungus or spores, past or present, on or affecting the Property... ☒ Yes ☐ No
C. Rivers, streams, flood channels, underground springs, high water table, floods, or tides, on or affecting the Property or neighborhood ☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: EARLY 2023 DUE TO THE HEAVY RAIN, DOWNSTAIR BEDROOM FLOODING CAUSE MOLD. HAS BEEN REMOVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL AND THE CARPET HAS BEEN CHANGED TO ZAHWATED WOOD

11. PETS, ANIMALS AND PESTS:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Past or present pets on or in the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
B. Past or present problems with livestock, wildlife, insects or pests on or in the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
C. Past or present odors, urine, feces, discoloration, stains, spots or damage in the Property, due to any of the above ☐ Yes ☒ No
D. Past or present treatment or eradication of pests or odors, or repair of damage due to any of the above ☐ Yes ☒ No
If so, when and by whom _____

Explanation: _____

12. BOUNDARIES, ACCESS AND PROPERTY USE BY OTHERS:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Surveys, easements, encroachments or boundary disputes ☐ Yes ☒ No



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- B. Use or access to the Property, or any part of it, by anyone other than you, with or without permission, for any purpose, including but not limited to, using or maintaining roads, driveways or other forms of ingress or egress or other travel or drainage ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Use of any neighboring property by you ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Explanation: _____

13. LANDSCAPING, POOL AND SPA:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Diseases or infestations affecting trees, plants or vegetation on or near the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Operational sprinklers on the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (1) If yes, are they ☐ automatic or ☐ manually operated.
- (2) If yes, are there any areas with trees, plants or vegetation not covered by the sprinkler system ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. A pool heater on the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, is it operational? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- D. A spa heater on the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, is it operational? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- E. Past or present defects, leaks, cracks, repairs or other problems with the sprinklers, pool, spa, waterfall, pond, stream, drainage or other water-related decor including any ancillary equipment, including pumps, filters, heaters and cleaning systems, even if repaired ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Explanation: _____

14. CONDOMINIUMS, COMMON INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER SUBDIVISIONS: (IF APPLICABLE)

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Property being a condominium or located in a planned unit development or other common interest subdivision.... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- B. Any Homeowners' Association (HOA) which has any authority over the subject property..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- C. Any "common area" (facilities such as pools, fitness centers, walkways, conference rooms, or other areas co-owned in undivided interest with others) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- D. CC&R's or other deed restrictions or obligations ☒ Yes ☐ No
- E. Any pending or proposed dues increases, special assessments, rules changes, insurance availability issues, or litigation by or against or fines or violations issued by a Homeowner Association or Architectural Committee affecting the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- F. CC&R's or other deed restrictions or obligations or any HOA Committee that has authority over improvements made on or to the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (1) If Yes to F, any improvements made on or to the Property inconsistent with any declaration of restrictions or HOA Committee requirement ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) If Yes to F, any improvements made on or to the Property without the required approval of an HOA Committee ☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: #A,B,C,D ARE WITH H.O.A & CC&R DUE TO THE PROPERTY IS A CONDO.
(CONDOMINIUMS)

15. TITLE, OWNERSHIP, LIENS, AND LEGAL CLAIMS:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Other than the Seller signing this form, any other person or entity with an ownership interest ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Leases, options or claims affecting or relating to title or use of the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Past, present, pending or threatened lawsuits, settlements, mediations, arbitrations, tax liens, mechanics' liens, notice of default, bankruptcy or other court filings, or government hearings affecting or relating to the Property, Homeowner Association or neighborhood ☐ Yes ☒ No
- D. Features of the property shared in common with adjoining landowners, such as walls, fences and driveways, whose use or responsibility for maintenance may have an effect on the subject property..... ☐ Yes ☒ No
- E. Any encroachments, easements, boundary disputes, or similar matters that may affect your interest in the subject property, whether in writing or not ☐ Yes ☒ No
- F. Any private transfer fees, triggered by a sale of the Property, in favor of private parties, charitable organizations, interest based groups or any other person or entity. ☐ Yes ☒ No
- G. Any PACE lien (such as HERO or SCEIP) or other lien on your Property securing a loan to pay for an alteration, modification, replacement, improvement, remodel or material repair of the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- H. The cost of any alteration, modification, replacement, improvement, remodel or material repair of the Property being paid by an assessment on the Property tax bill ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Explanation: _____

16. NEIGHBORS/NEIGHBORHOOD:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Neighborhood noise, nuisance or other problems from sources such as, but not limited to, the following: Neighbors, traffic, parking congestion, airplanes, trains, light rail, subway, trucks, freeways, buses, schools, parks, refuse storage or landfill processing, agricultural operations, business, odor, recreational facilities, restaurants, entertainment complexes or facilities, parades, sporting events, fairs, neighborhood parties, litter, construction, air conditioning equipment, air compressors, generators, pool equipment or appliances, underground gas pipelines, cell phone towers, high voltage transmission lines, or wildlife ☐ Yes ☒ No



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- B. Any past or present disputes or issues with a neighbor which might impact the use, development and enjoyment of the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: _____

17. GOVERNMENTAL:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Ongoing or contemplated eminent domain, condemnation, annexation or change in zoning or general plan that applies to or could affect the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Existence or pendency of any rent control, occupancy restrictions, improvement restrictions or retrofit requirements that apply to or could affect the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Existing or contemplated building or use moratoria that apply to or could affect the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- D. Current or proposed bonds, assessments, or fees that do not appear on the Property tax bill that apply to or could affect the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- E. Proposed construction, reconfiguration, or closure of nearby Government facilities or amenities such as schools, parks, roadways and traffic signals ☐ Yes ☒ No
- F. Existing or proposed Government requirements affecting the Property (i) that tall grass, brush or other vegetation be cleared; (ii) that restrict tree (or other landscaping) planting, removal or cutting or (iii) that flammable materials be removed ☐ Yes ☒ No
- G. Any protected habitat for plants, trees, animals or insects that apply to or could affect the Property ☐ Yes ☒ No
- H. Whether the Property is historically designated or falls within an existing or proposed Historic District ☐ Yes ☒ No
- I. Any water surcharges or penalties being imposed by a public or private water supplier, agency or utility; or restrictions or prohibitions on wells or other ground water supplies ☐ Yes ☒ No
- J. Any differences between the name of the city in the postal/mailling address and the city which has jurisdiction over the property ☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: _____

18. OTHER:

ARE YOU (SELLER) AWARE OF...

- A. Any occupant of the Property smoking or vaping any substance on or in the Property, whether past or present ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Any use of the Property for, or any alterations, modifications, improvements, remodeling or material change to the Property due to, cannabis cultivation or growth ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Any past or present known material facts or other significant items affecting the value or desirability of the Property not otherwise disclosed to Buyer ☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: _____

19. ☐ (IF CHECKED) **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** The attached addendum contains an explanation or additional comments in response to specific questions answered "yes" above. Refer to line and question number in explanation.

Seller represents that Seller has provided the answers and, if any, explanations and comments on this form and any attached addenda and that such information is true and correct to the best of Seller's knowledge as of the date signed by Seller. Seller acknowledges (i) Seller's obligation to disclose information requested by this form is independent from any duty of disclosure that a real estate licensee may have in this transaction; and (ii) nothing that any such real estate licensee does or says to Seller relieves Seller from his/her own duty of disclosure.

Seller Guangnan Gu Guangnan Liu Date 1/2/2024
Seller _____ Date _____

By signing below, Buyer acknowledges that Buyer has read, understands and has received a copy of this Seller Property Questionnaire form.

Buyer _____ Date _____
Buyer _____ Date _____

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SELLER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NONFOREIGN STATUS (FIRPTA)

(Use a separate form for each Transferor)
(C.A.R. Form AS, Revised 12/21)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING FIRPTA AND SELLER'S AFFIDAVIT OF NON-FOREIGN STATUS:

Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") § 1445 provides that a transferee (Buyer) of a U.S. real property interest must withhold tax if the transferor (Seller) is a "foreign person." In order to avoid withholding, IRC § 1445 (b) requires that the Seller (a) provides an affidavit to the Buyer with the Seller's taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), or (b) provides a proper affidavit, (such as this form) including Seller's TIN, to a "qualified substitute" who furnishes a statement to the Buyer under penalty of perjury that the qualified substitute has such affidavit in their possession. A qualified substitute may be (i) an attorney, title company, or escrow company responsible for closing the transaction, or (ii) the Buyer's agent (but not the Seller's agent).

2. SELLER'S INFORMATION:

2572 Virginia Street #5

A. PROPERTY ADDRESS (property being transferred): Berkeley, Ca. 94709-1109 ("Property")

B. TRANSFEROR'S NAME: ("Transferor")

C. AUTHORITY TO SIGN: If this document is signed on behalf of an Entity Transferor, THE UNDERSIGNED INDIVIDUAL DECLARES THAT HE/SHE HAS AUTHORITY TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRANSFEROR.

3. EXEMPTION CLAIMED: I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that, for the reason checked below, if any, I am exempt (or if signed on behalf of an Entity Transferor, the Entity is exempt) from the federal withholding law (FIRPTA):

A. ☐ (For individual Transferors) I am not a nonresident alien for purposes of U.S. income taxation.

B. ☐ (For corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust, and estate transferor) The transferor is not a foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign limited liability company, foreign trust, or foreign estate, as those terms are defined in the Internal Revenue Code and Income Tax Regulations.

4. QUALIFIED SUBSTITUTE OR DIRECT DELIVERY TO BUYER:

A. TRANSFEROR'S USE OF QUALIFIED SUBSTITUTE (TITLE OR ESCROW) TO SATISFY FIRPTA

(1) A Qualified Substitute shall be used in this transaction to satisfy the requirements under Internal Revenue Code § 1445. Seller shall provide a completed affidavit to the Qualified Substitute, who will furnish a statement (C.A.R. Form QS) to the Buyer stating, under penalty of perjury that the Qualified Substitute (i) has the Seller's affidavit; (ii) the affidavit is complete; and (iii) the Seller states in the affidavit that no withholding is required because an exemption is claimed.

(2) Qualified Substitute may require Seller to complete and provide to Qualified Substitute the information in paragraph 5. If so, that information should be completed after this form is provided to Buyer. Qualified Substitute and Seller's Broker shall NOT provide the information in paragraph 5 to Buyer.

B. ☐ TRANSFEROR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DIRECT TO BUYER: If this paragraph is checked, Seller shall complete the information in 5 below and provide a completed form to Buyer.

5. SELLER INFORMATION (NOTE: DO NOT PROVIDE THE INFORMATION IN 5 BELOW TO BUYER UNLESS 4B IS CHECKED)

A. Social Security No., or Federal Employer Identification No. (TIN) TO BE PROVIDED IN ESCROW

B. Address
(Use HOME address for individual transferors. Use OFFICE address for an "Entity" i.e.: corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts, and estates.)

C. Telephone Number

6. CALIFORNIA WITHHOLDING: Seller agrees to provide escrow with necessary information to comply with California Withholding Law, Revenue and Taxation Code, § 18662

I understand that this affidavit may be disclosed to the Internal Revenue Service by the transferee, and that any false statement I have made herein may result in a fine, imprisonment or both.

By Guanglin Li Date 1/21/2024
(Transferor's Signature) (Indicate if you are signing as the grantor of a revocable/grantor trust).

Typed or printed name

Title (If signed on behalf of Entity Transferor)

Buyer's unauthorized use of disclosure of Seller's TIN could result in civil or criminal liability.

Buyer _____ Date _____
(Buyer acknowledges receipt of a Copy of this Seller's Affidavit).

Buyer _____ Date _____
(Buyer acknowledges receipt of a Copy of this Seller's Affidavit).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: An Affidavit should be signed by each individual or entity Transferor to whom or to which it applies. Before you sign, any questions relating to the legal sufficiency of this form, or to whether it applies to you or to a particular transaction, or about the definition of any of the terms used, should be referred to a qualified California real estate attorney, certified public accountant, or other professional tax advisor, the Internal Revenue Service, or the California Franchise Tax Board.

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For further information on federal guidelines, see C.A.R. Legal Q & A "Federal Withholding: The Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act," and/or IRS Publication 515 or 519. For further information on state guidelines, see C.A.R. Legal Q & A "California Nonresident Withholding," and/or California FTB Pub. 1016.

FEDERAL GUIDELINES

FOREIGN PERSONS DEFINED. The following general information is provided to assist sellers in determining whether they are "foreign persons" for purposes of the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act (FIRPTA), IRC §1445. FIRPTA requires a buyer to withhold and send to the IRS 15% of the gross sales price of a United States (U.S.) real property interest if the seller is a foreign person. Certain restrictions and limitations apply. No withholding is required for a seller who is a U.S. person (that is, not a foreign person). In order for an individual to be a U.S. person, he/she must be either a U.S. citizen or a U.S. resident alien. The test must be applied separately to each seller in transactions involving more than one seller. Even if the seller is a foreign person, withholding will not be required in every circumstance.

NONRESIDENT ALIEN INDIVIDUAL. An individual whose residence is not within the U.S. and who is not a U.S. citizen is a nonresident alien. The term includes a nonresident alien fiduciary. An alien actually present in the U.S. who is not just staying temporarily (i.e., not a mere transient or sojourner), is a U.S. resident for income tax purposes. An alien is considered a U.S. resident and not subject to withholding under FIRPTA if the alien meets either the **green card test** or the **substantial presence test** for the calendar year.

GREEN CARD TEST. An alien is a U.S. resident if the individual was a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. at any time during the calendar year. This is known as the "green card test."

SUBSTANTIAL PRESENCE TEST. An alien is considered a U.S. resident if the individual meets the substantial presence test for the calendar year. Under this test, the individual must be physically present in the U.S. on at least: (1) 31 days during the current calendar year; and (2) 183 days during the current year and the two preceding years, counting all the days of physical presence in the current year but only 1/3 the number of days present in the first preceding year, and 1/6 the number of days present in the second preceding year.

DAYS OF PRESENCE IN THE U.S. TEST. Generally, a person is treated as physically present in the country at any time during the day. However, if a person regularly commutes to work in the U.S. from a residence in Canada or Mexico or is in transit between two points outside the U.S. and is physically present in the country for less than 24 hours, he/she is not treated as present in the U.S. on any day during the transit or commute. In addition, the individual is not treated as present in the U.S. on any day during which he/she is unable to leave the U.S. because of a medical condition which arose while in the U.S.

EXEMPT INDIVIDUAL. For the substantial presence test, do not count days for which a person is an exempt individual. An exempt individual is anyone in the following categories:

- 1) An individual temporarily present in the U.S. because of (a) full-time diplomatic or consular status, (b) full-time employment with an international organization or (c) an immediate family member of a person described in (a) or (b).
- 2) A teacher or trainee temporarily present in the U.S. under a "J" visa (other than as a student) who substantially complies with the requirements of the visa. An individual will not be exempt under this category for a calendar year if he/she was exempt as a teacher or trainee or as a student for any two calendar years during the preceding six calendar years.
- 3) A student temporarily present in the U.S. under an "F" or "J" visa who substantially complies with the requirements of the visa. Generally, a person will not be exempt as a student for any calendar year after the fifth calendar year for which he/she was exempt as a student, teacher or trainee. However, the individual may continue to be exempt as a student beyond the fifth year if he/she is in compliance with the terms of the student visa and does not intend to permanently reside in the U.S.

CLOSER CONNECTION TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY. Even if an individual would otherwise meet the substantial presence test, that person is not treated as meeting the test for the current calendar year if he/she:

- 1) Is present in the U.S. on fewer than 183 days during the current year, and has a tax home in a foreign country and has a closer connection to that country than to the U.S.
- 2) **SPECIAL RULES.** It is possible to be both a nonresident alien and a resident alien during the same tax year. Usually this occurs for the year a person arrives in or departs from the U.S. Other special provisions apply to individuals who were U.S. residents for at least three years, cease to be U.S. residents, and then become U.S. residents again.

NONRESIDENT ALIEN INDIVIDUALS MARRIED TO U.S. CITIZENS OR RESIDENT ALIENS may choose to be treated as resident aliens for most income tax purposes. However, these individuals are considered **nonresidents** for purposes of withholding taxes.

A FOREIGN PERSON OR PARTNERSHIP is one that does not fit the definition of a domestic corporation or partnership. A domestic corporation or partnership is one that was created or organized in the U.S., or under the laws of the U.S., or of any U.S. state or territory.

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- 1) at all times during the tax year, less than 25% in value of the corporation's stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by foreign persons, and
- 2) at least 20% of the corporation's gross income is derived from sources within Guam or at least 65% of the corporation's income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the U.S. Virgin Islands or the U.S. for the 3-year period ending with the close of the preceding tax year of the corporation, or the period the corporation has been in existence if less.

A NONRESIDENT ALIEN TRUSTEE, ADMINISTRATOR OR EXECUTOR of a trust or an estate is treated as a nonresident alien, even though all the beneficiaries of the trust or estate are citizens or residents of the U.S.

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