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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED COUNTY**

*JOSEPH SAUCEDO V. STONEFIELD HOME, INC., Case No. 19cv-04303*

A court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION**

**TO:** All owners of originally-constructed single-family homes in the State of California that, pursuant to Civil Code Section 941 and California Rule of Court, Appendix I, Emergency Rule 9, were substantially completed since July 11, 2011, where Stonefield Home, Inc. and/or U/C Construction Co, was the builder and one or more Simpson straps were a part of the foundation systems, embedded in the foundations, load bearing components, and slabs, and attached to framing members in the Homes intending to protect the Homes against winds and seismic activity.

**IF YOU MEET THIS DESCRIPTION, YOU SHOULD READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY  
BECAUSE IT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS.**

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE**

This Notice informs you about the Lawsuit described below that is being litigated on behalf of a certain class of persons. You are receiving this Notice because you have been identified as a Class Member—that is, you have been identified as an owner of a single-family residential home for which Stonefield Home, Inc. was the builder where your home was constructed after July 11, 2011 and the construction plans for your home indicate that Simpson straps were to be installed in the foundation.

**WHAT THE LAWSUIT IS ABOUT**

There is currently pending in the Merced County Superior Court a class action Lawsuit entitled *JOSEPH SAUCEDO V. STONEFIELD HOME, INC.*, Case No. 19cv-04303 (“Lawsuit”). Plaintiffs Leon Morris, Tina Morris, Eliab Muniz, Oscar Reyes, and Patricia Rodriguez (the “Plaintiffs”) filed the Lawsuit against Stonefield Home, Inc. (“Stonefield”) and on behalf of themselves and those persons described above. The Lawsuit claims that the foundations of certain homes built by Stonefield in the cities of Los Banos and Atwater located in Merced County contain Simpson metal straps that are intended to resist wind and seismic forces are corroding which constitutes a violation of one or more of the Standards for Residential Construction set forth at Civil Code section 896. Each of the homes included in the Class are alleged to contain Simpson straps where each home can have as little as 5 and up to 20 such straps in the foundation.

**The Court ruled, by Order dated September 18, 2023, that the case may go forward on a class basis. The Court has not, however, rendered any opinion as to whether Plaintiffs or Stonefield Home, Inc. are correct about the legal claims in the case.**

The Court has not decided whether Plaintiffs or Stonefield are correct. By establishing the Class and issuing this Notice, the Court is not suggesting that the Plaintiffs or Stonefield will win or lose this case. Plaintiffs must prove the Class’s claims at a trial in the future.

Your legal rights may be affected whether you act or do not act. Your options are summarized in this Notice.

### **LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS OF CLASS MEMBERS**

If you want, the Court will exclude you from this action so long as the request form below is completed and postmarked on or before March 15, 2024.

If you do not exclude yourself in writing as described below, your claims will be resolved by the Court’s rulings in this Lawsuit. In other words, any judgment the Court reaches in this case, whether favorable or not, will be binding on and final for you.

### **YOUR OPTIONS**

1. **Do Nothing.** If you want to participate in this class action Lawsuit, no further action on your part is required. By doing nothing, you agree to be represented by the attorneys identified below as Class Counsel and by the Plaintiffs as the class representatives for purposes of this Lawsuit.
2. **Exclude Yourself from the Class.** You have the right to exclude yourself (“optout”) from the Class, meaning you will not be legally bound by the outcome of this class action Lawsuit. If you optout, you will not be entitled to any portion of any award given to Plaintiffs in this Lawsuit, although you will retain your right to sue the defendants based on the subject matter of this Lawsuit. To “opt-out,” you must complete the “Opt-Out Form” accompanying this Notice and follow all instructions on that form.

### **HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION**

If you have questions about this Notice or the class action, or if you did not receive this Notice in the mail and you believe that you are or may be a member of the Class, you should contact the Class Counsel at one of the following addresses or by telephone. Please do not contact Class Counsel by email:

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Haejung Kim

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## **ATTORNEYS OF THE CLASS MEMBERS**

If you do not exclude yourself from the Class, you will be represented by Class Counsel in this litigation. If you prefer to represent yourself or be represented by your own lawyer, you may exclude yourself and represent yourself or hire your own lawyer.

The Court has appointed the following attorneys as Class Counsel: Kenneth S. Kasdan, Scott J. Thomson, Jordan M. Rojas, Haejung Kim, Jeffrey T. Kubiak of Kasdan Turner Thomson Booth LLP. Class Counsel can be reached at:

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## **WHERE TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION**

This Notice is only a summary of the Lawsuit. If you have questions about the case or wish to receive a copy of the court documents in the case, you can access many of the documents online at the following website specifically set up to allow potential Class Members to learn about the case: [www.StonefieldHomeClassAction.com](http://www.StonefieldHomeClassAction.com). If you do not have access to the Internet, you may contact Class Counsel. You may also seek advice and guidance from your own private attorney at your own expense, if you wish to do so.

Neither Stonefield nor the Court will respond to any questions regarding this Notice or the Lawsuit. Please do not contact Stonefield or the Court.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED IF YOU OR THE PRIOR OWNERS RELEASED STONEFIELD AND/OR U/C CONSTRUCTION FOR ALL CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF YOUR HOME, YOU WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS.**

**OPT-OUT FORM**

I hereby assert my right to be excluded from the Class in  
*JOSEPH SAUCEDO V. STONEFIELD HOME, INC., Case No. 19cv-04303*

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Instructions:

For your request above to be effective, you **MUST** provide your name and address **AND** sign and date the form. Your completed form **MUST** be postmarked by March 15, 2024, and **MUST** be mailed to the following address:

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P.O. Box 301130  
Los Angeles, CA 90030-1130  
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Failure to follow these instructions will make your request ineffective.