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# NOTICE OF DATA <<<u>SECURITY INCIDENT</u>] / [BREACH>>

Dear <<Name 1>> <<Name 2>>:

The Tech Interactive ("The Tech") is writing to inform you of a recent incident that may impact the security of some of your personal information. While we are unaware of any attempted or actual misuse of your information, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you may take to protect against any misuse of your information, should you feel it necessary to do so.

**What Happened?** Earlier this year, The Tech discovered suspicious activity on our computer network. We launched an investigation and engaged third-party forensic specialists to determine the nature and scope of the activity. The investigation determined that an unknown actor gained access to certain parts of our network between April 9, 2024, and April 13, 2024, and that certain files were accessed or acquired by an unknown actor while on the network. Thereafter, The Tech undertook a comprehensive and time-intensive review of the impacted data to determine what information was contained therein and to whom it related. On July 9, 2024, we completed this review and determined that information related to you was located in the files subject to unauthorized access or acquisition. We then worked to locate updated address information for impacted individuals.

**What Information Was Involved?** The information contained in the impacted data included your name and the following information: <<Data Elements>>.

What We Are Doing. The Tech takes the confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in its care very seriously. Upon discovering the issue, we immediately commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope, and to identify what information could have been affected. As an added precaution, we are offering you access to <<duration (XX)>> months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through IDX at no cost to you. A description of the services and instructions on how to enroll can be found within the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information*. Please note that you must complete the enrollment process yourself as we are not permitted to enroll you in these services.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors over the next twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months. We further encourage you to enroll in the complimentary services being provided through IDX.

**For More Information.** We understand you may have questions about the incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have questions please call 1-800-939-4170 Monday through Friday from 6 am - 6 pm Pacific Time. You may also write to us at 201 S Market St, San Jose, CA 95113.

Sincerely,

The Tech Interactive

### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

#### **Enroll in Monitoring Services**

Scan the QR image or go to <u>https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect</u> and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter. Please note the deadline to enroll is February 18, 2025.

#### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-		https://www.transunion.com/credit-
report-services/	https://www.experian.com/help/	help
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	2000, Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O.
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094

## **Additional Information**

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their

state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; <u>www.identitytheft.gov</u>; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.