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Investors' funds protected:

- All funds are held as escrow funds for the benefit of the Taxpayer
- All funds are segregated and Investors funds are never pooled
- Each account has a separate IBA account entitled for the benefit of the Investor
- Fidelity Bond Insurance Policy—\$10 Million
- Errors & Omissions Insurance Polity—\$ 2 Million

ON STAFF:

Brigitte Echave

Vice President

Certified Exchange
Specialist

Background:

1983—Present

Trust, Builder Services, Escrow
& Qualified Intermediary
Services

Anne Gutierrez

Asst Exchange
Manager

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Background:

2000—Present:

Qualified Intermediary Services

1998—2000 :

Realtor

1988– 1998

Bank Manager

Uncertain Financial Times—Are your funds safe?

In light of recent events in the Exchange Industry, we would like to take a moment to assure our clients and partners that we at Leverage Exchange Group, LLC have always made it a priority to assure that our clients funds are secure. Leverage Exchange Group, LLC has never compromised our clients monies in an attempt to increase our profits. With the recent failure of another Qualified Intermediary and the bank failures which have occurred during the last year, we understand that our clients are concerned with both the safety of the banks we are using as well as our company's safety. We have made sure that our banking relationships are with top rated financial institutions that have been rated by independent rating companies not affiliated with our banks in any way. We have always segregated our clients funds into liquid money market accounts and never invested those funds in risky securities investments. For the safety of our clients we have in place a Fidelity Bond and an Errors and Omissions Insurance Policy. Leverage Exchange Group, LLC has every intention of continuing to serve our clients exactly as we always have, with the integrity and ethics you have known and can continue to expect. Brigitte Echave and Anne Gutierrez have over 26 years combined experience in the 1031 Exchange Industry and have every intention of continuing to build relationships and foster our past relationships with you and your clients. We appreciate the support this community has given us and continue to offer our support by answering any questions, concerns and the facilitation of your current and future 1031 Exchange.

Know your Banks rating—Safe and Sound rating system

If you are like most consumers today the safety of your financial institution is paramount in your decision on where to place your funds. A website we have found useful in our business operations is Bankrate.com. Bankrate.com has a rating system which they have registered under the name of Safe & Sound. This system allows consumers to check the rating of the financial institution in which they are banking with. The most desirable Safe & Sound rating is five stars; the least desirable is one. Performing institutions will generally receive a rating of three or more stars with the majority of financial institutions falling into the three to four star range. For more information regarding the rating system, please feel free

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