IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:			

Chapter 11

WOODBRIDGE GROUP OF COMPANIES LLC, et al., 1

Case No. 17-12560 (KJC)

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

DECLARATION OF BRADLEY D. SHARP IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 105(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 9019, APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DEBTOR BELLFLOWER FUNDING, LLC AND 50 WEST OWNERS CORP. AND AKAM ASSOCIATES, INC.

- I, Bradley D. Sharp, hereby declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code, as follows:
- 1. I am President and CEO of Development Specialists, Inc., located at 333 S. Grand Avenue Suite 4070, Los Angeles, California 90071, and the Chief Restructuring Officer of WGC Independent Manager LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, which is the sole manager of debtor Woodbridge Group of Companies, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an affiliate of each of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"). I submit this declaration (this "Declaration") in support of the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order, Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, Approving the Settlement Agreement by and between Debtor Bellflower Funding, LLC and

The last four digits of Woodbridge Group of Companies, LLC's federal tax identification number are 3603. The mailing address for Woodbridge Group of Companies, LLC is 14140 Ventura Boulevard #302, Sherman Oaks, California 91423. Due to the large number of debtors in these cases, which are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only, a complete list of the Debtors, the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers, and their addresses are not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' noticing and claims agent at www.gardencitygroup.com/cases/WGC, or by contacting the undersigned counsel for the Debtors.

50 West Owners Corp. and AKAM Associates, Inc. (the "Motion").² All facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, and if called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

- 2. On July 18, 2017, debtor Bellflower Funding, LLC ("Bellflower" and together with the Defendants, defined below, the "Parties") filed an action in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, entitled, *Bellflower Funding, LLC v. 50 West Owners Corp. and AKAM Associates, Inc.*, Index Number 654851/2017 (the "Action"), alleging, *inter alia*, that Bellflower is the holder of the unsold shares of the shares of stock and the proprietary lease for Apartment 12B of the cooperative apartment building situated at 50 West 96th Street, New York, NY 10025.
- 3. On March 9, 2018, Bellflower commenced a voluntary case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. The Parties anticipate that any discovery in connection with the Action will require significant expense, including attorneys' fees.
- 5. The Debtors have determined, in an exercise of the Debtors' sound business judgment, that the terms of the Settlement Agreement are fair and reasonable and that the best interests of the Debtors' estates and creditors will be served by the Debtors settling the Action on the terms memorialized in the Settlement Agreement. The terms of the Settlement Agreement are the product of good faith, arm's-length negotiations between the Parties.
- 6. Absent approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Parties would be forced to proceed with discovery in connection with the Action, as well as briefing and argument, which would require time, attention, and resources from the Debtors and their management and professionals. The Settlement Agreement resolves the Parties' disputes in an efficient and

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Motion.

consensual manner that will avoid costly and time-consuming litigation that would detract from the value of the estates and the recovery of creditors. Moreover, the proposed consensual resolution of this dispute will free the Debtors to devote additional time and effort to the numerous other critical issues confronting the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: December 17, 2018 /s/ Bradley D. Sharp

Bradley D. Sharp Chief Restructuring Officer, WGC Independent Manager, LLC