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Land Use for The Lender: Due Diligence and Problem Solving

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Entitlements

Public

- Platting
- Zoning
- Traffic/Parking
- Signage
- Grandfather/Vested rights
- Development Agmts.

Private

- Restrictive Covenants
- Easements
- REA
- Condo
- Master Planned Communities



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Assumption

Collateral may be used for desired

- Use
- Structure
- Density



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Importance of Entitlements



"They strung me along... and strung me along... and strung me along. Why didn't they just tell me NO in the first place?"

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Due Diligence Focus



- *Status quo
- *Confirm assumed use, structures, density
- *Problems
- *Solutions





Full Entitlement Now

Otherwise - "ENTITLEMENT RISK"

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Alternative Strategies

- 1. Cure by Closing
- 2. Cure after Closing
 - Escrow
 - Restructure
 - Early default
- 3. Kill the deal
 - Loan Commitment
 - Actions of the parties
 - Be the "Deal Killer"?







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