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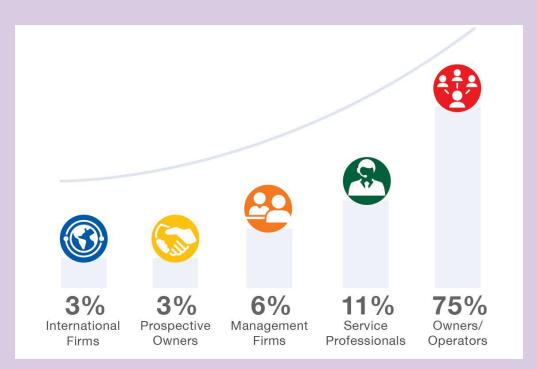




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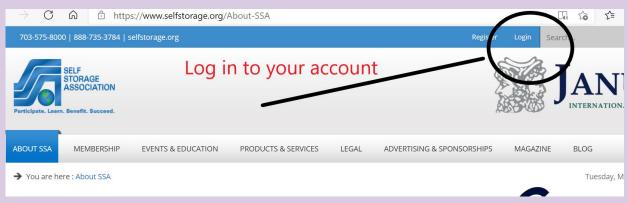


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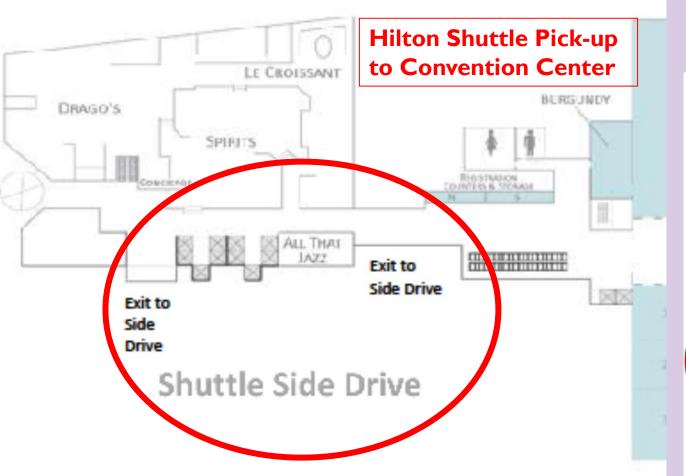


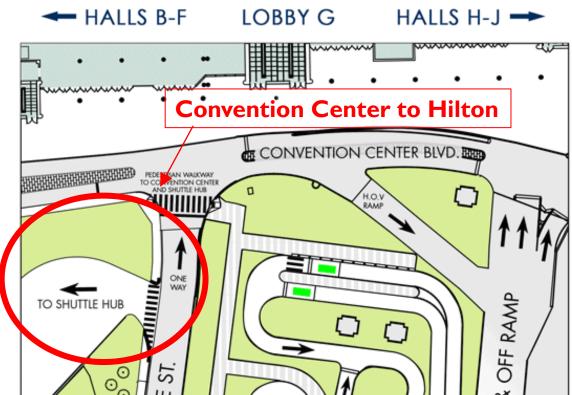






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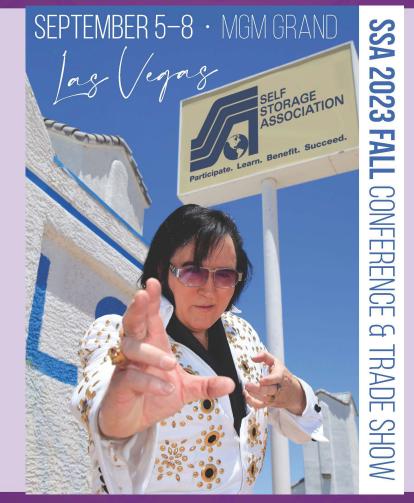
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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# ANALYSIS OF SELF STORAGE COMPANIES THAT TRADE PUBLICLY: COMPARISONS FOR PRIVATE OPERATORS, INVESTORS AND DEVELOPERS

*Presenter: Marc Boorstein MJ Partners Self Storage Group* 



# Self Storage Market Overview

**Comparing Public Companies for Private Operators, Investors and Developers** 

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# Self Storage Market Overview

- Snapshot of Investment Market and Operating Fundamentals
- Public Storage Announces Bid for Life Storage
- Are New Construction Deliveries on the Upswing
- What is the Impact of Higher Debt Costs on Cap Rates
- Is Transaction Volume Poised to Accelerate in 2023
- Are Double-Digit Revenue Growth Trends in the Past



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# Self Storage Market Overview

- Near record-breaking year for revenue and net operating income for many self storage operators.
- Seasonality returned and trends may be normalizing, but the industry is positioned to generate top and bottom-line growth through ECRIs and stabilization of non-same-store facilities.
- Transaction market slowed in 2022 with rising interest rates and macroeconomic concerns pushing investors to the sidelines.
- Public Storage announces all-stock \$11.1 billion unsolicited offer for Life Storage, a 17% premium to share price. The proposed offer equates to approximately 5.25% cap rate.

### Quick Facts: Occupancy

Company	EOY 2022 Occupancy	YoY Change	Quarterly Change
PSA	92.4%	-250 bps	-90 bps
EXR	94.2%	-110 bps	-100 bps
CUBE	92.1%	-120 bps	-170 bps
LSI	91.4%	-240 bps	-100 bps
NSA	90.5%	-450 bps	-210 bps

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# Self Storage Market Overview

### Summary of Earnings from Self Storage REITs: Q4 2022

	Market Cap	Common Stock Price	Total Properties	Revenue	e Growth	NOI G	rowth	End of Quarter Occupancy	Rent Per Occupied SF
				Q4 2022	Full Year	Q4 2022	Full Year		
Public Storage	\$52.17 B	\$295.22	2,869 U.S.	13.0%	14.8%	15.8%	17.9%	92.4%	\$22.74
Extra Space	\$22.78 B	\$161.88	2,338	11.8%	17.4%	13.4%	20.3%	94.2%	\$22.58
CubeSmart	\$10.55 B	\$46.67	1,300+/-	9.5%	12.7%	12.1%	16.7%	92.1%	\$22.47
Life Storage	\$10.47 B	\$120.46	1,198	11.8%	15.2%	13.3%	19.4%	91.4%	\$19.51
NSA	\$5.82 B	\$41.20	1,101	7.4%	12.1%	9.4%	14.9%	90.5%	\$15.44





# **Implied Cap Rates of Public REITs**



Q4 2022 Implied Cap Rates				
Public Storage	PSA	5.5%		
ExtraSpace Storage	EXR	5.1%		
<b>○ Life</b> Storage	CUBE	5.4%		
CUBESMART	LSI	5.4%		
	NSA	6.9%		

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# Supply Summary

Supply under construction increased to 3.7% of existing inventory in September representing a modest 10 basis point increase from the prior month. Elevated construction timelines are moderating the pace of new deliveries, resulting in a potential decrease in construction starts in 2H 2023. *Source: Yardi Matrix* 

Top 5 with Highest % of Existing Inventory					
	Dec-22	Jan-23	Change		
National	3.6%	3.7%	+0.1%		
New York	7.2%	7.2%	0.0%		
Orlando	6.9%	6.9%	0.0%		
Philadelphia	6.4%	6.7%	+0.3%		
Boston	5.9%	6.2%	+0.3%		
Las Vegas	5.9%	5.8%	-0.1%		
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Others: Sacramento, Los Angeles, Austin

### Top 5 with Lowest % of Existing Inventory

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Aug-22	Sep-22	Change
3.6%	3.7%	0.1%
0.6%	0.6%	0.0%
1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
1.3%	1.3%	0.0%
1.8%	1.8%	0.0%
2.1%	2.1%	0.0%
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Others: San Francisco, Houston, Portland



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# Public Storage – Life Storage

### Public Storage Bids to Acquire Life Storage

- On February 5, 2023 Public Storage submitted a proposal to acquire Life Storage ("LSI") in an all-stock valued at approximately \$11 billion.
- Life Storage shareholders would receive 0.4192 shares of Public Storage for each share of Life Storage.
- The transaction values LSI at \$129.31 per share, a 17% premium as of February 3.
- The cap rate equates to about 5.25% based on current quarter annualized NOI.

### Advantages to Life Storage Shareholders:

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- Public Storage 80% operating margins compared to Life Storage's 73% margins
- Grow tenant insurance, 3<sup>rd</sup> party management, business customer offerings, and lending
- In-house team to capitalize on new development and redevelopment opportunities for Life Storage properties
- Industry-leading low leveraged balance sheet with low cost of capital
- The deal is structured so that the combined company would get a step-up in the tax basis of the acquired Life Storage assets

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# Public Storage – Life Storage

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### Life Storage Response to Public Storage Bid

- On February 16, 2023, Life Storage announced that it unanimously rejected Public Storage's unsolicited proposal.
- The company remains confident that it is well positioned to continue delivering profitable growth and superior returns for investors.
- Life Storage cited the proposal as opportunistic and significantly undervaluing LSI's future growth and value creation.

### Reasons to Reject Public Storage Offer:

- Operating strategy and execution have resulted in best in class performance in attractive, rapidly growing Sunbelt markets
- Size and operating platform allow it to scale its portfolio faster and more efficiently
- Significantly expanded its operating margins and has numerous initiatives underway to build on its progress
- The proposal was opportunistically timed; does not reflect LSI's outlook for continued growth and value creation

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# **Investment Summary**

- Higher cost of debt impacted transaction volume during 2022. Cap Rates widened with increased cost of capital weighing on leveraged returns.
- Single-asset and small portfolio transactions led the market with a dearth of large portfolio offerings inhibited by large institutional investors and lenders sitting on the sidelines.
- Full Year 2022 Transaction Volume:
  - Wholly-Owned: \$3.81 Billion
  - Joint Ventures: \$1.17 Billion
- Low transaction volume projected for the first half of 2023 with offerings accelerating during the second half.

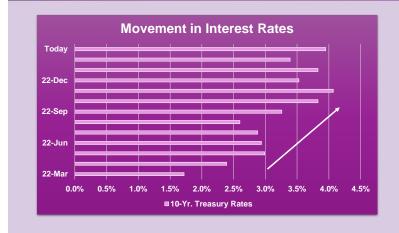




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# Cap Rates vs. 10 Year Treasury Spread



#### Cap Rates vs. 10 Year T-Bills

- The spread between 10 Year Treasury Bill rates and cap rates historically have been about 400 basis points.
- At year end, the spread compressed to about 200 bps. Spreads may widen off historical lows if interest rates moderate in 2023.
- Cap rates estimated to have risen 100 to 125 basis points compared to last year. Stabilized cap rates now in 5%+ range.

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# Investment Highlights: Public Storage

- Acquired 74 self storage facilities consisting of 4.7 million rentable square feet for \$730.5 million in 2022. During the fourth quarter of 2022, acquired 30 self storage facilities consisting of 1.6 million square feet for \$228.6 million.
- Subsequent to December 31, 2022, acquired or under contact to acquire eight self storage facilities for \$70.5 million.
- At year end, 2.1 million rentable square feet in development estimated to cost \$492.3 million. And, various expansion projects totaling 2.5 million rentable square feet estimated to cost \$487.3 million.

#### Investment Scorecard: PSA

Public Storage

	Wholly- Owned	Joint Venture
Q4 2022	\$228.6 M	-
Full Year 2022	\$730.5 M	
To-Date 2023	\$70.5 M	
2023 Guidance	Acquisitions Developmer	

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### Investment Highlights: Extra Space

- Acquired 145 operating stores, six stores at C of O and completed five developments for a total cost of approximately \$1.4 billion for its wholly-owned portfolio.
- Subsequent to the quarter end, the company acquired or was under contract to acquire 33 facilities for \$262.6 million.
- \$764 million transactions in 2022 (wholly-owned and joint) venture) averaged about 60% occupancy at acquisition.
- Anticipating to ramp up redevelopment and expansions of existing properties over the next few years, providing healthy returns of 8.5% to 10%.
- Originated \$574 million in mortgage and mezzanine bridge loans, and sold \$228.7 million in mortgage bridge loans in 2022.

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### Investment Highlights: Extra Space

- Extra Space anticipates full integration of the \$590 million acquisition of Storage Express by the end of the second quarter 2023. The portfolio will open up new acquisition opportunities by testing strategies from Storage Express, including entering new markets and operating smaller properties with remote access without onsite managers. Recently implemented strategies include:
  - Conversion of five Extra Space stores to the Storage Express model in Chicago, Seattle and Las Vegas without managers.
  - Conversion of two Storage Express stores to the Extra Space model and inserting property managers.

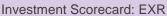
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2023 Guidance Bridge Loans: \$650 M

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### Investment Highlights: CubeSmart

- Acquired three wholly-owned stores in Georgia, Maryland and Texas for \$75.7 million in 2022.
- Opened for operation two development projects in Valley Stream, New York and Vienna, Virginia for a total cost of \$60.8 million.
- At year end, the company had two joint venture developments under construction in Clark, New Jersey and Astoria, New York. CubeSmart anticipates investing a total of \$57.3.
- Storage West Progress: Properties experienced accelerating growth through the second half of 2022 with expectation to achieve a mid-4% yields by the end of the year. Favorable bond issuance to finance the \$1.7 billion acquisition with 2.45% average rate with average tenure of 8.4 years.

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#### Investment Scorecard: CUBE

	Wholly- Owned	Joint Venture				
Q4 2022	-					
Full Year 2022	\$75.5 M					
To-Date 2023						
Development	\$60.8 M	\$57.3 M				
2023 Guidance	- Wholly: \$150 M - \$250M JV: \$50 M - \$100 M					

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### Investment Highlights: CubeSmart





- New York City's long-term, risk-adjusted returns are likely to be superior to other markets due to desirable demographics, lower levels of self storage supply, high household incomes, and higher percentage of customers living in rental housing versus homeownership. These attributes tend to create stable cash flows over a longer period of time.
- Beginning to positively experience the waning impact of new supply. New deliveries impacting CubeSmart stores in 2023: Bronx - 0, Brooklyn - 1, Queens - 2.
- The New York boroughs are expected to be performing above the portfolio average by the second half of 2023.



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## Investment Highlights: Life Storage

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- Acquired 49 wholly-owned stores for \$974 million in 2022 and one joint venture store for \$29 million of which the company invested \$24.1 million.
- Acquired 25 stores with joint venture partners for a total cost of approximately \$446.1 million in 2022, of which the company invested \$89.3 million.
- During the fourth quarter, acquired seven wholly-owned stores in Arizona (6) and Minnesota (1) for \$142.4 million. And, acquired seven stores with joint venture partners for \$126.5 million.
- Under contract to acquire four self storage facilities in California

   and Illinois (1) for an aggregate purchase price of \$70.8
   million. Additionally, through a joint venture under contract to
   acquire one store in New Jersey for \$22.5 million.

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### **Investment Highlights: National Storage Affiliates**

- During the full year 2022, acquired 45 wholly-owned properties for approximately \$569.2 million. Consideration for these acquisitions included issuance of \$68.9 million of OP equity. The volume represents the third largest since the company's IPO in 2015.
- Acquired two wholly-owned self storage properties for approximately \$39.9 million in Q4 2022. Consideration included \$16.2m of OP units, \$15.9m in SP units, plus assumption of liabilities and cash.
- In February 2023, entered into an agreement with affiliates of Orlando-based Personal Mini, one of the company's PROs since 2017, to acquire 15 properties located in Florida for approximately \$145 million.

#### Investment Scorecard: LSI

	Wholly- Owned	Joint Venture			
Q4 2022	\$142.4 M	\$126.5 M			
Full Year 2022	\$974.0 M	\$446.1 M			
To-Date 2023	\$70.8 M	\$22.5M			
Redevelopment	Targeting \$65 M to \$75 M/Year				
2023 Guidance	Wholly: \$150 M - \$250M JV: \$50 M - \$100 M				

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#### Investment Scorecard: NSA

	Wholly- Owned	Joint Venture				
Q4 2022	\$39.9 M	-				
Full Year 2022	\$569.2 M					
To-Date 2023	\$145 M					
2023 Guidance	\$200 M to \$400 M					

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### Investment Highlights: National Storage Affiliates

Move It Self Storage PRO Internalization

 One of the company's participating regional operators ("PROs"), Dallas-based Move It Self Storage and its controlled affiliates ("Move It"), founder Tracy Taylor retired effective January 1, 2023. As a result, management of the company's 72 properties in the Move It portfolio was transferred to NSA and the Move It brand name, which shall remain in place, and related intellectual property were internalized by the company.



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### **Operations Summary & Highlights**

Seasonal Trends Return







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## **Operations Summary**

- Seasonality returned with occupancy edging lower on a year-over-year and sequential basis.
- The negative spread between move-in to move-out rates widened during the quarter, typical for the winter leasing season.
- In-place rents increased primarily due to continued double-digit increases to existing customer.
- Increases in real estate taxes, utilities, insurance, and payroll represented the primary drivers for accelerating operating expenses.
- Second half of year may experience a shift to more normalized revenue growth.



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#### Same-Store Results

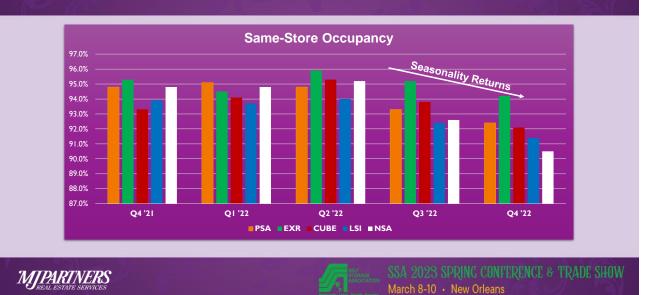
Company		Revenues		Expenses			Net Operating Income		
	FY 2022	Q4 2022	Guidance '23	FY 2022	Q4 2022	Guidance '23	FY 2022	Q4 2022	Guidance '23
PSA	+14.8%	+13.0%	2.50%-5.00%	+6.5%	5.3%	4.75%-6.75%	+17.9%	+15.8%	1.20%-5.10%
EXR	+17.4%	11.8%	3.75%-5.25%	+8.8%	6.4%	5.00%-6.00%	+20.3%	13.4%	3.00%-5.50%
CUBE	12.7%	9.5%	4.00%-5.50%	3.0%	2.3%	4.00%-5.00%	16.7%	12.1%	4.00%-6.00%
LSI	15.2%	11.8%	4.00%-5.50%	5.4%	8.0%	4.75%-6.25%	19.4%	13.3%	6.25%-7.25%
NSA	12.1%	7.4%	3.75%-5.25%	4.8%	1.6%	4.50%-6.00%	14.9%	9.4%	3.00%-5.50%



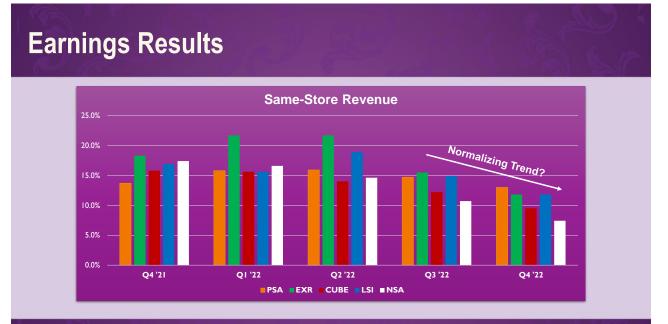


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# **Earnings Results**



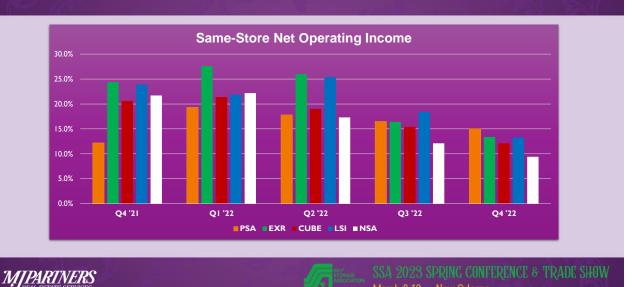
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## **Earnings Results**



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### **Operations: Public Storage**

#### Public Storage: Q4 2022 Same-Store Results

	YoY Change	Quarterly Change	Primary Drivers	Guidance 2023
Revenues	13.0% ↑	170 bps 👃	Rent/Occupied sf $\uparrow$ 15.7%, Late & Admin. Fees $\uparrow$ 24.0%	2.50% to 5.00%
Operating Costs	5.4% ↑	250 bps \downarrow	Marketing $\uparrow49.1\%,$ R&M $\uparrow12.4\%,$ Utilities $\uparrow6.5\%,$ Other $\uparrow9.4\%$	4.75% to 6.75%
Net Operating Income	15.8% ↑	120 bps <b>↓</b>	Revenue $\uparrow 13.0\%$ and Operating Costs $\uparrow 5.4\%$	1.20% to 5.10%
Average Occupancy	93.4%	250 bps 👃		
Ending Occupancy	92.4%	250 bps \downarrow		





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### **Operations: Public Storage**

- Full Year 2022: Same-store revenues increased 14.8% and net operating income gained 17.9% as compared to 2021. Top performing markets by revenue growth include Florida markets, Charlotte, Los Angeles, and Atlanta.
- Demand remains strong with self storage's resilient and multi-dimensional demand drivers generating 11.5% increase in move-in volume during the quarter.
- Realized annual rent per occupied sq. ft. increased 15.7% YoY primarily due to rate increases to existing tenants (ECRIs) and 6.2% YoY increase in average rent charged to new tenants.
- Customer behavior relating to ECRIs remains changed, but the cost to replace tenants may be impacted by projected softening of rental rates. The result may be a lower magnitude and frequency of increases.
- The average tenure of the in-place tenants increased to about 37 months. About 61% to 62% of the tenants have been renting for over one year and 43% to 44% for over two years.

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## **Operations: Public Storage**

- The spread between move-in and move-out rents lengthened to -21.4% during the quarter compared to -11.4% the previous quarter. The increase spread reflects seasonality in move-in rates (-4.9% year-over-year) against a 14.6% increase in rents for tenants moving out.
- Public Storage achieved 81.2% in same-store net operating income margin, a 1.8% increase in operational efficiency as compared to 2021.
- 2023 Outlook: The company expects weaker demand in 2023 as compared to 2022 drive by weaker macroeconomic outlook and more limited moving activities. Move-out volumes and occupancy levels are projected to return to pre-pandemic levels.
- Third-Party Management: Public Storage currently manages 114 facilities for third-parties, and under contract to manage 78 additional facilities including 73 facilities that are currently under construction.





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# **Operations: Public Storage**

#### Major Markets Same-Store Revenue Growth



Others Above Average: West Palm Beach (+14.8%), Houston (+14.6%), and Dallas (+13.1%).

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**Top Markets Below Average** 

Same-Store Revenue Growth

Others Below Average: Seattle (+11.1%) and

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## **Operations: Public Storage**

Top 10 Markets Same-Store Results: Q4 2022 Rent/Occ. Weighted Market Avg. Occ. NOI Facilities Sq. Ft. Revenue Expenses Los Angeles 212 \$34.90 96.2% 21 7% 4.9% 25.3% San Francisco \$32.33 94.3% 9.5% 3.0% 11.3% 128 New York 90 \$31.92 93.0% 8.5% (6.7)% 14.2% Miami 83 \$29.30 94.2% 17.0% 25.9% 16.3% Seattle-Tacoma 86 \$26.06 92.6 % 11.1% 3.6% 13.4% Washington DC 2.8% 10.3% 90 \$26.31 91.7% 8.3% 1.4 % 17.8% Chicago \$20.20 91.4% 10.7% Dallas-Ft. Worth 93.4% 13.1% 12.2% 14.3% 106 \$18.02 Atlanta 101 \$18.32 91.2% 12.9% 22.2% 11.5% Houston 95 \$16.66 92.5% 14.6% 9.1% 17.5% Portfolio Totals 2.276 \$19.66 93.4% 13.0% 5.3% 15.0%





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## **Operations: Extra Space**

#### Extra Space: Q4 2022 Same-Store Results

	YoY Change	Quarterly Change	Primary Drivers	Guidance 2023
Revenues	11.8% ↑	370 bps 👃	Net Rental Income 11.4%, Late & Admin. Fees 21.8%	3.75% to 5.25%
Operating Costs	6.7% ↑	590 bps <b>↓</b>	Payroll $\uparrow 11.3\%,$ Office Expense $\uparrow 12.2\%,$ Insurance $\uparrow 35.7\%$	5.00% to 6.00%
Net Operating Income	13.4% ↑	300 bps <b>↓</b>	Revenue $\uparrow 11.8\%$ and Operating Costs $\uparrow 6.7\%$	3.00% to 5.50%
Average Occupancy	94.7%	130 bps <b>↓</b>		
Ending Occupancy	94.2%	110 bps <b>↓</b>		

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## **Operations: Extra Space**

- Full Year 2022: Same-store revenues increased 17.4% and net operating income gained 20.3% as compared to 2021. Top performing markets by revenue growth include Florida markets, Charlotte, Los Angeles, and Atlanta.
- Same-store revenue growth of 17.4% in 2022 is the highest in company history.
- Demand remains steady generating high occupancies and revenue growth above 10% through December. Elevated occupancy allowed the company to sequentially increase rates month-overmonth to new customers since November, encouraging for a time of year normally impacted by seasonality.
- Occupancy ended the year at 94.2% and is holding steady at 93.5% during the typical seasonal time of the year. The company is well positioned entering the prime leasing season this spring.



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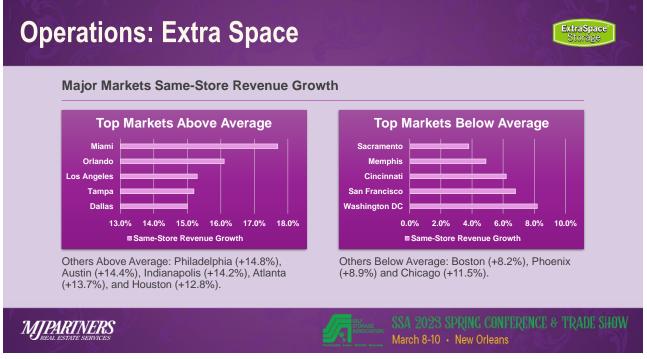
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#### **Operations: Extra Space**

- The spread between move-in and move-out rents lengthened to -23% during the quarter. The increase spread reflects seasonality in move-in rates against higher rents increase in rents for tenants moving out.
- Expense guidance of 5% to 6% for 2023 continues to signal upward pressure on operating expenses. Two major items, payroll and real estate taxes, are projected to growth 4% during the year. Marketing, utilities, and insurance expenses are likely to accelerate above average in 2023.
- 2023 Outlook: Guidance for same-store revenue growth of 3.75% to 5.25% implies high single-digit growth rate during the first half of the year and low to mid-single-digit growth in the second half.
- Third-Party Management: Extra Space added 46 stores gross (one net stores) to its management platform during the fourth quarter, resulting in 887 third-party managed stores. (1,205 managed stores including joint ventures).

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### **Operations: Extra Space**

Top 10 Markets Same-Store Results: Q4 2022

Market	Facilities	Rent/Occ. Sq. Ft.	Weighted Avg. Occ.	Revenue	Expenses	NOI
Los Angeles	85	\$29.17	97.0%	15.3%	13.0%	15.9%
New York	73	\$30.61	95.4%	12.5%	12.2%	12.6%
Washington DC	62	\$18.61	97.4%	13.7%	12.5%	14.1%
Dallas	52	\$24.02	95.4%	8.2%	11.5%	7.2%
Boston	48	\$17.73	96.2%	15.0%	(11.7%)	24.4%
San Francisco	44	\$27.40	94.6%	8.2%	7.3%	8.5%
Chicago	39	\$34.96	94.1%	6.8%	4.1%	7.5%
Miami	30	\$20.23	96.5%	11.5%	(6.0%)	27.8%
Phoenix	28	\$27.23	97.9%	17.7%	6.7%	21.3%
Philadelphia	21	\$18.72	96.3%	8.4%	6.2%	8.9%
Portfolio Totals	867	\$22.58	94.7%	11.8%	6.7%	13.4%

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## **Operations:** CubeSmart

#### CubeSmart: Q4 2022 Same-Store Results

	YoY Change	Quarterly Change	Primary Drivers	Guidance 2023
Revenues	9.5% ↑	270 bps 👃	Net Rental Income †8.8%, Other Income †26.5%	4.00% to 5.50%
Operating Costs	2.3% ↑	200 bps \downarrow	Taxes $\uparrow 6.2\%,$ Utilities $\uparrow 5.8\%,$ Insurance $\uparrow 7.5\%,$ Payroll $\downarrow 8.7\%$	4.00% to 5.00%
Net Operating Income	12.1% ↑	330 bps <b>↓</b>	Revenue <sup>↑</sup> 9.5% and Operating Costs <sup>↑</sup> 2.3%	4.00% to 6.00%
Average Occupancy	92.8%	140 bps <b>↓</b>		
Ending Occupancy	92.1%	170 bps <b>↓</b>		





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## **Operations:** CubeSmart

- Full Year 2022: Same-store revenues increased 12.7% and net operating income gained 16.7% as compared to 2021. Top performing markets by revenue growth include Miami, Cape Coral, Orlando, Charleston, Nashville, Atlanta, Dallas, and Austin.
- CubeSmart believes that, viewed from a historical lens, 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be judged among the best years for self storage. The company is positioned in 2023 to perform above the historical 20-year average despite uncertainty in world events.
- Net effective rents for new customers decreased 10% year-over-year for the quarter. Rents also declined 10% in January and 9% in February.
- For the full year 2022, same-store move-in volume decreased 3.2% and move-out volume increased 1% contributing to a 60-basis point decline in average occupancy for the year.

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### **Operations:** CubeSmart

- New supply that will compete with approximately 30% of CubeSmart's same-store portfolio in 2023, down from 35% of stores impacted by supply last year and down from the peak of 50% of impacted stores back in 2019.
- Expenses: Insurance and utility costs are expected to increase due to inflationary pressures. Real estate taxes are estimated to increase 4% to 7% in 2023. The company aims to manage payroll with efficiencies in staffing, technology and balancing the feasibility of kiosk-managed stores.
- CubeSmart expects existing customer rent increases (ECRIs) to continue above historical averages, but at lower level increases than a year ago. The company is anticipating normalized increases after robust demand generated outsized increases in 2021 and 2022
- Third-Party Management: CubeSmart added 28 stores and 135 stores to its third-party management platform during the quarter and 2022, respectively. The third-party management platform totals 668 stores, which includes joint venture partnership managed properties





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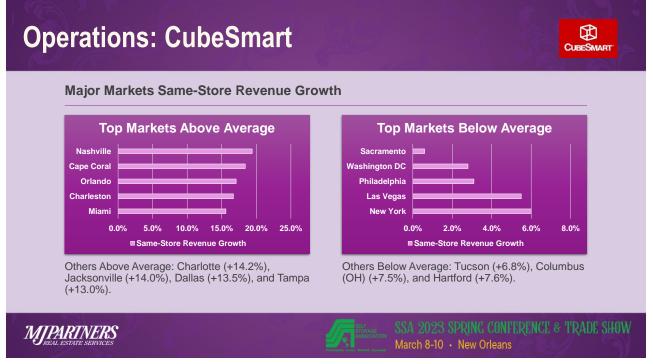
#### **New York Market**

- New York, representing 21% of CubeSmart's same-store revenue, decelerated 300 basis points to 6.0% after reaccelerating 170 basis points last quarter. Occupancy in the company's New York City portfolio increased 20 basis points year-over-year to 93.8%.
- Signs of a reacceleration in the New York market are emerging with occupancy (+20 basis points) and net effective rents (+300 basis points) higher today than a year ago. It is the only major market with positive year-over-year rents in January and February.
- The New York market is beginning to experience the positive impact of waning new supply in the boroughs. New deliveries impacting CubeSmart stores in 2023: Bronx-0, Brooklyn-1, Queens-2.
- The company projects the New York market to deliver steady returns during the year with aboveaverage performance in the back half of the year.

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# **Operations:** CubeSmart

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Top 10 Markets Same-Store Results: Q4 2022								
Market	Facilities	Rent/Occ. Sq. Ft.	Weighted Avg. Occ.	Revenue	Expenses	NOI		
New York	67	\$34.15	93.8%	6.0%	-2.7%	9.3%		
Miami	38	\$26.09	94.2%	15.6%	3.6%	19.7%		
Chicago	42	\$19.05	92.5%	11.0%	43.3%	-5.6%		
Dallas	37	\$18.00	92.7%	13.5%	4.9%	17.1%		
Washington DC	24	\$25.39	92.0%	2.8%	0.0%	3.7%		
Atlanta	20	\$17.97	90.6%	10.0%	-8.3%	16.5%		
Phoenix	16	\$18.93	92.4%	9.6%	-3.0%	12.8%		
Inland Empire	16	\$20.08	93.1%	8.3%	-6.1%	12.8%		
Orlando	14	\$17.83	93.8%	17.1%	8.6%	20.0%		
Houston	14	\$16.97	93.4%	10.7%	-7.5%	21.4%		
Portfolio Totals	521	\$22.47	92.8%	9.5%	2.3%	12.1%		

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### **Operations: Life Storage**

#### Life Storage: Q4 2022 Same-Store Results

	YoY Change	Quarterly Change	Primary Drivers	Guidance 2023
Revenues	11.8% ↑	310 bps <b>↓</b>	Net Rental Income 12.1%, Other Income 12.2%	4.00% to 5.50%
Operating Costs	8.0% ↑	250 bps 👃	Taxes $\uparrow$ 15.7%, Utilities $\uparrow$ 10.1%, Marketing $\uparrow$ 11.7%	4.75% to 6.25%
Net Operating Income	13.3% ↑	510 bps <b>↓</b>	Revenue $\uparrow$ 11.8% and Operating Costs $\uparrow$ 8.0%	3.75% to 5.25%
Average Occupancy	91.5%	160 bps <b>↓</b>		
Ending Occupancy	91.4%	100 bps <b>↓</b>		





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## **Operations: Life Storage**

- Full Year 2023: Same-store revenues increased 15.2% and net operating income gained 19.4% as compared to 2021. Top performing markets by revenue growth include Miami, Cape Coral, Orlando, Charlotte, Virginia Beach, Raleigh-Durham, Atlanta, and Chattanooga.
- The company expects a return to more seasonal trends in 2023, but operating fundamentals remain above pre-pandemic levels.
- Same-store occupancy averaged 91.5% for the quarter, or 140 basis points above pre-pandemic levels. The momentum continued into January with a record number of move-ins resulting in monthend occupancy of 91.2%, 150 basis points higher than pre-pandemic January 2019.
- Life Storage achieved 73.7% in same-store net operating income margin during the quarter, an increase of 100 basis points as compared to 2021. Since 2019, the company has expanded its operating margin 630 basis points through increased rental rates and reduced expenses.

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### **Operations: Life Storage**

- The company projects low double-digit FFO growth in 2024, with a mid-point of 11%, based on continued same-store revenue growth, contributions from recent acquisitions, positive impact of lease-up assets, increase in fee revenue from third-party management and joint ventures, and increased yields from redevelopment of existing facilities.
- The company has reshaped its portfolio to focus on Sunbelt markets that benefit from expanding demographics and high growth potential. The Sunbelt portfolio now represents about 60% of its store count.
- The company reports 85% of its major markets achieved 7% or greater same-store revenue growth during the quarter. For the full year 2022, 32 of Life Storage' top 33 markets achieved 10% or greater revenue growth.
- Third-Party Management: Life Storage added 40 stores and 107 stores to the third-party management platform during the fourth quarter and 2022, respectively. The platform has grown over 20% in 2022 to 440 total stores despite acquiring 11 previously managed stores.



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# **Operations: Life Storage**

#### Major Markets Same-Store Revenue Growth



Others Above Average: Chicago (+18%), St. Louis (+17.5%), Phoenix (+16.3%), Atlanta (+16.0%), and Boston (+15.2%)

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Others Above Average: Pensacola (+8.0%), St. Louis (+8.3%), Baltimore (+8.5%), and New England (+8.7%).

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## **Operations: Life Storage**

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Market	Facilities	Rent/Occ. Sq. Ft.	Weighted Avg. Occ.	Revenue	Expenses	NOI
New York	36	\$28.82	94.6%	10.9%	2.9%	14.0%
Chicago	40	\$19.77	94.6%	12.7%	4.3%	18.0%
Houston	40	\$16.72	93.3%	11.1%	18.0%	8.6%
New England	26	\$22.59	94.2%	8.7%	2.1%	11.1%
Dallas	29	\$16.71	94.7%	14.8%	12.6%	15.7%
Buffalo	26	\$18.73	92.2%	11.5%	7.4%	13.2%
Miami	17	\$26.87	96.4%	16.7%	19.3%	15.7%
Los Angeles	12	\$28.54	92.4%	15.6%	0.0%	21.4%
Atlanta	24	\$17.96	95.8%	13.3%	51.0%	3.9%
Las Vegas	18	\$20.02	96.6%	12.4%	8.7%	13.4%
Portfolio Totals	576	\$19.51	94.1%	11.8%	8.0%	13.3%





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# **Operations: National Storage Affiliates**



#### National Storage Affiliates: Q4 2022 Same-Store Results

	YoY Change	Quarterly Change	Primary Drivers	Guidance 2023
Revenues	7.4% ↑	330 bps <b>↓</b>	Rent/Occupied sf ↑12.4%, Other Income ↓6.1%	3.75% to 5.25%
Operating Costs	1.6% ↑	530 bps <b>↓</b>	Utilities $\uparrow$ 15.0%, Marketing $\uparrow$ 25.5%, Payroll $\downarrow$ 4.1%	5.00% to 6.00%
Net Operating Income	9.4% ↑	270 bps 👃	Revenue <sup>↑</sup> 7.4% and Operating Costs <sup>↑</sup> 1.6%	3.00% to 5.50%
Average Occupancy	91.4%	270 bps 👃	-450 bps YoY	
Ending Occupancy	90.5%	210 bps <b>↓</b>	-420 bps YoY	

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### **Operations: National Storage Affiliates**

- Full Year 2023: Same-store revenues increased 12.1% and net operating income gained 14.9% as compared to 2021. Top performing markets by revenue growth include Atlanta, Inland Empire, Sarasota-Bradenton, McAllen-Edinburg (TX), and Oklahoma City.
- Same-store occupancy at the end of the quarter was 90.5%, a 450 basis point decrease year-overyear. Same-store weighted average occupancy during the fourth quarter was 91.4%, a 420 basis point decrease from a year earlier.
- Atlanta witnessed a 700 basis point drop in occupancy during the quarter compared to 97% occupancy a year ago. The drop in occupancy was not at the expense of negatively impacting revenue. Same-store revenue growth in Atlanta increased 9.1% during the quarter as compared to a year ago.
- Approximately 68% of the company's same-store portfolio are in the Sunbelt. The company expects revenue growth from these stores to outpace non-Sunbelt stores by about 100 basis points.





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## **Operations: National Storage Affiliates**





Others Above Average: Atlanta (+9.1%), Dallas-Ft. Worth (+9.0%) and Houston (+8.5%).

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Others Below Average: Las Vegas (+5.2%), Phoenix (+5.2%) and Tulsa (+6.1%).

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### **Operations: National Storage Affiliates**



Top 10 Markets Same-Store Results: Q4 2022								
Market	Facilities	Rent/Occ. Sq. Ft.	Weighted Avg. Occ.	Revenue	Expenses	NOI		
Inland Empire	46	\$16.31	92.3 %	10.0 %	5.8 %	11.1 %		
Portland	45	\$19.44	88.5 %	2.5 %	(4.2)%	4.7 %		
Atlanta	30	\$13.85	90.9 %	9.1 %	(11.0)%	16.2 %		
Phoenix	23	\$16.96	89.6 %	5.2 %	(1.4)%	7.3 %		
McAllen-Edinburg	20	\$13.41	94.6 %	11.3 %	10.7 %	11.5 %		
Oklahoma City	19	\$10.18	93.8 %	10.8 %	7.8 %	11.9 %		
Houston	18	\$12.08	93.2 %	8.5 %	10.9 %	7.5 %		
Dallas-Ft. Worth	17	\$14.48	91.6 %	9.0 %	0.1 %	13.4 %		
Brownsville-Harlingen	16	\$12.81	93.3 %	12.7 %	13.2 %	12.6 %		
Indianapolis	16	\$12.29	89.7 %	4.1 %	19.9 %	(1.6)%		
Portfolio Totals	628	\$15.44	91.4%	7.4%	1.6%	9.4%		





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# 2023 Guidance

#### Summary of 2023 Guidance from Self Storage REITs

	PSA	EXR	CUBE	LSI	NSA
Revenue	2.5% to 5.0%	3.75% to 5.25%	4.0% to 5.5%	4.0% to 5.5%	3.75% to 5.25%
Expense	4.75% to 6.75%	5.0% to 6.0%	4.00% to 5.00%	4.75% to 6.25%	4.5% to 6.0%
NOI	1.2 to 5.1%	3.0% to 5.5%	4.00% to 6.00%	3.75% to 5.25%	3.0% to 5.5%
Acquisitions	\$750 M	\$250 M	\$100 M to \$200 M	\$200 M to \$350 M	\$200 M to \$400 M
Development	\$375 M	\$650 M Loans	-	-	-

• Seasonality returned and trends may be normalizing, but the industry is positioned to generate continued revenue and net operating income growth through existing customer rate increases and stabilization of non-same-store facilities.

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# Summary



#### Is this the end of the run?

 Guidance from the public REITs highlights a return to more normalized rates of growth at the back-end of the year.

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 Projections for acquisitions are muted with a dearth of available offerings early in the year and potential reacceleration of transaction during the second half of 2023.





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# **Thank You**

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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# UNDERSTANDING AND UTILIZING QR CODES FOR SELF STORAGE

Presenter: Stacie Maxwell Universal Storage Group

# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# MARKETING WITH A GREATER CAUSE

*Presenters: Lonnie Bickford, StorageGives and Appletree Storage Joshua Huff, MR Management & Consulting* 

# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# BEST PRACTICES IN PROPERTY SECURITY FOR SELF STORAGE OPERATORS

Panelists: Jon Loftin, OpenTech Alliance (moderator); David Allan, Apple Self Storage; Weyen Burnam, StorageMart; Jeffrey Cox, Public Storage; Edward Hainrihar, Amsdell Companies; Maureen Lee, Xercor Insurance Services LLC



# Best Practices in Property Security for Self Storage Operators

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### Good Video Surveillance Systems Save Money



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## Incident Examples



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#### **Incident Examples**



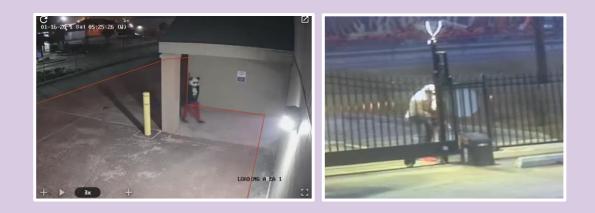




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### **Incident Examples**



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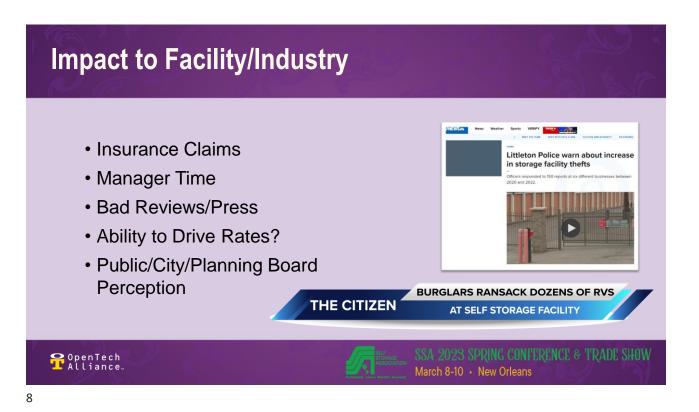
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#### **Frequency of Incidents**

- Type of Incidents
- Have you seen an increase in incidents in recent years?
  - Vandalism
  - Homelessness
  - Theft
  - After Hours Access

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Recently Law Enforcement has seen an uptick in theft. Some of the theft has involved storage lockers. If you have a storage locker here are a

Make sure your lock is secure and use a high

Don't give your key or combination to others.

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Check on your unit regularly. ... See more

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few reminders

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#### **Police Responsive?**

- Do they respond?
- How to get them to respond?
- Tips for working with police departments



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### **Best Practices**

- Layered Approach
- Lights

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- Cameras
- Access Control
- Alarms/Locks
- Process/Procedures
- Bad Actor/Do Not Rent List?





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# **GENERAL PANEL SESSION**

# **The Demand for Self Storage**

Panelists: Chelsea Glass, C+R Research; George Leon, Designetto Consulting; Matt Maron, CubeSmart; Alyssa Quill, Storage Asset Management

### General Panel Session: The Demand for Self Storage







# SELF STORAGE DEMAND STUDY

2023 EDITION PREVIEW



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#### Today's Agenda

- Demand Study Background
- Key Trends 2005-2022
- Looking to the Future & Gen Z
- SSA Data Query Tool Demo
- Q&A

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### **History of Self Storage Demand Study**

2005: Determine if market was saturated

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- 2007: Chart continued growth
- 2013: Measure market after the recession
- 2017: Generational insights
- 2020: Last pre-pandemic market view
- 2023:Where does market stand today?
  - Over 11,000 households and businesses screened
  - In-depth survey of 2,000 consumer and 600 business renters





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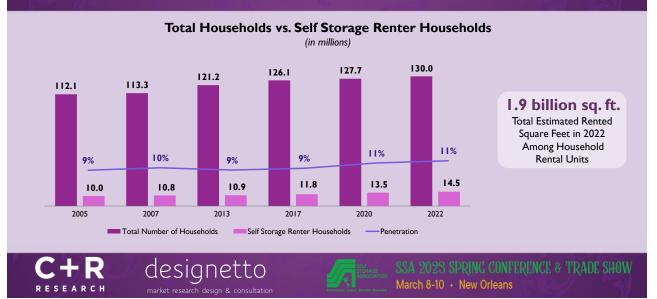
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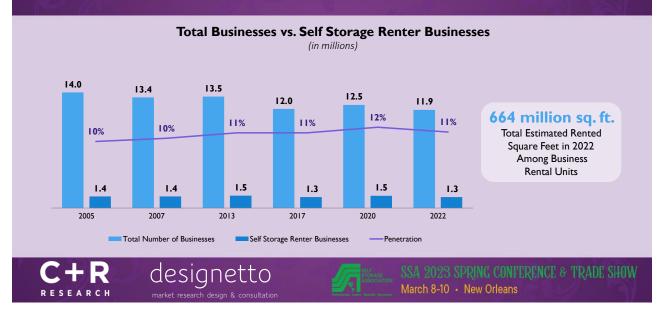
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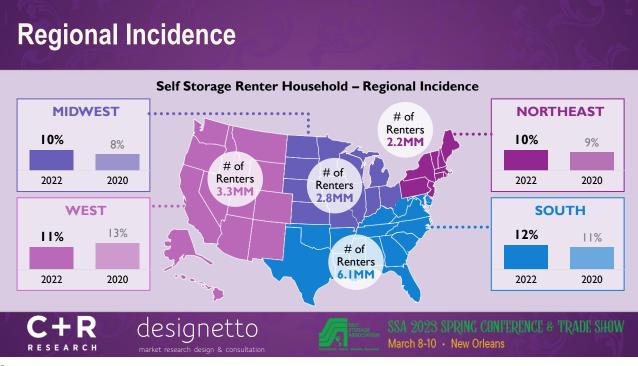
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# Demand remains robust



## **Business demand is steady**





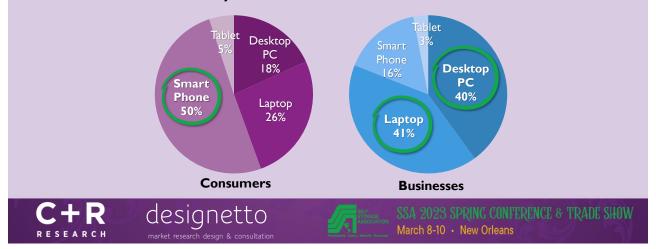
#### **Community Type Incidence** Self Storage Renter Household – Community Type Incidence **SUBURBAN** URBAN RURAL # of Renters # of Renters # of Renters 5.4MM 3.7MM 2.3MM 15% 13% 11% 8% 9% 8% 2022 2020 2022 2022 2020 2020 designetto SSA 2023 SPRINC CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW March 8-10 · New Orleans

## Street visibility and signage still important

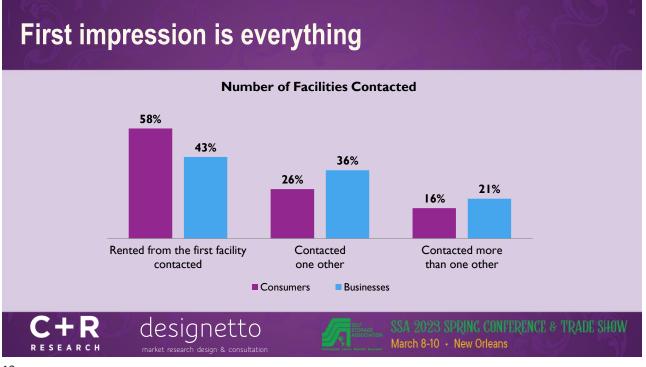


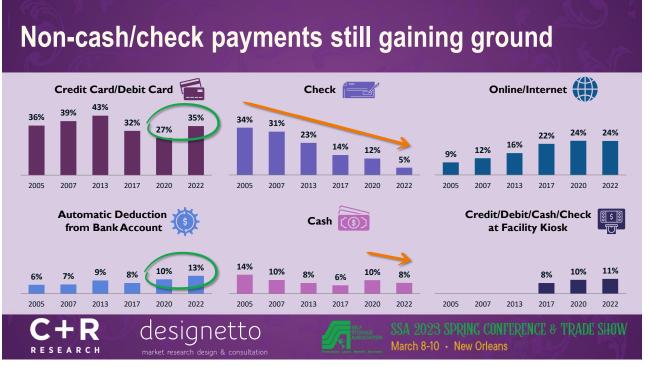
#### **Online presence & mobile optimization critical**

#### However, online search methods in aggregate are now outpacing drive-by discovery for both consumers and businesses.



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### What Renters Want

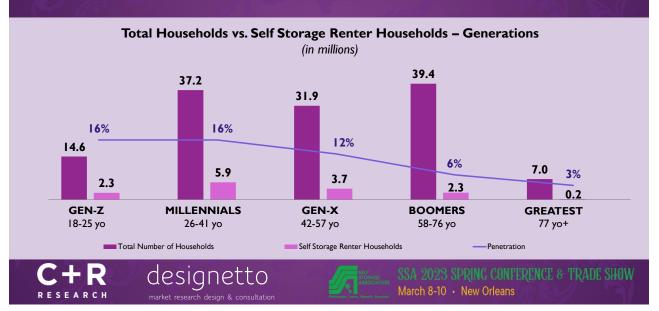
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	Pest control	41.19
Top 10 Features	Anytime access to self storage unit (24-hours, 7-days)	10% increase from 2020 37.1% 🜞
Renters Are	Electronic gates that only allow authorized people to enter facility	35.8%
MOST WILLING To	Humidity of self storage unit is controlled	33.4%
PAY MORE For		10% increase from 2020 32.6% 🌞
	Fire sprinklers in storage unit	31.0%
= Security/access features	Self storage unit is air-conditioned	30.5%
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Close to place of residence	30.4%
= 10% increase from 2020	Drive-up parking to self storage unit	28.3%
	Security guards monitor/patrol site at all times	28.0%
	Emergency call buttons/alarms in/near unit	22.4%
LOWER Willingness	Someone present in facility office at all times	21.4%
to Pay More For	Management company/brand	12.5%

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#### Gen Z: Reasons for optimism

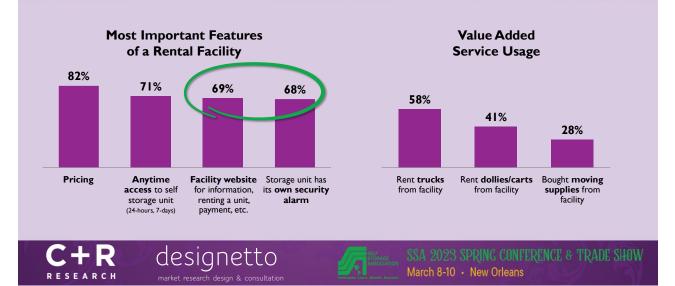


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#### Gen Z: A different breed



#### **Gen Z: Valued Features and Services**



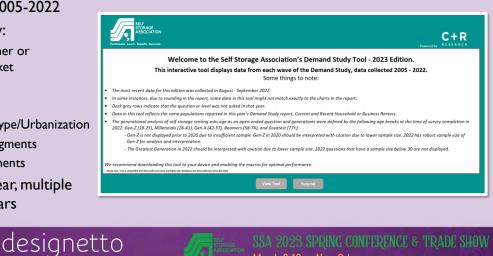
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### 2023 Demand Study Data Tool

- Track trends 2005-2022
- Display data by:
  - Total Consumer or Business Market
  - Generation
  - Region

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- Community Type/Urbanization
- Consumer segments
- Business segments
- Select single year, multiple years, or all years



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## **Using the Tool**



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Year Tren	iding							
Select a Data View	·							
	Select Table(s)		2005	2007	2013	2017	2020	2022
Select Region(s)	-	NUMBER OF UNITS RENTED	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Region: Total		One Unit	77.7%	78.8%	82.2%	79.1%	75.5%	74.9%
Region: Northeast		More than One Unit		21.2%	17.8%	20.9%	24.5%	25.1%
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✓ 2020 ✓ 2022								

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## Adding Region

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More than One Unit	17.8%	16.4%	17.9%	18.4%	17.7%	20.9%	26.3%	24.1%	18.2%	19.9%	24.5%	19.3%	21.7%	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	24.9%	23.4%	27.0%	23.3
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## **Output Multiple Questions**

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More than One Unit	17.8%	16.4%	17.9%	18.4%	17.7%	20.9%	26.3%	24.1%	18.2%	19.9%	24.5%	19.3%	21.7%	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	24.9%	23.4%	27.0%	23.3
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5'×10'	22.6%	23.6%	18.6%	22.5%	25.3%	22.2%	26.2%	19.9%	23.8%	18.7%	20.0%	15.8%	18.7%	22.4%	19.4%	20.3%	19.7%	21.0%	19.7%	21.0
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10'x30' or larger	6.7%	2.9%	7.8%	7.0%	7.6%	12.0%	10.8%	13.1%	12.5%	11.2%	12.7%	19.5%	14.0%	10.0%	11.9%	10.3%	11.5%	10.4%	9.9%	10.3
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An exterior unit with drive-up parking		49.1%	74.7%	55.3%	50.7%	50.3%	42.0%	56.1%	51.0%	50.0%	55.1%	54.7%	67.5%	53.1%	50.0%	55.7%	50.0%	62.2%	57.1%	51.1
An exterior unit without drive-up parking		1.5%	4.1%	7.8%	6.9%	14.1%	15.3%	13.4%	15.4%	11.9%	12.4%	9.2%	12.1%	13.5%	12.8%	11.0%	13.6%	10.2%	12.5%	7.79
An interior unit with elevator access		30.6%	8.6%	15.7%	21.6%	20.8%	31.7%	15.5%	18.1%	22.6%	17.4%	22.6%	8.8%	17.0%	21.1%	18.0%	23.3%	11.8%	15.7%	24.4
An interior unit with drive-up access	19.1%	18.9%	12.6%	21.2%	20.9%	14.8%	11.1%	15.0%	15.4%	15.4%	15.1%	13.5%	11.7%	16.5%	16.1%	15.2%	13.2%	15.8%	14.7%	16.8
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#### **Panel Discussion**



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# **FEATURED SPEAKER**



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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# IMPROVING YOUR CONVERSION RATE BY ENHANCING YOUR LOCAL LISTINGS AND REPUTATION MANAGEMENT

*Presenter: Kim Greiner Go Local Interactive* 

# **Concurrent Educational Session**

## WHAT DOES TENANT MARKET RESEARCH SAY ABOUT YOUR TENANTS, THEIR THOUGHTS ON TECHNOLOGY AND YOUR ABILITY TO COMPETE IN TODAY'S MARKET?

Presenter: Terry Bagley Janus International



# **Technology and Automation**

What does tenant market research say about your tenants, their thoughts on technology, and your ability to compete in today's market?

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#### What You'll Learn

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#### **Technology & Automation: Providing Contactless Rentals**

#### Automating the move-in process:

- · Website rentals (electronic lease, unit selection, & tenant insurance options)
- Rental centers where customers can use a virtual center or kiosk, website, or their smartphone to fully execute rental
- · Smart entry & smart unit locks to provide tenant access
  - Unit access is automated via text message and tenants can fully move in with their smartphone app
  - Vacant units are automatically secured
  - · Overlocking is automated with an electronic locking system

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#### Smartphone Apps, Smart Locks, & On-Site Wayfinding



- · In-app tools to help tenants find their unit on-site
- · Bluetooth wayfinding
- In-app site maps

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#### How Technology has Improved Tenant Onboarding



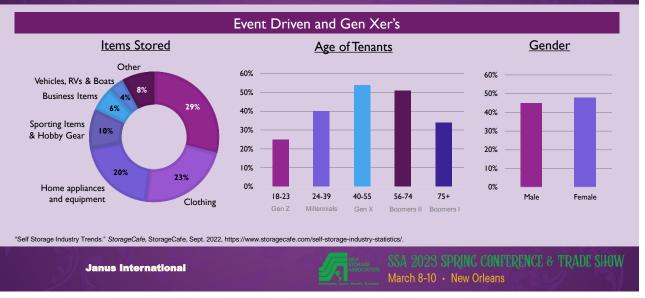
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## Self-Storage Industry Items Stored/Age of Tenants



#### Macro Trends Fueling Self-Storage Growth & Adoption of New Technology

- 1. An increase in state-to-state migration
- 2. Changing workforce demographics
  - Slowing population growth
  - Mass retirement of Baby Boomers
  - · Millennials and Gen Z taking over the workforce
- 3. Labor Shortages
  - Record-high job openings



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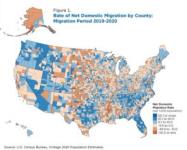
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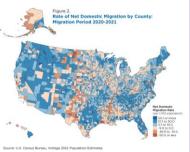
#### **Trend 1: State-to-State Migration**

- Research conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau supports that more and more people are moving across states.
- Many areas in U.S. had an increase in net domestic migration from 2020-2021 compared to 2019-2020.

#### How does this affect selfstorage?

- Lifestyle changes can occur at any time (Self-Storage 4Ds)
- Moving necessitates the need for additional space for accumulated property





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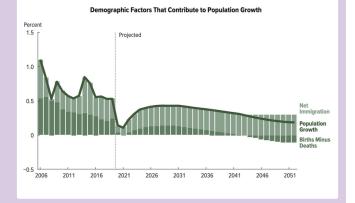
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## **Trend 2: Changing Workforce Demographics**

#### **Slowing Population Growth**

- According to the CBO, analyzing the demographic outlook for 2022 to 2052, population growth inside the U.S. is expected to slow down.
- CBO projects over the next 30 years, an average of 72M people will be 65 years or older
- The primary group that makes our labor force ranges from ages 24 to 56



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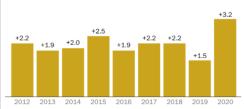
## **Trend 2: Changing Workforce Demographics**

#### Mass Retirement of Baby Boomers

- According to Pew Research Center, the rate of retirement among Baby Boomers has significantly accelerated.
- Almost 29M Baby Boomers retired in 2020 (an increase of more than 3M from 2019)
- There are 75M Baby Boomers predicted to retire by the end of 2023
- Record-high of **11M** Jobs are waiting to be filled across the U.S.

#### The number of retired Baby Boomers rose more from 2019 to 2020 than in prior years

Annual increase in the retired U.S. Baby Boomer population (in millions)



Note: "Retired" refers to those not in the labor force due to retirement. Baby Boomers are those born between 1946 and 1964. Each year's retired Boomer population is based on the average of the July, August and September estimate. Source: Pew Research Center analysis of July, August and September Current Population Survey monthly files (IPUNB).

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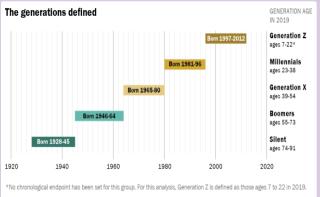
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## **Trend 2: Changing Workforce Demographics**

#### Millennials and Gen Z Taking Over the Workforce

- Mass retirement of Baby Boomers creates significant opportunities for newer generations.
- Millennials (1981-1996) were around for the internet explosion
- Gen Z (1997-2012) has never known a life without the internet (reported to have a common attention span of 8 seconds)
- They're considered **digital experts** and are quickly transforming today's marketplace



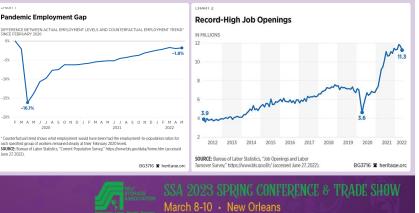
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#### **Trend 3: Labor Shortages**

#### **Record-High Job Openings**

- As of May 2022, there was a record-high of 11.3M job openings waiting to be filled in the U.S. market
- 51M workers (more than 1 in 3) quit their job
- To combat the employment gap, businesses are implementing new tactics such as monetary incentives, remote positions, virtual management, and self-driven learning/onboarding
- The key? Fully automated selfstorage facilities





## What Do Your Customers Want?



- **710%** Increase in mobile ecommerce from 2013-2020
- 88% prefer to book hotel rooms online (2017)
- **81%** site long wait/checkout times as a pain point with in-store shopping
- **55%+** of website transactions are made on mobile devices
- 97% are using smartphone retail apps at least once a week
- 216% growth in the number of Instacart downloads in Q3 of 2020

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#### What Do Your Customers Want?

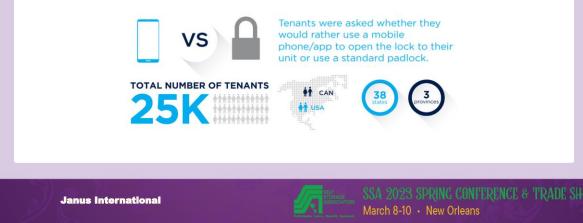


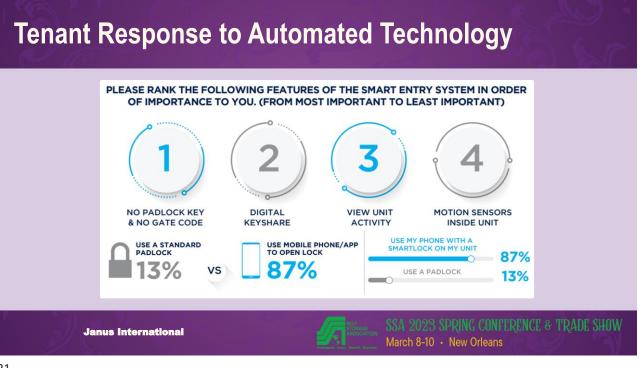
#### **Tenant Response to Automated Technology**



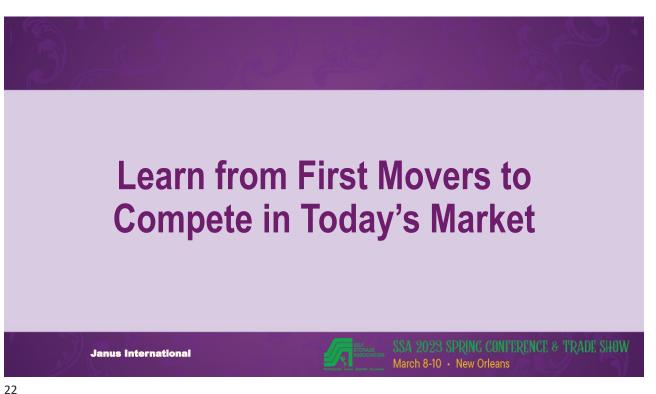
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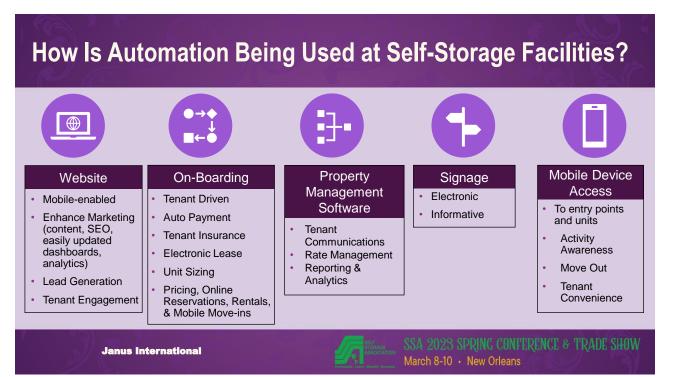
• We polled 25,000 active tenants and asked them to take a survey on their buying and technology preferences in self-storage



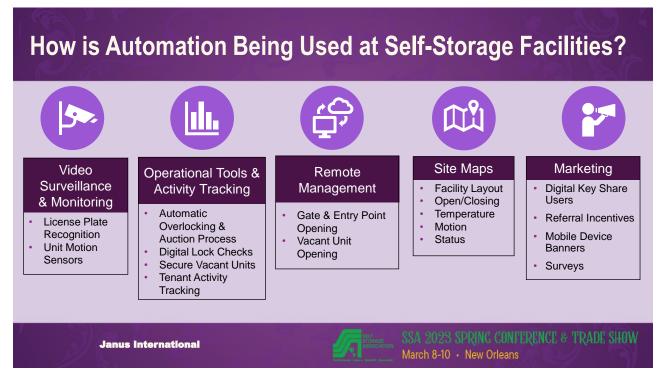












#### Key Elements of an Automated Facility (Implemented)

- ✓ Website
- ✓ On-Boarding
- ✓ Property Management Software
- ✓ Signage
- ✓ Mobile Device Access
- Video Surveillance & Monitoring
- ✓ Operational Tools & Activity Tracking
- ✓ Remote Management
- ✓ Site Maps
- ✓ Marketing

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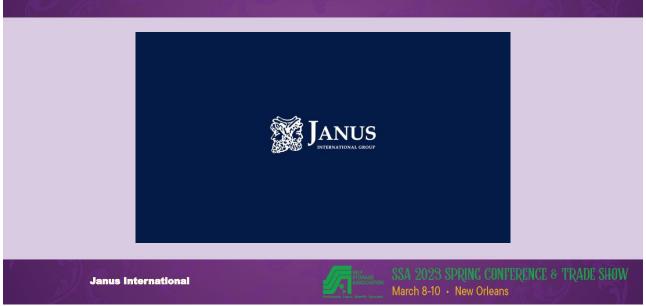


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#### **Meeting Customers Where They Are**



### How Do I Implement Automation at My Facility?

Website/On-Boarding	Retrofit Access Control	ROI
Lead Generation	Broadband Connection	Technology Fee
Unit Size Determination	Doors (may be time to upgrade)	Reduced Labor
Onboarding Process	Entry Points	New Doors & Technology
PMS Software Integration	Units	Capture More Rentals &
	Video Surveillance	Lease More Quickly
	Lighting & HVAC	Insurance (or TPP) Discounts
		Cost Segregation

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#### Review

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## Questions



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# BOAT & RV STORAGE: WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS HOT STORAGE SPECIALTY

*Presenter: Mike Mele Cushman & Wakefield* 



# Boat & RV Storage: What to Know About This Hot Storage Specialty

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## Agenda

- 1. RV & Boat Market Background, Past, and Present
- 2. Investment Climate
- 3. Transaction Breakdown
- 4. Questions

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#### RV & Boat: Background, Past, & Present

#### Background

- · RV Boat has seen steady growth in ownership
  - · Further exacerbated by the Pandemic
- Rise in demand for RV & boat storage facilities has not met the economic need
  - Traditional Self-Storage is often out of necessity
    - death, divorce, life changes
  - RV & Boat Storage is oftentimes a more wealth-based clientele
     Expensive toys and entertainment
    - Stickier tenants
    - · Lower risk of non-payment

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#### RV & Boat: Background, Past, & Present

#### Background

- Approximately 11,000 RV & Boat Storage facilities in the US
- · Minimal upkeep and requires less employees than traditional storage
- 1,000 or less Stand-Alone RV & Boat dedicated Class-A Facilities
  - 3,000 Class B
  - 2,500 Class C
  - 3,000 hybrid facilities
  - Average 300-400 spaces (for dedicated facilities only)

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#### RV & Boat: Background, Past, & Present

# Past Pacelity types and styles Paved, unpaved, gravel, even dirt Lower need for facilities People storing on streets Walmart or Box Store parking lots Neighborhood streets small business parking lots No rules/enforcement around where they could store Who was buying? Local operators and owners

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## RV & Boat: Background, Past, & Present

#### Present

- · Seeing larger interest in Development
  - · 3 main issues when developing
    - Financing, Development Costs, Location
- Approval for RV & Boat Class-A facility developments are becoming less difficult
  - Cities, towns, HOAs now dictate rules requiring dedicated areas for storage of these large vehicles
    - · Creates taxable income and gets rigs off of business lots
    - · Removes 'eye sores' and ticketing labor



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#### **RV & Boat: Development**

- Requires larger sites (in acres)
  - Target Size: 7-10 Acres
- · Feasibility of the project
  - Supply
  - · Land, Construction & Financing Costs
  - Asking & Projected Rental Rates
- Construction costs can vary by market
  - · Material increase to input costs over the last 18 months
  - Hard costs typically range between \$25-40 PSF for covered parking
- · Proximity to unimproved land is difficult for lenders to value
  - · Development does not yet have steady cash flow so subject to floating rates

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#### **RV & Boat: Development**

- Locations are more flexible than traditional storage
  - · Where once storage was impossible, could work for RV & Boat
- Proximity to destination areas
  - Tenants are willing to travel farther than traditional storage
  - · Within 3 hours drive-time of homes and/or destinations



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#### **Storage: Investment Climate**

- Traditional Storage Market Climate
  - · What we're seeing
  - · Potential for expansion on existing properties for RV & Boat

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## **RV & Boat: Investment Climate**

- Who is buying?
  - Regional Owners / Operators
  - Real Estate Private Equity Groups
- · New potential income streams for new construction
  - Selling excess power to municipalities from solar resources
  - Amenities like grocery delivery, ice machines, car washes, etc.
- Independent owners and contractors will dictate this new vertical much like they did at the earlier stages of traditional self-storage.



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## RV & Boat: Transactions | Lake Havasu, AZ

Physical Occ: 99.5%

Economic Occ: 94.3%

- Price: \$9,100,000
- Year Built: 1971, 2020
- NRSF: 140,633
- Total Units 332
- Several major capital improvements
- 12,000 SF class A expansion-100% leased prior to completion Significant market footprint as one of the first boat/RV storage
- options established in Lake Havasu; the facility has the most convenient waterway access in the city
- Waiting list for units demonstrates strong demand for storage
- Projected cash-on-cash return of 9.2% in year 3 and a levered IRR of 18.9% in year 5

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#### **RV & Boat: Transactions | AmeriPark Portfolio**

Physical Occ: 96%

Economic Occ: 65%

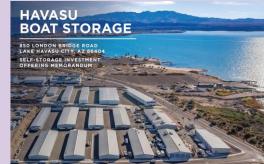
- Price: Market Bid
- Year Built: 1996, 2017
- NRSF: 63,781
- Total Units: 660
- 2 Property RV Portfolio
- Potential upside by increasing in-place rents at each property
- Lack of developable land within Tempe made this facility one of the only RV/Boat storage locations in the immediate market
- AMERIPARK RV & BOAT STORAGE PORTFOLIO OPPORTUNITY - PHOENIX MSA SUL-STOLAGE INVESTMENT I S3 701 NR35

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#### **RV & Boat: Transactions | Wittmann Entitled Land**

- · Price: Market Bid
- Year Built: 2022
- NRSF: 722,940
- Total Units: 1,305
- 722,940 NRSF of Boat & RV Storage to underserved market
- 31,935 homes sites planned within 5 miles of property
- Shovel-ready project with expansive growth potential
- Half-mile long frontage on Route 60, which is one of the most heavily traveled roadways
- Amenities such as trickle charge, a dog run, a RV wash and propane planned

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# FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS TO A MULTI BILLION DOLLAR PLATFORM

Presenter: Mike Burnam StorageMart



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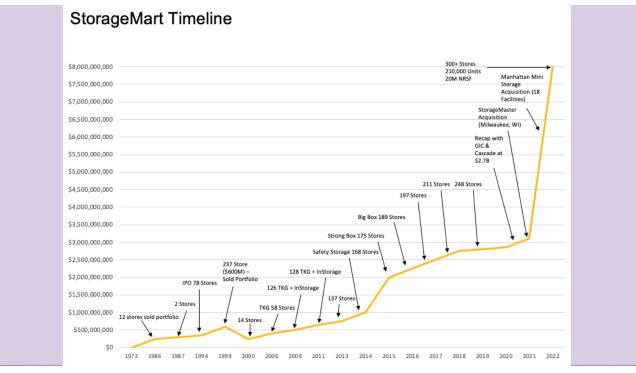
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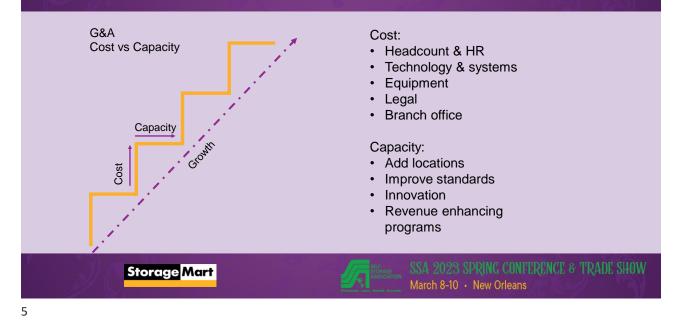




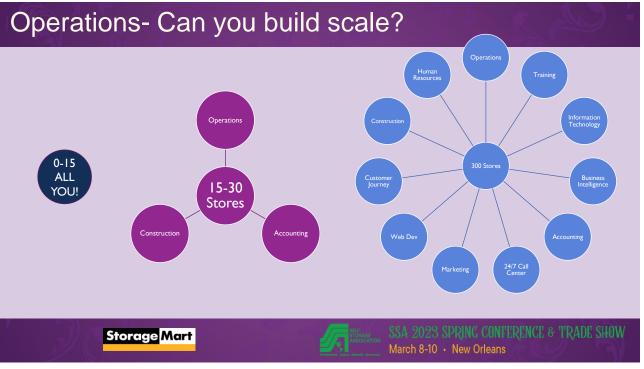
#### Growing from 1 to 300 Stores



#### A word to the wise...G&A and investing in yourself







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#### Real Estate: Know what you want, plan for the future









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# WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

Presenters: Joe Doherty and Daniel Bryant, SSA In-House Legal Team



## What have you done for me lately?

#### Recent SSA advocacy efforts to streamline your business and help your bottom line!

Joe Doherty

SVP, Chief Legal & Legislative Officer

Daniel Bryant Legal & Legislative Counsel

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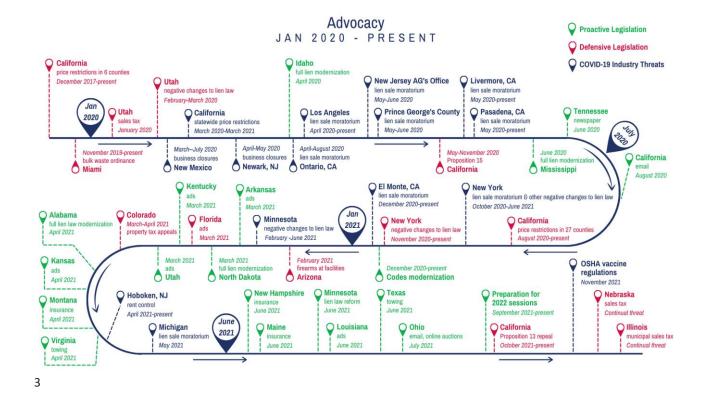
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## Roadmap

- Recent lien law changes
- Tenant insurance authorization
- Property tax changes
- 2023 advocacy plans
- Building code updates
- SSA Legal Resource Center
- Self Storage Legal Network





## **Lien Law Updates**

- SSA has successfully gotten lien laws passed in 49 states and the District of Columbia.
- As background, the SSA typically seeks seven core amendments to laws in states that have not previously adopted them:
- Certified mail elimination, notice by email, towing, online auctions, alternative advertising, contractual value limitation, and late fees.
- Overall, these amendments aim to reduce costs, streamline operations, and limit liability for the operator.

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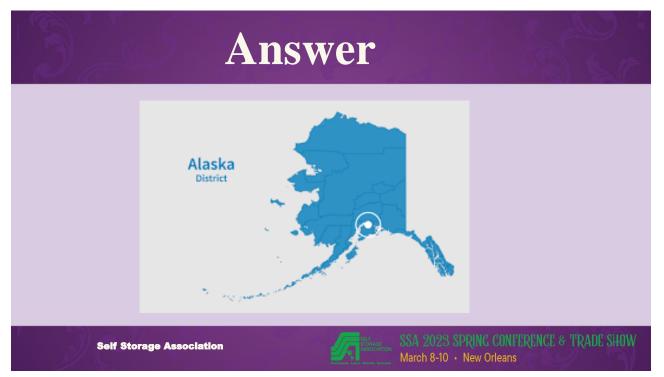
## Question

What is the last remaining U.S. state without a self storage lien law?

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#### **First-Class Mail with Certificate of Mailing**

- Certified mail is an uncertain way to reach self storage tenants, approximately 50% of whom are in transition.
- It requires the tenant's signature and does not automatically forward even if the Postal Service has the tenant's new address.
- First-Class Mail with a certificate of mailing provides proof that the notice has been sent and automatically forwards to a new address.
- This provides a greater assurance that the tenant will receive the notice and provides a significant cost savings for operators.
- 47 states allow operators to send lien notices by First-Class Mail with a certificate of mailing.
- In 2021 and 2022, Alabama, North Dakota, and Vermont approved first-class mail with certificate of mailing

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#### Notices may be sent by First-Class Mail with Certificate of Mailing

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Three states below still require certified mail for default notices to tenants. Which one of the states below does not?

A.Wyoming **B**.Connecticut C Hawaii D.California

\* Some states still require notices to lienholders and other secured parties to be send by certified mail. Also, some states still mandate that any excess funds be sent in that manner.

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#### Question



How many audience members are still sending default notices by certified mail?

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## Email

- Approximately 50% of self storage tenants are in transition.
- Unlike physical addresses, email addresses typically remain the same when an individual moves.
- SSA seeks legislation that gives tenants the choice to receive lien notices by email
- Tenants may continue to receive notices via the mail if that is their preference.
- Email is also less costly, and we have found that tenants are more responsive due to the immediacy, as well as the accessibility of email.
- Pay careful attention to state-specific requirements to send email!
- In 2021 and 2022, Alabama, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Vermont approved email notice

#### Late Fees

- SSA seeks a standard late fee of up to \$20 or 20% of the monthly rent, whichever is greater (some states like AZ & NC have different amounts)
- This amount strikes an appropriate balance by compensating the owner for the delinquent rent while also still be fair and reasonable to the tenant
- 37 states recognize a late fee in statute.
- Some are a "safe harbor" and some are a "hard cap" check your law!
- In 2021 and 2022, Alabama, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Vermont approved a late fee recognized in statute

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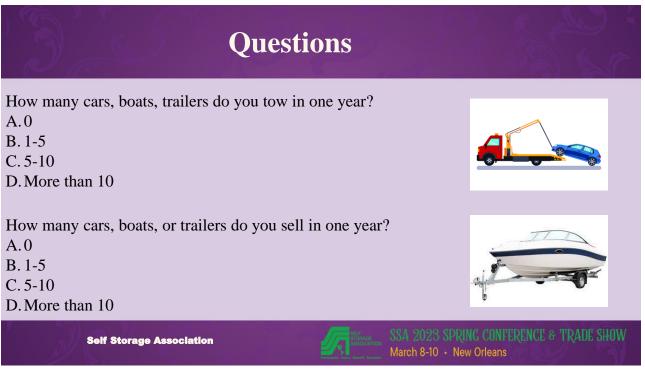
# Towing

- Many storage operators do not want to go through the process for selling a titled property like motor vehicles and watercraft.
- The process can be cumbersome, and many operators are not frequently called upon to do so.
- SSA seeks legislation that provides operators with the option to have certain titled property like cars, watercraft, and trailers towed when the rent is at least 60 days past due.

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• In 2021 and 2022, Alabama, Connecticut, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Vermont all approved vehicle towing.



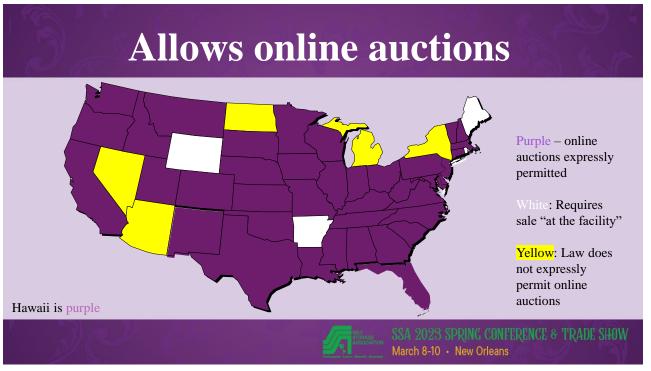


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## **Online Auctions**

- Historically, state lien laws had a provision that required the sale to be held at the facility or the nearest suitable location.
- The industry has obviously shifted significantly to online sales.
- SSA seeks amendments to lien law laws to the location of sale provisions that expressly permits online sales.
- In 2021 and 2022, Alabama, Connecticut, Kansas, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Vermont all passed online auction amendments.

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#### **Online Auctions – Questions**

How many audience members only hold in-person auctions/sales at the facility?

How many audience members only hold online auctions? Keep your hand up if you started online auctions in 2020 or more recently.



How many audience members hold some online auctions and some in-person auctions?

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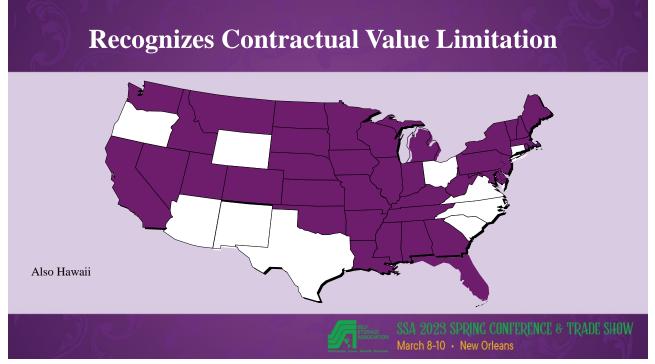
#### **Contractual Value Limitation**

- Contractual value limitation expressly permits the operator to limit the value of goods / property that may be stored within the tenant's individual unit.
- This establishes at the outset of the storage relationship between the operator and the tenant the maximum value of goods that may be stored within the facility.
- The facility owner may permit a greater value of goods to be stored if the tenant agrees to obtain insurance to cover the greater cost of goods stored in the event of a loss.
- The tenant's storage is done on a "self-service" basis. The operator does not know what the tenant has stored or the value of the property. The tenant has the option of insuring the property, but the operator does not.

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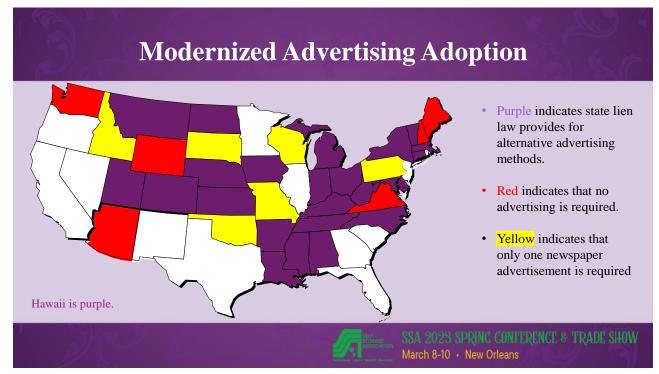
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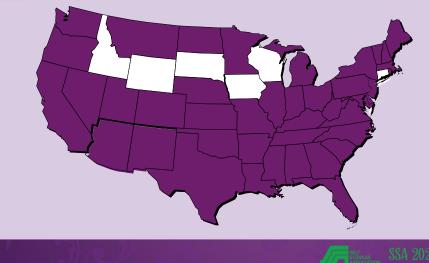


#### **Alternative to Newspaper Advertising**

- Historically, many state lien laws required an owner to advertise the sale once per week for consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation where the storage facility is located.
- When self storage lien statutes were originally passed, newspapers were an effective means of advertising that is obviously no longer the case.
- SSA seeks amendments to either remove the advertising requirement entirely or permit alternative forms on advertising, generally on online websites that regularly advertise or conduct property sales.
- Watch for state-specific requirements for online advertising (e.g., RI, WV, and MD)
- In 2021 and 2022, Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Virginia all amended their laws to eliminate the newspaper advertising requirement.



## **Self Storage Tenant Insurance**



- All purple states and Hawaii have authorized tenant insurance or have an exemption from licensing
- In 2021 and 2022, New Hampshire, Maine, Montana, and Rhode Island approved legislation

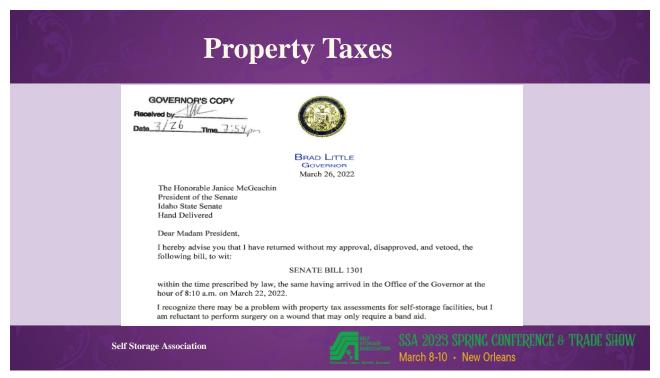
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#### **Property Taxes**

- The "Indiana Model"
- The law requires an assessment based upon the true tax value of the facility, which must be determined based solely on the land and the improvements, less normal depreciation and normal obsolescence, and must exclude business intangible value.
- Business intangible value is any value of the self-service storage facility and related business operations in excess of the depreciated replacement cost of the improvements and the value of the land.
- Although the assessor may consider the three typical methods of assessing property, the assessor must select the lowest of the three while taking into account the requirements stated above.

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#### **Question?**

How many audience members have seen an increase in their property tax assessment:

- A. 1-10%
- B. 11-24%
- C. 25-49%
- D. 50% or more

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- Newspaper ads 11 (AK, CA, DC, FL, MO, NJ, NM, OR, RI, TX, WI)
- Online auctions 3 (AK, DC, RI)
- Lien notices by email 1 (AK)
- Late fee safe harbor 1 (AK)
- Simplified vehicle towing 4 (AK, DC, KS, VA (boats))
- Tenant insurance licensing 4 (CT, ID, IA, WI)
- Contractual value limitation 2 (AK, OH)
- Lien notices by verified mail 2 (AK, DC)
- Property taxes 4 (AR, ID, IA, KS)

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#### **Building Code Changes**

- Codes and standards are a basis of building and facility design. Even with the best of intentions, sometimes code requirements are at odds with a building's usability while offering no clear benefit.
- The SSA advocates for commonsense changes to the national model codes and standards to increase efficiencies and limit costs for facility construction.
- Model codes are developed on three-year cycles by nonprofit organizations. The process permits interested parties, including storage operators, to introduce amendments and support or oppose modifications put forth by third parties.
- Once the model codes are finalized, individual states and local cities and counties must formally adopt the codes before they have legal force.



SSA Code Consultant Andrew Klein

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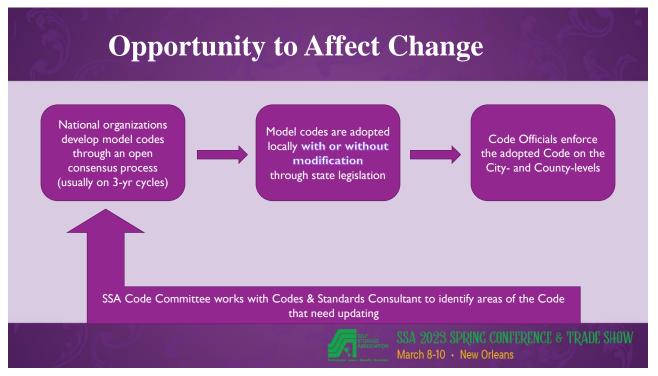
#### **Development, Adoption & Enforcement**

National organizations develop model codes through an open consensus process (usually on 3-yr cycles) Mod loca t

Model codes are adopted locally with or without modification through legislation

Code Officials enforce the adopted Code on the City- and County-levels

How do we get involved and influence this process?



## **Code Changes**

- The individual unit lighting exception covers storage units 400 ft<sup>2</sup> (37.16m<sup>2</sup>) or less in area that are accessed directly from the exterior of the building, included in 2024 IBC.
- The 2024 International Mechanical Code (IMC) confirms that the occupiable floor area in warehouses does not include the floor area of self-storage units.
- An exception has been added to IBC Section 2902.3.3 to permit an increase in the location (to greater than every other floor) and maximum travel distance (to greater than 500 ft.) for restrooms. The location and travel distance must be approved by the code official.,
- The maximum allowable height of sprinklered facilities made of Type IIB (unprotected steel) and Type IIIB materials (noncombustible or fire-retardant treated wood stud exterior walls and any interior construction) has been increased from 3 stories to 4 stories.
- Modified IBC Section 903.2.9, storage facilities are exempt from the automatic sprinkler system requirement if (1) the total fire area is 12,000 sq. ft. or less; (2) the combined total fire areas are 24,000 sq. ft. or less; (3) the facility is no greater than one storage above grade; and, (4) all storage spaces are accessed directly from the exterior.

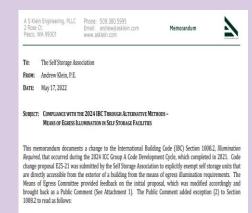
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#### **Code Changes – Memos**

- How do you utilize changes to model codes before your state or municipality adopts them?
- Our code consultant Andrew Klein (from a few slides ago) has prepared memorandums available on the Legal Resource Center.
- It is reasonable for building officials to deem future codified code language as equivalent.
- Not a magic bullet for all projects.
- Some local officials are more willing to accept than others!

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# Questions

1. How many audience members are currently developing a self storage facility?

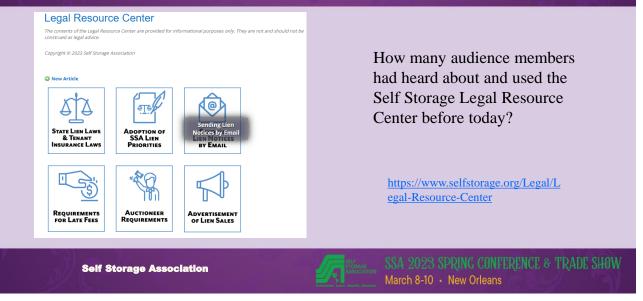
2. How many are considering a development project within the next year?

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#### **Legal Resource Center**



#### Self Storage Legal Network

- The Self Storage Legal Network (SSLN) is available only to SSA members and provides legal information.
- Self storage operations, you simply log onto the SSLN online site and ask your question.
- How many times have you had a question about lien laws or rental agreements or partial payments?
- With the SSLN, you can run your questions past an expert before making a decision.
- Join the attorneys from the SSLN tomorrow at 10:00 AM for the Closing General Session to have your questions answered!



**Carlos Kaslow** 



#### **Thank You!**

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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# ESG: SIMPLE STEPS TO BE BETTER STEWARDS

Presenters: Chuck Gordon, Storable; Richard Walsh, Madison Energy Investments



## **ESG: Simple Steps to Be Better Stewards**

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## What is ESG?

- Factors used to measure the non-financial impacts of particular investments and companies
- · Provides a range of business and investment opportunities



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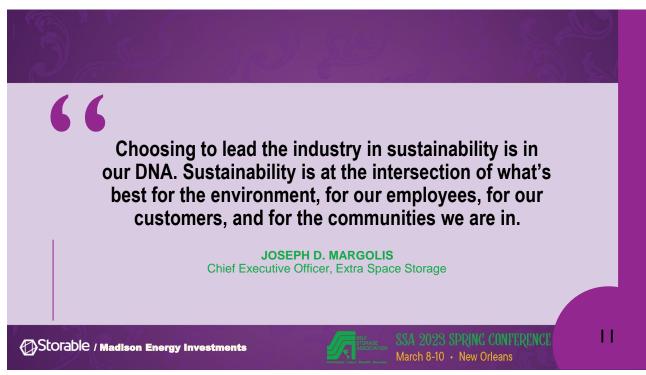


# Reasons to Care about ESG

- Reputation
- Risk Management
- Cost Savings
- Customer and Talent Acquisition and Retention



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#### **Opportunities for Operators**

#### Implement

- Solar panels to generate electricity on-site
- A recycling program for materials such as paper, cardboard, and metal
- Regular audits of energy and water usage to identify areas for improvement

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#### Inform

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- Others of your environmental initiatives and efforts
- Customers how to recycle and properly dispose of hazardous materials
- Yourself and your staff of emerging environmental technologies and best practices

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## Deep Dive

SOLAR ESG Initiatives & Savings

On-site solar is operationally feasible and could expedite and make up the majority of your roadmap to 100% renewables.



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#### Deep Dive

# Battery Storage & EV Charging

ESG Initiatives & Savings

With no impact on core operations, battery storage and EV charging can enhance customer experience and increase energy resiliency.



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## **Deep Dive**

#### **Automation**

**ESG Initiatives & Savings** 

Improve workflows with confidence and accuracy.

Management software offers a complete solution for self-storage owners who want to increase efficiency, boost rentals, and increase profits.



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## Deep Dive

IRA ESG Initiatives & Savings

The IRA adds standalone energy storage projects as qualifying facilities eligible for the ITC.



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### **Deep Dive**

#### VALUATION

**ESG Initiatives & Savings** 

An ESG framework can be a strategic way to increase your valuation.

By focusing on ESG, management can reduce capital costs and improve a firm's value.



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## Why do brands choose on-site solutions?



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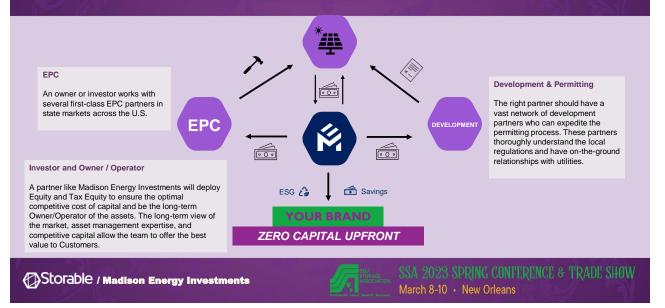
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## **Our Commitments: Storable**



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### **Our Channel Partners: Madison Energy Investments**



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- MEI clients save on average 20% off of their energy bill for a t20-year term with no capital upfront.
- Working closely with local partners to offer customers on-site generation of solar, battery storage, community solar and offsite solar, all with no capital required upfront.
- MEI operates across 20 states, with over 200 projects completed and 500M+ capital deployed.
- MEI's solar, battery, and EV portfolio can be an integral part of accelerating your transition to clean and renewable energy.

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## **Take This With You**

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#### VALUE

The global self-storage market is anticipated to reach this value by 2027

## 4,536

PROJECTS

There are 4,536 total self-storage properties in development, including prospective projects

### 11.1%

#### MARKET

Self storage accounts for 11.1 percent of the current construction pipeline

## 86%

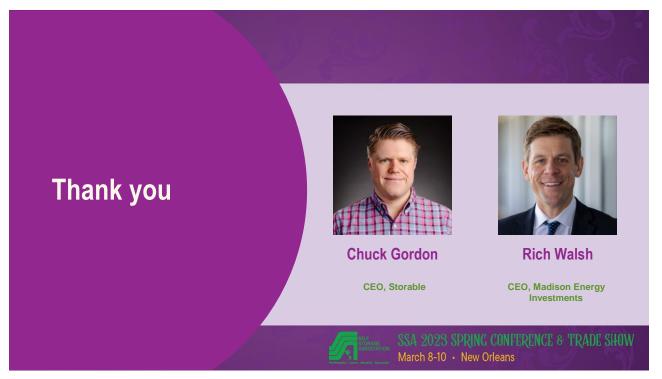
#### 86% of employees prefer to support or work for companies that care about the same issues they do

\*Matthews Real Estate Investment Self Storage End Of Year Market Report / PWC 2021 How much does the public care about ES

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## **Concurrent Educational Session**

## REMOTE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: INNOVATORS AND THOUGHT-LEADERS DISCUSS THEIR REVOLUTIONARY OPERATIONS

Presenters: Phil Murphy, CallPotential (moderator); Brett Copper, Copper Storage Solutions; Gary Edmonds, The Storage Manager; Alex Erbs, The Storage Mall Management Group

# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# RIGHT PEOPLE IN THE RIGHT SEATS

Presenters: Amber Tyson and Grace Totty, Absolute Storage Management

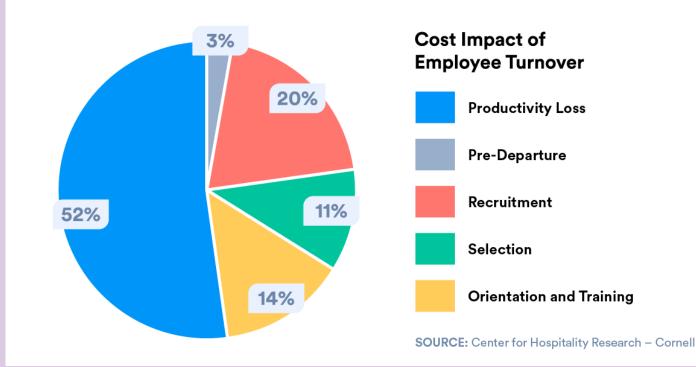


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# **Right People – Right Seat**

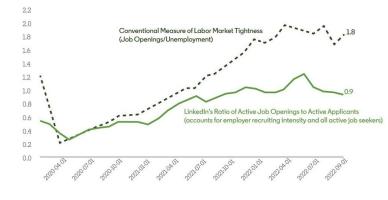
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#### LinkedIn measure reveals a less-tight labor market

Conventional and LinkedIn measures of labor market tightness Jan 2020-Sep 2022



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# **Absolute's Journey**

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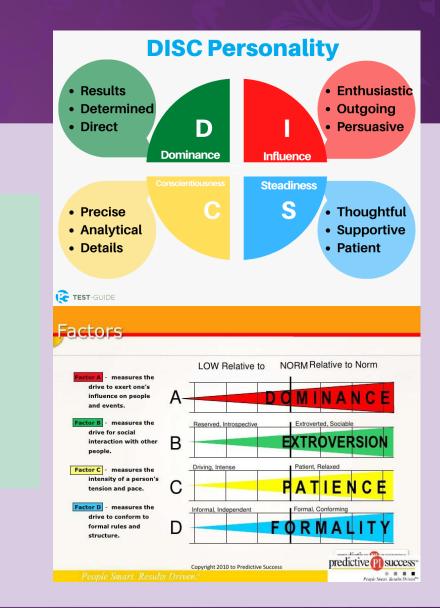
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> Why Some Companies Make the Leap ... and Others Don't

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JIM COLLINS Creation of the Sectorities BUILT TO LAST "If you have the wrong people, it doesn't matter if you discover the right direction; you still won't have a great company. Great vision without great people is irrelevant."

-Jim Collins, "Good to Great"



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# **Benefits**

- Improved Hiring
- Better Teamwork
- Increased Productivity
- Reduced Turnover
- Improved Communication/Collaboration
- Greater Innovation



# The Right People for You – Where to Start

# Culture

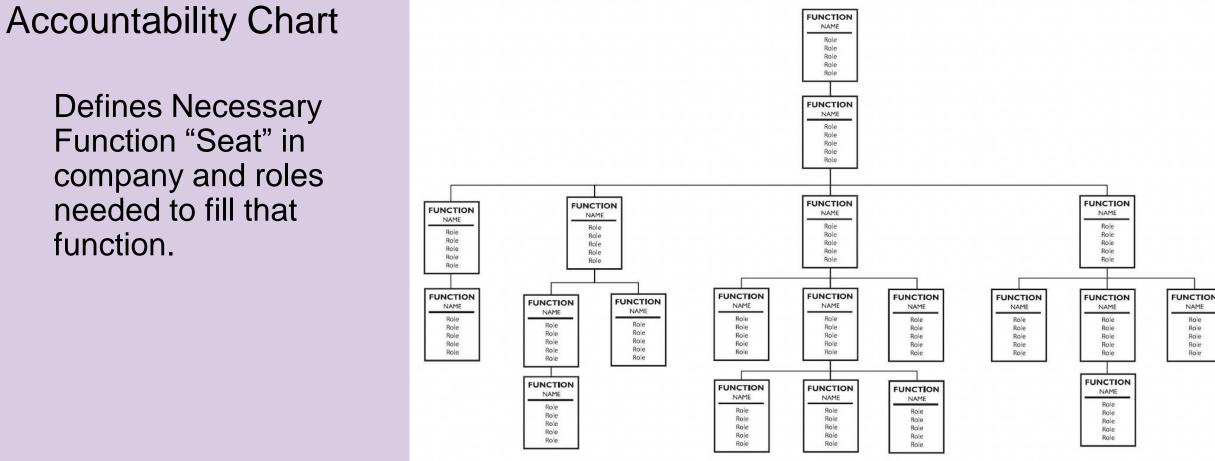
Core Values Define the Seat

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## THE ACCOUNTABILITY CHART



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Function "Seat" in

needed to fill that

function.



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# **Defining the Seat – Tools to Use**

- Culture Index looks at:
  - Autonomy
  - Social
  - Patience
  - Conformity

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# **Samples in Action**

An Accountant is likely defined as:

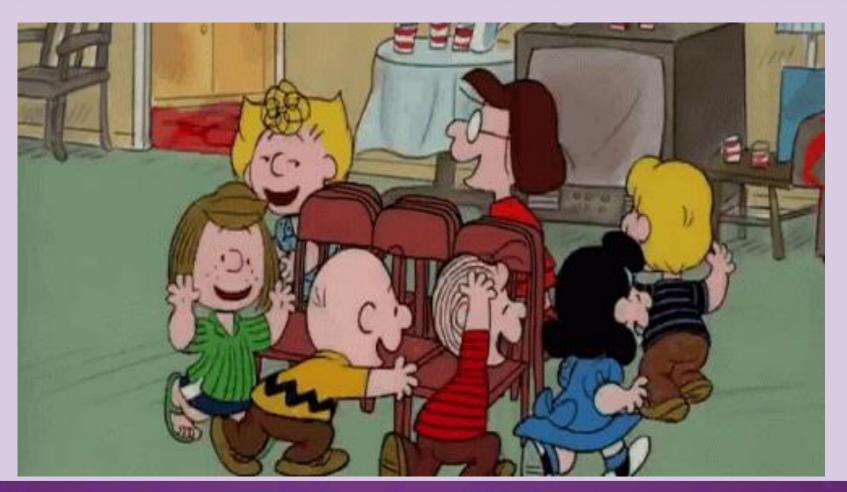
- Methodical
- Prefers repetition
- Slower paced
- Lower social
- Independent worker
- Make an appointment!

A Marketing Manager is likely defined as:

- Highly social
- Fast paced
- Visionary
- Verbal processor
- Stop by anytime!



# **Right Person, Wrong Seat**



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# **Journey Continues**



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# FRIDAY PRESENTATIONS

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Handouts for speakers whose presentations are scheduled for Friday follow this page

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## **Concurrent Educational Session**

# CASH..... EVERYONE NEEDS IT!

Presenter: Anne Mino, Live Oak Bank



#### WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

- What are the different needs for capital and different types of financing available.
- How to qualify for a loan and the minimum capital required.
- Lending process from application to funding.
- How to analyze cash flow including banking terminology and other insights.



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#### DIFFERENT NEEDS FOR CAPITAL



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### WHAT LOAN PRODUCTS ARE OUT THERE?

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	Conventional Loans
	SBA Loans – 7a and 504
~	Seller Financing – Adding a seller note to your capital stack can improve DSC
	Bridge Loans – Short term, high interest loan used to take down land
١	Key Takeaway – Let your lender help you organize your capital stack based on your short and long- term needs.

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#### SBA VERSUS CONVENTIONAL FINANCING

#### Conventional

- 20-25 Year Amortization/5-7 Year Term
- 25-40% equity requirement
- 0.5%-1% origination fee
- Harder to get
- Tricky loan covenants

#### SBA 7a or 504

- 25 Year Fully Amortizing
- 10% equity requirement
- 1-2.6% SBA Fee
- No loan covenants
- Can include I/O period plus operating capital

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THERE ARE TWO WAYS THE BANK ANALYZES A DEAL



50% Guarantor Strength

Can you pay it back and will you pay it back?



50% Cash Flow of the Deal

Can the business pay back the debt?

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## **AM I QUALIFIED FOR A LOAN?**



#### **QUALIFYING FOR A LOAN**



- Cash is King
- Debt to Income Don't get over your ski tips!
- Know your Credit Score and what is on your credit report.
- Quick access to your tax returns. (Don't let disorganization slow down the deal.)
- Have a plan for success and be prepared to tell us what it is.
- · Getting pre-qualified.
- What if I have a Bankruptcy?



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#### WHAT IS CONSIDERED CASH?



### WHAT IN THE HECK IS DEBT TO INCOME RATIO?

Monthly Expenses / Monthly Income = Debt to Income Ratio



• Banks like to see Household Income 2X Household Debt (also called 50% debt to income ratio)

• It's Personal, not based on the new business

• What's Included: Mortgages, Education Loans, Auto Loans, Credit cards

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## NOW I'M QUALIFIED, WHAT'S NEXT?



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#### EQUITY

#### How much do I need?

- Conventional Loans 25-40%
- SBA Loans 10-15%
- Expansion 0%

#### What are creative ways of gathering it?

#### Investors

- · Minority investors
- · Family and friends
- · Personal skin in the game
- Existing Storage business

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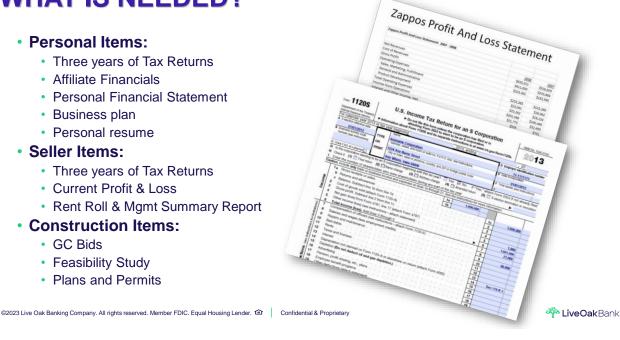
#### THE KEY COMPONENTS OF A BUSINESS PLAN: Tell us about your business and intentions for this loan. 1. 2. Tell us who you are and why you will make a good owner/operator. 3. What Market Research have you done, why do you like this market, who is your competition and how will that drive your rates and management plan. Financial Forecast (Projections with Assumptions) for once you take over the business. 4. Day to day Operations and Marketing plan. (Be specific) 5. ©2022 Live Oak Banking Company. All rights reserved. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender. 🍅 🛛 Confidential & Proprietary <del>🆓 **LiveOak**Bank</del>

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## WHAT IS NEEDED?

#### Personal Items:

- Three years of Tax Returns
- Affiliate Financials
- Personal Financial Statement
- Business plan
- · Personal resume
- Seller Items:
  - Three years of Tax Returns
  - Current Profit & Loss
  - Rent Roll & Mgmt Summary Report
- Construction Items:
  - GC Bids
  - Feasibility Study
  - Plans and Permits



### CAN I AFFORD TO BUILD?



Loan Proceeds for Development Include:

- Land Purchase
- Hard & Soft Construction Costs
- Closing Costs incl. fees
- Interest Reserve (make payments during construction)
- Operating Capital for lease-up
- Feasibility Study Required
- Minimum Equity = 10%

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#### **NET OPERATING INCOME (NOI)**

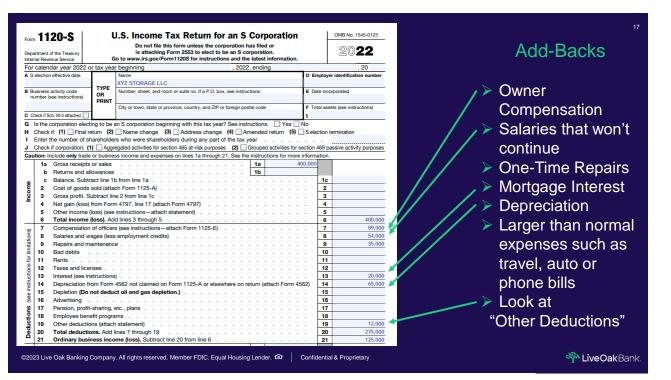
NOI refers to your income after all expenses. This can be found on the tax return as well as the profit and loss statement. The bank will add back any non-recurring expenses to the NOI.

Revenue – Expenses = Net Operating Income

#### Add-Backs

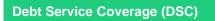
- Non-recurring expenses such as one-time maintenance costs, personal write-offs, travel
- Depreciation, Loan Interest, Amortization

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### **DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE**

- Net Operating Income
   Annual Debt Payment
- DSC of 1.15% to 1.25% is the minimum for the bank
- Historical Numbers versus Projections



**DSC** reflects your company's ability to cover the debt of the business. The higher this number, the more times you can cover all costs and still afford the business' debt obligations. Ideally, we like to see 1.15% DSC on acquisition deals based on historic cash flow.

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#### **NET OPERATING MARGIN (NOM)**

- Net Operating Income
   Top Line Revenue
- 60-75% for Storage is considered good
- Ways to improve NOM
  - Technology
  - Unmanned facility
  - Increase Rates
  - Keep expenses flat

• Net Operating Margin is used as a measure of a business' efficiency. NOM shows what portion of the company's revenue is left after paying for costs of doing business.

 In storage, a really well-run business can operate with a 60-75% NOM. Anything below 50% would be considered a turn-around.

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#### 1. Underwriting

- Review all your provided documentation
- Validate we have all the proper documents
- Submit for credit review

#### 2. Credit Review

- Analyze your cash flow
- Review your credit score
- Issue commitment letter outlining the details for your review

#### **3.** Closing

- Kickoff call
- Review closing checklist
- We work with you to get to the finish line

#### 4. Servicing

- Once your loan closes, we assign you a Business Analyst
- They perform an analysis quarterly or annually on your business
- To give you key insights we collect your financials

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### THE LIVE OAK BANK VALUE



- Industry expertise allows for faster decisioning.
- Lenders do the Underwriting.
- We understand the customer needs.
- Expertise in deal structuring.
- We are a long-term partner.

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#### LIVE OAK BANK LENDING TEAM



Bishesh Shrestha Former Competitive Diver



Anne Mino Raced J-120's competitively in San Francisco



Amber Crucian

Former teacher, cigar sales rep, and small business owner



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Anna Taylor Dual Citizen

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## **Questions?**

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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# GOOGLE BUSINESS PROFILE: DEEP DIVE INTO OPTIMIZING UP YOUR LISTING

Presenter: Tommy Nguyen, StoragePug



## **Google Business Profile**

Deep Dive into Optimizing Up Your Listing

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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# SITUATIONAL AWARENESS -REDUCE PROPERTY DAMAGE AND CLAIMS

*Presenter: David Deems, Storage Asset Management* 



# **Situational Awareness**

**Reducing Property Damage and Claims** 



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## Agenda

- What is situational awareness?
- Top 5 list of claims
- · How to reduce the risk of claims
- Identifying potential hazards from tenant behaviors
- Claim handling





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#### Situational Awareness Matters

Dr. Richard B Gassaway Defines situational awareness as:

Seeing bad things coming in time to prevent bad outcomes



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#### Situational Awareness My experience



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### Top 5 property damage claims

- Weather
- Water
- Fire
- Vehicle
- Crime

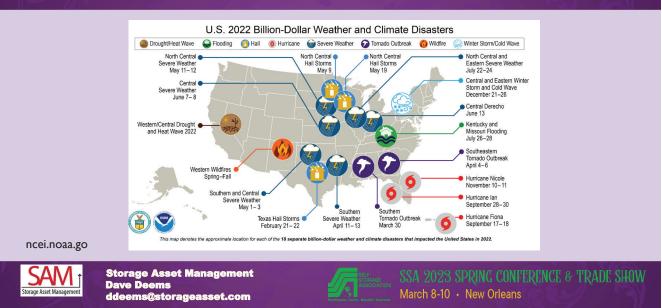


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# In 2022 we had 18 weather/climate disasters causing over 1 billion dollars each in damage



#### Awareness before a storm

#### **Property Protection**

- Get with your insurance provider and make sure you have adequate coverage
  - Building supplies and labor have drastically increased
- Share capital improvements you may have made that reduce your risk
- Ask if there are any cost saving options available



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# Awareness before a storm – months in advance

#### **Property Protection - at property**

- Look for any drainage issues that may need to be resolved such as runoff or puddling
- Have a tenant protection program in place
- Have a cloud-based system to store documents. Such as tenant leases, DL's, etc
- Tour the property during heavy downfalls and look for any trouble areas





# Awareness before the storm approaches

#### **Property Preparedness**

- Have a prepared checklist
- Walk the property looking for any trees or branches that could fall and cause damage
- Look for anything that may blow away. Signs, plants, flags, banners, garbage cans, etc
- Make sure all gutters and downspouts have been cleaned. Ensure all storm grates are clear
- Give staff time to prepare their home

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#### **Property Preparedness**

- Notify tenants ask them to prepare as much as possible. They may choose to remove some of their valuable items from their storage unit
- · Cover PC's and electronics and raise them off the ground
- Take good photos before the storm to show conditions before damage
- · Secure the property before leaving
- Consider a generator to run gates, etc.





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#### Causes of fire

- Human error
  - Working out of their unit
  - Living in a unit-space heaters, electronics, tapping into an outlet
  - · Repairing automobiles, motorcycles, lawn equipment
  - Smoking
  - Using or manufacturing drugs
  - Storing dangerous or hazardous materials
- Arson
- Wildfires
- Lightning



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## Self-Storage property fires

May have been caused by vehicle and stored fuel



https://www.wrdw.com/2022/04/19/five-augusta-firefighters-hospitalized-after-storage-facility-fire/

Caused by a thief using a blowtorch to make entry

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### Self-Storage property fires

#### Suspected Arson



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### **Boat and RV Storage property fires**

Many RV fires caused by electrical shorts or faulty wiring





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#### Self-Storage – Wildfire preparedness

- Know your wildfire risk ask local fire department to advise on how to reduce the risk
- Keep vegetation at a 30-ft safety zone
- Monitor conditions during fire season



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#### Self-Storage - lightning

Very **inexpensive** to have a professionally installed lightning protection system that meets the U.S. Safety standards, NFPA, and UL

Threats:

- Surge may case damage to access systems, PC's, AC units etc
- Lightning may spark fires or ignite vapors
- It may cause roof damage
- Travels through structural steel, wires, and pipes



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### **Fire extinguishers**

- Have fire extinguishers readily available and keep up with the inspections
- NFPA guideline is that the travel distance between extinguishers shouldn't be more than 75 feet
- Make sure staff know how to use it
- Not a bad idea to point them out to tenants
- Have one in the office and near doors in interior buildings





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#### Self-Storage – fire department pre-plans

- Invite the fire department to visit
- They need a plan for property access
- Locations of HVAC units, utility rooms, fire department connections, etc.
- Make sure fire hydrants are clearly visible and not obstructed





### Drug use or drug manufacturing



Meth Lab



Q-tips



Dabbing Cannabis



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# Awareness for criminal activity, drug use, or manufacturing

- Paranoid Behavior: Criminals, drug dealers/manufacturers tend to act in a manner that is extremely paranoid and secretive. For example, they may monitor passing cars or show great suspicion toward strangers. They don't like attention. So, give suspicious people high levels of customer service
- Hanging out and smoking around their unit is a red flag
- They may construct elaborate security systems
- Strong smells of chemicals, cat urine, etc.





#### Awareness for drug use or manufacturing Look out of for these items in the trash

#### Protect Yourself

- cold medications containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine
- lithium batteries
- ether and/or camping fuels
- anhydrous ammonia
- hydrogen peroxide
- Red Devil lye
- sulfuric, muriatic, and/or hydrochloric acid
- coffee filters
- funnels and turkey basters
- improvised glassware



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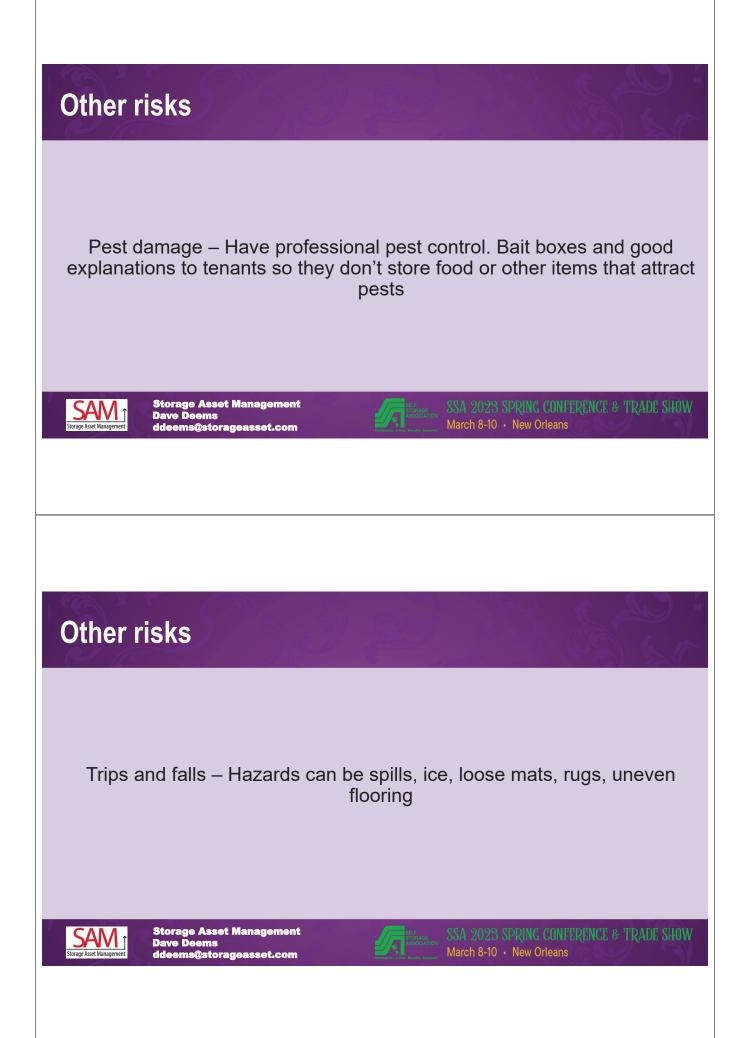
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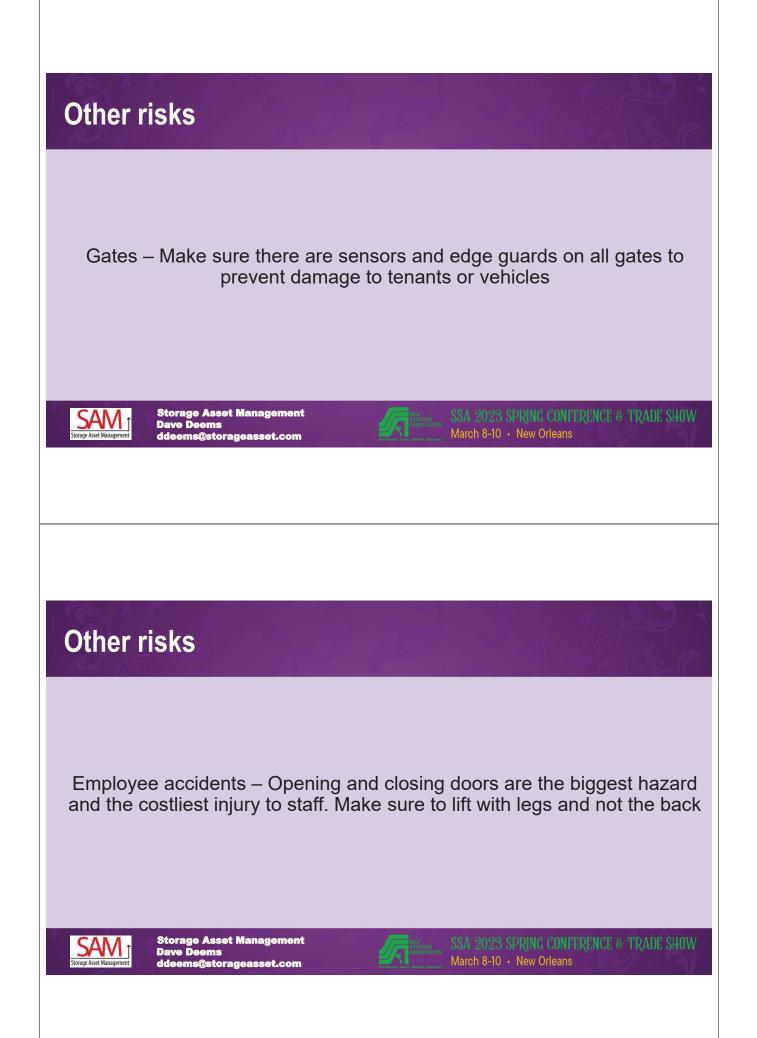
#### **Protect Yourself**

- Wear gloves when cleaning out a unit or picking up around your property
- If you suspect a meth lab, drug manufacturing, or any dangerous situation leave the area immediately. Do not approach the unit or confront its occupants. Both drug users and criminals may be dangerous and unpredictable
- Protect others Alert any tenants who may be in imminent danger
- Alert law enforcement- contact local law enforcement authorities without delay









#### Awareness - summary

#### Let them know you are watching things very closely

- If they know you are watching, they will do bad things somewhere else The good tenants will appreciate your awareness efforts
- Visible cameras and signs deter bad behaviors
- New AI tools available to identify and prevent threats
- Review gate logs for tenants that may come to the property frequently, stay long lengths of time, or visit at odd hours
- Most incidents happen in the middle of the night. Consider non-access hours from 10PM to 6AM



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## Situation handling

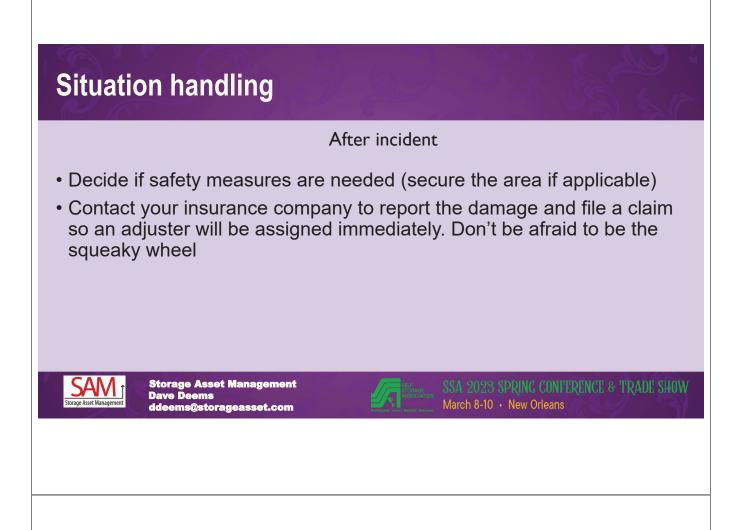
#### After incident

- Make sure staff is safe
- Assess damages as soon as its safe
- Take pictures of the damage to compare before and after photos
- Contact a contractor/restoration company. (Save the estimates/receipts)
- Compile an incident report with as much known data as possible
- Identify if the damage(s) should be the property owner's responsibility, the tenant's responsibility and/or if an insurance claim is appropriate



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#### **Ongoing awareness**

- Have the same vision you had the first day you arrived at the property
- Schedule facility audits
- Ongoing awareness training
- Slow down and look at things critically







It all comes down to everyone being aware and prepared

"see bad things coming in time to prevent bad outcomes"

Dr. Rich B Gassaway



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## **Questions?**





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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# WHY AREN'T YOU REGULARLY AUDITING YOUR STORAGE PROPERTY?

Presenter: Carol Mixon, SkilCheck Services



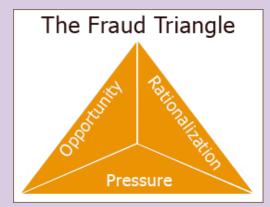
# Why Aren't You Auditing Your Storage Property?

Carol Mixon – SkilCheck Services

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# Why Do People Steal?

- Opportunity
- Rationalization
- Pressure



Dr. Donald R. Cressey

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# **Rationalization of Theft**

#### Common employee rationalizations of theft that I have heard as an auditor:

- "I was only borrowing the money."
- "I am entitled to the money because the owner never pays me for closing the gate at night."
- "I had to steal just to provide for my family."
- "I am underpaid. The owner cheats me out of money every time I have to work when my assistant doesn't show up to work."
- "My employer is dishonest to us and deserves to be fleeced."
- "The owner has all kinds of businesses, a nice car and land. He never missed the money."
- "My husband has been abusing me and I was taking money to help me to get away from him."
- "I have an addiction; I can't stop buying things off QVC. Some of the packages I haven't even opened."

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# **Danger Signs of Embezzlement**

- Managers who tell customers they are the owner
- Change in manager's lifestyle
- · Fake or generic receipts in office
- · Delays in making deposits
- Spaces in never lock out status
- Complimentary spaces
- Backdated move-outs
- · Lots of rent and fee waives
- Managers who have relief managers that can't do things or are poorly trained

- Employee's personal problems
- Unorganized office
- Manager who never wants an auction

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- Manager with dependents living with them
- · Suspicious or unexplained breakins
- High delinquencies



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# **Auditor's Objective Insight**



- You can't audit your own operation without having a conflict of interest.
- Independent auditors have an unbiased view of your procedures and operations.
- By providing and unbiased view, the internal audit adds value to your organization.

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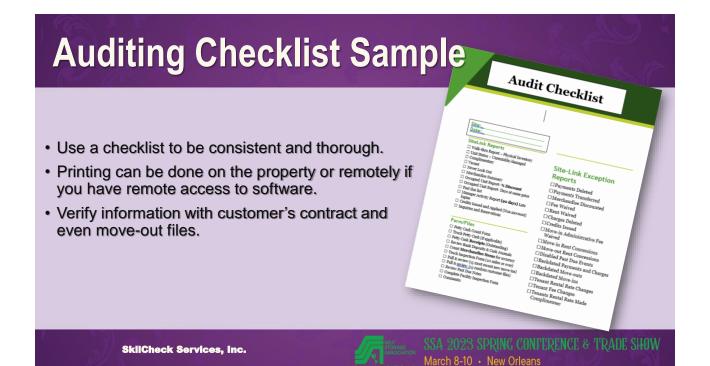
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# **Efficiency of Operations**

- Auditing your own store rarely gives you an objective look at your policies and procedures.
- Your internal audits can help control the environment of the organization.
  - Such as assessing efficiency
  - · Controls fulfilling their purpose?
  - For example: mitigating risk of lien sale errors, operational consistency, employee honesty.



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# **Common Methods of Embezzlement**

- Mystery Spaces rented, but not in the software.
  - 222 mystery spaces in Hawaii store.
- Asset Misappropriation theft of cash, personal purchases with company funds, returning purchased items for cash refund.
- Cash larceny Crediting off cash payments in storage software (burglary, robbery, or fraud)



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# How Do You Actually Find the Theft?

- You don't even have to step foot on the property!
- Good management software reports give you the information you need.
- Learn to be a report junkie!



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# **Management Report**

- This store is 91.2% occupied
- Yet, this store is only bringing in <u>money</u> if it was 72% occupied.
- You need to know what is causing the variance.

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Occupied Vacant* Unrentable Complimentary	_	392 38 0 6	<u>%Units</u> 91.2% 8.8% 0.0%	Area 76,785 7,255 0 1,430	<u>%Area</u> 91.4 % 8.6 % 0.0 %
Total		430	100.0%	84,040	100.0 %
Waiting List Overlocked**	38 21		tobilled"" surance""	96 13	Per Area
Gross Potential Rates <sup>1</sup> Gross Unrentable Unit Rates Gross Vacant Unit Rates Gross Occupied Unit Rate Gross Complimentary Uni Actual Occupied Unit Rate Occupied Rate Variance Effective Rate after Conce	s t Rate s <sup>2</sup>		88,115 0 7,549 80,566 1,440 71,607 8,959 63,763	100.0% 0.0% 8.6% 91.4% 1.6% 81.3% 10.2% 72.4%	1.05 0.00 1.04 1.05 1.01 0.93 0.10 0.83

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## **Exceptions Report:** Places to Start Looking

- Concessions -\$24,080.40
- Discounts \$235,824.23

Concessions (Credits Issu	ved)		
Rent	0.00	7,805.81	7,805.81
Rent (Bad Debt)	0.00	10,766.14	10,766.14
Late Fees	0.00	4,265.17	4,265.17
Taxes	0.00	3.72	3.72
Other	0.00	1,239.56	1,239.56
Total	0.00	24,080.40	24,080.40
Discounts (Variances f	rom standar	d rates.)	
Rent (Expiring)	0.00	38.11	38.11
Rent (Non-Expiring)	0.00	235,824.23	235,824.23
Bad Debts	0.00	31.33	31.33

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# **Compare & Contrast Reporting Info**

REPORT CATEGORY	ISSUES	NO ACTIVITY	Amount
Unit Exceptions	0		
Unit additions & deletions	11		
Account Exceptions Reports			
Payments Deleted	27		1,266.45
Payments Transferred	5		
Merchandise Discounted	10		236.00
Fees Waived	5		16,250.00
Rent Waived	5		26,235.00
Charges Deleted	10		23,246. 00
Credits Issued	105		45, 291.00
Move-in Adm. Fee Waived		х	900.00
Move-in Rent Concessions	215		29,286.00
Move-Out Rent Concessions			84,289.00
Disabled Past Due Events	3	Х	
Backdated Payments & Charges		х	
Rental Rate Changes	10		
Tenant Exceptions Reports			
Tenant Fee Changes	6		
Tenant Rental Rate Made	5		2,940.00
Complimentary			
Unit Status -Unrentable Spaces	7	х	
Unit Status – Never Lock Out	43		

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## **Discount or Concession Abuse**

- Manager gives a discount to a customer who pays in cash.
- Manager gives manual receipt or fake receipt from Word processor.
- Or they delete the transaction and redo it with a special and skim the discounted amount.

)ate		payments and ch Description		Check/Card Number	Receipt	Invoice	Charge Batch	Applied Refund	lssued Credit	Payment	Charge	Balance
/9/2023	1/31/2023	Rent - \$20.00 of three	e months				65777				115.54	115.54
/9/2023	1/9/2023	Administrative	æ				65777				15.00	130.54
/9/2023		Cash			50369					131.00	0.00	-0.46
/31/2023		Cash			50547					100.00	0.00	-100.46
2/1/2023	2/28/2023	Rent - \$20.00 of three	e months			32062	65777				155.00	54.54
/14/2023		Visa		5991	50869					54.54	0.00	0.00
8/1/2023	3/31/2023	Rent - \$20.00 of three	e months			32386	65777				155.00	155.00
Refunds												
			edk/Caro					Category				
Date	Receipt	By N	lumber	Merch	Fees	Rent	Jeposit R	ecurring Ins	urance	Credit Tax	1 Tax 2	Balance
/31/2023						150.00						150.00
/31/2023	50545	Cash				150.00						0.00

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# **Skimming Cash**

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/9/2023	1/31/2023	<u> </u>	hree months				65777				115.54	115.5
/9/2023	1/9/2023	Administrati	ve Fee				65777				15.00	130.5
/9/2023		Cash			50369					131.00	0.00	-0.4
/31/2023		Cash			50547					100.00	0.00	-100.4
/1/2023	2/28/2023	Rent - \$20.00 of t	nree months	}		32062	65777				155.00	54.5
/14/2023		Visa		5991	50869					54.54	0.00	0.0
8/1/2023	3/31/2023	Rent - \$20.00 of t	hree months	}		32386	65777				155.00	155.0
Refunds												
			Check/Car					Category				
Date	Receipt	By	Number	Merch	Fees	Rent	Deposit R	ecurring In:	surance	Credit Tax	1 Tax 2	Balanc
/31/2023						150.00						150.0
/31/2023	50545 (	Cash				-150.00						0.0

 Exceptions Report: Deleted cash payment report Receipt #50545 at 4:54 pm by (employee initials)

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 Employee deleted \$150 and re-entered \$100 as the cash payment on 1-31-23.

# **Review Credits**

		ayments and charges.	Check/Card	Dessist	Investore	Charge	Applied Refund	Issued	Devenuent	Ohaana	Delene
Date		Description	Number	Receipt	Invoice	Batch	Retund	Credit	Payment	Charge	Balanc
9/30/2022	9/30/2022					64024				13.05	13.0
9/30/2022	9/30/2022	Administrative Fee				64024				15.00	28.0
9/30/2022	9/30/2022	Disc Lock - Chateau 1				64024				10.88	38.9
9/30/2022		Visa	*8134	48944					430.43	0.00	-391.5
10/1/2022	10/31/2022	2 Rent				64025				391.50	0.0
		- Active Military Discou	nt								
11/1/2022	11/30/2022	2 Rent			31134	64681				435.00	435.0
11/1/2022		Visa	*8134	49402					435.00	0.00	0.0
11/30/2022		Visa	*8134	49771					435.00	0.00	-435.0
12/1/2022	12/31/2022	2 Rent				65128				435.00	0.0
1/1/2023	1/31/2023	Rent			31774	65224				435.00	435.0
1/1/2023		Credit		49781				87.00		0.00	348.0
		Rent: Non-Moveln, Nor	n-MoveOut - ter	nant is milit	ray and has	been ove	r charged th	e last two	payments		
1/1/2023		Credit		49783				78.30		0.00	269.7
		Rent: Non-Moveln, Nor	n-MoveOut								
1/2/2023		Visa	*8134	50200					269.70	0.00	0.0
2/1/2023	2/28/2023	Rent			32095	66255				391.50	391.5
2/1/2023		Visa	*8134	50572					391.50	0.00	0.0

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# **Owner's Alerts in SiteLink**

- This area of the SiteLink reports gives important information for auditing.
- Deleted payments
- Deleted charges
- Unit size changes

Owners' Alert	Total
Standard rates unchanged > 360 days	2
Tenants rates unchanged > 360 days	24
Days with payments and no daily close	0
Backdated payments	0
Backdated charges	0
Deleted payments	13
Deleted charges	39
Deleted units	0
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# How Often Should You Be Auditing?

- Monthly review of management reports
- At least quarterly walk-thru of property compared to software.
- · Yearly for full audit



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# **Create An Atmosphere of Deterrence**

- Conduct regular physical inventories by a supervisor.
- Check deposits and reports daily.
- Compare to self-storage software daily deposit information - the cash, checks and credit cards should be exactly as the software reports and deposit slips show.
- Be diligent about reviewing petty cash or credit card charges.
- Cash and credit card receipts with customer signatures.
- Credits/Concessions documentation.

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 Require customer signatures for all credits and concessions.

- Require and review monthly paperwork from manager.
- Move-in / Move-out ledgers.
- Petty cash expenditures (monthly approval).
- Create and use forms.
- Review random rental agreements for accuracy.
- Inventory the sales merchandise.
- Track product costs and profits (e.g., 100% markup).

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# **Policies and Procedures**

- Create and follow your operations and procedures manual.
- Clear and correct numbers on doors and in the software.
- Cash handling procedures, including petty cash.
- Have deposit procedures (space number on checks, copy checks)
- Petty Cash procedures (look at all the original receipts)
- · Require customer signatures for credits
- · Monthly reporting
- · Lien procedures

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# Credit & Adjustment Voucher

• T	his-	form	works	wonders.
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- Have all discounts, etc. signed by the customer.
- This simple form will get you amazing results.

	Custa	Space #:	
	Customer's Nan	ne:	
	Amount:		-
	o pi		
	o Discount		_
	Write off	<ul> <li>Pre-payment of rent</li> <li>Referral fee/or time</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Referral fee/credit</li> <li>Adjustment</li> </ul>	-
	<ul> <li>Free Lock</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adjustment</li> <li>Out</li> </ul>	
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# Who Should Be Conducting Audits?

- Large organizations should have a full-time auditor.
- Smaller organizations should have area managers do auditing or hire a professional storage auditor.

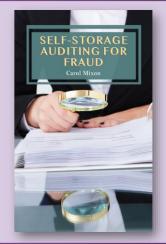


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# **Other Important Reasons to Audit**

- Objective look at improving an organization's business practices.
- Give management oversight by verifying internal controls, such as operating effectiveness.
- · Compliance with lien sale laws
- Helps to assess organization controls and procedures



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### **Thank You For Attending!**



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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# PHYSICAL & DIGITAL CURB APPEAL: MAKING SURE YOUR BRAND IS MAKING A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION

*Presenter: Jackie Belau, Everbrite, Inc.* 



### **Physical & Digital Curb Appeal:** Be Sure Your Brand is Making a Good First Impression

Presented by Jackie Belau

**Everbrite Coatings** 

#### **First Impressions**

What was your expectation of this talk when you walked in and saw me?

What if I looked like this?

7 Seconds

7 seconds = First Impression



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#### **Subconscious Bias & Decision Making**



Subconscious judgments help us decide if we feel safe in an environment.

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As a business, we need to make random strangers feel safe, because those strangers are potential customers, whether now or in the future.

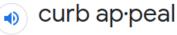
#### How do we do that??

### What is "Curb Appeal"?

#### Dictionary

Definitions from Oxford Languages · Learn more

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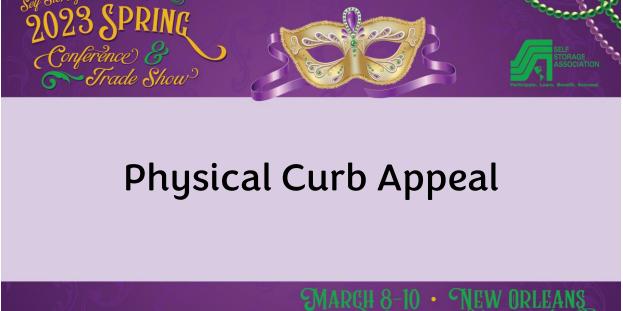
the <u>attractiveness</u> of a property for sale and its <u>surroundings</u> when viewed from the street. "landscaping, the front entrance, and the condition of the paint or siding are the biggest factors in curb appeal"



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### What prospects see when they drive by

- Doors (icons of self-storage)
- Landscaping
- Signs
- Flags
- Rental Trucks



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### Landscaping

- Keep all areas maintained
- Kill weeds in driveways
- If gravel, make sure it is level with no potholes or mud
- Make sure trees & shrubs don't block signs
- Snow removal
- Clean up trash in gutters and anywhere near entrances

### **Signs and Flags**

- Need to be in good shape and readable
- Don't put contact info on flags
- Use QR Codes for multiple uses
- Professional signs, not just printed paper (at least laminated)
- Branding Standards

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### **Branding Standards**

- Universal defining elements across all marketing
  - Colors
  - Logos
  - Fonts
  - Pictures
  - Website and Phone formats
- Website
- All printed material



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# Signage



# Unmanned facilities need more signage!

- Needs to be frictionless
  - Maps
  - Clear building numbers
  - How to signs
- QR codes or contact info to let a person know if the facility needs help or cleaning

# **Use Those Branding Standards!**

# Use Trucks as Signage

#### Not only is it great for signage, trucks are also income generating.

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- Draws attention to your facility from the street
- Mobile billboard with 360 degree visibility
- Hundreds of impressions per mile
- Differentiates you from the competition

# Doors are the Icons of the Industry







# **Keeping Doors Looking Great**

- Regular cleaning (indoor and outdoor)
- Removing dirt, grime & oxidation
- Caution when cleaning
- Easy test for color fastness

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# When You Neglect Maintenance



Regular Maintenance is NOT just about curb appeal, but Asset Management

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# When to Restore, Re-Paint or Replace

#### REPLACE

#### PAINT

- Mechanics are qoing bad
- Adding Technology Cracking enhancements
- Rebranding •
  - Existing Paint Issues

  - Peeling
  - Down to Bare Metal

#### RESTORE

- **Restore Original Color** and Luster
- Purchasing New
- Getting ready to sell
- Adding new buildings
- Maintain Current • **Branding Strategy**

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# What prospects see when they drive by

- Doors (icons of selfstorage)
- Landscaping
- Signs
- Flags
- **Rental Trucks**
- Vagrants
- Trash





# Making a Curb Appeal Plan

#### Daily

#### Weekly/Monthly

- Cleaning Bathrooms
- **Cleaning Office**
- Picking up trash •
- Odor detection •
- Pest Management •
- Dumpster Check
- Unit Check
- Lock Check

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- Check Gates, Keypads, Elevators
- Check irrigation
- Check lighting
- Knock down spider webs
  - Inspect Sprinkler System Restock Supplies
- Wipe Down Unit Doors

#### Quarterly/Bi-Annually

- **HVAC** Inspection
- Gate maintenance
- Replace landscaping
- Wash windows
- Check signs/flags
- Rental truck maintenance
- Wash Exterior doors

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# Digital Curb Appeal

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# **Digital Curb Appeal Basics**

- Goal of Digital Curb Appeal is to mimic physical curb appeal
- Make a <u>frictionless</u> environment for potential customers.
- Transparency and <u>actionable information</u> gain trust
- Welcoming the prospect to rent immediately or visit in person

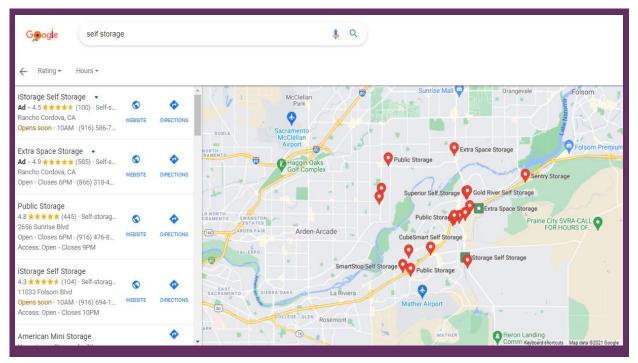
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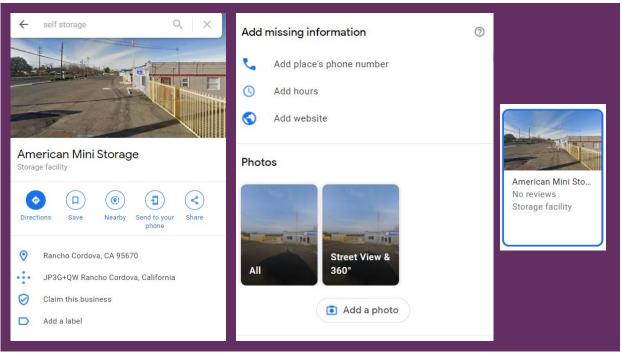
- 60% do not have a particular company in mind when starting their storage search-Using "near me" features
- 61% of smartphone users say they're more likely to buy from companies who customize information based on location.
- 74% wanting to see units in-person before purchasing

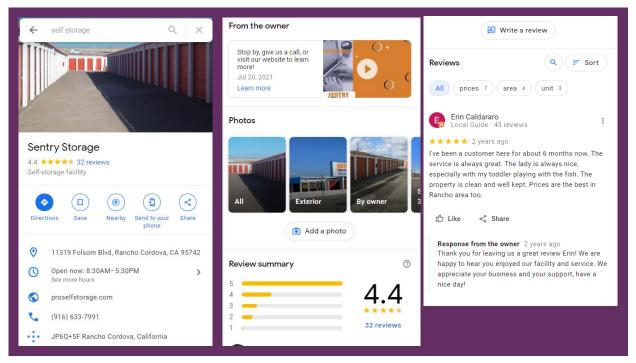
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# Gate 5 Self Storage- Perfect Example



# Digital Curb Appeal Do's & Don't

- Keep brand standards across the board
- Be sure that your search engine results are up to date.
- Post pictures of YOUR location that are flattering!
- Find a website service made for the storage industry that you like their designs, have gotten references for functionality

- DON'T use pictures of other properties
- DON'T let search engines pictures be the only ones online
- DON'T post pictures with faded doors, signs, worn flags, etc.
- DON'T ignore negative review, respond and try to correct the situation
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- Clean Facilities
- Brand Standards
- Frictionless Contact

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# **Concurrent Educational Session**

# NAVIGATING TROUBLED WATERS TO SUCCESS

Presenter: RK Kliebenstein, Gator Pack Storage Inc.



# **Navigating Troubled Waters to Success**

Is it time to pivot? Changes in capital markets have all but annihilated even the most solid of business plans, causing investors, owners and developers to seek new strategies to create value in self storage ownership. This session is geared to explore new avenues and differing approaches to acquisition, development and ultimately ownership of self storage properties.

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# **Creating New Value Add Strategies**

**Location Opportunities** 

Where To Expand Annex Automated

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# Creating New Value Add Strategies: LOCATION OPPORTUNITIES

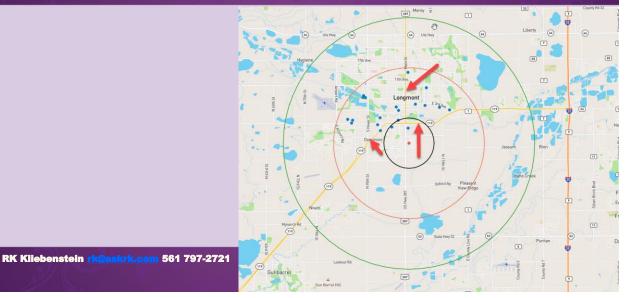


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## Creating New Value Add Strategies: LOCATION OPPORTUNITIES



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# **Creating New Value Add Strategies: Office Conversion**

Site Opportunities

Office Ambient to Climate Controlled

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# Creating New Value Add Strategies: Office Conversion



## **Creating New Value Add Strategies: Office Conversion**



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Site Opportunities



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# **Creating New Value Add Strategies: Site**



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# Creating New Value Add Strategies: Site



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Eggs Are Cheaper In The Country

SO TYPICALLY ARE RENTAL RATES!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Market Selection Primary Secondary Tertiary	
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# Site Selection Becomes Increasingly Important

Market Selection Primary Top 50 – 75 MSA (\$1M population)

Secondary Tertiary

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Market Selection Primary Top 50 – 75 MSA (\$1M population) Secondary

Top 200 MSA (Excepting Primary Market)

Tertiary

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# Site Selection Becomes Increasingly Important

#### Market Selection

Primary Top 50 – 75 MSA (\$1M population) Secondary Top 200 MSA (Excepting Primary Market)

Tertiary

Suburban Rural

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#### **Market Selection**

#### Who Are The Competitors And Why Does That Matter????

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 New Operational Tactics...Integrating Technology Into Acquisitions

 It Is All About DATA!!!!!
 Qualifying The Data

 Looking At The Data From A Different Perspective



It Is All About DATA!!!!!

Using GIS Data

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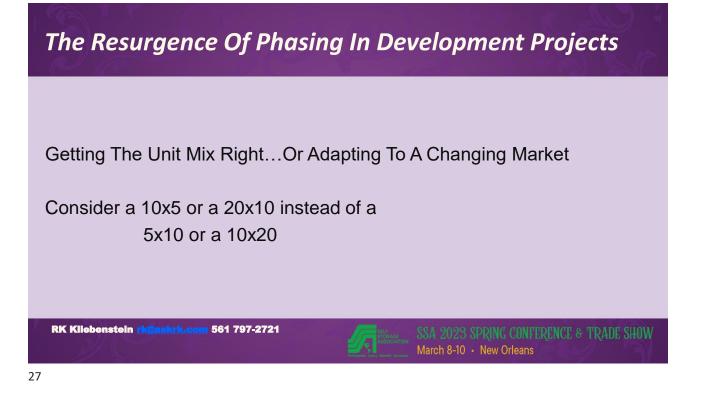




Getting The Unit Mix Right...Or Adapting To A Changing Market

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What Is The Right Product And At What Price? DU AM IN AM

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The Resurgence Of Phasing In Development Projects

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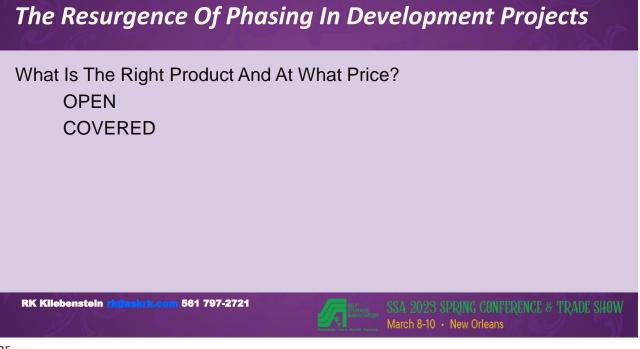
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# The Resurgence Of Phasing In Development Projects

What Is The Right Product And At What Price? OPEN

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What Is The Right Product And At What Price? OPEN COVERED WITH OR WITHOUT POWER? LIGHTING? CAMERA COVERAGE

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Understanding Negative Leverage And The Impact On Investments

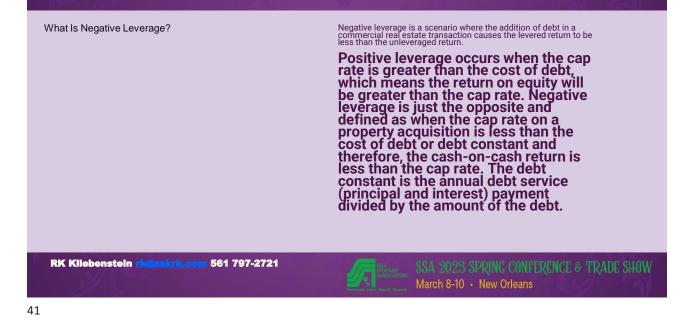
What Is Negative Leverage?

Negative leverage is a scenario where the addition of debt in a commercial real estate transaction causes the levered return to be less than the unleveraged return.

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#### Understanding Negative Leverage And The Impact On Investments



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# What Drives Negative Leverage?

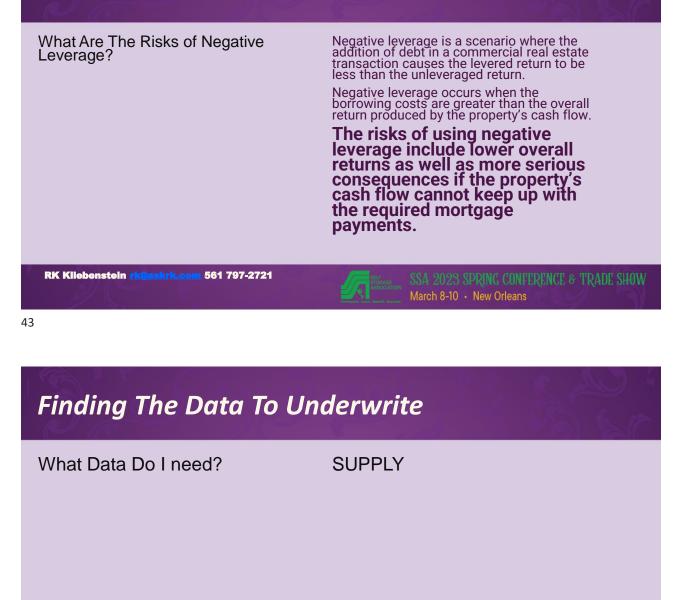
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Negative leverage occurs when the borrowing costs are greater than the overall return produced by the property's cash flow.

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# Finding The Data To Underwrite What Data Do I need? SUPPLY DEMAND

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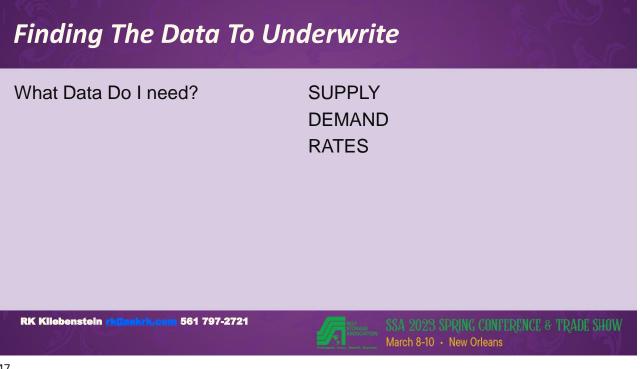
# Finding The Data To Underwrite

What Data Do I need?

SUPPLY DEMAND DEMOGRAPHICS HISTORICAL PRESENT (POINT IN TIME) FORECASTED

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#### Finding The Data To Underwrite

What Data Do I need?

SUPPLY DEMAND RATES CONCESSIONS

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#### Finding The Data To Underwrite

What Data Do I need?SUPPLY<br/>DEMAND<br/>RATES<br/>CONCESSIONS<br/>DISCOUNTS

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#### Finding The Data To Underwrite

What Data Do I need?

SUPPLY DEMAND RATES CONCESSIONS DISCOUNTS DELINQUENCY

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#### Finding The Data To Underwrite

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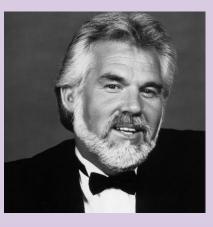
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#### Finding The Data To Underwrite



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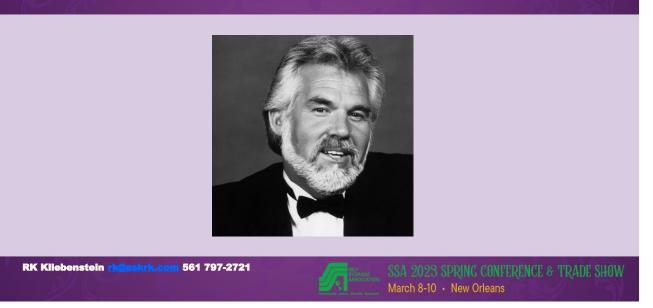
## **Developer of Self Storage???**



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#### Oh Kenny....Sage Words And Wisdom!



#### You Have To Know When To Hold 'Em...

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#### INITIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING: DETERMINING THE HOLD PERIOD PARTNERSHIP DRIVEN

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#### You Have To Know When To Hold 'Em...

INITIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING: DETERMINING THE HOLD PERIOD PARTNERSHIP DRIVEN CAPITAL MARKET DRIVEN TAX PLANNING

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You Have To Know When To Hold 'Em...

#### INITIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING: DETERMINING THE HOLD PERIOD PARTNERSHIP DRIVEN CAPITAL MARKET DRIVEN TAX PLANNING EVERGREEN vs. CHURN (RE-DEPLOY CAPITAL)

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### And Know When To Fold 'Em!

- PREDETERMINED
- OPPORTUNTISTIC
- RECAPITALIZATION

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## **Concurrent Educational Session**

## **TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING INNOVATION FOR ANY BUDGET**

Presenter: Raheem Amer, Mini Mall Storage

## **Concurrent Educational Session**

## THE FIVE GREATEST MISTAKES WE'VE MADE IN SELF STORAGE

Presenters: Carl Touhey and Jay Allen, Performance Self Storage Group

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## **Top 5 Mistakes Made in Storage**

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### Who We Are



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#### Specialize Exclusively Within the Self Storage Industry Since 1997

- Founded Performance Self Storage Group
- \$1+ Billion in Completed Self Storage Transactions
  - 158 Self Storage Properties Sold
  - 51 Years of Combined Experience
    - Own 4 Facilities / Investors in 32+

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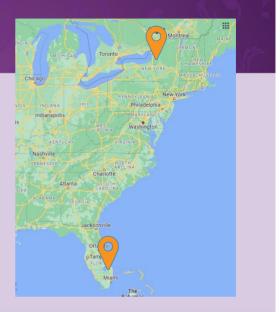
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### **Storage Ownership**

Built 4 Facilities in Albany New York & 2 in Florida



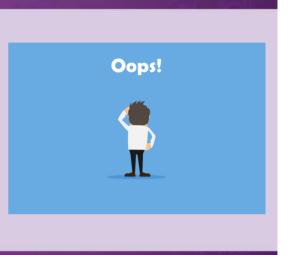
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### Mistake #1 – Hiring Mistakes

- Poor interview procedures
- Didn't run credit report
- Didn't run criminal report
- Didn't call references
- · No due diligence on potential new hire



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## Mistake #1 – Hiring Mistakes

- Manager #1
  - Manager quit and we hired the assistant manager to be the full-time manager.
  - We did not do a proper background check (credit or criminal) or check references.
  - We relied solely on their word and limited performance with our Company.



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## Mistake #1 – Hiring Mistakes

#### Manager #1 – What We Discovered

- · Allowed tenants to live in their units
- · Rented over 10 units to herself for \$0 rent
- · Previous employer:
  - Claimed disability
  - Had units at her previous place of employment that were going up for auction.
- Suspicious activities and discovered she was part of a local theft ring
- Exchanging work with tenants for DISCOUNTED / FREE rent
- · Claimed a non-work injury was work related

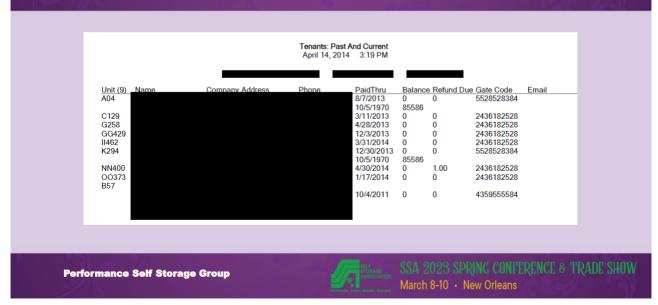
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### Mistake #1 – Hiring Mistakes



#### Mistake #1 – Hiring Mistakes

#### • Manager #2

- Full-time manager quit and we hired the part-time manager
- Was young and not very experienced in a workplace environment
- Didn't offer proper training

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## Mistake #1 – Hiring Mistakes

#### Manager #2 – What We Discovered

- · Income started to drop over a 6 month period
- · Many tenant complaints
- · Negative reviews online
- Manager was letting friends "play" on the facility grounds

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### Mistake #2 – Purchasing Mistakes

No Matter How Experienced You May Be as a Real Estate Investor, a Lesson Will Be Learned in Every Transaction That You Do!

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### Mistake #2 – Purchasing Mistakes

- Assuming contracts longer than 30 days without knowing it
  - Assumed a Yellow Page contact with the purchase of a storage property.

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• Cost was \$13,000 a year = \$1,083 a month



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### Mistake #2 – Purchasing Mistakes

- Assuming Contracts Longer Than 30 Days
  - Day 1 of ownership we started marketing tracking program
  - 1 Year generated 5 move-ins from this Yellow Page ad

### **Cost Per Move-In = \$2,600!**



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### Mistake #2 – Purchasing Mistakes

 Not looking at EVERY square inch of the property



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### Mistake #2 – Purchasing Mistakes

Not Setting an Immediate & Long-Term CapX Budget



Skylight Maintenance Costs

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Poor Security Systems



Increased Tree Maintenance Expense (\$18k in 2021)

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### Mistake #3 – Not Hiring 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Management

#### Who Is The Captain Of Your Self Storage Operation?



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#### Mistake #3 – Not Hiring 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Management

- · As Owner/Operators, we tried to "do-it all"
  - Hiring, training, marketing, capital improvements, rental rate increases, revenue management, bookkeeping, auction process, etc...
- · Employees were not properly trained and employee performance was poor
- Marketing plan was weak
  - · Website starting to rank lower
  - · Google PPC campaign was not optimized
- We spent most of our day overseeing operations & traveling to the properties just to save 4%-6%
  - Could have used time to find new investment opportunities
  - \$50k Gross Income x 6% Management Fee = \$3,000 Per Month / 40 Hours Per Month (Our time spent managing) = \$75 Per hour
- · Significant risk in overseeing the auction process being handled by managers
- Did not have a call center Managers were answering the phone

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#### Mistake #3 – Not Hiring 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Management

#### • Why Hire 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Management?

- · Vet and train all employees
- · Compete on a more level playing field against the larger operators
- · Team dedicated to the marketing platform for each facility
- · They can evaluate all facility analytics to make strategic changes
- · Raising rates and have staff trained on how to handle complaints from tenants
- · In house call center with professional storage "counselors" to convert all leads to rentals
- · Stay up to date on changes in employment law
- Oversight of delinquency process
- Purchasing power!
- · Employes are employed by management company

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## Mistake #4 – Bad Partner

- Setting unrealistic pro forma projections and returns
- Going overbudget on development costs and taking too long to complete project
- Allowing unqualified partners to "manage" the property
- Marketing plan What's a marketing plan?



### Mistake #5 – Interest Rate Risk

Rising Interest Rates & Your Market Value								
	Last Year Value Range							
Net Operating Income	Capitalization Rate	Market Value						
\$100,000	3.5%	\$2,850,000						
\$100,000	4.5%	\$2,200,000						
Today's Value R Net Operating Income	Today's Value Range – Not Factoring in NOI Declines           Net Operating Income         Capitalization Rate         Market Value							
\$100,000	5.5%	\$1,800,000						
\$100,000	6.5%	\$1,540,000						
30% Decline in Market Value								
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### Mistake #5 – Interest Rate Risk

#### Adjustable Rate Loans & Debt Coverage Ratio

Purchase Price: \$2,500,000 Cap Rate: 4.5% NOI @ Purchase: \$112,500 Down Payment: 35% (\$875,000) Loan Amount: \$1,625,000 NOI Growth: 8% YOY for 3 Years

	Loan Amount	NOI	Interest Rate	Yearly Payment	DCR
At Purchase	\$1,625,000	\$112,500	3.5%	-\$87,563	1.28
Interest Rate Adjusts	\$1,625,000	\$141,717	6.5%	-\$123,253	1.14

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### Mistake #5 – Interest Rate Risk

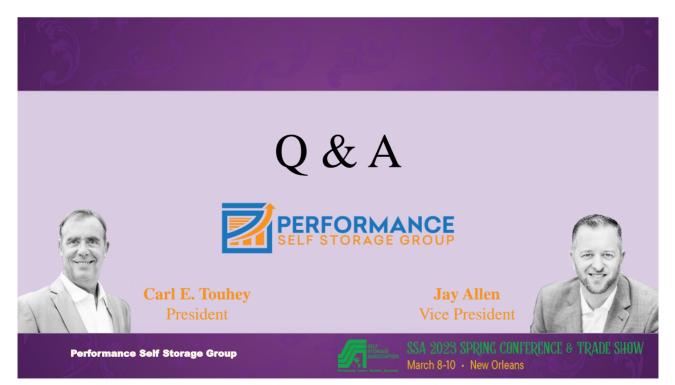
#### Decreasing Rental Rates + Softening Occupancy + Interest Rates Increasing

- DCR Ratio & LTV Defaults
  - Forced Sales
- · Pro Forma Rents Not Being Achieved on Lease-Up Properties
  - Partner Capital Calls
  - Deeds in Lieu of Foreclosure

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## Thank You!

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## **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION**

## THE SELF STORAGE LEGAL NETWORK'S LEGAL POWER HOUR LEGAL Q & A

Presenters: Carlos Kaslow and Scott Zucker, Self Storage Legal Network





# THE SELF STORAGE LEGAL NETWORK "POWER HOUR"

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## **LITIGATION 2022**

- PS Wins \$100 Million Tenant Insurance Class Action
- New Mexico Insurance Department Rules Protection Plan is Insurance
- IRS rules that Protection Plan revenue is rent
- Website ADA Compliance Litigation
- Website Wiretap Litigation





## **LEGISLATION 2022**

- SSA Defeats New York Bills Targeting Lien Remedy
  - AB 2651- Would have effectively doubled the current notice period for lien sale.
  - SB 6648 Would have stopped lien sales during <u>ANY</u> declared state of emergency.
- Indiana limits property tax valuation for self storage
- Arizona firearms bill defeated
  - Tenants would have the right to storage guns and ammunition at self storage facilities. It could not be prohibited by rental agreement.





## **QUESTION & ANSWER**

## TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR SELF STORAGE QUESTIONS ANSWERED!

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#### Public Storage \$100 Million Victory Affirmed

The California Court of Appeal, in *Perez v. Public Storage*, 2022 Cal. App Unpub. LEXIS 488, may have administered a death blow to a \$100 million class action lawsuit against Public Storage when it upheld a trial court's ruling that the plaintiffs failed to prove that Public Storage misled its customers who purchased insurance offered at its facilities. The court of appeal even characterized some of the plaintiffs' arguments as "nonsense" in its opinion. Plaintiffs' and their lawyers' dreams of a \$100 million payday can only be revived by the California Supreme Court, which is a longshot.

On appeal, plaintiffs argued that Public Storage had violated the unfair competition law by "telling its customers they were required to maintain some form of insurance on their stored goods even though there was no such requirement." Judge Kuhl considered this argument at trial and ruled:

Plaintiffs also argue that the fact Public Storage would rent storage space to customers who did not have insurance meant that insurance was not required despite the insurance requirement of the lease. Because the Insurance Code precludes self-service storage employees from analyzing insurance coverage, Public Storage did not ask customers to provide proof of insurance coverage. There would be no purpose in proffering proof of insurance because the Public Storage employee was not able to consider whether customer's insurance (e.g., a homeowner's policy) covered goods the customer would place into storage at a self-storage company. Public Storage could legally require a renter to have insurance but nevertheless use its discretion in how to enforce that requirement. As one witness testified, Public Storage would rent to a person without insurance on the expectation that the person would obtain insurance elsewhere in order to comply with the lease requirement. There is nothing misleading or unlawful in this course of action by Public Storage.

The court of appeal concluded that Judge Kuhl's reasoning was correct and found ludicrous plaintiffs' assertions that Public Storage's failure to verify that tenants maintained insurance and did not terminate leases or sue uninsured tenants was proof of deception. The court wrote:

And Public Storage's unwillingness to terminate rental agreements for failure to comply with the insurance obligation (even if the prospective tenant expresses an intent not to comply)—whether due to an inability to evaluate compliance or due to a conscious choice—does not somehow retroactively invalidate that obligation. Accepting plaintiffs' logic means that a party's decision not to enforce the breach of a contractual provision means that the provision was never a contractual obligation in the first place. This is nonsensical, and we may not construe contracts to lead to such absurdities.

Plaintiffs then argued that even if the lease and insurance addendum required tenants to obtain insurance, Public Storage violated the unfair competition law by not telling renters that it would not enforce that requirement. The court of appeal was not impressed by plaintiffs' argument. "To accept plaintiffs' argument, we would have to hold that a party to a contract commits an unfair business practice if it does not disclose, at the time it signs a contract, which of the contract's provisions it does not intend to enforce. Plaintiffs provide no legal support for this argument, nor have we found any. This is not surprising. People and businesses generally have the right to enter into a contract, and to decide not to sue for a subsequent breach of that contract." The court's opinion affirms the right of self storage facilities to require that tenants insure their stored property. The court concluded that each storage facility determines how it enforces its lease when a breach occurs. It has no obligation to inform tenants what remedy it may seek when a tenant does not comply with the rental agreement requirements. While plaintiffs argued that storage operators must either terminate a non-complying tenant's lease or sue the tenant to force compliance, the court took a more measured approach. It concluded that contract enforcement is a private matter, and tenants who breach the lease may find that they have assumed the risk for loss of or damage to their stored property. This remedy alone may be adequate for the facility owner. This seems a better approach than requiring self storage operators with limited insurance knowledge to monitor their customers' insurance decisions.

#### New Mexico Insurance Department Rules Protection Plan is Insurance

The New Mexico Department of Insurance (DOI) has issued a departmental hearing officer's opinion that concludes that a protection plan program is insurance as defined by the state's insurance code. It also makes several recommendations to the Superintendent of Insurance concerning ending the sale of protection plans in the state, fines for the operators whose programs were under review, and other actions that the DOI should take against such protection plan programs. The DOI examined the protection plan of several facilities in the state as part of an administrative action, and the order applies to the parties subject to the action. However, the state's storage operators who offer protection plans should review their protection plan program and consider if stopping the sale of protection plans in New Mexico is the prudent course of action

The storage operators modeled their protection plan on those programs available in California and Kentucky where the courts had determined that protection plan programs were not insurance. The hearing office pointed out the folly of this approach in a footnote: "All calculations based on our experiences elsewhere fail in New Mexico." And so, the self storage operators' arguments that a protection plan was not insurance failed in New Mexico. The hearing officer rejected the reasoning of both the California and Kentucky courts.

It should be noted that the hearing officer found that under New Mexico law, insurance is any contract whereby one party assumes the risk of another. Such a broad reading of the law puts most rental agreements and other contractual indemnity provisions within the purview of the state's insurance department.

The DOI's final order put the self storage operators in a problematic situation. They could either accept the Department's ruling that the protection plan was insurance and pay fines in the \$5,000 to \$50,000 range, or consider additional appeals and face fines as high as \$2.9 million dollars. The storage operators opted for a quick settlement.

One issue that was discussed in the hearing officer's opinion was the "forced placement" of the protection plan. Some facility operators require their customers to insure their stored property. If they did not provide proof of insurance, they would be enrolled in the facility protection plan program. The hearing officer concluded that there was insufficient evidence to establish a violation of the state's unfair competition laws but that the DOI may determine that was such a practice. This should be of concern to facilities that enroll tenants who do not provide proof they have insurance in either protection plan or insurance programs. One criticism of the programs offered in New Mexico, according to the hearing officer, was the lack of transparency. At a minimum, any forced placement of insurance or protection plan must clearly state in the rental agreement and the protection plan or insurance or protection plan program.

#### **IRS Rules Protection Plan Revenue is Rent**

The Internal Revenue Service has issued a private letter ruling concluding that additional monthly payments from tenants to participate in the operator's protection plan program were additional rent from real property. The self storage operator had elected to be treated as a Real Estate Investment Trust for tax purposes. REITs must pay taxes on non-real property-related service income and are limited in the amount of service income they may earn. The ruling treats protection plan income as additional rent, not service income. The IRS concluded:

As discussed above, the standard lease for the use of space in a Facility includes the Liability Shield that generally prevents a tenant from making a claim against the landlord for damages to its property stored in a Facility that would otherwise be payable under local landlord-tenant law. However, a tenant that makes a Payment enters into a lease that includes a waiver of the Liability Shield, which is the ability to make a claim under local landlord-tenant law against the landlord for certain damage to its personal property located in the leased space. This ability to make a claim against a landlord for certain damage to personal property located in the leased space arises out of the landlord-tenant relationship (absent a Liability Shield) and the tenant's right to use the space in or upon the real property. In this case, paying a separate fee for this right does not change this analysis. Furthermore, as in Rev. Rul. 75-226, the Payment is additional consideration for a right that is so closely connected with the tenant's occupation, possession, and enjoyment of the real property that it constitutes rents from interests in real property within the meaning of section 856(d)(1)(A).

It should be noted that an IRS private letter ruling is only binding on the IRS with respect to the taxpayer to whom it was issued, provided that the taxpayer fully and accurately described the transaction. It may not be relied upon by other taxpayers. However, PLRs give some insight into the IRS views on the tax implication of the transaction reviewed.

#### New DOJ Website Accessibility Guidance

On March 18, 2022, the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued *Guidance on Web Accessibility and the ADA*. The guidelines are designed to assist businesses in developing their websites, so they are accessible to the seeing and hearing impaired. The guidelines are not DOJ regulations and do not carry the same force of law as agency regulations. However, the DOJ clearly states that web accessibility is a department priority, so self storage operators may want to discuss the guidelines with their website service provider to ensure that their site conforms to the DOJ's recommendations. The DOJ guidelines may be found at https://beta.ada.gov/web-guidance.

DOJ does not specify website accessibility standards with which businesses must comply. However, DOJ has identified two standards that companies should consider. The "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines" (WCAG), a private standard, and the Section 508 Standards, which the federal government uses for its own websites.

One recommendation that operators would be wise to include on their website is the capability for users to report accessibility issues. Providing such an option can help accommodate persons with sight and hearing impairments who have difficulty using the website. It also makes lawsuits brought by testers less credible if they never reported they were having access issues when using the website. Everyone knows that technology does not work perfectly 100% of the time; a person who sues before reporting the problem may have priorities other than accessing the website.

Lawsuits against businesses alleging that their websites are not in compliance with the ADA are being filed in record numbers. One reason for this rush to the courthouse is that these are easy lawsuits to bring. Law firms and testers can access a website from the comfort of their law office or the plaintiff's living room. Software programs are available that determine if a website complies with current accessibility standards. Every business with an interactive website is now a potential ADA defendant. The law has been evolving over the last decade, and it now appears that only businesses with brick-and-mortar locations are subject to website accessibility lawsuits. Every U.S. circuit court but one has ruled that web-only businesses are outside the scope of ADA accessibility compliance lawsuits. Recently the

California Court of Appeals, in Martinez v. Cot'n Wash, Inc., 2022 Cal. App. LEXIS 673, ruled that the ADA accessibility requirements do not currently cover web-based businesses. It took this position even though the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the agency with regulatory authority over the ADA, has taken the opposite stance in amicus briefs and congressional hearings. The court pointed out that Congress has never modified the ADA to clarify that the law applies to web-based retailers, nor has the DOJ issued regulations to this effect. The court of appeal concluded that it could not expand the scope of the ADA when both Congress and the law's primary regulator have taken no action to include websites within the scope of the ADA, even though both were aware of the confusion faced by the nation's courts. While the weight of legal authority has ruled that the ADA does not cover web-based retailers, it appears likely that lawsuits will continue to be brought until the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the issue.

The California ruling does not affect the requirement that brick-and-mortar businesses, including self storage facilities, that have an interactive website must be accessible to the vision and hearing-impaired. The California court even stated this in its opinion. Self storage businesses should work with their website service provider to ensure that their site complies with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0. It should also be tested for compliance periodically and updated as needed. A self storage operator with an expert opinion that the company's website was designed to comply with WCAG accessibility standards and proof of regular compliance review is not an easy target of these opportunistic lawsuits.

#### Website Wiretapping Lawsuits

Class action lawsuits alleging that "session replay" software that records website user navigation through the site violates state and federal wiretapping laws continue to be filed against businesses. A class action suit was recently filed in California against Papa John's for violating the federal Wiretap Act and the California Invasion of Privacy Act (CIPA). The suit claims that the business intercepted communications without the website user's consent, violating federal and state law. Plaintiffs are suing for damages that include the greater of \$10,000 or \$100 per day for each violation of the Wiretap Act and \$2,500 to each class member for CIPA violations, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees.

These website wiretap lawsuits are in their early stages, and it is unclear if wiretapping laws even apply to the internal tracking of website user movements. Also, what constitutes consent is still an open question. In Papa John's lawsuit, the plaintiffs allege that pop-up disclosure is required to constitute consent. This is analogous to the disclosures businesses use to record customer phone calls for quality control purposes. While there will likely be years of litigation before the viability of these suits is determined, businesses that use session replay software should take proactive measures now. Stating that such software is being used in the website terms of use is a starting point. More aggressive notification of recording to users should also be considered in states that require consent of all parties to an electronic communication. These states are California, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, and Washington. While the courts may conclude that decades-old wiretap laws do not apply to website tracking software, legislatures revise privacy laws regularly and they may be expanded to encompass this new technology. The *Kauffman v. Papa John's International*, Case 3:22-cv-01492-BEN-MSB, complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

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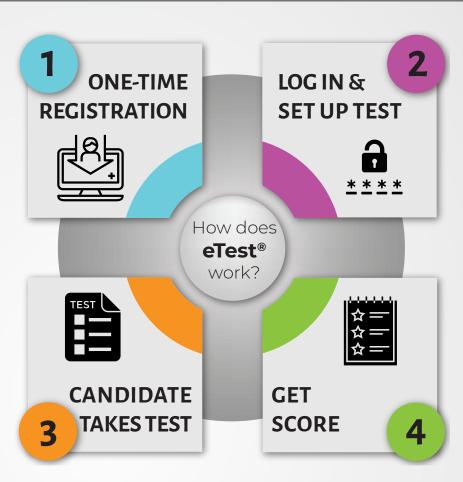
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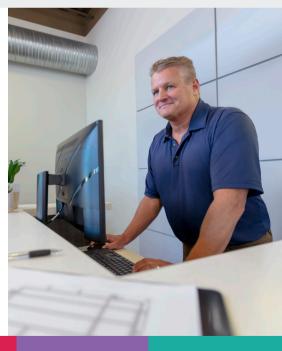


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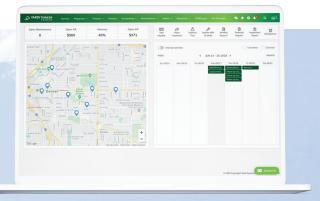


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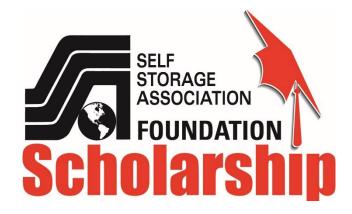
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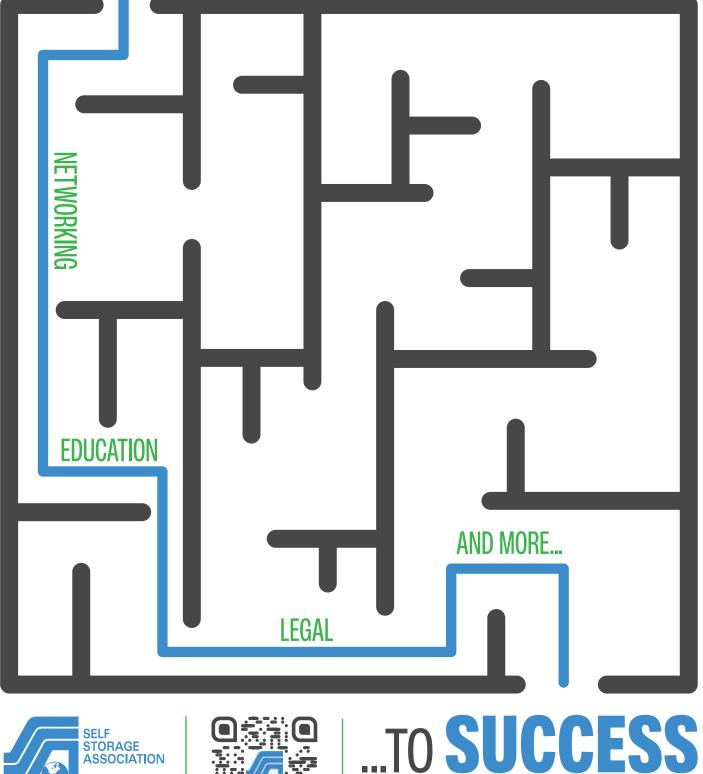


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