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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of) DRE No: H-2664 FR OAH No: 2012010911

CENTRAL COAST LENDING, INC., a California Corporation,

JASON WILLIAM GROTE, and
RENE MARTINEZ

Respondents.

and) <u>AGREEMENT</u>)

It is hereby stipulated by and between CENTRAL COAST LENDING, INC. and JASON WILLIAM GROTE, and their attorney of record, Steven C. Vondran, and the Complainant, acting by and through James A. Demus, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation in this matter, filed on August 26, 2011:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative

Procedure Act (APA), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation).

- 2. Respondents hve received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondents filed a Notices of Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation.

 Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notices of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, they thereby waive their right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that they will waive other rights afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in their defense and the right to crossexamine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall

not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

- 5. This Stipulation is based on Respondents' decision not to contest the allegations set forth in the Accusation as a result of the agreement negotiated between the parties. This Stipulation is expressly limited to this proceeding and any further proceeding initiated by or brought before the Department of Real Estate based upon the factual allegations in the Accusation and is made for the sole purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding. The decision of Respondents not to contest the allegations contained in the "Order" herein below, is made solely for the purpose of effectuating this Stipulation. It is the intent and understanding of the parties that this Stipulation shall not be binding or admissible against Respondents in any action against Respondent by third parties.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not

constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations and solely for the purpose of settlement of the Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

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The conduct of CENTRAL COAST LENDING, INC. and JASON WILLIAM GROTE, as described in Paragraph 4, above, is in violation of Code Sections 10085 and 10085.5 and provides a basis for discipline of CENTRAL COAST LENDING, INC's and JASON WILLIAM GROTE's license and license rights pursuant to Section 10177(d) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS MADE PURSUANT TO THE WRITTEN STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES:

Ι.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent CENTRAL COAST LENDING, INC. under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that sixty (60) days of said suspension, shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and 1. regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years of the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent. II. If Respondent CENTRAL COAST LENDING, INC. petitions, an additional 30 days shall be stayed upon condition that: Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at the rate of \$50 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$1,500. 17 Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's 18 check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of 19 the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the 20 Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this 21 matter.

No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

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4. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in

accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the

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Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension in which event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.

5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

III.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent JASON WILLIAM GROTE under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that sixty (60) days of said suspension, shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

- Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
- That no final subsequent determination be made, 2. after hearing or upon stipulation that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years of the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay

imposed herein shall become permanent.

IV.

If Respondent JASON WILLIAM GROTE petitions, an additional 30 days shall be stayed upon condition that:

- 1. Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at the rate of \$50 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$1,500.
- 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 4. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension in which event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.
- 5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

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Respondent JASON WILLIAM GROTE shall within six (6)

months from the effective date of the Decision herein, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent JASON WILLIAM GROTE's license until Respondent passes the examination.

VI.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent JASON

WILLIAM GROTE are indefinitely suspended unless or until
Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of
having taken and successfully completed the continuing education
course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in
paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the
Business and Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of this
requirement includes evidence that respondent has successfully
completed the trust fund account and handling continuing
education course within 120 days prior to the effective date of
the Decision in this matter.

DATED: 8/28/12

JAMES A. DEMUS, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate

EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation and discussed it with my counsel. Its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and witigation of the charges.

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation by faxing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondents, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number: James A. Demus at (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation.

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DATED: 20 AUG 2012

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JASON WILLIAM GROTE, designated officer of CENTRAL COAST LENDING, INC.

1 2	DATED: 20 AUG 2012 JASON WILLIAM GROTE, Respondent
3	DATED: 8/27/12 STEVEN C. VONDRAN,
5	Attorney for Respondent
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7	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby
8	adopted as my Decision as to Respondents CENTRAL COAST LENDING,
9	INC. and JASON WILLIAM GORTE and shall become effective at 12
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1	DATED:
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5	STEVEN C. VONDRAN, Attorney for Respondent
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