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, 8	BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE	
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	

10	In the Matter of the Accusation of (
11) No. H=6520 SAC	
12	ARCADE CREEK ASSET PRESERVATION, INC., and RONALD WILLIAM LEIS,	
13) AUREEMENT	
14	Respondents.)	
15	It is hereby stipulated by and between ARCADE CREEK ASSET	
16	PRESERVATION, INC. (ACAP), and RONALD WILLIAM LEIS (LEIS) (collectively	ļ
17	"Respondents"), represented by Mary E. Work, and the Complainant, acting by and through	
18	Truly Sughrue, Counsel for the Bureau of Real Estate (Bureau), as follows for the purpose of	
19	settling and disposing the Accusation filed on April 3, 2017, in this matter:	
20	1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be	
21	presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing	2
22	was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA),	
23	shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this	
24	Stipulation and Agreement.	
25	2. Respondents have received, read, and understand the Statement to	
26	Respondent, and the Discovery Provisions of the APA filed by the Bureau in this proceeding.	
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1 Respondents filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the 3. Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. 2 Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents 3 acknowledge that Respondents understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense 4 Respondents will thereby waive Respondents' rights to require the Real Estate Commissioner 5 (Commissioner) to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in 6 accordance with the provisions of the APA, and that Respondents will waive other rights 7 afforded to Respondents in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in 8 defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses. 9

4. This Stipulation and Agreement is based on the factual allegations
 contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expediency and economy, Respondents choose not
 to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof,
 these factual statements will serve as a prima facie basis for the "Determination of Issues" and
 "Order" set forth below. The Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to
 prove such allegations.

16 This Stipulation and Agreement and Respondents' decision not to contest 5. the Accusation are made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and 17 are expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Bureau, 18 the state or federal government, an agency of this state, or an agency of another state is involved. 19 20 Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and 6. Agreement, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of the California Business and 21 Professions Code (Code), the cost of the audit, which resulted in the determination that 22 23 Respondents committed the trust fund handling violation(s) found in the Determination of Issues. The amount of said costs is \$5,296.20. 24

7. Respondents further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and
 Agreement, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and that
 the Commissioner may charge said Respondents for the costs of any audit conducted pursuant to

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Section 10148 of the Code to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum
 costs of said audit shall not exceed \$6,620.25.

8. It is understood by the parties that the Commissioner may adopt the
Stipulation and Agreement as his decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and
sanctions on the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents as set forth in the below
"Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and
Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing
and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by
any admission or waiver made herein.

10. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Commissioner made pursuant to
 this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further
 administrative or civil proceedings by the Bureau with respect to any matters which were not
 specifically alleged to be causes for action in Accusation H-6520 SAC.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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¹⁶ By reason of the foregoing stipulations and waivers and solely for the purpose of
 ¹⁷ settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the
 ¹⁸ following determination of issues shall be made:

The acts and omissions of Respondents as described in the First Cause of Action
 of the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondents' licenses and
 license rights under the following sections of the Code and Title 10 of the California Code of:
 As to Paragraph 11(a), under Section <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code in conjunction with
 Section <u>10145</u> of the Code and Section <u>2832.1</u> of the Regulations;
 As to Paragraph 11(b), under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with

²⁶ Section 10145 of the Code and Section <u>2831.2</u> of the Regulations.

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2	The acts and/or omissions of LEIS as described in the Second Cause of Action of
3	the Accusation is cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license and/or license
4	rights under Section 10177(h) of the Code.
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6	ORDER
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8	All licenses and licensing rights of ACAP under the Real Estate Law are
9	suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order; provided,
10	however, that:
11	1) Thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed, upon the condition that ACAP
12	petition pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section
13	10175.2 of the Code at a rate of \$100 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty
14	of \$3,000.
15	a) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the
16	Bureau of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section
17	at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.
18	b) No further cause for disciplinary action against the Real Estate licenses of ACAP
19	occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the decision in this matter.
20	c) If ACAP fails to pay the monetary penalty as provided above prior to the effective
21	date of this Order, the stay of the suspension shall be vacated as to that ACAP and the order of
22	suspension shall be immediately executed, under this Order, in which event the said ACAP shall
23	not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for the money paid to the
24	Bureau under the terms of this Order.
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1	d) If ACAP pays the monetary penalty and any other moneys due under this
2	Stipulation and Agreement and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate
3	license of said ACAP occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of this Order, the entire
4	stay hereby granted this Order, as to said ACAP only, shall become permanent.
5	2) Thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the
6	following terms and conditions:
7	a) ACAP shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and
8	responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and,
9	b) That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation
10	that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this
11	Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate
12	and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no
13	such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.
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15	All licenses and licensing rights of Desperators (DTG , to it and the second
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provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.

LEIS shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision 8 4. and Order, present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that LEIS has, since the most 9 recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the 10 continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal 11 of a real estate license. If LEIS fails to satisfy this condition, LEIS's real estate license shall 12 automatically be suspended until LEIS presents evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of 13 having taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. Proof of 14 completion of the continuing education courses must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, 15 16 Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013.

17 All licenses and licensing rights of LEIS are indefinitely suspended unless 5. or until LEIS provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having taken and successfully 18 completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in 19 paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Code. Proof of satisfaction of these 20 21 requirements includes evidence that LEIS has successfully completed the trust fund account and handling continuing education courses, no earlier than 120 days prior to the effective date of the 22 Decision and Order in this matter. Proof of completion of the trust fund accounting and handling 23 course must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, 24 Sacramento, CA 95813-7013 or by fax at 916-263-8758, prior to the effective date of this 25 26 Decision and Order.

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<u>76.</u> LEIS shall, within six (6) months from the effective date of this Decision and Order, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Bureau including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If LEIS fails to satisfy this condition, LEIS' real estate license shall automatically be suspended until LEIS passes the examination.

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7 1. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondents shall jointly and severally pay the sum of \$5,296.20 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this 8 disciplinary action. Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an 9 invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of audit costs should not be made until 10 Respondents receive the invoice. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner 11 as provided for herein, Respondents' real estate license shall automatically be suspended until 12 payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing 13 14 held pursuant to this condition.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondents shall pay the 15 2. Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$6,620.25, for an audit to determine if 16 Respondents have corrected the violation(s) found in the Determination of Issues. In calculating 17 the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated 18 average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an 19 allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondents shall pay such 20 cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of 21 the audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. If Respondents fail to 22 satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' real estate license 23 shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing 24 25 otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

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TRULY SUGHRUE Counsel for Complainant

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, discussed it with my counsel, and 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, 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 mitigation of
the charges.

Respondents and Respondents' attorney further agree to send the original signed
Stipulation and Agreement by mail to the following address no later than one (1) week from the
date the Stipulation and Agreement is signed by Respondents and Respondents' attorney: *Bureau of Real Estate, Legal Section, P.O. Box 137007, Sacramento, California 95813-7007.*Respondents and Respondents' attorney understand and agree that if they fail to return the
original signed Stipulation and Agreement by the due date, Complainant retains the right to set
this matter for hearing.

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Ronald William Leis, Designated Officer ARCADE CREEK ASSET PRESERVATION, INC., Respondent

RONALD WILLIAM LEIS Respondent

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I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and conjent and have advised my clients accordingly. DA MARY E. WORK Attorney for Respondents The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision and JUL 0 5 2018 Order and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on IT IS SO ORDERED D18 June WAYNE S. BELL **REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER** By: DANIEL J. SANDRI Chief Deputy Commissioner -9-