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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of)
No. H-8421 SF
DAVID JOSEPH LAEL,

Respondent.

ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE

On May 17, 2003, an Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondent.

On September 10, 2003, Respondent petitioned the Commissioner to voluntarily surrender his real estate broker license pursuant to Section 10100.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's petition for voluntary surrender of his real estate broker license is accepted as of the effective date of this Order as set forth below, based upon the understanding and agreement expressed in Respondent's Declaration dated September 10, 2003 (attached as Exhibit "A" hereto).

Respondent's license certificate and pocket card shall be sent to the below-listed address so that they reach the Department on or before the effective date of this Order:

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
Attention: Licensing Flag Section
P. O. Box 187000
Sacramento, CA 95818-7000

This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock

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PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of DAVID JOSEPH LAEL,

No. H-8421 SF

DAVID JOSEPH LAEL

Respondent.

DECLARATION

My name is DAVID JOSEPH LAEL and that I am currently licensed as a real estate broker and have license rights with respect to said license. I am represented by Melinda Garcia, Attorney at Law, in this matter.

In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Business and Professions Code), I wish to voluntarily surrender my real estate license issued by the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2.

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EXHIBIT A

I understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, that it can only be reinstated in accordance with the provisions of Section 11522 of the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, I agree to the following:

The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as my petition for voluntary surrender. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by me that, I waive all rights I have to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this matter at a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (Government Code Sections 11400 et seq.), and that I also waive other rights afforded to me in connection with the hearing such as the right to discovery, the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross examine witnesses. I further agree that upon acceptance by the Commissioner, as evidenced by an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Department in this matter prior to the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations contained in the Accusation filed in the Department Case No. H-8421 SF, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding whether or not to grant reinstatement of my license pursuant to Government Code Section 11522.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct, and that I freely and voluntarily surrender my license and all license rights attached pherepo.

DAVID JOSEPH LAEL Respondent

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

DAVID JOSEPH LEAL,

Case No. H-8421 SF

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Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above named respondent:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, 1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 206, OAKLAND, CA 94612 on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you. If you object to the place of hearing, you must notify the presiding administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days after this notice is served on you. Failure to notify the presiding administrative law judge within ten days will deprive you of a change in the place of the hearing.

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter and pay his or her costs. The interpreter must be certified in accordance with Sections 11435.30 and 11435.55 of the Government Code.

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

Dated: JULY 10, 2003

DAVID A. PETERS, Counsel

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1 DAVID A. PETERS, Counsel (SBN 99528) Department of Real Estate 2 P. O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000 3 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTA 4 -or-(916) 227-0781 (Direct) 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-8421 SF 11 DAVID JOSEPH LAEL, 12 ACCUSATION Respondent. 13 14 15 The Complainant, Les R. Bettencourt, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of 16 Accusation against DAVID JOSEPH LAEL (hereinafter "Respondent"), 17 18 is informed and alleges as follows: 19 I 20 Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the 21 Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") as a real 22 estate broker. 23 24 TT 25 The Complainant, Les R. Bettencourt, a Deputy Real 26 Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this

Accusation against Respondent in his official capacity.

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III

On or about June 21, 2000, in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, State of California, Respondent was convicted of a violation of Section 243(e)(1) of the California Penal Code (Battery Upon Spouse), a crime involving moral turpitude and/or a crime substantially related under Section 2910, Title 10, California Code of Regulations to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee.

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The facts alleged above constitute cause under Sections 490 and 10177(b) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondent, under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief a may be proper under the provisions of law.

LES R. BETTENCOURT

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Oakland, California, this _____day of May, 2003.