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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

MICHAEL BACKHUS,

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

No. H-9407 SF

Respondent.

It is hereby stipulated by and between MICHAEL BACKHUS (hereinafter "Respondent") and the Complainant, acting by and through Truly Sughrue, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on August 5, 2004 in this matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent 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 in Settlement.

Respondent has received, read and understands the 1 2. Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and 2 3 the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this 4 proceeding. 5 Respondent filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to 6 Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of 7 requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of 9 Respondent acknowledges that he will thereby waive his Defense. 10 right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the 11 Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the 12 provisions of the APA and that he will waive other rights 13 afforded to him in connection with the hearing such as the right 14 to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the 15 Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses. 16 4. Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth 17 below, hereby admits that the factual allegations contained in 18 the Accusation filed in this proceeding are true and correct and 19 the Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide 20 further evidence to prove such allegations 21 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real 22 Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as 23 his decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and 24 sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights 25 as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the 26 Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and 27 Agreement in Settlement, it shall be void and of no effect, and

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Respondent 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.

6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement 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 as admitted or withdrawn.

## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions, and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following Determination of Issues shall be made:

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The acts and/or omissions of Respondent as described in the Accusation, violate Sections 490 and 10177(b) of the Business and Professions Code.

## <u>ORDER</u>

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All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent MICHAEL BACKHUS under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the

restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be Decision. subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code an to the following limitations, 5 conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code: 7 The restricted license issued to Respondent may be 1. 8 suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of 10 nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to 11 Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee. 12 The restricted license issued to Respondent may be 13 suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 14 Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that 15 Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate 16 Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate 17 Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license. 18 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the 19 issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a 21 restricted license until two years has elapsed from the effective 22 date of this Decision. 23 Respondent shall submit with any application for 24 license under an employing broker, or any application for 25 transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by 26 the Department of Real Estate which shall certify:

- That the employing broker has read the Decision of (a) the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
- That the employing broker will exercise close (b) supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required.

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to 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 mitigation of the charges.

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MICHAEL BACKHUS Respondent

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement for Settlement is hereby adopted by the Real Estate Commissioner as Decision and Order and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on January 26, 2006 IT IS SO ORDERED JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner 

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ACCUSATION

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The Complainant, CHARLES W. KOENIG, a Deputy Real
Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of
Accusation against MICHAEL BACKHUS (hereinafter "Respondent"), is
informed and alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, CHARLES W. KOENIG, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in his official capacity.

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Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) (Code) as a real estate salesperson.

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On or about April 12, 2005, in the Superior Court,

County of Marin, Respondent was convicted of Section 243(E)(1) (2
counts of Spousal Battery), Section 236 (False Imprisonment), and
Section 136.1(A)(2) (Attempt to Prevent or Dissuade a Witness) of
the California Penal Code, crimes involving moral turpitude which
bear a substantial relationship under Section 2910, Title 10,

California Code of Regulations, to the qualifications, functions,
or duties of a real estate licensee.

IV

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 as may be proper under the provisions of law.

Dated at Sacramento, California,

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

this day of splanles, 2005