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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:

MARIA EUGENIA AVILA,

Respondent.

DRE No. H-10115 SF

ORDER DENYING REMOVAL OF DISCIPLINE INFORMATION FROM RESPONDENT'S PUBLIC INFORMATION PAGE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE'S WEBSITE

On June 11, 2008, in Case No. H-10115 SF, a Decision was rendered disciplining the real estate salesperson license of Respondent effective July 7, 2008.

On_April 25, 2019, Respondent petitioned for the removal of discipline information from Respondent's Public Information Page on the Department of Real Estate's Website ("the Website").

The burden of proving rehabilitation rests with the petitioner (Feinstein v. State Bar (1952) 39 Cal. 2d 541). A petitioner is required to show greater proof of honesty and integrity than an applicant for first time licensure. The proof must be sufficient to overcome the prior adverse judgment on the applicant's character (Tardiff v. State Bar (1980) 27 Cal. 3d 395).

I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence submitted in support thereof.

The Department has developed criteria in Sections 2911 and 2912 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations (Regulations) to assist in evaluating the rehabilitation of a petitioner for the removal of discipline information from the website. Among the criteria relevant in this proceeding are:

Regulation 2912(m)(1) Testimony of applicant.

Respondent failed to successfully demonstrate rehabilitation when she failed to disclose her 2011 conviction when she petitioned in 2015 for reinstatement of real estate sales person license resulting in a denial; however Respondent may qualify, take and pass the real estate salesperson exam and apply for a restricted license.

Respondent has failed to demonstrate to my satisfaction that Respondent is not a credible risk to the public and that Respondent has undergone sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the removal of discipline information from the Website.

Given the violations found and the fact that Respondent has not established that Respondent has satisfied Regulation 2912(m)(1). I am not satisfied that Respondent is sufficiently rehabilitated for the removal of discipline information from the website.

The earliest date on which the Respondent may submit a new petition for the removal of discipline the website is one year from the effective date of this Decision. If, and when petition is again made for this licensee, all competent evidence of rehabilitation presented by the Respondent will be considered by the Real Estate Commissioner.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for the removal of discipline information from the Website is denied.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

DATED: 9.25.20

DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY
REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

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