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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of)

No. H-29408 LA

VIJAY SONI doing business as Fastrak)

Funding and First Countrywide)

Realty,)

Respondent.

ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSE

On March 1, 2002, the Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondent VIJAY SONI doing business as Fastrak Funding and First Countrywide Realty.

On October 6, 2003, Respondent SONI, 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 SONI'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

1'6 27 Respondent's Declaration dated October 6, 2003 (attached as Exhibit "A" hereto). Respondent's license certificate(s), pocket card(s) and any branch office license certificate shall be sont to the below listed address so that they reach the Department on or before the effective date of this Order:

Department of Real Estate Atten: Licensing Flag Section P.O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000

This Order shall become effective immediately.

DATED. Oxfoher 9 2003

PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner

Exhibit "A"

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA ·

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No. H-29408 LA

In the Matter of the Accusation of '

Respondent.

DECLARATION

My name is VIAJY SONI and that I am currently licensed as a real estate broker and/or have license rights with respect to said license. I am represented in this matter by Joseph Demetrius Christopher, Attorney at Law.

In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Government 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.

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, that all allegations contained in the Accusation filed in the Department Case No. H-29408 LA, shall be deemed admitted and 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. Lastly, I agree that I will not seek reinstatement of my license for at least a period of five years from the effective date of any order of the Commissioner accepting my Petition to Surrender.

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that I freely and voluntarily surrender my license and all license rights attached thereto.

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Date and Place

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Dept. of Real Estate

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of)

Case No. H-29408 LA

VIJAY SONI, dba Fastrak Funding)

OAH No. L-2003010395

and First Countrywide Realty,

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

Respondent(s)

NOTICE OF CONTINUED HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above-named Respondent(s):

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 630, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105 on OCTOBER 28, 2003, and proceed on a dayto-day basis, as necessary, through OCTOBER 31, 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: <u>July 24, 2003</u>

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Vijay Soni cc:

Joseph D. Christopher, Esq.

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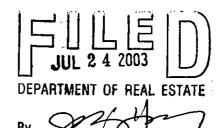
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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VIJAY SONI, dba Fastrak Funding L-2003010395

and First Countrywide Realty,

Respondent.

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

TO: VIJAY SONI, RESPONDENT

and JOSEPH DEMETRIUS CHRISTOPHER, ATTORNEY OF RECORD.

On July 15, 2003, Presiding Administrative Law Judge Janis S. Rovner, Office of Administrative Hearings, issued the following Orders:

PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a prehearing and mandatory settlement conference shall be held on October 3, 2003,

||at 1:30 p.m., before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 320 West Fourth Street, 6th Floor, Suite 630, Los Angeles, California. Dated: <u>July 24, 2003</u>

Counsel for Complainant

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of)

Case No. H-29408 LA

VIJAY SONI, doing business as Fastrak Funding and First Countrywide Realty,

L-2003010395 OAH No.

Respondent.

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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To the above-named Respondent(s):

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 630, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105 on THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2003 and FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

Dated: January 30, 2003

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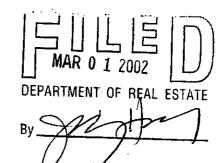
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-29408 LA

VIJAY SONI, doing business) ACCUSATION

as Fastrak Funding and First)
Countrywide Realty,)

Respondent.

The Complainant, Janice Waddell, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against VIJAY SONI, individually and formerly doing business as Fastrak Funding and First Countrywide Realty is informed and alleges as follows:

1.

The Complainant, Janice Waddell, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California Department of Real Estate (hereinafter "Department"), makes this Accusation in her official capacity.

2.

VIJAY SONI (hereinafter "Respondent") is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law,

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Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code").

3.

At all times material herein, Respondent was, and currently is, licensed by the Department as a real estate broker. At all times material herein, Respondent had the business names "Fastrak Funding" and "First Countrywide Realty" licensed to his broker license. Neither dba ("Fastrak Funding" nor "First Countrywide Realty") is currently active under Respondent's real estate broker license.

4.

At all times material herein, Respondent engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Code Sections 10131(a) and 10131(d), for another or others, and for or in expectation of compensation. Said activity included the operation and conduct of a real estate sale business with the public wherein Respondent sold or offered to sell, bought or offered to buy, solicited prospective sellers or purchasers or solicited or obtained listings of, or negotiated the purchase, sale or exchange of real property or a business opportunity and/or solicited borrowers or lenders for or negotiated loans or collected payments or performed services for borrowers or lenders or note owners in connections with loans secured directly or collaterally by liens on real property or on a business opportunity.

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Further, at all times herein, Respondent's wife,
Supriti Soni, also known as Sue Soni, Priti Soni and Priti Devi,
was not licensed by the Department. Effective June 4, 1996,
Supriti Soni's real estate salesperson license was revoked by the
Department in Case No. H-26394 LA. Thereafter, on November 15,
1999, a D&R was issued against Supriti Soni in Case No.
H-28297 LA after the Department determined that Supriti Soni was

engaging in the business of a real estate broker without holding a license to do so.

6.

All further references to "Respondent", unless otherwise specified, includes the party identified in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and also includes the employees, agents, managers, and real estate licensees employed by or associated with said party, who at all times herein mentioned were engaged in the furtherance of business or operations of said party and who were acting within the course and scope of their authority, agency or employment.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

7.

During December 1998, Rafael A. Amaya and his wife,
Maria Dora Mendez (the "Amayas"), entered into an agreement to
purchase real property located at 2030 North Bush Street, Santa
Ana, California. The seller of said property was Alma Vaja.

Mr. and Mrs. Amaya were represented by Respondent Vijay Soni.

Respondent's wife, Sue Soni, an unlicensed individual, as described above in Paragraph 4, arranged financing, including taking an application from the Amayas, quoting rates and receiving personal financial information from the Amayas, through Respondent's company, First Countrywide Realty. The escrow was conducted by Sea Wind Escrow and was assigned escrow no. 22928.

8.

Prior to the close of escrow for the property described above in Paragraph 7, Seller Vaja was contacted by Respondent's wife, Supriti ("Sue") Soni. Supriti Soni informed the seller that the buyers had noticed that the property required certain repairs and that they wanted the seller to pay for said repairs before the close of escrow. The seller agreed. Supriti Soni told the seller that she would submit a bill in the amount of \$4,000 to escrow for the alleged repairs. The \$4,000 bill was in the form of an invoice reflecting that the repairs had been completed by a business named KSSR Contruction [sic] Company.

Escrow for said property closed on or about March 3, 1999. On or about March 2, 1999, Sea Wind Escrow issued a check from the escrow proceeds in the amount of \$4,000, made payable to KSSR Construction Company in care of Fastrak Funding. On or about March 4, 1999, said check was deposited into KSSR Real Estate LLC's Bank of America account. Sometime after the close of escrow, Seller visited the property and learned from the buyers that no repairs had been completed by KSSR Construction

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or any other contractor.

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KSSR Construction Company is not licensed by the State Contractor's License Board, however Respondent Vijay Soni does have a limited liability company registered with the California Secretary of State that is named KSSR Real Estate, LLC. KSSR Real Estate, LLC, is not licensed by the Department of Real Estate.

10.

The acts and omissions of Respondent, as set forth above in Paragraphs 7, 8 and 9, are in violation of Section 2731, Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations, and constitute cause under Sections 10176(a), 10176(i), 10177(d), 10177(f), and/or 10177(j) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

11.

Complainant incorporates herein by reference the Preamble and the allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 10, inclusive, herein above.

12.

During the transaction described at Paragraph 7 above, Respondent employed and/or compensated Supriti Soni, to perform acts requiring a real estate license within the meaning of Code Section 10131(d), for another or others, including, but not necessarily limited to, Mr. and Mrs. Amaya.

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Respondent knew or should have known that Supriti Soni was not licensed by the Department as a real estate salesperson or as a real estate broker.

14.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent, in employing and/or compensating Supriti Soni, as described in Paragraph 7, constitutes cause for suspension or revocation of Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights under the provisions of Code Section 10137.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

15.

Complainant incorporates herein by reference the Preamble and the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 14 above.

16.

Late in 1999, and after the Amayas purchased the real property described above in Paragraph 7, Mr. Amaya was contacted by Downey Savings and Loan Association F.A. regarding a delinquent loan (no. 9022471643) that was held in his name and the name of his wife, on property located at 1041 West 2nd Street, Santa Ana, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Amaya learned from Downey Savings that, without their knowledge, permission or actual signatures, the property in question had been purchased in Amaya's name on April 14, 1999. Mr. Amaya later determined that Respondent Vijay Soni had made payments on said property (drawn on Fastrak Funding Corporation's Bank America Account Number 1205904365) and had

collected rent on the same and deposited the rent monies into his (Respondent's) account at Bank of America. Mr. Amaya also learned that one of the sellers of said property was Devi Priti, aka Supriti Soni.

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The facts set forth above in Paragraph 16 constitute cause under Sections 10176(i), 10177(g) and/or 10177(j) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent.

PRIOR DISCIPLINE

18.

On or about November 4, 1999, an Accusation, H-28296 LA, was filed against Respondent by the Department. The matter was resolved by Stipulation and Agreement effective July 5, 2000. Respondent's conduct, acts and/or omissions that constituted cause for discipline under Section 10177(d) of the Code were based on violations of Section 10130, 10163 and 10240 and Section 2831 of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations. Respondent's Real Estate Broker license was suspended for a period of sixty (60) days, with said suspension stayed by payment of a monetary penalty and other terms and conditions.

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 VIJAY SONI under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and

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Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other provisions of law.

JANICE WADDELL

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this / day of March, 2002.

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Soni Vijay Janice Waddell

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