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. 7	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
8	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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10	In the Matter of the Application of) No. H-32806 LA
11) WALTER ANDREW STYCK.
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13	Respondent.)
14	ORDER GRANTING UNRESTRICTED LICENSE
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16	On March 13, 2007, a Decision was rendered herein denying the real estate broker
17	license of Respondent, but granting Respondent the right to the issuance of a restricted real estate
18	broker license. A restricted real estate broker license was issued to Respondent on April 14,
19	2007 and Respondent has operated as a restricted licensee without cause for disciplinary action
. 20	against Respondent since that time.
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22	On or about June 8, 2009, Respondent petitioned for removal of restrictions of
23	said real estate broker license.
24	I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence and arguments
25	submitted in support thereof. Respondent has demonstrated to my satisfaction that Respondent
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1	meets the requirements of law for the issuance to Respondent of an unrestricted real estate broker
2	license and that it would not be against the public interest to issue said license to Respondent.
3	NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for removal
4	of restrictions is granted and that a real estate broker license be issued to Respondent, if
5	Respondent satisfies the following requirements:
6	1. Submits a completed application and pays the fee for a real estate broker
7	license within the 12 month period following the date of this Order; and
8	2. Submits proof that Respondent has completed the continuing education
9 10	requirements for renewal of the license sought. The continuing education courses must be
. 11	completed either (i) within the 12 month period preceding the filing of the completed application,
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13	or (ii) within the 12 month period following the date of this Order.
14	This Order shall be effective immediately.
15	Dated: $\frac{9/29/2010}{}$
16	JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner
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12	In the Matter of the Application of) No. H-32806 LA) L-2006060696
13	WALTER ANDREW STYCK,
14	Respondent.)
15	DECISION AFTER REJECTION
16	The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before
17	Mark E. Harman, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of
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1 9	Administrative Hearings at Los Angeles, California, on August 21,
20	2006.
21	Complainant was represented by James R. Peel, Counsel.
22	Respondent WALTER ANDREW STYCK was present at the hearing and was
23	represented by David K. Whittingham, Esq.
24	Evidence was received and the matter stood submitted on
25	August 21, 2006.
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On September 20, 2006, the Administrative Law Judge submitted a Proposed Decision which I declined to adopt as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner.

On November 1, 2006, pursuant to Section 11517(c) of 5 the Government Code of the State of California, Respondent was · 6 served with a copy of the Proposed Decision dated September 20, 7 8 2006, and with notice that the case would be decided by me upon 9 the record including the transcript of proceedings held on 10 August 21, 2006, and upon any written argument offered by the 11 parties. 12 Argument has been submitted on behalf of the Respondent

and Complainant.

I have given careful consideration to the record in this case, including the transcript of proceedings of August 21, 2006, and Respondent and Complainant's arguments.

The following shall constitute the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner in this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Statement of Issues, dated April 13, 2006, was
 made by Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the
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4. On June 4, 1989, in the Municipal Court of Los Angeles, San Pedro Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, in case number 89S01374, Respondent was convicted, upon his plead of guilty, of violating Penal Code Section 148.9 (false identification to an officer), a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude and which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a real estate salesperson. Respondent was placed on probation for 24 months under certain conditions, including incarceration for five days and payment of a fine in the sum of \$150.

In aggravation, on April 20, 1989, in the Municipal 5. 18 Court of South Bay Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, 19 State of California, in case number 89M00207, Respondent was 20 convicted, upon his plea of guilty, of violating Health and 21 Safety Code Section 11377, subdivision (a) (possession of a 22 controlled substance), a misdemeanor. On the same date, in the 23 24 same court (but a different division), in case number 89M0795, 25 Respondent was convicted of violating Health and Safety Code 26 Section 11377, subdivision (a) (possession of a controlled

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9 Court of California for the County of Los Angeles, in case number
10 YA001862, Respondent was convicted of violating Health and Safety
11 Code Section 11377, subdivision (a) (possession of a controlled
12 substance), a misdemeanor. Respondent was granted probation for
13 three years, after serving 22 days in county jail.

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8. Respondent testified at the administrative hearing. He said that, after his father died suddenly when Respondent was 14 years old, he started dabbling in drug use, which led to fullblown addiction. In 1995, he was trying "to separate himself from people using on a regular basis", and had moved into a hotel room, where he was caught by police with a sizable amount of cocaine. He served six months in "the hole" in county jail. During this period of sobriety, he decided to quit using for good. After his release, his friends tempted him to use again, but he refused. He has been sober for 11 years and has had no contact with his prior associates. Respondent has completed all probation requirements, including payment of all fines.

13 9. Although raised in the Christian church as a youth, 14 he did not attend regularly until after his 1995 conviction. He 15 now regularly attends. On holidays, he has delivered food, 16 clothing and other items to those in need. He met his wife at 17 church in 1999, and they have a stable family life. He has a 18 five-year-old daughter. He has attended meetings of Celebrate 19 Recovery, a group of his church, which helps members to deal with 20 addictions, as well as other small groups of church members. 21

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12. William Eugene Goocher (Goocher) is a licensed real estate broker who has known Respondent for four years. Goocher owns his own company doing business as Purpose Funding located in Mission Viejo, California, which employs between 20 and 25 agents including Respondent. Goocher credits Respondent with teaching him the loan business. Goocher has no reservations about Respondent and believes he is stable and honest.

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LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

1. Cause exists to deny Respondent's application for a real estate broker license pursuant to Section 10177(b) and Section 480(a) of the Business and Professions Code (hereinafter Code), pursuant to Findings of Fact no. 4 and 7.

2. Respondent has been convicted of crimes that involve moral turpitude including false identification to a peace officer and possession of a controlled substance for sale which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a real estate licensee under Title 10, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter Regulations) 2910(a)(4) and (8). Respondent's conduct constitutes deceit and falsehood and the doing of an unlawful act with the intent or threat of doing substantial injury to another person.

The Legislature intended to ensure that real estate brokers and salespersons will be honest, truthful and worthy of the fiduciary responsibilities which they will bear. <u>Ring v.</u> <u>Smith</u> (1970) 5 Cal.App.3d 197, 205; <u>Golde v. Fox</u> (1976) 98 Cal.App.3d, 167, 177; <u>Harrington v. Department of Real Estate</u> (1989) 214 Cal.App.3d 394, 402.

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3. Regulation 2911 sets forth the criteria developed
by the Department pursuant to Code Section 482(a) for evaluating
rehabilitation of an applicant following a criminal conviction or
act of dishonesty. The following criteria are applicable to
Respondent:
(a) The passage of not less than two years since

7 the most recent criminal conviction. Respondent's last criminal 8 conviction occurred in 1995.

9 (b) Restitution to any person who has suffered
 10 monetary losses through "substantially related" acts or omissions
 11 of the licensee. No financial restitution was required.

(c) Expungement of criminal convictions. The convictions have not been expunged.

(d) Expungement or discontinuance of a requirement of registration pursuant to the provisions of Penal Code Section 290. This item is not applicable to Respondent.

(e) Successful completion or early discharge from probation or parole. Respondent's last three-year term of probation ended in 1998.

(f) Abstinence from the use of controlled
substances or alcohol for not less than two years if the conduct
which is the basis for the departmental action sought is
attributable, in part, to the use of controlled substances or
alcohol. Respondent claims he has been sober since 1995.

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Payment of the fine or other monetary penalty (g) 1 imposed in connection with a criminal conviction or quasi-2 criminal judgment. Respondent has paid the fines imposed for his 3 criminal convictions. 4 Stability of family life and fulfillment of (h) 5 parental and familial responsibilities subsequent to the 6 conviction or conduct that is the basis for the agency action 7 sought. Respondent testified that he was married and has a five-8 year old daughter. 9 10 Completion of, or sustained enrollment in, (i) 11 formal education or vocational training courses for economic 12 self-improvement. This item is not applicable to Respondent. 13 Discharge of debts. (i) This item is not 14 applicable to Respondent. 15 Correction of business practices. This item (k) 16 is not applicable to Respondent. 17 Significant or conscientious involvement in (1)18 community, church or privately sponsored programs designed to 19 provide social benefits or to ameliorate social problems. 20 Respondent has not done significant community service. 21 New and different social relationships. (m) 22 Respondent now has different friends. 23 24 Change in attitude from that which existed at (n) 25 the time of the conduct in question as evidenced by any or all of 26 the following: 27 9

Testimony of applicant. (1)1 Evidence from family members, friends or (2)2 other persons familiar with licensee's previous conduct and with 3 his subsequent attitudes and behavioral patterns. ۵ Evidence from probation or parole (3)5 officers or law enforcement officials competent to testify as to 6 licensee's social adjustments. 7 (4) Evidence from psychiatrists or other 8 persons competent to testify with regard to neuropsychiatric or 9 10 emotional disturbances. 11 Respondent and others testified on his behalf at 12 hearing. 13 The purpose of regulatory statutes is not to punish 4. 14 but to protect members of the public when they deal with 15 licensees. Cf. Clerici v. Department of Motor Vehicles (1990) 224 16 Cal.App.3d 1016, 1027 (citing Brewer v. Department of Motor 17 Vehicles (1979) 93 Cal.App.3d 358, 367). Real estate licensees 18 must be honest and responsible for their actions. Real estate 19 licensees have access to the homes of sellers. They have access 20 to personnel and financial records of clients. They must abide by 21 numerous statutes and regulations designed to protect clients and 22 to provide full disclosure to buyers, sellers and borrowers. 23 24 /// 25 111 26 27

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It is prudent to impose restrictions on 5. Respondent's licensure for a period of time to ensure he remains free of problems that may affect the public. The following order is consistent with the public interest. ORDER Respondent's application for a real estate broker

license is denied; provided, however, a restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code. The restricted license issued to the Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of said 14 Code:

15 The license shall not confer any property right in 1. 16 the privileges to be exercised, and the Real Estate Commissioner 17 may by appropriate order suspend the right to exercise any 18 privileges granted under this restricted license in the event of: 19 The conviction of Respondent (including a plea (a) 20 of nolo contendere) of a crime which is substantially related to 21 Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee; or 22 (b) The receipt of evidence that Respondent has 23

violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the 24 Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner 25 26 or conditions attaching to this restricted license.

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2. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions attaching to the restricted license until two years have elapsed from the date of issuance of the restricted license to Respondent. This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon Ana 2007. on , IT IS SO ORDERED 2007. JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

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	10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA * * *
	11	In the Matter of the Application of)
	12	WALTER ANDREW STYCK) L-2006060696
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	14	Respondent.)
	15	NOTICE
	16	TO: WALTER ANDREW STYCK, Respondent, and DAVID K. WHITTINGHAM,
	17	his Counsel.
۴.,	18	YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Proposed Decision
	.19	herein dated September 20, 2006, of the Administrative Law Judge
·	20	is not adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner.
	21	A copy of the Proposed Decision dated September 20, 2006, is
	22	attached for your information.
	23 24	In accordance with Section 11517(c) of the Government
· ·	25	Code of the State of California, the disposition of this case
	26	will be determined by me after consideration of the record herein
	27	including the transcript of the proceedings held on August 21,
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2006, and any written argument hereafter submitted on behalf of Respondent and Complainant.

Written argument of Respondent to be considered by me must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the transcript of the proceedings of August 21, 2006, at the Los Angeles office of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown.

Written argument of Complainant to be considered by me must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the argument of Respondent at the Los Angeles office of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown.

10-23.06 DATED: JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner All &

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:

Case No. H-32806 LA

WALTER ANDREW STYCK,

OAH No. L2006060696

Respondent.

PROPOSED DECISION

This matter was heard by Mark E. Harman, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, in Los Angeles, California, on August 21, 2006.

Maria Suarez, complainant, was represented by James R. Peel, counsel for the Department of Real Estate (Department).

Walter Andrew Styck (Respondent) was represented by David K. Whittingham, Attorney at Law.

Oral and documentary evidence was received. The record was closed and the matter was submitted on August 21, 2006.

FACTUAL FINDINGS

1. The Statement of Issues, dated April 13, 2006, was made by Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, acting in her official capacity.

2. On April 18, 2005, Respondent filed a written application with the Department for a real estate broker license. The application was denied and this matter ensued.

3. Respondent has held a restricted real estate salesperson license for almost six years. This license was issued by the Department pursuant to a stipulation and order in Department case no. H-28734 LA, which was effective October 23, 2000.

4. On June 4, 1989, in the Municipal Court of Los Angeles, San Pedro Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, in case no. 89S01374, Respondent was convicted, upon his plea of guilty, of violating Penal Code section 148.9 (false identification to an officer), a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude and which is substantially related to

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LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the foregoing factual findings, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following legal conclusions:

1. Cause exists to deny Respondent's application for a real estate broker license pursuant to Business and Professions Code¹ section 10177, subdivision (b), for conviction of a felony. Respondent's 1995 conviction involves moral turpitude and is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a real estate broker. Factual finding number 7.

¹ All statutory references are to the Business and Professions Code, unless specified otherwise.

2. Cause does not exist to deny Respondent's application for a real estate broker license pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 480, subdivision (a)(1). A recent appellate court opinion held that a related statute, section 490, standing alone, does not provide independent statutory authority under which the Department may suspend or revoke a license issued by the Department. (Petropoulos v. Department of Real Estate (Aug. 30, 2006, A110536) [2006 Cal.App.Lexis 1318, 31] ["section 490 does not provide independent statutory authorization for DRE to suspend or revoke the license of a person based on his or her conviction of a crime. Only section 10177, subdivision (b) grants DRE that authority"].) In its opinion, the appellate court construed several provisions of Division 1.5 of the Business and Professions Code, entitled "Denial, Suspension and Revocation of Licenses," which includes sections 490 and 480. The Court concluded that, by enacting Division 1.5, the Legislature intended to limit the discretion of all state boards and commissions that operate under the Business and Professions Code, some of which up to that point had applied licensing statutes in "an unreasonable and discriminatory manner to punish individual for past crimes, without regard to the relevance of the crime to the licensed activity." (Petropoulos v. Department of Real Estate, supra, at pp. 17, 18.)

The appellate court's conclusion regarding the application of section 490 in relation to the various licensing laws must be equally true with regard to section 480, subdivision (a)(1) and its application. The language and purpose of section 480, subdivision (a)(1) and section 490 are nearly identical. Both refer to, and restrict, regulatory actions that are taken against a person based on the person's conviction of a crime. The Department routinely has applied section 480, subdivision (a)(1), as a separate and independent ground for the denial of a license application, just as it has attempted to do under section 490. The court's analysis of the legislative history strongly suggests that section 480, as well as section 490, was intended to prohibit agencies from taking administrative action against a license applicant on the basis of convictions for crimes that have no bearing on the person's fitness to practice his or her profession. The court's holding with regard to section 490, likewise suggests neither 480, nor any other provision of Division 1.5, provide an independent ground for regulatory action.

3. Criteria have been developed by the Department pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 482, subdivision (a), for the purpose of evaluating the rehabilitation of a license applicant in considering whether to grant or deny the issuance of the license on account of a crime committed by the applicant. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 10, § 2911.) Respondent meets nearly every criterion: It has been more than 11 years since his conviction (subd. (a)); although he has not had his conviction expunged (subd. (c)), he has completed criminal probation (subd. (e)), paid the criminal fines (subd. (g)), discontinued his association with persons who continued to use drugs (subd. (m)), has a stable family life (subd. (h)), and has abstained from drug use for 11 years (subd. (f)). He has been involved with missions at his church and regularly attends services (subd. (i)). He has demonstrated, through his own testimony and those of his friends and colleagues, that he is serious about advancing his career goals and not returning to jail (subd. (n)). Factual finding numbers 8 through 13.

4. The issue in this case is whether Respondent has established that he is fit to hold a real estate broker license. Respondent has worked for five years as a salesperson and as a supervisor/trainer of other sales agents, with no record of any problem. He has demonstrated success in overcoming the problems associated with his criminal convictions. Allowing Respondent to become a licensed broker does not appear to pose a risk to the public interest.

ORDER

The statement of issues filed against the application of Respondent, Walter Andrew Styck, for a real estate broker license, is dismissed. Respondent is entitled to a real estate broker license if he has paid all fees and complied with all other licensure requirements.

DATED: September 20, 2006

MARK E. HARMAN Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings

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	16	The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate
	17	Commissioner of the State of California, for Statement of Issues
	18	against WALTER ANDREW STYCK (Respondent) is informed and alleges
	19	in her official capacity as follows:
	20	I On or about April 18, 2005, Respondent applied to the
	21	Department of Real Estate of the State of California for a real
	22	estate broker license.
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1 Respondent is currently licensed by the Department of 2 Real Estate as a restricted real estate salesperson as of 3 November 22, 2000, as a result of the decision in case No. H-4 28734 LA, effective October 23, 2000. 5 III 6 On or about April 7, 1995, in the Superior Court, 7 County of Los Angeles, State of California, Respondent was 8 convicted of violating Health and Safety Code Section 11378 9 (possess controlled substance for sale). 10 IV 11 On or about May 1, 1990, in the Superior Court of 12 California for the County of Los Angeles, Respondent was 13 convicted of violating Health and Safety Code Section 11377(a) 14 (possess controlled substance). 15 16 On or about April 20, 1989, in the Superior Court of 17 California for the County of Los Angeles, case no, 89M00795, 18 Respondent was convicted of violating Health and Safety Code 19 Section 11377(a) (possess controlled substance). 20 VI 21 On or about April 20, 1989, in the Municipal Court of 22 California for the County of Los Angeles, case no. 89M00207, 23 Respondent was convicted of violating Health and Safety Code 24 Section 11377(a) (possess controlled substance). 25 26 Π 27 111

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VIII

The matters described above in Paragraphs II through VII involve moral turpitude and are substantially related to the functions, duties, and responsibilities of a real estate licensee.

IX

The matters described in Paragraphs II through VII. constitute cause for denial of Respondent's application for a real estate salesperson license under Sections 480(a) and 10177(b) of the California Business and Professions Code.

The Statement of Issues is brought under the provisions of Section 10100, Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California and Sections 11500 through 11528 of the Government Code.

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WHEREFORE, the Complainant prays that the above-entitled matter be set for hearing and, upon proof of the charges contained herein, that the Commissioner refuse to authorize the issuance of, and deny the issuance of, a real estate salesperson license to Respondent WALTER ANDREW STYCK and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises. Dated at Los Angeles, California, SOTG. this , day of (MARI SUARE2 Reputy Real Estate Commissioner cc: Walter Andrew Styck Maria Suarez Sacto.