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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. doing business as Guerra & Associates Realty; and JAMES ALFRED SANTANA, individually and as designated officer of Guerra & Leon Realty Inc.

Respondents.

No. H-34870 LA

L-2009080265

## ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE

On April 24, 2008, an Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondent GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC.

On June 16, 2009, Respondent petitioned the Commissioner to voluntarily surrender it's real estate broker license pursuant to Section 10100.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent GUERRA & LEON
REALTY INC's petition for voluntary surrender of it's 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 June 16, 2009 (attached as Exhibit "A" hereto). Respondent's license certificate(s), pocket card(s) and any branch office license certificate(s) 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 Atten: Licensing Flag Section P.O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000 This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on January 10, 2011 DATED: Real Estate Commissioner 

EXHIBIT "A"

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# DECLARATION

My name is Miguel Guerra Garcia and I am the Chief

Executive Officer of GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC., which is licensed
as a real estate broker and/or has license rights with respect to
said license. I am authorized to sign this declaration on behalf
of GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC.

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) GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC.

wishes to voluntarily surrender its real estate license issued by the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2.

I understand that GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. by so voluntarily surrendering its license, can only have it reinstated in accordance with the provisions of Section 11522 of the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering its license rights, GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. agrees to the following:

The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as its petition for voluntary surrender. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. that, it waives all rights it has to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the Accusation ("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 it also waives other rights afforded to it 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 I further agree on behalf of GUERRA & LEON REALTY witnesses. INC. 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

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Accusation filed in the Department Case No. H-34870 LA, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding whether or not to grant reinstatement of GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC.'s license pursuant to Government Code Section 11522.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct and that I am acting freely and voluntarily on behalf of GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. to surrender its license and all license rights attached thereto.

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Date and Place

MIQUEL GUERRA GARCIA, Chief Executive Officer

ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, SBN 66674 Department of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Ste. 350 APR 2 4 2008 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 3 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE Telephone: (213) 576-6911 (direct) (213) 576-6982 (office) -or-BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-34870 LA 11 ACCUSATION 12 GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. doing 13 business as Guerra & Associates Realty; and JAMES ALFRED 14 SANTANA, individually and as designated officer of Guerra 15 & Leon Realty Inc., 16 Respondents. 17 The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate 18 Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation 19 against (1) GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. dba Guerra & Associates 20 Realty, and JAMES ALFRED SANTANA, individually and as designated 21 officer of Guerra & Leon Realty Inc., is informed and alleges in 22 her official capacity as follows: 23 111 24 25 111 26 111 27

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1. The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, acting in her official 2 capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of 3 California, makes this Accusation against GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. 5 2. 6 All references to the "Code" are to the California 7 Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations" 8 9 are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations. 10 LICENSE HISTORY 11 12 At all times mentioned, GUERRA & LEON INC. ("GUERRA Α. 13 & LEON") was licensed or had license rights issued by the 14 Department of Real Estate ("Department") as a real estate broker. 15 On February 9, 2005, GUERRA & LEON was originally licensed as a 16 real estate broker by and through JAMES ALFRED SANTANA as 17 designated officer. 1.8 At all times mentioned, JAMES ALFRED SANTANA 19 ("SANTANA") was licensed or had license rights issued by the 20 Department of Real Estate (Department) as a real estate broker. 21 On March 28, 1995, SANTANA was originally licensed as a real 22 estate broker. At all times material, SANTANA was licensed as 23 the designated officer of GUERRA & LEON. 24 C. At all times material herein, GUERRA & LEON was 25 licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker by and through SANTANA, as the designated officer and broker 27 2

responsible, pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 of the Business and Professions Code for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf GUERRA & LEON's officers, agents and employees, including SANTANA.

#### BROKERAGE

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At all times mentioned, in the City of Tustin, County of Orange, GUERRA & LEON and SANTANA, acted as real estate brokers and conducted licensed activities within the meaning of Code Section 10131(a). GUERRA & LEON operated a residential resale brokerage dba Guerra & Associates Realty and engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker, including the solicitation for listings of and the negotiation of the sale of real property as the agent of others.

AUDIT OF GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC.

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On December 21, 2006, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of GUERRA & LEON pertaining to the residential resale activities described in Paragraph 4.A., which require a real estate license. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on February 9, 2005 to November 30, 2006. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following

paragraphs, and more fully set forth in Audit Report LA 060064 and the exhibits and workpapers attached thereto.

GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC.

### TRUST ACCOUNT

6.

During the audit period, GUERRA & LEON did not maintain a trust account.

GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC.

## VIOLATIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW

7.

In the course of activities described in Paragraph 4, above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 5, Respondents GUERRA & LEON and SANTANA, acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that they:

(a) Failed to place trust funds, including earnest money deposits, accepted on behalf of another into the hands of the owner of the funds, a neutral escrow depository or into a trust fund account in the name of the trustee at a bank or other financial institution not later than three business days following receipt of the funds by the broker or by the broker's salesperson, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832(a) and (d). Earnest money deposits for buyers Luna, Casteneda, Ramal, Jimenez, Aguilar and Verdin were not timely deposited.

(b) Failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of all trust funds received, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831. 3 (c) Employed and compensated Victor Salazar, as loan 4 agents who he knew was licensed to Chac-Mool Financial Inc., a corporation of which SANTANA was licensed as the designated officer, Inc. for performing acts for which a real estate 7 license is required, in violation of Code Sections 10137 and 8 9 10177 (g). 10 (d) The broker-salesperson agreements were between 11 GUERRA & LEON, CHAC-MOOL FINANCIAL INC. and the salespersons and 12 not GUERRA & Leon alone, in violation of Regulation 2726. 13 (e) Failed to retain the salesperson license 14 certificates for Stephen Dugan and Fanny Guerra, in violation of 15 Code Section 10160 and Regulation 2753. 16 GUERRA & LEON REALTY INC. 17 DISCIPLINARY STATURES AND REGULATIONS 8. 19 The conduct of Respondents GUERRA & LEON and SANTANA, 20 described in Paragraph 7, above, violated the Code and the 21 Regulations as set forth below: 22 23 PROVISIONS VIOLATED PARAGRAPH 24 25 Code Section 10145 and Regulation 7(a) 26 2832(a) and (b) 27

Code Section 10145 and Regulation 7 (b) 2831 3 Code Sections 10137 and 10177(g) 7(c) Code Section Regulation 2726 7 (d) 6 Code Section 10160 and Regulation 8 7(e) 2753 10 The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or 11 revocation of the real estate license and license rights of 12 GUERRA & LEON and SANTANA under the provisions of Code Sections 13 10137, 10177(d) and/or 10177(g). 14 NEGLIGENCE 15 9. 16 The overall conduct of Respondents GUERRA & LEON and 17 SANTANA constitutes negligence. This conduct and violation are 18 cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license 19 and license rights of said pursuant to Code Section 10177(g). 20 LACK OF SUPERVISION AND COMPLIANCE 21 1.0. 22 The overall conduct of Respondent SANTANA constitutes a 23 failure on his part, as officer designated by a corporate broker 24 licensee, to exercise the reasonable supervision and control over 25 the licensed activities of GUERRA & LEON as required by Code 27

Section 10159.2, and to keep GUERRA & LEON in compliance with the Real Estate Law, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of SANTANA pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h).

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 the license and license rights of Respondents GUERRA & LEON INC. and JAMES ALFRED SANTANA, 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 other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at Los Angeles, California

this 18 day of April 2008

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

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cc: Guerra & Leon Inc.

c/o James Alfred Santana D.O.

Robin Trujillo

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Audits - Danio Fajardo