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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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PATRICIA ANNE CALLAGHAN,

In the Matter of the Accusation of

Respondent.

No. H-35843 LA

OAH No. L-2009060553

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DECISION AFTER REJECTION

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Julie L. To, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, represented the Complainant.

Respondent PATRICIA ANNE CALLAGHAN was present and was represented by Joseph Hawkins Low, IV, Attorney at Law.

Evidence was received, the hearing was closed, and the matter was submitted.

The Administrative Law Judge rendered a Proposed Decision, incorrectly dated January 6, 2009 (should be dated January 6, 2010) which I declined to adopt as my Decision herein. Pursuant to Section 11517(c) of the Government Code of the State of California, Respondent was served with notice of my determination not to adopt the Proposed Decision of

the Administrative Law Judge along with a copy of said Proposed Decision. Respondent was notified that the case would be decided by me upon the record, the transcript of proceedings held on December 7, 2009, and upon any written argument offered by Respondent and Complainant. I have given careful consideration to the record in this case including the transcript of the proceedings of December 7, 2009, and written arguments submitted by Respondent and Complainant. I have determined that the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge of January 6, 2010, but erroneously dated January 6, 2009, is appropriate in all respects and it is hereby adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner in this proceeding. This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on IT IS SO ORDERED JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner Barbará J. Bigby **Chief Deputy Commissioner**

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- 1. The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, brought the Accusation in her official capacity.
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LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

Applicable Statutes and Regulations

- 1. Business and Professions Code section 490 provides in pertinent part:
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 - (c) . . . a conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. . . .
- 2. Business and Professions Code section 10177, subdivision (b) provides:

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- (b) Entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or been found guilty of, or been convicted of, a felony or a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee, and the time for appeal has elapsed or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, irrespective of an order granting probation following that conviction, suspending the imposition of sentence, or of a subsequent order under section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing that licensee to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or dismissing the accusation or information.
- 3. Penal Code section 550, subdivision (b) (3) provides:
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 - (3) Conceal, or knowingly fail to disclose the occurrence of, an event that affects any person's initial or continued right or entitlement to any insurance benefit or payment, or the amount of any benefit or payment to which the person is entitled.

Penal Code section 470, subdivision (d) provides in part:

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- 4. California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 2910, provides in part:

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- (1) The fraudulent taking, obtaining, appropriating or retaining of funds or property belonging to another person.
- (2) Counterfeiting, forging or altering of an instrument or the uttering of a false statement.
- (4) The employment of bribery, fraud, deceit, falsehood or misrepresentation to achieve an end.
- (8) Doing of any unlawful act with the intent of conferring a financial or economic benefit upon the perpetrator.
- 5. The necessary elements of a crime under Penal Code sections 470, subdivision (d) and 550, subdivision (b) include the fraudulent taking of funds belonging to another; the uttering of a false statement; the employment of misrepresentation to achieve an end; the doing of an unlawful act with the intent of conferring a financial benefit upon Respondent. Accordingly, the crime set forth in Finding 3 bears a substantial relationship under California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 2910, subdivisions (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4) and (a)(8), to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee.
- 6. Respondent's conviction for substantially related crimes constitutes grounds to discipline her real estate salesperson license pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 490 and 10177, subdivision (b).

Penalty Considerations

- 7. California Code of Regulations, title 10, section 2912, sets forth criteria of rehabilitation that have been developed by the Department, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 482, subdivision (a), to evaluate the rehabilitation of a licensee who is subject to disciplinary action on account of a crime or act committed by the Respondent. Additionally, the public interest must be considered in that the objective of an administrative proceeding relating to licensing is to protect the public. Fahmy v. MBC (1995) 38 Cal.App. 4th 8107, 817; Ex Parte Brounsall (1778) 2 Cowp. 829, 98 Eng.Rep. 1385.
- 8. Respondent is still on probation and the crime has not been expunged. However, Respondent's conviction is more than two years remote and, thus, Respondent has met the initial factor set forth in the criteria. Additionally, by reason of Finding 4 through 10 Respondent has complied with much of the remaining applicable criteria. Respondent has suffered no other substantially related conviction and has not repeated the conduct set forth in Finding 3. At present Respondent is a person of good character. Accordingly, by reason of Respondent's record of rehabilitation to date, licensure of Respondent, on a restricted status for a two year period, is consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent Patricia Anne Callaghan 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 therefore and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to 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 that Code:

- 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
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Dated:

RICHARD J. LOPEZ

Administrative Law Judge

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NOTICE

Respondent.

TO: PATRICIA ANNE CALLAGHAN, Respondent, and JOSEPH HAWKINS LOW, IV, her Counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Proposed Decision herein dated January 6, 2010, of the Administrative Law Judge is not adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner. A copy of the Proposed Decision dated January 6, 2010, is attached for your information.

In accordance with Section 11517(c) of the Government Code of the State of California, the disposition of this case will be determined by me after consideration of the record herein including the transcript of the proceedings held on December 7, 2009, 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 December 7, 2009, at the

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Los Angeles office of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown.

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Dated:

RICHARD J. LOPEZ

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JULIE L. TO, Counsel (SBN 219482) 1 Department of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350 2 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 APR - 8 2009 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 (Direct) (213) 576-6916 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-35843 LA 12 PATRICIA ANNE CALLAGHAN, ACCUSATION 13 Respondent. 14 15 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate 16 Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation 17 against PATRICIA ANNE CALLAGHAN, a.k.a. Patricia Anne Thierry 18 ("Respondent"), alleges as follows: 19 20 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate 21 Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation 22 in her official capacity. 23 2. 24 Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license 25

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This conviction, by its facts and circumstances, is a crime of moral turpitude and bears a substantial relationship under Section 2910, Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee.

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The crime of which Respondent was convicted constitutes cause under Sections 490 and 10177(b) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of the license and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law.

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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 the licenses and license rights of Respondent, PATRICIA ANNE CALLAGHAN, 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

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Maria Suarez

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

cc: PATRICIA ANNE CALLAGHAN
 Coast Properties International, Inc.
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