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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
BY:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

J & J LENDING CORPORATION;

and ROBERT S. GARNER, individually

and as designated officer of

J & J Lending Corporation,

Respondents,

No. H-36163 LA L-2009090145

STIPULATION
AND
AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents

J & J LENDING CORPORATION and ROBERT S. GARNER, individually and
as designated officer of J & J Lending Corporation, (sometimes
collectively referred to as "Respondents"), represented by David
B. Dimitruk, Esq. and the Complainant, acting by and through
Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as
follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the
Accusation ("Accusation") filed on August 6, 2009, in this
matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").

- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondents timely filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation.

 Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense they thereby waive their right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that they will waive other rights afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in their defense and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

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allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

- 5. This Stipulation is made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), the state or federal government, or any agency of this state, another state or federal government is involved.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be void and of no effect and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein.

7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for Accusation in this proceeding but do constitute a bar, estoppel and merger as to any allegations actually contained in the Accusations against Respondent herein.

- 8. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148, the cost of the audit. The amount of said cost for the original audit (LA 080234) is \$2,401.30.
- 9. Respondents have received, read, and understand the "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit". Respondents further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondents for the cost of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148 to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum cost of the follow-up audit will not exceed \$2,401.30.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

I.

The conduct, acts or omissions of J & J LENDING

CORPORATION and ROBERT S. GARNER, as described in Paragraph 4,

above, are in violation of Sections 10145, 10240 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and Sections 2832.1, 2834 and 2840 of Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") and is a basis for discipline of Respondents' license and license rights as violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g).

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The conduct, acts or omissions of ROBERT S. GARNER, as described in Paragraph 4, above, are in violation of Code Section 10159.2 and is a basis for discipline of Respondent's license and license rights as violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Sections 10777(d) and 10177(h).

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ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

Ι.

The license and licensing rights of Respondents J & J

LENDING CORPORATION and ROBERT S. GARNER, under the Real Estate

Law, are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the

effective date of this Decision.

- A. Provided, however, that if Respondents request, the initial thirty (30) days of said suspension (or a portion thereof) shall be stayed for two (2) years upon condition that:
- 1. Each Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate of \$50.00 per day for each day of the suspension for a monetary penalty of \$1,500, or \$3,000 total.
- 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against
 the real estate license of Respondents occur within two (2) years
 from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 4. If Respondents fail to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any

part of the stayed suspension, in which event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.

- 5. If Respondents pay the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- B. The remaining thirty (30) days of the sixty (60) day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- 1. Respondents shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
- after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

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II.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and

Professions Code, Respondents J & J LENDING CORPORATION and ROBERT S. GARNER, shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for (a) the audit which led to this disciplinary action (b) a subsequent audit to determine if Respondents are now in compliance with the Real Estate Law. The cost of the original and subsequent audits which led to this disciplinary action is \$2,401.30. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Said amount for the prior and subsequent audits shall not exceed \$4,802.60.

Respondents shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities.

The Commissioner may suspend the license of Respondents pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondent and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondents enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to

provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

III.

ROBERT S. GARNER, are indefinitely suspended unless or until
Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of
having taken and successfully completed the continuing education
course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in
paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the
Business and Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of this
requirement includes evidence that Respondent has successfully
completed the trust fund account and handling continuing
education course within 120 days prior to the effective date of
the Decision.

IV.

months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the

opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

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Respondent ROBERT S. GARNER shall, prior to the

effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to

the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, cured the trust

fund shortage in the amount of \$2,484.22. If Respondent fails to

satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension

of Respondent's license until Respondent presents such evidence.

The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a

hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present

such evidence.

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DATED: 1-14-10

ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate

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EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

We have read the Stipulation and discussed it with our counsel. Its terms are understood by us and are agreeable and acceptable to us. We understand that we are waiving rights given to us by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and we willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which we would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against us and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

MAILING AND FACSIMILE

Respondents (1) shall <u>mail</u> the original signed signature page of the stipulation herein to Elliott Mac Lennan: Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. Respondents shall also (2) <u>facsimile</u> a copy of signed signature page, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Elliott Mac Lennan.

A facsimile constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this stipulation. Respondents agree, acknowledge and understand that by electronically sending to the Department a facsimile copy of Respondents' actual signature as

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1 2	by the Department shall be as binding on Respondents as if the			
3	Department had received the original signed stipulation.			
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6	DATED: FEBRUARY 1, 2010 TO THENDING CORPORATION A			
7	corporate real estate broker,			
8	Respondent By: ROBERT S. GARNER, designated officer of J & J Lending			
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13	DATED: TERMEN 1, 2010 ROBERT S. GARNER, individually and			
14	as designated officer of J & J Lending Corporation, Respondent			
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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to Respondents J & J LENDING CORPORATION and ROBERT S. GARNER individually and as designated officer of J & J Lending Corporation and shall become effective April 9 at 12 o'clock noon on ___ IT IS SO ORDERED JEFF DAVI . 17

Real Estate Commissioner

ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, SBN 66674 Department of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Ste. 350 FILED Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 2 3 (213) 576-6911 (direct) Telephone: AUG - 6 2009 (213) 576-6982 (office) -or-4 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-36163 LA 11 ACCUSATION 12 J & J LENDING CORPORATION; and ROBERT S. GARNER, 13 individually and as designated officer of J & J Lending Corporation, 14 15 Respondents. 16 17 18 The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate 19 Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation 20 against J & J LENDING CORPORATION and ROBERT S. GARNER, 21 individually and as designated officer of J & J Lending 22 Corporation, alleges as follows: 23 111 24 25 26

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The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, acting in her official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation against J & J LENDING CORPORATION (J & J) and ROBERT S. GARNER (GARNER).

2.

All references to the "Code" are to the California
Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations"
are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

3.

- A. At all times mentioned, J & J and GARNER were licensed or had license rights issued by the Department of Real Estate (Department) as real estate brokers.
- B. At all times material herein, J & J was licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker by and through GARNER, pursuant to Code Sections 10211 and 10159.2 for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf J & J.

BROKERAGE

4.

At all times mentioned, in the City of Newport Beach, County of Orange, J & J and GARNER acted as real estate brokers and conducted licensed activities within the meaning of:

A. Code Section 10131(d). J & J operated a mortgage loan brokerage engaging in activities with the public wherein lenders and borrowers were solicited for loans secured directly

or collaterally by liens on real property, wherein such loans were arranged, negotiated, processed and consummated on behalf of others for compensation or in expectation of compensation and for fees often collected in advance as well as at the conclusion of transactions; and

B. In addition, J & J conducted broker-controlled escrows through its escrow division under the exemption set forth in California Financial Code Section 17006(a)(4) for real estate brokers performing escrows incidental to a real estate transaction where the broker is a party and where the broker is performing acts for which a real estate license is required.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Mortgage and Loan Audit) (LA 080180)

5.

On March 17, 2009, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of J & J pertaining to the mortgage loan activities described in Paragraph 4 that require a real estate license. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on July 1, 2007 to January 31, 2009. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 080180 and the exhibits and work papers attached to said audit report.

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TRUST ACCOUNT

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No trust account was kept during the audit period.

VIOLATIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW (Mortgage and Loan Brokerage)

7.

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

(a) Failed to provide or retain a true and correct copy of a Good Faith Estimate that satisfies the requirements of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C.A 2601 et seq.), and a Mortgage Loan Disclosure Statement that (1) sets forth the broker's real estate license number; (2) whether or not J & J controlled funds would be used as the source of funds as payor for loans; (3) compensation "paid to broker" and, further sets forth all applicable disclosures including but not limited to (3) yield spread premiums rebates by the lenders outside of closing for borrowers below, in violation of Code Section 10240 and Regulation 2840:

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Borrowers - No MLDS or License Number

McAndrew

Cole

Carpenter

Coggins

Roberts

Borrowers - Undisclosed Identity of Loan Payor and Compensation Paid to Broker

Jackson

Weinstein

Kennedy

Hybloom

Gomez/Campos

Simian

Courtney

Borrowers - Undisclosed Yield Spread Premiums
Kennedy
Hybloom
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(b) Failed to display the Department's telephone number and licensee information including the broker license number and the license number of J & J's representative who negotiated loans, in violation of Code Section 10236.4, for borrowers:

Borrowers - Licens	e Number/Licensee	Information
Jackson		
Weinstein		
Kennedy		
Hybloom		
Gomez/Campos		
Simian		
Courtney		

DISCIPLINARY STATUES AND REGULATIONS (Mortgage and Loan Brokerage)

8.

The conduct of Respondents J & J and GARNER described in Paragraph 7, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set forth below:

PARAGRAPH	PROVISIONS VIOLATED
7(a)	Code Section 10240 and Regulation 2840
7 (b)	Code Section 10236.4

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of J & J and GARNER, under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION (Broker Escrow Audit) (LA 080234)

9.

On April 9, 2009, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of J & J pertaining to the broker-escrow activities described in Paragraph 4 that require a real estate license. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on July 1, 2007 to January 30, 2009. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 080234 and the exhibits and work papers attached to said audit report.

TRUST ACCOUNT

10.

At all times mentioned, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 4, above, J & J accepted or received funds including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on behalf of actual or prospective parties, including lenders, borrowers and homeowners, to real estate transactions handled by J & J and thereafter made deposits and or disbursements of such funds. From time to time herein mentioned

during the audit period, said trust funds were deposited and/or maintained by J & J in the bank account as follows:

"J & J Lending Corporation Escrow Trust Account. Account No. 9120229181"
Union Bank of California
Los Angeles, California

(trust account)

VIOLATIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW (Broker Escrow Audit)

11.

In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 and 10, above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 9, Respondents J & J and GARNER, acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that Respondents:

- (a) Permitted, allowed or caused the disbursement of trust funds from the escrow trust account where the disbursement of funds reduced the total of aggregate funds in escrow trust account, to an amount which, on January 30, 2009, was \$2,484.22, less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability of J & J to every principal who was an owner of said funds, without first obtaining the prior written consent of the owners of said funds, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2832.1, 2950(d), 2950(g) and 2951. On March 5, 2009, the shortage was cured.
- (b) Failed to maintain an accurate and complete control record for each beneficiary or transaction, thereby failing to account for all trust funds received, deposited and disbursed for

the escrow trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831, 2950(d) and 2951. (c) Failed to maintain an accurate and complete separate record for each beneficiary or transaction, thereby failing to account for all trust funds received, deposited and disbursed for the escrow trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831.1, 2950(d) and 2951. 7 (d) Permitted Gina Pellizon and Christine Moore, 8 unlicensed and unbonded persons, to be authorized signatories on 9 the escrow trust account, in violation of Code Section 10145 and 10 11 Regulations 2834, 2950(d) and 2951. 12 (e) Failed to disclose in writing to all parties 13 J & J's financial and ownership interest of J & J's escrow 14 division, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 15 2950(h); and 16 (f) Used the fictitious name of "J & J Mortgage", to 17 conduct licensed activities without first obtaining from the 18 Department a license bearing said fictitious business name, in 19 violation of Code Section 10159.5 and Regulation 2731. 20 21 DISCIPLINARY STATUES AND REGULATIONS (Broker Escrow Audit) 22 12. 23 The conduct of Respondents J & J and GARNER described 24

in Paragraph 11, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as

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set forth below:

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1	PARAGRAPH	PROVISIONS VIOLATED
3 4	11(a)	Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2832.1, 2950(d), 2950(g) 2951
5	11(b)	Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831, 2950(d) and 2951
7	11(c)	Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831.1, 2950(d) and 2951
9	11(d)	Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2834, 2950(d) and 2951
11	11(e)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2950(h)
13 14	11(f)	Code Section 10159.5 and Regulation 2731

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the discipline of the real estate license and license rights of J & J and GARNER, under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

13.

The overall conduct of Respondents J & J and GARNER constitutes negligence and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of Respondents J & J and GARNER pursuant to Code Section 10177(g).

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The overall conduct of Respondent GARNER constitutes a failure on Respondent's part, as officer designated by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise the reasonable supervision

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and control over the licensed activities of J & J as required by Code Section 10159.2, and to keep J & J in compliance with the Real Estate Law, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of GARNER pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(h) and/or 10177(g).

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 J & J LENDING CORPORATION and ROBERT S. GARNER, individually and as designated officer of J & J Lending Corporation, 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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J & J Lending Corporation c/o Robert s. Garner D.O. Robin Trujillo

Audits - Gina King

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