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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

UNITED FIDELITY GROUP INC, TERENCE MICHAEL FLANNIGAN and DONG S. QUACH, individually, and as former

designated officers of United Fidelity Group Inc,

Respondents.

The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate

Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of

Accusation against UNITED FIDELITY GROUP INC, TERENCE MICHAEL

FLANNIGAN and DONG S. QUACH, individually, and as former

designated officers of United Fidelity Group Inc, is informed

and alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity.

2.

UNITED FIDELITY GROUP INC, (hereinafter "UFGI") is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, hereinafter "Code"), as a corporate real estate broker. UFGI was initially licensed by the California Department of Real Estate ("Department") on December 2, 2008.

3.

TERENCE MICHAEL FLANNIGAN (hereinafter "FLANNIGAN") is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, as a real estate broker. He was a designated officer of UFGI from December 2, 2008 to August 17, 2009.

DONG S. QUACH (hereinafter "QUACH") is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, as a real estate broker. He was a designated officer of UFGI from April 14, 2009 to November 23, 2009.

5.

Pursuant to Code Section 10159.2, Respondents

FLANNIGAN and QUACH were responsible for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of Respondent UFGI and by its officers and employees as necessary to secure full compliance with the provisions of the Real Estate Law, including

the supervision of salespersons licensed to the corporation in the performance of acts for which a real estate license is required.

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Shuman Transaction

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On January 23, 2009, Cherlynn Shuman("Shuman") entered into an agreement with UFGI in which UFGI agreed to negotiate a modification of a loan secured by Shuman's property located at 248 Octillo Place, Oceanside, CA, in exchange for Shuman's payment of advance fees to UFGI. Between January 23, 2009 and March 6, 2009, Shuman paid \$3,020 in advance fees to UFGI.

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Brinca Transaction

On April 1, 2009, Steve Brinca("Brinca") entered into an agreement with UFGI in which UFGI agreed to negotiate a modification of a loan secured by Brinca's property located at 9034 Shoreham Drive, Los Angeles, CA, in exchange for Brinca's payment of advance fees to UFGI. On April 1, 2009, Brinca paid \$4,000 in advance fees to UFGI. Stacy Sayasane, who has never been licensed by the Department in any capacity, negotiated with Brinca's lender on behalf of UFGI.

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Arviso Transaction

On May 18, 2009, Jose Carlos Arviso("Arviso") entered into an agreement with UFGI in which UFGI agreed to negotiate a modification of a loan secured by Arviso's property located at 12734 SE 190th Place, Renton, WA, in exchange for Arviso's

payment of advance fees to UFGI. Between May 18, 2009 and June 18, 2009, Arviso paid \$1,495 in advance fees to UFGI.

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Mauck Transaction

After being solicited by Sam Evans, who has never been licensed by the Department in any capacity, on June 11, 2009, Joseph Long Mauck ("Mauck") entered into an agreement with UFGI in which UFGI agreed to negotiate a modification of a loan secured by Mauck's property located at 46966 Courtyard Sq. Unit 302, Sterling, VA, in exchange for Mauck's payment of advance fees to UFGI. Among the terms of this agreement was a statement that Mauck's advance fees would be placed in a trust account and "UFGI will provide a verified accounting of these funds to the Client at the end of each calendar quarter and at completion of the contract." The agreement also stated the "the advance fee paid by the Client is fully refundable until earned by UFGI."

On June 27, 2009, Mauck paid \$1,495 in advance fees to UFGI. Mauck never received an accounting of his trust funds. UFGI never obtained a modification of Mauck's loan. Nor did UFGI refund the advance fees paid by Mauck.

10.

Hankins Transaction

In July 2009, Randy and Carole Hankins("the Hankins") were solicited for UFGI by Gladys Perez, who has never been licensed by the Department in any capacity. On July 30, 2009, the Hankins entered into an agreement with UFGI in which UFGI agreed to negotiate a modification of a loan secured by the

Hankins' property located at 30782 Chisholm Trail, Elizabeth, CO, in exchange for the Hankins' payment of advance fees to UFGI. The advance fees were collected by Gladys Perez. Among the terms of the advance fee agreement was a statement that Hankins' advance fees would be placed in a trust account and "UFGI will provide a verified accounting of these funds to the Client at the end of each calendar quarter and at completion of the contract." The agreement also stated the "the advance fee paid by the Client is fully refundable until earned by UFGI."

Between August 17, 2009 and September 18, 2009, the Hankins paid \$2,200 in advance fees to UFGI. Stacy Sayasane, who has never been licensed by the Department in any capacity, negotiated with the Hankins' lender on behalf of UFGI. The Hankins never received an accounting of their trust funds. UFGI never obtained a modification of the Hankins' loan. Nor did UFGI refund the advance fees paid by the Hankins.

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Garcia Transaction

In or about September 2009, Luis E. Garcia ("Garcia") entered into an agreement with UFGI in which UFGI agreed to negotiate a modification of a loan secured by Garcia's property located at 453 Rolling Cir., Novato, CA, in exchange for Garcia's payment of advance fees to UFGI. Among the terms of this agreement was a statement that Garcia's advance fees would be placed in a trust account and "UFGI will provide a verified accounting of these funds to the Client at the end of each calendar quarter and at completion of the contract." The

agreement also stated the "the advance fee paid by the Client is fully refundable until earned by UFGI."

Between September 9, 2009 and September 29, 2009, Garcia paid \$3,250 in advance fees to UFGI. Garcia never received an accounting of his trust funds. UFGI never obtained a modification of Garcia's loan. Nor did UFGI refund the advance fees paid by Garcia.

12.

The agreements described in Paragraphs 6 through 11 above, constitute advance fee agreements within the meaning of Code Section 10026. Between December 17, 2008 and January 7, 2009, FLANNIGAN submitted three advance fee agreements for UFGI to the Department. The Department advised FLANNIGAN that none of these agreements could be used. On March 16, 2009, FLANNIGAN submitted a fourth advance fee agreement to the Department, on behalf of UFGI. On April 3, 2009 the Department advised FLANNIGAN that it had no objection to this advance fee agreement as submitted. However, the advance fee agreements described in paragraphs 6 through 11 differed from the agreement submitted by FLANNIGAN on March 16, 2009.

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Therefore, the use of the advance fee agreements referred to in Paragraphs 6 through 10 above by UFGI and FLANNIGAN was in violation of Code Sections 10085 and 10085.5 and Section 2970 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations").

The use of the advance fee agreements referred to in Paragraphs 8 through 11 above by UFGI and QUACH was in violation of Code Sections 10085, 10085.5 and Regulation 2970. This provides cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of UFGI, FLANNIGAN and QUACH, pursuant to Code Sections 10085, 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

15.

The failure to provide trust fund accounting and refunds, as promised in the agreements described in Paragraphs 9 through 11 above, constitute substantial misrepresentations and/or negligence and incompetence, providing cause for the suspension or revocation of the license and license rights of UFGI and QUACH, pursuant to Code Sections 10176(a) and/or 10177(g). The failure to provide trust fund accounting and refunds, as promised in the agreement described in Paragraph 9 above, provides cause for the suspension or revocation of the license and license rights of FLANNIGAN, pursuant to Code Sections 10176(a) and/or 10177(g).

16.

By employing unlicensed individual to engage in activity requiring a broker license under Code Section 10131(d), as described in paragraphs 7 & 9 above, UFGI and FLANNIGAN violated Code Section 10137. By employing unlicensed individuals to engage in activity requiring a broker license under Code Section 10131(d), as described in paragraphs 9 & 10 above, UFGI and QUACH violated Code Section 10137. This

subjects the real estate licenses and license rights of UFGI, FLANNIGAN and QUACH to suspension or revocation pursuant to Sections Code Sections 10137, 10177(d) and/or 10177(g). 17. The overall conduct of Respondents FLANNIGAN and QUACH constitutes a failure on their part, as officers designated by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise the reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of UFGI as required by Code Section 10159.2, and to keep UFGI in compliance with the Real Estate Law, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate licenses and license rights of FLANNIGAN and QUACH 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 all the licenses and license rights of Respondents UNITED FIDELITY GROUP INC, TERENCE MICHAEL FLANNIGAN and DONG S. QUACH, under the Real Estate Law, that Complainant be awarded its costs of investigation and prosecution of this case, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at Los Angeles, California this day of Maria Suarez Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

cc:

 UNITED FIDELITY GROUP INC TERENCE MICHAEL FLANNIGAN DONG S. QUACH Maria Suarez Sacto.