LISSETE GARCIA, Counsel (SBN 211552) **Bureau of Real Estate** 2 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 Direct: (213) 576-6914 Fax: (213) 576-6917 4 Attorney for Complainant 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 In the Matter of the Accusation against CALBRE No. H-40680 LA OAH No. 2017080310 13 LA LIFE REALTY, INC., FRANCISCO OLIVERIO PORRAS, FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION 14 JESSI A. CHAVEZ, individually and as designated officer of LA Life Realty, Inc., 15 ILEANE H. GAXIOLA, 1st CLASS INVESTMENTS & REALTY, INC., and JUAN RENE VILLANUEVA, individually 16 and as designated officer of 1st Class Investments & 17 Realty, Inc., 18 Respondents. 19 20 This First Amended Accusation amends the Accusation filed on June 20, 2017. The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator for the Bureau of Real Estate 21 22 ("Bureau") of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against LA LIFE REALTY, INC., FRANCISCO OLIVERIO PORRAS, JESSI A. CHAVEZ, individually and as designated officer 23 24

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1	of LA LIFE REALTY, INC., ILEANE H. GAXIOLA, 1st CLASS INVESTMENTS &
2	REALTY, INC., and JUAN RENE VILLANUEVA, individually and as designated officer of 1s
3	Class Investments & Realty, Inc. (collectively "Respondents"), is informed and alleges as
4	follows:
5	1.
6	The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of
7	California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity.
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9	All references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code and all
10	references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.
11	3.
12	Respondents are presently licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law
13	(Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code).
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15	From December 13, 2016 through the present, Respondent LA LIFE REALTY, INC.
16	("LALRI") has been licensed by the Bureau as a real estate corporation, License ID 01527099.
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18	From November 13, 2007 through the present, Respondent FRANCISCO OLIVERIO
19	PORRAS ("F. PORRAS") has been licensed by the Bureau as a real estate salesperson, License
20	ID 01822825.
21	6.
22	From February 8, 2010 through the present, Respondent JESSI A. CHAVEZ
23	("CHAVEZ") has been licensed by the Bureau as a real estate broker, License ID 01427628.
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From February 24, 2005 through the present, Respondent ILEANE H. GAXIOLA, ("GAXIOLA") has been licensed by the Bureau as a real estate broker, License ID 01081179.

At all times relevant herein, GAXIOLA was licensed to do business as Dynamic Team Realty.

8.

F. PORRAS was licensed under the employment of broker GAXIOLA from May 30, 2013 through October 16, 2014. F. PORRAS was licensed under the employment of broker Excala Realty Group (License ID 01875094) from November 19, 2014 through April 13, 2015. F. PORRAS has been licensed under the employment of broker CHAVEZ from May 8, 2015 through the present.

9.

From December 13, 2016 through the present, Respondent LALRI has been licensed as a real estate corporation, acting by and through Respondent CHAVEZ as its designated broker-officer. As the broker-officer designated by Respondent LALRI pursuant to Section 10211 of the Code, CHAVEZ is responsible for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of Respondent LALRI, by its officers and employees, as necessary to secure full compliance with Real Estate Law as set forth in Code Section 10159.2 and Regulation 2725.

10.

Yesenia Marisol Porras ("Y. Porras") has never been licensed in any capacity by the Bureau. Y. Porras is the spouse of F. PORRAS.

11.

LALRI is a California corporation formed on or about September 19, 2014. According to a Statement of Information filed on April 4, 2017 with the Secretary of State for the State of

1	California, CHAVEZ is the Secretary for LALRI. F. PORRAS is the Chief Financial Officer for
2	LALRI. Y. Porras, is the Chief Executive Officer of LALRI. The principal business address
3	listed for LALRI is: 7803 Telegraph Road, Suite D, Montebello, California 90640.
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5	From May 28, 2013 through the present, Respondent 1st CLASS INVESTMENTS &
6	REALTY, INC. ("1st CLASS INVESTMENTS") has been licensed by the Bureau as a real estate
7	corporation, License ID 01934000.
8	13.
9	From July 25, 2001 through the present, Respondent JUAN RENE VILLANUEVA
10	("VILLANUEVA") has been licensed by the Bureau as a real estate broker, License ID
11	01202041. VILLANUEVA has been licensed to do business as 1st Class Investments and Realty
12	since May 17, 2005.
13	14.
14	From April 17, 2017 through the present, Respondent 1st Class Investments has been
15	licensed as a real estate corporation, acting by and through Respondent VILLANUEVA as its
16	designated broker-officer. As the broker-officer designated by Respondent 1 ST Class
17	Investments pursuant to Section 10211 of the Code, VILLANUEVA is responsible for the
18	supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of Respondent 1 ST Class
19	Investments, by its officers and employees, as necessary to secure full compliance with Real
20	Estate Law as set forth in Code Section 10159.2 and Regulation 2725. VILLANUEVA is the
21	President and Chief Executive Officer for 1 ST CLASS INVESTMENTS.
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

(F. PORRAS, LALRI, and CHAVEZ)

15.

For an unknown period of time that includes the previous three years through the present, Y. Porras, while doing business as LALRI, engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker or salesperson in the State of California, within the meaning of Code Section 10131.

16.

Prior to obtaining a real estate license, LALRI's website, laliferealtyinc.com, offered services including, but not limited to, selling homes, renting homes, and finding loans for homeowners. The website continues to list LALRI's agents as "Yesenia & Frank Porras" with F. PORRAS' Bureau ID number below their names.

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Y. Porras uses a business card that lists her as a realtor/owner for LALRI and lists F.PORRAS' License ID number on the business card.

18.

The conduct, acts, and/or omissions of Respondents F. PORRAS, LALRI, and CHAVEZ of allowing LALRI to advertise activities that require a real estate license prior to becoming licensed and allowing an unlicensed person, Y. Parros, to advertise as a realtor or agent as described above in Paragraphs 15 through 17, are a continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation in violation of Code Section 10130 and constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents F. PORRAS, LALRI, and CHAVEZ under the provisions of Code Sections 10176(a), 10176(c), 10177(d), and/or 10177(g).

1 SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION 2 (F. PORRAS, 1st CLASS INVESTMENTS, VILLANUEVA, and GAXIOLA) 3 (Estella Property) 4 19. There is hereby incorporated in this Second, separate and distinct Cause of Accusation, 5 all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 18 with the same force and effect as if 6 7 herein fully set forth. 8 20. On or about January 8, 2014, Respondent F. PORRAS entered into an exclusive 9 residential listing agreement with L.S.1 for the short sale of I.S.'s real property located at 14517 10 Estella St., Baldwin Park, California 91706 ("Estella property"). Dynamic Team Realty was 11 12 listed as the broker for I.S. on the listing agreement. 13 21. On or about June 26, 2014, Respondent VILLANUEVA presented an offer from buyer 14 H.F. to purchase the Estella property. VILLANUEVA prepared a California Residential 15 Purchase Agreement which noted Omega Escrow Corp. as the escrow holder for the transaction. 16 VILLANUEVA is listed as the agent and 1ST CLASS INVESTMENTS is listed as the broker for 17 buyer H.F. on the California Residential Purchase Agreement. 18 19 22. I.S. accepted H.F.'s offer and escrow was opened with Omega Escrow Corp. 20 111 21 22 23 Initials are used in place of individuals' full names to protect their privacy. Documents containing individuals' full names will be provided during the discovery phase of this case to Respondent(s) and/or their attorneys, after service 24 of a timely and proper request for discovery on Complainant's counsel.

Omega Escrow Corp. is owned and operated by VILLANUEVA. Omega Escrow Corp. used the business address 7332 Florence Ave. Suite J., Downey, California 90240 at all times relevant herein.

24.

On June 26, 2014, escrow officer Rosie Nunez prepared Supplemental Escrow Instructions ("escrow instructions") for the Estella property for Escrow No. 1927-RN. The escrow instructions were provided to the seller and F. PORRAS. The escrow instructions noted that Omega Escrow Corp. is licensed by the Department of Corporations [now known as the Department of Business Oversight] with License No. 9632147. The escrow instructions failed to disclose that VILLANUEVA had an ownership interest in Omega Escrow Corp.

25.

VILLANUEVA provided a Disclosure Regarding Real Estate Agency Relationship to the buyer and seller which noted that VILLANUEVA and 1st Class Investments represented buyer H.F. VILLANUEVA and 1ST CLASS INVESTMENTS failed to provide a written disclosure that VILLANUEVA had an interest in Omega Escrow Corp.

26.

On July 18, 2014, Omega Escrow Corp. prepared Commission Instructions for the Estella property. The Commission Instructions noted that Dynamic Team Realty and F. PORRAS were to receive a commission of \$6,150.00 from the sale of the Estella property. F. PORRAS signed the escrow instructions. The Commission Instructions were not signed by a broker for Dynamic Team Realty. VILLANUEVA signed the Commission Instructions on behalf of 1ST CLASS INVESTMENTS.

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Omega Escrow Corp. Escrow No. 1927-RN closed on August 4, 2014. The Estella property was sold through a short sale for \$205,000. The seller's lender was not advised that the commission for Dynamic Team Realty was in fact paid to F. PORRAS, a salesperson.

Respondents VILLANUEVA and 1st CLASS INVESTMENTS failed to retain the documents in connection with this transaction in violation of Code section 10148.

28.

Respondent GAXIOLA claims that she was not aware of the August 4, 2014, Estella property transaction and that F. PORRAS engaged in the transaction without her knowledge or supervision. Respondent GAXIOLA further claims that the commission due to Dynamic Team Realty for the Estella property transaction was paid directly to F. PORRAS by Omega Escrow Corp.

29.

Respondent GAXIOLA additionally claims that F. PORRAS was terminated by Dynamic Realty on October 14, 2014 for violations of the Real Estate Law. Respondent GAXIOLA failed to notify the Bureau of F. PORRAS' termination as required under Code section 10178.

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On or about October 20, 2014, buyer H.F. signed a Grant Deed giving title to the Estella property to LALRI for no consideration. On May 21, 2015, LALRI resold the Estella property for \$388,000. PORRAS and his employing broker at the time, Excala Realty Group received a commission of \$9,700.

31.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent F. PORRAS and LALRI as described

above in Paragraphs 20 through 30, constitute dishonest dealing or fraud, are in violation of 1 Code Sections 10130, 10137, and 10139, and are cause for the suspension or revocation of all 2 real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent F. PORRAS and LALRI under the 3 provisions of Code Sections 10176(a), 10177(d), 10177(j), and/or 10177(g). 4 5 32. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents 1st CLASS INVESTMENTS and 6 VILLANUEVA as described above in Paragraphs 20 through 30, constitute dishonest dealing or 7 fraud, are in violation of Regulation 2950(h) and Code section 10148, and are cause for the 8 suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents 1st CLASS 9 INVESTMENTS and VILLANUEVA under the provisions of Code Sections 10176(a), 10 10176(g), 10177(d), 10177(j), and/or 10177(g). 11 12 33. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent GAXIOLA as described above in 13 Paragraphs 20 through 29, in failing to provide a written notice of Respondent F. PORRAS' 14 termination for cause by Dynamic Team Realty is a violation of Code section 10178 and 15 constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of 16 Respondent GAXIOLA under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), and/or 10177(g). 17 18 111 19 /// 20 21 22 23 /// 24

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On June 24, 2014, Omega Escrow Corp. escrow officer Rosie Nunez prepared Commission Instructions for the Workman property. The Commission Instructions noted that Dynamic Team Realty and F. PORRAS were to receive a commission of \$15,000.00 from the Workman property transaction. F. PORRAS signed the escrow instructions. The Commission Instructions were not signed by a broker for Dynamic Team Realty.

39.

On July 16, 2014, escrow officer Rosie Nunez prepared an Amendment to Instructions for the Workman property which noted that all six percent of commission due to Dynamic Team Realty was to be credited to the buyer for closing costs. F. PORRAS signed the Amendment to Instructions on behalf of Dynamic Team Realty.

40.

On July 16, 2014, escrow officer Rosie Nunez prepared another Amendment to Instructions for the Workman property which noted that the sellers authorize their relocation assistance payment to be credited to the buyer for funds to close. The sellers and buyer signed the Amendment to Instructions.

41.

Omega Escrow Corp. Escrow No. 1936-RN closed on August 5, 2014. The seller's lender was not advised of the changes to commission instructions made on behalf of Dynamic Team Realty by F. PORRAS, a salesperson. Respondent VILLANUEVA failed to retain the documents in connection with this transaction in violation of Code section 10148.

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Respondent GAXIOLA claims that she was not aware of the Workman property transaction and that F. PORRAS engaged in the transaction without her knowledge or supervision.

43.

Respondent GAXIOLA additionally claims that F. PORRAS was terminated by Dynamic Realty on October 14, 2014 for violations of the Real Estate Law. Respondent GAXIOLA failed to notify the Bureau of F. PORRAS' termination as required under Code section 10178.

44.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents F. PORRAS and VILLANUEVA, as described above in Paragraphs 35 through 43, constitute dishonest dealing or fraud, are in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10137, 10139 and 10148, and constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents F. PORRAS, VILLANUEVA, and 1ST CLASS INVESTMENTS under the provisions of Code Sections 10176(a), 10177(d), 10177(j), and/or 10177(g).

45.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent GAXIOLA as described above in Paragraphs 35 through 43, in failing to provide a written notice of Respondent F. PORRAS' termination for cause by Dynamic Team Realty is a violation of Code section 10178 and constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent GAXIOLA under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), and/or 10177(g).

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1	Miramonte property. On July 4, 2014, Omega Escrow Corp. prepared Commission Instructions
2	for the Miramonte property. The Commission Instructions noted that Dynamic Team Realty was
3	to receive a total commission of \$10,140.00 from the Miramonte property transaction. The
4	Commission Instructions were not signed by a broker for Dynamic Team Realty. On or about
5	July 5, 2014, Respondents F. PORRAS and VILLANUEVA induced the sellers and buyers to
6	pay Omega Escrow \$7,000 through seven separate postal money orders for \$1,000 each, for the
7	short sale of the Miramonte property.
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9	Omega Escrow Corp. Escrow No. 1962-RN closed on July 7, 2014. Respondents
10	VILLANUEVA and F. PORRAS failed to produce copies of the transaction documents
11	reflecting the \$240,000 sale price of the Miramonte property to the Bureau. The final HUD
12	statement and transaction documents for the Miramonte property that were produced by
13	Respondents to the Bureau failed to disclose the payments made to Omega Escrow along with
14	other unlicensed entities for the short sale of the Miramonte property. Respondent
15	VILLANUEVA failed to retain the documents in connection with this transaction in violation of
16	Code section 10148.
17	52.
18	Respondent GAXIOLA claims that she was not aware of the Miramonte property
19	transaction and that F. PORRAS engaged in the Miramonte transaction without her knowledge or
20	supervision.
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Respondent GAXIOLA additionally claims that F. PORRAS was terminated by Dynamic Realty on October 14, 2014 for violations of the Real Estate Law. Respondent GAXIOLA failed to notify the Bureau of F. PORRAS' termination as required under Code section 10178.

54.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents F. PORRAS and VILLLANUEVA, as described above in Paragraphs 47 through 53, constitute dishonest dealing or fraud, are in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10137, 10139, 10148, and Regulation 2950(h), and constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents F. PORRAS, VILLANUEVA, and 1ST CLASS INVESTMENTS under the provisions of Code Sections 10176(a), 10176(g), 10177(d), 10177(j), and/or 10177(g).

55.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent GAXIOLA as described above in Paragraphs 47 through 53, in failing to provide a written notice of Respondent F. PORRAS' termination for cause by Dynamic Team Realty is a violation of Code section 10178 and constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent GAXIOLA under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), and/or 10177(g).

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

(F. PORRAS and LALRI)

56.

There is hereby incorporated in this Fifth separate and distinct Cause of Accusation, all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 55 with the same force and effect as if herein fully set forth.

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From June of 2014 through May of 2015, F. PORRAS and Y. Porras, while doing business as LALRI, and acting along with Ricardo Rodriguez Navarro, an unlicensed person, offered to perform services that required a real estate license to borrower A.N. Said services included loan modification, negotiating and obtaining a loan for the purchase of real property, and negotiating the purchase of real property by A.N. F. PORRAS acted as an agent on behalf of A.N. and induced A.N. to make offers to purchase real properties.

58.

On October 2, 2014, F. PORRAS presented an offer from A.N.'s relative, M.A., to purchase a property located at 465 Cerro Vera Way, San Jacinto, California ("Cerra Way property"). F.PORRAS, Y. PORRAS, and Ricardo Rodriguez Navarro, aka Ricardo R. Navarro and Ricardo Navarro, collected an earnest money deposit from A.N. for the purchase of the Cerra Way property. The seller accepted the offer but the transaction was cancelled on or about January 24, 2015.

59.

On May 7, 2015, F. PORRAS presented an offer from A.N.'s relative, M.A., to purchase a property located at 655 Wildrose Circle, San Jacinto, California.

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F. PORRAS advised or induced A.N.'s relative, M.A., to make offers to purchase other real properties located at: 1498 Burns Lane, San Jacinto, California and 1382 Lynden Trails, San Jacinto, California.

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F. PORRAS, Y. Porras, and Ricardo Rodriguez Navarro collected trust funds from A.N. which were intended to be used for the purchase of the properties listed above in Paragraphs 57 through 60. F.PORRAS, Y. PORRAS, and Ricardo Rodriguez Navarro collected trust funds totaling \$19,975.00 from A.N. related to the purchase of the real properties.

62.

Respondent F. PORRAS engaged in the acts described in Paragraphs 57 through 61 above, without the knowledge or supervision of his licensed employing broker and during a period of time when LALRI was not licensed by the Bureau, in violation of Code section 10130. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents F. PORRAS and LALRI, as described above in Paragraphs 57 through 61, are in violation of Code Sections 10130, 10137, 10139 and 10145, and constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents F. PORRAS and LALRI under the provisions of Code Sections 10176(a), 10177(d), 10177(j), and/or 10177(g).

In Aggravation

63.

From on or about September 2013 through June of 2014, Respondent F. PORRAS was licensed under the employment of Respondent GAXIOLA. According to Respondent GAXIOLA, Respondent F. PORRAS engaged in activities related to the sale or purchase of the following real properties for others without GAXIOLA's knowledge or supervision. 1) 3159 Sandstone Ct., Palmdale California; 2) 9360 Pico Vista Rd., Downey, California; 3) 3535 Garnet St. Los Angeles, California; 4) 11629 Senwood St., Norwalk, California; and 5) 4097 Missouri Flat Rd., Placerville, California.

Paragraph 63. Respondent F. PORRAS collected commissions directly from Omega Escrow

Investigation and Enforcement Costs

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disciplinary proceeding before the Bureau of Real Estate, the Commissioner may request the

administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to

pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

Code Section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a

Corp. in violation of Code sections 10130 and 10137.

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Omega Escrow Corp. handled the escrow for each of the transactions described above in

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