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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC.;

LANCE ERIC MARTIN, individually and as designated officer of Pioneer Real Estate, Inc.,

Respondents.

DRE No. H-41571 LA

OAH No. 2020030422

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

As to Respondent Lance Eric Martin only

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent LANCE ERIC MARTIN (sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), acting by and through his attorney, Edward O. Lear, Esq. of Century Law Group LLP, and the Complainant, acting by and through Judith B. Vasan, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation ("Accusation") filed on January 7, 2020, in this matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent 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").

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- 2. Respondent has received, read and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondent 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. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense Respondent thereby waives his 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 Respondent will waive other rights afforded to him in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in their defense, and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admits that the factual allegations in the Accusation filed in this proceeding are true and correct and the Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence of such allegations.
- 5. 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 Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Order." In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, the Stipulation shall be void and of no effect and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceed on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein.
- 6. 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 with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

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

The conduct, acts or omissions of Respondent LANCE ERIC MARTIN, as set forth in the Accusation, are in violation of the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 10159.2 and Section 2725 of Title 10, Chapter 6, of the California Code of Regulations and are a basis for discipline of Respondent LANCE ERIC MARTIN's licenses and license rights pursuant to Code sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and/or 10177(h).

#### **ORDER**

# WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent LANCE ERIC MARTIN under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from 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.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands

Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.

3. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for the issuance of any unrestricted real estate license nor for removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision and Order. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for any unrestricted licenses until all restrictions attaching to the license have been removed.

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Pursuant to Code section 10148, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable costs for the audit which led to this disciplinary action in the amount of \$19,338.41. Respondent is jointly and severally responsible for the costs of the audit with Respondent Pioneer Real Estate, Inc. Respondent shall pay such costs within ninety (90) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of the audit costs should not be made until Respondent receives the invoice. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondent's real estate licenses shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

III.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent pays the sum of \$2,803.50 for the Commissioner's reasonable costs of enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Respondent is jointly and severally responsible for the costs of enforcement with Respondent Pioneer Real Estate, Inc. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Enforcement costs must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

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DATED: 1-20-2020

Judith B. Vasan, Counsel for Department of Real Estate

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# **EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION**

I have read the Stipulation, have discussed it with counsel, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I 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 I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondent shall <u>mail the original</u> signed signature page of the stipulation herein to Judith B. Vasan, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105.

In the event of time constraints before an administrative hearing, Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by emailing a scanned copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department counsel assigned to this case. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending the Department a scan of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement that receipt of the scan by the Department shall be binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation. Respondent shall also mail the original signed signature page of this Stipulation to the Department counsel.

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1	Respondent's signature below constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms				
2	and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and				
3	understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent is bound by its terms as of the date of				
4	such signatures and that this agreement is not subject to rescission or amendment at a later date				
5	except by a separate Decision and Order of the Real Estate Commissioner.				
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7	DATED:				
8	LANCE ERIC MARTIN Respondent				
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10	DATED: 7/20/2020 7 UM				
11	Edward O. Lear, Esq. Counsel for Respondent				
12	Approved as to Form				
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14	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as Respondent LANCE ERIC MARTIN and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on				
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17	IT IS SO ORDERED				
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19	DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY				
20	REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER				
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7	DATED: 7/20/2020				
8	LANCE ERIC MARTIN Respondent				
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11	Counsel for Respondent				
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ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE

On January 07, 2020, an Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondent PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. ("Respondent").

On July 20, 2020, Respondent petitioned the Commissioner to voluntarily surrender its real estate broker license pursuant to Section 10100.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC.'s petition for voluntary surrender of its 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 July 20, 2020, (attached as Exhibit "A" hereto). Respondent's license certificate and pocket card shall be sent to the below-listed address so that they reach the Department of Real Estate on or before the effective date of this Order:

# DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

Attention: Licensing Flag Section P. O. Box 137013 Sacramento, CA 95813-7013

		effective at 12 o'clock noon on	OCT = 7 2020
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#### **DECLARATION**

My name is Lance Eric Martin and I am designated officer of PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC., which is currently licensed as a real estate broker and/or has license rights with respect to said license. I am authorized and empowered to sign this declaration on behalf of PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. I am acting on behalf of PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. in this matter. PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. is represented by Edward O. Lear, Attorney at Law.

In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Government Code), PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. wishes to voluntarily surrender its real estate license(s) issued by the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2.

 I understand that PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC., by so voluntarily surrendering its license(s), may be relicensed as a broker or a salesperson, or issued a mortgage loan originator endorsement, only by petitioning for reinstatement pursuant to Section 11522 of the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering its license(s), PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC., agrees to the following:

- 1. The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as its petition for voluntary surrender.
- 2. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC., that it waives all rights it has to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this matter at a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure 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 witnesses.
- 3. It further agrees 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 Accusation filed in the Department Case No. H-41571 LA, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding whether to grant relicensure or reinstatement pursuant to Government Code Section 11522.
- 4. Pursuant to Code section 10148, PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. agrees to pay, jointly and severally with Respondent Lance Eric Martin, the Commissioner's reasonable costs for the audit which led to this disciplinary action in the total amount of \$19,338.41. PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. shall pay such costs within ninety (90) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of the audit costs should not be made until PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. fails to satisfy this

condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, prior to issuance of any new or reinstated license, PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. shall pay the Department the costs for the audit.

- 5. Pursuant to Code section 10106, PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. agrees to pay, jointly and severally with Respondent Lance Eric Martin, the Commissioner's reasonable costs for enforcement, which led to this disciplinary action in the total amount of \$ 2,803.50. PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. shall pay such costs prior to the effective date of the Commissioner's Order accepting the voluntary surrender of PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC.'s real estate license(s). If PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, prior to issuance of any new or reinstated license, PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. shall pay the Department the costs for enforcement.
- 6. PIONEER REAL ESTATE, INC. freely and voluntarily surrenders all its licenses and license rights under the Real Estate Law.

> PIONEER REAL ESTATE INC. By: Lance Eric Martin