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# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation against HEDY LEE TOJI,

Respondent.

DRE No. H-41829 LA OAH No. 2021030182

FINAL STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

It is hereby stipulated by and between Hedy Lee Toji ("Respondent"), represented by Hacker Law Group through attorney Jeffrey A. Hacker, and the Complainant, acting by and through Lissete Garcia, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing the Accusation filed on November 20, 2020, with Department Case No. H-41829 LA ("Accusation") in this matter:

All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented 1. 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 on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order ("Stipulation").

2. Respondent has received, read, and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA, and Accusation filed by the 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 and understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, Respondent will thereby waive Respondent's rights to require the Real Estate Commissioner ("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 Respondent in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admits that the factual allegations in Paragraphs 3 through 13 of 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 the Stipulation and Agreement 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 and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.

6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement 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.

## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

By reason of the foregoing stipulation and agreement and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent HEDY LEE TOJI as set forth herein above in Paragraph 4, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent pursuant to the provisions of Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 10177, subdivisions (d) and (g), for violation of Code section 10159.5 and Regulation 2731 of the Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

### <u>ORDER</u>

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent HEDY LEE TOJI under the Real Estate

Law are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Decision and

Order; provided, however, that:

1. Said 30-day suspension shall be stayed, upon the condition that Respondent petition pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at a rate of \$50.00 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$1,500.00.

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- a. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Said check 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.
- No further cause for disciplinary action against the Real Estate licenses of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision and Order in this matter.
- c. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Decision and Order, the suspension shall go into effect automatically. 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 and Order
- d. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and any other moneys due under this Stipulation and Agreement and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of said Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision and Order, the entire stay hereby granted pursuant to this Decision and Order, as to said Respondent only, shall become permanent.

2.

Respondent shall, within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order, present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that "SCV Prop Management, Inc." has obtained an active real estate corporation license with the Department of Real Estate and that Respondent has added the following fictitious business names: "SCV Home Rentals" and "SCV Prop Management" as dbas to either SCV Prop Management, Inc.'s active corporation license or Respondent's broker license: The proof that the corporation license has been re-licensed and that the DBAs have been added must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, within sixty (60) from the effective date. A copy of the proof must also be delivered to DRE Counsel Lissete Garcia, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondent's real estate license shall automatically be suspended until Respondent complies with this condition, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

3. Respondent shall, within 180 days from the effective date of this Decision and Order, pay the sum of \$5.843.95 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The investigative and enforcement costs must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, within 180 days from effective date of this

Decision and Order. Payment of investigation and enforcement costs should not be made until the Stipulation has been approved by the Commissioner.

If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondent's real estate license shall be automatically suspended until Respondent complies with this condition, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

4. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this

Decision and Order, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination
administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate
examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, Respondent's real
estate license shall automatically be suspended until Respondent passes the
examination.

DATED: 8/6/2021

Lissete Garcia, Counsel Department of Real Estate

# **EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION**

I have read this Stipulation and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to us by the California APA (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 can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this 1 2 Stipulation and Agreement by electronically e-mailing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department. Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and understands 3 that by electronically sending to the Department an electronic copy of Respondent's actual 4 signature, as it appears on the Stipulation that receipt of the emailed copy by the Department 5 shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed 6 7 Stipulation. By signing this Stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that Respondent may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the Stipulation prior to the time the 8 Commissioner considers and acts upon it or prior to the effective date of the Stipulation and 9 Order. <u>MAILING</u>

Respondent and Respondent's counsel shall, within five (5) business days from signing the Stipulation, mail the original signed signature page(s) of the Stipulation herein to Lissete Garcia, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105.

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1	Respondent's signature below constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms and
2	conditions of this Stipulation. Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and understands that by
3	signing this Stipulation, Respondent is bound by its terms as of the date of such signature and
4	that this agreement is not subject to rescission or amendment at a later date except by a separate
5	Decision and Order of the Real Estate Commissioner.
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7	DATED: 08/03/2021  Respondent HEDY LED TOJI
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9	DATED: 8/6/21 /sl Jeffrey A. Hacker  Approved as to Form
11	Jeffrey A. Hacker, Esq. Counsel for Respondent
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13	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order is hereby adopted by
14	me as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon
15	on 16/28/2021
16	IT IS SO ORDERED $9.21.21$
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