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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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11 TO:)
12)
13 SHORTREFINOW.COM, JOHN BURTON,)
14 TRACEY LYNN REED, and)
BRANDON HINTZ)

NO. H- 5155 SAC

ORDER TO
DESIST AND REFRAIN

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16 The Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California (hereinafter
17 "Commissioner") has caused an investigation to be made of your activities, and based upon the
18 findings herein below set forth, is of the opinion that you, SHORTREFINOW.COM,
19 JOHN BURTON, TRACEY LYNN REED and BRANDON HINTZ have violated Section
20 10130 of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter the "Code") by engaging in
21 the business of or acting as a real estate salesperson or broker, within the meaning of Sections
22 10085.5, 10130 and 10131(d) of the Code without first having obtained a real estate license from
23 the California Department of Real Estate (hereinafter the "Department").

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25 At no time herein mentioned were you, JOHN BURTON, you, BRANDON
26 HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN REED, or you, SHORTREFINOW.COM licensed by the
27 Department as a real estate broker or salesperson, as appropriate.

At all times herein mentioned you, JOHN BURTON, you, TRACEY LYNN REED, and you, BRANDON HINTZ, were agents of or in the employ of SHORTREFINOW.COM, and you were compensated for performing acts pursuant to said employment in furtherance of the activities discussed in Paragraph 3 below.

During the period beginning in or about June 2008 and continuing, you, JOHN BURTON, you, BRANDON HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN REED, and you, SHORTREFINOW.COM, among other things, solicited and/or performed services for borrowers, including but not limited to, Holly and Ray Castleberry, in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by liens on real property or on a business opportunity, for or in expectation of a compensation and claimed, demanded, charged, received, collected or contracted for an advanced fee for such services.

The acts you, JOHN BURTON, you, BRANDON HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN REED, and you, SHORTREFINOW.COM performed, for or in expectation of compensation, described in Paragraph 3 above, as well as, the claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting for the collection of advance fees, are acts requiring a real estate salesperson or broker license under the provisions of Sections 10130 and 10131(d) of the Code and Section 10085.5 of the Code, respectively.

You, JOHN BURTON, you, BRANDON HINTZ, you, TRACEY LYNN REED, and you, SHORTREFINOW.COM, violated Sections 10085.5 and 10130 of the Code by engaging in the activities described above in Paragraph 3 without first obtaining a real estate salesperson or broker license from the Department.

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NOW THEREFORE, YOU, JOHN BURTON, YOU, BRANDON HINTZ, YOU,
TRACEY LYNN REED, AND YOU, SHORTREFINOW.COM, ARE HEREBY ORDERED
TO DESIST AND REFRAIN from performing any and all acts for which a real estate license is
required until such time as you obtain the required license from the Department.

DATED: 1-27, 2009

JEFF DAVI
Real Estate Commissioner

