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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 ) NO. H-35675 LA  
13 GRAND MASTERS LENDING INC., dba )  
14 Next Level Lending Co, a )  
15 corporate real estate broker; ) ORDER TO DESIST  
16 and ANTONIO ZEPEDA, ) AND REFRAIN  
17 individually and as designated )  
18 broker-officer of Grand Masters )  
19 Lending Inc. )

20 The Real Estate Commissioner of the State of  
21 California ("Commissioner") has caused an investigation to be  
22 made of your activities requiring a real estate license and,  
23 based upon the findings of that investigation, as set forth  
24 below, is of the opinion that you, GRAND MASTERS LENDING INC.,  
25 dba Next Level Lending Co, and you, ANTONIO ZEPEDA, have  
26 violated Section 10085 of the Business and Professions Code  
27 ("Code") and Regulation 2970, Title 10, California Code of  
Regulations ("Regulations"); and that you, ANTONIO ZEPEDA, as  
designated broker officer of GRAND MASTERS LENDING INC., have

1 violated Code Section 10159.2.

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3 At all times material herein, you, GRAND MASTERS  
4 LENDING INC., were and now are licensed by the Department of  
5 Real Estate of the State of California ("Department") as a  
6 corporate real estate broker through ANTONIO ZEPEDA as the  
7 designated officer and broker responsible, pursuant to the  
8 provisions of Code Section 10159.2, for supervising the  
9 activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf  
10 of GRAND MASTERS LENDING INC..

11 2.

12 At all times material herein, you, ANTONIO ZEPEDA,  
13 were and now are licensed by the Department as a real estate  
14 broker, individually and as the designated officer of GRAND  
15 MASTERS LENDING INC. As its designated broker-officer, you,  
16 ANTONIO ZEPEDA, are and at all times material herein were  
17 responsible for the supervision and control of the activities  
18 of the officers, agents and employees of GRAND MASTERS LENDING  
19 INC. for which a license is required pursuant to Code Section  
20 10159.2.

21 3.

22 All further references to "you" include the parties  
23 identified in Paragraphs 1 and 2, above, and also include the  
24 officers, directors, employees, agents and real estate  
25 licensees employed by or associated with said parties and who  
26 at all times herein mentioned were engaged in the furtherance  
27 of the business or operations of said parties and who were

1 acting within the course and scope of their authority and  
2 employment.

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4 At all times material herein mentioned, you, GRAND  
5 MASTERS LENDING INC., and you, ANTONIO ZEPEDA, engaged in the  
6 business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to  
7 act as a real estate broker in the State of California, within  
8 the meaning of Code Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2, for another  
9 or others, for or in expectation of compensation. Your  
10 activities included the operation of or conduct of a real  
11 property sales business with the public wherein you engaged in  
12 the negotiation of and solicitation of borrowers and lenders  
13 for loans secured by residential real property.

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15 Beginning on or before August 14, 2008, and  
16 continuing to the present time, you, GRAND MASTERS LENDING  
17 INC., and you, ANTONIO ZEPEDA, engaged in the business of  
18 claiming, demanding, charging and receiving, collecting or  
19 contracting for the collection of advance fees within the  
20 meaning of Code Sections 10026 and 10131.2, including but not  
21 limited to advance fees collected from borrowers for loan  
22 modification services relating to loans secured by real  
23 property.

24 6.

25 On or about August 29, 2008, you, GRAND MASTERS  
26 LENDING INC., entered into a Residential Loan Modification  
27 Agreement with Felipe Jesus Castellanos. In connection with

1 the agreement and loan modification services to be provided,  
2 you collected an advance fee of \$1,500.00.

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4 Said advance fees, as described in Paragraphs 4, 5  
5 and 6 above, were collected pursuant to written agreements  
6 which constituted advance fee agreements within the meaning of  
7 Code Section 10085.

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9 In the course of activities described in Paragraphs  
10 4, 5 and 6, you, GRAND MASTERS LENDING INC., and you, ANTONIO  
11 ZEPEDA, acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in  
12 that you collected fees in advance from prospective borrowers  
13 pursuant to a written agreement which you did not submit to the  
14 Commissioner ten days before use, in violation of Code Section  
15 10085 and Regulation 2970.

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17 You, ANTONIO ZEPEDA, failed to exercise reasonable  
18 supervision over the activities of officers and employees of  
19 GRAND MASTERS LENDING INC. for which a real estate license was  
20 required so as to prevent the violations set forth above, in  
21 violation of Code Section 10159.2.

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, YOU, GRAND MASTERS LENDING INC., and  
2 YOU, ANTONIO ZEPEDA, ARE ORDERED TO DESIST AND REFRAIN from  
3 collecting advance fees within the meaning of Code Section  
4 10026 and 10085 unless and until you are in compliance with  
5 Code Section 10085 and Regulation 2970.

6 DATED: 2-4-09

7 JEFF DAVI  
8 Real Estate Commissioner

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12 BY: Barbara J. Bigby  
13 Chief Deputy Commissioner  
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