Department of Real Estate P. O. Box 187000 2 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000 FEB 2 8 2002 3 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 DEPARTMENT OF REALEST 4 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-1435 FRESNO 11 OAH No. N-2001110203 12 EVANS DIVERSIFIED, INC., EDWARD DONALD EVANS, and STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT 13 BRUCE LAUREN EVANS, 14 Respondents. 15 16 It is hereby stipulated by and between EVANS DIVERSIFIED, 17 INC. (hereinafter "Respondent EDI"); EDWARD DONALD EVANS (hereinafter "Respondent EDWARD EVANS"); and 18 19 BRUCE LAUREN EVANS (hereinafter "Respondent BRUCE EVANS") (sometimes herein referred to as "Respondents") and their 20 attorney of record, Charles I. Karlin, and Complainant, acting 21 22 by and through David A. Peters, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for purpose of settling and disposing of 23 the Accusation filed on February 7, 2000 (hereinafter "the 24 Accusation) in this matter. 25 26 111

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1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (Government Code Section 11500 et seq.), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement.

- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondents, the Discovery Provisions of the APA, and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. On February 22, 2000, Respondents filed his
 Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government
 Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations
 in the Accusation. Respondents freely and voluntarily withdraw
 said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that by
 withdrawing said Notice of Defense Respondents will thereby
 waive their 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 Respondents
 will waive other rights afforded to them 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.

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4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interests of expedience and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as prima facia basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as her Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in her discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents 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.

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7. Respondents EDI and EDWARD EVANS understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, Respondents EDI and EDWARD EVANS agree to pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, the cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of said costs is \$2,744.06.

8. Respondents EDI and EDWARD EVANS have received, read, and understand the "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit". Respondents EDI and EDWARD EVANS further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, the findings set forth below in the DETERMINATION OF ISSUES become final, and that the Commissioner may charge Respondents EDI and EDWARD EVANS for the costs of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum costs of said audit will not exceed \$2,744.06.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions and waivers, 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:

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The conduct of Respondent EDI described in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate broker license and license rights of Respondent EDI under the provisions of Business and Professions Code

Sections 10137, 10138, and 10177(d) in conjunction with Sections 2832, and 2731 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations.

II

The conduct of Respondent EDWARD EVANS described in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate broker license and rights of Respondent EDWARD EVANS under the provisions of Business and Professions Code Sections 10137, 10138 and 10177(h).

III

The conduct of Respondent BRUCE EVANS described in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate broker license and license rights of Respondent BRUCE EVANS under the provisions of Business and Professions Code Sections 10130, 10137, 10139, and 10177(d).

<u>ORDER</u>

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- A. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent EDI under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Decision.
- B. Twenty (20) days of said suspension are stayed for a period of two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
 - (1) Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and

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(2) If the Real Estate Commissioner determines that further cause for disciplinary actions against Respondent has occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay of suspension hereby granted to Respondent, or such portion of the stay as the Real Estate Commissioner shall deem appropriate, shall be vacated.

C. If Respondent EDI and/or Respondent EDWARD

EVANS petitions the Department in writing pursuant to

Section 10175.2 of the Code prior to the effective date of the Decision, the remaining forty (40) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon condition

that:

pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section
10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at a
rate of \$150.00 for each day of suspension for a
total monetary penalty of \$6,000.00. Pursuant to
the terms, conditions and restrictions of the
this Stipulation and Agreement the payment of a
total monetary penalty of \$6,000.00 by Respondent
EDI and/or Respondent EDWARD EVANS shall stay the
forty (40) days of suspension of Respondent EDI
and Respondent EDWARD EVANS.

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(2) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

- (3) No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent EDI occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner may without hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension in which event Respondent EDI shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.
- pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent EDI occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and D. Professions Code, Respondent EDI and/or Respondent EDWARD EVANS shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for: a) the audit which led to this disciplinary action, and b) a subsequent audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the trust fund violations found in paragraph I of the Determination of Issues. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel costs, including mileage, time to and from the auditor's place of work and per diem. Respondent EDI and/or Respondent EDWARD EVANS shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. The Commissioner may, in her discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondent EDI and the Commissioner. The vacation and the set aside of the stay shall remain in effect until payment is made in full, or until Respondent EDI enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment. no order vacating the stay be issued, either in accordance with this condition or condition "C", the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

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A. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent EDWARD EVANS under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Decision.

- B. Twenty (20) days of said suspension are stayed for a period of two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
 - (1) Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
 - (2) If the Real Estate Commissioner determines that further cause for disciplinary actions against Respondent has occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay of suspension hereby granted to Respondent, or such portion of the stay as the Real Estate Commissioner shall deem appropriate, shall be vacated.
- C. If Respondent EDWARD EVANS and/or Respondent EDI petitions the Department in writing pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code prior to the effective date of the Decision, the remaining forty (40) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon condition that:

Respondent EDWARD EVANS and/or Respondent EDI pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at a rate of \$150.00 for each day of suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$6,000.00. Pursuant to the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Stipulation and Agreement the payment of the total monetary penalty of \$6,000.00 by Respondent EDWARD EVANS and/or Respondent EDI shall stay the forty (40) days of suspension of Respondent

- Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this
- No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent EDWARD EVANS occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- (4)If Respondent EDWARD EVANS and/or Respondent EDI fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner may without hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the

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stayed suspension in which event Respondent
EDWARD EVANS shall not be entitled to any
repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for
money paid to the Department under the terms of
this Decision.

- (5) If Respondent EDWARD EVANS and/or Respondent EDI pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent EDWARD EVANS occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- D. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, Respondent EDWARD EVANS and/or Respondent EDI shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for: a) the audit which led to this disciplinary action, and b) a subsequent audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the trust fund violations found in Paragraph II of the Determination of Issues. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel costs, including mileage, time to and from the auditor's place of work and per diem.

 Respondent EDWARD EVANS and/or Respondent EDI shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. The

Commissioner may, in her discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondent EDWARD EVANS and the Commissioner. The vacation and the set aside of the stay shall remain in effect until payment is made in full, or until Respondent EDWARD EVANS enters into an 7 agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for Should no order vacating the stay be issued, either in 9 accordance with this condition or condition "C", the stay 10 imposed herein shall become permanent. 11 TTT 12 All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent BRUCE EVANS under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period 13 14 of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Decision. 15 В. Twenty (20) days of said suspension are stayed 16 for a period of two (2) years upon the following terms and 17 conditions: 18 Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and (1)19 regulations governing the rights, duties and 20 responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the 21 State of California; and 22 (2) If the Real Estate Commissioner determines that further cause for disciplinary actions against 23 Respondent has occurred within two (2) years from 24 the effective date of the Decision, the stay of 25 suspension hereby granted to Respondent, or such 26 portion of the stay as the Real Estate 27 - 12 -

Commissioner shall deem appropriate, shall be vacated.

C. If Respondent BRUCE EVANS petitions the
Department in writing pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code
prior to the effective date of the Decision, the remaining forty
(40) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon condition
that:

- penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the
 Business and Professions Code at a rate of
 \$150.00 for each day of suspension for a
 total monetary penalty of \$6,000.00.

 Pursuant to the terms, conditions and
 restrictions of this Stipulation and
 Agreement the payment of the total monetary
 penalty of \$6,000.00 by Respondent BRUCE
 EVANS shall stay the forty (40) days of
 suspension or Respondent BRUCE EVANS.
- (2) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- (3) No further cause for disciplinary action
 against the real estate license of
 Respondent BRUCE EVANS occurs within two (2)

years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

- (4) If Respondent BRUCE EVANS fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner may without hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension in which event Respondent BRUCE EVANS shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.
- penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent BRUCE EVANS occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

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DAVID A. PETERS, Counsel DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, have discussed it with my 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

EDWARD DONALD EVANS

EVANS DIVERSIFIED, INC.

Edward Donald Evans Edward

Respondent

BRUCE LAUREN EVANS Respondent

I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have advised my clients agcordingly.

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Attorney for Respondents

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement for Settlement is hereby adopted by the Real Estate Commissioner as her Decision and Order and shall become effective at 12 o'clock

_, 2002. IT IS SO ORDERED _

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PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner

BY: John R. Liberator **Chief Deputy Commissioner**

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

EVANS DIVERSIFIED, INC.; EDWARD DONALD EVANS; and BRUCE LAUREN EVANS,

Case No. H-1435 FRESNO

OAH No. N-2001110203

Respondents

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above named respondents:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at THE STATE BUILDING, 2550 MARIPOSA MALL, ROOM 1027, FRESNO, CA 93721 on THURSDAY. JANUARY 31, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you. If you object to the place of hearing, you must notify the presiding administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days after this notice is served on you. Failure to notify the presiding administrative law judge within ten days will deprive you of a change in the place of the hearing.

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter and pay his or her costs. The interpreter must be certified in accordance with Sections 11435.30 and 11435.55 of the Government Code.

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Dated: NOVEMBER 19, 2001

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of)
 EVANS DIVERSIFIED, INC.;

EDWARD DONALD EVANS; and, BRUCE LAUREN EVANS;

Respondents.

NO. H-1435 FRESNO

ACCUSATION

The Complainant, M. Dolores Ramos, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against EVANS DIVERSIFIED, INC. (hereinafter "Respondent EDI"); EDWARD DONALD EVANS (hereinafter "Respondent EDWARD EVANS"); and BRUCE LAUREN EVANS (hereinafter "Respondent BRUCE EVANS"); is informed and alleges as follows:

FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

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The Complainant, M. Dolores Ramos, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity.

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Respondent EDI is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") as a real estate broker corporation, by and through EDWARD EVANS as its Designated Officer.

III

Respondent EDWARD EVANS is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Code as a real estate broker.

IV

Respondent BRUCE EVANS is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Code as a real estate broker. Prior to September 25, 1999, Respondent BRUCE EVANS was licensed as a real estate salesperson, except for the period from on or about June 2, 1997, to on or about May 15, 1998, when his real estate salesperson license was expired. During said period (hereinafter "the period of expiration"), Respondent BRUCE EVANS was not licensed under the Code as a real estate broker or salesperson.

V

Whenever reference is made in an allegation in this Accusation to an act or omission of "Respondents EDI/EDWARD EVANS", such allegation shall be deemed to mean the act or omission of each of Respondents EDI and EDWARD EVANS, acting individually, jointly, and severally, and as agents of each other.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondents EDI, EDWARD EVANS, and BRUCE EVANS engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate brokers engaged in the property management business in the State of California, within the meaning of Section 10131(b) of the Code, wherein Respondents, for or in expectation of a compensation, leased or rented or offered to lease or rent, or solicited listings of, places for rent; solicited prospective tenants for, negotiated rental agreements for, and collected rents from, real properties owned by another or others; and otherwise managed real properties in California.

VII

During the period of expiration, Respondents EDI/EDWARD EVANS employed and compensated Respondent BRUCE EVANS for performing acts requiring a real estate license, and Respondent BRUCE EVANS received and accepted compensation from Respondents EDI/EDWARD EVANS for said acts. Said acts include, but are not limited to, the negotiation of at least 15 property management agreements and 45 rental agreements.

VIII

The facts alleged in Paragraph VII above constitute violation of Sections 10137 and 10138 of the Code, and are cause under Sections 10137 and 10138 of the Code for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondents EDI and EDWARD EVANS under the Real Estate Law.

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The facts alleged in Paragraph VII above constitute violation of Sections 10130, 10137, and 10139 of the Code, and are cause under Sections 10137 and 10177(d) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent BRUCE EVANS under the Real Estate Law

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During the period of expiration, Respondent EDWARD EVANS, as designated broker-officer for Respondent EDI, failed to exercise reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of Respondent EDI as required by Section 10159.2 of the Code. Such failure is cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent EDWARD EVANS' licenses and/or license rights under Section 10177(h) of the Code.

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The acts and omissions of Respondent EDWARD EVANS as set forth in Paragraph VII above constitute negligence or incompetence in performing acts requiring a real estate license, and failure to exercise reasonable supervision over salespersons licensed to him, and are cause under Sections 10177(g) and 10177(h) of the Code for the suspension or revocation of Respondent EDWARD EVANS' licenses and/or license rights.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

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There is hereby incorporated in this Second, separate and distinct, Cause of Accusation, all of the allegations

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contained in Paragraphs I through VI of the First Cause of Accusation with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

XIII

During the course of the property management activities described in Paragraph VI above, Respondent EDI received and disbursed funds held in trust on behalf of another or others.

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Within the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of this Accusation, Respondent EDI maintained the following trust account:

Account Name and Number

<u>Bank</u>

Evans Property Management #3007863

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Visalia Community Bank 120 N. Floral Street Visalia, CA.

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Commencing on March 10, 1999, and continuing through March 15, 1999, an investigative audit ("Audit") was made by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") of Respondent EDI's records for the period April 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999 ("the audit period"), as those records relate to Respondent's licensed activities in its real estate business.

XVI

In connection with the collection and disbursement of trust funds, Respondent EDI failed to deposit and maintain trust funds in the trust account in such manner that as of February 28, 1999, there was a shortage of \$854.45 of trust funds.

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In connection with the collection and disbursement of trust funds, Respondent EDI disbursed, or caused or permitted the disbursement of, trust funds from the trust account, without the prior written consent of every principal who was an owner of the funds in the account, where the disbursement reduced the balance of funds in the accounts to an amount which was \$854.45 less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability of Respondent to all owners of said funds, in violation of Section 2832.1 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "Regulations").

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During the audit period, the trust account identified in Paragraph XIV above was not in the name of Respondent EDI as trustee at a bank or other financial institution as required by Section 2832 of the Regulations.

XIX

During the audit period, Respondent EDI operated its property management business under the fictitious business name "Evans Property Management" without obtaining a real estate license bearing said fictitious business name, in violation of Section 10159.5 of the Code and Section 2731 of the Regulations.

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Respondent EDI's acts and omissions alleged above in Paragraphs XVI and XVII constitute cause for discipline under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832.1 of the Regulations.

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Respondent EDI's acts and omissions alleged above in Paragraphs XVIII and XIX constitute cause for discipline under the provisions of Section 10177(d) of the Code.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code), and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

M. DOLORES RAMOS

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Fresno, California, this <u>3/s1</u> day of January, 2000.