1 MARY F. CLARKE, Counsel (SBN 186744) Department of Real Estate 2 P.O. Box 187007 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 3 FEB 26 2013 4 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 (Main Office) DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE -or- (916) 227-0780 (Direct) 5 -or- (916) 227-9458 (Fax) 6 7 8 BEFORE THE 9 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 In the Matter of the Accusation of 13 NO. H-2811 FR 14 DONALD LA RUE FLOYD, **ACCUSATION** 15 Respondent. 16 17 The Complainant, BRENDA SMITH, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of 18 the State of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity for cause of Accusation 19 against DONALD LA RUE FLOYD (herein "Respondent") dba Don Floyd Realty Property 20 Management, is informed and alleges as follows: 21 1 22 At all times herein mentioned, Respondent was and now is licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions 23 24 Code) (herein "the Code"). 25 2 26 At all times herein mentioned, Respondent was and now is licensed by the State 27 of California Department of Real Estate (herein the "Department") as a real estate broker.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised, or assumed to act as a real estate broker within the State of California on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation within the meaning of:

- (a) 10131(a) of the Code, the operation and conduct of a real estate brokerage, which included the sale or offer of sale, purchase or offer of purchase, solicitation of prospective sellers and purchasers of, solicitation or obtaining listings of, or negotiations of the purchase, sale or exchange of real property or a business opportunity; and,
- (b) Section 10131(b) of the Code, the operation and conduct of a property management business, which included leasing or renting and offering to lease or rent, and placing for rent, and soliciting listings of places for rent, and soliciting for prospective tenants of real property or improvements thereon, and collecting rents from real property or improvements thereon.

In so acting as a real estate broker, as described in Paragraph 3 above, Respondent accepted or received funds in trust (herein "trust funds") from or on behalf of sellers, purchasers, owners, tenants, and others in connection with the sale of real property or leasing, renting, and collection of rents on real property or improvements thereon.

The aforesaid trust funds accepted or received by Respondent were deposited or caused to be deposited by Respondent into one or more bank accounts (herein "trust fund accounts") maintained by Respondent for the handling of trust funds at the Madera, California, branch of Union Bank, including but not necessarily limited to:

(a) "Donald L. Floyd Rental Trust Account," account number xxxxxx9190 (herein "Trust 1"); and, 1

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(b) "Donald L. Floyd Depository Trust Account," account number xxxxxx9166 (herein "Trust 2").

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Between about January 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012, in connection with the collection and disbursement of said trust funds, Respondent:

(a) caused, suffered or permitted the balance of funds in Trusts #1 and #2 to be reduced to amounts less than the liability of Respondent resulting in the trust fund shortages shown below, in violation of Section 2832.1 of Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations (herein "the Regulations");

DATE	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
08/31/12	Trust #1	\$8,141.67;
09/30/12	Trust #1	\$1,422.00; and
08/31/12	Trust #2	\$15,708.83.

- (b) failed to place trust funds entrusted to Respondent into Trust #1 within three (3) business days into the hands of a principal on whose behalf the funds were received, into a neutral escrow depository, or into a trust fund account in the name of Respondent as trustee at a bank or other financial institution, as required by Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832 of the Regulations;
- (c) failed to keep an accurate and separate record for each beneficiary or transaction for Trusts #1 and #2 which contained all of the information required by Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.1 of the Regulations, in that Trusts #1 and #2, combined, contained unidentified and/or unaccounted for funds; and
- (d) failed to reconcile at least once a month, the balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records with Trusts #1 and #2, as required by Section 2831.2 of the Regulations.

The facts alleged above are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent under the following provisions of the Code and/or the Regulations:

- (a) as to Paragraph 6(a) under Section 2832.1 of the Regulations, in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code
- (b) as to Paragraph 6(b) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832 of the Regulations, in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;
- (c) as to Paragraph 6(c) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.1 of the Regulations, in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; and
- (d) as to Paragraph 6(d) under Section 2831.2 of the Regulations,in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code.

## PRIOR DISCIPLINE

About August 24, 1999, in Case No. H-1427 FR, the Real Estate Commissioner revoked, with the right to a restricted license, Respondent's real estate broker license for failure to supervise, failure to use contracts that conformed to a Subdivision Public Report Application and failure to notify the Department of material change to the subdivision.

About July 29, 1985, in Case No. H-755 FR, the Real Estate Commissioner revoked, with the right to a restricted license, Respondent's real estate broker license for trust fund shortages on December 31, 1984 in the amount of about \$16,215.65 and on February 19, 1985 in the amount of about \$2,824.94, and commingling of beneficiaries' funds with Respondent's insurance company funds.

COST RECOVERY **Audit Costs** The acts and/or omissions of Respondent as alleged above, entitle the Department to reimbursement of the costs of its audit pursuant to Section 10148(b) of the Code. Investigation and Enforcement Costs Section 10106 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Department, the Commissioner may request the Administrative Law Judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case. 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 Respondent under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), for the cost of the investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. Deputy Real Estate Commissioner 

Dated at Fresno, California
this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2013.