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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

By Jean Oremole

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS, INC.,

Respondent.

No. H-3270 SAC

ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

On May 18, 1998, an Order was rendered herein revoking the real estate broker license of Respondent, but granting Respondent the right to the issuance of a restricted real estate broker license. A restricted real estate broker license was issued to Respondent on September 3, 1998, and Respondent has operated as a restricted licensee without cause for disciplinary action against Respondent since that time.

On October 4, 1999, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said real estate broker license, and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of said petition.

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I have considered the petition of Respondent and the evidence and arguments in support thereof including Respondent's record as a restricted licensee. Respondent has demonstrated to my satisfaction that Respondent meets the requirements of law for the issuance to Respondent of an unrestricted real estate broker license and that it would not be against the public interest to issue said license to Respondent.

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1. Submittal of a completed application and payment of the fee for a real estate broker license.

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Respondent.

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On August 6, 1999, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said real estate broker license, and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of said petition.

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- 1. Submittal of a completed application and payment of the fee for a real estate broker license.
- 2. Submittal of evidence of having, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

DATED:

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS, INC.; and, JACK GRIFFITH CRAWFORD;

Respondents.

H-3270 SAC

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS, INC., ("Respondent AIM") and JACK GRIFFITH CRAWFORD ("Respondent CRAWFORD") (collectively "Respondents"), acting by and through their attorney, Howard J. Stagg IV; and the Complainant, acting by and through Thomas C. Lasken, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate; as follows, for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Amended Accusation filed on May 30, 1997, in this matter:

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

COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) 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 read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA, and the Amended Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. On March 19, 1997, Respondents filed their Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. That Notice of Defense applied by operation of law to the Amended Accusation filed on May 30, 1997. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw their Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense they will thereby waive their rights 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 they 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.
- 4. Without admitting the truth of the allegations contained in the Accusation, Respondents stipulate that they will not interpose a defense thereto. Respondents stipulate that the Department may issue findings and determinations of issues that the acts and/or omissions of Respondents as stipulated above constitute violations of the Real Estate Law as set forth herein.

- 5. No additional documentary, testimonial, or other evidence, except that which is necessary to establish Complainant's jurisdiction, shall be required to be presented by Complainant at any hearing in this proceeding in order to prove the Accusation as above stipulated.
- 6. Respondents enter into this stipulation for purposes of this Accusation only, and the execution of this stipulation shall not be construed to be an admission of liability except as may pertain to the grounds for the stipulation, and shall not be construed to be an admission for any purpose whatsoever, pursuant to the provisions of California Evidence Code Section 1152.

 Further, Respondent CRAWFORD specifically denies the allegations in the Amended Accusation, and all specific alleged violations, or any act or omission as Designated Officer of Respondent AIM, and has agreed to this Stipulation as an accommodation to resolve the Accusation, and to conclude this matter in a manner beneficial to all parties.
- 7. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as his decision in this matter thereby finding the violations as to Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Determination of Issues". 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 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.

COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-99) 8. Respondents have received, read, and understand the "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audits". Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, the findings set forth below in the DETERMINATION OF ISSUES become final, and that the Commissioner may charge Respondents for the cost of any 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 \$3,000.00.

9. 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.

<u>DETERMINATION OF ISSUES</u>

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:

I

The conduct of the Respondent AIM, as described in the Amended Accusation, constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of Respondent AIM under the provisions of Section 10177(d) of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code") in conjunction

with Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832.1 of Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations.

II

The conduct of Respondent CRAWFORD further constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of Respondent CRAWFORD under Section 10177(h) of the Code.

ORDER

- A. The real estate broker licenses and all license rights of

 Respondents under the Real Estate Law are revoked.
 - Respondents pursuant to Business and Professions Code

 Section 10156.5, if Respondents make application therefor and pay to the Department the appropriate fee for said license within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this ORDER.
- C. The restricted license issued to Respondents shall be subject to all the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of said Code:
 - (1) The license shall not confer any property right in the privileges to be exercised, and the Real Estate

 Commissioner may by appropriate order suspend the right to exercise any privileges granted under the restricted license in the event of:

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- of nolo contendere) to a crime which bears a significant relation to Respondents' fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee; or,
- (b) The receipt of evidence that Respondents have violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.
- of an unrestricted real estate license nor the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions attaching to the restricted license until one (1) year has elapsed from the date of issuance of a restricted license to Respondent.
- Respondents shall pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, the Commissioner's reasonable cost for an audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the trust fund violations as set forth in the Determination of Issues above. Respondents shall be jointly and severally liable for the cost of said audit. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable costs, 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. The Commissioner's reasonable costs shall in no event exceed \$3,000.00.

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 of an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities;

- of the invoice specified above, the Commissioner's reasonable costs for an audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the violations found as set forth in the Determination of Issues above, the Commissioner may order the indefinite suspension of Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full, or until Respondents enter into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for such payment. The Commissioner may impose further reasonable disciplinary terms and conditions upon Respondents' real estate license and license rights as part of any such agreement.
- effective date of the restricted license, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent CRAWFORD fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until Respondent CRAWFORD passes the examination.
 - . Respondent AIM shall clearly disclose in writing, including, but not limited to, in its management agreements, to its

present and future clients, that it may obtain volume or other discounts from suppliers of goods and services; and that such discounts may be retained by AIM as additional consideration for its management services and thus not passed on to its clients. If Respondent AIM charges to its clients any surcharge or markup on the invoiced amount of goods or services, the amount of such surcharge or markup shall be clearly disclosed to such clients in writing. Respondent AIM understands that compliance with the provisions of this paragraph will be monitored in the audit described in Paragraph D above or any other subsequent audit conducted by the Department.

Respondent AIM shall pay the sum of \$2,550.00 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 delivered to the Department prior to the effective date of the Order in this matter. If Respondent AIM fails to pay said monetary penalty when due, the Commissioner may order the indefinite suspension of Respondent AIM's real estate licenses and license rights. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full, or until Respondent AIM enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for such payment. The Commissioner may impose further reasonable disciplinary terms and conditions upon Respondent AIM's real estate license and license rights as part of any such agreement.

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Any restricted real estate broker license issued to Respondents may be suspended or revoked for a violation by Respondents of any of the conditions attaching to the restricted license. Mrsd 13,1998 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 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. ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS, INC. Respondent

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8	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby
9	adopted by the Real Estate Commissioner as his Decision and
10	Order and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on
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Respondent		

SECOND CONTINUED NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

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.

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

By THOMAS C. LASKEN Counse.

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE TMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS, INC. and JACK GRIFFITH CRAWFORD,

Case No. H-3270 SAC

Respondent

CONTINUED NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above named respondent:

	You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at
	The Office of Administrative Hearings, 501 J Street, Suite 220,
	Second Floor Hearing Rooms, Sacramento, California 95814
	Thursday September 25, 1997 .at the hour of 9:00 AM,
You your Dep	You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense, are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent self without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the artment may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including lavits, without any notice to you.

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

July 9, 1997

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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	The Office of Administrative Hearings, 501 J Street, Suite 220,
	Second Floor Hearing Rooms, Sacramento, California 95814
	Wednesday July 31, 1997 , at the hour of 9:00 AM,
or as	s soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you.

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.

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Dated:	May 20, 1997	Ву	Thomas Land.	
		•	THOMAS C. LASKEN	Counsel

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA -

In the Matter of the Accusation of)

ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS,)

INC., and)

JACK GRIFFITH CRAWFORD,)

AMENDED

ACCUSATION

Respondents.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

Ι

The Complainant, Charles W. Koenig, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in his official capacity.

II

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent ASSET

INVESTMENT MANAGERS, INC. (hereinafter "Respondent AIM") was



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licensed and/or had license rights under the Real Estate Law,
Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code
(hereinafter "Code") as a real estate brokerage corporation, by
and through Respondent JACK GRIFFITH CRAWFORD (hereinafter

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"Respondent CRAWFORD") as its Designated Officer.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent CRAWFORD was licensed, and/or has license rights under the Code, individually and as Designated Officer of Respondent AIM.

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IV

At all times mentioned herein, Respondent AIM engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate broker within the State of California, within the meaning of Section 10131(b) of the Code, including the operation and conduct of a real estate property management business with the public, wherein Respondent AIM, 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.

V

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



VI

COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 9-95) 95 28391 Within the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of this Amended Accusation, Respondent AIM maintained the following trust accounts for its property management business:

Sacramento Commercial Bank P. O. Box 862 Sacramento, CA 95812

- b) Account No. 1077064
 Title: Asset Investment Managers, Inc.
 Security Deposit Trust ("Trust #2")

VII

Commencing on July 11, 1995, and continuing through July 17, 1995, an investigative audit was made by the Department of Real Estate (hereinafter "Department") of Respondent AIM's records for the period of June 1, 1993, through May 31, 1995, as those records relate to Respondent AIM's licensed activities in its real estate property management business.

VIII

In connection with the collection and disbursement of trust funds, Respondent AIM failed to deposit and maintain trust funds in Trust #1 in such manner that as of May 31, 1995, there was a shortage of at least \$6,194.66 of trust funds.

IX

During the period ending May 31, 1995, Respondent AIM 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 at least \$6,194.66 less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability of Respondent AIM 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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Respondent AIM permitted and/or caused the disbursement of trust funds to contractors and vendors but charged the accounts of owners amounts which exceeded the actual cost of the services performed by the vendors and contractors. Respondent AIM made either no disclosure or inadequate disclosure of these "mark-ups" to the beneficiaries of said trust funds, did not obtain their informed consent to these "mark-ups", and pocketed the difference between the amounts paid and the actual cost of the services.

XI

Respondent AIM's acts and omissions alleged above in Paragraphs VIII and IX 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.

XII

Respondent AIM's acts and omissions alleged above in Paragraph X constitute fraud or dishonest dealing, and the taking of a secret profit, and are cause for discipline under Sections 10176(g) and 10176(i) of the Code.

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During the three years immediately preceding the filing of this Amended Accusation, through May 31, 1995, Respondent



CRAWFORD, as designated broker-officer for Respondent AIM, failed to exercise reasonable supervision and control over the licensed 3 activities of Respondent AIM as required by Section 10159.2 of the 4 Code. Such failure is cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent CRAWFORD's licenses and/or license rights under Section 10177(h) of the Code.

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

XV

Commencing on December 16, 1996, and continuing through January 7, 1997, an investigative audit was made by the Department of Respondent AIM's records for the period of June 1, 1995, through November 30, 1996, as those records relate to Respondent AIM's licensed activities in its real estate property management business.

IVX

In connection with the collection and disbursement of trust funds, Respondent AIM failed to deposit and maintain trust funds in Trust #1 in such manner that as of November 30, 1996, there was a shortage of at least \$1,868.43 of trust funds.



XVII

During the period ending November 30, 1996, Respondent AIM 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 at least \$1,868.43 less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability of Respondent AIM to all owners of said funds, in violation of Section 2832.1 of the Regulations.

IIIVX

Respondent AIM'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.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Amended 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 Business and Professions Code), and for such other and further relief as may be proper under the provisions of law.

CHARLES W. KOENIG

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Sacramento, California, this 22 day of May, 1997.

THOMAS C. LASKEN, Counsel Department of Real Estate P. O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000

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BEFORE THE

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II

At all times herein mentioned, Respondent ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS, INC. (hereinafter "Respondent AIM") was



licensed and/or had license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") as a real estate brokerage corporation, by and through Respondent JACK GRIFFITH CRAWFORD (hereinafter "Respondent CRAWFORD") as its Designated Officer.

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At all times mentioned herein, Respondent AIM engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate broker within the State of California, within the meaning of Section 10131(b) of the Code, including the operation and conduct of a real estate property management business with the public, wherein Respondent AIM, 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.

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



Within the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of this Accusation, Respondent AIM maintained the following trust accounts for its property management business:

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- a) Account No. 1077122
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 Owners Trust Account ("Trust #1")
- b) Account No. 1077064
 Title: Asset Investment Managers, Inc.
 Security Deposit Trust ("Trust #2")

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VIII

In connection with the collection and disbursement of trust funds, Respondent AIM failed to deposit and maintain trust funds in Trust #1 in such manner that as of May 31, 1995, there was a shortage of at least \$6,194.66 of trust funds.

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During the period ending May 31, 1995, Respondent AIM disbursed, or caused or permitted the disbursement of, trust funds from the trust account, without the prior written consent of every



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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 at least \$6,194.66 less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability of Respondent AIM to all owners of said funds, in violation of Section 2832.1 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "Regulations").

Respondent AIM permitted and/or caused the disbursement of trust funds to contractors and vendors, but charged the accounts of owners amounts which exceeded the actual cost of the services performed by the vendors and contractors. Respondent AIM made either no disclosure or inadequate disclosure of these "markups" to the beneficiaries of said trust funds, did not obtain their informed consent to these "mark-ups", and pocketed the difference between the amounts paid and the actual cost of the services.

ΧI

Respondent AIM's acts and omissions alleged above in Paragraphs VIII and IX 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:

XII

Respondent AIM's acts and omissions alleged above in Paragraph X constitute fraud or dishonest dealing, and the taking of a secret profit, and are cause for discipline under Sections 10176(g) and 10176(i) of the Code.



XIII

During the three years immediately preceding the filing
of this Accusation, through May 31, 1995, Respondent CRAWFORD, as
designated broker-officer for Respondent AIM, failed to exercise
reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of
Respondent AIM as required by Section 10159.2 of the Code. Such
failure is cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent
CRAWFORD's licenses and/or license rights under Section 10177(h)
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 Business and Professions Code), and for such other and further relief as may be proper under the provisions of law.

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Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Sacramento, California, this _____ day of February, 1997.