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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

THOMAS RAYMOND DE BEY,

Respondent.

No. H-3516 FR

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT
IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

It is hereby stipulated by and between THOMAS RAYMOND DE BEY (Respondent), represented by Alex Sawchak, The Law Office of Frank M. Buda, and the Complainant, acting by and through, Megan Lee Olsen, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate (Department), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on January 29, 2024, in this matter:

- 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement In Settlement and Order (Order).
- Respondent has received, read, and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department in this proceeding.

This Order is based on the factual allegations contained in the 4. Accusation. In the interest of expediency and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual statements will serve as a prima facie basis for the "Determination of Issues" and "Order" set forth below. The Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.

right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to

- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as her Decision and Order in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license 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 Respondent 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.
- This Decision and Order or any subsequent Order of the Commissioner 6. 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 with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding. ///

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7. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Order, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to Section 10106 of the Business and Professions Code (Code), the cost of the investigation which resulted in the determination that Respondent committed the violations found in the Determination of Issues. The amount of said costs is \$1,731.60.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions, and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the acts and/or omissions of Respondent as described in the Accusation violate Sections 490, 10177 (b), 10177 (d), and 10186.2 (b) of the Code, in conjunction with Sections 10186.2 (a)(1)(B) and 10186.2 (a)(2) of the Code.

<u>ORDER</u>

All licenses and licensing rights of THOMAS RAYMOND DE BEY under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if Respondent makes application therefore and pays to the Department the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision and Order. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:

- 1. The restricted salesperson license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
- 2. The restricted salesperson license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law,

the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.

- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision and Order.
- 4. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department which shall certify:
 - (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision and Order of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
 - (b) That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required.
- 5. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision and Order, present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has, 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. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, Respondent's real estate license shall automatically be suspended until Respondent presents evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirement.
- 6. Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing within seventytwo (72) hours of any arrest by sending a certified letter to the Commissioner at the

 Department of Real Estate, 651 Bannon Street, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95811. The letter shall set forth the date of Respondent's arrest, the crime for which Respondent was arrested

and the name and address of the arresting law enforcement agency. Respondent's failure to timely file written notice shall constitute an independent violation of the terms of the restricted license and shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of that license.

7. Respondent shall pay \$1,731.60 to the Department for the costs of investigation of this matter. Respondent's failure to pay the Department shall constitute an independent violation of the terms of the restricted license and shall be grounds for the immediate suspension or revocation of that license. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the order in this matter at the following address: Department of Real Estate, 651 Bannon Street, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95811.

1/24/2025

DATED

MEGAN LEE OLSEN, Counsel DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, 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 APA (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 and Respondent's attorney further agree to send the original signed Stipulation by mail to the following address no later than one (1) week from the date the Stipulation is signed by Respondent and Respondent's attorney: *Department of*

| 1 | Real Estate, Legal Section, 651 Bannon Street, Suite 507, Sacramento, CA 95811. | | |
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| 2 | Respondent and Respondent's attorney understand and agree that if they fail to return the | | |
| 3 | original signed Stipulation by the due date, Complainant retains the right to set this matter | | |
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| 6 | DATED THOMAS RAYMOND DE BLY | | |
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| 10 | I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have advised my | | |
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| 14 | DATED ALEX SAWCHAK The Law Office of Frank M. Buda | | |
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| 17 | The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted by the Real Estate | | |
| 18 | Commissioner as her Decision and Order and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on | | |
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| 20 | IT IS SO ORDERED | | |
| 21 | CHIKA SUNQUIST | | |
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| 24 | By: Marcus L. McCarther | | |
| 25 | Chief Deputy Real Estate Commissioner | | |
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