1 Department of Real Estate 2 P.O. Box 187007 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 ٦ By Jenne Shawer Telephone: (916) 227-0781 4 5 6 7 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA ç 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of 11 No. H-3647 SD 12 PENINSULA EQUITY FUNDING INC. and) STIPULATION AND KRISTOPHER LEE LINGO, AGREEMENT 13 Respondent. 14 It is hereby stipulated by and between PENINSULA 15 EQUITY FUNDING INC. and KRISTOPHER LEE LINGO (hereinafter 16 17 "Respondents") and their attorney, Frank M. Buda, and the 18 Complainant, acting by and through Truly Sughrue, Counsel for 19 the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of 20 settling and disposing the Accusation filed on December 15, 21 2006 in this matter: 22 All issues which were to be contested and all 1. 23 evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents 24 at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be 25 held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative 26 Procedure Act (APA), shall instead and in place thereof be 27 H-3647 SE 6/6/2007

submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement.

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2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, and the Discovery Provisions of the APA filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.

Respondents filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to 3. 6 Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of 7 8 requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. 9 Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of 10 Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by 11 withdrawing said Notice of Defense they will thereby waive their 12 rights to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in 13 the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the 14 provisions of the APA, and that they will waive other rights 15 afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right 16 to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the 17 Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses. 18

4. This stipulation is based on the factual 19 allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of 20 expediency and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these 21 factual allegations, but to remain silent and understands that, 22 23 as a result thereof, these factual statements will serve as a 24 prima facie basis for the "Determination of Issues" and "Order' 25 set forth below. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be 26 required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.

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5. This Stipulation and Respondents decision not to contest the Accusation are made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and are expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department of Real Estate (herein "the Department"), the state or federal government, an agency of this state, or an agency of another state is involved.

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6. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this
Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to
Section 10148 of the California Business and Professions Code,
the cost of the audit which resulted in the determination that
Respondent committed the trust fund violation(s) found in
Paragraph I, below, of the Determination of Issues. The amount
of said costs is \$18,648.91.

7. Respondents further understand that by agreeing 16 to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, the findings 17 set forth below in the Determination Of Issues become final, and 18 that the Commissioner may charge said Respondents for the 19 costs of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of 20 the California Business and Professions Code to determine if 21 the violations have been corrected. The maximum costs of 22 23 said audit shall not exceed \$18,648.91.

8. It is understood by the parties that the Real
 Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as
 his decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and

sanctions on the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent as set forth in the below "Order". 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.

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9. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real
 9 Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and
 10 Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any
 11 further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of
 12 Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not
 13 specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this
 14 proceeding.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES ·

By reason of the foregoing stipulations 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 acts and omissions of PENINSULA EQUITY FUNDING
INC. (hereafter "PEFI") as described in the Accusation are
grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondents licenses

and/or license rights under the following sections of the Code and Regulations:

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(1) As to Paragraphs VIII(a), under Section <u>10177(d</u>) of the Code in conjunction with Section <u>10145</u> of the Code;

(2) As to Paragraphs VIII(b), under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 2832.1 of the Regulations;

8 (3) As to Paragraphs VIII(c), under Section 10177(d)
 9 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2831 of the Regulations;

(4) As to Paragraph VIII(d), under Section 10177(d)
of the Code in conjunction with Section <u>2831.1</u> of the
Regulations;

(5) As to Paragraph VIII(e), under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 2831.2 of the Regulations;

(6) As to Paragraph IX, under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 10232 of the Code;

(7) As to Paragraph X, under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section <u>10238(a)</u> of the Code;

(8) As to Paragraph XI, under Section 10177(d) of the
22 Code in conjunction with Section 10238(f) of the Code;

(9) As to Paragraph XIII, under Section 10177(d) of
 the Code in conjunction with Section <u>10233(b)</u> of the Code.

1 The acts and/or omissions of Respondent KRISTOPHER LEE 2 LINGO (hereafter "LINGO") described in the Accusation, 3 constitute failure on the part of LINGO, as designated broker-4 officer for PEFI, to exercise reasonable supervision and control 5 over the licensed activities of PEFI required by Section 10159.2 б of the Code, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of 7 LINGO's license and/or license rights under Section 10177(h) of 8 9 the Code. 10 ORDER 11 All licenses and licensing rights of PEFI under the Real 12 Estate Law are suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days 13 from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that: 14 1) Forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall be stayed for 15 two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions: 16 a) PEFI shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing 17 the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate 18 licensee in the State of California; and, 19 b) That no final subsequent determination be made, after 20 hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary 21 action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date 22 of this Order. Should such a determination be made, the 23 24 Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside 25 the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed 26 Should no such determination be made, the stay suspension. 27

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imposed herein shall become permanent.

2) Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions 2 Code, PEFI shall jointly and severally with LINGO pay the sum 3 of \$18,648.91 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit, which to this disciplinary proceeding. Respondents shall pay such 5 cost within forty-five (45) days of receiving an invoice 6 therefore from the Commissioner. The Commissioner may suspend 7 8 the PEFI's license pending a hearing held in accordance with 9 Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is 10 not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in 11 a subsequent agreement between the Respondent and the 12 The suspension shall remain in effect until Commissioner. 13 payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an 14 agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for 15 payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted 16 following a hearing held pursuant to this condition. 17 3) Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions 18 Code, PEFI shall jointly and severally with LINGO pay the 19 Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$18,648.91, for 20 an audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the trust 21 fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I of the Determination of 22 23 Issues. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's 24 reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated 25 average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of 26 real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for

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travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent shall pay such cost within forty-five (45) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. The Commissioner may suspend PEFI's license pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between Respondent and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

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All licenses and licensing rights of LINGO under the Real 17 Estate Law are suspended for a period of forty-five (45) days 18 from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that: 19 1) Forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall be stayed for 20 two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions: 21 a) Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations 22 governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real 23 24 estate licensee in the State of California; and, 25 b) That no final subsequent determination be made, after 26 hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary

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action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

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2) LINGO shall, prior to the effective date of this Decision, 7 submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken 8 9 and successfully completed the continuing education course on 10 trust fund accounting and handling specified in subdivision 11 (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Business and Professions Code. 12 Proof of satisfaction of this requirement includes evidence 13 that Respondent has successfully completed the trust fund 14 account and handling continuing education course within 120 15 days prior to the effective date of the Decision in this 16 matter. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the 17 Commissioner may order the suspension of Respondent's license 18 until Respondent presents proof that he has successfully 19 completed the trust fund course. 20

3) Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, LINGO shall jointly and severally with PEFI pay the sum of \$18,648.91 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit, which to this disciplinary proceeding. Respondents shall pay such cost within forty-five (45) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. The Commissioner may suspend

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payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as 3 provided for in a subsequent agreement between Respondent and 2 the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until З payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for \$ payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted 6 following a hearing held pursuant to this condition. 7 ß 9 TRULY SUGHRUE 10 Counsel for Complainant 11 12 I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, discussed it 13 with my counsel, and its terms are understood by me and are 14 agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving 2.5 rights given to me by the California Administrative Procedure 16 Act, and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive those 17 rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to 18 prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which I 19 would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to 20 present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges. 21 22 23 PENINSULA EOUITY FUNDING Kristopher Lee Lingo 24 for Respondent 25 2007 26 DATED KRISTOPHER LEE LINGC Respondent 27 8-3647 80 6/6/2003 VAGE 11 of 1

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1	I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to		
2	form and content and have advised my client accordingly.		
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5	DATED FRANK M. BUDA Attorney for Respondents		
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7	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby		
8	adopted as my Decision and shall become effective at 12 o'clock		
9	noon on <u>AUG 3 0 2007</u>		
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11	IT IS SO ORDERED, 2007.		
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	TRULY SUGHRUE, Counsel State Bar No. 223266 Department of Real Estate P.O. Box 187007 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 Telephone: (916) 227-0781 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALI * * *	FORNIA
12	In the Matter of the Accusation of PENINSULA EQUITY FUNDING INC. and KRISTOPHER LEE LINGO, Respondent.	NO. H-3647 SD ACCUSATION
15 16 17 18 19	The Complainant, JOSEPH AI Commissioner of the State of Califor against PENINSULA EQUITY FUNDING INC (hereinafter "Respondents"), is info	nia, for cause of Accusation . and KRISTOPHER LEE LINGO
20 21 22 23	I The Complainant, JOSEPH AI Commissioner of the State of Califor his official capacity.	
24 25 26 27	II Respondents are presently rights under the Real Estate Law (Pa Business and Professions Code) (here	
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At all times herein mentioned, PENINSULA EQUITY FUNDING INC., (hereinafter "PEFI") was and is licensed by the State of California Department of Real Estate (hereafter "Department") as a real estate broker corporation.

7 At all times herein mentioned, Respondent KRISTOPHER 8 LEE LINGO, (hereinafter "LINGO") was and is licensed by the 9 Department individually and as the designated broker officer of 10 PEFI. As said designated officer-broker, LINGO was and now is 11 responsible pursuant to Section 10159.2 of the Code for the 12 supervision of the activities of the officers, agents, real 13 estate licensees and employees of PEFI for which a license is 14 required.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondents were performing acts requiring a real estate license for or in expectation of compensation.

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In acting as a real estate broker, as described in Paragraph V, PEFI accepted or received funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on behalf of lenders or investors, borrowers, and others in connection with the servicing, solicitation, negotiation, processing, and consummation of mortgage loan investments by PEFI.

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2	The aforesaid trust funds accepted or received by PEFI			
. 3	were deposited or caused to be deposited by PEFI into on or more			
4	bank accounts (hereinafter "trust funds accounts") maintained by			
* 5	WGD for the handling of trust funds, including but not limited			
6	to the following:			
	TITLE AND ACCOUNT NUMBERS BANK			
7	Peninsula Equity Funding, Inc, DBA Union Back of			
8	Security Trust Deed Service California			
9	Account No. 01000245863261 Sports Arena(hereinafter "Account #1")Blvd.			
	San Diego, CA 92110	-		
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12	Between on or about July 1, 2003 through January 31,			
	2006, in connection with the collection and disbursement of said			
13	trust funds PEFI:			
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15	(a) Failed to deposit and maintain trust funds in Account			
16	#1 in such manner that as of January 31, 2006, there was a			
17	shortage of \$26,181.28 of trust funds.			
18	(b) Failed to obtain prior written consent from each of			
	the principals for the reduction of the aggregate balance of			
19	trust funds described in Paragraph VIII(a) to an amount less			
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21	than the existing aggregate trust fund liability to the owners			
-22	of said funds in violation of Section 2832.1 of the			
23	Commissioner's Regulations (Title 10 of the Code of Regulations)			
24	(hereinafter "the Regulations").			
25	(c) Failed to maintain a written control record of all			
26	trust funds received and disbursed containing all information			
27	required by Section 2831 of the Regulations.			
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(d) Failed to maintain accurate separate records and accurate owners' statements containing all information required by Section 2831.1 of the Regulations.

(e) Failed to reconcile the balance of separate beneficiary or transaction records with the control records of trust funds received and disbursed, at least once a month, and/or failed to maintain a record of such reconciliations as required by Section 2831.2 of the Regulations.

(f) Failed to deposit the trust funds into a trust account in the name of the broker as trustee in conformance with Section 10 10145 of the Code and Section 2832 of the Regulations.

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As of or about December 31, 2004, PEFI negotiated a combination of ten or more qualifying mortgage loan transactions in an aggregate amount of more than one million dollars and/or collected payments of more than \$250,00 for loans using private investors' funds in a twelve month period under Section 10232 of the Code and failed to notify the Department within thirty days thereafter.

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PEFI, failed to timely file with the Department of Real Estate within thirty (30) days after the first multi-lender transaction a multi-lender report as required by Section 10238(a) of the Code.

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XI 1 PEFI, failed to obtain a signed statement regarding the 2 qualification of income or net worth from each lender as required 3 by Section 10238(f) of the Code. 4 XTT 5 Respondent PEFI failed to timely prepare and deliver to 6 lenders/investors, or cause to be delivered, an accurate written 7 lender/purchaser disclosure statement required by Section 8 10232.4 of the Code, prior to each investor becoming obligated 9 to make the loan or purchase the note, prior to PEFI's receipt 10 of funds from each investor, and/or prior to disbursement of the 11 investor's funds for the loan or purchase. 12 XTTT 13 PEFI failed to provide to the lenders on an annual 14 basis a statement that includes the accounting of the unpaid 15 principle balance at year end, and the accounting of the 16 collections received and disbursement made during the year as 17 required by Section 10233(b) of the Code. 18 XIV 19 PEFI failed to provide to the lenders or the owner of 20 the note written notification within 15 days of the occurrence of 21 the any of the events described in Section 10233(c) of the Code. 22 XV 23 LINGO failed to exercise reasonable supervision over 24 the acts of PEFI in such a manner as to allow the acts and events 25 described above to occur. 26

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XVI 1 The acts and/or omissions of LINGO described in 2 Paragraph XV, constitute failure on the part of LINGO, as 3 designated broker-officer for PEFI, to exercise reasonable 4 supervision and control over the licensed activities of LINGO 5 required by Section 10159.2 of the Code. 6 XVII 7 The facts alleged above are grounds for the suspension 8 or revocation of Respondents licenses and license rights under 9 the following sections of the Code and Regulations: 10 As to Paragraphs VIII(a), under Section 10177(d) (1)11 of the Code in conjunction with Section 10145 of the Code; 12 As to Paragraphs VIII(b), under Section 10177(d) (2)13 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2832.1 of the 14 Regulations; 15 As to Paragraphs VIII(c), under Section 10177(d) (3)16 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2831 of the Regulations; 17 As to Paragraph VIII(d), under Section 10177(d) (4)18 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2831.1 of the 19 Regulations; 20 (5)As to Paragraph VIII(e), under Section 10177(d) 21 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2831.2 of the 22 Regulations; 23 As to Paragraph VIII(f), under Section 10177(d) (6) 24 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2832 of the Regulations; 25 As to Paragraph IX, under Section 10177(d) of the (7)26 Code in conjunction with Section 10232 of the Code; 27

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(8) As to Paragraph X, under Section 10177(d) of the 1 Code in conjunction with Section 10238(a) of the Code; 2 As to Paragraph XI, under Section 10177(d) of the (9) 3 Code in conjunction with Section 10238(f) of the Code; 4 (10) As to Paragraph XII, under Section 10177(d) of 5 the Code in conjunction with Section 10232.4 of the Code. 6 (11) As to Paragraph XIII, under Section 10177(d) of 7 the Code in conjunction with Section 10233(b) of the Code. 8 As to Paragraph XIV, under Section 10177(d) of (9) 9 the Code in conjunction with Section 10233(c) of the Code. 10 XVIII 11 The facts alleged in Paragraphs XV and XVI, are 12 grounds from the suspension or revocation of the licenses and 13 license rights of Respondent LINGO under Sections 10177(g) 14 and/or 10177(h) of the Code, and Section 10177(d) of the Code in 15 conjunction with Section 10159.2 of the Code. 16 111 17  $\boldsymbol{1}$ 18 ///19 ///20  $\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}$ 21 11122 /// 23 11124 11125  $\left( \right)$ 26 /// 27

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 other provisions of law. .7 JOSÉPH AIU Deputy Real Estate Commissioner Dated at San Diego, California, this 17 day of Number R