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| 8          | BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE  |
| 9          | STATE OF CALIFORNIA   |
| 10         | * * *   |
| 11         | In the Matter of the Accusation of )  |
| 12         | ) No. H-4214 SD   |
| 13         | FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE ) <u>STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT</u>                                |
| 14         | SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, and )<br>MASUD AKBAR SARWARY, )                       |
| 15         | )<br>Respondents. )   |
| 16         | )   |
| 17         | It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL                        |
| 18         | ESTATE SERVICES, INC., and Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY (hereinafter                          |
| 19         | "Respondents"), acting by and through their attorney of record, Joel Lee Incorvaia, and the     |
| 20         | Complainant, acting by and through Michael B. Rich, Counsel for the Department of Real          |
| 21         | Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusations filed on        |
| 22         | July 7, 2011, in this matter (hereinafter "the Accusation"):                                    |
| 23         | 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be                       |
| 24         | presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which           |
| 25         | hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act    |
| 26         | (APA), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of |
| 27         | this Stipulation and Agreement.   |
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2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to
 2 Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusations filed by the Department
 3 of Real Estate in this proceeding.

4 3. On July 19, 2011, Respondents filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the 5 6 allegations in the Accusation. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notices 7 of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that Respondents understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense Respondents will thereby waive Respondents' right to require the 8 9 Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in 10 accordance with the provisions of the APA and that Respondents will waive other rights 11 afforded to Respondents 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. 12

4. Respondents, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admit that
the factual allegations in the Accusation pertaining to Respondents are true and correct and
stipulate and agree that the Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further
evidence of such allegations.

5. 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 Respondents' respective real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the "Order" below. 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.

Chis 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 understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and
 Agreement in Settlement, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business
 and Professions Code (hereinafter "the Code"), the cost of the audit that led to this disciplinary
 action. The amount of said costs for FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES,
 INC., and Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY is \$5,545.50.

6 8. Respondents have received, read, and understand the "Notice Concerning 7 Costs of Audits". Respondents further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and 8 Agreement in Settlement, the findings set forth below in the DETERMINATION OF ISSUES 9 become final, and that the Commissioner may charge Respondents for the costs of any 10 subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum costs of said audit for FIRST FINANCIAL & 11 12 REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., and Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY would not 13 exceed \$5,545.50.

## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

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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 following Determination of Issues shall be made:

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The acts and omissions of Respondent <u>FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE</u>
<u>SERVICES, INC.</u>, as described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation
of the licenses and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of: Sections <u>10145</u>, <u>10146</u>
<u>10148</u>, <u>10240</u>, and <u>10241</u> of the Code, Sections <u>2831</u>, <u>2831.1</u>, <u>2831.2</u>, <u>2832.1</u>, and <u>2972</u> of
Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "Regulations"), all in
conjunction with <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code.

The acts and omissions of Respondent <u>MASUD AKBAR SARWARY</u> as
 described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and
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license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Sections and <u>10159.2(a)</u> of the Code and
 Section <u>2725</u> of the Regulations in conjunction with <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code and under the
 provisions of Section10177(h) of the Code.

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## <u>ORDER</u>

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| 6  | The corporate real estate broker licenses and all license rights of Respondent                     |
| 7  | FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., under the Real Estate Law is                         |
| 8  | revoked; provided, however, a restricted corporate real estate broker license shall be issued to   |
| 9  | Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., pursuant to Section                       |
| 10 | 10156.5 of the Code if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department of         |
| 11 | Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within ninety (90) days from the        |
| 12 | effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent FIRST                 |
| 13 | FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., shall be subject to all of the provisions of               |
| 14 | Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations,             |
| 15 | conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:               |
| 16 | 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL                              |
| 17 | ESTATE SERVICES, INC., may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate               |
| 18 | Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime         |
| 19 | which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.      |
| 20 | 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL                              |
| 21 | ESTATE SERVICES, INC., may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate               |
| 22 | Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated             |
| 23 | provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the         |
| 24 | Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.                        |
| 25 | 3. Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC.,  |
| 26 | shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the |
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|    | H-4214 SD FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES<br>INC., MASUD AKBAR SARWARY                      |

removal of any of the conditions, limitations, or restrictions of a restricted license until three
 (3) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.

3 4. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., shall pay the 4 Commissioner's reasonable cost for: a) the audit which led to this disciplinary action and, b) a 5 subsequent audit to determine if Respondent has corrected the trust fund violations found in 6 7 paragraph I of the Determination of Issues not to exceed \$5,545.50. In calculating the amount 8 of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average 9 hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an 10 allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent shall, jointly and severally with Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY, pay such cost within sixty (60) 11 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during 12 the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. The Commissioner may 13 14 suspend the restricted license issued to Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE 15 SERVICES, INC., pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the 16 Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a 17 subsequent agreement between the Respondents and the Commissioner. The suspension shall 18 remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an agreement 19 satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing 20 otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

Any restricted real estate broker license issued to Respondent FIRST
 FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., may be suspended or revoked for a
 violation by Respondent of any of the conditions attaching to the restricted license.

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 The real estate broker license and all license rights of Respondent MASUD
 <u>AKBAR SARWARY under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted</u>
 real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY pursuant
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| 1    | to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if Respondent makes application            |
| 2    | therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license  |
| 3    | within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to |
| 4    | Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and        |
| 5    | Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under       |
| 6    | authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:   |
| 7    | 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY                                 |
| 8    | is suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of the Decision herein,       |
| 9    | however, provided:   |
| 10   | A. If Respondent petitions, thirty (30) days of the sixty (60) day suspension                      |
| 11   | shall be stayed upon the condition that:   |
| 12   | (1) Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2                                 |
| 13   | of the Code of \$3,000.00 or \$100.00 per day.   |
| . 14 | (2) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified                            |
| 15   | check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate                                      |
| 16   | Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the                                   |
| 17   | effective date of the Decision in this matter.   |
| 18   | (3) If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance                                  |
| 19   | with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the Commissioner                                    |
| 20   | may, without a hearing, vacate and set aside the stay order, and                                   |
| 21   | order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed                                     |
| 22   | suspension.  |
| 23   | (4) No final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon                               |
| 24   | stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action against Respondent                                 |
| 25   | MASUD AKBAR SARWARY occurred within three (3) years of   |
| 26   | the effective date of the Decision herein. Should such a   |
| 27   | determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his or her   |
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| 1   |            |    |          | discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order, and order the        |
| 2   |            |    |          | execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which       |
| 3   |            |    |          | event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor       |
| 4   |            |    |          | credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department       |
| 5   |            |    |          | under the terms of this Decision.                                     |
| 6   |            |    | (5)      | If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause       |
| 7   |            |    | <b>e</b> | for disciplinary action against the real estate license of            |
| 8   |            |    |          | Respondent occurs within three (3) years from the effective date      |
| 9   |            |    |          | of the Decision herein, then the stay hereby granted shall become     |
| 10  |            |    |          | permanent.  |
| 11  |            | B. | Thirty ( | 30) days of said sixty (60) day suspension shall be stayed upon       |
| 12  |            |    | conditio | on that:  |
| 13  |            |    | (1)      | No final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon      |
| 14  |            |    |          | stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action against Respondent    |
| 15  |            |    |          | MASUD AKBAR SARWARY occurred within three (3) years of                |
| 16  |            |    |          | the effective date of the Decision herein.                            |
| 17  |            |    | (2)      | Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in         |
| 18  |            |    |          | his or her discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order, and order |
| 19  |            |    |          | the execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which   |
| 20  |            |    |          | event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor       |
| 21  |            |    |          | credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department       |
| 22  | <i>i</i> . |    |          | under the terms of this Decision.                                     |
| 23  |            |    | (3)      | If no order vacating the stay is issued, and if no further cause for  |
| 24  |            |    | ¢        | disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent     |
| 25  |            |    |          | MASUD AKBAR SARWARY occurs within three (3) years from                |
| 26  |            |    |          | the effective date of the Decision, then the stay hereby granted      |
| 27  |            |    |          | shall become permanent.   |
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<u>2.</u> The restricted license issued to Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY
 may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 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.

<u>3.</u> The restricted license issued to Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY
may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence
satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated any provision of the California
Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or
conditions attaching to the restricted license.

10 <u>4. Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY shall not be eligible to apply</u>
11 for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the
12 conditions, limitations, or restrictions of a restricted license until three (3) years have elapsed
13 from the effective date of this Decision.

14 Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY shall, within nine (9) months 5. from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate 15 Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real 16 estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of 17 Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If 18 Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the 19 restricted license until Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford 20 Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to 21 present such evidence. 22

23 <u>6. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code,</u>
24 Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for: a)
25 the audits which led to this disciplinary action of \$5,545.50; and, b) a subsequent audit to
26 determine if Respondent has corrected the trust fund violations found in Paragraph I of the
27 Determination of Issues not to exceed \$5,545.50. In calculating the amount of the

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Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary 1 2 for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel 3 time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY shall, 4 jointly and severally with Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC., pay such costs within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner 5 6 detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing 7 those activities. The Commissioner may suspend the restricted license issued to Respondent 8 pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if 9 payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement 10 between the 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 11 12 Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted 13 following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

14 7. Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY shall prior to the effective date
15 of the Decision provide evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has cured
16 the trust fund shortages alleged in the Accusation against FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL
17 ESTATE SERVICES, INC.

18 8. Any restricted real estate broker license issued to Respondent MASUD
 19 AKBAR SARWARY may be suspended or revoked for a violation by Respondent of any of the
 20 conditions attaching to the restricted license.

<u>9. Respondent shall, prior to and as a condition of the issuance of the</u>
 restricted license, submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and
 successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling
 specified in subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Proof of
 satisfaction of this requirement includes evidence that Respondent has successfully completed
 the trust fund account and handling continuing education course within 120 days prior to the
 effective date of the Decision in this matter.

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10 Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY shall, within six (6) months from the effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent's restricted license until Respondent passes the examination.

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12 I have read the Stipulation and Agreement and its terms are understood by me 13 and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by 14 the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 15 11508, 11509, and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently, and 16 voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the 17 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. 18 19 FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC. 20 Respondent 21 10 11 DAT By: MASUD AKBAR SARWAR 22 23 24 MASUD AKBAR SARWARY 25 Respondent 26  $^{\prime\prime\prime}$ 27 H-4214 SD FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES. INC., MASUD AKBAR SARWARY

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| . 1                              | Approved as to form and content by counsel for Respondents                     |
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| 3                                | 11/15/11 ANTA  |
| 4                                | DATED JØEL LEE INCORVAIA   |
| 5                                | Attorney for Respondents   |
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| 7                                | * * *  |
| 8                                | The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted by me as my          |
| 9                                | Decision in these matters as to Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE       |
| 10                               | SERVICES, INC., and Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY and shall become effective  |
| 11                               | at 12 o'clock noon on FEB 1 6 2012   |
| 12                               | IT IS SO ORDERED //19/12   |
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| 14                               | BARBARA J. BIGBY   |
| 15                               | Acting Real Estate Commissioner  |
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| 1       | MICHAEL B. RICH, Counsel   |
| 2       | State Bar No. 84257 July 7, 2011   |
| 2       | Department of Real Estate<br>P. O. Box 187000<br>DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE               |
| 4       | Sacramento, CA 95818-7000  |
| 4<br>5. | Telephone: (916) 227-1126 By   |
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| 12      | )<br>FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE ) ACCUSATION  |
| 13      | SERVICES, a California corporation, and )  |
| 14      | MASUD AKBAR SARWARY, )   |
| 15      | Respondents.   |
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| 18      | The Complainant, JOSEPH AIU, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the                    |
| 19      | State of California, for Amended Accusation against Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL    |
| 20      | ESTATE SERVICES doing business under the fictitious names of FIRST FINANCIAL, FIRST      |
| 21      | REALTY & INVESTMENTS, GOLDEN REVERSE FUNDING, THE LOAN RELIEF                            |
| 22      | NETWORK, and WHOLESALE DIVISION, and against Respondent MASUD AKBAR                      |
| 23      | SARWARY is informed and alleges as follows:  |
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| 25      | The Complainant, JOSEPH AIU, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the                    |
| 26      | State of California, makes this Accusation against Respondents in his official capacity. |
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Respondents FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES and MASUD AKBAR SARWARY are presently licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "the

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent FIRST FINANCIAL & REAL ESTATE SERVICES (hereinafter "Respondent FFRES") was and is licensed by the Department of Real Estate (hereinafter "the Department") as a corporate real estate broker.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent MASUD AKBAR SARWARY (hereinafter "Respondent SARWARY") was and is licensed by the Department as an individual real estate broker.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent SARWARY was and is licensed by
the Department as the designated broker/officer of Respondent FFRES. As said designated
broker/officer, Respondent SARWARY was at all times mentioned herein responsible pursuant
to Section 10159.2 and Section 10177(h) of the Code for the supervision of the activities of the
officers, agents, real estate licensees and employees of Respondent FFRES for which a real
estate license is required.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent FFRES 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 within the meaning of Section 10131(d) of the Code, including on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation, Respondent solicited borrowers or lenders for or negotiated loans or collected payments or performed services for borrowers or lenders or note owners in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by liens on real property or

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on a business opportunity.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

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There is hereby incorporated in this First, separate and distinct, Cause of Action, all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 6, inclusive, of the Accusation with the same force and effect as if herein fully set forth.

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8 Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in acting as a 9 real estate broker as described in Paragraph 6, above, Respondent FFRES accepted or received 10 funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on behalf of lenders, note owners, buyers, 11 borrowers, and/or others in connection with the said mortgage activities and loan services.

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Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation and at all times 13 14 herein mentioned, in the course and scope of the activities described in Paragraph 6, above, 15 Respondent FFRES solicited borrowers and/or lenders, and/or negotiated loans secured directly or collaterally by liens on real property, wherein such loans were to be brokered, arranged, 16 17 processed, and/or consummated on behalf of others, and/or solicited and negotiated to perform services for borrowers in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by liens on real 18 19 property or on a business opportunity, pursuant to Section 10131(d) of the Code, wherein Respondent claimed, demanded, charged, received, and collected, and provided a written 20 contract for, advance fees from borrowers for the purpose of modifying the existing terms of 21 22 loans secured by borrowers' real property, which Respondent was to perform thereafter for or in expectation of compensation, including, but not limited to, the following transactions: 23

| Borrower  | Property                               | Advance Fee  | Date Collected<br>or Deposited  | Written Fee<br>Agreement   |
|-----------|--|--|---|--|
| Mary Snow | 2708 Alta Street                       | \$2,400.00   | 8/6/09  | 7/28/09  |
|           | Los Olivos, California<br><u>Total</u> | <u>\$2,099.00</u><br><u>\$4,499.00</u>               | 10/29/09  |  |
|           | ·                                      | Mary Snow 2708 Alta Street<br>Los Olivos, California | Mary Snow 2708 Alta Street \$2,400.00<br>Los Olivos, California <u>\$2,099.00</u> | or Deposited           Mary Snow         2708 Alta Street         \$2,400.00         8/6/09           Los Olivos, California         \$2,099.00         10/29/09 |

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| 1   | Alberto & Alicia | 1536 Clavelita Pl.    | \$1,000.00        | 4/16/09  | 4/10/09       |
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|     | Torres           | San Diego, California | \$ 750.00         | 5/14/09  |               |
| 2   |                  |                       | \$ 500.00         | 7/2/09   |               |
|     |                  |                       | \$ 600.00         | 9/3/09   |               |
| 3   |                  |                       | \$ 600.00         | 11/6/09  |               |
|     |                  | _ ·                   |                   | 11/0/09  |               |
| 4   |                  | <u>Total</u>          | <u>\$3,450.00</u> |          |               |
| }   |                  |                       |                   |          |               |
| 5   | Dean Whyte       | 525 E. 16th Avenue    | \$1,749.50        | 5/7/09   | 5/7/09 (Est.) |
|     |                  | San Mateo, California | \$1,749.50        | 11/6/09  |               |
| 6   |                  | Total                 | \$3,499.00        |          |               |
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| 7   | Demial Maldamura | 122 Conduit and       | ¢1 400 50         | 2/24/00  | 2/12/00       |
|     | Daniel McManus   | 132 Candy Lane        | \$1,499.50        | 2/24/09  | 2/12/09       |
| 8   | Dana Plant       | Encinitas, California | <u>\$1,499.50</u> | 4/1/09   |               |
|     |                  | <u>Total</u>          | <u>\$2,999.00</u> |          |               |
| · 9 |                  |                       |                   |          |               |
| 10  | Steve Corriea    | 7601 Sullivan Drive   | \$1,749.50        | 7/3/09   | 7/31/09       |
| 10  | Sandra Wright    | Antelope, California  | \$1,749.50        | 10/12/09 |               |
| 11  | Sandra Wright    | • ·                   |                   | 10/12/02 |               |
| 11  |                  | <u>Total</u>          | <u>\$3,499.00</u> |          |               |
| 12  |                  |                       | 10                |          |               |
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13 The fees described in Paragraph 9, above, constituted an "advance fee" within the meaning of Section 10026 of the Code ("Advance Fee" is fee claimed, demanded, charged, 14 15 received, collected or contracted from principal for listing, for offer to sell or lease property or 16 business opportunity, for referral to brokers or salesmen, for soliciting borrowers or lenders, for 17 negotiating real estate loans) and 10131.2 of the Code (Real estate broker is a person who 18 engages in business of claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting for 19 advance fees in connection with any employment to promote sale, lease of real property or 20 business opportunity, or exchange or to obtain loans on real property). Said fees constituted 21 trust funds within the meaning of Section 10145 of the Code (broker accepts funds belonging to 22 others in connection with acts requiring a real estate license shall place funds into neutral 23 escrow, hands of principal or into trust account) and Section 10146 of the Code (advance fees collected by broker are trust funds and broker shall furnish verified quarterly accounting to 24 25 principal). 26 III

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Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in connection with the collection and disbursement of trust funds, the aforesaid trust funds accepted or received by Respondent FFRES, were deposited or caused to be deposited by said Respondent into a bank account maintained by Respondent at Comerica Bank, 2307 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, California, Account No. 1894101854, entitled "First Financial & Real Estate Services Broker Trust Account" (hereinafter "Trust Account #1) with Respondent SARWARY and

8 licensed real estate salesperson licensee Casey LeBlanc as the authorized signatories on said
9 account.

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In connection with the collection, receipt, and handling of the advance fees as 11 described in Paragraph 9, above, Respondent collected or received and/or deposited to Trust 12 Account #1 advance fees from borrowers Mary Snow, Alberto and Alicia Torres, Dean Whyte, 13 and Steve Corriea and Sandra Wright for loan modification services on or after October 12, 14 2009, in violation of Section 10085.6 of the Code (effective October 11, 2009, unlawful for 15 licensee to negotiate, attempt to negotiate, arrange or attempt to arrange or offer to perform loan 16 modification or mortgage loan forbearance who claims, demands, charges, collects, or receives 17 fee, compensation, or wage assignment prior to full performance of each and every service 18 19 licensee contracted to perform).

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Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in connection
with the collection, receipt and handling of advance fees described in Paragraph 9, above,
Respondents failed to provide to borrowers Mary Snow, Alberto and Alicia Torres, and Steve
Corriea and Sandra Wright the required verified accounting of the advance fee trust funds and
failed to provide to the borrowers any accounting expressly representing the amounts of trust
funds disbursed, the date of trust fund disbursement, the commission paid, and overhead and
profit as required by Section 10146 of the Code and containing the information required by

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Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "Regulations"),Section 2972
 (requiring broker to provide principal with verified accounting of advance fee trust funds
 collected and disbursed identifying agent name, principal's name, services rendered, trust
 account into which funds deposited, amount of advance fee, amounts disbursed, commissions
 paid, overhead, costs, and profit).

Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in connection
with the collection and disbursement of trust funds as set forth in Paragraphs 6, 8, and 9, above,
Respondent FFRES failed to deposit and maintain the trust funds in a trust account or neutral
escrow depository, or to deliver said funds into the hands of the owners of the funds, as required
by Section 10145 of the Code, in such a manner that as of September 30, 2009, there was a trust
fund shortage in the approximate sum of \$307.93 in Trust Account #1.

Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in connection
with the collection and disbursement of trust funds as set forth in Paragraphs 6, 8, and 9, above,
Respondent FFRES:

(a) Failed to maintain a control record for trust funds received and disbursed that contained all of the information required by Section 2831 of the Regulations (requiring record of trust funds received and disbursed in columnar form, in chronological sequence, dates of receipt, from whom received, dates disbursed, date deposited, identity of depository, daily balance, etc.) for Trust Account #1 for trust funds deposited to and disbursed from said account;

(b) Failed to keep a separate record for each beneficiary or transaction,
 accounting for all funds that have been deposited to Trust Account #1
 containing all of the information required by Section 2831.1 of the
 Regulations (broker shall keep separate record for each beneficiary for all

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funds including identity of parties, dates of deposit and withdrawal, amounts, check numbers, balance after posting) including, but not limited to an accurate daily balance after posting transactions;

(c) Failed to perform, at least once a month, a reconciliation of all the separate beneficiary records with the control record, and/or failed to maintain a record of such reconciliations as required by Section 2831.2 of the Regulations (maintain written record of and perform once each month balance of all separate beneficiary funds and reconcile funds received with funds disbursed, etc.) for Trust Account #1 for trust funds deposited into and disbursed from said account;

(d) Failed to obtain the prior written consents of the principals for the reduction of the aggregate balance of trust funds in Trust Account #1 to an amount less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability to the owners of said funds as required by Section 2832.1 of the Regulations (requiring written consent of every principal whose funds in the account shall be obtained by broker prior to each disbursement if such reduces the balance of funds in account to an amount less than existing trust fund aggregate liability of broker to all owners of funds); and,

(e) Failed to maintain for a period of three years a copy of separate beneficiary records for Trust Account #1 or make such records available to the Commissioner's representative in violation of Section 10148 of the Code (broker shall retain for three years copies of all documents and records executed or obtained by broker in connection with any transaction requiring a real estate license and shall make such available to the Commissioner's representative upon notice).

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The acts and/or omissions of Respondent FFRES as alleged above constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent under the following provisions:

> As alleged in Paragraphs 9 and 12, above, under Section 10085.6 of the Code (effective October 11, 2009, unlawful for licensee to negotiate, attempt to negotiate, arrange or attempt to arrange or offer to perform loan modification or mortgage loan forbearance who claims, demands, charges, collects, or receives fee, compensation, or wage assignment prior to full performance of each and every service licensee contracted to perform) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code (suspension or revocation of license for willful disregard or violation of the Real Estate Law, §§ 10000 et seq. and §§ 11000 et seq. of the Code, or of the Regulations);

(b) As alleged in Paragraphs 9 and 13, above, under Section 10146 of the Code (advance fees are trust funds, broker collecting advance fees shall deposit such fees into a trust account, and broker shall furnish verified quarterly accounting to principal) and Section 2972 of the Regulations (requiring broker to provide principal with verified accounting of advance fee trust funds collected and disbursed identifying agent name, principal's name, services rendered, trust account into which funds deposited, amount of advance fee, amounts disbursed, commissions paid, overhead, costs, and profit) all in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(c) As alleged in Paragraph 14, above, under Section 10145 of the Code (broker accepting funds belonging to others not immediately placed into hands of principal or into neutral escrow depository shall deposit funds into a trust account maintained by broker in a bank until disbursed in

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accordance with principal's instructions) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(d) As alleged in Paragraph 15(a), under Section 2831 of the Regulations
 (requiring record of trust funds received and disbursed in columnar form, in chronological sequence, dates of receipt, from whom received, dates disbursed, date deposited, identity of depository, daily balance, etc.) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(e) As alleged in Paragraph 15(b), under Section 2831.1 of the Regulations
 (broker shall keep separate record for each beneficiary for all funds including identity of parties, dates of deposit and withdrawal, amounts, check numbers, balance after posting) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(f) As alleged in Paragraph 15(c), under Section 2831.2 of the Regulations
 (maintain written record of and perform once each month balance of all separate beneficiary funds and reconcile funds received with funds disbursed, etc.) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(g) As alleged in Paragraph 15(d), under Section 2832.1 of the Regulations (requiring written consent of every principal whose funds in the account shall be obtained by broker prior to each disbursement if such reduces the balance of funds in account to an amount less than existing trust fund aggregate liability of broker to all owners of funds) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; and,

(h) As alleged in Paragraph 15(e), under Section 10148 of the Code (broker shall retain for three years copies of all documents and records executed or obtained by broker in connection with any transaction requiring a real estate license and shall make such available to the Commissioner's

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| * 8      | with the same force                     | 18  |                         |                             |  |
| 9        | With                                    | in the three-year period prior  |                         | consistion in connection    |  |
| 10       |   | ending activities described in  |                         |                             |  |
| 11       |   | ured by real property on beha   |                         |                             |  |
| 12       | Borrower                                | Property  | Loan                    | Close                       |  |
| 13       |   |   | Amount                  | Date                        |  |
| 14       | Ronnie L. Hill<br>Richard Aranda        | 85 Trinity Street<br>Oceanside, California                                    | \$310,632.00            | 2/8/10                      |  |
| 15<br>16 | Kenneth Quigley<br>Toni Quigley         | 5355 Beachcomber Street<br>Oxnard, California                                 | \$492,500.00            | 6/1/09                      |  |
| 17<br>18 | Nikolay I. Diankov<br>Galina T. Diankov | 15329 Acacia<br>Pine Mountain Club, Califor                                   | \$157,102.00<br>nia     | 10/14/09                    |  |
| 19       | Hellmuth & Eva<br>Zieleniewicz          | 4 Cavendish Lane<br>Piedmont, California                                      | \$380,000.00            | 9/17/09                     |  |
| 20<br>21 | Wayne R. Miller                         | 112 Garden Street<br>Arroyo Grande, California                                | \$283,298.00            | 8/5/09                      |  |
| 22       |   | 19  |                         |                             |  |
| 23       | With                                    | in the three-year period prior  | to the filing of this A | ccusation, and at all times |  |
| 24       | herein mentioned, ir                    | n the course and scope of solic   | tiing borrowers and     | negotiating loans secured   |  |
| 25       | by real property as s                   | et forth in Paragraph 18, abov  | e, Respondent FFRE      | S was required to provide   |  |
| 26       | to borrowers a Mort                     | gage Lender Disclosure State  | nent (hereinafter "M    | LDS") and/or a Good         |  |
| 27       | Faith Estimate (here                    | inafter "GFE") pursuant to Se   | ection 10240 of the C   | ode (within 3 business      |  |
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days after receipt of written loan application or before borrower becomes obligated on the note, 1 2 whichever is earlier, broker negotiating a loan secured by real property shall deliver to borrower 3 as signed by borrower a copy of the disclosure containing information required by section 10241 4 of the Code) showing the name of the broker negotiating the loan, the broker license number, 5 and/or showing the license number of the broker's representative, and as signed by the 6 borrower, and containing a statement that the MLDS and/or GFE does not constitute a loan 7 commitment, in conformance with and containing the information required by Section 10241 of 8 the Code (requiring MLDS or GFE to disclose: all costs and expenses of loan; commissions, 9 points and bonuses paid to broker; liens encumbering the property; amounts to be paid by 10 borrower to others; loan balance; funds due to borrower; principal; interest rate; balloon 11 payments; name, address and license number of broker; inclusion of broker controlled funds; 12 prepayment terms; etc.).

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Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in connection
with the mortgage lending activities described in Paragraph 18, above, Respondent FFRES
provided to the borrowers in the aforesaid transactions an MLDS and/or GFE that failed to
conform to the requirements set forth in Sections 10240 and 10241 of the Code as follows:

| Borrower                                | Property                                       | Information Not Disclosed<br>To Borrower on MLDS/GFE                           |
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| Ronnie L. Hill<br>Richard Aranda        | 85 Trinity Street<br>Ocenaside, California     | Failed to disclose anticipated liens to be recorded against property.          |
| Kenneth Quigley<br>Toni Quigley         | 5355 Beachcomber Street<br>Oxnard, California  | Failed to disclose current and anticipated liens against the property.         |
| Nikolay I. Diankov<br>Galina T. Diankov | 15329 Acacia<br>Pine Mountain Club, California | Failed to disclose anticipated liens to be recorded against property.          |
| Hellmuth & Eva<br>Zieleniewicz          | 4 Cavendish Lane<br>Piedmont, California       | Failed to disclose estimated compensation<br>to broker in form of Yield Spread |
| 111                                     |  | Premium.   |
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Wayne R. Miller

112 Garden Street Arroyo Grande, California Failed to disclose anticipated liens to be recorded against property, and to disclose estimated compensation to broker in form of Yield Spread Premium.

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Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in connection with the mortgage lending activities described in Paragraph 18, above, Respondent FFRES failed to obtain the signatures of Nikolay I. and Galina T. Diankov on the MLDS and/or GFE within three days after the date said borrowers signed the loan application as required under Section 10240 of the Code.

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Within the three-year period prior to the filing of this Accusation, in connection with the mortgage lending activities described in Paragraph 18, above, Respondent FFRES failed to obtain the signatures of Ronnie L. Hill and Richard Aranda on the MLDS and/or GFE within three days after the date said borrowers signed the loan application as required under Section 10240 of the Code.

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The acts and/or omissions of Respondent FFRES as alleged in Paragraphs 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22, above, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of said Respondent under the following provisions:

(a) As alleged in Paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, under Section 10240 and Section 10241 of the Code (requiring MLDS or GFE to disclose: all costs and expenses of loan; commissions, points and bonuses paid to broker; liens encumbering the property; amounts to be paid by borrower to others; loan balance; funds due to borrower; principal; interest rate; balloon payments; name, address and license number of broker; inclusion of broker controlled funds; prepayment terms; etc.) all in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code (suspension or revocation of license for willful

disregard or violation of the Real Estate Law, §§ 10000 et seq. and §§ 1 11000 et seq. of the Code, or of the Regulations); 2 As alleged in Paragraphs 18, 19 and 21, under Section 10240 (within 3 (b) 3 business days after receipt of written loan application or before borrower 4 becomes obligated on the note, whichever is earlier, broker negotiating a 5 loan secured by real property shall deliver to borrower as signed by 6 borrower a copy of the disclosure containing information required by 7 Section 10241 of the Code) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the 8 Code; and, 9 As alleged in Paragraphs 18, 19 and 22, under Section 10240 (within 3 (c) 10 business days after receipt of written loan application or before borrower 11 becomes obligated on the note, whichever is earlier, broker negotiating a 12 loan secured by real property shall deliver to borrower as signed by 13 borrower a copy of the disclosure containing information required by 14 Section 10241 of the Code) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the 15 Code. 16 17 THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION 18 24 19 There is hereby incorporated in this Third, separate and distinct, Cause of Action, 20 all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 23, inclusive, of the Accusation with the 21 same force and effect as if herein fully set forth. 22 25 23 At all times herein mentioned, Respondent SARWARY was responsible, as the 24 designated broker officer of FFRES, for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of the corporation by its officers and employees and of the corporate activities 25 26 requiring a real estate license. Respondent SARWARY failed to exercise reasonable 27 supervision and control over the loan services and mortgage brokering activities of FFRES and

its employees. In particular, Respondent SARWARY participated in, permitted, ratified, 1 2 acquiesced in, and/or caused the conduct described in the First, Second, and Third Causes of 3 Action, above, to occur, and failed to take reasonable steps to insure, including, but not limited to, the proper handling of trust funds, proper trust fund record keeping, review of trust fund 4 5 records and accounts, quarterly verified accountings to borrowers paying advance fees, that advance fees would not be collected on and after October 11, 2009, review and approval and 6 7 timely signing of Mortgage Lending Disclosure Statements and/or Good Faith Estimates, proper 8 maintenance and retention of transactional records, and to insure the implementation of policies, 9 rules, procedures, and systems to ensure the compliance of the corporation and its employees 10 with the Real Estate Law (Business and Professions Code Sections 10000 et seq. and Sections 11 11000 et seq.) and the Commissioner's Regulations (Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations). 12

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The acts and/or omissions of Respondent SARWARY as described in Paragraph 14 15 25, above, constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights 16 of Respondent SARWARY under the provisions Section 10159.2 of the Code (designated 17 broker/officer responsible for supervision and control of activities conducted on behalf of 18 corporation by officers, licensed salespersons and employees to secure compliance with the Real 19 Estate Law) and Section 2725 of the Regulations (broker shall exercise reasonable supervision 20 over: licensed employees; establish policies and procedures for compliance with Real Estate 21 Law; supervise transactions requiring a real estate license; trust fund handling; etc.), all in 22 conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code and/or of Section 10177(h) of the Code 23 (suspension or revocation for broker or designated broker/officer who fails to exercise 24 reasonable supervision of licensed employees or licensed activities of broker corporation). 111 25 111 26

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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. OSEPH/AIU Reputy Real Estate Commissioner Dated at San Diego, California, this day of 2011. . 22 - 15 -