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8	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE	
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of)	
· 12) FIRST CHOICE, INC.,)	
13	A Corporation,) NO. H-4790 SAC SHASTA FUN, INC.,)	
. 14	a Corporation,) <u>STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT</u>	•
15	KATHLEEN KING, and IN SETTLEMENT LINDA WILLIAMSON, AND ORDER	
16	Respondents.	
17	It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents	
18	FIRST CHOICE, INC. (herein "FCI"), SHASTA FUN, INC. (herein	
· 19	"SFI"), KATHLEEN KING (herein "KING"), and LINDA WILLIAMSON	
20	(herein "WILLIAMSON") (herein jointly "Respondents"), by and	
21	through Tory E. Griffin, attorney of record herein for Respondent	
22	KING, and individually and jointly by and through Stephen L.	
23	Ramazzini, attorney of record herein for Respondents FCI, SFI,	
24	and WILLIAMSON, and the Complainant, acting by and through	
25	Mary F. Clarke, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate	-
26	(herein "the Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling	
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and disposing of the Accusation filed on June 13, 2007, in this matter (herein "the Accusation"):

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 Procedures Act (APA), shall instead and in place
thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of
this Stipulation and Agreement.

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

14 3. On June 27, 2007, July 3, 2007, and August 2, 2007, Respondents filed their Notices of Defense pursuant to Section 15 16 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a 17 hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondents hereby 18 freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notices of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing 19 20 said Notices of Defense they will each thereby waive their rights to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the 21 Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the 22 provisions of the APA, and that they will waive other rights 23 afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right 24 25 to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the 26 Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

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

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6 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real 7 Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as 8 the decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and 9 sanctions on the real estate licenses and license rights of 10 Respondents, and each of them, as set forth in the below "Order" 11 In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not 12 adopt the Stipulation and Agreement, it shall be void and of no 13 effect, and Respondents shall retain the rights to a hearing and 14 proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA 15 and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.

16 6. The Order or any subsequent order of the Real 17 Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and 18 Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any 19 further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of 20 Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically 21 alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

22 Respondents FCI and KING understand that by 7. 23 agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents FCI and 24 KING jointly and severally agree to pay, pursuant to Section 25 10148 of the California Business and Professions Code (herein 26 "Code"), the cost of the audit which resulted in the 27 FILE NO. H-4790 SAC

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determination that Respondents FCI and KING committed the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I, below, of the Determination of Issues. The amount of said cost is \$5,136.28.

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4 8. Respondents FCI and KING further understand that by 5 agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, the findings set forth below in the Determination Of Issues become 6 7 final, and that the Commissioner may charge said Respondents FCI 8 and KING, jointly and severally, for the costs of any audit 9 conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to determine if 10 the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I, below, of the 11 Determination of Issues have been corrected. The maximum cost of said audit shall not exceed \$5,136.28. Respondents shall pay 12 such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the 13 Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit 14 15 and the amount of time spent performing those activities.

16 9. Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON understand that by 17 agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents SFI and 18 WILLIAMSON jointly and severally agree to pay, pursuant to 19 Section 10148 of the Code, the cost of the audit which resulted 20 in the determination that Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON 21 committed the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph II, 22 below, of the Determination of Issues. The amount of said costs 23 is \$5,320.18.

Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON further understand
 that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement,
 the findings set forth below in the Determination Of Issues

1 become final, and that the Commissioner may charge said 2 Respondents, jointly and severally, for the costs of any audit 3 conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to determine if 4 the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph II, below, of the 5 Determination of Issues have been corrected. The maximum cost of 6 said audit shall not exceed \$5,320.18. Respondents SFI and 7 WILLIAMSON shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an 8 invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed 9 during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those 10 activities.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

I

The acts and omissions of Respondents FCI and KING as described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondents FCI and KING under the following provisions of the Code and/or Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations (herein "the Regulations");

(a) as to Paragraph IX(a) and Respondent FCI under
 Section <u>10145</u> of the Code and Section <u>2831</u> of the Regulations in
 conjunction with Section <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code;

(b) as to Paragraph IX(b) and Respondent FCI under
 Section 10145 of the Code and Section <u>2831.1</u> of the Regulations
 in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(c) as to Paragraph IX(c) and Respondent FCI under
 Section 10145 of the Code and Section <u>2831.2 of</u> the Regulations
 in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

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(d) as to Paragraph IX(d) and Respondent FCI under Section 10145 of the Code and Section <u>2832</u> of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(e) as to Paragraph IX(e) and Respondent FCI under Section 10145 of the Code and Section <u>2832.1</u> of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

7 (f) as to Paragraph IX(f) and Respondent FCI under
8 Section <u>10176(e)</u> of the Code; and

9 (g) as to Paragraph X and Respondent KING under
10 Sections <u>10177(g)</u>, <u>10177(h)</u>, and Section <u>10159.2</u> of the Code in
11 conjunction with Section <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code.

II

The acts and omissions of Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON as described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON under the following provisions of the Code and/or the Regulations:

(a) as to Paragraph XV(a) and SFI under Section <u>10145</u>
of the Code and Section <u>2831</u> of the Regulations in conjunction
with Section <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code;

(b) as to Paragraph XV(b) and SFI under Section 10145 of the Code and Section <u>2831.1</u> of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(c) as to Paragraph XV(c) and SFI under Section 10145
of the Code and Section <u>2831.2</u> of the Regulations in conjunction
with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

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(d) as to Paragraph XV(d) and SFI under Section 10145
of the Code and Section <u>2832</u> of the Regulations in conjunction
with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

4 (e) as to Paragraph XV(e) and Respondent SFI under
5 Section 10145 of the Code and Section <u>2832.1</u> of the Regulations
6 in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(f) as to Paragraph XV(f) and SFI under Section 10145
of the Code and Section <u>2834</u> of the Regulations in conjunction
with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(g) as to Paragraph XV(g) and SFI under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2835 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; and,

(h) as to Paragraph XVI and Respondent WILLIAMSON under Sections <u>10177(g)</u>, <u>10177(h)</u>, and <u>10159.2</u> of the Code in conjunction with Section <u>10177(d)</u> of the Code.

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ORDER

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19 A. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent FCI 20 under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a 21 restricted corporate real estate broker license shall be issued .22 to said Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if, 23 within 90 days from the effective date of the Decision entered 24 pursuant to this Order, the Respondent makes application for the 25 restricted license and pays to the Department of Real Estate the 26 appropriate fee therefore. 27 FILE NO. H-4790 SAC - 7 -FIRST CHOICE, INC.

SHASTA FUN, INC., KATHLEEN KING, and LINDA WILLIAMSON B. <u>The restricted license issued to Respondent FCI</u> <u>shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of</u> the Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:

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6 1. <u>The restricted license issued to Respondent</u>
7 FCI may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate
8 Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of
9 nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to
10 Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.

2. The restricted license issued to Respondent

FCI may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 12 13 Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate 14 Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate 15 16 Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license. 17 3. Respondent FCI shall not be eligible to apply 18 for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions 19 of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the 20

4. <u>Respondents FCI and KING understand that by</u>
agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents FCI and
KING jointly and severally agree to pay, pursuant to Section
10148 of the Code, the cost of the audit which resulted in the
determination that Respondents committed the trust fund

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effective date of this Decision.

violation(s) found in Paragraph I, above, of the Determination of 1 Issues. The amount of said costs is \$5,136.28. Respondents FCI 2 and KING shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an 3 invoice from the Commissioner. If Respondents FCI and KING fail 4 5 to pay for the cost of the audit within 60 days of mailing a 6 notice of billing, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke the 7 broker's license or deny renewal of the broker's license. The suspension or denial shall remain in effect until the cost is 8 9 paid or until the broker's right to renew a license had expired.

5. Respondents FCI and KING further understand

that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, 11 12 the findings set forth in Paragraph I, above, in the Determination of Issues become final, and that the Commissioner 13 may charge said Respondents, jointly and severally, for the costs 14 of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to 15 16 determine if the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I, above, of the Determination of Issues have been corrected. The 17 18 maximum costs of said audit shall not exceed \$5,136.28. 19 Respondents FCI and KING shall pay such cost within 60 days of 20 receiving an invoice from the Commissioner. If Respondents fail to pay for the cost of the audit within 60 days of mailing 21 22 a notice of billing, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke 23 the broker's license or deny renewal of the broker's license. 24 The suspension or denial shall remain in effect until the cost is paid or until the broker's right to renew a license had 25 26 expired.

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1 A. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent SFI 2 under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a З restricted corporate real estate broker license shall be issued 4 5 to said Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if, 6 within 90 days from the effective date of the Decision entered 7 pursuant to this Order, the Respondent makes application for the restricted license and pays to the Department of Real Estate the 8 9 appropriate fee therefore. 10 B. The restricted license issued to Respondent SFI 11 shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of 12 the Code and to the following limitations, conditions and 13 restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that 14 Code: 15 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent 16 SFI may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 17 Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to 18 Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee. 19 20 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent 21 SFI may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real 22 Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner 23 that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real 24 Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real 25 Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted 26 license. 27 FILE NO. H-4790 SAC - 10 -FIRST CHOICE, INC. SHASTA FUN, INC., KATHLEEN KING, and

LINDA WILLIAMSON

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<u>Respondent SFI shall not be eligible to apply</u>
 for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for
 the 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.

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4. Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON understand that

7 by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents 8 jointly and severally agree to pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of 9 the Code, the cost of the audit which resulted in the 10 determination that Respondents committed the trust fund 11 violation(s) found in Paragraph II, above, of the Determination 12 of Issues. The amount of said costs is \$5,320.18. Respondents 13 SFI and WILLIAMSON shall pay such cost within 60 days of 14 receiving an invoice from the Commissioner. If Respondents SFI 15and WILLIAMSON fail to pay for the cost of the audit within 60 16 days of mailing a notice of billing, the Commissioner may suspend 17 or revoke the broker's license or deny renewal of the broker's 18 license. The suspension or denial shall remain in effect until 19 the cost is paid or until the broker's right to renew a license. 20 had expired.

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5. <u>Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON further</u>

²² understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in ²³ Settlement, the findings set for in Paragraph II, above, in the ²⁴ Determination of Issues become final, and that the Commissioner ²⁵ may charge said Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON, jointly and ²⁶ severally, for the costs of any audit conducted pursuant to ²⁷ FILE NO. H-4790 SAC - 11 - FIRST CHOICE, INC.

1	Section 10148 of the Code to determine if the trust fund
2	violation(s) found in Paragraph II, above, of the Determination
3	of Issues have been corrected. The maximum costs of said audit
~4	shall not exceed \$5,320.18. Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON shall
5	pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the
6	Commissioner. If Respondents fail to pay for the cost of the
7	audit within 60 days of mailing a notice of billing, the
8	Commissioner may suspend or revoke the broker's license or deny
9	renewal of the broker's license. The suspension or denial shall
, 10	remain in effect until the cost is paid or until the broker's
11	right to renew a license had expired.
12	III
13	A. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent
14	KING under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a
15	restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to such
16	Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if, within 90
17	days from the effective date of the Decision entered pursuant to
18	this Order, the Respondent, prior to and as a condition of the
19	issuance of said restricted license:
20	1. makes application for the restricted license
21	and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee
22	therefor;
23	2. <u>submits proof satisfactory to the Commissioner</u>
24	of having taken and completed at an accredited institution the
25	continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling
26	specified in Paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5
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of the Code. Said course must have been completed within 120 days prior to the issuance of the restricted license. Credit against the continuing education condition set forth in Paragraph "6" below will be given for completion of this trust fund accounting and handling course during the 120 days prior to the issuance of the restricted license.

7 B. <u>The restricted license issued to Respondent KING</u> 8 <u>shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of</u> 9 the Code and to the following limitations, conditions and 10 restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that 11 Code:

12 1. <u>The restricted license issued to Respondent</u>.
13 KING may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real
14 Estate Commissioner in the event of the Respondent's conviction
15 or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially
16 related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate
17 licensee.

2. <u>The restricted license issued to Respondent</u>
 KING may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real
 Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner
 that the 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.

253. Respondent KING shall not be eligible to apply26for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license or for27FILE NO. H-4790 SAC- 13 -27FILE NO. H-4790 SAC- 13 -

SHASTA FUN, INC., KATHLEEN KING, and LINDA WILLIAMSON ¹ the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions
² of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the
³ effective date of this Decision.

4 4. Respondents KING and FCI understand that by 5 agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents KING 6 and FCI jointly and severally agree to pay, pursuant to Section 7 10148 of the Code, the cost of the audit which resulted in the 8 determination that Respondents KING and FCI committed the 9 trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I, above, of the 10 Determination of Issues. The amount of said costs is \$5,136.28. 11 Respondents KING and FCI shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner. If Respondents KING 12 13 and FCI fail to pay for the cost of the audit within 60 days of 14 mailing a notice of billing, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke the broker's license or deny renewal of the broker's 15 16 license. The suspension or denial shall remain in effect until 17 the cost is paid or until the broker's right to renew a license 18 had expired.

19 5. Respondents KING and FCI further understand 20 that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, 21 the findings set forth in Paragraph I, above, in the 22 Determination Of Issues become final, and that the Commissioner 23 may charge said Respondents KING and FCI, jointly and severally, 24 for the costs of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of 25 the Code to determine if the trust fund violation(s) found in 26 Paragraph I, above, of the Determination of Issues have been 27 FILE NO. H-4790 SAC - 14 -FIRST CHOICE, INC.

1 corrected. The maximum costs of said audit shall not exceed 2 \$5,136.28. Respondents KING and FCI shall pay such cost within 3 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner. If 4 Respondents KING and FCI fail to pay for the cost of the audit 5 within 60 days of mailing a notice of billing, the Commissioner 6 may suspend or revoke the broker's license or deny renewal of the 7 broker's license. The suspension or denial shall remain in effect until the cost is paid or until the broker's right to 8 9 renew a license had expired.

10 6. Respondent KING shall, within nine months from the effective date of the Decision, present evidence satisfactory 11 12 to the Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and 13 successfully completed the continuing education requirements of 14 15 Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a 16 real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this 17 condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the Respondent presents such evidence. 18 The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a 19 20 hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present 21 such evidence.

7. <u>Respondent KING shall, within six (6) months</u>
 from the issuance 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 fails to satisfy this condition, the
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Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until Respondent passes the examination.

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4 A. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent 5 WILLIAMSON under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate broker license shall be issued 6 7 to such Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if, within 90 days from the effective date of the Decision entered 8 9 pursuant to this Order, the Respondent, prior to and as a 10 condition of the issuance of said restricted license:

11 1. makes application for the restricted license and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee 12 13 therefor:

14 2. submits proof satisfactory to the Commissioner 15 of having taken and completed at an accredited institution the 16 continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling 17 specified in Paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 18 of the Code. Said course must have been completed within 120 19 days prior to the issuance of the restricted license. Credit 20 against the continuing education condition set forth in Paragraph 21 "6" below will be given for completion of this trust fund 22 accounting and handling course during the 120 days prior to the 23 issuance of the restricted license.

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B. The restricted license issued to Respondent

WILLIAMSON shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 25 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions 26 27 FILE NO. H-4790 SAC

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and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:

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<u>The restricted license issued to Respondent</u>
 WILLIAMSON may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real
 Estate Commissioner in the event of the Respondent's conviction
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⁹ 2. <u>The restricted license issued to Respondent</u>
 ¹⁰ WILLIAMSON may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real
 ¹¹ Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner
 ¹² that the Respondent has violated provisions of the California
 ¹³ Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the
 ¹⁴ Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the
 ¹⁵ restricted license.

Respondent WILLIAMSON shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license or for the 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.

4. <u>Respondents WILLIAMSON and SFI understand that</u>
by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents
WILLIAMSON and SFI jointly and severally agree to pay, pursuant
to Section 10148 of the Code, the cost of the audit which
resulted in the determination that Respondents committed the
trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph II, above, of the
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1 Determination of Issues. The amount of said costs is \$5,320.18. 2 Respondents WILLIAMSON and SFI shall pay such cost within 60 days 3 of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner. If Respondents 4 WILLIAMSON and SFI fail to pay for the cost of the audit within 5 60 days of mailing a notice of billing, the Commissioner may 6 suspend or revoke the broker's license or deny renewal of the 7 broker's license. The suspension or denial shall remain in effect until the cost is paid or until the broker's right to 8 renew a license had expired. 9

10 5. <u>Respondents WILLIAMSON and SFI further</u> 11 understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in 12 Settlement, the findings set forth in Paragraph II, above, in the 13 Determination of Issues become final, and that the Commissioner 14 may charge said Respondents, jointly and severally, for the cost of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to 15 16 determine if the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph II, 17 above, of the Determination of Issues have been corrected. The maximum cost of said audit shall not exceed \$5,320.18. 18

19 Respondents WILLIAMSON and SFI shall pay such cost within 60 days 20 of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner. If Respondents 21 WILLIAMSON and SFI fail to pay for the cost of the audit within 22 60 days of mailing a notice of billing, the Commissioner may 23 suspend or revoke the broker's license or deny renewal of the broker's license. The suspension or denial shall remain in 24 25 effect until the cost is paid or until the broker's right to 26 renew a license had expired.

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1 6. Respondent WILLIAMSON shall, within nine months 2 from the effective date of the Decision, present evidence 3 satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate 4 5 license, taken and successfully completed the continuing 6 education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real 7 Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent 8 fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the 9 suspension of the restricted license until the Respondent 10 presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative 11 12 Procedure Act to present such evidence.

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7. Respondent WILLIAMSON shall, within six (6)

¹⁴ months from the issuance of the restricted license, take and ¹⁵ pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by ¹⁶ the Department, including the payment of the appropriate ¹⁷ examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, ¹⁸ the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted ¹⁹ license until Respondent passes the examination.

21 22 DATED

MARY F. ARKE, Counse

Department of Real Estate

We have read the Stipulation and Agreement and have
 discussed it with our attorneys and its terms are understood by
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SHASTA FUN, INC., KATHLEEN KING, and LINDA WILLIAMSON

us and are agreeable and acceptable to us. We understand that we 2 are waiving rights given to us by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 3 4 11508, 11509, and 11513 of the Government Code), and we 5 willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the 6 allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which we would have 7 the right to cross-examine witnesses against us and to present 8 9 evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges. 10 11 FIRST CHOICE, INC., Respondent 12 4-5-08 uam so 13 By: LINDA WILLIAMSON 14 Designated Officer - Broker 15 16 17 KATHLEEN KING, Respondent 18 19 SHASTA FUN, INC., Respondent 20 4-5-08 By: 21 LINDA WILLIAMSON Designated Officer - Broker 22 23 24 DATED LINDA WILLIAMSON, Respondent 25 26 27 FILE NO. H-4790 SAC · 20 -FIRST CHOICE, INC. SHASTA FUN, INC., KATHLEEN KING, and LINDA WILLIAMSON

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1 We have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to 2 form and content and have advised our clients accordingly. 3 28,2008 4 TORY DATED È. GRIFFI 5 Attorney for Respondent KING 6 7 200 8 STEPHEN L. RAMAZZINI DATED Attorney for Respondents FCI, SFI, 9 and WILLIAMSON 10 11 The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby 12 adopted by me as my Decision in this matter and shall become 13 effective at 12 o'clock noon on <u>September 24</u> 2008. 14 IT IS SO ORDERED 2008. 15 16 JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner 17 18 19 20 BY: Barbara J. Bigby **Chief Deputy Commissioner** 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 FILE NO. H-4790 SAC - 21 -FIRST CHOICE, INC. SHASTA FUN, INC., KATHLEEN KING, and LINDA WILLIAMSON

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۰,	16	LINDA WILLIAMSON,)	
	17	Respondents)	
	18	The Complainant, CHARLES W. KOENIG, a Deputy Real	
	19	Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of	
	20	Accusation against FIRST CHOICE, INC., a Corporation (herein	
	21	"FCI"), SHASTA FUN, INC., a Corporation (herein "SFI"), KATHLEEN	
	22	KING (herein "KING"), and LINDA WILLIAMSON (herein "WILLIAMSON")	
	23	(collectively "Respondents"), is informed and alleges as follows:	
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	25	The Complainant, CHARLES W. KOENIG, a Deputy Real	
	26	Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this	;
	27	Accusation in his official capacity.	
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1 II 2 At all times mentioned herein Respondents FCI, SFI, 3 KING, and WILLIAMSON were and now are licensed or have license 4 rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the 5 California Business and Professions Code (herein "Code"). 6 III 7 At all times herein mentioned: 8 (a) to and until February 18, 2005, Respondent FCI 9 was licensed by the Department of Real Estate of 10 the State of California (herein "the Department") as a corporate real estate broker by and through 12 Respondent KING as designated officer-broker of 13 FCI to qualify said corporation and to act for 14 said corporation as a real estate broker;

> (b) from and after February 19, 2005, Respondent FCI was and now is so licensed by and through Respondent WILLIAMSON as designated officer-broker of Respondent FCI to qualify said corporation and to act for said corporation as a real estate broker; (C) Respondent KING was licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, individually, and, to and until February 18, 2005, as designated officer of Respondent FCI;

(d) Respondent WILLIAMSON was licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, individually, and, from and after February 18, 2005, as designated officer of Respondent FCI; and,

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(e) as such designated officer, both Respondents KING and WILLIAMSON were, respectively, responsible pursuant to the provisions of Sections 10159.2 of the Code for the activities of Respondent FCI for which a real estate license is required.

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At all times mentioned herein from and after May 24,
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as corporate real estate broker by and through WILLIAMSON as
designated officer-broker of SFI to qualify said corporation and
to act for said corporation as a real estate broker.

Whenever reference is made in an allegation in this 13 Accusation to an act or omission of Respondent FCI, or Respondent 14 SFI, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that the officers, 15 directors, employees, agents and/or real estate licensees 16 employed by or associated with such corporate Respondents, 17 including but not necessarily limited to Respondents KING and 18 WILLIAMSON, committed such act or omission while engaged in the 19 furtherance of the business or operations of such corporate 20 Respondent and while acting within the course and scope of their 21 22 authority and employment.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

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At all times herein mentioned the corporate Respondent FCI, personally and in association with the individual Respondents KING and WILLIAMSON, engaged in the business of,

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acted in the capacity of, advertised, or assumed to act as real 1 2 estate brokers within the State of California within the meaning of Sections 10131(b) of the Code, including the operation and 3 conduct of a property management business with the public 4 5 wherein, on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation 6 of compensation, such corporate and individual Respondents leased or rented and offered to lease or rent, and placed for rent, and 7 8 solicited listings of places for rent, and solicited for 9 prospective tenants of real property or improvements thereon, 10 and collected rents from real property or improvements thereon. 11 VII 12 In so acting as real estate brokers, as described in Paragraph VI, above, the corporate Respondent FCI, personally and 13 14 by and through the individual Respondents KING and WILLIAMSON,

¹⁵ accepted or received funds in trust (herein "trust funds") from ¹⁶ or on behalf of owners and tenants in connection with the ¹⁷ leasing, renting, and collection of rents on real property or ¹⁸ improvements thereon, as alleged herein, and thereafter from ¹⁹ time to time made, or caused to be made, disbursements of said ²⁰ funds.

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The aforesaid trust funds accepted or received by such Respondents were deposited or caused to be deposited by such Respondents into one or more bank accounts (herein "trust fund accounts") maintained by the corporate Respondent FCI, personally and by and through the individual Respondents KING and WILLIAMSON, for the handling of trust funds at the Mount Shasta

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branch of the Tri-Counties Bank, including but not necessarily limited to the following accounts: 2 ٦ (a) the "First Choice, Inc., Mount Shasta Property Management/General Account", account number 268001931 (herein 4 "Bank Account #1"); and 5 the "First Choice, Inc., Mount Shasta Property 6 (b) Management/Security Deposit Bank", account number 268001943 7 (herein "Bank Account #2"). 8 9 IX During the three year period next preceding the filing 10 of the Accusation herein, in the course of the property management 11 and trust fund activities described above, Respondents FCI, KING 12 13 and WILLIAMSON: failed to keep a columnar record in chronological 14 (a) sequence of all trust funds received and disbursed from Bank 15 ·16 Account #1 and Bank Account #2 containing all the information required by Section 2831 of Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code 17 of Regulations (herein "the Regulations"); 18 failed to keep a separate record for each 19 (b) beneficiary or transaction for Bank Account #1 and Bank Account 20 #2 containing all the information required by Section 2831.1 of 21 22 the Regulations; failed, with respect to Bank Account #1 and 23 (c) Bank Account #2 to reconcile, at least once a month, the 24 balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records with 25 the record of trust funds received and disbursed from such 26 accounts; 27

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1 (ď) failed to place trust funds entrusted to 2 Respondent FCI into the hands of a principal on whose behalf the 3 funds were received, into a neutral escrow depository, or into a trust fund account in the name of Respondent FCI as trustee at a 4 5 bank or other financial institution, in conformance with the requirements of Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832(a) of 6 7 the Regulations, in that Respondents placed such funds in Bank 8 Account #1 and Bank Account #2, each an account that was not in 9 the name of Respondent FCI as trustee; 10 caused, suffered, or permitted the balance of (e) 11 funds in: Bank Account #1 to be reduced to an amount which 12 (1)as of July 29, 2004, was approximately \$1,799.82 13 14 less than the aggregate liability of Respondent 15 FCI to all owners of such funds, without the prior 16 written consent of the owners of such funds; 17 Bank Account #1 to be reduced to an amount which (2) 18 as of August 29, 2004, was approximately 19 \$18,482.46 less than the aggregate liability of 20 Respondent FCI to all owners of such funds, 21 without the prior written consent of the owners 22 of such funds; 23 Bank Account #2 to be reduced to an amount which (3) 24 as of July 29, 2004, was approximately \$11,008.65 25 less than the aggregate liability of Respondent 26 FCI to all owners of such funds, without the prior 27 written consent of the owners of such funds; and 6

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1	(4) Bank Account #2 to be reduced to an amount which
2	as of August 29, 2004, was approximately \$9,408.55
3	less than the aggregate liability of Respondent
. 4	FCI to all owners of such funds, without the prior
5	written consent of the owners of such funds; and
6	(f) commingled funds owned by Respondents in Bank
· 7	Account #1 and Bank Account #2 with owners of funds held in trust
8	by Respondents.
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10	Respondent KING failed to exercise reasonable
11	supervision over the acts of FCI in such a manner as to allow the
12	acts and omissions on the part of FCI described above, to occur.
13	SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION
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15	Each and every allegation in Paragraphs I through V,
. 16	inclusive, above, are incorporated herein by this reference.
17	XII
18	At all times herein mentioned the corporate Respondent
. 19	SFI, personally, and in association with Respondent WILLIAMSON
20	engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised,
21	or assumed to act as real estate brokers within the State of
22	California within the meaning of Sections 10131(b) of the Code,
23	including the operation and conduct of a property management
. 24	business with the public wherein, on behalf of others, for
25	compensation or in expectation of compensation, Respondents
26	leased or rented and offered to lease or rent, and placed for
27	rent, and solicited listings of places for rent, and solicited
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for prospective tenants of real property or improvements thereon,
 and collected rents from real property or improvements thereon.

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In so acting as a real estate broker, as described in Paragraph XII, above, Respondents accepted or received trust funds from or on behalf of owners, tenants, and others in connection with the leasing, renting, and collection of rents on real property or improvements thereon, as alleged herein, and thereafter from time to time made disbursements of said funds.

XIV

The aforesaid trust funds accepted or received by Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON were deposited or caused to be deposited by Respondents into one or more bank trust fund accounts maintained by Respondents for the handling of trust funds at Mount Shasta, California, branch of Bank of America, including but not necessarily limited to:

(a) "SHASTA FUN, INC.", account number 06506-40057
(herein "Bank Account #1a");

20 (b) "SHASTA FUN, LLC", account number 06504-05182 21 (herein "Bank Account #2a"); and

(c) "Shasta Fun, Inc.", account number 06501-40083
 (herein "Bank Account #3a").

On or about between August 30, 2004, and on or about June 30, 2005, in connection with the collection and disbursement of said trust funds, Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON:

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1 failed to keep a columnar record in chronological (a) 2 sequence of all trust funds received and disbursed from Bank Account #1a, Bank Account #2a, and Bank Account #3a, containing all the information required by Section 2831 of the Regulations;

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5 failed to keep a separate record for each (b) beneficiary or transaction for Bank Account #1a, Bank Account · 7 #2a, and Bank Account #3a, containing all the information 8 required by Section 2831.1 of the Regulations;

9 (C) failed to reconcile at least once a month, the 10 balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records with 11 Bank Account #1a, Bank Account #2a, and Bank Account #3a, as 12 required by Section 2831.2 of the Regulations;

13 failed to place trust funds entrusted to (d) 14 Respondents into the hands of a principal on whose behalf the 15 funds were received, into a neutral escrow depository, or into a 16 trust fund account in the name of Respondent SFI as trustee at a 17 bank or other financial institution, in conformance with the 18 requirements of Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832(a) of -19 the Regulations, in that Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON placed such funds into Bank Account #1a, Bank Account #2a, and Bank 20 21 Account #3a, accounts that were not in the name of Respondent SFI 22 as trustee;

23 caused, suffered, or permitted the balance of (e) 24 funds in:

> Bank Accounts #1a and #2a to be combined and to be (1)reduced to an amount, which, as of June 30, 2005, was approximately \$1,373.88 less than the

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aggregate liability of Respondent SFI to all owners of such funds, without the prior written consent of the owners of such funds; and Bank Account #3a to be reduced to an amount, which, as of June 30, 2005, was approximately \$8,805.66 less than the aggregate liability of Respondent SFI to all owners of such funds,

without the prior written consent of the owners of such funds;

(f) authorized Gina Green, an unlicensed person
without fidelity bond coverage, to make withdrawals from Bank
Account #1a, Bank Account #2a, and Bank Account #3a, in violation
of Section 2834 of the Regulations; and

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(g) caused, suffered, or permitted money of others
which was received and held by Respondent SFI as trustee in Bank
Account #1a and Bank Account #2a to be commingled with
Respondents' monies belonging to Respondent SFI and WILLIAMSON,
in violation of Section 2835 of the Regulations.

XVI

Respondent WILLIAMSON failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the acts of SFI in such a manner as to allow the acts and omissions on the part of SFI described above, to occur.

XVII

The facts alleged in the First Cause of Accusation, above, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondents under the following provisions of the Code and/or the Regulations:

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1 (a) as to Paragraph IX(a) and Respondents FCI, KING and 2 WILLIAMSON under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831 of 3 the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; 4 (b) as to Paragraph IX(b) and Respondents FCI, KING and 5 WILLIAMSON under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.1 of 6 the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; 7 (c) as to Paragraph IX(c) and Respondents FCI, KING 8 and WILLIAMSON under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.2 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the 9 10 Code; 11 (d) as to Paragraph IX(d) and Respondents FCI, KING 12 and WILLIAMSON under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832 13 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the 14 Code; 15 (e) as to Paragraph IX(e) and Respondents FCI, KING 16 and WILLIAMSON under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832.1 17 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the 18 Code; 19 as to Paragraph IX(f) and Respondents FCI, KING (f) 20 and WILLIAMSON under Section 10176(e) of the Code; and 21 as to Paragraph X and Respondent KING under (g) 22 Section 10177(g) and/or Section 10177(h) of the Code and Section 23 10159.2 of the Code in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the 24 Code. 25 XVII 26 The facts alleged above in the Second Cause of 27 Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the

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licenses and license rights of Respondents SFI and WILLIAMSON under the following provisions of the Code and/or the Regulations:

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(a) as to Paragraph XV(a) under Section 10145 of the
Code and Section 2831 of the Regulations in conjunction with
Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(b) as to Paragraph XV(b) under Section 10145 of the
Code and Section 2831.1 of the Regulations in conjunction with
Section 10177(d) of the Code;

9 (c) as to Paragraph XV(c) under Section 10145 of the 10 Code and Section 2831.2 of the Regulations in conjunction with 11 Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(d) as to Paragraph XV(d) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(e) as to Paragraph XV(e) and Respondents SFI, and
 WILLIAMSON under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832.1 of
 the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(f) as to Paragraph XV(f) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2834 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(g) as to Paragraph XV(g) under Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2835 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code; and,

(h) as to Paragraph XVI and Respondent WILLIAMSON
under Section 10177(g) and/or Section 10177(h) of the Code and
Section 10159.2 of the Code in conjunction with Section 10177(d)
of the Code.

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	1	WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be
	2	conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon
	3	proof thereof a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action
	4	against all licenses and license rights of Respondents under the
	5	Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and
	6	Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be
	7	proper under other applicable provisions of law.
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	10	Da O Koem
	11	CHARLES W. KOENIG
	12	Deputy Real Estate Commissioner
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	15	Dated at Sacramento, California
	16	this day of May, 2007.
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