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In the Matter of the Accusation of

SAN DIEGO REALTY AND

individually and as designated officer of

Respondents.

San Diego Realty and Appraisal Inc,

APPRAISAL INC and

TINA MARIE ETUE,

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## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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No. H-05020 SD

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC and TINA MARIE ETUE ("Respondents"), represented by Frank Buda, and the Complainant, acting by and through Steve Chu, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on September 10, 2018, in this matter:

1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").

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- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA, and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. On September 18, 2018, Respondents filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that Respondents understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, Respondents will thereby waive Respondents' right to require the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner") to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that Respondents will waive other rights 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.
- 4. Respondents, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admit that the factual allegations in the Accusation filed in this proceeding are true and correct and the Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.
- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation as his Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below Order. In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, 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.
- 6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for the Accusation in this proceeding.

## **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions, and waivers, and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following Determination of Issues shall be made:

I.

The conduct, acts, and/or omissions of Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC, as described in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC under California Business and Professions Code ("Code") sections 10177(d) and 10177(g) for violation of Code section 10145 and Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") sections 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, and 2834.

II.

The conduct, acts, and/or omissions of Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE, as described in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE under Code sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and 10177(h) for violation of Code section 10159.2.

## **ORDER**

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order; provided, however, that:

1. Sixty (60) days of said suspension shall be stayed, upon the condition that Respondent petitions pursuant to Code Section 10175.2 and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Code Section 10175.2 at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50) for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$3,000, and upon the following terms and conditions:

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- a. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.
- b. No final determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation that cause for disciplinary against any of the real estate licenses or license rights of Respondent occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision and Order.
- c. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Decision and Order, the suspension shall go into effect automatically. Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment or credit, prorated or otherwise, for any money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision and Order.
- d. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and all other money due under this Stipulation and Agreement and if no final determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation that cause for disciplinary against any of the real estate licenses or license rights of Respondent occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision and Order, then the entire stay hereby granted pursuant to this Decision and Order shall become permanent.
- 2. Sixty (60) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
  - a. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules, and regulations governing the rights, duties, and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California.

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- b. No final determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation that cause for disciplinary against any of the real estate licenses or license rights of Respondent occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision and Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.
- AND APPRAISAL INC are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC pays, jointly and severally with Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE, the sum of \$8,401.22 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 10148. Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The audit cost must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013.
- 4. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC pays, jointly and severally with Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE, the sum of \$2,603.80 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The investigative and enforcement costs must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

the Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$10,501.53, for any subsequent audit to determine if Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC has corrected the violations found in the Determination of Issues. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. If Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC'S real estate licenses shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

II.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order; provided, however, that:

- 1. Sixty (60) days of said suspension shall be stayed, upon the condition that Respondent petitions pursuant to Code Section 10175.2 and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Code Section 10175.2 at a rate of fifty dollars (\$50) for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$3,000, and upon the following terms and conditions:
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- 2. Sixty (60) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
  - a. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules, and regulations governing the rights, duties, and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California.

- No final determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation that cause for disciplinary against any of the real estate licenses or license rights of Respondent occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision and Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.
- 3. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in Code section 10170.5(a)(3). Proof of satisfaction of this requirement includes evidence that Respondent has successfully completed the trust fund accounting and handling continuing education course within one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order. Proof of completion of the trust fund accounting and handling course must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.
- 4. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE pays, jointly and severally with Respondent SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC, the sum of \$8,401.22 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 10148. Respondent TINA MARIE ETUE shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The audit cost must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013.

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California Administrative Procedure Act, (including but not limited to Sections 11521 and 11523 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right to seek reconsideration and the right to seek judicial review of the Commissioner's Decision and Order by way of a writ of mandate.

I agree, acknowledge, and understand that I cannot rescind or amend this Stipulation and Agreement.

I can signify acceptance and approval of the term's and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by mailing the original signed Stipulation and Agreement to: Steve Chu, Department of Real Estate, 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. Steve Chu must receive the original signed Stipulation and Agreement or a copy faxed to (213) 576-6917 by May 13, 2019; if not, this Stipulation and Agreement is invalid and void because the sum for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action will increase.

Respondent

By TINA MARIE ETUE, as designated officer of San Diego Realty and Appraisal Inc

Respondent

Frank Buda

Counsel for Respondents Approved as to Form

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted by me as my Decision in this matter as to Respondents SAN DIEGO REALTY AND APPRAISAL INC and TINA MARIE ETUE, and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on July 26, 2019. IT IS SO ORDERED June 21, 2019 DANIEL J. SANDRI ACTING REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER Daniel / Sand