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# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation against

TRIPLE H INVESTMENTS and LIBBY ANNE GIBSON, individually and as designated officer for Triple H Investments,

Respondents.

DRE No. H-05200 SD OAH No. 2021040187

STIPULATION AND
AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT
AND ORDER

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents TRIPLE H INVESTMENTS and LIBBY ANNE GIBSON (collectively "Respondents"), representing themselves in this matter, and the Complainant, acting by and through Lissete Garcia, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing the Accusation filed on January 21, 2021, with Department Case No. H-05200 SD ("Accusation") 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 on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and

Agreement in Settlement and Order ("Stipulation").

- 2. Respondents have received, read, and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA, and Accusation filed by the Department in this proceeding.
- 3. 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 and understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, Respondents will thereby waive Respondents' rights 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. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this proceeding. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual statements, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.
- 5. This Stipulation and Respondents' decision not to contest the Accusation are made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and are expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department, or another licensing agency of this state, another state or if the federal government is involved and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceedings.

1-	6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the
2	Stipulation and Agreement as the Commissioner's Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the
3	penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the
4	below "Order." In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the
5	Stipulation and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents shall retain the
6	right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and
7	shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
8	7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to
9	this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further
10	administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters
11	which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.
12	DETERMINATION OF ISSUES
13	By reason of the foregoing stipulation and agreement and solely for the purpose of
14	settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the
15	following determination of issues shall be made:
16	I.
17	The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent TRIPLE H INVESTMENTS as set
18	forth herein above in Paragraph 4, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real
19	estate licenses and license rights of Respondent TRIPLE H INVESTMENTS pursuant to the
20	provisions of Code section 10177, subdivisions (d) and (g), for violation of Code section 10145
21	and Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of
22	Regulations ("Regulations") 2832, 2832.1, and 2731.
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The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent LIBBY ANNE GIBSON as set forth herein above in Paragraph 4, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent LIBBY ANNE GIBSON pursuant to the provisions of Code section 10177, subdivisions (d) and (h), for violation of Code sections 10145, 10176(e), 10161.8, 10159.2 and Regulations 2832.1, 2832, 2831.2, 2831.1, 2831, 2834, 2835(b), 2752, and 2725.

#### **ORDER**

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent TRIPLE H INVESTMENTS ("THI") under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order; provided, however, that:

- 1. Said 90-day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- 2. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and,
- That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action 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.

Stipulation and Agreement H-05200 SD

- All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent THI are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent THI pays, severally or jointly with Respondent LIBBY ANNE GIBSON, the total sum of \$3,354.80 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. Payment of investigation and enforcement costs should not be made until the Stipulation has been approved by the Commissioner.
- Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondent THI shall pay, severally or jointly with Respondent LIBBY ANNE GIBSON, the total sum of \$16,539.00 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action.
  Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' 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.
- 6. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondents shall pay the

  Commissioner's reasonable costs for any subsequent audit (said costs may not to
  exceed a maximum of \$20,673.75) to determine if Respondents have corrected
  the violations found in the Determination of Issues. In calculating the amount of

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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.

Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of the audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' 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 LIBBY ANNE GIBSON ("GIBSON") under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order; provided, however, that:

- 1. Said 90-day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- 2. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and,
- That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action 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.

4.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent GIBSON are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent GIBSON provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in paragraph (3) of 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, no earlier than 120 days prior to the effective date of the Decision and Order in this matter. 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 or by fax at 916-263-8758, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

- All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent GIBSON are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent GIBSON pays, severally or jointly with Respondent THI, the total sum of \$3,354.80 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. Payment of investigation and enforcement costs should not be made until the Stipulation has been approved by the Commissioner.
- 6. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondent GIBSON shall pay, severally or jointly with Respondent THI, the total sum of \$16,539.00 for the

Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action.

Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' 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.

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Commissioner's reasonable costs for any subsequent audit (said costs may not to
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condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' 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.

DATED: 8/24/2021

Lissete Garcia, Counsel Department of Real Estate

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## **EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION**

We have read this Stipulation and its terms are understood by us and are agreeable and acceptable to us. We understand that we are waiving rights given to us by the California APA (including, but not limited to, sections 11506, 11508, 11509, and 11513 of the Government Code), and we willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which we would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against us and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondents can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this

Stipulation and Agreement by electronically e-mailing a copy of the signature pages, as actually signed by Respondents, to the Department. Respondents agree, acknowledge, and understand that by electronically sending to the Department an electronic copy of Respondents' actual signatures, as they appear on the Stipulation, that receipt of the emailed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation. By signing this Stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that Respondents may not withdraw their agreement or seek to rescind the Stipulation prior to the time the Commissioner considers and acts upon it or prior to the effective date of the Stipulation and Order.

### <u>MAILING</u>

Respondents and their counsel shall, within five (5) business days from signing the Stipulation, mail the original signed signature page(s) of the Stipulation herein to Lissete Garcia, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Room 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105.

1	Respondents' signatures below constitute acceptance and approval of the terms and
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7	DATED: 8-17-21
8	Respondent TRIPLE H INVESTMENTS
9	By (Printed Name): Libby Gibson
10	Title: President
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12	DATED: 8-/7-2/ Respondent LIBBY ANNE GIBSON
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14	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order is hereby adopted by
15	me as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon
16	on 11 7 2021
17	IT IS SO ORDERED 10 - 1 - 2
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19	REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER
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