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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

SERGIO MARTIN ARREGUIN,

No. H-5960 SAC

Respondent.

ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE  
BUT GRANTING RIGHT TO A RESTRICTED LICENSE

On November 21, 2014, in Case No. H-5960 SAC, a Decision was rendered revoking the real estate salesperson license of Respondent effective December 15, 2014.

On May 31, 2017, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said real estate salesperson license, and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of said petition.

The burden of proving rehabilitation rests with the petitioner (*Feinstein v. State Bar* (1952) 39 Cal. 2d 541). A petitioner is required to show greater proof of honesty and integrity than an applicant for first time licensure. The proof must be sufficient to overcome the prior adverse judgment on the applicant's character (*Tardiff v. State Bar* (1980) 27 Cal. 3d 395).

I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence submitted in support thereof.

1           The Department has developed criteria in Section 2911 of Title 10, California  
2 Code of Regulations (Regulations) to assist in evaluating the rehabilitation of an applicant for  
3 reinstatement of a license. Among the criteria relevant in this proceeding are:

4           Regulation 2911(g) Payment of the fine or other monetary penalty imposed in  
5 connection with a criminal conviction or quasi-criminal judgment.

6           Respondent has not reimbursed the Department of Real Estate for the  
7 investigation and prosecution costs in the amount of \$5,318.30 that were ordered by the Decision  
8 dated November 21, 2014.

9           Respondent has failed to demonstrate to my satisfaction that Respondent has  
10 undergone sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the reinstatement of Respondent's unrestricted real  
11 estate salesperson license.

12           I am satisfied, however, that it will not be against the public interest to issue a  
13 restricted real estate salesperson license to Respondent.

14           A restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant  
15 to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code, if Respondent satisfies the following  
16 conditions prior to and as a condition of obtaining a restricted real estate salesperson license  
17 within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Order:

18           1.     Respondent shall qualify for, take and pass the real estate salesperson  
19 license examination.

20           2.     Submittal of a completed application and payment of the fee for a real  
21 estate salesperson license.

22           3.     Respondent shall pay in full \$5,318.30, reimbursement to the Department  
23 of Real Estate, the investigation and prosecution costs ordered from the Decision dated  
24 November 21, 2014.

25           The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions  
26 of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations,  
27 conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:

1           A. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to  
2 hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or  
3 plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or  
4 capacity as a real estate licensee.

5           B. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to  
6 hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the  
7 Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the  
8 Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to  
9 the restricted license.

10           C. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an  
11 unrestricted real estate license nor the removal of any of the limitations, conditions or  
12 restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the date of the issuance  
13 of the restricted license to Respondent.

14           D. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an  
15 employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed  
16 by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department of Real  
17 Estate which shall certify:

18           1. That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner  
19 which granted the right to a restricted license; and

20           2. That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the  
21 performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is  
22 required.

23           E. Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing within 72 hours of  
24 any arrest by sending a certified letter to the Commissioner at the Department of Real Estate,  
25 Post Office Box 137007, Sacramento, CA 95813-7007. The letter shall set forth the date of  
26 Respondent's arrest, the crime for which Respondent was arrested and the name and address of  
27 the arresting law enforcement agency. Respondent's failure to timely file written notice shall

1 constitute an independent violation of the terms of the restricted license and shall be grounds for  
2 the suspension or revocation of that license.

3 This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on AUG 20 2018

4 IT IS SO ORDERED July 25, 2018

5 DANIEL J. SANDRI  
6 ACTING REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

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