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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

By J. Taggart

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

FRANK JOSEPH CECCHINI,

No. H-6943 SAC

Respondent.

ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

BUT GRANTING RIGHT TO A RESTRICTED LICENSE

On September 25, 2020, in Case No. H-6943 SAC, a Decision was rendered revoking the real estate salesperson license of Respondent effective October 21, 2020.

On January 11, 2024, 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.

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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(3) Expungement of criminal convictions resulting from**
5 **immoral or antisocial acts.**

6 Respondent has not had his convictions expunged that resulted in the revocation
7 of his license.

8 **Regulation 2911(13) New and different social and business relationships from**
9 **those which existed at the time of the conduct that is the basis for denial of the Department**
10 **action sought.**

11 Respondent failed to submit employment verification to demonstrate correction of
12 business practices and rehabilitation.

13 Respondent has failed to demonstrate to my satisfaction that Respondent has
14 undergone sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the reinstatement of Respondent's unrestricted real
15 estate salesperson license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 E. Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing within 72 hours of
27 any arrest by sending a certified letter to the Commissioner at the Department of Real Estate, 651

1 Bannon Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. The letter shall set forth the date of Respondent's arrest,
2 the crime for which Respondent was arrested and the name and address of the arresting law
3 enforcement agency. Respondent's failure to timely file written notice shall
4 constitute an independent violation of the terms of the restricted license and shall be grounds for
5 the suspension or revocation of that license.

6 This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on OCT 02 2024.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED 9/9/2024

8 CHIKA SUNQUIST
9 REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

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11 By: Marcus L. McCarther
12 Chief Deputy Real Estate Commissioner
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