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Estate Commissioner (the Commissioner) rejected the Proposed
Decision and provided Bains an opportunity to submit further
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ordered and considered by the Commissioner together with

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- 2 Department and by Bains. On July 28, 1994, the Interim
- 3 Commissioner issued his Decision After Rejection revoking Bains'
- 4 real estate salesperson license effective August 29, 1994. Bains
- 5 filed a Request for Stay on August 25, 1994, which was granted on
- g that date. Bains filed a Petition for Reconsideration on
- 7 September 8, 1994. On September 27, 1994, the Interim
- 8 Commissioner issued his Order Denying Reconsideration. On
- 9 October 7, 1994, Bains filed a Petition for Writ of Administrative
- 10 Mandamus in the Superior Court of the City and County of San
- 11 Francisco. On January 4 , 1995, Bains and the Commissioner
- 12 entered into a Stipulation Re: Remand in which the parties agreed
- 13 that this matter be remanded to the Department for a decision
- 14 consistent with the Stipulation. On January 12 , 1995, the
- 15: Superior Court ordered the matter remanded to the Department for a
- 16 decision consistent with the stipulation of the parties.
- The following shall become the Decision of the
- 18 Commissioner:
- 1. The Findings of Fact and Determination of Issues as
- 20 set out in the Decision After Rejection dated July 28, 1994, and
- 21 filed on August 9, 1994, shall remain unchanged.
- 22 2. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent
- 23 SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS under the Real Estate Law are revoked;
- 24 provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license
- 25 shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the
- 26 Business and Professions Code if Respondent makes application
- 27 therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate

fee for the restricted license within 60 days from the effective

date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to

Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section

10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following

limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority

of Section 10156.6 of that Code:

days from the date of its issuance, and indefinitely thereafter until Respondent presents evidence to the satisfaction of the Real Estate Commissioner that he has made \$18,092 in restitution pursuant to court ordered probation for the Penal Code § 484g conviction set out in the Findings of the Decision After Rejection.

b. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate

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d. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the

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- 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.
- e. Respondent shall submit with any application for
 license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer
 to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective
 employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department
 of Real Estate which shall certify:
- g (1) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
 - (2) That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required.
- Respondent shall, within nine months from the 16 effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to 17 the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most 18 recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, 19 taken and successfully completed the continuing education 20 requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law 21 for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to 22 satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension 23 of the restricted license until the Respondent presents such 24 evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the 25 opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure 26 Act to present such evidence. 27

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3	Responsibility Examination administered by the Department
4 ,	including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If
5	Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may
6	order suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent passes
7	the examination.
8	This Decision shall become effective on
9	March 15 , 1995.
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11	IT IS SO ORDERED February 21, 1995.
12	JOHN R. LIBERATOR Interim Commissioner
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Department of Real Estate

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

No. H-7003 SF

STIPULATION RE: REMAND

SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS,

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Respondent.

The California Department of Real Estate (Department) filed an accusation against SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS (Bains) on November 9, 1993. A hearing was held on March 3, 1994, in which written and oral evidence was submitted. On March 16, 1994, Administrative Law Judge, Robert R. Coffman, issued a Proposed Decision determining that Bains' real estate salesperson license should be revoked with the right to a restricted salesperson license under terms and conditions. On April 5, 1994, the Real Estate Commissioner (the Commissioner) rejected the Proposed Decision and provided Bains an opportunity to submit further written argument. The transcript of the March 3, 1994 hearing was

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It is hereby stipulated by and between SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS (Respondent) and the Complainant, acting by and through John Van Driel, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing the Accusation filed on November 9, 1993, in this matter and the Petition for Administrative Mandamus filed by Bains on October 7, 1994.

The parties will request the Superior Court of California, City and County of San Francisco, to issue an order remanding action action # 964287 to the Department to adopt a decision consistent with this stipulation between the parties.

2. The Findings of Fact and Determination of Issues as set out in the Decision After Rejection dated July 28, 1994, and filed on August 9, 1994, shall remain unchanged.

- 3. The Commissioner's Order shall revoke Respondent's restricted real estate salesperson license and shall grant Respondent the right to a restricted real estate salesperson license issued pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 30 days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:
- a. The restricted license shall be suspended for 60 days from the date of its issuance, and indefinitely thereafter until Respondent presents evidence to the satisfaction of the Real Estate Commissioner that he has made \$18,092 in restitution pursuant to court ordered probation for the Penal Code § 484g conviction set out in the Findings of the Decision After Rejection.
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 c. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate

Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that 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.

- d. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply 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.
- e. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department of Real Estate which shall certify:
- (1) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
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Counsel for Complainant

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DATED: (Jan. 3, 1995

MAXINE MONAGHAN

Counsel for Respondent

DANIEL E. LUNGREN, Attorney General of the State of California

DATED: 5,1995

JACK NEWMAN

Attorneys for the California Department of Real Estate

I have read the STIPULATION RE: REMAND and DECISION AFTER REMAND, have discussed it with my counsel, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am agreeing to the remand of my administrative mandamus proceeding pending in the Superior Court, City and County of San Francisco, to the Department under the terms and conditions set out above and I willingly and voluntarily agree to dismiss that action with prejudice in exchange for the Department entering into this Stipulation.

DATED:

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12	SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS,) OAH NO. N-9312093
13	Respondent.)
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15	ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE
16	On July 28, 1994, a Decision was rendered in the above-
17	entitled matter to become effective August 29, 1994.
18	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the
19	Decision of July 28, 1994, is stayed for a period of thirty (30)
20	days.
21	The Decision of July 28, 1994, shall become effective at
22	12 o'clock noon on September 28, 1994.
23	DATED: August 25, 1994.
24	JOHN R. LIBERATOR
25	Interim Commissioner
26	By: LES R. BETTENCOURT
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13) OAH No. N 9312093)
14	Respondent.)
15	DECISION AFTER REJECTION
16	The matter came on for hearing before Robert R. Coffman,
17	Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings
18	in San Francisco, California, on March 3, 1994.
19	John Van Driel, Counsel, represented the Complainant.
20	Maxine Monaghan, Attorney at Law, represented Respondent
21	SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS, who was also present.
22	Evidence was received, the hearing was closed and the
23	matter was submitted.
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ı	On March 16, 1994, the Administrative Law Judge
2	submitted a Proposed Decision which I declined to adopt as my
3	Decision herein. Pursuant to Section 11517(c) of the Government
4	Code of the State of California, Respondent was served with notice
5	of my determination not to adopt the Proposed Decision of the
6	Administrative Law Judge along with a copy of said Proposed
7	Decision. Respondent was notified that the case would be decided
8	by me upon the record, the transcript of proceedings held on
9	March 3, 1994, and upon any written argument offered by
10	Respondent.
11	I have given careful consideration to the record in this
12	case including the transcript of proceedings of March 3, 1994, and
13	the argument submitted of Complainant and Respondent.
14	FINDINGS OF FACT
15	I
16	Les R. Bettencourt made the Accusation in his official
17	capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of
18	California.
19	II
20	Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license
21	rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the
22	Business and Professions Code (the Code) as a real estate
23	salesperson.
24	III
25	On or about November 12, 1992, in the Superior Court of
26	California, Santa Clara County, Respondent was convicted of a
27	violation of Section 484g(a) of the Penal Code (fraudulent use of

access cards), a felony and a crime which bears a substantial

relationship to the qualifications, functions and duties of a real

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On or about June 15, 1992, in the Municipal Court of
California, Santa Clara County Judicial District, Respondent was
convicted of a violation of Section 31 of the Vehicle Code (false
information to police officer), a crime involving moral turpitude
and which bears a substantial relationship to the qualifications,

10 functions and duties of a real estate licensee.

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On the 484g offense, Respondent was sentenced on

March 5, 1993, to 3 years probation and ordered to serve 90 days

in jail and make restitution in the amount of \$18,092.

He served the 90 days on an electronic monitoring

16 program. He has been making restitution in the amount of \$1,000

17 per month. He now owes \$6,317.

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18 The circumstances surrounding the 484g offense are that 19 Respondent, while working as a security coordinator for Linear 20 Technology in 1990, observed two telephone credit cards at a 21 secretary's desk in the company's executive offices, and copied 22 the numbers for the purpose of using them later. Respondent 23 subsequently used one of the credit card numbers for his personal 24 use and gave the numbers of the other card to a relative and to a 25 friend. He does not know whether such persons in turn gave the 26 card numbers to others. 27

Unauthorized calls were made on the two cards from 1 December 1990 through January 1992. In February, 1992, Linear 2 discovered that unauthorized calls were being made and in April, 1992, the police determined that Respondent was responsible for the offense. Respondent contends that the amount of the 5 restitution, \$18,092, represents both unauthorized and authorized calls made on the cards. 7 Respondent used the card numbers to save money, not 8 because of any financial hardship or personal difficulties. VII 10 On the Vehicle Code violation Respondent was sentenced 11 to 1 year probation and fined \$50 plus an \$85 penalty assessment. 12 VIII 13 The circumstances surrounding the Vehicle Code violation 14 were not established by the evidence. 15 Respondent's explanation of this offense is that while 16 driving his automobile he was stopped for an expired registration 17 and when he gave the officer a business card that identified him 18 as "Paul" Bains, he was cited for providing false information to a 19 police officer. He was also convicted for driving with a 20 suspended license. His explanation is that he was unaware that 21 his license had been suspended. 22 IX 23 Respondent was employed as a real estate salesperson by 24 his sister-in-law from February 1990 to February 1994, at first in 25 residential sales, then as a loan officer in the real estate 26 mortgage brokerage aspect of the business. He has been a caring 27

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2	left such employment pending the outcome of this hearing.
3	Respondent's sister-in-law is confident he is presently
4	fit to act as a real estate licensee and intends to reemploy him
5	if he is allowed to retain his license.
6	Respondent has been married 14 months. His wife is a
7	college student. She works part-time.
8	X
9	Respondent's motive for the conduct that led to his 484g
10	conviction was financial gain or advantage. His misappropriation
11	of the phone access numbers was a serious breach of trust and
12	confidence because of his position as a security coordinator.
1.3	Although he is very contrite for his conduct which led to the
14	convictions discussed above and he feels he is more mature now, at
15	least in part due to the family responsibilities he has now and
16	did not have at the time of the offense, Respondent has been
17	convicted of two substantially related offenses since June, 1992.
18	The March, 1993, conviction is a felony and substantial
19	restitution remains unpaid. His felony probation continues until
20	March, 1996.
SI	DETERMINATION OF ISSUES
22	Cause was established for discipline under Sections 490
23	and 10177(b)
24	ORDER
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26	All real estate licenses and license rights of
27	Respondent SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS, are hereby revoked.

The right to reinstatement of a revoked or suspended real estate license or to the reduction of a penalty is controlled by Section 11522 of the Government Code. A copy of Section 11522 and a copy of the Commissioner's <u>Criteria of Rehabilitation</u> are attached hereto for the information of respondent.

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This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon

on .	August	29			1994.				
	IT	IS	so	ORDERED		14_	28	,	1994.

JOHN R. LIBERATOR Interim Commissioner

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12) NO. H-7003 SF SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS)
1.3) OAH NO. N-9312093 Respondent.)
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15	NOTICE
16	TO: SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS, Respondent
17	YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Proposed Decision
18	herein dated March 16, 1994, of the Administrative Law Judge is
19	not adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner. A
50	copy of the Proposed Decision dated March 16, 1994, is attached
21	for your information.
22	In accordance with Section 11517(c) of the Government
23	Code of the State of California, the disposition of this case will
24	be determined by me after consideration of the record herein
25	including the transcript of the proceedings held on March 3, 1994,
26	and any written argument hereafter submitted on behalf of
17	respondent and complainant.

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Written argument of respondent to be considered by me 1 must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the transcript 2 . of the proceedings of March 3, 1994, at the San Francisco office 3 of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown. 5 : Written argument of complainant to be considered by me 6 : must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the argument of 7 respondent at the San Francisco office of the Department of Real 8 Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause 9 . shown. 10 DATED: 11 CLARK WALLACE 12 Real Estate Commissioner 13 14 15 16 17 18 19: 20

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SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS,

Respondent.

Case No. H-7003 SF

OAH No. N 9312093

PROPOSED DECISION

This matter was heard before Robert R. Coffman, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, on March 3, 1994 in San Francisco, California.

John Van Driel, Counsel, represented the Department of Real Estate.

Maxine Monaghan, Attorney at Law, represented the respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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Les R. Bettencourt made the Accusation in his official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California.

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Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code (the Code) as a real estate salesperson.

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On or about November 12, 1992, in the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, respondent was convicted of a violation of section 484g(a) of the Penal Code (fraudulent use of access cards), a felony and a crime which bears a substantial relationship to the qualifications, functions and duties of a real estate licensee.

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The circumstances surrounding the 484g offense are that respondent while working as a security coordinator for Linear Technology in 1990, observed two telephone credit cards at a secretary's desk in the company's executive offices, and copied the numbers for the purpose of using them later. Respondent subsequently used one of the credit card numbers for his personal use and gave the numbers of the other card to a relative and to a friend. He does not know whether such persons in turn gave the card numbers to others.

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Respondent used the card numbers to save money, not because of any financial hardship or personal difficulties.

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On the Vehicle Code violation respondent was sentenced to 3 years probation and fined \$50 plus an \$85 penalty assessment.

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The circumstances surrounding the Vehicle Code violation were not established by the evidence.

Respondent's explanation of this offense is that while driving his automobile he was stopped for an expired registration and when he gave the officer a business card that identified him as "Paul" Bains, he was arrested for providing false information to a police officer. He was also convicted for driving with a suspended license. His explanation is that he was unaware that his license had been suspended.

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Respondent was employed as a real estate salesperson by his sister-in-law from February 1990 to February 1994, at first in residential sales, then as a loan officer in the real estate mortgage brokerage aspect of the business. He has been a caring person, very helpful to his real estate clients. He voluntarily left such employment pending the outcome of this hearing.

Respondent's sister-in-law is confident he is presently fit to act as a real estate licensee and intends to reemploy him if he is allowed to retain his license.

Respondent has been married 14 months. His wife is a college student. She works part-time.

Respondent has no excuses for the conduct that led to his 484g conviction. He is very contrite for such conduct. He feels he is much more mature now, with family responsibilities he did not have at the time of the offense.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

Cause was established for discipline under sections 490 and 10177(b) of the Code.

ORDER

All licenses and licensing rights of respondent Surinderpal Singh Bains under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to respondent pursuant to section 10156.5 of the Code if respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 30 days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of section 10156.6 of the Code:

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- The restricted license shall be suspended for 60 days, and indefinitely thereafter until respondent presents evidence to the satisfaction of the Real Estate Commissioner that he has made \$18,092 in restitution pursuant to the above court ordered probation.
- The restricted license issued to respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
- 3. The restricted license issued to respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that 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.
- 4. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department of Real Estate which shall certify:
 - (a) That the employer broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
 - (b) That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required.
- 5. Respondent shall, within nine months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the

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Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the respondent present such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

Respondent shall, within six months from the effective date of this Decision, 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 Commissioner may order suspension of respondent's license until respondent passes the examination.

DATED: march 16, 1994

ROBERT R. COFFMAN /
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

In the Matter of the Accusation of)	Case No. H 7003 SF Victoria Dilion
SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS,	}	OAH No. N-9312093
Respondent		

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at ______

To the above named respondent:

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
455 Golden Gate Ave., Room 2248, San Francisco, CA 94102
on March 3, 1994 (1 hour hearing), at the hour of 1:30 p.m or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you.
You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.
You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter. The interpreter must be approved by the Administrative Law Judge conducting the hearing as someone who is proficient in both English and the language in which the witness will testify. You are required to pay the costs of the interpreter unless the Administrative Law Judge directs otherwise.

Dated: December 28, 1993

By John Van Driel, Counsel

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8	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-7003 SF
12	SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS,) ACCUSATION
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14	Respondent.)
15	The Complainant, LES R. BETTENCOURT, a Deputy Real
16	Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of
17	Accusation against SURINDERPAL SINGH BAINS (Respondent), is
18	informed and alleges as follows:
19	I
20	Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license
21	rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the
22	Business and Professions Code (the Code) as a real estate
23	salesperson.
24	II
25	The Complainant, LES R. BETTENCOURT, a Deputy Real
26	Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this
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- 1 Accusation against Respondent in his official capacity and not
- 2 otherwise.
- 3 III
- 4 On or about March 5, 1993, in the Superior Court of
- 5 California, Santa Clara County, Respondent was convicted of a
- 6 violation of Section 484g(a) of the California Penal Code
- 7 (fraudulent use of access cards), a felony and a crime which bears
- 8 a substantial relationship under Section 2910, Title 10,
- q California Code of Regulations, to the qualifications, functions
- 10 or duties of a real estate licensee.
- 11 IV
- On or about June 15, 1992, in the Municipal Court of
- 13 California, Santa Clara County Judicial District, Respondent was
- 14 convicted of a violation of Section 31 of the California Vehicle
- 15 Code (false information to police officer), a crime involving
- 16 moral turpitude and which bears a substantial relationship under
- 17 Section 2910, Title 10, California Code of Regulations, to the
- 18 qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee.
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- The facts alleged above constitute cause under Sections
- 21 490 and 10177(b) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all
- 22 licenses and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate
- 23 Law.
- 24 WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted
- 25 on the allegations of the Accusation and that upon proof thereof,
- 26 a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all
- 27 licenses and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate

Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. Deputy Real Estate Commissioner Dated at San Francisco, California this 4th day of November, 1993.

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