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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

DANIEL MAN-WA LI,

NO. H-7778 SF

Respondent.

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ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

On October 23, 2000, an Order was rendered herein revoking the real estate broker license of Respondent, but granting Respondent the right to the issuance of a restricted real estate broker license. A restricted real estate broker license was issued to Respondent on January 31, 2001.

On January 13, 2003, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said real estate broker license, and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of said petition.

I have considered the petition of Respondent and the evidence and arguments in support thereof including Respondent's record as a restricted licensee. Respondent has demonstrated to

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my satisfaction that Respondent meets the requirements of law for the issuance to Respondent of an unrestricted real estate broker license and that it would not be against the public interest to issue said license to Respondent.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for reinstatement is granted and that a real estate broker license be issued to Respondent, if Respondent satisfies the following conditions within nine months from the date of this Order:

- 1. Submittal of a completed application and payment of the fee for a real estate broker license.
- 2. Submittal of evidence of having, 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.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

DATED: <u>January</u> 23, 2004.

Real Estate Commissioner

By:

JOHN R. LIBERATOR

Chief Deputy Commissioner

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE DEC 11 2000 STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE In the Matter of the Accusation of RICHARD LI, NO. H-7778 SF Respondent DECISION This Decision is being issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 11520 of the Government Code, on evidence of compliance with Section 11505 of the Government Code and pursuant to the Order of Default filed on June 28, 2000, and the findings of fact set forth herein, which are based on one or more of the following: (1) Respondent RICHARD LI's (hereinafter "Respondent") express admissions; (2) affidavits; and (3) other evidence. FINDINGS OF FACT Ι On January 3, 2000, Les R. Bettencourt made the Accusation in his official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent, and Notice of Defense were mailed, by certified mail, to Respondent's last known mailing address on file with the Department on January 3, 2000, and by regular mail on February 28, 2000. On June 28, 2000, no Notice of Defense having been filed herein within the time prescribed by Section 11506 of the Government Code, Respondent's default was entered herein. II Daniel Li and Respondent are licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) (hereinafter "the Code") as follows: DANIEL LI - as a real estate broker. RICHARD LI - as a real estate salesperson, who was in the employ of Daniel Li during the period from September 1, 1997, to February 10, 1998.

III On or about November 17, 1997, Respondent prepared an offer by "Shi Guang Guan and Assignee ("Buyers") for the purchase of vacant land owned by Judith Becker and Barbara Rivara ("Sellers") and commonly known as 253 Broad Street, San Francisco, California ("the property"). The offer represented that Respondent was in receipt of a deposit check for \$1,000 made payable to Fidelity National Title Company ("Fidelity"), to be held by Respondent until one business day after acceptance of the offer. The offer further represented that an additional deposit of \$9,000 would be deposited with Fidelity within 15 days, or by December 2, 1997. IV On or about November 24, 1997, a contract incorporating the above terms was entered into by Sellers and Buyers. The representation made by Respondent that he held a \$1,000 deposit check was false, and was known by Respondent to be false at the time he made it. The truth is that Respondent did not receive any deposit funds from Buyers until on or about December 18, 1997, at which time Buyers gave Respondent a check for \$1,000 with instructions not to deposit it until further instruction. Respondent failed to deliver said check to Daniel Li or otherwise dispose of said check in accordance with instructions from Daniel Li. VI The additional deposit of \$9,000 called for in the contract was never made. At no time did Respondent disclose to Sellers or their agents that neither the \$1,000 initial deposit nor the \$9,000 additional deposit had been placed into escrow. VII On or about January 4, 1998, Respondent attempted to deposit the \$1,000 given him by Buyers after demand made upon him by sellers. The check failed to clear the bank on the basis that the account had been closed. Buyers failed to complete the purchase and Sellers were required to place the property back on the market. VIII The acts and omissions of Respondent set forth above constitute the making of substantial misrepresentations; fraud or dishonest dealing; and violation of Section 10145(c) of the Code. - 2 -

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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Cause for disciplinary action against Respondent RICHARD LI, as set forth in Paragraph VIII above, exists under Sections 10176(a), 10176(i), and 10177(d) of the Code.

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The standard of proof applied was clear and convincing proof to a reasonable certainty.

ORDER

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent RICHARD LI, under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, are revoked. This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'Clock noon on January 2 , 2001.

DATED: ECRIPPIC (2000.

PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE P. O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000 3 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 JUN 2 8 2000 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 BEFORE THE 9 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 In the Matter of the Accusation of) NO. H-7778 SF 13 DANIEL MAN-WA LI and RICHARD LI, **DEFAULT ORDER** 14 AS TO RICHARD LI Respondents. 15 16 Respondent RICHARD LI, having failed to file a Notice 17 of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the 18 Government Code, is now in default. It is, therefore, ordered 19 that a default be entered on the record in this matter. 20 IT IS SO ORDERED 21 PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN 22 Real Estate Commissioner 23 24 25 Regional Manager 26

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

of Athleen Contraras

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of DANIEL MAN-WA LI,

NO. H-7778 SF

Respondent.

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between <u>DANIEL MAN-WA</u>
LI (hereafter Respondent), represented by Ilene M. Hochstein,
Attorney at Law, and the Complainant, acting by and through
Larry A. Alamao, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as
follows for the purpose of settling and disposing the

Accusation as to him filed on January 3, 2000, in this matter:

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

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DANIEL MAN-WA LI

- 2. Respondent has received, read and understands the Statement to Respondent, and the Discovery Provisions of the APA filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. On January 13, 2000, Respondent filed his Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense he will thereby waive his right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA, and that he will waive other rights afforded to him 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. Respondent, without admitting the truth of the allegations pertaining to him contained in the Accusation, stipulates that he will not interpose a defense thereto. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interests of expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

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- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as her decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in her discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent 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 Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger, or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations and waivers, and for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation as to Respondent without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

The acts and/or omissions of Respondent DANIEL MAN-WA LI as stipulated above constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the real estate broker license(s) and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Section 10177(h) of the Code.

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ORDER

- A. All real estate license(s) and license rights of Respondent

 DANIEL MAN-WA LI are revoked.
- B. A restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to

 Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.6 of the Code if he

 makes application therefor and pays to the Department the

 appropriate fee for said license within ninety (90) days of

 the effective date of the Decision.
- to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of said Code:
 - 1) 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 bears a substantial relationship to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.
 - Dy 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.
 - 3) Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license, nor the

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- Respondent shall, within nine (9) 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. Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.
- Respondent shall, within six (6) 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 the restricted license until Respondent passes the examination.

Counsel for Complainant

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, have discussed it with my counsel or understand that I have the right to consult legal counsel, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California Administrative Procedure Act, and I 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 I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and

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	DATED		DANIEL MAN-WA LI Respondent		

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DATED

Attorney for Respondent

The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision and shall become effective at 12 o'clock

noon on December 26 2000.

IT IS SO ORDERED

PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN

Real Estate Commissioner

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

By Jathleen Contrara

In the Matter of the Accusation of

To the above named respondent:

DANIEL MAN-WA LI, and RICHARD LI,

Respondent

Case No. H-7778 SF

OAH No. N-2000060102

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

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 and pay his or her costs. The interpreter must be certified in accordance with Sections 11435.30 and 11435.55 of the Government Code.

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

Dated: August 17, 2000

THOMAS C. LASKEN

THOMAS C. LASKEN, Counsel (SBN 61832) Department of Real Estate P. O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA. 95818-7000 Telephone: (916) 227-0789 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE ean arm BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 13 In the Matter of the Accusation of) 14 DANIEL MAN-WA LI and RICHARD LI, 15 Respondents. 16 17 The Complainant, Les R. Bettencourt, a Deputy Real 18 Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of 19 Accusation against DANIEL MAN-WA LI ("Respondent DANIEL LI") and 20 RICHARD LI (Respondent RICHARD LI"), is informed and alleges as 21 follows: FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION 23 24 25 The Complainant, Les R. Bettencourt, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this 26 Accusation in his official capacity.

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Respondents DANIEL LI and RICHARD LI are licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) (hereinafter "the Code") as follows:

DANIEL LI - as a real estate broker.

RICHARD LI - as a real estate salesperson, in the employ of Respondent DANIEL LI during the period from September 1, 1997, to February 10, 1998.

III

Whenever reference is made in an allegation in this
Accusation to an act or omission of "Respondents", such
allegation shall be deemed to mean the act or omission of each of
the Respondents named in the caption hereof, acting individually,
jointly, and severally, and as agents of each other. At all
times herein mentioned, Respondents were performing acts
requiring a real estate license.

IV

On or about November 17, 1997, Respondent RICHARD LI prepared an offer by Shi Guang Guan and Assignee ("Buyers") for the purchase of vacant land owned by Judith Becker and Barbara Rivara ("Sellers") and commonly known as 253 Broad Street, San Francisco, California ("the property"). The offer represented that Respondent RICHARD LI was in receipt of a deposit check for \$1,000 made payable to Fidelity National Title Company ("Fidelity"), to be held by Respondents until one business day after acceptance of the offer. The offer further

represented that an additional deposit of \$9,000 would be deposited with Fidelity within 15 days, or by December 2, 1997.

V

On or about November 24, 1997, a contract incorporating the above terms was entered into by Sellers and Buyers.

VI

The representation made by Respondent RICHARD LI that he held a \$1,000 deposit check was false, and was known by Respondent RICHARD LI to be false at the time he made it. The truth is that Respondent RICHARD LI did not receive any deposit funds from Buyers until on or about December 18, 1997, at which time Buyers gave Respondent RICHARD LI a check for \$1,000 with instructions not to deposit it until further instruction.

Respondent RICHARD LI failed to deliver said check to Respondent DANIEL LI, or otherwise dispose of said check in accordance with instructions from Respondent DANIEL LI.

VII

The additional deposit of \$9,000 called for in the contract was never made. At no time did Respondent RICHARD LI disclose to Sellers or their agents that neither the \$1,000 initial deposit nor the \$9,000 additional deposit had been placed into escrow.

VIII

On or about January 4, 1998, Respondent RICHARD LI attempted to deposit the \$1,000 given him by Buyers after demand made upon him by Sellers. The check failed to clear the bank on the basis that the account had been closed. Buyers failed to

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complete the purchase and Sellers were required to place the property back on the market.

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During the pendency of the above-described transaction, Respondent DANIEL LI failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of Respondent RICHARD LI, and was negligent or incompetent in performing acts requiring a real estate license. On or about February 10, 1998, Respondent DANIEL LI discharged Respondent RICHARD LI for his conduct in connection with the subject transaction, but failed to notify the Real Estate Commissioner of that fact.

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The acts and omissions of Respondent RICHARD LI set forth above constitute the making of substantial misrepresentations; fraud or dishonest dealing; and violation of Section 10145(c) of the Code; and are cause under Sections 10176(a), 10176(i), and 10177(d) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of the Respondent RICHARD LI under the Real Estate Law.

In the alternative, the acts and omissions of Respondent RICHARD LI set forth above constitute the making of substantial misrepresentations; negligence or incompetence in performing acts requiring a real estate license; and violation of Section 10145(c) of the Code; and are cause under Sections 10176(a), 10177(g), and 10177(d) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of the Respondent RICHARD LI under the Real Estate Law.

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The acts and omissions of Respondent DANIEL LI set forth above constitute negligence or incompetence in performing acts requiring a real estate license; failure to exercise proper supervision over the activities of Respondent RICHARD LI; and violation of Section 10178 of the Code; and are cause under Sections 10177(g), 10177(h) and 10178 of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of the Respondent DANIEL LI under the Real Estate Law.

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Complainant hereby incorporates in this Second, separate and distinct, Cause of Accusation, all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs I and II of the First Cause of Accusation with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.

XIII

From on or about September 9, 1999, through on or about March 9, 1999: ("the survey period"), Respondent DANIEL LI failed to notify the Real Estate Commissioner of his employment and/or termination of employment of salespersons, in violation of Section 10161.8 of the Code and Section 2710(c) of Chapter 6, Title 10, California Administration Code (a Section of the latter is hereinafter referred to as a "Regulation").

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During the survey period, Respondent DANIEL LI failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of salespersons licensed to him, in the manner required by Regulation 2725.

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During the survey period, Respondent DANIEL LI failed to maintain a record of all trust funds received, including uncashed checks, as required by Regulation 2831.

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The acts and omissions of Respondent DANIEL LI alleged above in Paragraphs XIII through XV constitute negligence or incompetence in performing acts for which he is required to hold a real estate license, and are cause for discipline under the provisions of Sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and 10177(h) of the Code.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents 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 provisions of law.

LES R. BETTENCOURT ACTING
Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Oakland, California, this 64 day of December, 1999.