DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;

Respondent.

NO. H- 8207 SF

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 January 29, 2003. The findings of fact set forth herein are based on one or more of the following: (1) Respondent's express admissions; (2) affidavits; and/or,

(3) other evidence.

The right to reinstatement of a revoked real estate license 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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On October 11, 2002, 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 form for the Notice of Defense were mailed to Respondent TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION at its address of record and other addresses known to the Department by regular and certified mail on October 11, 2002.

On January 29, 2003, no Notice of Defense having been filed herein within the time prescribed by Section 11506 of the Government Code, Respondent TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION's default was entered herein.

II Respondent TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION was licensed and/or had license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code as a real estate broker corporation. Said license expired on January 30, 2001, subject to the right of late renewal thereof for two years. The Accusation having been timely filed, jurisdiction is retained for purposes of this proceeding pursuant to Section 10103 of the Business and Professions Code. III Effective November 25, 1996, the Real Estate Commissioner revoked the real estate broker license of RUSSELL LAMAR MERRITT (hereafter MERRITT), based upon grounds for disciplinary action under Sections 490, 498, 10177(a), and 10177(b) of the Code. At no time herein mentioned after November 25, 1996, was MERRITT licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, individually, corporately, or doing business under any fictitious business name. IV At most times herein mentioned, MERRITT was an officer, director, and shareholder of TRANSBAY, and directed and controlled its operations. v During a period of time commencing in at least October of 1999, MERRITT and TRANSBAY engaged in the business and acted in the capacity of a real estate broker in California within the meaning of Section 10131(a) of the Code, for or in expectation of compensation, wherein MERRITT and TRANSBAY sold or offered to sell, bought or offered to buy, solicited prospective sellers or purchasers of, and/or negotiated the purchase, sale or exchange of real property, as more particularly described below, including but not limited to the following: (a) 523 Head Street, San Francisco, California; and (b) 210-212 Plymouth Avenue, San Francisco, California. VI On or about October 13, 1999, MERRITT and TRANSBAY engaged in negotiations on behalf of Turner Washington regarding his real property known as and located at 523 Head Street, San Francisco, California, to resolve a dispute with his daughter regarding title and ownership of the property. - 2 -

VII In the course of said negotiations, MERRITT and TRANSBAY negotiated the sale, transfer, or exchange of Washington's property to one Leamond (Leamon) C. McGriff. VIII In or about November of 1999, TRANSBAY negotiated the sale of real property known as and located at 210-212 Plymouth Avenue, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the owner Dora Glass, by and through a licensed real estate agent, Clarence Connelly. IX In or about January of 2000, upon the death of said agent, MERRITT and TRANSBAY continued to negotiate the sale of the Plymouth Avenue property. On or about March 17, 2000, MERRITT and TRANSBAY negotiated an acceptance and contract to sell the property to buyer Mut Investment Incorporated on certain terms and conditions. On or about April 27, 2000, MERRITT and TRANSBAY negotiated the sale of the Plymouth Avenue property from Glass to another buyer, Helen Shaw. XΙ

On or about December 1, 1994, pursuant to the provisions of Section 23302 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, the corporate powers, rights and privileges of TRANSBAY were suspended by the California Secretary of State.

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Subsequent to the above suspension, TRANSBAY continued to conduct business as alleged in the First Cause of Action above for which a real estate license is required, which cause of action is incorporated herein by this reference.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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The acts and services performed by MERRITT and TRANSBAY as described above are acts and services that require a California real estate broker license under the provisions of Sections 10131 of the Code.

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By reason of the above acts and/or omissions, TRANSBAY has violated Section 10137 of the Code by employing and/or compensating MERRITT for engaging in conduct that requires a real estate license.

III

The suspension of the corporate powers of TRANSBAY by the State of California would have been grounds for the denial of TRANSBAY's real estate license under Section 2742 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations (hereafter the Regulations), and constitutes grounds for disciplinary action as to TRANSBAY under Section 10177(f) of the Code.

IV

The conduct by TRANSBAY of business for which a real estate license is required subsequent to the suspension of its corporate powers by the State of California violates Section 2742(c) of the Regulations and constitutes grounds for disciplinary action under Section 10177(d) of the Code.

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

ORDER

The real estate license(s) and license rights of
Respondent TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION under the
provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions
Code are hereby revoked.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon

on _	October 25	, 2005.	
	DATED:	4-20-05	- • ,

JEFF DAVI

Real Estate Commissioner

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ACCUSATION

TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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Respondent.

The Complainant, LES R. BETTENCOURT, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for causes of Accusation against TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, is informed and alleges as follows:

PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS

I

The Complainant, LES R. BETTENCOURT, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation against Respondent in his official capacity and not otherwise.

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Respondent TRANSBAY REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (hereafter TRANSBAY) is presently licensed and/or has license

rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code (hereafter the Code).

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At most times herein mentioned, TRANSBAY was licensed by the Department of Real Estate of the State of California (hereafter the Department) as a real estate broker corporation.

On or about January 30, 2001, said license expired subject to the right of late renewal thereof for two years.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

VI

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meaning of Section 10131(a) of the Code, for or in expectation of compensation, wherein MERRITT and TRANSBAY sold or offered to 2 sell, bought or offered to buy, solicited prospective sellers or 3 purchasers of, and/or negotiated the purchase, sale or exchange of real property, as more particularly described below, including 5 but not limited to the following: 6 (a) 523 Head Street, San Francisco, California; 7 (b) 210-212 Plymouth Avenue, San Francisco, California; 8 VII 9 On or about October 13, 1999, MERRITT and TRANSBAY 10 engaged in negotiations on behalf of Turner Washington regarding 11 12 his real property known as and located at 523 Head Street, San Francisco, California, to resolve a dispute with his daughter 13 regarding title and ownership of the property. 14 VIII 15 16 In the course of said negotiations, MERRITT and TRANSBAY negotiated the sale, transfer, or exchange of 17 Washington's property to one Leamond (Leamon) C. McGriff. 18 ΤX 19 In or about November of 1999, TRANSBAY negotiated the 20 sale of real property known as and located at 210-212 Plymouth 21 Avenue, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the owner Dora 22 Glass, by and through a licensed real estate agent, Clarence 23 Connelly. 24 X 25 In or about January of 2000, upon the death of said 26 agent, MERRITT and TRANSBAY continued to negotiate the sale of 27

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