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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

No. H-9362 SF

MARIN CAPITAL CORPORATION, and)
DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA,

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Respondents.

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It is hereby stipulated by and between MARIN CAPITAL CORPORATION, and DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA (hereafter

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Complainant, acting by and through Truly Sughrue, Counsel for

"Respondents") and their attorney, Daniel Nassie, and the

19 20 the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing the Accusation filed on September 16,

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All issues which were to be contested and all

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held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative

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Procedure Act (APA), shall instead and in place thereof be

submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement.

- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, and the Discovery Provisions of the APA filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. On September 26, 2005, Respondents filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledges that they understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense they will thereby waive their rights 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 they will waive other rights afforded to them 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. This stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expediency and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual statements will serve as a prima facie basis for the "Determination of Issues" and "Order' set forth below. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.

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5. This Stipulation and Respondents' decision not to contest the Accusation are made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and are expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department of Real Estate (herein "the Department"), the state or federal government, an agency of this state, or an agency of another state is involved.

- 6. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents agrees to pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of the California Business and Professions Code, the cost of the audit which resulted in the determination that Respondent committed the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I, below, of the Determination of Issues. The amount of said costs is \$7,781.52.
- 7. Respondents further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, the findings set forth below in the Determination Of Issues become final, and that the Commissioner may charge said Respondents for the costs of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the California Business and Professions Code to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum costs of said audit shall not exceed \$7,781.52.
- 8. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as his decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on the real estate licenses and license rights of

Respondent as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his 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.

9. 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.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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

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The acts and omissions of Respondents as described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondents licenses and license rights under the following sections of the Code and Regulations:

(1) As to Paragraph IX, under Section 10145 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2832 of the Regulations;

(2) As to Paragraph X(a), under Section 10232.2(c) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(3) As to Paragraph X(b), under Section 10232.4(a) in

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(4) As to Paragraph XI, under Section 10229(a) (2003) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

(5) As to Paragraph XII, under Section 10177(d) of the Code in conjunction with Section 2715 of the Regulations;

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The acts and/or omissions of Respondent DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA (hereafter "NESERALLA") described in the Accusation, constitute failure on the part of NESERALLA, as designated broker-officer for MARIN CAPITAL CORPORATION (hereafter "MCC"), to exercise reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of MCC required by Section 10159.2 of the Code, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of NESERALLA's license and/or license rights under Section 10177(h) of the Code.

ORDER

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All licenses and licensing rights of MCC under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that:

1) Thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two

(2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

a) Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations

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governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and,

- b) That no final subsequent determination be made, after
 hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary
 action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date
 of this Order. Should such a determination be made, the
 Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside
 the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed
 suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay
 imposed herein shall become permanent.
- 2) Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions

 Code, MCC shall jointly and severally with NESERALLA pay the sum of \$7,781.52 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit, which to this disciplinary proceeding. Respondents shall pay such cost within forty-five (45) days of receiving an invoice therefor from the Commissioner. The Commissioner may suspend the MCC's license pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondent and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.
- 3) Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions

 Code, MCC shall jointly and severally with NESERALLA pay the

Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$7,781.52, for an audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I of the Determination of In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent shall pay such cost within forty-five (45) days of receiving an invoice therefor from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. The Commissioner may suspend MCC's license pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between Respondent and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

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1) Thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

a) Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations 1 governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real 2 estate licensee in the State of California; and, 3 b) That no final subsequent determination be made, after 4 hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary 5 action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date 6 of this Order. Should such a determination be made, the 7 Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside 8 the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed 9 suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay 10 imposed herein shall become permanent. 11 2) Respondent shall, prior to the effective date of this 1.2 Decision, submit proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of 13 having taken and successfully completed the continuing 14 education course on trust fund accounting and handling 15 specified in subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of this 17 requirement includes evidence that Respondent has successfully completed the trust fund account and handling continuing 19 education course within 120 days prior to the effective date 20 of the Decision in this matter. If Respondent fails to satisfy 21 this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of 22

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Code, NESERALLA shall jointly and severally with MCC pay the sum of \$7,781.52 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit,

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Code, NESERALLA shall jointly and severally with MCC pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$7,781.52, for an audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the trust fund violation(s) found in Paragraph I of the Determination of Issues. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work.

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accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between Respondent and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

17-Feb-06
DATED

TRULY SUGHRUE

Counsel for Complainant

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, discussed it with my 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 mitigation of the charges.

2/1/06 DATED

MARIN CAPITAL CORPORATION Respondent

DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA DATED Respondent I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have advised my client accordingly. Attorney for Respondents The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision and shall become effective at 12 o'clock , 2006. March 27 noon on 2006. IT IS SO ORDERED JEFF DAVI Real estate Commissioner

1 TRULY SUGHRUE, Counsel State Bar No. 223266 2 Department of Real Estate P.O. Box 187007 3 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 4 Telephone: (916) 227-0781 5 6 7

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DEPARIMENT OF REAL ESTATE

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-9362 SF MARIN CAPITAL CORPORATION, AND) <u>ACCUSATION</u> DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA, Respondent.

The Complainant, E. J. HABERER II, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against MARIN CAPITAL CORPORATION and DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA (hereinafter Respondents), is informed and alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, E. J. HABERER II, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in his official capacity.

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Respondents are presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) (hereinafter the Code).

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At all times herein mentioned, MARIN CAPITAL

CORPORATION (hereinafter MCC) was and now is licensed by the

Department of Real Estate of the State of California

(hereinafter the Department) as a corporate real estate broker

by and through DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA as designated officer
broker of MCC to qualify said corporation and to act for said

corporation as a real estate broker.

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At all times herein mentioned, DAVID JOSEPH NESERALLA (hereinafter NESERALLA) was and now is licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, individually and as designated officer-broker of MCC. As said designated officer-broker, NESERALLA was at all times mentioned herein responsible pursuant to Section 10159.2 of the Code for the supervision of the activities of the officers, agents, real estate licensees and employees of MCC for which a license is required.

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Whenever reference is made in an allegation in this Accusation to an act or omission of MCC, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that the officers, directors, employees, agents and/or real estate licensees employed by or associated with MCC committed such act or omission while engaged in the furtherance of the business or operations of such corporate Respondent and while acting within the course and scope of their authority and employment.

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1 At all times herein mentioned, Respondents engaged in 2 the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised, or 3 assumed to act as real estate brokers within the State of California within the meaning of Sections 10131(d) and 10131(e) of the Code, including the operation and conduct of a mortgage loan brokerage with the public wherein, on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation, Respondents solicited lenders and borrowers for loans secured directly or collaterally by liens on real property, wherein Respondents 10 arranged, negotiated, processed, and consummated such loans, 11 wherein Respondents serviced and collected payments on such 12 loans, and wherein Respondents sold or offered to sell, bought 13 or offered to buy, or exchanged or offered to exchange 14 promissory notes secured directly or collaterally by a lien on 15 real property and performed services for the holders thereof, 16 including servicing and collecting payments on such promissory 17 notes. 18

VII

In so acting as real estate brokers, as described in Paragraph VI, above, Respondents accepted or received funds in trust (herein "trust funds") from or on behalf of lenders, investors, borrowers and others in connection with the mortgage loan brokerage activities described in Paragraph VI, above, and thereafter from time to time made disbursements of said trust funds.

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TITLE AND ACCOUNT NUMBERS BANK

after August 31, 2004, MCC maintained the following accounts:

Marin Capital Corporation Escrow Account Account No. 0003-309499 (hereinafter "Bank #1")

Marin Capital Corporation Loan Servicing Account Account No. 0003-311263 (hereinafter "Bank #2")

Marin Capital Corporation FBO Steven Rempis Account No. 0003-312642 (hereinafter "Bank #3")

Marin Capital Corporation FBO Anthony Marelich Account No. 0003-311495 (hereinafter "Bank #4")

Marin Capital Corporation FBO Christopher A. Spina Account No. 0003-311362 (hereinafter "Bank #5")

Bank of Marin 4460 Redwood Highway San Rafael, CA 94903

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Between on or about January 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004, in connection with the collection and disbursement of said trust funds MCC failed to place trust funds entrusted to MCC into the hands of a principal on whose behalf the funds were received, into a neutral escrow depository, or into a trust fund account in the name of MCC as trustee at a bank or other financial institution, in conformance with the requirements of section 10145 of the Code and Section 2832(a) of the Regulations

in that Respondent placed such funds in Bank #1, 2, 3,4, and 5, accounts that were not in the name of MCC as trustee.

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MCC was and is a threshold broker, subject to the requirements of Section 10232, et seq., of the Code. Between January 1, 2003 and August 31, 2004, in course of the mortgage and multi-lender loan origination, servicing and trust fund handling activities, MCC:

- (a) For the year 2003, the annual Mortgage Loan/Trust Deed Report RE 881, pursuant to Section 10232.2(c) of the Code (also known as Business Activity Report), presented inaccurate information in Section IV.
- (b) Failed to provide lenders and/or purchasers the statement required by Section 10232.4(a) of the Code.

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MCC was a real estate broker meeting the "multi-lender" criteria of Section 10229 (2003) of the Code, in that MCC offered to sell and sold notes subject to Section 10229 of the Code secured directly by an interest in the same real property or undivided interests in notes secured directly by real property equivalent to a series transaction. MCC failed to file an amended threshold notification within 30 days after commencement of loan servicing activities expected to meet the threshold level as required by 10229 of the Code.

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Within the three-year period immediately preceding the filing of this Accusation MCC, in connection with the mortgage loan brokerage activities described in Paragraph VI, failed to notify the Commissioner within the next business day that MCC had closed his main office located at 4340 Redwood Hwy Suite F-220, San Rafael, California and opened a new main office located at 4340 Redwood Hwy Suite D-320, San Rafael, California as required by Section 2715 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulation (hereinafter the Regulations).

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NESERALLA failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the acts of MCC in such a manner as to allow the acts and omissions on the part of MCC described above, to occur.

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The facts alleged above are grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondents licenses and license rights under the following sections of the Code and Regulations:

- (1) As to Paragraph IX, under Section 10145 of the Code in conjunction with Section 2832 of the Regulations;
- (2) As to Paragraph X(a), under Section 10232.2(c) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;
- (3) As to Paragraph X(b), under Section 10232.4(a) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;
- (4) As to Paragraph XI, under Section 10229(a) (2003) in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code;

As to Paragraph XII, under Section 10177(d) of (5) the Code in conjunction with Section 2715 of the Regulations;

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The facts alleged above as to Paragraph XIII of the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of NESERALLA under Section 10177(g) and/or Section 10177(h) of the Code and Section 10159.2 of the Code in conjunction with Section 10177(d) 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.

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Deputy/Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Oakland, California,

this <u>4</u> day of