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| 8 | BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA | | |
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| 10 | In the Matter of the Accusation of | * * * | |
| 11 | | NO. H-10580 SF | |
| 12 | CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM) MARY A. GEBRIAN, and | STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT | |
| 13 | MARK CHOEY, | IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER | |
| 14 | Respondents. | (as to MARY A. GEBRIAN only) | |
| 15 | It is hereby stipulated by and b | etween Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN, by and | |
| 16 | through Michael L. Smith, attorney of record herein for Respondent, and the Complainant, acting | | |
| 17 | 7 by and through Mary F. Clarke, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate (herein "the | | |
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| 19 | Accusation filed on April 3, 2009, in this mat | ter: | |
| 20 | 1. All issues which were to be | contested and all evidence which was to be | |
| 21 | presented by Complainant and Respondent M | ARY A. GEBRIAN at a formal hearing on the Firs | |
| 22 | Amended Accusation, which hearing was to b | e held in accordance with the provisions of the | |
| 23 | Administrative Procedure Act (APA), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order. | | |
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| 25 | 5 2. Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN has received, read, and understands the | | |
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3. A Notice of Defense was filed on January 23, 2009, by Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the First Amended Accusation. Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN acknowledges that she understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, she will thereby waive her right to require the Real Estate Commissioner (herein "the Commissioner") to prove the allegations in the First Amended Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that she will waive other rights afforded to her in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the First Amended Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

4. Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN, pursuant to the limitations set forth below,
 hereby admits that the factual allegations pertaining to her in the First Amended Accusation filed
 in this proceeding are true and correct and the Commissioner shall not be required to provide
 further evidence of such allegations.

15 5. It is understood by the parties that the Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation 16 and Agreement in Settlement and Order as his decision in this matter thereby imposing the 17 penalty and sanctions on Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN's real estate license and license 18 rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion 19 does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order, it shall be void and of no 20 effect, and Respondent MARY A. GEBRIAN shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding 21 on the First Amended Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by 22 any admission or waiver made herein.

6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Commissioner made pursuant to
this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order shall not constitute an estoppel,
merger, or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department with
respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this
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| DETERMINATION OF ISSUES |
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| The acts and omissions of Respondents CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM (herein |
| "Respondent LIM"), MARY A. GEBRIAN (herein "Respondent GEBRIAN"), and MARK |
| CHOEY (herein "Respondent CHOEY"), as described in the First Amended Accusation are |
| grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondents LIM, |
| GEBRIAN, and CHOEY under the following provisions of the California Business and |
| Professions Code (herein "the Code") and/or Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations |
| (herein "the Regulations"): |
| a. Respondent LIM failed to a obtain broker license from the Department prior to |
| engaging in the activities described in Paragraphs 4 through 7 of the First |
| Amended Accusation, in violation of Section 10130 of the Code, which act |
| and/or omission is grounds for discipline under the Code; |
| b. Respondents LIM and GEBRIAN failed to immediately deliver, upon receipt, |
| trust funds, to Urban Bay Properties (UBP) or The Chris James Corporation |

(CJC) or a neutral escrow depository or to deposit the funds into UBP's or CJC's trust fund accounts, in violation Section 10145(c) of the Code, which acts and/or omissions are grounds for discipline under Section 10177(d) of the Code; c. Respondents LIM and CHOEY caused, suffered or permitted money of others which was received and held by Respondents as trustees in Bank Accounts #1 and #2 to be commingled with Respondents' own money, in violation of Section 10176(e), which acts and/or omissions are grounds for discipline under the Code;

d. Respondents LIM and GEBRIAN accepted compensation from persons other than the brokers under whom they were at the time licensed, in violation of Sections 10137, 10176(g) and (i), and/or 10177(j) of the Code, which acts and/or omissions are grounds for discipline under the Code; and

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e. Respondents LIM, GEBRIAN, and CHOEY failed to obtain real estate licenses bearing the fictitious business names "Climb Real Estate Group," "Climb Real Estate Group LLC," "Climb Real Estate Group, Inc." and/or "The Choey Group," while conducting activities for which a license was required in violation of Section 10159.5 of the Code and Section 2731 of the Regulations, which acts and/or omissions are grounds for discipline under Section 10177(d) of the Code.

<u>ORDER</u>

10 All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent GEBRIAN under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate sales license shall be issued to 11 12 Respondent GEBRIAN pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if, within 90 days from the effective date of the Decision entered pursuant to this Order, Respondent GEBRIAN, prior to 13 and as a condition of the issuance of said restricted license makes application for the restricted 14 license and pays to the Department the appropriate fee therefor. 15 16 The restricted license issued to Respondent GEBRIAN shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions, and 17

18 restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:

<u>The restricted license issued to Respondent GEBRIAN may be suspended</u>
 prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner in the event of Respondent GEBRIAN's
 conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent
 GEBRIAN's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee.

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2. The restricted license issued to Respondent GEBRIAN may be suspended

prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that
Respondent GEBRIAN 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.

1 3. Respondent GEBRIAN shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an 2 unrestricted real estate license or for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions 3 of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Order. 4 4. Respondent GEBRIAN shall submit with any application for license under an 5 employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed 6 by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department of Real 7 Estate which shall certify: 8 (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and 9 10 (b) That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for 11 which a real estate license is required. 12 5. Respondent GEBRIAN shall within nine (9) months from the effective date of 13 the Order present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent GEBRIAN has, 14 since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully 15 completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate 16 Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent GEBRIAN fails to satisfy this condition, the 17 Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until Respondent GEBRIAN 18 presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent GEBRIAN the opportunity 19 for a hearing pursuant to the APA to present such evidence. 20 6. Respondent GEBRIAN shall within six (6) months from the issuance of the 21 restricted license take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the 22 Department, including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent GEBRIAN 23 fails to satisfy this condition the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license 24 until Respondent GEBRIAN passes the examination. 25 26 DATED MARY F. CCARKE, Counsel 27 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE H-10580 SF - 5. -As to MARY A. GEBRIAN Only

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| | 2 | I have read the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order and have |
| | 3 | discussed it with my attorney and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and |
| | 4 | acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California APA |
| • | 5 | (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509, and 11513 of the Government |
| | 6 | Code), and I willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of |
| - - | 7 | requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which I |
| | 8 | would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense |
| | 9 | and mitigation of the charges. |
| | 10 | 1/5/10 Mary C. Maline |
| | 11 | DATED MARY A. GEBRIAN, Respondent |
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| | 14 15 | I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order as to form |
| | 15 | and content and have advised my client accordingly. |
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| | 18 | DATED MICHAEL A. SMITH |
| | 19 | Attorney for Respondent |
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| | 21 | The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order is hereby |
| | 22 | adopted by me as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on |
| | 23 | <u>March 15, 2010</u> |
| | 24 | IT IS SO ORDERED $\frac{2}{16}/10}{2}$. |
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| 13 | CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM,) MARY A. GEBRIAN, and) <u>STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT</u> | | | | |
| 15 | MARK CHOEY,) <u>IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER</u> | | | | |
| 16 |) (as to MARK CHOEY only) Respondent.) | | | | |
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| 18 | It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent MARK CHOEY (herein | | | | |
| 19 | "Respondent" or "Respondent CHOEY"), by and through Michael L. Smith, attorney of record | | | | |
| 20 | herein for Respondent, and the Complainant, acting by and through Mary F. Clarke, Counsel for | | | | |
| 21 | the Department of Real Estate (herein "the Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling | | | | |
| 22 | and disposing of the First Amended Accusation filed on April 3, 2009, in this matter: | | | | |
| 23 | 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be | | | | |
| 24 | presented by Complainant and Respondent at a formal hearing on the First Amended Accusation, | | | | |
| 25 | which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure | | | | |
| 26 | Act (herein "APA"), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the | | | | |
| 27 | provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement. | | | | |
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2. Respondent has received, read and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA, and the First Amended Accusation filed by the Department in this proceeding.

3. A Notice of Defense was filed on January 22, 2009, by Respondent pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the First Amended Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges 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 First Amended 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 First Amended Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

4. Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admits that the
factual allegations pertaining to him in the First Amended Accusation filed in this proceeding are
true and correct, and the Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further
evidence of such allegations.

5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt
the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement as his 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 his discretion does not adopt the
Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall
retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the First Amended 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 in Settlement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger,
or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department 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

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| 3 | The acts and omissions of Respondents CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM (herein | | | | |
| 4 | "Respondent LIM"), MARY A. GEBRIAN (herein "Respondent GEBRIAN"), and MARK | | | | |
| 5 | CHOEY (herein "Respondent CHOEY"), as described in the First Amended Accusation are | | | | |
| 6 | grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondents LIM, | | | | |
| 7 | GEBRIAN, and CHOEY under the following provisions of the California Business and | | | | |
| 8 | Professions Code (herein "the Code") and/or Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of Regulations | | | | |
| 9 | (herein "the Regulations"): | | | | |
| 10 | a. Respondent LIM failed to a obtain broker license from the Department | | | | |
| 11 | prior to engaging in the activities described in Paragraphs 4 through 7 | | | | |
| 12 | of the First Amended Accusation, in violation of Section 10130 of the | | | | |
| 13 | Code, which act and/or omission is grounds for discipline under the | | | | |
| 14 | Code; | | | | |
| 15 | b. Respondents LIM and GEBRIAN failed to immediately deliver, upon | | | | |
| 16 | receipt, trust funds, to Urban Bay Properties (UBP) or The Chris James | | | | |
| 17 | Corporation (CJC) or a neutral escrow depository or to deposit the | | | | |
| 18 | funds into UBP's or CJC's trust fund accounts, in violation Section | | | | |
| -19 | 10145(c) of the Code, which acts and/or omissions are grounds for | | | | |
| 20 | discipline under Section 10177(d) of the Code; | | | | |
| 21 | c. Respondents LIM and CHOEY caused, suffered or permitted money of | | | | |
| 22 | others which was received and held by Respondents as trustees in | | | | |
| 23 | Bank Accounts #1 and #2 to be commingled with Respondents' own | | | | |
| 24 | money, in violation of Section 10176(e), which acts and/or omissions | | | | |
| 25 | are grounds for discipline under the Code; | | | | |
| 26 | d. Respondents LIM and GEBRIAN accepted compensation from | | | | |
| 27 | persons other than the brokers under whom they were at the time | | | | |
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| 1 | licensed, in violation of Sections 10137, 10176(g) and (i), and/or | | | | |
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| 2 | 10177(j) of the Code, which acts and/or omissions are grounds for | | | | |
| 3 | discipline under the Code; and | | | | |
| 4 | e. Respondents LIM, GEBRIAN, and CHOEY failed to obtain real estate | | | | |
| 5 | licenses bearing the fictitious business names "Climb Real Estate | | | | |
| 6 | Group," "Climb Real Estate Group LLC," "Climb Real Estate Group, | | | | |
| 7 | Inc." and/or "The Choey Group," while conducting activities for which | | | | |
| 8 | a license was required in violation of Section 10159.5 of the Code and | | | | |
| 9 | Section 2731 of the Regulations, which acts and/or omissions are | | | | |
| 10 | grounds for discipline under Section 10177(d) of the Code. | | | | |
| 11 | ORDER | | | | |
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| 13 | All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent CHOEY under the Real Estate | | | | |
| 14 | Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Order; | | | | |
| 15 | provided, however, that: | | | | |
| 16 | 1. Sixty (60) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms | | | | |
| 17 | and conditions: | | | | |
| 18 | (a) <u>Respondent CHOEY shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights</u> , | | | | |
| 19 | duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and, | . | | | |
| 20 | (b) That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that | | | | |
| 21 | cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of | | | | |
| 22 | this Order. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his | i | | | |
| 23 | discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed | | | | |
| 24 | suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall | | | | |
| 25 | become permanent. | | | | |
| 26 | 2. The remaining thirty (30) days of said 90-day suspension shall be stayed upon the condition | | | | |
| 27 | that Respondent CHOEY petition pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code and pay a | | | | |
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| 1 | mor | netary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at a rate of \$50.00 for each day of | | | | |
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| 2 | the | suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$1,500.00: | | | | |
| 3 | (a) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable | | | | | |
| 4 | to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the | | | | | |
| 5 | | Department prior to the effective date of the Order in this matter. | | | | |
| 6 | (b) | No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate licenses of Respondent | | | | |
| 7 | | CHOEY occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this | | | | |
| 8 | | matter. | | | | |
| 9 | (c) | If Respondent CHOEY fails to pay the monetary penalty as provided above prior to the | | | | |
| .10 | | effective date of this Order, the stay of the suspension shall be vacated as to Respondent | | | | |
| 11 | CHOEY and the order of suspension shall be immediately executed, under this | | | | | |
| 12 | Paragraph I of this Order, in which event Respondent CHOEY shall not be entitled to | | | | | |
| 13 | any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for the money paid to the Department | | | | | |
| 14 | under the terms of this Order. | | | | | |
| 15 | (d) If Respondent CHOEY pays the monetary penalty and any other moneys due under this | | | | | |
| 16 | Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and if no further cause for disciplinary action | | | | | |
| 17 | against the real estate license of Respondent CHOEY occurs within two (2) years from | | | | | |
| 18 | the effective date of this Order, the entire stay hereby granted under Paragraph I of this | | | | | |
| 19 | | Order shall become permanent. | | | | |
| 20 | 3. <u>Res</u> | condent CHOEY shall within six (6) months from the effective date of the Decision take | | | | |
| 21 | and | pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department | | | | |
| 22 | including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent CHOEY fails to | | | | | |
| 23 | satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the license until | | | | | |
| 24 | Respondent CHOEY passes the examination. | | | | | |
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| 26 27 | DATED MARY F. CKARKE, Counsel | | | | | |
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1 2 I have read the Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and its terms are 3 understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California APA (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509, 4 5 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those 6 rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the 7 Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me 8 and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges. 9 1-4.10 10 KK CHOEY, Respondent 11 12 I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have 13 advised my client accordingly. 14 6/10 15 HAEL L. SMITH 16 Attorney for Respondent 17 18 The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted by me as my Decision 19 in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on March 15, 2010 20 2/16/10 IT IS SO ORDERED _ 21 22 JEFF DAVI 23 Real Estate Commissioner 24 25 BY! Bigby 26 Chief Deputy Commissioner 27 H-10580 SF . 6 . As to MARK CHOEY Only

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| | CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM, | | |
| - 15 | MARY A. GEBRIAN, and MARK CHOEY,) (As to CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM, Only) | | |
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| 17 | Respondents. | | |
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| 19 | ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER | | |
| 20 | On April 3, 2009, a First Amended Accusation was filed in this matter against | | |
| 21 | Respondents CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM, MARY A. GEBRIAN, and MARK CHOEY. | | |
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| 23 | INWHAN LIM only, petitioned the Real Estate Commissioner to voluntarily surrender his real | | |
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| 25 | IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition of Respondent CHRISTOPHER | | |
| 26 | INWHAN LIM for the voluntary surrender of his real estate license is accepted as of the effective | | |
| 27 | date of this Order as set forth below, based upon the understanding and agreement expressed in | | |
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| 1 | the Declaration of Respondent CURISTORUER INWILLING dated Neurophys. 16, 2000 | | |
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| 2 | the Declaration of Respondent CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM, dated November 16, 2009 | | |
| | (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"). Respondent's license certificate and pocket card shall be sent | | |
| 3 | to the below listed address so that they reach the Department of Real Estate on or before the | | |
| 4 | effective date of this Order: | | |
| 5 | DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE | | |
| 6 | Attn: Licensing Flag Section P. O. Box 187000 | | |
| 7 | P. O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000 | | |
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| 9 | This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on | | |
| 10 | <u>March 15</u> , 2010. | | |
| 11 | DATED: $2/16$, 2010. | | |
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| 13 | JEFF DAVI | | |
| 14 | Real Estate Commissioner | | |
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| 17 | BY: Barbara J. Bigby Chief Deputy Commissioner | | |
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| . 13 | MARY A. GEBRIAN, and MARK CHOEY, |) | |
| 14 | Respondents. |) | |
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| 18 | My name is CHRISTOPHER INV | VHAN LIM, and I am currently licensed as a | |
| 19 | real estate salesperson and have license rights w | | |
| 20 | MICHAEL L. SMITH, Attorney at Law. | | |
| 21 | In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the | | |
| 22 | Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Government Code), I wish to | | |
| 23 | voluntarily surrender my real estate license(s) issued by the Department of Real Estate | | |
| 24 | ("Department"), pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2. | | |
| 25 | I understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, I may be relicensed as | | |
| 26 | a broker or as a salesperson only by petitioning f | | |
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the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, I agree
to the following:

3 1. The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as my petition for voluntary
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It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by me that I
waive all rights I have to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the
Accusation filed in this matter at a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the
Administrative Procedure Act (Government Code Sections 11400 et seq.), and that I also waive
other rights afforded to me in connection with the hearing such as the right to discovery, the right
to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine
witnesses.

3. I further agree that upon acceptance by the Commissioner, as evidenced by
an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Department in this
matter prior to the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations contained in the Accusation
filed in the Department Case No. H-10580, may be considered by the Department to be true and
correct for the purpose of deciding whether to grant relicensure or reinstatement pursuant to
Government Code Section 11522.

4. I freely and voluntarily surrender all my licenses and license rights under
the Real Estate Law.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct and that this declaration was executed 16 MV, $20 \frac{07}{7}$, at 10 MV, California.

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| 11 | In the Matter of the Accusation of) | | |
| 12 |) CHRISTOPHER INWHAN LIM,) NO. H-10580 SF | | |
| 13 | MARY A. GEBRIAN, and) MARK CHOEY,) <u>FIRST AMENDED</u> | | |
| 14 |) <u>ACCUSATION</u> | | |
| 15 | Respondents.) | | |
| 16 | The Complainant, E. J. HABERER II, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the | | |
| 17 | State of California, for cause of First Amended Accusation against CHRISTOPHER INWHAN | | |
| 18 | LIM (herein "LIM"), MARY A. GEBRIAN (herein "GEBRIAN"), and MARK CHOEY | | |
| 19 | (herein "CHOEY") (collectively referred to herein as "Respondents"), is informed and alleges as | | |
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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent LIM engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, and assumed to act as a real estate broker licensee within the State of California, within the meaning of Section 10131(b) of the Code including the operation and conduct of a property management business with the public wherein, on behalf of others, for compensation or in expectation of compensation, Respondent LIM leased or rented or offered to lease or rent, or solicited listings of places for rent, or solicited for prospective tenants of real property or improvements thereon, or collected rents from real property or improvements thereon. Respondent GEBRIAN acted as Respondent LIM's agent and business manager.

At all times herein mentioned, Respondents LIM and GEBRIAN managed approximately six (6) properties for approximately six (6) principals, collected rents, advertised properties, screened tenants, and collected commissions.

In so acting, as described in Paragraphs 4 and 5, above, Respondents LIM and GEBRIAN accepted or received funds in trust (herein "trust funds") from or on behalf of owners,

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tenants, and others in connection with the leasing, renting, and collection of rents on real property or improvements, and from time to time made disbursements of said funds.

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Section 10176(e), which acts and/or omissions are grounds for discipline under the Code;

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e. Respondents LIM, GEBRIAN, and CHOEY failed to obtain real estate licenses bearing the fictitious business names "Climb Real Estate Group,"
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E. J. HABERER II Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

24 Dated at Oakland, California, 25 this 26^{10} day of March, 2009.

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E. J. HABERER II Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Qakland, California, this 26 day of November 2008.

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