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December 30, 2011

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ANDREW E. CHIU, CIPHER LENDING INC., and TROY DONALD VILLAGE, Respondent.

NO. H-11163 SF OAH NO. 2011080578 (as to ANDREW E. CHIU only)

ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION

On November 1, 2011, a Decision was rendered in the above-entitled matter to become effective December 22, 2011 (herein "the Decision").

On December 20, 2011, Respondent requested a stay for the purpose of filing a petition for reconsideration of the Decision, and on December 20, 2011, the Real Estate Commissioner filed an "Order Staying Effective Date" which stayed the effective date of the Decision until 12:00 noon on January 3, 2012.

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I have given due consideration to this matter, and I find no good cause to reconsider the Decision. Reconsideration is hereby denied.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

BARBARA J. BIGBY

Acting Real Estate Commissioner

By WAYNE S. BELL Chief Counsel

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NO. H-11163 SF OAH NO. 2011080578 ANDREW E. CHIU, CIPHER LENDING (as to ANDREW E. CHIU only) INC., and TROY DONALD VILLAGE,

Respondents.

ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

On November 1, 2011, a Decision was rendered in the above-entitled matter to become effective on December 22, 2011.

On December 20, 2011, Respondent filed a petition for reconsideration of the Decision of November 1, 2011.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision is stayed for a period of ten (10) days. The Decision of November 1, 2011, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on January 3, 2012.

DATED: /2/20/11

BARBARA J. BIGBY Acting Real Estate Commissioner

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ANDREW E. CHIU, CIPHER LENDING INC., and TROY DONALD VILLAGE,

Respondents.

No. H-11163 SF

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between ANDREW E. CHIU and CIPHER LENDING INC. (Respondents), and the Complainant, acting by and through Truly Sughrue, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing the Accusation filed on June 28, 2011 in this matter:

- 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative 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. 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.

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Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge 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.
- 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 (Department), the state or federal government, an agency of this state, or an agency of another state is involved.
- 6. 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 Respondents 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 Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusations under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 7. 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.
- 8. In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the APA, CIPHER LENDING INC. (CIPHER) wishes to voluntarily surrender its corporate real

estate broker licenses issued by the Department, pursuant to Business and Professions Code (Code) Section 10100.2. ANDREW E. CHIU (CHIU) is an officer and director of CIPHER, and 2 is authorized to sign this declaration on behalf of CIPHER. CHIU is representing himself, and is acting on behalf of CIPHER. 9

- CHIU understands that by so voluntarily surrendering CIPHER's license, CIPHER may be relicensed as a broker corporation only by petitioning for reinstatement pursuant to Section 11522 of the Government Code. CHIU also understands that by so voluntarily surrendering CIPHER license, Respondents agree to the following:
- The filing of this Stipulation and Agreement shall be deemed as A. CIPHER's declaration and petition for voluntary surrender.
- It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by CIPHER В. that it waives all rights CIPHER has 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 APA, and that CIPHER also waives other rights afforded to CIPHER 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.
- CHIU on behalf of CIPHER further agrees that upon acceptance by the 10. 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-11163 SF, 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.
- CHIU on behalf of CIPHER freely and voluntarily surrenders all 11. CIPHER's licenses and license rights under the Real Estate Law.

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 <u>CIPHER</u> and <u>CHIU</u> as described in the First Cause of Action of the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of CIPHER and CHIU's licenses and license rights under Sections <u>10176(a)</u> and <u>10177(g)</u> of the Code.

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The acts and omissions of <u>CIPHER</u> as described in the Second Cause of Action of the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of CIPHER licenses and license rights under the following sections of the Code and Regulations:

- (a) As to Paragraph 13, under Section 2742(c) of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code and Section 10177(f) of the Code; and
- (b) As to Paragraph 14, under Section 2715 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code.

ORDER

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All licenses and licensing rights of CHIU under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that:

- 1) Thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed, upon the condition that CHIU petition pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code and pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at a rate of \$100 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$3,000.
 - a) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be delivered to the Department prior to the effective date of the Order in this matter.
 - b) No further cause for disciplinary action against the Real Estate licenses of CHIU occurs within one (1) year from the effective date of the decision in this matter.
 - c) If CHIU fails to pay the monetary penalty as provided above prior to the effective date of this Order, the stay of the suspension shall be vacated and the order of suspension shall be immediately executed, in which event CHIU shall not be entitled to any repayment nor

credit, prorated or otherwise, for the money paid to the Department under the terms of this Order.

- d) If CHIU pays the monetary penalty and any other moneys due under this Stipulation and Agreement and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of CHIU occurs within one (1) year from the effective date of this Order, the entire stay hereby as to Respondent only, shall become permanent.
- 2) The remaining thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed for one (1) year upon the following terms and conditions:
 - a) CHIU shall obey all laws, rules and regulations 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 one (1) year 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.
- 3) All licenses and licensing rights of CHIU are indefinitely suspended unless or until

 Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having made payment to

 Vinesh Goyal in the amount of \$2,801, or as otherwise mutually agreed between CHIU and

 Vinesh Goyal.
- 4) 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 license until Respondent passes the examination.

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CIPHER's petition for voluntary surrender of its corporate real estate broker

licenses is accepted as of the effective date of this Order as set forth below, based upon the understanding and agreement expressed in Respondents' Declaration incorporated herein as part of this Stipulation and Agreement. CIPHER's license certificates, pocket cards, and any branch office license certificates shall be sent to the below listed address so that they reach the

1	Department on or before the effective date of this Order:				
2	DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE Attn: Licensing Flag Section				
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6	DATED TRULY SUGHRUE Counsel for Complainant				
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8	I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, and its terms are understood by me				
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	California Administrative Procedure Act, and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive				
10	those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the				
11	Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me				
12	and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.				
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15	DATED ANDREW E. CHIU, on behalf of				
16	CIPHER LENDING INC. Respondent				
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18	DATED ANDREW E. CHIU				
19	Respondent				
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21	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision and				
22	shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on DEC 2 2 2011, 2011.				
23	IT IS SO ORDERED ///I , 2011.				
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25	BARBARA J. BIGBY Acting Real Estate Commissioner				
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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

ANDREW E. CIIIU, CIPHER LENDING INC., and TROY DONALD VILLAGE,

Respondents.

No. H-11163 SF

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between TROY DONALD VILLAGE (Respondent), and the Complainant, acting by and through Truly Sughrue, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing the Accusation filed on June 28, 2011 in this matter:

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

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Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense Respondent will thereby waive Respondent's 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 Respondent will waive other rights afforded to Respondent 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, Respondent chooses not to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understands 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.
- 5. This stipulation and Respondent's 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 (Department), the state or federal government, an agency of this state, or an agency of another state is involved.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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 Respondent as described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's licenses and license rights under Section 10177(h) of the Business and Professions Code.

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ORDER

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All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order; provided, however, that:

- 1) Sixty (60) days of said suspension shall be stayed for one (1) year upon the following terms and conditions:
 - a) Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations 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 one (1) year 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) 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 license until Respondent passes the examination.

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BARBARA J. BIGBY Acting Real estate Commissioner

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June 28, 2011

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-11163 SF ANDREW E. CHIU, CIPHER LENDING <u>ACCUSATION</u> INC., and TROY DONALD VILLAGE, Respondents.

The Complainant, Phillip Ihde, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for Accusation against ANDREW E. CHIU, CIPHER LENDING INC., and TROY DONALD VILLAGE (Respondents), are informed and alleges as follows:

PRELIMINARY ALLEGATIONS

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The Complainant, Phillip Inde, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of

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22 California, makes this Accusation in his official capacity.

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

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At all times mentioned, Respondent CIPHER LENDING INC. (CIPHER) was and is licensed by the State of California Department of Real Estate (Department) as a real estate broker corporation.

At all times mentioned, Respondent TROY DONALD VILLAGE (VILLAGE) was and is licensed by the Department individually and as the designated broker officer of CIPHER. As said designated officer-broker, VILLAGE was 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 CIPHER for which a license is required.

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

At all times mentioned, Respondent ANDREW E. CHIU (CHIU) was and is licensed by the Department as a real estate salesperson. At all times mentioned, CHIU was employed and/or acted on behalf of CIPHER.

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At all times mentioned, Respondents engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Section 10131(d) of the Code, including the operation and conduct of a mortgage loan brokerage business with the public wherein you, for or in expectation of compensation, for another or others, solicited borrowers or lenders or negotiated loans or collected payments or performed services for borrowers or lenders or note owners in connection with loans secured directly or collaterally by liens on real property or on a business opportunity.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Each and every allegation in Paragraphs 1 through 7, inclusive, above are incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

Beginning in approximately July 2008, CIPHER and CHIU, solicited Vinesh G. (Vinesh) to apply for a refinance of the loan securing Vinesh's real property located at 1661 Klipspringer Drive, San Jose, California (Klipspringer property). CIPHER and CHIU to induce Vinesh to apply for a refinance represented contrary to fact that upon the close of escrow Vinesh would receive a broker credit or refund for the non-recurring closing costs.

On or about-August 19, 2008, escrow closed on Vinesh's refinance of the Klipspringer property. To date, Vinesh has not received his refund for the non-recurring closing costs.

CIPHER and CHIU's conduct described above constitutes the making of substantial misrepresentations, and fraud or dishonest dealing, and is cause under Sections 10176(a) and 10176(i) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent. In the alternative, CIPHER and CHIU's conduct described above constitutes the making of substantial misrepresentations, and negligence or incompetence in performing acts requiring a real estate license, and is cause under Sections 10176(a) and 10177(g) of the Code for suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Each and every allegation in Paragraphs 1 through 11, inclusive, above are incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

Effective February 1, 2010, and continuing through the present, the corporate

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powers, rights and privileges of CIPHER were suspended by the California Franchise Tax Board pursuant to the provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. CIPHER while suspended by the Secretary of State engaged in the real estate resale brokerage activities described in Paragraph 7.

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In the course of the activities described in Paragraph 7, CIPHER failed to notify the Department within the next business day that CIPHER had closed its main office located at 1375 Lick Avenue #728, San Jose, California, as required by Section 2715 of the Regulations.

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The acts and/or omissions of CIPHER as alleged in the Second Cause of Action constitute grounds for disciplinary action under the following provisions:

- (a) As to Paragraph 13, under Section 2742(c) of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code and Section 10177(f) of the Code; and
- (b) As to Paragraph 14, under Section 2715 of the Regulations in conjunction with Section 10177(d) of the Code.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

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Each and every allegation in Paragraphs 1 through 15, inclusive, above, are incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

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VILLAGE failed to exercise reasonable supervision over the acts of CIPHER in such a manner as to allow the acts and events described above to occur.

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The acts and/or omissions of VILLAGE described in Paragraph 17 constitute failure on the part of VILLAGE, as designated broker-officer for CIPHER, to exercise reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of CIPHER required by Section 10159.2 of the Code.

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The facts described above as to the Third Cause of Accusation constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of VILLAGE 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 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.

PHILLIP IHDE

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

Dated at Sacramento, California,

this 28^{tU} day of 3UNC, 2011.

DISCOVERY DEMAND

Pursuant to Sections 11507.6, et seq. of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Department of Real Estate hereby makes demand for discovery pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act. Failure to provide Discovery to the Department of Real Estate may result in the exclusion of witnesses and documents at the hearing or other sanctions that the Office of Administrative Hearings deems appropriate.