JASON D. LAZARK, Counsel (SBN 263714) 1 Department of Real Estate 2 P.O. Box 187007 Sacramento, CA 95818-7007 3 Telephone: (916) 227-0822 FEB 02 2012 4 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Application of No. H-11319 SF 12 AMBER MARIE MERRIGAN, STATEMENT OF ISSUES 13 Respondent. 14 The Complainant, E.J. HABERER, II, acting in his official capacity as a Deputy 15 Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for Statement of Issues against AMBER 16 MARIE MERRIGAN (herein "Respondent"), alleges as follows: 17 1. 18 On or about September 19, 2011, Respondent made application to the 19 Department of Real Estate of the State of California (herein "the Department") for a real estate 20 salesperson license. 21 2. 22 In response to Part D, Question 1 of said application, to wit: HAVE YOU EVER 23

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BEEN CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY? CONVICTIONS EXPUNGED

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MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY," Respondent concealed and failed to disclose the conviction described below in Paragraph 3.

3.

On or about November 2, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Alameda, Case Number 394287, Respondent was convicted of violating section 484(a) of the Penal Code (petty theft), a misdemeanor which bears a substantial relationship under section 2910, title 10, California Code of Regulations, to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee.

4.

In failing to reveal the conviction described above in Paragraph 3, Respondent procured or attempted to procure a real estate license by fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit, or by making a material misstatement of fact in said application which constitutes cause under sections 480(c) and 10177(a) of the Business and Professions Code (herein "the Code") for the denial of Respondent's application for a real estate license.

5.

Respondent's criminal conviction, as described above in Paragraph 3, constitutes grounds under sections 480(a) and 10177(b) of the Code for the denial of Respondent's application for a real estate license.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that the above-entitled matter be set for hearing and, upon proof of the charges contained herein, that the Commissioner refuse to authorize the issuance of, and deny the issuance of a real estate salesperson license to Respondent, and for such other and further relief as may be proper in the premises.

E.J. HABERER, II

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

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Dated at Oakland, California,

this 30 day of Junuary, 2012.