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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of)
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., and MICHAEL LEE CARLSON,)))
Respondents.)

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

NO. H-11670 SF

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. and MICHAEL LEE CARLSON, (collectively "Respondents"), acting by and through Shannon B. Jones, Esq., Counsel for Respondents, and the Complainant, acting by and through Annette E. Ferrante, Esq., Counsel for the Bureau of Real Estate ("Bureau"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on April 8, 2014, 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.

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- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Bureau 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. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that Respondents understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, Respondents will thereby waive Respondents' right to require the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner") to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that Respondents will waive other rights afforded to Respondents 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. Respondents, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admit that the factual allegations in the Accusation filed in this proceeding are true and correct and the Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.
- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as his decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the "Order" below. 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 Accusation under all of 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 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 Bureau with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

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- 7. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of the California Business and Professions Code ("the Code"), the cost of the audit which resulted in the determination that Respondents committed the trust fund violation(s) found in the Determination of Issues. The amount of such costs is \$5,443.50.
- 8. Respondents further understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, 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 Code to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum cost of said audit shall not exceed \$5,443.50.
- 9. Respondents understand that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondents agree to pay, pursuant to Section 10106 of the Code, the costs of the enforcement of this case which resulted in the determination that Respondents committed the violation(s) found in the Determination of Issues. The amount of such cost is \$422.75.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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

1. The acts and omissions of Respondent REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. as described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Sections 10176(g), 10177(d), and 10177(g) of the Code, in conjunction with Section 10145 of the Code and Section 2831.2 of Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations ("the Regulations").

1	2. The acts and omissions of Respondent MICHAEL LEE CARLSON as
2	described in the Accusation are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and
3	license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Sections 10159.2, 10176(g), 10177(d),
4	10177(g), and 10177(h) and of the Code, in conjunction with Section 10145 of the Code and
5	Sections 2831.2 and 2725 of the Regulations.
6	<u>ORDER</u>
7	I.
8	As to Respondent REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. only
9	The corporate real estate broker license and license rights of Respondent REAL ESTATI
10	MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. are hereby revoked; provided, however, a restricted
11	corporate real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.6 of
12	the Code if Respondent makes application therefore and pays to the Bureau of Real Estate the
13	appropriate fee for the restricted license within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this
14	Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of
15	Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions, and restrictions
16	imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of the Code:
17	a. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to
18	hearing by Order of the Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that
19	Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided
20	Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, or conditions attaching to
21	the restricted license.
22	b. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an
23	unrestricted real estate license, nor the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or
24	restrictions of the restricted license, until four (4) years have elapsed from the effective date of
25	this Decision.
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As to Respondent MICHAEL, LEE CARLSON only

1. The real estate broker license and license rights of Respondent MICHAEL LEE CARLSON are hereby revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.6 of the Code if Respondent makes application therefore and pays to the Bureau of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions, and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of the Code:

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

b. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent 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.

c. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license, nor the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of the restricted license, until <u>four (4) years</u> have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.

2. Respondent MICHAEL LEE CARLSON shall, within six (6) months from the effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Bureau including the payment of the appropriate examination

fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, Respondent's real estate license shall automatically be suspended until Respondent passes the examination.

3. Respondent MICHAEL LEE CARLSON shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, Respondent's real estate license shall automatically be suspended until Respondent presents evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. Proof of completion of the continuing education courses must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013.

III.

As to both Respondents REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. and MICHAEL LEE CARLSON

1. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondents REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. and MICHAEL LEE CARLSON, jointly and severally, shall pay the sum of \$5,443.50 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' real estate licenses shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

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2. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondents REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. and MICHAEL LEE CARLSON, jointly and severally, shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$5,443.50, for an audit to determine if Respondents have corrected the violation(s) found in 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. Respondents shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of the audit costs should not be made until Respondents receive the invoice. If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondents' real estate licenses shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

- 3. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. and MICHAEL LEE CARLSON are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondents, jointly and severally, pay the sum of \$422.75 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Bureau of Real Estate. The enforcement costs must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Legal Section at P.O. Box 137007, Sacramento, CA 95813-7007, prior to the effective date of this Decision.
- 4. No later than six (6) months from the effective date of this Decision,
 Respondents REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. and MICHAEL LEE
 CARLSON must provide proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having paid, jointly and severally, the amount of \$52,915.79 as restitution to the victim(s), as described in paragraph 10(b) of the Accusation. If Respondents fail to provide such proof within the time prescribed herein, all licenses and license rights of Respondents shall be indefinitely suspended until such

proof is delivered to the Commissioner. Proof of satisfaction of this requirement includes: a certified copy of a satisfaction of judgment; a letter from an attorney or certified public accountant testifying under penalty of Perjury to the fact that said judgment has been paid by Respondents; a copy of a cancelled check to the victim(s); and/or a letter from the victim(s) attesting that repayment of funds has been received or that there is an alternative mutual agreement between Respondents and the victim(s). Said proof must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Legal Section at P.O. Box 137007, Sacramento, CA 95813-7007 or by fax at 916-263-3767, no later than six (6) months from the effective date of this Decision.

199-19-2014

DATED

Annette E. Ferrante, Counsel Bureau of Real Estate

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement 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 (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509, and 11513 of the Government Code), 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. Respondents can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondents, to the Bureau at fax number (916) 263-3767. Respondents agree, acknowledge and understand that by electronically sending to the Bureau a fax copy of Respondents' actual signatures as they appear on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Bureau shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Bureau had received the original signed Stipulation and Agreement.

AL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., Respondent,

By Michael Lee Carlson As Designated Officer of Respondent

MICHAEL LEE CARLSON.

Respondent

I have reviewed this Stipulation and Agreement and Order as to form and content and have advised my clients accordingly.

9/22/14

Shannon B. Jones, Esq.,

Attorney for Respondents

The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted by me as my Decision in this matter as to Respondents REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. and MICHAEL LEE CARLSON, and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on OCT 3 0 2014 OCT 07 2014 IT IS SO ORDERED Commissioner By: JEFFREY MASON Chief Deputy Commissioner