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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of:

RWC PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.

and RAYMOND CHIN-LEI ONG,

Respondents.

Case No. H-12495 SF

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT
IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondents RWC PROPERTY SERVICES, INC. ("RWC") and RAYMOND CHIN-LEI ONG ("ONG"), (collectively "Respondents"), acting by and through Ginger Sotelo of Pahl & McCay, a professional Law Corporation, Counsel for Respondents, and the Complainant, acting by and through Adriana Z. Badilas, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on March 8, 2021, 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 In Settlement and Order ("Stipulation and Agreement").
- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.

- 3. On March 18, 2021, a Notice of Defense was received from all Respondents pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations made in the Accusation. Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notices of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing said Notices 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 chooses 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 Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.
- 5. This Stipulation and Agreement is made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department, the state or federal government, any 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 penalties and sanctions on Respondents' real estate licenses 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, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents 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.

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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.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions, and waivers, and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without further proceedings, it is stipulated and agreed that the following Determination of Issues shall be made:

- 1. The acts and/or omissions of RWC, as described in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of RWC under the provisions of Sections 10145, 10177(d) and 10177(g) of the Code, and Sections 2832 and 2832.1 of Title 10, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations").
- 2. The acts and/or omissions of ONG, as described in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of ONG under the provisions of Sections 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d), 10177(g), and 10177(h) of the Code, and Sections 2832 and 2832.1 of the Regulations.

ORDER

I. As to RWC

All licenses and licensing rights of RWC, 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 RWC petitions 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 \$75 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$2,250.

- a) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.
- b) No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of RWC occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the decision in this matter.
- c) If RWC 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 as to RWC and the order of suspension shall be immediately executed, under this Order, in which event RWC 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 RWC pays the monetary penalty and any other moneys due under this Stipulation and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of RWC occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of this Order, the entire stay hereby granted in this Order shall become permanent.
- 2. Thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
 - a) RWC 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 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 re-impose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such

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- 3. All licenses and licensing rights of RWC, are indefinitely suspended unless or until RWC, jointly and severally with ONG, pay the sum of \$3,415 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a credit card payment, or a cashier's check, or a certified check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The investigative and enforcement costs must be delivered and/or made payable to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.
- 4. RWC shall, jointly and severally with ONG, pay the sum of \$2,672 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. RWC shall, jointly and severally with ONG, pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall indefinitely suspend all licenses and licensing rights of RWC 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 RWC and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until RWC enter 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.
- 5. RWC shall, jointly and severally with ONG, pay the Commissioner's costs, not to exceed \$3,340, of any audit conducted pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code to determine if RWC has corrected the violations described in the Determination of Issues, above, and any other violations found in the audit which led to this disciplinary action. 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. RWC shall, jointly and severally with ONG, pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of

time spent performing those activities. If RWC fails to, jointly and severally with ONG, pay such cost within the sixty (60) days, the Commissioner shall indefinitely suspend all licenses and licensing rights of RWC under the Real Estate Law until payment is made in full or until RWC enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment. Upon full payment, the indefinite suspension provided for in this paragraph shall be stayed.

II. As to ONG

All licenses and licensing rights of ONG, 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 ONG petitions 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 \$75 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$2,250.
 - a) Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Order.
 - b) No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of ONG occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the decision in this matter.
 - c) If ONG 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 as to ONG and the order of suspension shall be immediately executed, under this Order, in which event ONG 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.

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- 2. Thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
 - a) ONG 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 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 re-impose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.
- 3. ONG shall, within six (6) months from the effective date of this Order, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department, including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If ONG fails to satisfy this condition, ONG's real estate license shall automatically be suspended until ONG passes the examination.
- 4. All licenses and licensing rights of ONG are indefinitely suspended unless or until ONG provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Code. Proof of satisfaction of these requirements includes evidence that ONG has successfully completed the trust fund accounting and handling continuing education course, no earlier than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the effective date of the Order in this matter. Proof of completion of the trust fund accounting and handling course must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O.

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from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. If ONG fails to, jointly and severally with RWC, pay such cost within the sixty (60) days, the Commissioner shall indefinitely suspend all licenses and licensing rights of ONG under the Real Estate Law until payment is made in full or until ONG enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment. Upon full payment, the indefinite suspension provided for in this paragraph shall be stayed.

7-12-22

DATED

ADRIANA Z. BADILAS, Counsel Department 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 Second Amended 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 and Respondents' attorney further agree to send the original signed Stipulation and Agreement by mail to the following address no later than one (I) week from the date the Stipulation and Agreement is signed by Respondents and Respondents' attorney:

Department of Real Estate, Legal Section, P.O. Box 137007, Sacramento, California 95813-7007.

1	Respondents and Respondents' attorney understand and agree that if they fail to
2	return the original signed Stipulation and Agreement by the due date, Complainant retains the
3	right to set this matter for hearing.
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8	Designated Officer for Respondent RWC PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.
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12	DATED RAYMOND CHIN-LEI ONG Respondent
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15	I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and
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17	—DocuSigned by:
18	Ginger L. Sotelo
19	DATED GINGER SOTELO
20	Attorney for Respondents * * *
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	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in
22	this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on
23	IT IS SO ORDERED, 2022.
24	REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER
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