1 Department of Real Estate 107 South Broadway, Room 8107 2 Los Angeles, California 90012 AUG 1 2 1998 Telephone (213) 897-3937 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 4 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of 11 NO. H-27176 LA RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES, doing 12 L-1997050529 business as Century 21 Fowlkes STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT 13 Ladera, 14 Respondent. 15 It is hereby stipulated by and between RONALD ISSAC 16 FOWLKES (sometimes referred to herein as "Respondent") and the 17 Complainant, acting by and through Darlene Averetta, Counsel for 18 the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of 19 settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on May 5, 1997, 20 in this matter: 21 1. All issues which were to be contested and all 22 evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent 23 at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be 24 held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative 25

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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, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. On May 22, 1997, Respondent filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. In order to effectuate this settlement, Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that 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 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 Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation and Agreement is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this proceeding. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to litigate these allegations at a formal administrative hearing, but to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. This Stipulation and Agreement and Respondent's decision not to contest the Accusation are hereby expressly limited to this proceeding and

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- ${f l}$  made for the sole purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of
- 2 this proceeding. Respondent's decision not to contest the
- 3 factual allegations at a formal administrative hearing is made
- 4 solely for the purpose of effectuating this Stipulation and
- 5 Agreement and is intended to be non-binding upon him in any
- 6 actions against Respondent by third parties. The Real Estate
- 7 Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to
- 8 prove said factual allegations.
- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real
  10 Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as
  11 his Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and
  12 sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights
  13 as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the
  14 Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and
  15 Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent
  16 shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the
  17 Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be
  18 bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein.
  - 6. 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 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:

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES, as alleged in the Accusation, are grounds for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES under the provisions of Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") Section 10177(g).

## ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent,

RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES, under the Real Estate Law, are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that said thirty (30) day suspension shall be stayed for one (1) year upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. 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
- 2. That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years of the effective date of this Decision. 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

	l suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay
:	2 imposed herein shall be permanent.
	DATED: August 4, 1998 Salle Consette
(	Counsel for Complainant
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9	I have read the Stipulation and Agreement and its
8	terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to
9	me. I understand that I am waiving rights given he
10	California Administrative Procedure Act (including)
11	limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513, 5
	Government Code) and I willingly intelligently
12	waive those rights, including the right of remini
13	Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a
14	hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine
15	witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and
16	mitigation of the charges.
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18	DATED: 08-03-98 Confile Sac Youther
19	RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES  Respondent
20	* * *
21	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby
22	adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective
23	at 12 o'clock noon on September 1, 1998
24	IT IS SO ORDERED 8/10/98
25	JIM ANTT, JR.
26	Real Estate Commissioner
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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES, doing business as Century 21 Fowlkes

Ladera,

Respondent.

No. H-27176 LA

ACCUSATION

The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES, doing business as Century 21 Fowlkes Ladera, is informed and alleges in his official capacity as follows:

1.

RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES, doing business as Century 21 Fowlkes Ladera ("Respondent"), is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code").

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COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) At all times material herein, Respondent was licensed by the Department of Real Estate of the State of California ("Department") as a real estate broker.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent 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, for or in expectation of compensation, within the meaning of Code Section 10131(a) including the operation and conduct of a real estate sale business with the public, wherein Respondent sold or offered to sell, bought or offered to buy, solicited prospective sellers or purchasers of, solicited or obtained listings of, or negotiated the purchase, sale or exchange of real property in the State of California, for another or others.

4.

On or about May 18, 1995, Respondent executed an "Exclusive Authorization and Right to Sell Agreement" (hereinafter "Listing Agreement") with a representative of NOVUS Credit Services, Inc. (hereinafter "Seller"), wherein Respondent agreed to act as agent for the sale of the property located at 11142-11144 1/2 S. Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California (hereinafter "Property"). On or about August 19, 1995, an "Extension and Change Agreement" was signed which extended the expiration of the Listing Agreement to November 18, 1995.

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On or about September 17, 1995, Respondent executed a "Real Estate Purchase Contract and Receipt for Deposit" on behalf of one, Debbie Taylor (hereinafter "Buyer"), which constituted an offer on the Property. Respondent submitted said offer to the Seller on or about September 19, 1995.

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On or about October 18, 1995, licensed real estate broker, Yolanda Megginson (hereinafter "Megginson"), executed a "Real Estate Purchase Contract and Receipt for Deposit" on behalf of a prospective buyer, one, Iola Harris (hereinafter "Harris"), which constituted an offer on the Property.

Megginson sent the offer to Respondent, via facsimile, on or about October 20, 1995, which Respondent received.

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On or about October 27, 1995, a counter offer was accepted between the Buyer and Seller, and escrow was opened on or about October 31, 1995, at Universal Escrow, Inc., as Escrow No. 4626-JMY.

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On or about November 1, 1995, Megginson contacted the Seller regarding the offer she wrote for Harris on the Property. Megginson was informed by the Seller that Respondent had never presented the Seller with, nor informed the Seller of, Harris' offer.

cc: Ronald Issac Fowlkes SACTO

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The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent as described herein above, constitutes cause for the suspension

or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of

Respondent under the provisions of Code Section 10177(g).

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 RONALD ISSAC FOWLKES, doing business as Century 21 Fowlkes Ladera, 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. Dated at Los Angeles, California this 5th day of May, 1997.

THOMAS MCCRADY

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner