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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-1998 SA
CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

Respondent.

AMENDED ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

This Order amends the Order Denying Reinstatement of License filed on December 15, 2004.

On July 6, 2000, a Decision was rendered in Department of Real Estate ("Department") case no. H-28209 LA revoking Respondent's real estate salesperson license. On July 19, 2000, Respondent petitioned for reconsideration of the Decision. The Decision which was to become effective on August 3, 2000 was stayed until September 15, 2000. On September 13, 2000, an Order Denying Reconsideration was filed.

On March 13, 2003, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of said license and the Attorney General of the State of California has been given notice of the filing of the petition.

I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence and arguments in support thereof. Respondent has failed to demonstrate to my satisfaction that Respondent has undergone sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the issuance to Respondent of an unrestricted real estate salesperson license, in that:

In the 2000 Decision which revoked Respondent's real estate salesperson license, there were determinations of issues made that there was cause to revoke Respondent's restricted real estate salesperson license pursuant to Business and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10176(a), 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(k).

The facts underlying said Decision were that on

January 12, 1998, Respondent took a listing for an Exclusive

Authorization to Rent or Lease ("Agreement") certain real

property in Irvine, California for the owners of the property.

The Agreement gave Respondent the right to locate a tenant for a

one-year lease. Respondent rented the property without obtaining

the owners signature on a written lease. The tenant did not have

the ability or intent to pay rent and an eviction process was

initiated. Respondent had sufficient notice that the tenant was

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The facts underlying said Decision were that in 1992, Respondent acted as a real estate broker when he was not so licensed; Respondent failed to place trust funds received into his employing broker's trust fund account; and Respondent accepted employment from someone other than his employing broker.

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On August 24, 1999, an Order Suspending Restricted Real Estate License was filed against Respondent in Department Case No. H-28209 LA. Respondent's restricted real estate salesperson license was suspended as a result of the filing of an Accusation by the Department charging Respondent with violating the Real Estate Law.

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Department case No. H-29063 LA, denying Respondent's application.

There were conclusions of law made that there was cause to deny

Respondent's application for a real estate broker license

pursuant to Code Section 10177(f), due to the prior disciplinary

actions against Respondent.

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The burden of proving rehabilitation rests with the petitioner (Feinstein v. State Bar (1952) 39 Cal. 2d 541). A petitioner is required to show greater proof of honesty and integrity than an applicant for first time licensure. The proof must be sufficient to overcome the prior adverse judgment on the applicant's character (Tardiff v. State Bar (1980) 27 Cal. 3d 395).

The Department has developed criteria in Section 2911 of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations

(Regulations) to assist in evaluating the rehabilitation of an applicant for reinstatement of a license. Among the criteria relevant in this proceeding are:

Regulation 2911(a): A longer period than two years will be required if there is a history of acts or conduct substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee. Considering Respondent's history of disciplinary actions additional time is needed to assess his rehabilitation.

Regulation 2911(i): Completion of, or enrollment in, educational or vocational training courses. Respondent has not submitted proof of such completion.

Regulation 2911(j): Discharge of or bona fide efforts toward discharging, adjudicated debts or monetary obligations to others. Respondent has approximately twelve (12) federal and tax liens against him totaling approximately \$1,084,596. Respondent has not provided proof that the tax liens have been paid or that he has made bona fide efforts to pay the tax liens.

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Regulation 2911(n)(1): Change in attitude from that which existed at the time of the conduct as evidenced by the testimony of Respondent. As part of the petition application process, Respondent was interviewed by a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner ("Deputy"). The Deputy determined that Respondent did not present a change in attitude. Respondent made statements that conflicted with statements made at the hearing and

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Respondent blamed others for the facts that led to the revocation of his real estate license.

Given the fact that Respondent has not established that he has met the criteria of Regulations 2911(a), 2911(i), 2911(j), 2911(l) and 2911(n)(l), I am not satisfied that Respondent is sufficiently rehabilitated to receive a real estate salesperson license.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for reinstatement of Respondent's real estate salesperson license is denied.

I am satisfied, however, that it will not be against the public interest to issue a restricted real estate salesperson license to Respondent.

A restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Code Section 10156.5 if Respondent within twelve (12) months from the date hereof:

- (a) makes application therefor and pays the appropriate fee for said license.
- (b) <u>submits evidence of having</u>, <u>since the most recent</u> 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.

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The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Code Section 10156.7 and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Code Section 10156.6:

- 1. Within ninety (90) days after issuance of a restricted license, Respondent shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that he has entered into payment plan agreements with each Federal and State entity that holds a tax lien against him.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related.
- 3. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 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.
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 Respondent shall submit proof to Manager of the Crisis Response
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- 5. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations, or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.
- 6. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or with any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department which shall certify:
- (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and

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(b) That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required. This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon February 3, 2005 -11-05 JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner Charles D. Riebe 29 Timbergate Irvine, CA 92614

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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if Respondent within nine (9) months from the date hereof:

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- (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
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This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon

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DATED: Decenley 19 2004

JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

cc: Charles D. Riebe 29 Timbergate Irvine, CA 92614



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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of) DRE No. H-28209 LA

Respondent.

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION

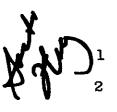
On or about July 6, 2000, a Decision revoked the restricted real estate license of respondent. The Decision was to become effective at 12 o'clock noon on August 3, 2000.

On July 19, 2000, respondent petitioned for reconsideration of said Decision. Orders Staying Effective Date were issued, staying the effective date until September 15, 2000.

On or about August 30, 2000, respondent submitted argument regarding reconsideration of the Decision of July 6, 2000.

I have given due consideration to respondent's petition and argument submitted to the Department of Real Estate with respect to the revocation of respondent's restricted real estate license and have reviewed the record in this matter. I find no good cause to reconsider the Decision of July 19, 2000. Reconsideration is hereby denied. IT IS SO ORDERED_ PAULA REDDISH ZYNNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner

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ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

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On July 6, 2000, a Decision was rendered in the 15 above-entitled matter to become effective August 3, 2000. On July 16 19, 2000, an ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE stayed the effective date 17 of August 3, 2000, for 30 days, staying the effective date until 18 September 5, 2000.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision of July 6, 2000, is stayed for an additional period of 10 days.

The Decision of July 6, 2000, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on September 15, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

Respondent.

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ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

On July 6, 2000, a Decision was rendered in the above-entitled matter to become effective August 3, 2000.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision of July 6, 2000, is stayed for a period of 30 days.

The Decision of July 6, 2000, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on September 5, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

In the Matter of the Accusation of

No. H-28209 LA

L-1999090160

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE.

Respondent(s).

DECISION

The Proposed Decision dated May 30, 2000, of the Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, is hereby adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock

noon on

August 3, 2000

IT IS SO ORDERED

PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN

Real Estate Commissioner

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

Case No. H-28209 LA

OAH No. L-1999090160

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

Respondent.

PROPOSED DECISION

This matter came on regularly for hearing before Leslie H. Greenfield, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, at Los Angeles, California, on November 22, 1999. A Proposed Decision was issued on December 21, 1999. Thereafter, the Department remanded the matter for further hearing. Said hearing came on regularly on May 16, 2000. This Proposed Decision replaces and supercedes all prior Decisions, Modifications, and Amendments thereto.

At the hearing on November 22,1999, Elliott MacLennan, Real Estate Counsel, represented the complainant Department of Real Estate. Ronald Talmo, Attorney at Law, represented respondent Charles D. Riebe who was present throughout the hearing.

At the hearing on May 16, 2000, Elliott MacLennan, Real Estate Counsel, represented the complainant Department of Real Estate. Respondent Charles D. Riebe was personally present throughout the hearing and represented himself.

Documentary evidence having been received and the matter submitted, the Administrative Law Judge finds as follows:

FACTUAL FINDINGS

- 1. Thomas McCrady, Deputy Real Estate Commissioner, Department of Real Estate, made the Accusation in his official capacity.
- 2. Respondent has been licensed as a real estate salesperson since April 13, 1977, under license ID#00595531. On May 23,1997, a restricted salesperson's license was issued, effective April 29, 1997, pursuant to discipline imposed in Department of Real Estate Case No. H-1998 SA. Said license expires May 22, 2001.

- 3. It was not established by credible evidence that on July 15, 1997, while engage in licensed activities for Re/Max Premier Realtor located in Irvine, California, respondent took a listing, an Exclusive Authorization and Right To Sell the real property known as 13 Chardonnay, Irvine, California, owned by Rueben and Christine Padilla. Nor was it established that respondent recommended renting the property, which had became vacant due to the military deployment overseas, to a friend named Denise Koval (Koval) as a means of increasing its salability, stating that she would be a "good tenant" and pay her bills. Nor was it established that On September 24, 1997, the Padilla's relying on respondent's representation about Koval, entered into a Residential Lease Or Month-To-Month Rental Agreement with Koval. These unsubstantiated acts, even if true, would not constitute negligence or the making of a substantial misrepresentation such as to justify discipline under the Business and Professions Code.
- 4. On January 12, 1998, respondent took a listing for an Exclusive Authorization To Rent or Lease for the real property known as 1 Greenleaf Drive, Irvine California, owned by Robert and Dorothy Hoyt. This agreement gave respondent the right to locate a tenant for a one-year lease. After a meeting with Hoyt's son, respondent showed Koval the apartment and entered into an agreement with her for her to lease the apartment, without first running a credit check, receiving payment of the first month's rent or the required security deposit and without the signature of the Hoyts to any written lease. Although Koval entered the premises by means of obtaining of a key to open the lock box herself, respondent showed her the apartment and was responsible for her occupying the premises. Upon discovering Koval's residing on the premises, Hoyt contacted respondent's Broker, who initiated eviction proceedings. Respondent, however, interfered with the eviction process on the basis that he believed Koval was going to pay the rent when it was clearly obvious that she had no ability or intent to do so. Respondent's prior knowledge of her writing bad checks was more than sufficient to put him on notice that she was an unreliable tenant. Further respondent's reliance on Koval's assurances that a prior "friend" would be responsible for the rent was not credible and did not excuse respondent's primary responsibilities to his clients, the Hoyts.
- 5. Sometime prior to March 1, 1996, an Accusation was filed against respondent for violation of Business and Professions Code sections 10130; 10145(c); 10137; 10177(d); and 10177(g). On March 8, 1996, Administrative Law Judge H. Stuart Waxman issued a Proposed Decision. On January 30, 1997, the Commissioner non-adopted the proposed Decision and issued his own Order revoking respondent's license. On February 17, 1997, respondent petitioned for reconsideration of said Decision. On April 8, 1997, the Commissioner reconsidered his prior Decision and issued a new and different Order granting respondent a restricted license on certain terms and conditions.

6. An analysis of respondent's prior violations resulting in the Commissioner's Order of 1997, in conjunction with his violations in this matter leads to the conclusion that respondent is a danger to the public and apparently has not learned how to conduct himself in accordance with the applicable real estate law. As such the Order below is required to adequately protect the public from respondent.

Pursuant to the foregoing findings of fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

- 1. No cause exists to suspend or revoke the real estate license of respondent pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 10177(g), 10177(d), 10176(a) and/or 10177(k), based on Finding 3.
- 2. Cause exists to suspend or revoke the real estate license of respondent pursuant to Business and Profession Code sections) 10177(g), 10177(d), 10176(a), and 10177(k), by reason of Finding 4.
- 3. In determining the proper disciplinary Order in this proposed decision, consideration has been given to the Proposed Decision dated March 8, 1996 and the Commissioner's Decision of January 30, 1997.

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

Real Estate salesperson's license ID#00595531, issued to respondent Charles Duffy Riebe is hereby revoked.

Dated: May 30, 2000

Leslie H. Greenfield

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

Case No.

OAH No. L-1999090160

Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above named respondent:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at Office of Administrative Hearings, 320 W. Fourth St., Ste. 630, Los Angeles, CA May 16, 2000 _, at the hour of <u>9:00 a.m.</u>, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you. If you object to the place of hearing, you must notify the presiding administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days after this notice is served on you. Failure to notify the presiding administrative law judge within ten days will deprive you of a change in the place of the hearing.

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter and pay his or her costs. The interpreter must be certified in accordance with Sections 11435.30 and 11435.55 of the Government Code.

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

Dated: <u>April</u> 17, 2000

Counsel

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NO. H- 28209 LA

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NOTICE OF REJECTION AND ORDER REMANDING CASE TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

(Section 11517 of the Government Code)

Respondent CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE

Respondent

In the Matter of the Accusation of

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

and his Counsel RONALD TALMO:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Proposed Decision herein dated December 21, 1999, of the Administrative Law Judge is not adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner. A copy of the Proposed Decision dated December 21, 1999, is attached hereto for your consideration.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, in accordance with Section 11517(c) of the Government Code, that this case be referred to Leslie H. Greenfield, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, for the sole purpose of receiving

additional evidence and clarification regarding the previous discipline imposed on Respondent in Case Number H-1998 SA to determine if the Proposed Decision dated December 21, 1999, in this matter should be changed. 19 leway 23 DATED: PAULA ŖEDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner



BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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Oral and documentary evidence and evidence by way of stipulation on the record having been received and the matter submitted, the Administrative Law Judge finds as follows:

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- 1. Thomas McCrady, Deputy Real Estate Commissioner, Department of Real Estate, made the Amended Accusation in his official capacity.
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- 3. It was not established by credible evidence that on July 15, 1997, while engage in licensed activities for Re/Max Premier Realtor located in Irvine, California, respondent took a listing, an Exclusive Authorization and Right To Sell the real property known as 13 Chardonnay. Irvine, California, owned by Rueben and Christine Padilla. Nor was it established that respondent recommended renting the property, which had became vacant due to the military deployment overseas, to a friend named Denise Koval (Koval) as a means of increasing its salability, stating that she would be a "good tenant" and pay her bills. Nor was it established that On September 24, 1997, the Padilla's relying on respondent's representation about Koval, entered into a Residential Lease Or Month-To-Month Rental Agreement with Koval. These unsubstantiated acts, even if true, would not constitute negligence or the making of a substantial misrepresentation such as to justify discipline underthe Business and Professions Code.
- 4. On January 12, 1998, respondent took a listing for an Exclusive Authorization To Rent or Lease for the real property known as 1 Greenleaf Drive, Irvine California, owned by Robert and Dorothy Hoyt. This agreement gave respondent the right to locate a tenant for a one-year lease. After a meeting with Hoyt's son, respondent showed Koval the apartment and entered into an agreement with her for her to lease the apartment, without first running a credit check, receiving payment of the first month's rent or the required security deposit and without the signature of the Hoyts to any written lease. Although Koval entered the premises by means of obtaining of a key to open the lock box herself, respondent showed her the apartment and was responsible for her occupying the premises. Upon discovering Koval's residing on the premises. Hoyt contacted resopondent's Broker, who initiated eviction proceedings. Respondent, however, interfered with the eviction process on the basis that he believed Koval was going to pay the rent when it was clearly obvious that she had no ability or intent to do so. Respondent's prior knowledge of her writing bad checks was more than sufficient to put him on notice that she was an unreliable tenant. Further respondent's reliance on Koval's assurances that a prior "friend" would be responsible for the rent was not credible and did not excuse respondent's primary responsibilities to his clients, the Hoyts.
- 5. Although alleged in the Accusation, no credible evidence was offered to establish the grounds of the prior discipline other than the Decision After Reconsideration and Order by the Real Estate Commissioner. As such it is not possible to determine if respondent's discipline if any should be enhanced by the prior disciplinary Order.

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Pursuant to the foregoing findings of fact, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

- 1. No cause exists to suspend or revoke the real estate license of respondent pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 10177(g), 10177(d), 10176(a) and/or 10177(k), based on Finding 3.
- 2. Cause exists to suspend or revoke the real estate license of respondent pursuant to Business and Profession Code sections) 10177(g), 10177(d), 10176(a), and 10177(k), by reason of Finding 4.
- 4. In determining the proper disciplinary Order in this proposed decision, no consideration has been given to the Commissioner's prior Decision of January 30, 1997.

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

Real estate salesperson's license ID#00595531, issued to respondent Charles Duffy Riebe is revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department 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 Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of section 10156.6 of said Code:

- 1. The restricted license issued to respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 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.
- 2. The restricted license issued to respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that respondent has violated

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provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.

- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until three years have elapsed from the effective date of the Decision herein.
- 4. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department of Real Estate which shall certify:
 - a. That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
 - b. That the employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required.

Respondent shall, within nine months from the effective date of this decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that she has taken and successfully completed the courses specified in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 10170.5 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. The restricted license issued pursuant to this Decision shall be deemed to be the first renewal of respondent's real estate salesperson license for the purpose of applying the provisions of Section 10153.4. Upon renewal of the license issued pursuant to this Decision or upon reinstatement of Respondent's real estate license, Respondent shall submit evidence of having 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, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

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Respondent shall, within six months from the effective date of the Decision herein, 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 respondent's license until respondent passes the examination.

Dated: December 21, 1999

Leslie H. Greenfield

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings.

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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

In the Matter of the Accusation of

CHARLES DUFFY RIEBE,

Case No.

OAH No. L-1999090160

Respondent

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above named respondent:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at office of Administrative Hearings, 320 W. Fourth St., Ste. 630, Los Angeles, CA 90013 on November 22, 23, & 24, 1999 , at the hour of 9:00 a.m or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Accusation served upon you. If you object to the place of hearing, you must notify the presiding administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings within ten (10) days after this notice is served on you. Failure to notify the presiding administrative law judge within ten days will deprive you of a change in the place of the hearing.

You may be present at the hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. You are not entitled to the appointment of an attorney to represent you at public expense. You are entitled to represent yourself without legal counsel. If you are not present in person nor represented by counsel at the hearing, the Department may take disciplinary action against you based upon any express admission or other evidence including affidavits, without any notice to you.

You may present any relevant evidence and will be given full opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses testifying against you. You are entitled to the issuance of subpenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents or other things by applying to the Department of Real Estate.

The hearing shall be conducted in the English language. If you want to offer the testimony of any witness who does not proficiently speak the English language, you must provide your own interpreter and pay his or her costs. The interpreter must be certified in accordance with Sections 11435.30 and 11435.55 of the Government Code.

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Dated at Los Angeles, California this 9th day of August, 1999.

THOMAS MC CRADY

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

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