

THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of) DRE No. H-28358 LA)
OAH No. L-2000020522
ANDY ESPINEIRA,

Respondent.

ORDER DENYING RECONSIDERATION

On January 29, 2001, a Decision was rendered in the aboveentitled matter. The Decision was to become effective at 12 o'clock noon on February 28, 2001.

Orders Staying Effective Date were issued staying the effective date for a period of forty (40) days until 12 o'clock noon on April 9, 2001.

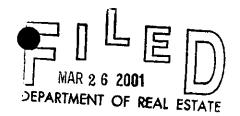
On February 20, 2001, respondent petitioned for reconsideration of the Decision of January 29, 2001, and submitted argument in support of his petition for reconsideration on March 22, 2001.

I have given due consideration to the petition of respondent. I find no good cause to reconsider the Decision of January 29, 2001, and reconsideration is hereby denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED CORNEL 5 , 2001

PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner





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Respondent.

ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

On January 29, 2001, a Decision was rendered in the above-entitled matter to become effective February 28, 2001. On February 22, 2001, an ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE stayed the effective date of February 28, 2001, for 30 days, staying the effective date until March 30, 2001.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision of January 29, 2001, is stayed for a period of 10 days.

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The Decision of January 29, 2001, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on April 9, 2001.

DATED <u>March 26, 2001</u>

Randolph Brendia Regional Manager

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ORDER STAYING EFFECTIVE DATE

On January 29, 2001 a Decision After Rejection

18 was rendered in the above-entitled matter to become effective

19 February 28, 2001.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the effective date of the Decision of January 29, 2001, is stayed for a period of 30 days.

The Decision of January 29, 2001, shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on March 30, 2001.

DATED 2-32-41

Randolph Brendia Regional Manager

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DECISION AFTER REJECTION

The matter came on for hearing before H. Stuart Waxman, Administrative Law Judge, of the Office of Administrative Hearings, in Los Angeles, California, on June 15, 2000.

Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel, represented the Complainant. Respondent was present and was represented by Frank Buda, Esq.

Evidence was received, the hearing was closed, and the matter was submitted.

On July 3, 2000, the Administrative Law Judge submitted a Proposed Decision which I declined to adopt as my Decision herein. Pursuant to Section 11517(c) of the Government Code of

the State of California, Respondent was served with notice of my determination not to adopt the Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge along with a copy of said Proposed Decision. On September 29, 2000, Respondent was notified that the case would be decided by me upon the record, the transcript of proceedings held on June 15, 2000, and upon written argument offered by Respondent, which has been received.

I have given careful consideration to the record in this case, including the transcript of the proceedings of June 15, 2000.

After further consideration of the matter, the following shall constitute the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner in the above-entitled matter:

FACTUAL FINDINGS

The Findings of Fact set forth in the Proposed Decision dated July 3, 2000, of the Administrative Law Judge are adopted as the Findings of Fact of the Real Estate Commissioner.

LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

The Legal Conclusions of the Proposed Decision are not adopted. In their place the following Legal Conclusions are made.

Respondent has made considerable efforts towards rehabilitation since his convictions. Nevertheless, the convictions which are the basis for this matter are relatively recent, and are of a very serious nature. The maintenance and operation of an automobile "chop shop" involves active participation in the theft of automobiles and automobile parts in

disregard for the rights and interests of others, and as such, is a crime involving dishonesty and reflects adversely on trustworthiness. The crime of possessing drugs for sale and the fact that in connection therewith respondent was willingly allowing his own premises to be used to store drugs for sale also reflects negatively on his overall values for honesty and trustworthiness. Additionally it is noted that respondent remains on probation. This indicates that his rehabilitation is not complete. For the foregoing reasons and contrary to the determination of the administrative law judge who heard this matter, it is my determination that respondent has not sustained his burden that he can be licensed at this time without harm to the public. It is my determination that it would not be in the public's interest to issue any type of real estate license to respondent until additional time has passed in which to more fully and completely measure his rehabilitation. As such cause exists for the denial of respondent's application pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 480(a) and Section 10177(b) of the Business and Professions Code.

ORDER

Respondent's application for a real estate salesperson license is denied. There is no statutory restriction on when application may again be made for this license. If and when application is again made for the license, all competent evidence of rehabilitation presented by respondent will be considered by the Real Estate Commissioner. A copy of the Commissioner's

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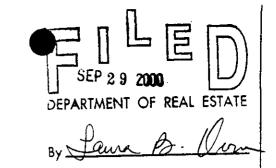
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Criteria of Rehabilitation is appended hereto for the information of respondent. This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on February 28 2001. IT IS SO ORDERED 2001. PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner



BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of ANDY ESPINEIRA,

No. H-28358 LA

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Respondent.

NOTICE

TO: ANDY ESPINEIRA, Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Proposed Decision herein dated July 3, 2000, of the Administrative Law Judge is not adopted as the Decision of the Real Estate Commissioner. A copy of the Proposed Decision dated July 3, 2000, is attached hereto for your information.

In accordance with Section 11517(c) of the Government Code of the State of California, the disposition of this case will be determined by me after consideration of the record herein including the transcript of the proceedings held on June 15,

2000, and any written argument hereafter submitted on behalf of respondent and complainant.

Written argument of respondent to be considered by me must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the transcript of the proceedings of June 15, 2000, at the Los Angeles office of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown.

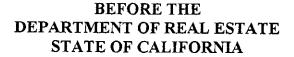
Written argument of complainant to be considered by me must be submitted within 15 days after receipt of the argument of respondent at the Los Angeles Office of the Department of Real Estate unless an extension of the time is granted for good cause shown.

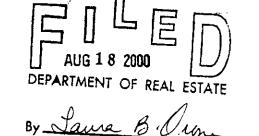
DATED: 2000.

PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner

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PROPOSED DECISION

On June 15, 2000, in Los Angeles, California, H. Stuart Waxman, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, State of California, heard this matter.

Complainant, Thomas McCrady, was represented by Elliott Mac Lennan, Staff Counsel.

Respondent, Andy Espineira ("Respondent"), was represented by Frank M. Buda, Attorney at Law.

Oral and documentary evidence was received. The record was closed and the matter was submitted for decision.

FACTUAL FINDINGS

The Administrative Law Judge makes the following Factual Findings:

- 1. The Statement of Issues was made by Thomas McCrady, Complainant, who is a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, acting in his official capacity.
- 2. On or about April 20, 1999, Respondent submitted an application to the Department of Real Estate ("the Department") for a real estate salesperson license. The application was denied and this matter ensued.

- 3. On January 22, 1998, in Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, in Case No. VA043330, Respondent was convicted, on his plea of nolo contendere, of violation of Vehicle Code section 10801 (owning/operating a "chop shop") and Health and Safety Code section 11378 (possession of a controlled substance for sale), both felonies involving moral turpitude, and crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a real estate salesperson.
- 4. Respondent was sentenced to 365 days in Los Angeles County Jail less credit for 2 days¹ and was placed on formal probation for a period of three (3) years. Among the terms and conditions of his probation were that he pay lab analysis fees and restitution to the Restitution Fund, totaling \$600; pay restitution through his probation officer in the sum of \$1672; not drink any alcoholic beverage and stay out of places where they are the chief item of sale; not use or possess any narcotics, dangerous or restricted drugs or associated paraphernalia absent a valid prescription, and stay away from places where users, buyers or sellers congregate except in an authorized drug counseling program; not associate with narcotic or drug users or sellers; submit to anti-narcotic tests; seek and maintain training, schooling or employment; not drive a motor vehicle unless lawfully licensed and insured; and not own, use or possess any dangerous or deadly weapons.
- 5. Respondent committed the crimes underlying the conviction in June of 1997 at a time when he was abusing drugs and was experiencing difficulties in his young marriage. He was operating an axle rebuilding shop. He accepted an offer of \$500 to allow an individual to use his shop to dismantle a vehicle. In addition, he permitted the individuals on the property next door to his shop to store methamphetamines in his shop in exchange for free methamphetamines.

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¹ In lieu of the full 363 days, Respondent was permitted to serve 30 days in the jail and seven (7) months under house arrest. During that seven months, he could leave his home only to go to and from his place of employment.

- 6. Immediately following his arrest, Respondent sought help for his drug dependency by checking himself into Oasis Treatment Center, a live-in drug rehabilitation facility. He received both personal treatment in individual and group settings, and family and marriage counseling. (Although they were experiencing other marital difficulties, until his arrest, Respondent's wife had been unaware of his drug use and other illegal activity.) Respondent learned how to stop using drugs, saved his marriage, and eventually began reaching out to other residents of the facility. His participation in the program was completely voluntary and was not court-ordered. (In fact, he had not yet been sentenced at the time he entered the facility.) He also voluntarily began attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, something he continues to do today even though his attendance at the meetings is not a term or condition of his probation. Respondent remained at Oasis Treatment Center approximately seven months, leaving only when required to do so in order to serve his court-ordered jail time. He went directly from the facility to Los Angeles County Jail. Respondent sincerely believes his life changed at Oasis Treatment Center. The evidence supports that belief.
- 7. As part of his sentence, Respondent was required to participate in a drug recovery program at Acton Rehabilitation Center. While at the facility, he attended Alcoholics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings. He successfully completed the program.
- 8. Respondent is 29-years-old and has been married 3 ½ years. He has changed his life dramatically since his arrest. He is drug and alcohol free. He no longer associates with those who were selling drugs or dismantling vehicles, and he has developed new friends. He has saved his marriage through counseling and now has a very good relationship with his wife. Albeit initially angry over his arrest, Respondent's wife now considers Respondent to be her "best friend", a kind person with a "strong head on his shoulders", who is striving to make a good life for himself and his wife. Respondent is an honest person who has greatly improved his attitude about life in general. He is sincerely remorseful for his criminal acts and the deleterious effects they had on his family. He has new and appropriate goals, primarily relating to a career in real estate. He is convinced he will not re-offend.
- 9. Respondent is scheduled to complete probation in approximately six months. He is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of his probation and has not been guilty of any violations. He sees his probation officer once per month and submits to random drug testing. That testing has not revealed any positive results.

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- 10. Respondent maintains a close relationship with his extended family as well as with his wife. He has grown closer to his mother and father since his arrest. He spends a great deal of time with his parents and his in-laws, something he did not do before his arrest. In a showing of support, Respondent's wife, parents and in-laws accompanied him to Oasis Treatment Center on the day he checked himself in. His family continues to support him today.
- 11. Respondent has worked in the mortgage lending industry since October or November of 1998. He began as a loan processor at Western Home Mortgage in Irvine and was shortly thereafter promoted to oversee new hires. Since October of 1999, he has worked as a loan agent for American Home loans in Mission Viejo. He has been successful in both positions and has received glowing recommendations from his employers, both of whom are aware of his convictions.
- 12. Respondent's next door neighbor has been a real estate broker since the 1980's. Five real estate salespersons presently work under her license. She has known Respondent for approximately five years and is aware of his convictions. She believes Respondent has completely changed his life since his arrest and is now very honest and trustworthy. She is prepared to hire and supervise Respondent as a real estate salesperson if he is granted a restricted license.
- 13. Respondent has taken the real estate principles course and has passed the state real estate examination. He is extremely motivated to obtain his salesperson license in order to take advantage of the many opportunities available in the industry and to make a better life for himself and his family.

LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

Pursuant to the foregoing Factual Findings, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following legal conclusions:

1. Cause exists for the denial of Respondent's application pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 480(a), as that section interacts with section 10177(b), for conviction of a crime, as set forth in Findings 3, 4 and 5.

Respondent has made extraordinary strides toward rehabilitation since his arrest in June of 1997. He began that rehabilitation before his conviction, choosing to immediately admit himself into an inpatient drug recovery program where he voluntarily remained for seven months until he was incarcerated in compliance with his sentence.

Although he is still on probation and is scheduled to remain so for another approximately six months, Respondent has satisfied the vast majority of the Department's applicable rehabilitation criteria, set forth in Title 10, California Code of Regulations, section 2911. For example, more than two years have elapsed since his conviction [subdivision a)]. He has paid restitution [subdivision (b)]. He has abstained from the use of controlled substances and alcohol [subdivision (e)]. He has paid his fines [subdivision (f)]. He enjoys a stable family life [subdivision (g)]. He has engaged in vocational training in the mortgage lending and real estate industries [subdivision (h)]. He corrected his business practices [subdivision (j)]. He has developed different social and business relationships from those which existed at the time he committed his crimes [subdivision (l)], and he has changed his attitude significantly from that which existed in June of 1997 [subdivision (m)].

Respondent has demonstrated remarkable determination to change his life from one of crimes and drugs to one of success and respectability. He has achieved that goal to the extent he can short of licensure. He is drug and alcohol free and is a respected member of the business community. He enjoys the unwavering support of his immediate and extended family. He has proven himself to be committed to a clean, sober and law-abiding life through his efforts in two drug recovery programs, his continued involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous, his work in the mortgage lending industry and his devotion to his family. The public interest should not be adversely affected by granting Respondent a properly conditioned restricted salesperson license.

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ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

Respondent's application for a real estate salesperson license is denied; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code. The restricted license issued to the 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 license shall not confer any property right in the privileges to be exercised, and the Real Estate Commissioner may by appropriate order suspend the right to exercise any privileges granted under this restricted license in the event of:
- (a) The conviction of Respondent (including a plea of nolo contendere) of a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee; or
- (b) The receipt of evidence 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 this restricted license.
- 2. 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 attaching to the restricted license until three (3) years have elapsed from the date of issuance of the restricted license to Respondent.

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- 3. With the application for license, or with the application for transfer to a new employing broker, Respondent shall submit a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form RE 552 (Rev. 4/88) approved by the Department of Real Estate which shall certify as follows:
- (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision which is the basis for the issuance of the restricted license; and
- (b) That the employing broker will carefully review all transaction documents prepared by the restricted licensee and otherwise exercise close supervision over the licensee's performance of acts for which a license is required.

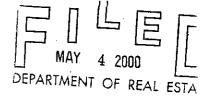
DATED: July 3, 2000

H. STUART WAXMAN Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings



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Respondent(s))	

CORRECTED AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION

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 West Fourth Street Suite 630, Los Angeles, California, 90013-1105 on JUNE 15, 2000 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Statement of Issues 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.

The burden of proof is upon you to establish that you are entitled to the license or other action sought. If you are not present nor represented at the hearing, the Department may act upon your application without taking evidence.

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 for 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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Respondent

MAR 24 2000
DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

NOTICE OF CONTINUED HEARING ON APPLICATION

To the above-named Respondent:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held before the Department of Real Estate at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 630, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105 on WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000, at the hour of 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, upon the Statement of Issues served upon you. If you object to the place of hearing, you must notify the presiding administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative the presiding administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative the presiding administrative law judge within ten days will deprive you of a change the place of the hearing.

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Dated: March 24, 2000

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Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel 66674 Department of Real Estate 320 W. 4th Street, CA 90113-1105 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6911 5 6 8 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 11 In the Matter of the Application of No. H- 28358 LA 12 ANDY ESPINEIRA, STATEMENT OF ISSUES 13 14 Respondent. 15 16 The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner 17 of the State of California, for Statement of Issues against ANDY ESPINEIRA, is informed 18 and alleges in his official capacity as follows: 19 20 Respondent made application to the Department of Real Estate of the State 21 of California for a real estate salesperson license on or about April 20, 1999, subject to 22 23 Section 10153.4(c) under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the California 24

Business and Professions Code) (Code).

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10	Section 2910, Chapter 6, Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations, to the
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14	The crimes, as alleged, above, constitute cause for denial of respondent's
15	application for a real estate license under Sections 480(a) and 10177(b) of the Code.
16	These proceedings are brought under the provisions of Section 10100,
17	Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California and Sections
18	111500 through 11528 of the Government Code of the State of California.
19	Dated at Los Angeles, California
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	Deputy Real Estate Commissioner
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26	Cc: Andy Espineira Sacto
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