1 Department of Real Estate 320 West Fourth Street, #350 2 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 -or-(213) 576-6914 4 AUG 1 4 2001 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of ) 12 NO. H-28939 LA NKL, INC., a corporation doing L-2001020391 13 business as "Century 21 Center Realty, " and FRANKLIN D. LEE, STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT 14 individually and as designated AS TO RESPONDENT officer of NKL, INC., NKL, INC. 15 Respondents. 16 17 It is hereby stipulated by and between NKL, INC., 18 ("Respondent NKL"), FRANKLIN D. LEE, acting in his capacity as 19 designated broker officer of Respondent NKL, INC., and the 20 Complainant, acting by and through Martha J. Rosett, Counsel for 21 the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of 22 settling and disposing of the First Amended Accusation filed on 23 April 6, 2001, in this matter: . 24 1. All issues which were to be contested and all 25 evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent 26 NKL at a formal hearing on the First Amended Accusation, which 27

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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Respondent has received, read and understands the
Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and
the First Amended Accusation filed by the Department of Real
Estate in this proceeding.

On February 7, 2001, Respondent filed a Notice of 9 3. Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the 10 11 purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the 12 In order to effectuate this settlement, Respondent Accusation. hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. 13 14 Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, he will thereby waive his right to 15 16 require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the First 17 Amended Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that he will waive other rights 18 19 afforded to him in connection with the hearing such as the right 20 to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses. 21<sup>.</sup>

4. Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth
below, although not admitting or denying the truth of the
allegations, will not contest the factual allegations contained
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It is understood by the parties that the Real 1 5. Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as 2 her Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and 3 sanctions on Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights 4 5 as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in her discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and 6 7 Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent 8 shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the First 9 Amended Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein. 10

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
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17 7. The Stipulation is entered into by each party with 18 the express understanding and agreement that it is to be used for 19 the purposes of settling these proceedings only and that this 20 stipulation shall not be deemed, used, or accepted as an 21 acknowledgment or stipulation in any other civil or 22 administrative proceeding to which this Department is not a 23 Said stipulation is expressly limited to these party. proceedings and to any further proceeding initiated by or brought 24 25 before the Department of Real Estate, and shall have no 26 collateral estoppel or res judicata effect in any proceeding 27 other than a proceeding brought by the Department of Real Estate.

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## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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2	By reason of the foregoing stipulations and waivers and
3	solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending First Amended
. 4	Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that
5	the following Determination of Issues shall be made:
6	The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent NKL,
7	INC., as set forth in the First Amended Accusation, constitute
8	cause to suspend or revoke the real estate license and license
9	rights of Respondent NKL under the provisions of Business and
10	Professions Code ("Code") sections 10177(k), 10165, 10177(g), and
11	10177(d) for violation of Code Sections 10145 and 10161.8 and
12	Sections 2835, 2831.2, 2832, and 2752 of Title 10, Chapter 6,
13	California Code of Regulations ("Regulations.")
14	ORDER
15	WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:
16	All licenses and licensed rights of Respondent NKL,
17	INC. under the Real Estate Law are <u>revoked;</u> provided, however,
18	a restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to
19	Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and
20	Professions Code if Respondent:
21	a) makes application therefor and pays to the Department of
22 <sub>1</sub>	Real Estate the appropriate fee for the restricted license
23	within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision;
24	and
25	b) through its designated officer-broker, submits to the
26	Department a plan for supervising the activities of the
27	corporation.
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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 that Code:

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.

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.

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 two years have elapsed from the
effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit with any application for
 license under any broker designated pursuant to Code Section
 10159.2 to be responsible for the supervision of the real estate
 activities of Respondent corporation under the real estate laws,
 or any application for transfer to a designated officer-broker, a

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1	statement signed by the prospective designated officer-broker	
2	shall certify:	
3	(a) That the designated officer-broker has read the	
4	Decision of the Commissioner which granted Respondent	·
5	NKL the right to a restricted broker license and	
6	Respondent LEE the right to a restricted salesperson	
7	license; and	
8	(b) That the designated officer-broker will exercise	
9	close supervision over the performance by the	
10	restricted corporate licensee relating to activities	
. 11	for which a real estate license is required.	
12	5. Respondent agrees that pursuant to this stipulation	c.
13	and agreement, FRANKLIN D. LEE may not, for the duration of this	
14	restriction, serve as a signatory on any trust account held on	
15	behalf of clients by Respondent corporate broker nor be	
16	responsible for the handling of trust account records, nor be	
17	responsible for the supervision of other salespeople.	
18	6. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and	-
. 19	Professions Code, Respondent NKL shall pay the Commissioner's	• ,
20	reasonable cost for: a) the audit which led to this disciplinary	•
21	action and, b) a subsequent audit to determine if Respondent has	
22	corrected the trust fund violations found in paragraph I of the	
23	Determination of Issues. In calculating the amount of the	. <u>.</u>
24	Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the	
25	estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits	
26	of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for	
27	travel time to an from the auditor's place of work. Respondent	
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NKL shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice 1 from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during 2 the audit and the amount of time spent performing those 3 activities. The Commissioner may suspend the restricted license 4 issued to Respondent NKL pending a hearing held in accordance 5 with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment 6 is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in 7 a subsequent agreement between the Respondent NKL and the 8 Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until 9 payment is made in full or until Respondent enters into an 10 agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for 11 12 payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted 13 following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

Respondent understands that by agreeing to this
Stipulation and Agreement, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to
Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, the cost of
the audit which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of
said costs is \$ 1,771.24.

Respondent has received, read and understands the 8. 19 20 "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit". Respondent 21 further understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, the findings set forth above in the DETERMINATION OF 22 ISSUES become final, and that the Commissioner may charge 23 Respondent for the costs of any subsequent audit conducted 24 pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code to 25 determine if the violations have been corrected. 26 The maximum cost of said audit will not exceed \$1,771.24. 27

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9. Each new designated broker must, with its broker designation form, submit a plan for supervising the activities of the corporation. DATED: 0/0/0/ Martha J. ROSETT Counsel for Complainant

8 I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to · 9 10 I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the me. 11 California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the 12 13 Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily 14 waive those rights, including the right of requiring the 15 Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a 16 hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine 17 witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and 18 mitigation of the charges.

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the 19 20 terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing 21 a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, 22 to the Department at the following fax number: (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by 23 electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of his actual 24 signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, that 25 26 receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding

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on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation and Agreement. 6/27/01 DATED: designated officer FRANKLIN D. LEE, on behalf of NKL, INC., Respondent The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on September 4, IT IS SO ORDERED PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN Real Estate Commissioner 

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15 16	Respondents. )
17	It is hereby stipulated by and between FRANKLIN D. LEE
18	(hereinafter "Respondent"), acting on his own behalf, and the
19	Complainant, acting by and through Martha J. Rosett, Counsel for
20	the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of
21	settling and disposing of the First Amended Accusation filed on
22	April 6, 2001, in this matter:
23	1. All issues which were to be contested and all
24	evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent
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Respondent has received, read and understands the 2. 5 Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and 6 the First Amended Accusation filed by the Department of Real 7 Estate in this proceeding.

8 3. On February 7, 2001, Respondent filed a Notice of 9 Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the 10 purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the 11 Accusation. In order to effectuate this settlement, Respondent 12 hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. 13 Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by withdrawing 14 said Notice of Defense, he will thereby waive his right to 15 require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the First 16 Amended Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with 17 the provisions of the APA and that he will waive other rights 18 afforded to him in connection with the hearing such as the right 19 to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the 20 Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

21 Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth 4. 22 below, although not admitting or denying the truth of the 23 allegations, will not contest the factual allegations contained 24 in the First Amended Accusation filed in this proceeding and the 25 Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further 26 evidence of such allegations.

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11 6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real
12 Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and
13 Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any
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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 First Amended Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following Determination of Issues shall be made:

7 The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent 8 FRANKLIN D. LEE, as set forth in the First Amended Accusation, 9 constitute cause to suspend or revoke the real estate license and 10 license rights of Respondent LEE under the provisions of Business 11 and Professions Code ("Code") sections 10177(k), 10165, 10177(g), 12 and 10177(d) for violation of Code Sections 10145 and 10161.8 and 13 Sections 2835, 2831.2, 2832, and 2752 of Title 10, Chapter 6, 14 California Code of Regulations ("Regulations.")

15 16 The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent LEE in 17 causing, allowing, or permitting Respondent NKL, INC. to violate 18 the Real Estate Law, as described herein above, constitutes 19 failure on the part of Respondent LEE, as the officer designated 20 by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise reasonable 21 supervision and control over the licensed activities of 22 Respondent NKL, INC. as required by Code Section 10159.2. Said 23 conduct is cause to suspend or revoke the license and license 24 rights of Respondent LEE pursuant to the provisions of Code 25 Section 10177(h).

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## WHEREFORE. THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

3	All licenses and licensed rights of Respondent FRANKLIN
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5	a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to
6	Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and
7	Professions Code if Respondent makes application therefor and
8	pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for the
9	restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this
10	Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be
11	subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the
12	Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations,
13	conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section
14	10156.6 of that Code:

The restricted license issued to Respondent may be 1. 15 suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 16 Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea of 17 nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to 18 Respondent's fitness or capacity as a real estate licensee. 19

The restricted license issued to Respondent may be 20 2. suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate 21 Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that 22 Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate 23 Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real Estate 24 Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license. 25 Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for the 3. 26

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Respondent shall submit with any application for 4. 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:

- That the employing broker has read the (a) Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
- That the employing broker will exercise (b) 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 5. effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate 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, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the Respondent presents such The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the evidence. 25 opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative 26 Procedure Act to present such evidence. 27

Respondent shall, within six months from the 6. 'n effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional 2 Responsibility Examination administered by the Department з including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may 5 order suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent passes 6 the examination. 7

7. Respondent may not be signatory on any trust account held by a corporate or individual real estate broker, nor 9 may he be responsible for maintaining trust account records. 10 Respondent may not be responsible for the 8. 11 supervision of other salesperson in any real estate business in 12 which he works. 13

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J. Counsel for Complainant

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FRANKLIN D. Respondent

17 The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby 18 adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective 19 at 12 o'clock noon on September 4, 2001. 20 IT IS SO ORDERED I II G 21 PAULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN 22 Real/Estate Commissioner 23 li II V 24 25 26 27

# **BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE**

## **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

NKL, INC., a corporation, doing business as "Century 21 Center Realty" and FRANKLIN D. LEE, individually and as designated officer of NKL, INC., Case No. <u>H-28939 LA</u>

OAH No. L-2001020391



Respondent(s)

## NOTICE OF CONTINUED HEARING ON ACCUSATION

#### To the above-named Respondent(s):

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 <u>WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY,</u> <u>JUNE 27, 28 and 29, 2001,</u> 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

Βv J. WROSETT, Counsel ዋጥቸል.

Dated: <u>April 19, 2001</u>

cc: NKL, Inc. Franklin D. Lee Eric Goff Young Oh Sacto. OAH

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13	Realty, " and FRANKLIN D. LEE, ) <u>ACCUSATION</u> individually and as designated )						
14	officer of NKL, INC., )						
15	Respondents. )						
. 16	The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate						
17	Commissioner of the State of California, does hereby amend the						
18	Accusation filed on January 25, 2001 against NKL, INC., a						
19	corporation doing business as "Century 21 Center Realty," and						
20	FRANLKIN D. LEE, individually and as designated officer of NKL,						
21	INC., and is informed and alleges as follows:						
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. 24	The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate						
25	Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in						
26	his official capacity.						
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At all times material herein, Respondent NKL, INC. 2 (hereinafter "Respondent NKL") was and now is presently licensed 3 and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of 4 Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code 5 (hereinafter "Code"), as a restricted corporate real estate 6 broker. Respondent NKL is authorized to act by and through 7 Respondent FRANKLIN D. LEE as the designated officer and broker 8 responsible, pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10159.2, 9 for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on 10 behalf of NKL by NKL's officers and employees. 11 3. 12 At all times material herein, Respondent FRANKLIN D. 13 LEE (hereinafter "Respondent LEE") was and now is presently 14 licensed by the Department of Real Estate (hereinafter 15 "Department") individually as a restricted real estate broker and 16 as the designated broker-officer of Respondent NKL. As the 17 designated broker-officer, LEE was and is responsible for the 18 supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of 19 NKL by NKL's officers and employees as necessary to secure full 20 compliance with the Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Section 21 10159.2. 22 23

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All further references to "Respondents," unless otherwise specified, include the parties identified in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and also include the officers, directors, employees, agents and real estate licensees employed by or

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associated with said parties, who at all times material herein were engaged in the furtherance of the business or operations of said parties and who were acting within the course and scope of their authority, agency or employment.

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At all times material herein, Respondents engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate brokers in the State of California, within the meaning of Code Sections 10131(a) and (b), for another or others, for or in expectation of compensation. Said activity included representation of sellers and buyers of residential property and the collection of rents and property management on behalf of the owners of rental properties.

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During the period between October 12, 1999 through 15 September 29, 2000, in connection with the aforesaid real estate 16 brokerage activities, Respondents accepted or received funds, 17 including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on 18 behalf of actual and prospective tenants and thereafter made 19 deposits and/or disbursements of such funds. From time to time 20 herein mentioned, said trust funds were deposited into a trust 21 account maintained by Respondents in Account No. 21757-31833, 22 known as the "NKL Inc. Property Management Trust Account" 23 (hereinafter "Trust Account") at Bank of America located at 12221 24 E. Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, California. 25

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PRIOR DISCIPLINE

7.

On May 14, 1999, the Department brought an Accusation against Respondents NKL, INC. and LEE, in case number H-28129 LA. The Accusation stemmed from trust fund violations discovered during two audits of the Respondents' property management and resale business (Audit No. LA 980411 and Audit No. LA 980245). Pursuant to a Stipulation and Agreement and Order of the Commissioner, H-28129 LA, effective October 12, 1999, Respondents' real estate broker licenses were revoked, with rights to restricted broker licenses. On or about October 12, 1999, Respondents each applied for and were issued restricted broker licenses.

Among the terms and conditions of each restricted license was a condition requiring designated broker LEE to submit a Trust Fund Position Statement to the Real Estate Commissioner within thirty days of the last day of each calendar quarter. (The contents of said Trust Fund Position Statement is set forth in Paragraph III of the Order, found on Pages 7 and 8 of the Stipulation and Agreement.)

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## FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION: AUDIT NO. LA 990272

On or about March 9, 2000, the Department completed a follow-up audit of Respondent NKL's books and records, pertaining to the real estate activities described in Paragraphs 5 and 6

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above, covering a period from approximately October 12, 1999 through January 31, 2000. The primary purpose of this audit was to determine Respondents' compliance with the Real Estate Laws and with the Stipulation in Case No. H-28129 LA: This examination, Audit No. LA 990272, revealed violations of the Code and of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), as set forth below.

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9 In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 5
10 and 6 above, and during the examination period described in
11 Paragraph 7, Respondents acted in violation of the Code and the
12 Regulations in that:

a) The Trust Account contained an overage of \$388.51 as of January 31, 2000, in violation of Regulation 2835;

b) Respondents failed to maintain a record of the
 reconciliation of all separate records with the control records
 during the audit period, in violation of Regulation 2831.2;

c) Rental receipts received by the broker were held beyond the next three business days following the receipt of funds without written authorization, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832;

d) Respondents failed to notify the Department of the termination of six (6) licensees, in violation of Regulation 2752 and Code Section 10161.8; and

e) As of the Audit completion date, Respondents had not provided the Department a Trust Fund Position Statement for the quarter ending 12/31/99 and Respondents were therefore not in

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compliance with the Stipulation and Order in H-28129 LA, in violation of Code Section 10177(k).

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents NKL, INC. and LEE under the provisions of Code Sections 10145, 10165, 10177(d), 10177(k), and/or 10177(g).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION: AUDIT NO. LA 990519

10.

9 Complainant incorporates herein by this reference the 10 Preamble and all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 11 through 9 above.

11.

Subsequent to March 9, 2000, and the completion of 13 Department Audit No. LA 990272, Respondent NKL submitted to the 14 Department a Trust Fund Position Statement for the quarter ending 15 December 31, 1999. On October 25, 2000, the Department completed 16 a review of the Trust Fund Position Statement and related trust 17 fund records of Respondent NKL for the quarter ending December 18 This examination, Audit No. LA 990519, revealed 31, 1999. 19 violations of the Code and Regulations as set forth below. 20

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In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 11, Respondents acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that:

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a) As of the quarter ending December 31, 1999, the Trust Account contained a shortage of \$1,228.91, in violation of

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Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1;

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The Trust Fund Position Statement submitted for the b) quarter ending December 31, 1999 was not in compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement and the Order in H-28129 LA;

The control record maintained by Respondents did c) not contain all the required information, including the date trust funds were received, in violation of Regulation 2831; and

Respondents failed to maintain a reconciliation ď) 8 record of the balance of all separate records with the record of 9 all trust funds received and disbursed, in violation of 10 Regulation 2831.2. 11

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the 12 suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license 13 rights of Respondents NKL, INC. and LEE under the provisions of Code Sections 10145, 10177(d), 10177(k) and/or 10177(g). 15

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACCUSATION: AUDIT NO. LA 000002

13.

Complainant incorporates herein by this reference the Preamble and all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 12 above.

14.

Subsequent to March 9, 2000, and the completion of Department Audit No. LA 990272, Respondents submitted to the Department a Trust Fund Position Statement for the quarter ending March 31, 2000. On October 25, 2000, the Department completed a review of the Trust Fund Position Statement and related trust fund records of Respondent NKL for the quarter ending March 31,

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2000. This examination, in Audit No. LA 000002, revealed

violations of the Code and Regulations as set forth below.

15.

In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 5 4 and 6 above, and during the examination period described in 5 Paragraph 14, Respondents acted in violation of the Code and the 6 Regulations in that: 7

As of the quarter ending March 31, 2000; the Trust a) 8 Account contained a shortage of \$844.08, in violation of Code 9 Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1; 10

The Trust Fund Position Statement submitted for the b) 11 quarter ending March 31, 2000 was not in compliance with the 12 Stipulation/Order in H-28129 LA; 13

The control record maintained by NKL did not c) 14 contain all the required information, including the date trust 15 funds were received, in violation of Regulation 2831; 16

d) Respondents failed to maintain a reconciliation 17 record of the balance of all separate records with the record of 18 all trust funds received and disbursed, in violation of 19 Regulation 2831.2; and 20

Respondents did not disburse management fees earned e) and placed into the Trust Account in the amount of \$2,765.00 within twenty-five days, in violation of Regulation 2835.

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondents' real estate licenses under the provisions of Code Sections 10145, 10177(d), 10177(k), and/or 10177(g).

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#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION: AUDIT NO. LA 000305

16.

Complainant incorporates herein by this reference the Preamble and all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 15 above. 17. On February 23, 2001, the Department completed a review

of the Trust Fund Position Statement and related trust fund records of Respondent NKL for the quarter ending September 29, 2000. This examination, in Audit No. LA 000305, revealed violations of the Code and Regulations as set forth below.

18.

In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 5 and 6 above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 17, Respondents acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that:

a) As of the quarter ending September 29, 2000, the Trust Account contained a shortage of \$3,132.07, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1;

b) The Trust Fund Position Statement submitted for the
 quarter ending September 29, 2000 was not in compliance with the
 Stipulation/Order in H-28129 LA;

c) Respondents failed to maintain a reconciliation record of the balance of all separate records with the record of all trust funds received and disbursed, in violation of Regulation 2831.2; and

d) Respondents did not disburse, within twenty-five

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days, management fees earned and placed into the Trust Account in Ľ violation of Regulation 2835; 2 e) Separate records for each beneficiary or 3 transaction were not adequately maintained in that records of 4 disbursements made from the Trust Account did not always indicate 5 check numbers for the disbursements, in violation of Regulation 6 2831.1. 7 The foregoing violations constitute cause for the · 8 suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license 9 rights of Respondents NKL, INC. and LEE under the provisions of 10 Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(k), and/or 10177(g). 11 12 FIFTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION 13 (Violation of Code Section 10159.2) 14 19. 15 Complainant incorporates herein by reference the 16 Preamble and the allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 18, 17 inclusive. 18 20. 19 The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent LEE in 20 causing, allowing, or permitting Respondent NKL, INC. to violate 21 the Real Estate Law, as described herein above, constitute 22 failure on the part of Respondent LEE, as the officer designated 23 by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise the reasonable 24 supervision and control over the licensed activities of 25 Respondent NKL, INC. as required by Code Section 10159.2. Said 26 conduct is cause to suspend or revoke the real estate licenses 27

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and license rights of Respondent LEE, pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and/or 10177(h).

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be 3 conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon 4 proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary 5 action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents 6 NKL, INC., a corporation doing business as "Century 21 Center 7 Realty, " and FRANKLIN D. LEE, individually and as designated 8 officer of NKL, INC. under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of 9 Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), and for such 10 other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable 11 provisions of law. 12 Dated at Los Angeles, California 13 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001. 14 15 Thomas Mc Cu 16 Deputy Real Estate Complissioner 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 cc: NKL, Inc. Franklin D. Lee Sacto. 25 EC Audits 26 OAH 27 Thomas McCrady

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## NOTICE OF HEARING ON ACCUSATION

To the above-named Respondent(s):

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, 6th Floor, Suite 630, Los Angeles, California, on <u>APRIL 18 & 19, 2001</u>, 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 upon you. Failure to notify the presiding administrative law judge within ten days will deprive you of a change in the place of 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.

By:

Dated: <u>March 1, 2001</u>

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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8	DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of ) No. H-28939 LA
· 12	NKL, INC. a corporation, doing ) business as, "Century 21 Center )
13	Realty; " and FRANKLIN D. LEE, ) Individually and as designated )
14	officer of NKL, INC.,
15	Respondents. )
16	The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real
17	Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of
. 18	Accusation against NKL, INC., dba, "Century 21 Center Realty,"
19	and FRANKLIN D. LEE, individually and as designated officer of
20	NKL, INC., Respondents, is informed and alleges as follows:
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23	The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate
24	Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in
25	his official capacity.
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At all times material herein, Respondent NKL, INC., 2 (hereinafter "Respondent NKL,") was and now is presently licensed 3 and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of 4 Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code 5 (hereinafter "Code"), as a restricted corporate real estate 6 broker. Respondent NKL is authorized to act by and through 7 Respondent FRANKLIN D. LEE as the designated officer and broker 8 responsible, pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 10159.2 for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of NKL by NKL's officers and employees.

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At all times material herein, Respondent FRANKLIN D. 13 LEE, (hereinafter "Respondent LEE,") was and now is presently 14 licensed by the Department individually as a restricted real 15 estate broker and as the designated broker-officer of Respondent 16 As the designated broker-officer, LEE was and is NKL. 17 responsible for the supervision and control of the activities 18 conducted on behalf of NKL by NKL's officers and employees as 19 necessary to secure full compliance with the Real Estate Law 20 pursuant to Code Section 10159. 21

All further references to "Respondents," unless otherwise specified, include the party identified in Paragraphs 2 and 3 above, and also include the officers, directors, employees, agents and real estate licensees employed by or associated with said parties, who at all times material herein were engaged in

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the furtherance of the business or operations of said parties and who were acting within the course and scope of their authority, agency or employment.

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At all times material herein, Respondents engaged in 5 the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed 6 to act as real estate brokers in the State of California, within 7 the meaning of Code Sections 10131(a) and (b), for another or 8 others, for or in expectation of compensation. Said activity '9 included representation of sellers and buyers of residential 10 property and the collection of rents and property management on 11 behalf of the owners of rental properties. 12

6.

During the period between October 12, 1999 through 14 March 31, 2000, in connection with the aforesaid real estate 15 brokerage activities, Respondents accepted or received funds, 16 including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on 17 behalf of actual and prospective tenants and thereafter made 18 deposits and/or disbursements of such funds. From time to time 19 herein mentioned, said trust funds were deposited into a trust 20 account maintained by Respondents in Account No. 21757-31833, 21 known as the "NKL Inc. Property Management Trust Account" 22 (hereinafter "Trust Account") at Bank of America located at 12221 23 E. Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, California. 24

#### PRIOR DISCIPLINE

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On May 14, 1999, the Department brought an Accusation

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against Respondents NKL, INC. and LEE, in case number H-28129 LA. 1 The Accusation stemmed from trust fund violations discovered 2 during two audits of the Respondents' property management and 3 resale business. (Audit No. LA 980411 and Audit No. LA 980245) 4 Pursuant to a Stipulation and Agreement and Order of the 5 Commissioner, effective October 12, 1999, Respondents' real 6 estate broker licenses were revoked, with rights to restricted 7 broker licenses. On or about October 12, 1999, Respondents each 8 applied for and were issued restricted broker licenses. 9

Among the terms and conditions of each restricted 10 license was a condition requiring designated broker LEE to submit 11 a Trust Fund Position Statement to the Real Estate Commissioner 12 within thirty days of the last day of each calendar quarter. 13 (The contents of said Trust Fund Position Statement is set forth 14 in Paragraph III of the Order, found on Pages 7 and 8 of the 15 Stipulation and Agreement.) 16

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# FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION: AUDIT NO. LA 990272

8.

On or about March 9, 2000, the Department completed a 19 follow-up audit of Respondent NKL's books and records, pertaining 20 to the real estate activities described in Paragraphs 5 and 6 21 above, covering a period from approximately October 12, 1999 22 through January 31, 2000. The primary purpose of this audit was 23 to determine Respondents' compliance with the Real Estate Laws. 24 and with the Stipulation in Case No. H-28129 LA. 25 This examination, Audit #990272, revealed violations of the Code and 26 of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations

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("Regulations"), as set forth below.

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In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 5
and 6 above, and during the examination period described in
Paragraph 7, Respondents acted in violation of the Code and the
Regulations in that:

a) The Trust Account contained an overage of \$388.51
as of January 31, 2000, in violation of Regulation 2835;

9 b) Respondents failed to maintain a record of the
10 reconciliation of all separate records with the control records
11 during the audit period, in violation of Regulation 2831.2;

12 c) Rental receipts received by the broker were held 13 beyond the next three business days following the receipt of 14 funds without written authorization, in violation of Code Section 15 10145 and Regulation 2832;

16 d) Respondents failed to notify the Department of the 17 termination of six (6) licensees, in violation of Regulation 2752 18 and Code Section 10161.8; and

e) As of the Audit completion date, Respondents had not provided the Department a Trust Fund Position Statement for the quarter ending 12/31/99 and Respondents were therefore not in compliance with the Stipulation and Order in H-28129LA, in violation of Code Section 10177(k).

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondents' real estate licenses under the provisions of Code Sections 10165. 10177(d) and 10177(k).

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## SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION: AUDIT NO. LA 990519

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Complainant incorporates herein by this reference all

of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9 above. 4 5 11. Subsequent to March 9, 2000, and the completion of DRE 6 Audit No. LA 990272, Respondent NKL submitted to the Department a 7 Trust Fund Position Statement for the quarter ending December 31, 8 On October 25, 2000, the Department completed a review of 1999. 9 the Trust Fund Position Statement and related trust fund records 10 of Respondent NKL for the quarter ending December 31, 1999. 11 This examination, Audit No. LA 990519, revealed violations of the Code 12 and Regulations as set forth below. 13 12. 14 In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 5 15 and 6 above, and during the examination period described in 16 Paragraph 11, Respondents acted in violation of the Code and the 17 Regulations in that: . 18 As of the quarter ending December 31, 1999, the a) 19 Trust Account contained a shortage of \$1,228.91, in violation of 20 Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1; 21 The Trust Fund Position Statement submitted for b) 22 the quarter ending December 31, 1999 was not in compliance with 23 the Stipulation and Agreement and the Order in H-28129 LA; 24 The control record maintained by Respondents did c) 25 not contain all the required information, including the date 26 trust funds were received, in violation of Regulation 2831; and 27 -6-

Respondents failed to maintain a reconciliation d) 1 record of the balance of all separate records with the record of 2 all trust funds received and disbursed, in violation of 3 Regulation 2831.2. 4 The foregoing violations constitute cause for the 5 suspension or revocation of Respondents' real estate licenses 6 under the provisions of Code Sections 10145, 10177(d) and 7 10177(k). 8 THIRD CAUSE OF ACCUSATION: AUDIT NO. LA 000002 9 13. 10 Complainant incorporates herein by this reference all 11 of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 9 above. 12 13 14. Subsequent to March 9, 2000, and the completion of DRE 14 Audit No. LA 990272, Respondents submitted to the Department a 15 Trust Fund Position Statement for the quarter ending March 31, 16 On October 25, 2000, the Department completed a review of 2000. 17 the Trust Fund Position Statement and related trust fund records 18 of Respondent NKL for the quarter ending March 31, 2000. 19 This examination, in Audit No. LA 000002, revealed violations of the 20 Code and Regulations as set forth below. 21 15. 22 In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 5 23 and 6 above, and during the examination period described in 24 Paragraph 14, Respondents acted in violation of the Code and the 25 Regulations in that: 26 As of the quarter ending March 31, 2000, the Trust a) 27

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Account contained a shortage of \$844.08, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1;

b) The Trust Fund Position Statement submitted for the quarter ending March 31, 2000 was not in compliance with the Stipulation/Order in H-28129 LA;

c) The control record maintained by NKL did not contain all the required information, including the date trust funds were received, in violation of Regulation 2831;

9 d) Respondents failed to maintain a reconciliation
10 record of the balance of all separate records with the record of
11 all trust funds received and disbursed, in violation of
12 Regulation 2831.2; and

e) Respondents did not disburse management fees
earned and placed into the Trust Account in the amount of
\$2,765.00 within twenty-five days, in violation of 2835.

16 The foregoing violations constitute cause for the 17 suspension or revocation of Respondents' real estate licenses 18 under the provisions of Code Sections 10145, 10177(d) and 19 10177(k).

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4	action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents
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. 6	of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), and for such
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9	Dated at Los Angeles, California
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12	Deputy Real Estate Commissioner
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