

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE,

Respondent.

No. H-30742 LA

ORDER DENYING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE AND GRANTING RIGHT TO A RESTRICTED LICENSE

On April 2, 2004, a Decision was rendered providing for the surrender of the real estate broker license of Respondent.

On January 23, 2008, Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of Respondent's real estate broker license. 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 reinstatement of Respondent's real estate broker license, in that:

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On or about November 6, 2002, Respondent was convicted of violating 18 USC 1343 (wire fraud), a felony.

Said crime involves moral turpitude and is substantially related to the functions, qualifications and duties of a real estate licensee pursuant to Section 2910, Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations").

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, 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(k) - correction of business practices

Respondent has provided such proof..

Given the violations found and the fact that Respondent has not established that Respondent has complied with Regulation 2911(k). I am not satisfied that Respondent is sufficiently rehabilitated to receive a real estate broker.

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

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

A restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to

Code Section 10156.5 if Respondent within twelve (12) months from the date hereof providing

Respondent::

(a) qualifies for, takes and passes the written examination required to obtain a real estate broker license;

(b) makes application and pays the appropriate fee for said license;

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. 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 provisions of the California Real Estate 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 (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.

This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on _______

IT IS SO ORDERED

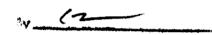
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Real Estate Commissioner

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE,

No. H-30742 LA

ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF REAL ESTATE LICENSE

On March 2, 2004, an Accusation was filed in this matter against Respondent ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE.

Respondent.

On March 16, 2004, Respondent petitioned the Commissioner to voluntarily surrender his real estate broker license pursuant to Section 10100.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent ROBERT SALVATORE

SALAMONE's petition for voluntary surrender of his real estate

broker license is accepted as of the effective date of this Order
as set forth below, based upon the understanding and agreement

expressed in Respondent's Declaration dated March 16, 2004

(attached as Exhibit "A" hereto). Respondent's license certificate(s), pocket card(s) and any branch office license certificate(s) shall be sent to the below listed address so that they reach the Department on or before the effective date of this

> Department of Real Estate Atten: Licensing Flag Section P.O. Box 187000 Sacramento, CA 95818-7000

This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon

DATED: April 2, 2004

JOHN R. LIBERATOR Acting Real Estate Commissioner

Exhibit "A"

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-30742 LA) ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE,)

Respondent.

DECLARATION

My name is ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE and I am currently licensed as a real estate broker and/or have license rights with respect to said license. I am representing myself in this matter.

In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq., of the Government Code) I wish to voluntarily surrender my real estate license issued by the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10100.2.

I understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, it can only be reinstated in accordance with the provisions of Section 11522 of the Government Code. I also understand that by so voluntarily surrendering my license, I agree to the following:

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The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as my petition for voluntary surrender. It shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by me that I waive all rights I have to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this matter at a hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Sections 11400 et seq. of the Government Code), and that I also waive other rights afforded to me in connection with the hearing such as the right to discovery, the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses. I further agree that upon acceptance by the Commissioner, as evidenced by an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Department in this matter prior to the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations contained in the Accusation filed in the Department Case No. H-30742 LA, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding whether or not to grant reinstatement of my license pursuant to Government Code Section 11522.

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Declaration by faxing a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to

the Department at the following telephone/fax number: 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of his actual signature as it appears on the Declaration, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Declaration. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct and that I freely and voluntarily surrender my license and all license rights attached thereto. ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE

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MARTHA J. ROSETT, Counsel (SBN 142072) Department of Real Estate 2 320 West Fourth St., #350 Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105 4 (213) 576-6982 (213) 576-6914 5 6 7 R 9 10 11 12 ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE, 13 14 Respondent. 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 her official capacity. 24 25 26 27

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-30742 LA ACCUSATION dba Re Max Classic Real Estate,)

The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against ROBERT SALVATORE SALAMONE, dba Re Max Classic Real Estate (hereinafter "Respondent"), is informed and alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent was and still is licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law

(Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code). At all times mentioned herein, Respondent was licensed as a real estate broker. Respondent was first licensed by the Department as a real estate broker in 1990. Prior to that, beginning in 1975, Respondent was licensed as a real estate salesperson.

Prior Discipline

3.

On or about September 15, 1999, in Department of Real Estate Case No. H-27899 LA, Respondent's real estate broker license was suspended for five days, which suspension was stayed for one year, upon findings that Respondent violated Business and Professions Code Section 10137 and Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations, Regulation 2752.

Criminal Conviction

4.

On or about November 6, 2002, in the United States

District Court, Central District of California, in Case No.

SACR 02-156(A)-GLT, Respondent was convicted of violating 18

U.S.C 1343,2(b) (wire fraud; causing an act to be done), a felony and crime of moral turpitude which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a real estate licensee. Respondent was sentenced to serve five months in prison, followed by two years supervised release, and was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$92,842.00 as well as pay a fine of \$3,000.00.

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The facts and circumstances leading to Respondent's

conviction were as follows:

From 1998 through 1999, Respondent intentionally engaged in a scheme to defraud lenders and the United States

Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). In carrying out this scheme, Respondent and others engaged in fraudulent and deceptive acts, practices and devices, including representing prospective property buyers who could not legitimately qualify for FHA-insured or conventional loans; preparing loan applications containing false representations about the buyers' income and creditworthiness; purchasing forged and fabricated income and credit-related documentation; and submitting the fraudulent loan packages to commercial lenders. In reliance on the information contained in these fraudulent loan packages, lenders would fund the loans and wire FHA insurance premiums to HUD's account, and the FHA would insure the buyers' loans.

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Respondent's conviction, as set forth in Paragraph 4 above, constitutes grounds for the revocation or suspension of Respondent's license pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 490 and 10177(b).

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Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

cc: Robert Salvatore Salamone Sacto.

Maria Suarez

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