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9	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of ) No. H-32096 LA
12	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )
13	TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC.; ) TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC.; )
14	TPC 2000 CORPORATION, doing)STIPULATIONbusiness as A-1 Investment;)ANDand RICH S LEE individually)AGREEMENT
15	and as designated officer of
16	Imperial Lending Corporation; Top-Hon Financial Group Inc.;
17	Top One Financial Group Inc.;
19	) )
20	Respondents.
21	It is hereby stipulated by and between RICH S. LEE,
22	(sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), represented by Frank M.
23	Buda, Esq., and the Complainant, acting by and through Elliott
24	Mac Lennan, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows
25	for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed
26	on August 1, 2005, in this matter:
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All issues which were to be contested and all 1. 1 evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent 2 at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be 3 held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place thereof be 5 submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this 6 7 Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").

8 2. Respondent has received, read and understands the 9 Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and 10 the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this 11 proceeding.

Respondent timely filed a Notice of Defense

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13 pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose 14 of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. 15 Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of 16 Defense. Respondent acknowledges that she understands that by 17 withdrawing said Notice of Defense she thereby waives her right 18 to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the 19 Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the 20 provisions of the APA and that she will waive other rights 21 afforded to her in connection with the hearing such as the right 22 23 to present evidence in her defense the right to cross-examine 24 witnesses.

25 This Stipulation is based on the factual 4. 26 allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of 27

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expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

5. This Stipulation and Respondent's decision not to contest the Accusation is made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), the state or federal government, or any agency of this state, another state or federal government is involved, and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

6. It is understood by the parties that the Real 17 Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision in 18 this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on 19 Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights as set forth 20 in the "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner 21 in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be 22 23 void and of no effect and Respondent shall retain the right to a 24 hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of 25 the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made 26 herein.

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The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real 7. 1 Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not 2 constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further 3 administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real ٨ Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically 5 alleged to be causes for Accusation in this proceeding but do 6 7 constitute a bar, estoppel and merger as to any allegations 8 actually contained in the Accusations against Respondent herein. 9 8. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this 10 Stipulation, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to Business and 11 Professions Code Section 10148, the cost of audit (LA 12 020323/LA020410) which led to this disciplinary action. The 13 amount of said cost for the audit is \$5,887.88.

14 Respondent has received, read, and understands the 9. 15 "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit". Respondent 16 further understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, the 17 findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become 18 final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondent for the cost of 19 any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Business and 20 Professions Code Section 10148 to determine if the violations 21 22 have been corrected. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit 23 will not exceed \$5,887.88. 24 111 25 111 26

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### DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

I.

The conduct of RICH S. LEE, with respect to Audit LA 5 020326 (Top Hon Financial Group Inc.), Audit LA 020324 (Top One 6 Financial Group Inc.), Audit LA 020328 (Imperial Lending 7 8 Corporation), Audit LA 020325 (TPC 2000 Corporation), as 9 described in Paragraph 4, above, constitutes a failure to keep 10 Imperial Lending Corporation, Top-Hon Financial Group Inc. Top-11 One Financial Group Inc., and TPC 2000 Corporation, in compliance 12 with the Real Estate Law during the time that he was the officer 13 designated by a corporate broker licensees in violation of 14 Section 10159.2 of the Code. This conduct is a basis for the 15 suspension or revocation of Respondent's license pursuant to Code 16 Section 10177(h). 17

II.

The conduct of RICH S. LEE, with respect to Audit LA 19 020326 (Top Hon Financial Group Inc.), Audit LA 020324 (Top One 20 Financial Group Inc.), Audit LA 020328 (Imperial Lending 21 Corporation), Audit LA 020325 (TPC 2000 Corporation), as 22 described in Paragraph 4, above, is in violation of Section 10240 23 24 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") and Section 2840 of 25 Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations 26 ("Regulations") for each of the aforementioned corporations and 27

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is a basis for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's 1 license and license rights as a violation of the Real Estate Law 2 pursuant to Code Sections 10177 (d) and 10177 (g). 3 II. 4 The conduct of RICH S. LEE, with respect to Audit LA 5 020323 and LA 020410 (Rich S. Lee), as described in Paragraph 4, 6 7 above, is in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831 8 and 2832(d) and is a basis for the suspension or revocation of 9 Respondent's license and license rights as a violation of the 10 Real Estate Law pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g). 11 ORDER 12 WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made: 13 All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent I. 14 RICH S. LEE under the Real Estate Law suspended for a period of 15 ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision. 16 Α. Provided, however, that if Respondent petitions, 17 the initial thirty (30) days of said suspension (or a portion 18 thereof) shall be stayed for two (2) years upon condition that: 19 Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to 1. 20 Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate 21 of \$116.66 per day for each day of the suspension for a total 22 23 monetary penalty of \$3,500. 24 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's 25 check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of 26 the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the 27

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Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

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3	3. No further cause for disciplinary action against
4	the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years
5	from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
6	4. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in
7	accordance with the terms of the Decision, the Commissioner may,
8	without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any
· 9	part of the stayed suspension, in which event the Respondent
10	shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or
11	otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of
12	this Decision.
13	5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no
14	further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate
15	license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the
16 17	effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall
1.8	become permanent
19	B. The remaining sixty (60) days of the ninety (90)
20	day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the
21	following terms and conditions:
22	(a) Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and
23	regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of
24	a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
25	(b) That no final subsequent determination be made
26	after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary
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action occurred within two (2) years of the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

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7 II. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent 8 are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent provides 9 proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having taken and 10 successfully completed the continuing education course on trust 11 fund accounting and handling specified in paragraph (3) of 12 subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Business and 13 Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of this requirement 14 includes evidence that respondent has successfully completed the 15 trust fund account and handling continuing education course 16 within 120 days prior to the effective date of the Decision in 17 this matter. 18 19 20

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Respondent shall within six months from the III. 1 effective date of the license, take and pass the Professional 2 Responsibility Examination administered by the Department 3 including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Δ respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may 5 order suspension of the respondent's license until respondent 6 passes the examination. 7

8 IV. During the two year period, Respondent shall not 9 serve as the designated broker at any corporate real estate 10 broker unless and until Respondent is the owner of record of the 11 controlling shares of the corporation.

12 Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and v. 13 Professions Code, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's 14 reasonable cost for (a) the audit which led to this disciplinary 15 action and (b) a subsequent audits to determine if Respondent 16 RICH S. LEE are now in compliance with the Real Estate Law. The 17 cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action is 18 \$5,887.78. In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's 19 reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average 20 hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate 21 brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and 22 from the auditor's place of work. Said amount for the prior and 23 24 subsequent audits shall not exceed \$11,775.56. 25

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Respondent shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities.

The Commissioner may suspend the license of Respondent pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between 9 the Respondent and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondent 11 enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to 12 provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is 13 adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

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ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate

# EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation and discussed with my 20 counsel. Its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and 21 acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to 22 us by the California Administrative Procedure Act (including but 23 24 not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the 25 Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily 26 waive those rights, including the right of requiring the

Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which we would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

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Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the 5 terms and conditions of this Stipulation by faxing a copy of its 6 signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the 7 8 Department at the following telephone/fax number: Elliott Mac 9 Lennan at (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and 10 understands that by electronically sending to the Department a 11 fax copy of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the 12 Stipulation, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department 13 shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had 14 received the original signed Stipulation.

> RICH S. LEE, individually and as former designated officer of Imperial Lending Corporation, TPC 2000 Corporation, Top-Hon Financial Group Inc. and Top-One Financial Group Inc., Respondents

FRANK M. BUDA, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent Approved as to form

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Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a 1 hearing at which we would have the right to cross-examine 2 witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the \$ terms and conditions of this Stipulation by faxing a copy of its 6 signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the 7 8 Department at the following telephone/fax number: Elliott Mag 9 Lennan at (213) 576-6917. Respondent agree, acknowledge and 10 understand that by electronically sending to the Department a fax 11 copy of Respondent' actual signature as they appear on the 12 Stipulation, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department 13 shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had 14 received the original signed Stipulation. 15

19 DATED: 18 18

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RICH S. LEE, individually and as former designated officer of Imperial Lending Corporation, TPC 2000 Corporation, Top-Hon Financial Group Inc. and Top-One Financial Group Inc., Respondents

FRANK M. BUDA, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent Approved as to form

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to Respondent RICH S. LEE and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on \_ OCT - 2 ,2006 \$ -15-1 . IT IS SO ORDERED , 2006. JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner 9. - 12 -

۲ ۱ 2 3	ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, SBN 66674 Department of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Ste. 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105	DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE By KMcDechold
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8 9 10	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT O STATE OF CALIFO * * *	
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	In the Matter of the Accusation of <u>IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION;</u> <u>TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC.;</u> <u>TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC.;</u> <u>TPC 2000 CORPORATION, doing</u> business as A-1 Investment; and RICH S. LEE, individually and as designated officer of Imperial Lending Corporation; Top-Hon Financial Group Inc.; Top One Financial Group Inc.; and TPC 2000 Corporation,	No. H-32096 LA <u>STIPULATION</u> <u>AND</u> <u>AGREEMENT</u>
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	Respondents. It is hereby stipulated by a <u>CORPORATION, TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP TO GROUP INC.</u> (sometimes referred to as by Max C. Chang, Esq., and the Complan Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel for the De follows for the purpose of settling an Accusation filed on August 1, 2005, in - 1 -	"Respondents"), represented inant, acting by and through epartment of Real Estate, as nd disposing of the

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1. All issues which were to be contested and all
 evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondents
 at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which 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 (Stipulation).

8 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the
9 Statement to Respondents, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and
10 the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this
11 proceeding.

12 Respondents filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to 3. Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of 13 requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. 14 15 Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of 16 Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by 17 withdrawing said Notice of Defense they thereby waive their right 18 to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the 19 Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the 20 provisions of the APA and that they will waive other rights 21 afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right 22 to present evidence in their defense of the allegations in the 23 Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

4. This Stipulation is based on the allegations
contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expedience and
economy, Respondents choose not to contest these allegations, but
to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these

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<sup>1</sup> allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a <sup>2</sup> prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to <sup>3</sup> herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to <sup>4</sup> provide further evidence to prove said allegations.

5 5. This Stipulation and Respondents' decision not to 6 contest the Accusation is made for the purpose of reaching an 7 agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to 8 this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the 9 Department of Real Estate ("Department"), the state or federal 10 government, or any agency of this state, another state or federal 11 government is involved.

12 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real 13 Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision 14 in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on 15 Respondents' real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner, 16 17 in his discretion, does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be 18 void and of no effect and Respondents shall retain the right to 19 a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions 20 of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver 21 made herein.

7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real
Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not
constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further
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1	constitute a bar, estoppel and merger as to any allegations
2	actually contained in the Accusation against Respondents herein.
3	DETERMINATION OF ISSUES
4	By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed
· . 5	that the following determination of issues shall be made:
6	I.
7	The conduct of IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION, as
8	described in Paragraph 4, above, constitutes violations of
9	Business and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10240 and 10241
10 11	and Section 2840, of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of
11	Regulations. This conduct is a basis for the suspension or
 13	revocation of Respondent's license pursuant to Code Sections
14	10177(d) and 10177(g).
15	· · II.
16	The conduct of TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC., as
17	described in Paragraph 4, above, constitutes violations of Code
18	Sections 10240 and 10241 and Regulation 2840. This conduct is a
19	basis for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license
20	pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g).
21	III.
22	The conduct of TOP-ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC. as
23	described in Paragraph 4, above, constitutes violations of Code
24 25	Sections 10240 and 10241 and Regulation 2840. This conduct is a
26	basis for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license
27	pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g).
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. 1	ORDER
2	WHEREFORE THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS HEREBY MADE:
3	I. All licenses and licensing rights of
4	Respondents IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION, TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP
. 5	INC. and TOP-ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC. under the Real Estate Law
6	suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective
7	date of this Decision; provided, however, that if Respondents
8	request, all thirty (30) days of said suspension (or a portion
9	thereof) shall be stayed for two (2) years upon condition that:
10	1. Respondents' pay a monetary penalty pursuant to
11	Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate
12	of \$33.33 per day for each day of the suspension for a monetary
13	penalty of \$1,000 per Respondent or \$3,000 total.
14	2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's
15	check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of
16 17	the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the
17	Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this
19	matter.
20	3. No further cause for disciplinary action against
21	the real estate license of Respondents occurs within two (2)
22	years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
23	4. If Respondents fail to pay the monetary penalty in
24	accordance with the terms of the Decision, the Commissioner may,
25	without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any
26	part of the stayed suspension, in which event the Respondents
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shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision.

<u>5. If Respondents pay the monetary penalty and if no</u> further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondents occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent

9 6. Respondents shall obey all laws, rules and 10 regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of 11 real estate licensees in the State of California.

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ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel for

We have read the Stipulation and Agreement and have 18 discussed it with our counsel, and its terms are understood by us 19 and are agreeable and acceptable to us. We understand that we 20 are waiving rights given to us by the California Administrative 21 22 Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and we willingly, 23 24 intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the 25 right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in 26 the Accusation at a hearing at which we would have the right to

cross-examine witnesses against us and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondents IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION, TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC. and TOP-ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC. can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by Respondents, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Elliott Mac Lennan. Respondents agree, acknowledge and understand that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of Respondents' actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation and Agreement. 

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1 2 DATED: 2-14-06 3 TOP-ONE FINANCIAL GROUP Sandy Lee, President BY: 4 Respondent 5 6 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_\_ ON6 7 IMPERVAL<sup>®</sup> LENDING CORPORATION BY: Annie Shi, President 8 Respondent 9 DATED: 2-14-06 10 TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC. 11 JUDY HON, President BY: Respondent 12 13 DATED: 2-12-06 14 MAX C. CHANG, 15 Attorney for Respondents 16, Approved as to form 17 18 The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby 19 adopted as my Decision and shall become effective at 20 **SEP** 2 5 12 o'clock noon on ; 2006. 21 \_\_, 2006. IT IS SO ORDERED 22 23 JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner 24 25 26 27 8

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

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## DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

) NO. H-32096 LA

IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION; TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC.; TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC.; TPC 2000 CORPORATION, doing business as A-1 Investment; and RICH S. LEE, individually and as designated officer of Imperial Lending Corporation; Top-Hon Financial Group Inc.; Top One Financial Group Inc.; and TPC 2000 Corporation,

Respondents.

## DECISION

This Decision is being issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 11520 of the Government Code, on evidence of compliance with Section 11505 of the Government Code and pursuant to the Order of Default filed on July 13, 2006, and the findings of fact set forth herein are based on one or more of the following: (1) Respondent TPC 2000's express admissions; (2) affidavits; and (3) Department Audit Report LA 020325, and (4) other evidence.

#### FACTUAL FINDINGS

### 1.

On July 28, 2005, Maria Suarez made the Accusation in her official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent TPC 2000, and a Notice of Defense was mailed by certified mail on August 1, 2005.

## 2.

On July 13, 2006, no Notice of Defense having been filed herein within the time prescribed by Section 11506 of the Government Code, Respondent TPC 2000's default was entered herein.

3.

Respondent TPC 2000 is a real estate broker. TPC 2000 was originally licensed as a real estate broker of the Department of Real Estate ("Department") on March 1, 2001. On February 28, 2005, said license expired. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code ("Code") Section 10201, Respondent TPC 2000 retains licensing rights. Pursuant to Code ("Code") Section 10103, the Department retains jurisdiction over Respondent TPC 2000's lapsed license and license rights.

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At all times mentioned, in the City of El Monte, County of Los Angeles, TPC 2000 acted as a real estate broker and conducted licensed activities within the meaning of Code Section 10131(d). TPC 2000 operated a mortgage and loan brokerage dba as A-1 Investment.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION (Audit violations) MORTGAGE LOAN BROKER AUDIT OF TPC 2000 CORPORATION

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On July 9, 2003, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of TPC 2000 pertaining to its mortgage and loan activities requiring a real estate license as described in Paragraph 4. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on April 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as

set forth below, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 020325 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

## CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINE

6.

In the course of activities described in Paragraph 4, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 5, Respondent TPC 2000, acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that TPC:

(a) Failed to disclose that TPC charged credit report fees in excess of the amount billed to the borrower by the credit reporting company including, but not limited to, the following borrowers: Wing Hung Yu (Loan No. 1000019831) and David Tran (Loan No. 1000021479).

(b) Failed to provide and/or maintain a statement in writing containing all the information required by Section 10241 of the Code to borrowers Wing Hung Yu (Loan No. 1000019831) and David Tran (Loan No. 1000021479), before they became obligated to perform under the terms of their loans, as required by Code Sections 10240 and 10241 and Regulation

#### DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

#### 1.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent TPC 2000 as described in Finding 6(a), herein above, are in violation of Business and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10176(g) and 10176(i).

#### 2.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent TPC 2000 as described in Finding 6(b), herein above, are in violation of Code Sections 10240, 10241 and Title 10, Chapter 6, of the California Code or Regulations Section 2840.

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The standard of proof applied was clear and convincing proof to a reasonable certainty.

Cause for disciplinary action against Respondent TPC 2000 exists pursuant to Code Sections 10176(g), 10176(i), 10177(d) and 10177(g).

# ORDER

<u>The license ri</u>	ghts of Respondent TPC 2000 under
the provisions of Part	I of Division 4 of the Business
and Professions Code a	are revoked.
	<u>shall become effective at</u>
12 o'clock noon on	<u>SEP 25</u> , 2006.
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DATED:	<u> </u>
	JEFF DAVI
	Real Estate Commissioner
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5 6 7	DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA * * *
8 9 10 11 12	In the Matter of the Accusation of TPC 2000, a California Corporation, Respondent,
13 14 15 16 17 18	) <u>DEFAULT ORDER</u> Respondent TPC 2000, a California Corporation, having failed to file a Notice of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the Government Code, is now in default. It is,
19 20 21 22	therefore, ordered that a default be entered on the record in this matter. IT IS SO ORDERED July 13,2006 EFF AVI Real Estate Commissioner
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of
12	IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION; ) $\underline{A} \underline{C} \underline{C} \underline{U} \underline{S} \underline{A} \underline{T} \underline{I} \underline{O} \underline{N}$
13	TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC.; ) TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC.; )
14	TPC 2000 CORPORATION, doing ) business as A-1 Investment;
15	and RICH S. LEE, individually and as designated officer of
16	Imperial Lending Corporation;
17	Top One Financial Group Inc.; and TPC 2000 Corporation,
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19	Respondents.
20	The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate
21	Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation
22	against IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION; TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP
23	INC.; TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC.; TPC 2000 CORPORATION dba A-1
24	Investment; and RICH S. LEE, individually and as designated
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26	officer of Imperial Lending Corporation; Top-Hon Financial Group
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Inc.; Top One Financial Group Inc., and TPC 2000 Corporation, 1 Wings Realty, and Villamerica Home Services, alleges as follows: 2 1. 3 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, acting in her official 4 capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of 5 California, makes this Accusation against IMPERIAL LENDING 6 CORPORATION ("IMPERIAL"), TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC. ("TOP " 7 8 HON"), TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC. ("TOP ONE"), TPC 2000 9 CORPORATION ("TPC") and RICH S. LEE ("LEE"), individually and as 10 designated officer of Imperial Lending Corporation, Top-Hon 11 Financial Group Inc., Top One Financial Group Inc., and TPC 2000 12 Corporation. 13 2. 14 All references to the "Code" are to the California 15 Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations" 16 are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations. 17 3. 18 IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP ONE, TPC and LEE (sometimes 19 hereinafter referred to as Respondents) are presently licensed or 20 have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 21 4 of the Business and Professions Code, hereinafter "Code"). 22 23 4 . 24 At all time herein mentioned, LEE was licensed by the 25 Department as the designated officer of IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP 26 ONE and TPC to qualify them and to act for them as a real estate 27

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broker and, as provided by Code Section 10159.2, was responsible for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP ONE and TPC by its officers, managers and employees as necessary to secure full compliance with the provisions of the Real Estate Law including the supervision of the salespersons licensed to the corporation in the performance of acts for which a real estate license is required. IMPERIAL's corporate real estate broker license was originally issued on November 4, 2002. TOP HON's corporate real estate broker license was originally issued on January 30, 2002. TOP ONE's corporate real estate broker license was originally issued on December 23, 1998. TPC's corporate real estate broker license was originally issued on March 1, 2001. LEE was originally licensed as a real estate broker on January 24, 1997. LEE has been the designated officer of IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP ONE and TPC since their inception.

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Whenever reference is made in an allegation in the 19 Accusation to an act or omission of IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP ONE 20 and TPC, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that the 21 officers, directors, managers, employees, agents and real estate 22 23 licensees employed by or associated with IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP 24 ONE and TPC, including LEE, committed such act or omission while 25 engaged in the furtherance of IMPERIAL'S, TOP HON'S, TOP ONE'S 26 and TPC's business or operation and while acting within the 27

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course and scope of IMPERIAL'S, TOP HON'S, TOP ONE'S and TPC'S corporate authority, agency and employment.

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At all times herein mentioned in the cities of El Monte 4 and Arcadia, California, IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP ONE and TPC 5 engaged in the business as a real estate broker within the б meaning of Code Section 10131(d) in that IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP 7 8 ONE and TPC operated as mortgage and loan brokers and more 9 specifically as loan packagers. RICH S. LEE, in his individual 10 capacity dba Wings Realty and Villamerica Home Services engaged 11 in the business as a real estate broker within the meaning of 12 Code Section 10131(a) in that RICH S. LEE operated as a 13 residential resale broker and mortgage and loan broker. 14 15 FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION 16 TOP HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC. 17 (Audit Findings) 18 7. 19 On May 27, 2003, the Department completed an audit 20 examination of the books and records of TOP HON FINANCIAL GROUP 21 INC. pertaining to its mortgage loan activities requiring a real 22 estate license as described in Paragraph 6. The audit 23 examination covered a period of time beginning on April 1, 2002 24 to March 31, 2003. The audit examination revealed violations of 25 the Code and the Regulations as set forth below, and more fully 26 discussed in Audit Report LA 020326 and the exhibits and 27

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workpapers attached to said audit report.

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At all times material herein, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 6, above, Respondent TOP HON did not maintain a trust fund or handle trust funds.

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7 In the course of activities described in Paragraph 6
8 above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph
9 7, Respondents TOP HON and LEE, acted in violation of the Code
10 and the Regulations in that TOP HON:

11 Received undisclosed compensation via broker (a) 12 origination fees and administration fees earned in connection 13 with Respondent's mortgage loan activities requiring a real 14 estate license for borrowers Louie & Katie Liu (\$1166.25), Ringle 15 & Yan Zeng (\$95), and Ha & Nu Phu (\$300). These fees were not 16 disclosed in the Mortgage Loan Disclosure Statements/Good Faith 17 Estimates provided to the aforesaid borrowers. TOP HON received 18 a total of \$1,561.25 in undisclosed compensation. TOP HON failed 19 to provide and/or maintain a statement in writing containing all 20 the information required by Section 10241 of the Code to the 21 aforesaid borrowers before they became obligated to perform under 22 the terms of their loans, as required by Code Sections 10240 and 23 24 10241 and Regulation 2840. 25 111

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3	The conduct of Respondents TOP HON and LEE, described
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5	forth below:
6	PARAGRAPH PROVISIONS VIOLATED
?	9(a) Code Sections 10240, 10241 and
8	Regulation 2840
9	Each of the foregoing violations separately constitutes cause for
10	the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and
<b>,11</b>	license rights of TOP HON and LEE under the provisions of Code
12	Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).
13	SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION
14	MORTGAGE LOAN BROKER AUDIT OF TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC.
15	(Audit Findings)
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18	On May 21, 2003, the Department completed an audit
19	examination of the books and records of TOP ONE FINANCIAL GROUP
20	INC. pertaining to its mortgage loan activities requiring a real
21	estate license as described in Paragraph 6. The audit
22	examination covered a period of time beginning on April 1, 2002
23	to March 31, 2003. The audit examination revealed violations of
24	the Code and the Regulations as set forth below, and more fully
25	discussed in Audit Report LA 020324 and the exhibits and
26	workpapers attached to said audit report.
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1 In the course of activities described in Paragraph 6, 2 and during the examination period described in Paragraph 11, 3 Respondents the TOP ONE and LEE, acted in violation of the Code 4 and the Regulations in that TOP ONE: 5 (a) failed to provide and/or maintain a statement in 6 writing containing all the information required by Section 10241 7 8 of the Code to borrowers Jainn Wang & Mi Fang Wang, Shi Din & 9 Kuei Sung, Wiliam Leung & Yumi Leung, and Peter C. Yin, before 10 they became obligated to perform under the terms of their loans, 11 as required by Code Sections 10240 and 10241 and Regulation 2840. 12 The "Additional Required California Disclosures" were not 13 complete. TOP ONE failed to disclosed the yield spread premiums 14 it received from the lenders. 15 13. 16 The conduct of Respondents TOP ONE and LEE, described 17 in Paragraph 12, violated the Code and the Regulations as set 18 forth below: 19 PARAGRAPH PROVISIONS VIOLATED 20 12(a) Code Sections 10240, 10241 and 21 Regulation 2840 22 Each of the foregoing violations separately constitutes cause for 23 24 the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and 25 license rights of TOP ONE and LEE under the provisions of Code 26 Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g). 27

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# THIRD CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

MORTGAGE LOAN BROKER AUDIT OF IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION

(Audit Findings)

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On May 22, 2003, the Department completed an audit 6 examination of the books and records of IMPERIAL LENDING . 7 CORPORATION pertaining to its mortgage loan activities requiring 8 a real estate license as described in Paragraph 6. The audit 9 examination covered a period of time beginning on November 1, 10 2002 to March 31, 2003. The audit examination revealed 11 violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth below, 12 and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 020328 and the 13 14 exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

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In the course of activities described in Paragraph 6,
 and during the examination period described in Paragraph 14,
 Respondents IMPERIAL and LEE, acted in violation of the Code and
 the Regulations in that IMPERIAL:

(a) failed to provide and/or maintain a statement in
writing containing all the information required by Section 10241
of the Code to borrowers Leo & Rebecca O'Brien, and Liwen and
Mark Yang, before they became obligated to perform under the
terms of their loans, as required by Code Sections 10240 and
10241 and Regulation 2840. The "Additional Required California
Disclosures" were not complete. IMPERIAL failed to disclosed the

1	yield spread premiums it received from the lenders.
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3	The conduct of Respondents IMPERIAL and LEE, described
4	in Paragraph 15, violated the Code and the Regulations as set
5	forth below:
6	PARAGRAPH PROVISIONS VIOLATED
7	15(a) Code Sections 10240, 10241 and
8	Regulation 2840
9	Each of the foregoing violations separately constitutes cause for
10	the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and
` 11	license rights of IMPERIAL and LEE under the provisions of Code
12	Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).
13	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION
14	MORTGAGE LOAN BROKER AUDIT OF TPC 2000 CORPORATION
15	(Audit Findings)
16	17.
17	On July 9, 2003, the Department completed an audit
18	examination of the books and records of TPC 2000 CORPORATION
20	pertaining to its mortgage loan activities requiring a real
. 21	estate license as described in Paragraph 6. The audit
22	examination covered a period of time beginning on April 1, 2002
23	to April 30, 2003. The audit examination revealed violations of
24	the Code and the Regulations as set forth below, and more fully
25	discussed in Audit Report LA 020325 and the exhibits and
26	workpapers attached to said audit report.
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In the course of activities described in Paragraph 6, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 17, Respondents TPC and LEE, acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that TPC:

(a) Failed to disclose that TPC charged credit report 6 7 fees in excess of the amount billed to the borrower by the credit 8 reporting company including, but not limited to, the following 9 borrowers: Wing Hung Yu (Loan No. 1000019831) and David Tran 10 (Loan No. 1000021479). This failure to disclose constitutes the 11 taking of a secret profit by means of compensation undisclosed to 12 the aforesaid borrowers, in violation of Code Sections 10176(g) 13 and 10176(i).

(b) Failed to provide and/or maintain a statement in
writing containing all the information required by Section 10241
of the Code to borrowers Wing Hung Yu (Loan No. 1000019831) and
David Tran (Loan No. 1000021479), before they became obligated to
perform under the terms of their loans, as required by Code
Sections 10240 and 10241 and Regulation 2840.

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2	The conduct of Respondents TPC and LEE, described in
3	Paragraph 18, violated the Code and the Regulations as set forth
4	below:
5	PARAGRAPH PROVISIONS VIOLATED
6	18(a) Code Sections 10176(g) and
7	10176(i)
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. 9	18(b) Code Sections 10240, 10241 and
10	Regulation 2840
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12	Each of the foregoing violations separately constitutes cause for
13	the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and
14	license rights of TPC and LEE under the provisions of Code
15	Sections 10176(g), 10176(i), 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).
16	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION
17	RESALE and MORTGAGE LOAN BROKER AUDIT OF RICH S. LEE
18	(Audit Findings)
19	20.
20	On July 25, 2003, the Department completed an audit
21	examination of the books and records of RICH S. LEE pertaining to
22	his sales and mortgage loan activities requiring a real estate
23	license as described in Paragraph 6. The audit examination
24	covered a period of time beginning on October 1, 2003 to April
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26	30, 2003. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code
27	and the Regulations as set forth below, and more fully discussed

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in Audit Report LA 020323 and LA 020410 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

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In the course of activities described in Paragraph 6, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 20, Respondent LEE, acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that LEE:

8 (a) Failed to adequately supervise salesperson Juan R
 9 Altamirano with respect to the handling of the Edna and the
 10 Ulises Duran purchase transactions, as required by Code Section
 11 10177 (h).

(b) Failed to obtain a license for "Villamerica Homes Services" for use as a branch office located at 1500 W. Covina Parkway, Ste. 112, West Covina, California, in violation of Code Section 10163 and Regulation 2715.

(c) Failed to place funds accepted on behalf of buyers 17 in the form of escrow deposits into the hands of the owner of the 18 funds, into a neutral escrow depository or into a trust fund 19 account in the name of the broker as trustee at a bank or other 20 financial institution not later than three business days 21 following receipt of the funds, in violation of Code Section 22 10145 of the Code and Regulation 2832(d). Lee held the earnest 23 24 money deposit in the amount of \$15,000 for Edna Kuffour beyond 25 three days after acceptance of the offer.

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1	(d) Failed to maintain a complete and accurate control
2	record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of
3	all trust funds received, deposited and disbursed including the:
4	• Edna Kuffour \$15,000 earnest money deposit;
5	<ul> <li>Guzman &amp; Serrano \$1,000 earnest money deposit;</li> </ul>
6	<ul> <li>Serrano \$5000 earnest money deposit; and</li> </ul>
7	• Lamas & Gutierrrez \$1,000 earnest money deposit,
8	as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.
9	(e) Failed to notify the Department of the termination
10	of three salespersons, Raul R. Altamirano, Juan Carlos Garcia and
11	Isidro Morales, as required by Code Section 10161.8 and
12	Regulation 2752.
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14	The conduct of Respondent LEE, described in Paragraph
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16	21, violated the Code and the Regulations as set forth below:
17	PARAGRAPH PROVISIONS VIOLATED
18	21(a) Code Section 10177(h)
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20	21(b) Code Section 10163 and
21	Regulation 2715
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23	21(c) Code Section 10145 and
24	Regulation 2832(d)
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1	21(d) Code Section 10145 and
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4	21(e) Code Section 10161.8 and
5	Regulation 2752
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7	Each of the foregoing violations separately constitutes cause for
8	the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and
<b>9</b> .	license rights of LEE under the provisions of Code Sections
10	10177(d) and/or 10177(g).
11	SIXTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION
12	(Negligence)
13	23.
14	The overall conduct, acts or omissions of Respondent
15	LEE constitutes negligence or incompetence and is cause for the
16	suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license
17	rights of Respondent LEE pursuant to Code Section 10177(g).
18	SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACCUSATION
19	(Supervision)
20	24.
21	The overall conduct, acts or omissions of Respondent
22	LEE constitutes a failure on his part, as officer designated by a
23 24	corporate broker licensee, to exercise reasonable supervision and
24	control over the licensed activities of IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP
26	ONE and TPC, as required by Code Section 10159.2, and to keep
27	IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP ONE and TPC in compliance with the Real
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Estate Law, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of IMPERIAL, TOP HON, TOP ONE and TPC pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(h).

WHEREFORE, complainant prays that a hearing be 4 conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and, that upon 5 proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary 6 action against all licenses and licensing rights of Respondents 7 IMPERIAL LENDING CORPORATION, TOP-HON FINANCIAL GROUP INC., TOP 8 9 ONE FINANCIAL GROUP INC., TPC 2000 CORPORATION and RICH S. LEE, 10 individually and as designated officer of Imperial Lending 11 Corporation, Top-Hon Financial Group Inc., Top One Financial 12 Group Inc., and TPC 2000 Corporation under the Real Estate Law 13 (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and 14 for such other and further relief as may be proper under other 15 applicable provisions of law. 16

17 Dated at Los Angeles, Califo this 18 19 20 eputy Real Estate Commi sioner 21

22 CC: Imperial Lending Corporation Top-Hon Financial Group Inc. 23 Top One Financial Group Inc. 24 C/O Rich S. Lee Maria Suarez 25 Sacto JN 26 Audits - Dianna Baustista

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