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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE BY:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

No. H-34624 LA

GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION; and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, individually and as designated officer of Greatest Southern California Realty 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 June 16, 2010, and the findings of fact set forth herein are based on one or more of the following: (1) Respondent GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION's and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO's express admissions; (2) affidavits; (3) Department Audit Report LA 060206; and (4) other evidence.

FACTUAL FINDINGS

1.

On August 13, 2007, 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, Notice of Defense, Provisions of

APA Relating to Discovery, Notice Concerning Costs of Audit and Copy of Section 10148 were mailed by certified mail to Respondents' last known mailing addresses on file with the Department on December 27, 2007, by regular mail on December 2, 2008, and by regular mail on December 16, 2008.

2.

On March 25, 2010, no Notice of Defense having been filed herein within the time prescribed by Section 11506 of the Government Code, Respondents GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION'S and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO'S default was entered herein.

3.

All references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

LICENSE HISTORY

4.

- A. At all times mentioned, GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION ("GSCRC") and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO ("ARAMAYO") were licensed or had license rights issued by the California Department of Real Estate ("Department") as real estate brokers.
- B. At all times mentioned, GSCRC was licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker by and through ARAMAYO, as the designated officer and broker responsible, pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf of GSCRC by GSCRC's officers, agents and employees, including ARAMAYO. GSCRC was originally licensed on October 21, 2005.
- C. At all times mentioned, ARAMAYO was licensed or had license rights issued by the Department as a real estate broker. ARAMAYO was originally licensed as a real estate broker on August 11, 1985. On October 21, 2005, ARAMAYO was licensed as the designated officer of GSCRC.

LICENSED ACTIVITIES AND BROKERAGE GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION

5.

At all times mentioned, in the City of Lynnwood, County of Los Angeles, GSCRC and ARAMAYO acted as real estate brokers conducting licensed activities within the meaning of Code Section 10131(a) by operating a residential resale brokerage.

AUDIT EXAMINATION
GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION

6.

On June 26, 2007, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of GSCRC pertaining to the residential resale activities described in Finding 5, that require a real estate license. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 060206 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

TRUST ACCOUNT

7.

At all times mentioned, in connection with the activities described in Finding 5, above, GSCRC accepted or received funds including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on behalf of actual or prospective parties to transactions handled by GSCRC including buyers and sellers. During the audit period, GSCRC did not maintain a trust account.

VIOLATIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW

8.

In the course of activities described in Findings 5 and 7, above, and during the examination period described in Finding 6, Respondents GSCRC and ARAMAYO acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that they:

- (a) Failed to place trust funds in the form of earnest money deposits, accepted on behalf of another into the hands of the owner of the funds, a neutral escrow depository or into a trust fund account in the name of the trustee, at a bank or other financial institution not later than three business days following receipt of the funds by the broker or by the broker's salesperson, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832(d).
- (b) Misrepresented that they held earnest money deposits from buyers Eddie Guerrero, David Herrera, and Eusebio Castaneda, in violation of Code Section 10176(a).
- (c) Failed to maintain a signed broker salesperson agreement with salespersons Salinas and Castillo, in violation of Code Section 10161.8 and regulation 2726.
- (d) Failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of all "Trust Funds Received, Not Placed Broker's Trust Account", in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.
- (e) Failed to notify the Department of their current mailing address or principal place of business, as required by Code Section 10162 and Regulation 2715.

NEGLIGENCE

9.

The overall conduct of Respondents GSCRC and ARAMAYO constitutes negligence or incompetence. This conduct and violation are cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of said Respondents pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

SUPERVISION AND COMPLIANCE

10.

The overall conduct of Respondent ARAMAYO constitutes a failure on his part, as officer designated by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise the reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of GSCRC as required by Code Section 10159.2, and to keep GSCRC in compliance with the Real Estate Law. This conduct, acts and omissions are cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and

license rights of ARAMAYO, pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h).

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1.

The conduct of Respondents GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, as described in Finding 8, herein above, is in violation of Code Sections 10145, 10161.8 and 10162 and Regulations 2715, 2726, 2831 and 2832(d) and is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d), 10176(a) and 10177(g).

2.

The conduct of Respondents GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, as described in Finding 9, herein above, constitutes negligence or incompetence, and is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to Code Section 10177(g).

3.

The conduct of Respondent CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, as described in Finding 10, herein above, is in violation of Code Section 10159.2 and is cause for disciplinary action pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h).

4.

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

ORDER

The real estate broker license and license rights of Respondents GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY

CORPORATION and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions.

Code are revoked.

This Deci	sion_shall_become	effective at 12 o'clock r	ıoon
on	March 17	, 2011	
DATED:	2/23	, 2011	
		JEFF DAVI	

BY: Barbara J. Bigby

Real Estate Commissioner

Chief Deputy Commissioner

Department of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Ste. 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 FILED 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 (office) JUN 18 2010 4 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 7 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 8 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-34624 LA 11 12 GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION; and CIRO 13 TRIFON ARAMAYO, individually and as designated officer of 14 Greatest Southern California Realty Corporation, 15 Respondents. 16 DEFAULT ORDER 17 Respondents GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY 18 CORPORATION and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, having failed to file a 19 Notice of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the Government Code, is now in default. It is, therefore, 21 22 ordered that a default be entered on the record in this matter. 23 111 24 111 25 111 26 /// 27

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IT IS SO ORDERED

June 16, 2010

Real Estate Commissioner

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By: DOLORES WEEKS Regional Manager

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ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, (CSB#066674) Department of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Ste. 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 3 DEC 27 2007 Telephone: (213) 576-6911 (direct) 4 -or-(213) 576-6982 (office) DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 5 6 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 In the Matter of the Accusation of 11 No. H-34624 LA ACCUSATION GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION; and 13 CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, individually and as designated 14 officer of Greatest Southern California Realty Corporation, 15 16 Respondents. 17 18 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate 19 Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation 20 against GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION and CIRO 21 TRIFON ARAMAYO, individually and as designated officer of 22 Greatest Southern California Realty Corporation, alleges as 23 follows: 24 /// 25 /// 26 /// 27

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. 1.

The Complainant, Maria Suarez, acting in her official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation against GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO.

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Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations"
are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

LICENSE HISTORY

3.

- A. At all times mentioned, GREATEST SOUTHERN

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 ("ARAMAYO") were licensed or had license rights issued by the

 Department of Real Estate ("Department") as real estate brokers.
- B. At all times mentioned, GSCRC was licensed by the Department as a corporate real estate broker by and through ARAMAYO, as the designated officer and broker responsible, pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf GSCRC of by GSCRC's officers, agents and employees, including ARAMAYO. GSCRC was originally licensed on October 21, 2005.
- C. At all times mentioned, CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO

 ("ARAMAYO") was licensed or had license rights issued by the

 Department as a real estate broker. On August 11, 1985, ARAMAYO

1 2005, ARAMAYO was licensed as the designated officer of GSCRC. BROKERAGE. 3 GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION 4 4. 5 At all times mentioned, in the City of Lynnwood, County 6 of Los Angeles, GSCRC and ARAMAYO acted as real estate brokers conducting licensed activities within the meaning of Code Section 9 10131(a) by operating a residential resale brokerage. 10 AUDIT 11 GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION 12 5. 13 On June 26, 2007, the Department completed an audit 14 examination of the books and records of GSCRC pertaining to the 15 residential resale activities described in Paragraph 4, that 16 require a real estate license. The audit examination covered a 17 period of time beginning on January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006. 18 The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the 19 Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more 20 fully discussed in Audit Report LA 060206 and the exhibits and 21 workpapers attached to said audit report. 22 23 TRUST ACCOUNT 24 25 During the audit period GSCRC did not maintain a trust

was originally licensed as a real estate broker. On October 21,

account.

VIOLATIONS OF THE REAL ESTATE LAW

7.

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

- (a) Failed to place trust funds, including earnest money deposits for Eddie Guerrero, David Herrera, and Eusebio Castaneda, accepted on behalf of another into the hands of the owner of the funds, a neutral escrow depository or into a trust fund account in the name of the trustee at a bank or other financial institution not later than three business days following receipt of the funds by the broker or by the broker's salesperson, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832(d).
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- (c) Failed to maintain a signed broker salesperson agreement with salespersons Salinas and Castillo, in violation of Code Section 10161.8 and Regulation 2726.
- (d) Failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of all "Trust Funds Received, Not Placed Broker's Trust Account", in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831. Earnest money deposits

received by Respondents and forwarded to escrow where not 1 recorded. 2 (e) Failed to notify the Department of their current 3 mailing address or principal place of business, as required by Code Section 10162 and Regulation 2715. DISCIPLINE STATUTES AND REGULATONS 6 7 8. 8 The conduct of Respondents GSCRC and ARAMAYO, described in Paragraph 7, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as 10 set forth below: 11 PARAGRAPH PROVISIONS VIOLATED 12 7(a) Code Section 10145 and Regulation 13 2832 (d) 14 15 16 7 (b) Code Section 10176(a) 17 18 19 7(c) Code Sections 10161.8 and 20 Regulation 2726 21 22 7 (d) Code Section 10145 and Regulation 23 2831 24 25 7(e) Code Section 10162 and Regulation 26 2715 27

The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of GSCRC and ARAMAYO, under the provisions of Code Sections 10176(a), 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

NEGLIGENCE

9.

The overall conduct of Respondents GSCRC and ARAMAYO constitutes negligence or incompetence. This conduct and violation are cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of said Respondents pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

SUPERVISION AND COMPLIANCE

10.

The overall conduct of Respondent ARAMAYO constitutes a failure on his part, as officer designated by a corporate broker licensee, to exercise the reasonable supervision and control over the licensed activities of GSCRC as required by Code Section 10159.2, and to keep GSCRC in compliance with the Real Estate Law, and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of ARAMAYO pursuant to the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h). ///

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WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against the license and license rights of Respondents GREATEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REALTY CORPORATION and CIRO TRIFON ARAMAYO, individually and as designated officer of Greatest Southern California Realty Corporation, under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code) and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at Los Angeles, California

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cc: Greatest Southern California Realty Corporation c/o Ciro Trifon Aramayo D.O.

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Audits - Robert S. Brody