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| | 8 | BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE |
| | 9 | STATE OF CALIFORNIA |
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| | 11 12 | In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-36851 LA L-2010110210 |
| | 12 | JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE, STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT |
| | 15 | Respondent. |
| | 15 | , It is hereby stipulated by and between JEFFERY ALLEN |
| | 16 | CONVERSE (sometimes referred to as "Respondent") and the |
| | 17 | Complainant, acting by and through James A. Demus, Counsel for |
| | 18 | the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of |
| | 19 | settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on October 5, |
| | 20 | 2010, in this matter: |
| • | 21 | 1. All issues which were to be contested and all |
| | 22 | evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and |
| | 23 | Respondents at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing |
| • | 24 | was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the |
| | 25 | Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place |
| | 26 | thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of |
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1 || this Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").

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

3. On October 18, 2010, Respondent filed a Notice of 6 Defense pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the 7 purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the 8 Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws 9 said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he 10 understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, he will 11 thereby waive his right to require the Commissioner to prove the 12 13 allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that he will waive 14 other rights afforded to him in connection with the hearing such 15 as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations 16 in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses. 17

4. This Stipulation is based on the factual 18 19 allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this proceeding. In the interest of expedience and economy, 20 Respondent chooses not to contest these factual allegations, but 21 to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, 22 these factual statements will serve as a prima facie basis for 23 24 the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence 25 to prove such allegations. 26

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5. This Stipulation and Respondent's decision not to.

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

6. It is understood by the parties that the Real я Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation as her decision in 9 10 this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights as set forth 11 in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in her 12 discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, the Stipulation shall 13 be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right 14 to a hearing on the Accusation under all the provisions of the 15 16 APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein. 17

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
administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real
Estate with respect to any conduct which was not specifically
alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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By reason of the foregoing stipulations and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following

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1 determination of issues shall be made:

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE as described in Paragraph 4, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE under the provisions of Section <u>10177(g)</u> of the Business and Professions Code ("Code").

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

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A. All licenses and license rights of Respondent JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that the initial thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon the following terms and conditions:

17 <u>1. Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to</u> 18 Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate 19 of \$50 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary 20 penalty of \$1,500.

2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's 22 check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of 23 the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the 24 Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this 25 matter.

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13. No further cause for disciplinary action against2the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two years3from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.44. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty

in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the
Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate
execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension in which
event the Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor
credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department
under the terms of this Decision.

11 5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no 12 further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate 13 license of Respondent occurs within two years from the effective 14 date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become 15 permanent.

B. The remaining thirty (30) days of the sixty (60)
day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the
following terms and conditions:

19 (1) Respondent JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE shall obey all 20 laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and 21 responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of 22 California; and

23 (2) That no final subsequent determination be made
24 after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary
25 action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of
26 this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the
27 Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the

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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.

DATED: 7/25/11

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JAMES A. DEMUS, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate

I have read the Stipulation. Its terms are understood 9 by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that 10 I am waiving rights given to me by the California Administrative 11 12 Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 13 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, 14 intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the 15 right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in 16 the Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to 17 cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in 18 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 signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department at the following fax number: James A. Demus at (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation,

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that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation. DATED: 7-15-2011 CONVERSE ιEN *kespondent* The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision and Order in this matter, and shall SEP 0 6 2011 become effective at 12 o'clock noon on IT IS SO ORDERED 2011. BARBARA J. BIGBY Acting Real Estate Commissioner Illia F. Moran By WILLIAM E. MORAN Assistant Commissioner, Enforcement

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| 1 | Respondent. |
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| 1 | The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate |
| 1 | Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of |
| 1 | Accusation against JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE, is informed and |
| 1 | alleges as follows: |
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| 2 | The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate |
| 2 | 2 Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation |
| 2 | ³ in her official capacity. |
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| 2 | JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE (hereinafter "Respondent") is |
| 2 | ⁶ presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real |
| 2 | ⁷ Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and |
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1 Professions Code, hereinafter "Code"), as a real estate a
2 salesperson.

3. 3 On or about July 23, 2009, Respondent registered the 4 fictitious business name "Loan Modification Action Network" 5 (hereinafter "LMAN") with the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder 6 for the County of Riverside, California. LMAN is not, and has 7 never been, licensed by the California Department of Real 8 9 Estate in any capacity. 10 FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (MISLEADING ADVERTISING) 11 4. 12 In or about August of 2009, Thomas Bell received a 13 solicitation by mail at his home address located at 1126 San 14Ysidro Drive, Beverly Hills, CA, 90210. This solicitation 15 states that Mr. Bell is eligible to modify the terms of his 16 \$500,000 loan with Washington Mutual Bank. The advertisement 17 lists the name of "Washington Mutual Bank" in four different 18locations, with no indication that the issuer of the 19 solicitation was not sponsored by or affiliated with Washington 20 Mutual Bank. The advertisement does not indicate the license 21under which the loan modification would be arranged or the 22 state regulatory agency supervising the loan modification. An 23 investigation revealed that Respondent had issued this 24 solicitation. 25 111 26 27 111

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5. 1 The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent, as 2 set forth in paragraph 4 above are in violation of Code 3 Sections 10235, 10235.5, 14701, 14702 and 17539.4, as well as 4 Section 2848(3) of Chapter 6, Title 10, California Code of 5 Regulations. It also provides cause for the suspension or 6 revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent 7 pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and/or 10177(j). 8 9 SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION 10 11 (UNLICENSED BROKER ACTIVITY) 6. 12 From at least November 12, 2009 to the present, 13 Respondent, under the name of LMAN, operated a website at 14 http://loanmodaction.com. This website stated "we are a loan 15 modification marketing company that uses the Internet and 16 technology to reduce costs and improve efficiency." By 17 marketing loan modification services, Respondent solicited 18 borrowers to negotiate loans or perform services on loans 19 20 secured by real property. Therefore, Respondent engaged in business requiring a real estate broker license in the State of 21 California within the meaning of Code Section 10131(d), in 22 violation of Code Section 10130. 23 7. 24 25 The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent, as 26 set forth in paragraph 6 above provides cause for the 27

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suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of 1 Respondent pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g). 2 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 the licenses and license rights of 6 Respondent JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE under the Real Estate Law, 7 and for such other and further relief as may be proper under 8 other applicable provisions of law. 9 Dated at Los Angeles, California 10 this <u>4</u> day of <u>May</u> <u>-</u>, 2010. 11 12 13 wich 14 Trujillo Robin Deputy Real Estate Commissioner 15 16 17 1819 20 21 22 23 24 25 JEFFERY ALLEN CONVERSE с: Robin Trujillo 26 Sacto. 27