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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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11 In the Matter of the Accusation

No. H-36859 LA L-2010110844

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APARTMENT & COMMERCIAL LENDING GROUP INC.; FEI PHILIP HSU, individually, and as designated officer for Apartment & Commercial Lending Group Inc; WAN TIN, STIPULATION AND **AGREEMENT**

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It is hereby stipulated by and between FEI PHILIP

HSU, individually, and Respondent's attorney, Frank Buda, and

21 the Complainant, acting by and through Cheryl Keily, Counsel

Respondents.

for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose

of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on October.

12, 2010, in this matter.

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.

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- 2. Respondents have received, read and understand the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") in this proceeding.
- 3. On October 27, 2010, Respondent filed a Notice of Defense, pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense he will thereby waive his right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that he will waive other rights afforded to him in connection with the hearing, such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation and Agreement is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this proceeding. In the interest of expedience and economy,

Respondent chooses not to litigate these allegations at a formal administrative hearing, but to remain silent and understand 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. This Stipulation and Agreement and Respondent's decision not to contest the Accusation are hereby expressly limited to this proceeding and made for the sole purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding. Respondent's decision not to contest the factual allegations at a formal administrative hearing is made solely for the purpose of effectuating this Stipulation and Agreement and is intended to be non-binding upon Respondent in any actions against him by third parties. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

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5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement as his decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the

APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.

6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

The conduct of Respondent, FEI PHILIP HSU, as described in the Accusation, is in violation of Code Section 10159.2, and is grounds for the suspension or revocation of all the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Business & Professions Code sections 10177(d) and 10177(g).

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ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

- 1. ALL licenses and licensing rights of Respondent FEI PHILIP HSU under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this The entire period of the sixty (60) day suspension decision. shall be stayed for one (1) year upon the following terms and conditions:
- a. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
- b. That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within one (1) year 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.
- Respondent shall, within six months from the effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee.

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If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent passes the examination.

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CHERYL D. KEILY, Counsel DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, and its

terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to

California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not

limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the

Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and

defense and mitigation of the charges.

voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of

requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the

Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to

cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in

I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the

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Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the 1 terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing 2 a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, 3 to the Department at the following telephone/fax number (213) 4 5 Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of his 6 7 actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as 8 9 binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the 10 original signed Stipulation and Agreement. 11 12 PHILIP HSU 13 Réspondent 14 I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have 15 advised my clients accordingly. 16 Frank Buda 17 Attorney for Respondent 18 19 The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby 20 adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective 21 TNOV: 2 8; 2011 22 2011. at 12 o'clock noon on 23 IT IS SO ORDERED 2011. 24 25 26 Acting Real Estate Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF BEAL ESTATE

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

No. H-36859 LA

<u>ACCUSATION</u>

In the Matter of the Accusation

APARTMENT & COMMERCIAL LENDING GROUP INC.; FEI PHILIP HSU, individually, and as designated officer for Apartment & Commercial Lending Group Inc; WAN TIN,

Respondents.

The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against APARTMENT & COMMERCIAL LENDING GROUP INC. ("APARTMENT"); FEI PHILIP HSU ("HSU"), individually, and as designated officer for Apartment & Commercial Lending Group Inc.; and WAN TIN ("TIN"), is informed and alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, Robin Trujillo, a Deputy Real Estate

Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation in 1 her official capacity. 2 2. 3 Respondent APARTMENT is presently licensed and/or has 4 license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, hereinafter "Code"), as a real estate corporation. On or about July 4, 2010, the license of APARTMENT expired. 9 3. 1.0 Respondent HSU is presently licensed and/or has licensed 11 rights under the Real Estate Law as a real estate broker. From 12 April 10, 2007, to November 28, 2007, HSU was the designated 13 broker-officer of Respondent APARTMENT. 14 4. 15 Thereafter, Respondent APARTMENT's license history 16 shows the following: 17 From November 29, 2007, to July 13, 2008, 18 APARTMENT had no designated officer. 19 b. From July 14, 2008, to December 16, 2008, 20 APARTMENT's designated officer was Chung Wei Wayne Yang, a 21 licensed real estate broker. 22 23 From December 17, 2008, to February 9, 2009, 24 APARTMENT had no designated officer. 25 d. From February 10, 2009, to July 28, 2009, 26 APARTMENT's designated officer was Lawrence Eberhart, a licensed 27 real estate broker.

e. From July 29, 2009, to July 3, 2010, APARTMENT had no designated officer.

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From April 10, 2007, to November 28, 2007, Respondent HSU, as the officer designated by Respondent APARTMENT pursuant to Section 10211 of the Code, was responsible for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of Respondent APARTMENT by its officers and employees as necessary to secure full compliance with the Real Estate Law as set forth in Section 10159.2 of the Code, including the supervision of salespersons licensed to the corporation in the performance of acts for which a real estate license is required.

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Respondent TIN is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law as a real estate salesperson.

At all times relevant herein Respondent TIN was the president of Respondent APARTMENT, and was employed by Respondent APARTMENT continuously from July 9, 2006, to and including July 27, 2009.

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At all times material herein, Respondent APARTMENT was engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate broker and/or real estate corporation in the State of California, within the meaning of Code 10131(d) of the Code. Said activity included soliciting borrowers and lenders and negotiating the terms of loans secured

by real property between borrowers and third party lenders for or in expectation of compensation.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

(Code Section 10176(a), 10176(b), 10176(i) and/or 10177(j) against Respondents TIN and APARTMENT)

8.

In or around July, 2007, Wu-sun Chia and Cecilia Chia (the "Chias") were interested in refinancing their 16-unit apartment building. The Chias were seeking a loan in the amount of \$1,000,000 with an interest rate of 6% or less. The Chias contacted TIN after they saw her newspaper advertisement which advertised the availability of "apartment loans."

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TIN represented to the Chias that she could obtain a loan for them at a fixed rate of 6% for ten years.

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At the Chias' request TIN entered into a fee agreement ("Fee Agreement") whereby the percentage amount of the fee payable to the broker, APARTMENT, was dependent upon the interest rate of the loan ultimately obtained for the Chias.

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On or about August 1, 2007, TIN directed the Chias to provide her with a check in the amount of \$10,000 made payable to APARTMENT. TIN falsely represented to the Chias that the \$10,000 would be delivered to their lender to be used for the appraisal, loan processing and other miscellaneous items. TIN further

represented to the Chias that the lender would credit them with any money left over through the loan escrow. The Chias believed TIN's representations and relied upon them in delivering their check in the amount of \$10,000 to her.

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TIN's representation to the Chias that the \$10,000 check made payable to APARTMENT would be delivered in its entirety to their lender was false. The truth was that TIN intended to and did deliver only \$5,000 of the total \$10,000 sum to the Chias' lender, and retained the balance for herself. The \$5,000 delivered to the lender was sufficient to cover all the lender's charges for the Chia loan.

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On or about November 1, 2007, the Chias obtained a loan in the amount of \$1,125,000 with an interest rate of 6.49%. Based on the interest rate of the loan, the fee payable to APARTMENT under the terms of the Fee Agreement was 0.5% of the loan amount, or \$5,625.

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Without the Chias' knowledge or consent TIN, on behalf of APARTMENT, demanded from the loan escrow a broker's fee which was contrary to the terms of the Fee Agreement and, further, far exceeded the amount due for the loan brokerage services rendered on behalf of the Chias. Specifically, TIN demanded that APARTMENT receive a sum equal to 1.0% of the loan amount, or \$11,250, rather than the \$5,625 provided for by the terms of the

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Fee Agreement. TIN also demanded that APARTMENT receive an additional sum in the amount of \$1,610 from the loan escrow for miscellaneous items. The total amount of APARTMENT's escrow demand was \$12,860.

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In making the escrow demand set forth in Paragraph 14, above, TIN knew that the amount of the broker demand was contrary to the agreement with the Chias. TIN also knew that because TIN continued to retain in her possession the sum of \$5,000 from the Chias' initial payment, the escrow funds being withheld from the Chias far exceeded the fee due under the terms of the Fee Agreement. Despite this knowledge TIN continued to press her wrongful demand, and refuses to permit the release of escrow funds owed to the Chias.

16.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents TIN and APARTMENT as described herein above, constitute making a substintial misrepresentation, the making of false promise(s) of a character likely to influence, persuade or induce, engaging in fraud or dishonest dealing, and/or negligence or incompetence, are cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondents TIN and APARTMENT under the provisions of Code Section 10176(a), 10176(b), 10176(i), and/or 10177(g).

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACCUSATION (Failure to Supervise)

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Complainant incorporates by this reference the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 16, above.

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The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent HSU in failing to exercise reasonable supervision over the activities of Respondents APARTMENT and TIN, as more fully set forth above, are cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent HSU pursuant to Code sections 10177(d), (g) and/or (h) for violation of Code section 10159.2.

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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 all the licenses and license rights of Respondent APARTMENT & COMMERCIAL LENDING GROUP INC., WAN TIN and FEI PHILIP HSU, 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 this _____ day of _____Other____, 2010.

To be in The

WAN TIN
Robin Trujillo

Sacto.

FEI PHILIP HSU

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

APARTMENT & COMMERCIAL LENDING GROUP INC.