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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of)

FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III, and EVELYN VELASQUEZ,

No. H-37605 LA

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 14, 2012, and the findings of fact set forth herein are based on one or more of the following: (1) Respondent's express admissions; (2) affidavits; and (3) other evidence.

This Decision suspends or revokes one or more real estate licenses on the ground of the violation of the Real Estate Law (commencing with Section 10000 of the Business and Professions Code (Code)) or Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 11000 of the Code) of Part 2 or the rules and regulations of the commissioner for the administration and enforcement of the Real Estate Law and Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 11000 of the Code) of Part 2.

The right to reinstatement of a revoked real estate license or to the reduction of a suspension is controlled by Section 11522 of the Government Code. A copy of Section 11522 and a copy of the Commissioner's <u>Criteria of Rehabilitation</u> are attached hereto for the information of Respondents.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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On May 31, 2012, Howard Alston made the Second Amended Accusation ("Accusation") in his official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California. The

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Accusation, Statement to Respondent, and Notice of Defense were mailed, by certified mail, to Respondent's last known mailing address on file with the Department on May 31, 2012.

Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of the Government Code. Respondent's default was entered herein on June 14, 2012.

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Respondent EVELYN VELASQUEZ is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code") as a real estate salesperson. Prior to November 17, 2009, Respondent was not licensed by the Department in any capacity. At no time was Respondent employed by a licensed broker.

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The evidence established that Respondent engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, or advertised a loan modification service and advance fee brokerage offering to perform and performing loan modification services with respect to loans which were secured by liens on real property for compensation or in expectation of compensation and for fees often collected in advance as well as at the conclusion of the transaction on behalf of broker Frank H. Whitehead III, doing business under the authorized fictitious business name "Blue Light Investments." Respondent's activities include but are not limited to the following instances:

On or about April 17, 2009, as a result of a. being solicited by Ruiz, Raul Lopez S. ("Raul") paid a series of advance fees to Ruiz and Respondent VELASQUEZ on behalf of Blue Light Investments. At the direction of Ruiz on or about April 17, 2009, Raul gave Ruiz an advance fee in the amount of \$1,995 by a check made payable to "C & L Financial." Ruiz represented to Raul that the foregoing check was being collected on behalf of Blue Light Investments. Additionally, Raul gave VELASQUEZ and Ruiz personal money orders in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$800 which were made payable to Blue Light Investments. The foregoing advance fees were collected pursuant to the provisions of an agreement pertaining to loan solicitation, negotiation, and modification services to be provided by Blue Light Investments, Ruiz and VELASQUEZ with respect to a loan secured by real property.

b. On or about December 21, 2009, Evaristo F. paid an advance fee of \$3,000 to VELASQUEZ on behalf of Blue Light Investments. The advance fee was collected pursuant to the provisions of an agreement pertaining to loan solicitation, negotiation, and modification services to be provided by VELASQUEZ and Blue Light Investments with respect to a loan secured by real property located at 702 E. 84th Place, Los Angeles, California.

c. On or about the following dates Rafael R. paid advance fees in the specified amounts to VELASQUEZ on behalf of Blue Light Investments: \$1,000 was paid on March 19, 2009; \$1,000 was paid on April 17, 2009; two payments of \$3,000 each were paid on December 18, 2009; and \$500 was paid on January 22, 2010. The advance fees were collected pursuant to the provisions of an agreement pertaining to loan solicitation, negotiation, and modification services to be provided by VELASQUEZ and Blue Light Investments with respect to loans secured by real properties located at 2051 E. 76th Place, Los Angeles, California 90001 and 4723 E. Compton Boulevard, Compton, California 90221.

d. On or about January 27, 2009, Josefina C. paid a \$1,000 advance fee to VELASQUEZ on behalf of Blue Light Investments. The advance fee was collected pursuant to the provisions of an agreement pertaining to loan solicitation, negotiation, and modification services to be provided by VELASQUEZ and Blue Light Investments with respect to a loan secured by the real property located at 10239 Bartee Avenue, Arleta, California 91331.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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Based on the information contained in Paragraph III, above, Respondent performed and/or participated in activities which require a real estate broker license under the provisions of Code Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2 during a period of time when Respondent was not licensed by the Department as a real estate broker, nor employed as a real estate salesperson by a broker on whose behalf the activities were performed, in violation of Code Section 10130 which is cause to suspend or revoke the license and license rights of Respondent pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(j).

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

ORDER

The licenses and license rights of Respondent EVELYN VELASQUEZ under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code are revoked.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock AUG 1 5 2012

DATED:

REAL ESTATE, COMMISSIONER

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Chief Counsel

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of)) NO. H-37605 LA
12	FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III, and)
13	EVELYN VELASQUEZ,) DEFAULT ORDER
14	Respondent(s).)
15	Respondent, EVELYN VELASQUEZ, having failed to file a
16	Notice of Defense within the time required by Section 11506 of
17 18	the Government Code, is now in default. It is, therefore,
10	ordered that a default be entered on the record in this matter.
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	13	In the Matter of the Accusation of) NO. H-37605 LA
	14	FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III, and) L-2011110969
	15	EVELYN VELASQUEZ,)) <u>STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT</u>
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	17	Respondents.)
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	19	It is hereby stipulated by and between FRANK H.
	20	WHITEHEAD III (sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), and the
	21	Complainant, acting by and through Cheryl Keily, Counsel for
	22	the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of
	23 24	settling and disposing of the Second Amended Accusation
	25	("Accusation") filed on May 31, 2012, in this matter.
	26	1. All issues which were to be contested and all
	27	evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent
		at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be
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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. 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
("Department") in this proceeding.

3. On November 16, 2011, Respondent filed a Notice of 10 11 Defense, pursuant to Section 11506 of the Government Code for 12 the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the 13 Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws 14 said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he 15 understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense he will 16 thereby waive his right to require the Commissioner to prove the 17 18 allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in 19 accordance with the provisions of the APA and that he will waive 20 other rights afforded to him in connection with the hearing, 21 such as the right to present evidence in defense of the 22 allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine 23 24 witnesses.

4. 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.

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10 This Stipulation is based on the factual 5. 11 allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of 12 expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these 13 allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a 14 result thereof, these factual allegations, without being 15 16 admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the 17 disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate 18 Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence 19 to prove said factual allegations. 20

This Stipulation and Respondents' decision not to 6. contest the Accusation are made for the purpose of reaching an 22 agreed disposition of this proceeding, and are expressly 24limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in 25 which the Department of Real Estate, or another licensing agency of this state, another state or the federal government is involved and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other

¹ || criminal or civil proceedings.

2 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real 3 Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and 4 Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any 5 further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of 6 Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not 7 specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this 8 9 proceeding. 10 DETERMINATION OF ISSUES 11 By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions 12 and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the 13 pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and 14 agreed that the following determination of issues shall be 15 16 made: 17 The Conduct of Respondent is in violation of Business 18 and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10137 and 10148, and is 19 grounds for the suspension or revocation of all of the real 20 estate licenses and license rights of Respondent under the 21 provisions of Code Section 10177 subdivision (g). 22 23 ORDER 24 WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made: 25 I. ALL licenses and licensing rights of Respondent 26 FRANK H. WHITHEAD III, under the Real Estate Law are suspended 27 for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this

Decision; provided, however, that the entire period of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

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1. 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

2. That no final subsequent determination be made, after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary 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.

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

III. Within one year of the effective date of the Decision, Respondent shall make restitution to those persons who allegedly suffered monetary loss as a result of the

allegations set forth in the Accusation filed in this case as
follows:

1. Respondent shall provide proof of restitution 4 satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner of restitution to 5 the following individuals and in the amounts specified: б Josefina Cortes in the amount of \$2,770; a. 7 Raul Lopez Silva in the amount of \$1,995; b. 8 Paulo Azevedo in the amount of \$1,000; c. 9 d. Evaristo Figueroa in the amount of \$3,000; and 10 Rafael Rodriguez in the amount of \$7,500. е. 11 2. All proof of payment of restitution shall be 12 submitted to Department Counsel Cheryl Keily, Attention: Legal 13 Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 14 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105, on or before the time 15 set for performance. 16 3. If Respondent fails to satisfy these conditions, 17 the Real Estate Commissioner may order suspension of 18 Respondent's license until Respondent provides proof of 19 restitution satisfactory to the Commissioner. 20 21 6/1/12 DATED: 22 CHERYL D. KĖILY, DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 23 24 25 I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, and its 26 terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to 27 I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the me.

California Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and 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 8 defense and mitigation of the charges.

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10 Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the 11 terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by 12 faxing a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by 13 Respondent, to the Department at the following telephone/fax 14 number (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and 15 understands that by electronically sending to the Department a 16 17 fax copy of his actual signature as it appears on the 18 Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by 19 the Department shall be as binding on Respondent as if the 20 Department had received the original signed Stipulation and 21 Agreement. 22 23 DATED: FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III, 24 Respondent

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DATED:

FRANK H. WHITEHEAD III,

Respondent

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become AUG 1 5 2012 effective at 12 o'clock noon on 2012. . IT IS SO ORDERED REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER By WA WATNE S. BELL Chief Counsel