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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

INCORPORATED; and <u>JULIO ENRIQUE</u> GONZALEZ JR., individually and formerly as designated officer of California Finance Group

Respondents.

DRE No: H-37695 LA OAH No: 2011120950

> STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between JULIO ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, JR., and his attorney of record, Frank M. Buda, and the Complainant, acting by and through James A. Demus, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation in this matter, filed on November 28, 2011:

All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was to be presented by Complainant and Respondent 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).

- 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 in this proceeding.
- 3. 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 thereby waives 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 his defense and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of 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 is based on Respondent's decision not to contest the allegations set forth in the Accusation as a result of the agreement negotiated between the parties. This Stipulation is expressly limited to this proceeding and any further proceeding initiated by or brought before the Department of Real Estate based upon the factual allegations in the Accusation and is made for the sole purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding. The decision of Respondent not to contest the allegations contained in the "Order" herein below, is made solely for the purpose of effectuating this Stipulation. It is the intent and understanding of the parties that this Stipulation shall not be binding or admissible against Respondents in any action against Respondent by third parties.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights as set forth in the "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not

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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.

- 8. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondents agrees to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148, the cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of said cost is \$3,875.56.
- 9. Respondent has received, read, and understand the "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit." Respondent further understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondent for the cost of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148 to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit will not exceed \$3,875.56.

## DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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

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The conduct of JULIO ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, JR., as described in Paragraph 4, above, provides a basis for discipline

of JULIO ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, JR.'s license and license rights pursuant to Sections 10085 and 10177(d) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS MADE PURSUANT TO THE WRITTEN STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES:

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent

JULIO ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, JR. under the Real Estate Law are

suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective

date of this Decision; provided, however, that sixty (60) days

of said suspension, shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the

following terms and conditions:

- 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.

If Respondent JULIO ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, JR. petitions, an additional 30 days shall be stayed upon condition that:

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Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at the rate of \$40 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$1,200.

- Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 4. 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.
- 5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

III.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for: a) the audit which led to this disciplinary

action and b) a subsequent audit to determine if Respondent has corrected the trust fund violations found in the Determination of In calculating the amount of the Commissioner's Issues. reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel costs, including mileage, time to and from the auditor's place of work and per diem. Respondent shall pay such costs 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, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondent and the Commissioner. The vacation and the set aside of the stay shall remain in effect until payment is made in full, or until Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment.

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IV.

ENRIQUE GONZALEZ JR. are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of this requirement includes evidence that respondent has successfully

completed the trust fund account and handling continuing education course within 120 days prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

V.

All proof of payment and completed coursework shall be submitted to Department Counsel James A. Demus, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105, on or before the dates set forth above.

ATED: 8/15/(2)

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

## EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation and discussed it with my counsel. Its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the 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 defense and mitigation of the charges.

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1 Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation by faxing a copy of the 2 signature page, as actually signed by Respondents, to the 3 Department at the following telephone/fax number: James A. Denus 5 at (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a б 7 fax copy of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the stipulation, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department 9 shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had 10 received the original signed Stipulation. 11 JULIO ENRIQUE GONZ FRANK M. BUDA. Attorney for Respondent The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to Respondent JULIO ENRIQUE GONZALEZ, JR. and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on 2012. IT IS SO ORDERED 2012 Real Estate Commissioner

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