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8	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
. 9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Accusation of) NO. $H-37805$ LA
12) CHRISTOPHER NEIL RICHARDSON,) A C C U S A T I O N
· 13	Respondent.)
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15	The Compleinent Marie Cuerce & Deputy Deel Hatete
16	The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation
17	against CHRISTOPHER NEIL RICHARDSON ("Respondent"), is informed
18	and alleges as follows:
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21	The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate
22	Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation
23	in her official capacity.
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25	Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license
26	rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the
27	California Business and Professions Code, "Code").
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From May 7, 2007, through the present, Respondent has been licensed by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") as a real estate salesperson, Department License No. 01806519.

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At no time mentioned herein has Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. ever been licensed by the Department in any capacity. Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. is a California corporation. Respondent is the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and agent for service of process for Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. On December 8, 2010, a certificate of dissolution of Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. was filed with the California Secretary of State.

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At all times herein mentioned, for compensation or in 17 expectation of compensation, Respondent engaged in the business 18 of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a 19 20 real estate broker in the State of California, by soliciting 21 borrowers, offering to negotiate loans, collect payments or 22 perform services for borrowers in connection with loans secured 23 directly or collaterally by liens on real property within the 24 meaning of Code Section 10131(d).

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For an unknown period of time beginning no later than February 19, 2009, through June, 2009, Respondent, while using the unlicensed fictitious business name Real Estate Foreclosure

Help, Inc., engaged in the business of soliciting borrowers or offering to perform services for borrowers including forensic loan audits, modification or negotiation in connection with loans secured by real property. In an effort to circumvent existing laws concerning the charging or collecting of advance fees by real estate brokers, Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. provided the borrowers noted below with an advance fee agreement entitled "Mortgage Loan Document Audit Agreement" for loan modification and negotiation services that said borrowers expected to receive from Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. claimed, demanded, charged, received, collected or contracted for the collection of advance fees, within the meaning of Code Section 10026, for the following borrowers, among others:

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On or about February 19, 2009, Respondent and Real a. Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. charged borrower Gloria Mateo an 18 advance fee of \$995 pursuant to an advance fee agreement for 19 20 loan modification and negotiation services in connection with a 21 loan secured by real property.

b. On or about March 20, 2009, Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. charged borrower Harold Washington an advance fee of \$2,995 pursuant to an advance fee agreement for loan modification and negotiation services in connection with a loan secured by real property. Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. failed to perform the loan modification and negotiation services that had been promised to

¹ Harold Washington. Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help,
² Inc. failed to refund the advance fee paid by Harold Washington.

c. On or about March 24, 2009, Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. charged borrowers Edna and Cesar Guillen an advance fee of \$2,995 pursuant to an advance fee agreement for loan modification and negotiation services in connection with a loan secured by real property.

d. On or about June 15, 2009, Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. charged borrower, Ana Menjivar an advance fee of \$2,500 pursuant to an advance fee agreement for loan modification and negotiation services in connection with a loan secured by real property. Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. failed to perform the loan modification and negotiation services that had been promised to Ana Menjivar. Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. failed to refund the advance fee paid by Ana Menjivar.

On or about June 17, 2009, Diane Wolfrey paid an e. 18 advance fee of \$1,500 to Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. ·19 20 pursuant to an advance fee agreement for loan modification and 21 negotiation services in connection with a loan secured by real 22 property. Respondent and Real Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. 23 failed to perform the loan modification and negotiation services 24 that had been promised to Diane Wolfrey. Respondent and Real 25 Estate Foreclosure Help, Inc. failed to refund the advance fee 26 paid by Diane Wolfrey. 27

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The facts alleged above are in violation of Code Section 10130 and are grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondent CHRISTOPHER NEIL RICHARDSON's real estate salesperson license under Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

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 licenses and license rights of Respondent CHRISTOPHER NEIL RICHARDSON under the Real Estate Law, that Complainant be awarded its costs of investigation and prosecution of this case, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under the provisions of law.

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Dated at Los Angeles, California anuara this <u>24/M</u> day of 2012.

MARIA SUAREZ Deputy Real Estate Compressioner

cc: Christopher Neil Richardson Mazlat, Inc. Maria Suarez Sacto

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