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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of the Accusation

No. H-37920 LA No. L-2012031193

13 JASON JEROME HILT,

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Respondent.

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It is hereby stipulated by and between JASON JEROME HILT, (sometimes referred to as "Respondent"), and the Respondent's attorney Thomas B. Sheridan, Esq., and the Complainant, acting by and through Cheryl D. Keily, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on February 29, 2012, in this matter.

1. 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.

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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 March 9, 2012, 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. 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.

5. 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 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. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.

- 6. This Stipulation and Respondents' decision not to 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, or another licensing agency of this state, another state or the federal government is involved and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceedings.
- 7. 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

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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, as described in the Accusation, is grounds for the suspension or revocation of all of the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of <u>Sections 10085</u>, <u>10137</u> and <u>10177(g)</u> of the Business and Professions Code.

## ORDER

## WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

- I. ALL licenses and licensing rights of Respondent JASON JEROME HILT 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 entire period of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years 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 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.

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.

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 satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner of restitution to the following individuals and in the amounts specified:
  - a. Andrew Winston in the amount of \$850; and
  - b. Michelle Chen Law in the amount of \$2,600.
- 2. All proof of payment of restitution shall be submitted to Department Counsel Cheryl Keily, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105, on or before the time set for performance.

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3. If Respondent fails to satisfy these conditions, the Real Estate Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent provides proof of restitution satisfactory to the Commissioner.

DATED: Aug 9, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, and its terms are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to 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.

I have read the provisions of Section 2945.2(c), Title 10, Chapter 6, Code of Regulations, and am executing this Stipulation and Agreement in reliance thereon.

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number (213) Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and understands that 576-6917. by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of his

actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, 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 and Agreement. 5 Ş DATED: 7 Respondent 8 I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to 9 form and content and have advised my client accordingly 10 13 Thomas B. Sheridan, Esc. 12 Attorney for Respondent JASON JEROME HILT 13 14 15 The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby 16 adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective 17 OCT 0 4 2012 at 12 o'clock noon on 2012. 18 IT IS SO ORDERED 19 30 COMMISSIONER 21 22 23 Chief Counsel 24 25 26 37