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26 27 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of) DRE No. H-38085 LA PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC.) OAH No. 2012080569 and MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON, individually and as designated officer of Playas Del Pacifico 201-A, Inc.,

Respondents.

It is hereby stipulated by and between PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. and MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON (collectively "Respondents") and their attorney of record, Steven C. Vondran, and the Complainant, acting by and through Lissete Garcia, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the First Amended Accusation filed on July 30, 2012, 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 First Amended 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. 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. Respondents 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.

 Respondents hereby freely and voluntarily withdraw said Notice of Defense. Respondents acknowledge that they understand that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense they will thereby waive their right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the First Amended Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that they will waive other rights afforded to them in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the First Amended Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the First Amended Accusation filed in this proceeding. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondents choose not to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understand that, as a result thereof, these factual statements, 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 such allegations.

- 5. This Stipulation and Respondents' decision not to contest the First Amended 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, or another licensing agency of this state, another state or if the federal government is involved and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceedings.
- 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 Respondents' 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, the Stipulation shall be void and of no effect, and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing on the First Amended Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver made herein.
- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department with respect to any conduct which was not specifically alleged to be causes for accusation in this proceeding.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

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

I. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. as set forth in the First Amended Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. under the provisions of Section 10177(d) of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") for violation of Code Section 10085 and Regulation 2970, of the Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations").

MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON as set forth in the First Amended Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all the real estate licenses, mortgage loan originator license endorsements, and license rights of Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON under the provisions of Sections 10177(h), 10166.051(a), and 10166.05(c) of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") for violation of Code Section 10159.2 and Regulation 2725.

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WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

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All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that if Respondent petitions, the last fifteen (15) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon condition that:

- Respondent PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at the rate of \$250 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$3,750.
- 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.
- No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. occurs within one year from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- If Respondent PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. 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 PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within one year from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

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All licenses, mortgage loan originator endorsements, and licensing rights of Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Decision; provided, however, that if Respondent petitions, the last fifteen (15) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon condition that:

- 1. Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Code at the rate of \$250 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$3,750.
- 2. 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 MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON occurs within one year from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

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If Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON 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.

If Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within one year from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

III

Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON shall within six (6) months from the effective date of the Decision herein, 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 and mortgage loan originator endorsement until Respondent passes the examination.

IV

Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed

the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order the suspension of the restricted license until the Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act to present such evidence.

V

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON are suspended unless or until Respondent MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON 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 the 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.

VII

Respondents PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. and MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON, shall jointly or severally, by the effective of the Decision herein, provide proof of paying restitution of \$999.99 to Roy and Peggy Barnard as follows:

(a) Respondents shall deliver or mail the restitution payment, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Roy and

Peggy Barnards' last address on file with or known to Respondents.

- "unable to deliver," Respondents shall employ a locator service

 (that may include or be limited to the Internet or other database retrieval search) to try and locate Roy and Peggy Barnard.

 Repayment shall then be made to the addresses recommended by the locator service.
- (c) If unable to effect repayment after using a locator service, Respondents shall provide reasonable proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of their efforts to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph.
- (d) If the Commissioner determines that proof to be unsatisfactory, he shall so advise Respondents, and indicate what additional reasonable efforts should be made to make repayment to Roy and Peggy Barnard.
- (e) If Respondents fail to satisfy this condition, the

 Commissioner may order suspension of Respondents' licenses and/or

 mortgage loan originator endorsements until Respondents effect

 compliance herein; and
- (f) Restitution payments not made to Roy and Peggy Barnard shall escheat to the State of California.

VIII

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code
Section 10106, Respondents PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC. and
MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON, shall jointly or severally, pay the
Commissioner's reasonable cost for investigation and enforcement

of the matter. The investigation and enforcement cost which led to this disciplinary action is \$778.75. Said payment shall be made within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Decision.

The Commissioner may suspend the licenses and/or mortgage loan originator endorsements of Respondents pending a hearing held in accordance with California Government Code Section 11500, et seq., if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondents and the Commissioner. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full or until Respondents enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

IX

All proofs of payment shall be submitted to Department Counsel Lissete Garcia, 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.

DATED: May 21, 2013

LISSETE GARCIA, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate

We have read the Stipulation and Agreement, have discussed it with our counsel, and its terms are understood by

us and are agreeable and acceptable to us. We understand that we are waiving rights given to us by the California

Administrative Procedure Act (including but not limited to Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and we willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the First Amended Accusation at a hearing at which we would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against us and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

Respondents can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondents, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number:

(213) 576-6917. Respondents agree, acknowledge and understand that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of their actual signature as they appear on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondents as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation and Agreement.

DATED: 5/15/13

For Respondent PLAYAS DEL PACIFICO 201-A, INC.

DATED: 5/15/13

MICHAEL EDWARD HARRISON Respondent

I have reviewed the Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have advised my clients accordingly. Steven C. Vondran, Attorney for Respondents Playas Del Pacifico 201-A, Inc. and Michael Edward Harrison б The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in this matter, and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on August 8, 2013. IT IS SO ORDERED REAL ESTADE COMMISSIONER