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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA .

In the Matter of the Accusation of

DRE No. H-38277 LA

USLMP, INC., LONI MARIE BARNHART, OAH No. 2012110154

individually and as designated

officer of USLMP, Inc.,;

ESMERALDA VALLE NOVIKOFF,

JARED A. STANSFIELD,

DARRYL LLOYD WASHINGTON, and

CHRISTOPHER KIFAYA,

CHRISTOPHER KIFAYA,

Respondents.

It is hereby stipulated by and between CHRISTOPHER KIFAYA ("Respondent") 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 Accusation filed on July 20, 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 ("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 ("Department") 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 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. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this proceeding. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understands 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 Respondent's 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, 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.

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 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 Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing on the 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 Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent CHRISTOPHER KIFAYA, as set forth in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent CHRISTOPHER KIFAYA under the provisions of Section 10177(d) of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") for violation of Code Sections 10130 and 10137.

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ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent

CHRISTOPHER KIFAYA 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, said suspension (or a portion thereof) shall be stayed upon condition that:

- 1. Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to
 Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate
 of \$100 for each day of the suspension for a total monetary
 penalty of \$3,000.
- 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 occurs within one (1) year 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 one (1) year from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

II

Respondent CHRISTOPHER KIFAYA shall, within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Decision, provide proof of paying restitution of \$500 to Eugene and Jestine Carrington as follows:

- (a) Respondent shall deliver or mail the restitution payment, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Eugene and Jestine Carrington's last address on file with or known to Respondent.
- (b) If the payment is returned by the Post Office marked "unable to deliver," Respondent shall employ a locator service (that may include or be limited to the Internet or other database retrieval search) to try and locate Eugene and Jestine Carrington. Repayment shall then be made to the addresses recommended by the locator service.
- (c) If unable to effect repayment after using a locator service, Respondent shall provide reasonable proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of his efforts to comply with the provisions of this Paragraph.

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(d) If the Commissioner determines that proof to be unsatisfactory, he shall so advise Respondent, and indicate what additional reasonable efforts should be made to make repayment to Eugene and Jestine Carrington.

- (e) If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent effects compliance herein; and
- (f) Restitution payments not made to Eugene and Jestine Carrington shall escheat to the State of California.
- (g) All proof 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.

III

Respondent shall, within six (6) 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 the suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent passes the examination.

IV

Respondent 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.

DATED: Jan. 30 2013

LISSETE GARCIA, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement and 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.

Respondent 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 Respondent,

to the Department at the following telephone/fax number: (213) 576-6917. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that 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. Respondent The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in this matter, and shall become April 15, 2013. effective at 12 o'clock noon on IT IS SO ORDERED Real Estate Commissioner

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WAYNE S. BELL