CHERYL D. KEILY, Counsel (SBN 94008) Department of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 MAR 2 8 2013 (Direct) (213) 576-6905 5 6 7 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Application of) No. H- 38787 LA 12 CHRISTOPHER ALLEN RUSSELLO, STATEMENT OF ISSUES 13 Respondent. Mortgage Loan 14 Originator License Endorsement 15 16 The Complainant, Sylvia Yrigollen, a Deputy Real 17 Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of 18 Statement of Issues against CHRISTOPHER ALLEN RUSSELLO 19 20 ("Respondent") alleges as follows: 21 1. 22 The Complainant, Sylvia Yrigollen, a Deputy Real 23 Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this 24 Accusation in her official capacity. 25 111 26 111

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Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) as a real estate broker.

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On or about May 19, 2011, Respondent made application to the Department for an individual mortgage loan originator license endorsement (hereinafter "license endorsement").

PRIOR REGULATORY ACTION BY DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

4.

On or about November 5, 1992, in Department of Corporations ("DOC") File No. 963 0003/OAH L-56953, the Commissioner of Corporations barred Respondent from any position of employment, management, or control in any escrow agent licensed by DOC pursuant to Financial Code Section 17423 in that he was found to have knowingly violated the following provisions of the applicable escrow law:

- a. Financial Code Section 17414(a) in that Respondent participated in activities which constituted fraud in connection with escrow transactions;
- b. Financial Code Section 17414(b) in that Respondent knowingly made misstatements of material facts in documents pertaining to escrows;

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c. Title 10, California Code of Regulations, Section 1738.1 in that Respondent paid out money from escrow accounts in excess of the credit of such escrow accounts; and

d. Title 10, California Code of Regulations,
Section 1738.1 in that Respondent issued checks drawn on escrow
accounts which did not have sufficient credit balances to cover
the issuance of said checks.

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE PRIOR REGULATORY ACTION

5.

Respondent answered "No" in response to each question in the section of the mortgage loan originator endorsement application ("Application") entitled "Regulatory Action"," which is found in No. I of the Disclosure Questions contained in the Application, and provides, in relevant part, as follows:

- a. Has any State or federal regulatory agency foreign regulatory authority ever found you to have made a false statement or omission or been dishonest, unfair or unethical? (No. I(1))
- b. Has any State or federal regulatory agency foreign regulatory authority ever found you to have been involved in a violation of financial services-related business regulation(s) or statute(s)? (No. I(2))
- c. Has any State or federal regulatory agency foreign regulatory authority ever denied or suspended your registration or license, disciplined you, or otherwise by

order, prevented you from associating with a financial services-related business? (No. I(6))

d. Has any State or federal regulatory agency foreign regulatory authority ever barred you from association with an entity regulated by such commissioners, authority, agency, or officer, or from engaging in a financial services-related business? (No. I(7))

e. Has any State or federal regulatory agency foreign regulatory authority ever issued a final order against you based on violations of any law or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct? (No. I(8))

6.

By Respondent's answering "No" to the questions set forth in Paragraph 5, above, and thereby failing to reveal the existence of the regulatory action by DOC described in Paragraph 4, above, Respondent engaged in conduct constituting the making of a material misstatement as to the existence of the regulatory action described in Paragraph 4, above. The foregoing conduct constitutes withholding information and/or making a material misstatement in an application for a license endorsement and is cause for the denial of Respondent's mortgage loan originator endorsement under Section 10166.051(b) of the Code.

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ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF LICENSE ENDORSEMENT

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2 The facts alleged in Paragraph 4, above, constitute 3 cause for denial of Respondent's application for a license endorsement under Code Section 10166.05(c) and Section 2758.3, 5 Title 10, Chapter 6, Code of Regulations ("Regulations") in that 6 Respondent has failed to demonstrate such financial 7 responsibility, character and general fitness as to command the 8 confidence of the community and to warrant a determination that 10 the mortgage loan originator will operate honestly, fairly, and 11 efficiently within the purposes of Article 2.1 of the Real 12 Estate Law. 13

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WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Statement of Issues, and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered that the Commissioner refuse to authorize the issuance of, and deny the issuance of, a license endorsement to Respondent CHRISTOPHER ALLEN RUSSELLO, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under the provisions of law.

Dated at Sacramento, California this 28th day of March , 2013.

Sylvia Yrigollan Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

cc: CHRISTOPHER ALLEN RUSSELLO Sylvia Yrigollen Sacto.

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