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FILED MARTHA J. ROSETT, Counsel (SBN 142072) 1 Department of Real Estate 320 W. 4th St. #350 MAY 17 2013 Los Angeles, CA 90013 3 DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE Telephone: (213) 576-6982 4 (213) 620-6430 (dir) 5 6 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 7 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 In the Matter of the Accusation of 10 No. H-38880 LA 11 ANGIE MARY GARCIA, ACCUSATION 12 Respondent. 13 14 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State 15 of California, for cause Accusation against ANGIE MARY GARCIA, is informed and alleges 16 as follows: 17 1. 18 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the 19 State of California, makes this Accusation against Respondent in her official capacity. 20 2. 21 Respondent ANGIE MARY GARCIA (hereinafter "Respondent"), is presently 22 licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the 23 California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "the Code") as a real estate salesperson. 24 3. 25 At all times mentioned herein, Respondent was and is licensed by the 26 Department of Real Estate ("Department") as a real estate salesperson. Respondent was first 27 licensed as a real estate salesperson in 1994.

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(a) Beginning on or about April 16, 2010 and continuing through on or about March 17, 2011, Respondent was employed by Republic Realty Services Inc., dba ReMax Metro Real Estate Services ("Republic") as her supervising broker of record. Paul Flores was the broker-officer of Republic designated pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 to be responsible for the supervision of the activities of the officers, agents, and employees of, and real estate licensees employed by Republic to ensure compliance with the real estate law.

(b) Beginning on or about March 18, 2011 through the present time, Respondent was and is employed by Marloz Financial Inc. as her supervising broker of record.

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On or about April 9, 2010, Respondent negotiated a listing agreement with Mario O. and Marilu V. ("Sellers") to sell their real property located at 2793 Waxwing Circle, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 ("Waxwing property"). The listing price was \$699,000.00, but the listing agreement also stated that the contract was contingent upon short-sale approval. The agreement also called for a broker's commission of 6% of the sale price.

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At the time, the Waxwing property was encumbered by a senior deed of trust held by America's Wholesale Lender for \$715,500.00 and by a junior deed of trust held by Countrywide for \$143,100.00. The appraised value of the Waxwing property was not sufficient to cover the full amount due on the loans and extinguish all costs of sale and property taxes due. The property was then taken off the market for a period of time to allow the Sellers to attempt to negotiate with lenders to modify the terms of their loans.

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On August 27, 2010, Respondent relisted the property as a short sale. Sellers would negotiate with lenders to permit the sale of the Waxwing property for an amount less than needed to extinguish all costs of sale, taxes, and the full balance due on the loans secured by the Waxwing property, whereby the lender would either forgive any remaining balance due on the promissory notes and/or release their liens.

On the same day, August 27, 2010, Mark and Cynthia T. ("Buyers") contacted Respondent about purchasing the Waxwing property. Buyers signed a "Short sale Addendum," and submitted an offer to purchase the property. On September 10, 2010, the Buyers signed a Counter Offer from the Sellers, and entered into a purchase agreement for the Waxing property. Respondent acted as dual agent for Sellers and Buyers. The agreement contained the following express provision:

"[p]roperty being sold as is and buyer to pay for any third party fees incurred by seller but not paid by seller/short sale lender included [sic] but not limited to property taxes sellers title fees, liens, negotiation fee, sellers escrow fees in a total amount not to exceed 10,000."

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Escrow opened on October 7, 2010. The closing agent was Barringer Escrow, an independent escrow licensed by the Department of Corporations. The commission disclosures signed by Sellers reflected commissions to be paid to ReMax Metro as agent of the Buyer and agent of the Seller, for a total of \$37,200.00. The HUD 1 signed by the Buyers on October 25, 2010 reflected an additional "Negotiation Fee: To follow" in the amount of \$5,500.00".

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Escrow closed on the transaction on October 27, 2010. Two commission checks for \$18,600.00 each were paid to ReMax Metro, one as the buyer's commission and one as the seller's commission. In addition, \$5,500.00 was paid to Respondent directly from escrow. This additional fee was not disclosed to the Buyers or Sellers, and was not authorized by Respondent's employing broker at the time.

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At no time prior to the close of escrow did Respondent inform Sellers, Buyers or the Lender that she would receiving a negotiation which would increase the commission to an amount in excess of the 6% maximum authorized in the listing agreement, and the \$37,200.00 limit set forth in the short sale approval letter.

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The conduct, acts and/or omissions set forth above constitutes grounds to suspend or revoke Respondent's real estate salesperson license pursuant to Code Section 10176(a) for misrepresenting the true amount of her compensation.

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The conduct, acts and/or omissions set forth above constitutes grounds to suspend or revoke Respondent's real estate salesperson license pursuant to Code Section 10176(g) for claiming or taking a secret or undisclosed compensation or profit, and for failing to disclose the full amount of compensation or profit to her employer.

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The conduct, acts and/or omissions set forth above constitutes grounds to suspend or revoke Respondent's real estate salesperson license pursuant to Code Section 10176(i) and/or 10177(j) for engaging in fraud or dishonest dealing.

14.

The conduct, acts and/or omissions set forth above constitutes grounds to suspend or revoke Respondent's real estate salesperson license pursuant to Code Section 10137 in conjunction with Code Sections 10177(d) and/or (g) for accepting compensation from a person other than the broker under whom she was licensed at the time.

15.

Business and Professions Code Section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Department, the commissioner may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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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 license(s) and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), for the cost of investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other provisions of law. Deputy Commissioner Dated at Los Angeles, California this 224 day of _____ cc: Angie Mary Garcia Marloz Financial Inc. Maria Suarez Sacto.