CHERYL D. KEILY SBN# 94008 Bureau of Real Estate 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 (Direct) (213) 576-6905 5 MAR 1 5 2016 BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 6 7 8 9 BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-40168 LA 13 JACQUELINE CONTRERAS, ACCUSATION 14 15 Respondent. 16 17 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State 18 of California, for cause of Accusation against JACQUELINE CONTRERAS ("Respondent") is 19 informed and alleges as follows: 20 21 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State 22 of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity. 23 2. 24 Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate 25 Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, hereinafter "Code") as a real 26 estate salesperson. 27

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Respondent does not now and never has held a mortgage loan originator endorsement to her real estate salesperson license.

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At the time of the events alleged herein Respondent was employed by Homeworks Group Inc., a licensed real estate broker. Homeworks Group Inc. had no prior knowledge of the facts set forth below.

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At all times herein mentioned, Respondent, acting through JC Financial Consulting, Inc. ("JC Financial"), engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, or advertised a loan modification service and advance fee brokerage offering to perform and performing loan modification and negotiation services with respect to loans which were secured by liens on real property for compensation or in expectation of compensation and for fees collected in advance.

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At no time mentioned herein was JC Financial licensed by the Bureau of Real Estate ("Bureau") in any capacity.

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In or around September, 2013, consumer Greg I. ("Consumer") consulted with Respondent about obtaining a loan modification of the mortgage loan on his property located at 15769 Silverpointe Avenue, Chino Hills, California. Respondent represented to Consumer that she could negotiate a reduction in his monthly mortgage payment to \$1,800, including principal, interest and taxes. Consumer thereafter entered into an agreement with Respondent whereby Respondent agreed to provide loan modification and related foreclosure avoidance services in exchange for the payment of an advance fee in the amount of \$4,500. On or about October 9, 2013, Consumer made an advance fee payment of \$2,250 to JC Financial on behalf of Respondent. Consumer made an additional advance fee payment to JC Financial on behalf of

Respondent in the amount of \$2,270 on or about November 19, 2013. Despite the foregoing, Respondent failed to obtain the mortgage payment reduction promised to Consumer. Further, Respondent failed to refund any portion of the advance fee paid by Consumer other than a single refund payment in the amount of \$250, which Respondent made on or about November 18, 2014.

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The activities described in Paragraphs 5 and 7, above, require that Respondent have a real estate broker license under Code Sections 10131(d) [soliciting borrowers or lenders or negotiating loans] and 10131.2 [advance fee handling], and, additionally, that Respondent obtain the issuance of a mortgage loan origination endorsement in compliance with the provisions of Code Section 10166.02(b)(2).

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Respondent performed and/or participated in mortgage loan modification/foreclosure avoidance, solicitation, and negotiation activities which require a real estate broker license and a mortgage loan origination endorsement when Respondent was not licensed by the Bureau as a real estate broker nor employed as a real estate salesperson by the broker on whose behalf the activities were performed.

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The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent, as set forth, above, violates Code Sections 10130 and 10166.02(b)(2), and is cause for the suspension or revocation of the licenses and license rights of Respondent pursuant to Code Sections 10177(d) and/or 10177(g).

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Code Section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Bureau of Real Estate, 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 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 the licenses and license rights of Respondent JACQUELINE CONTRERAS under the Real Estate Law, for the cost of investigation and enforcement as permitted by Code Section 10106, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law. Dated at Los Angeles, California day of Julian , 2016.

Supervising Special Investigator

cc: JACQUELINE CONTRERAS Maria Suarez

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