Bureau of Real Estate 320 West Fourth Street, Ste. 350 2 Los Angeles, California 90013 3 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 FILED FEB 0 7 2017 RUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 6 8 **BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE** 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 To: No. H-40489 LA 12 ANY KIND LOAN FUNDING INC., 13 LINDA MARIE LUKAS, designated officer for Any Kind Loan Funding Inc., ORDER TO DESIST 14 and ROBERT HOUSTON AND REFRAIN (B&P Code Section 10086) 15 16 17 The Commissioner ("Commissioner") of the California Bureau of Real Estate 18 19 ("Bureau") caused an investigation to be made of the activities of ANY KIND LOAN 20 FUNDING INC. ("ANY KIND"), LINDA MARIE LUKAS ("LUKAS"), individually, and as 21 designated officer for ANY KIND, and ROBERT HOUSTON ("HOUSTON"). Based on that 22 investigation the Commissioner has determined that ANY KIND, LUKAS and HOUSTON have 23 acted in the capacity of, or are acting in the capacity of a real estate broker in the State of 24 25 California within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code ("Code") Section 26 10131(d) (performing services for borrowers in connection with loans secured by real property), 27

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and, further, have engaged in or are engaging in the business of claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting for the collection of an advance fee in connection with employment undertaken to obtain a loan or loans on real property, including the performance of loan solicitation and negotiation services with respect to loans which are secured by liens on real property, within the meaning of Code Section 10131.2. The Commissioner has determined that ANY KIND, LUKAS and HOUSTON have engaged in or are engaging in activities which constitute violations of the Code and Title 10, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"). Based on the investigation, the Commissioner hereby issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Desist and Refrain Order under the authority of Section 10086 of the Code.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. ANY KIND is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code) as a real estate corporation. The license of ANY KIND will expire on February 12, 2018.
- 2. LUKAS is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate Law as a real estate broker. LUKAS was at all times relevant herein the designated broker officer of ANY KIND. The license of LUKAS will expire on August 12, 2020.
- 3. At no time mentioned herein has HOUSTON been licensed by the Bureau in any capacity.
- 4. Whenever acts referred to below are attributed to ANY KIND, those acts are alleged to have been done by ANY KIND, acting by itself, or by and/or through one or more agents, associates, affiliates, and/or co-conspirators, including but not limited to LUKAS and HOUSTON, and using the name ANY KIND or any fictitious name unknown at this time.

- 5. HOUSTON has acted in the capacity of, or is acting in the capacity of, advertising or assuming to act as a real estate broker in the State of California within the meaning of Code Section 10131(d) (performing services for borrowers in connection with loans secured by real property) of the Code, and, further, has engaged in or is engaging in the business of claiming, demanding, charging, receiving, collecting or contracting for the collection of an advance fee in connection with employment undertaken to obtain a loan or loans on real property, including the performance of loan solicitation and negotiation services with respect to loans which are secured by liens on real property, within the meaning of Code Section 10131.2.
- 6. At the time set forth below ANY KIND, LUKAS and HOUSTON engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, or advertised a real estate loan service and advance fee brokerage offering to perform solicitation and negotiation of loans secured by liens on real property for compensation or in expectation of compensation and for fees collected in advance including, but not limited to, the following instance:
- a. On or about April 11, 2014, Peter K. paid ANY KIND, LUKAS and HOUSTON an advance fee of \$1,200 on behalf of C. W. Insight, Inc. The advance fee was collected pursuant to the provisions of an agreement pertaining to loan solicitation and negotiation services to be provided by ANY KIND, LUKAS and/or HOUSTON with respect to a loan secured by the real property at 14278 Hesperia Road, Victorville, California 92395, a 1 acre parcel with a coin-operated car wash.
- 7. ANY KIND, LUKAS and HOUSTON collected the advance fee described in Paragraph 6, above, pursuant to the provisions of an agreement meeting the definition of an advance fee agreement in Code Section 10026.
- 8. ANY KIND and LUKAS failed to submit the advance fee agreement referred to in Paragraph 6, above, to the Commissioner ten days before using it.

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## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 9. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 5 through 8, inclusive, above, ANY KIND, LUKAS and HOUSTON collected fees pursuant to an agreement which constitutes an advance fee agreement within the meaning of Code Section 10085.
- 10. Based on the information contained in Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8, above, the failure by ANY KIND and LUKAS to submit the advance fee agreement to the Commissioner ten days before using it constitutes a violation of Code Section 10085 and Section 2970 of the Regulations.
- above, HOUSTON performed and/or participated in loan solicitation and negotiation activities and advance fee handling which require a real estate broker license under the provisions of Code Sections 10131(d) and 10131.2 during a period of time when HOUSTON 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, all of which is in violation of Section 10130 of the Code.

## DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER

- 1. Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, it is hereby ordered that ANY KIND LOAN FUNDING INC. and LINDA MARIE LUKAS, whether doing business under their own names, or any other names, or any fictitious name, ARE HEREBY ORDERED to:
- a. Immediately desist and refrain from charging, demanding, claiming, collecting and/or receiving advance fees, as that term is defined in Section 10026 of the Code, in any form, and under any conditions, with respect to the performance of loan modification or any other form of mortgage loan forbearance services in connection with loans on residential property containing four or fewer dwelling units (Code Section 10085.6).

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