STEVE CHU, Counsel (SBN 238155) 1 Department of Real Estate 2 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 3 Telephone: (213) 620-6430 4 Fax: (213) 576-6917 5 6 7 8 9 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of 12 No. H- 41128 LA 13 PEABODY REALTY INC, doing business **ACCUSATION** as California Coastal Real Estate and 14 California Coastal Realty, and STEPHAN KLEIN, individually and as 15 designated officer of Peabody Realty Inc. 16 Respondents. 17 18 19 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against PEABODY REALTY INC, doing business as 20 California Coastal Real Estate and California Coastal Realty, and STEPHAN KLEIN, 21 individually and as designated officer of Peabody Realty Inc, ("Respondents"), is informed and 22 23 alleges as follows: 24 1. The Complainant, Maria Suarez, acting in her official capacity as a Supervising 25 Special Investigator of the State of California, makes this Accusation against PEABODY 26

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REALTY INC and STEPHAN KLEIN.

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Respondent PEABODY REALTY INC, doing business as California Coastal Real Estate and California Coastal Realty ("PEABODY REALTY"), presently has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code"), as a corporate real estate broker.

3.

Respondent STEPHAN KLEIN ("KLEIN") presently has license rights as a real estate broker.

4.

Respondent PEABODY REALTY is licensed by the Department of Real Estate as a corporate real estate broker by and through Respondent KLEIN, as the designated officer and broker responsible, pursuant to Code section 10159.2, for supervising the activities requiring a real estate license conducted on behalf of PEABODY REALTY, or by PEABODY REALTY'S officers, agents and employees.

5.

In aggravation, on or about May 30, 2014, the Bureau of Real Estate filed an Order to Desist and Refrain against Respondent PEABODY REALTY and an Order to Notify against Respondent KLEIN ("Order") in Case No. H-39476 LA. Within the Order, the Commissioner found that the rights and privileges of PEABODY REALTY were currently suspended by the California Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and that said suspension was in violation of Code sections 10177(d) and 10177(f) in that it would have constituted grounds for the denial of PEABODY REALTY'S corporate real estate broker license under Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations"), section 2742. Within the Order, the Commissioner ordered KLEIN to notify each real estate salesperson employed under the real estate license of PEABODY REALTY of the contents of the Order.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(LACK OF GOOD STANDING FOR CORPORATION)

6.

Respondent PEABODY REALTY has not been in good legal standing with the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of California since March 1, 2017, when PEABODY REALTY'S status became "suspended" and remains suspended to date.

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This lack of good legal standing of Respondent PEABODY REALTY with the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of California, as described in Paragraph 6 above, is in violation of Regulations section 2742, and subjects its real estate license and license rights to suspension or revocation pursuant to Code sections 10177(d), 10177(f), and/or 10177(g).

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(FAILURE TO SUPERVISE)

8.

The conduct, acts, or omissions of Respondent KLEIN, as described in Paragraphs 6 and 7 above, in failing to ensure compliance of the Real Estate Law by Respondent PEABODY REALTY, is in violation of Code section 10159.2, and subjects all the licenses and license rights of Respondent KLEIN to suspension or revocation pursuant to Code sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and/or 10177(h).

9.

Code section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Department 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 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 the licenses and license rights of Respondents PEABODY REALTY INC and STEPHAN KLEIN under the Real Estate Law, for the cost of investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at Los Angeles, California this A. J. day of Jaly, 2018

Maria Suarez

Supervising Special Investigator

cc: PEABODY REALTY INC STEPHAN KLEIN Maria Suarez

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