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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation against

MERRILL & ASSOCIATES REAL ESTATE, CASSANDRA ANNE MERRILL, ANDREW BERRY, and SCOTT ANTHONY BERRY,

Respondents.

DRE No. H-41222 LA OAH No. 2019010258

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT
TO SURRENDER

(AS TO ANDREW BERRY ONLY)

It is hereby stipulated by and between ANDREW BERRY ("Respondent"), acting by and through his attorney, John Belsher, and the Complainant, acting by and through David Bruce, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the First Amended Accusation filed by the Department on June 12, 2019, in this matter ("Accusation"):

1. Respondent is currently licensed and/or has license rights with the Department as a real estate salesperson. In lieu of proceeding in this matter in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (Government Code sections 11400 et seq. ["APA"]), Respondent desires to voluntarily surrender his real estate salesperson license pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 10100.2.

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- 2. Respondent understands that by voluntarily surrendering his real estate salesperson license, Respondent may only be reinstated by filing a petition with the Department pursuant to Government Code section 11522. Respondent further understands that, by voluntarily surrendering his real estate salesperson license, he represents, and agrees to, the following:
- A. The filing of this Stipulation and Agreement to Surrender ("Stipulation and Agreement") shall be deemed as Respondent's petition for the voluntary surrender of his real estate salesperson license.
- B. Respondent agrees that, upon acceptance by the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner"), and as evidenced by an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Department in this matter prior to August 30, 2019, and after the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations in the Accusation, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding whether or not to grant re-licensure or reinstatement of Respondent's real estate salesperson license pursuant to Government Code section 11522.
- C. Respondent freely and voluntarily surrenders all of his licenses and license rights under the Real Estate Law.
- D. It is understood by the parties hereto that the Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation and Agreement as her Decision and Order in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below "Order." In the event that the Commissioner in her discretion does not adopt this Stipulation and Agreement, this Stipulation and Agreement shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceed on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation, admission or waiver made

herein.

E. This Decision and Order or any subsequent Decision and Order of the Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department with respect to any matters that were not specifically alleged in the Accusation.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

The petition of Respondent ANDREW BERRY for the voluntary surrender of his real estate salesperson license is accepted as of the effective date of this Decision and Order, and is based upon the understandings and agreements as set forth in this Stipulation and Agreement and as further expressed in Respondent's declaration attached hereto and incorporated herein as a part of this Stipulation and Agreement.

DATED 12, 2020

DAVID EDWARD BRUCE, Counsel Department of Real Estate

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I have read this Stipulation and Agreement, have discussed it with my counsel, and its terms and conditions are understood by me and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the APA (including, but not limited to, Sections 11506, 11508, 11509 and 11513 of the Government Code), and I willingly, intelligently and voluntarily waive those rights, including the right of requiring the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a hearing at which I would have the right to cross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges contained therein.

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department at fax number (916) 263-3767 or by e-mail to

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7	DATED ANDREW BERRY
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11	I have reviewed this Stipulation and Agreement as to form and content and have advised
12	my client accordingly.
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14	DATED JOHN BELSHER
15	Attorney for Respondent
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18	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order is hereby adopted by
19	the Real Estate Commissioner as her Decision and Order, and shall become effective at 12
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21	IT IS SO ORDERED May 8,2020
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DECLARATION OF ANDREW BERRY

- I, ANDREW BERRY, am currently licensed as a real estate salesperson, License
 No. 01857081, with the Department of Real Estate ("Department").
- 2. The filing of this Declaration shall be deemed as my petition for the voluntary surrender of my real estate salesperson license.
- 3. The filing of this Declaration shall also be deemed to be an understanding and agreement by me that I waive all rights that I have to require the Real Estate Commissioner ("Commissioner") to prove the allegations contained in the First Amended Accusation filed by the Department on June 12, 2019, in this matter ("Accusation") at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (Government Code sections 11400 et seq.).
- 4. I agree to waive other rights afforded to me in connection with the hearing on the allegations in the Accusation such as the right to discovery, the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations made by the Department in the Accusation, and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 5. I also agree that, upon acceptance by the Commissioner, and as evidenced by an appropriate order, all affidavits and all relevant evidence obtained by the Department in this matter prior to August 30, 2019, and after the Commissioner's acceptance, and all allegations in the Accusation, may be considered by the Department to be true and correct for the purpose of deciding whether or not to grant re-licensure or reinstatement of my real estate salesperson license pursuant to Government Code section 11522.
- 6. I further agree that, prior to and only as a condition of a petition for reinstatement of my real estate salesperson license made pursuant to Government Code section 11522 being

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- I declare under penulty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and currect and that I freely and voluntarily surrender my real estate salesperson license and all license rights attached thereto.

Respondent

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