

DEPT OF REAL ESTATE

## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of

AVERY FLOYD RICHEY,

Respondent.

No. H-41275 LA

## ORDER DENYING REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON LICENSE

On January 8, 2019, a Decision was rendered herein denying Respondent's application for a real estate salesperson license, but granting Respondent the right to the issuance of a restricted real estate salesperson license. A restricted real estate salesperson license was issued to Respondent on January 25, 2019, and Respondent has held a restricted license since that time.

On March 22, 2022, Respondent petitioned for the removal of restrictions attaching to Respondent's real estate salesperson license.

The burden of proving rehabilitation rests with the petitioner (*Feinstein v. State Bar* (1952) 39 Cal. 2d 541). A petitioner is required to show greater proof of honesty and integrity than an applicant for first time licensure. The proof must be sufficient to overcome the prior adverse judgment on the applicant's character (*Tardiff v. State Bar* (1980) 27 Cal. 3d 395).

I have considered Respondent's petition and the evidence submitted in support

thereof. 1 2 The Department has developed criteria in Section 2911 of Title 10, California 3 Code of Regulations ("Regulations") to assist in evaluating the rehabilitation of an applicant for 4 issuance or reinstatement of a license. Among the criteria relevant in this proceeding are: 5 2911. Criteria for Rehabilitation 6 (a)(10)Discharge of, or bona fide efforts toward discharging, adjudicated debts or monetary obligations to others. 7 On August 7, 2019, a federal tax lien for \$5,962 was filed against Respondent. 8 On August 7, 2017, a federal tax lien for \$4,036 was filed against Respondent. 9 On September 20, 2016, a federal tax lien for \$45,085 was filed against Respondent. 10 On January 14, 2009, a federal tax lien for \$40,059 was filed against Respondent. 11 Respondent has presented no evidence of discharging, or bona fide efforts toward 12 discharging these debts. 13 Respondent has failed to demonstrate to my satisfaction that Respondent has 14 undergone sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the removal of the restrictions on Respondent's real 15 estate salesperson license at this time. 16 Given the fact that Respondent has not established that Respondent has complied 17 with Regulation 2911(a)(10), I am not satisfied that Respondent is sufficiently rehabilitated to 18 receive an unrestricted salesperson license. 19 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's petition for removal of 20 restrictions on Respondent's real estate salesperson license is denied. 21 This Order shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon or \_\_\_\_\_ SFP 19 2022 22 DATED 8.17.22 DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER Bouby I. manon

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