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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-41365 LA)

ERLIN CASAS,

Respondent.

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent ERLIN CASAS ("Respondent") (license no. 01360505), represented by Mary Work, Esq., and the Complainant, acting by and through Diane Lee, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation ("Accusation") filed on or about May 21, 2019, in this matter:

- 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which were to be presented by Complainant and Respondent at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing was to be held in accordance with the provisions of the California Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").
- 2. Respondent has received and read, and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the APA, and the Accusation filed by the Department of

Real Estate in this proceeding.

- 3. Respondent filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to California Government Code section 11506 for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily withdraws said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that she understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, she thereby waives her right to require the Commissioner to prove the allegations in the Accusation at a contested hearing held in accordance with the provisions of the APA and that Respondent will waive other rights afforded to her in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in her defense and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these allegations, but to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, these factual allegations, without being admitted or denied, will serve as a prima facie basis for the disciplinary action stipulated to herein. The Real Estate Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove said factual allegations.
- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalties and sanctions on the real estate license and license rights of Respondent as set forth in the below "Order." In the event that the Commissioner in her discretion does not adopt this Stipulation, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by this Stipulation herein.
- 6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation herein shall not constitute an estoppel, merger, or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department of Real Estate with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for Accusation in this proceeding, but do constitute a bar, estoppel, and merger as to any allegations specifically and actually contained in the Accusation against Respondent herein.

7. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 10106, the cost of the investigation and enforcement. The amount of investigation and enforcement cost is \$1,649.00.

- 8. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 10148, the cost of the audits which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of said cost for the original audit (FR16-0079 (PM)) is \$4,857.37.
- 9. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation and Agreement, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondent for the cost of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 10148. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit will not exceed \$6,071.71.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

The conduct, acts, or omissions of Respondent, as described in the Accusation and Paragraph 4, above, are a basis for discipline of Respondent's license and license rights as violation of the Real Estate Law pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 10145 and 10177(g) and Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations sections 2832.1, 2831.1, 2832, 2831.2, and 2831.

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

I.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision:

- A. Provided, however, that the initial forty-five (45) days of said suspension shall be stayed upon condition that:
- 1. Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 10175.2 at the rate of \$50.00 per day for a monetary penalty of \$2,250.00 total.
- 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department of Real Estate prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 4. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which event Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department of Real Estate under the terms of this Decision.
- 5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- B. The remaining forty-five (45) days of the ninety (90) day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- i. Respondent shall obey all laws, rules, and regulations governing the rights, duties, and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
- ii. That no final subsequent determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in her discretion, vacate, and set aside the stay order and re-impose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become

permanent.

 (INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS)

II.

Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order, pay the sum of \$1,649.00 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost for investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. The investigative and enforcement costs must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, within ninety (90) from the effective date of this Decision and Order. If the costs of investigation and enforcement are not paid within ninety (90) from the effective date of this Decision and Order, the licenses and license rights of Respondent shall automatically be suspended until full payment is made.

(AUDIT COSTS)

III.

- 1. Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 10148, Respondent shall pay \$4,857.37 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. Respondent shall pay this \$4,857.37 within thirty (30) days of receiving an invoice therefore from the Commissioner. Payment of audit costs should not be made until Respondent receives the invoice. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, the real estate license of Respondent shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.
- 2. Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 10148, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$6,071.71, for an audit to determine if Respondent has corrected the violations found in the Determination of Issues. In

calculating the amount of the Commissioner's reasonable cost, the Commissioner may use the estimated average hourly salary for all persons performing audits of real estate broker(s), and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent shall pay such cost within thirty (30) days of receiving an invoice therefor from the Commissioner. Payment of the audit costs should not be made until Respondent receives the invoice. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, the real estate license of Respondent shall automatically be suspended until payment is made in full, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

(TRUST FUND COURSE)

IV.

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner, of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in California Business and Professions Code section 10170.5(a)(3). Proof of satisfaction of these requirements includes evidence that Respondent has successfully completed the trust fund account and handling continuing education courses, no earlier than 120 days prior to the effective date of the Decision and Order in this matter. Proof of completion of the trust fund accounting and handling course must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013 or by fax at 916-263-8758, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

(PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION)

V.

Respondent shall, within six (6) months from the effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department

including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, the real estate license of Respondent shall automatically be suspended unless or until Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of having satisfied this condition, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

DATED: 01/24/2020

MANE LEE, ESQ.

Counsel for Department of Real Estate

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EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I, ERLIN CASAS, have read the Stipulation. The Stipulation's terms are understood by me, and are agreeable and acceptable to me. I understand that I am waiving rights given to me by the California APA (including, but not limited to, California Government Code sections 11506, 11508, 11509, and 11513), and I willingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waive those rights, including, but not limited to, 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.

MAILING AND FACSIMILE

Respondent (1) shall <u>mail</u> the original signed signature page of this Stipulation herein to Department of Real Estate, Attention: Legal Section – Diane Lee, 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105. Respondent shall also (2) facsimile a copy of signed signature page, to the Department of Real Estate at the following telephone/fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Diane Lee.

A facsimile constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and understands that by electronically

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12	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to
13	Respondent ERLIN CASAS, and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on
14	April 30 , 2020.
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