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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of:	)	
	)	DRE No. H-41663 LA
MARA GROUP, INC.; and	)	
ELENA MARA PAULINO, individually	)	
and as designated officer of Mara Group,	)	
Inc.	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

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DECISION

This Decision is being issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 11520 of the Government Code, on evidence of compliance with Section 11505 of the Government Code and pursuant to the Order of Default filed on July 23, 2020, and the Findings of Fact set forth herein, which are based on one or more of the following: (1) The express admissions of Respondents MARA GROUP, INC. (“MGI”) and ELENA MARA PAULINO (“PAULINO”) (collectively “Respondents”); (2) affidavits; and (3) other evidence.

This Decision revokes one or more real estate licenses on the grounds of the violation of the Real Estate Law, Part 1 commencing with Section 10000 of the Business and Professions Code (“Code”) and/or the Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations (“Regulations”).

Pursuant to California Government Code section 11521, the California Department of Real Estate (“the Department”) may order reconsideration of this Decision on petition of any party. The party seeking reconsideration shall set forth new facts, circumstances, and evidence, or errors in law or analysis, that show(s) grounds and good cause for the Commissioner to reconsider the Decision. If new evidence is presented, the party shall specifically identify the new evidence and explain why it was not previously presented. The Department’s power to order reconsideration of this Decision shall expire 30 days after mailing of this Decision, or on the effective date of this Decision, whichever occurs first. The right to reinstatement of a revoked real estate license, or to the reduction of a penalty, is controlled by California Government Code section 11522. A copy of California Government Code sections 11521 and 11522 and a copy of the Commissioner’s Criteria of Rehabilitation are attached hereto for the information of respondent.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On or about April 30, 2020, Veronica Kilpatrick made the Accusation in her official capacity as a Supervising Special Investigator of the Department. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent, and Notice of Defense were mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Respondents' last known mailing addresses on file with the Department on May 12, 2020.

2.

On July 23, 2020, no Notice of Defense having been received or filed herein within the time prescribed by California Government Code section 11506, Respondents' default was entered herein.

## LICENSE HISTORY

3.

From on or about June 27, 2014 to June 26, 2018, Respondent MGI was licensed by the Department Real Estate as a real estate corporation (license no. 01954678). During its entire time of licensure, MGI's designated officer was PAULINO. MGI's fictitious business name was "Prestige Properties – Desert Cities" from on or about October 27, 2014 to June 27, 2018.

Respondent PAULINO is presently licensed and/or issued by the Department of Real Estate as a real estate broker (license no. 01151769). PAULINO was originally licensed as a real estate broker on or about May 28, 2008. Previously, PAULINO had a real estate salesperson license. PAULINO's fictitious business names were "Elite Group Mortgage" from on or about February 9, 2009 to April 8, 2012, "Elite Rentals & Property Management" from on or about February 9, 2009 to April 8, 2012, and "Prestige Properties-Desert Cities" from on or about March 25, 2019 to November 24, 2019.

4.

To date the Department has incurred investigation costs of \$529.95.

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Attached as Exhibit "A" is a true and correct copy of the Accusation filed on May 12, 2020, which is incorporated herein as part of this Decision.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1.

The allegations contained in the Accusation, incorporated herein by reference made in Paragraph 5, above, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all the licenses, license endorsements, and license rights of Respondents MGI and PAULINO under the provisions of sections 10176(e), 10177(d), 10177(g), 10177(h), and 10176(i)/10177(j) of the California Business and Professions Code.

2.

The standard of proof applied was clear and convincing evidence to a reasonable certainty.

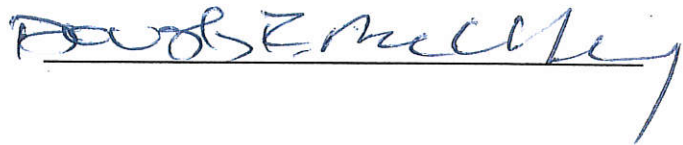
ORDER

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondents MARA GROUP, INC. and ELENA MARA PAULINO, individually and as designated officer of Mara Group, Inc., under the provisions of Part I of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code are revoked.

This Decision shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on October 2, 2020.

DATED: 8.27.20.

DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY  
REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER



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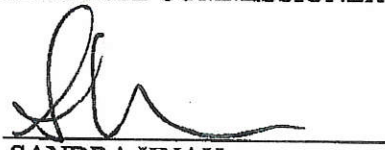
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11 In the Matter of the Accusation of:	)	DRE NO. H-41663 LA
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12 MARA GROUP, INC., and	)	
13 ELENA MARA PAULINO, individually and	)	<u>DEFAULT ORDER</u>
14 as designated officer of Mara Group, Inc.,	)	
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15 Respondents.	)	

16 Respondents MARA GROUP, INC. and ELENA MARA PAULINO,  
17 individually and as designated officer of Mara Group, Inc., having failed to file a Notice of  
18 Defense within the time required by California Government Code section 11506, is now in  
19 default. It is, therefore, ordered that a default be entered on the record in this matter.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED** July 23, 2020

21 **DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY**  
22 **REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER**

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24 By:   
25 **SANDRA KNAU**  
26 Assistant Commissioner, Administration  
27 and Licensing