

FILED

NOV 19 2020

DEPT. OF REAL ESTATE

Call Selous

1 ANDREA BENTLER, Counsel (SBN 319369)
 2 Department of Real Estate
 3 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350
 4 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105
 5 Telephone: (213) 576-6982
 6 Direct: (213) 576-6905
 7 Fax: (213) 576-6917
 8 *Attorney for Complainant*

9 **BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE**
 10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 * * *

12 In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-41827 LA
 13)
 14 RICHARD CANTU III,) ACCUSATION
 15)
 16 Respondent.)
 17)

18 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State
 19 of California, for cause of Accusation against RICHARD CANTU III (“Respondent”), also
 20 known as Richard Cantu, and Richard III Cantu, alleges as follows:

21 1.

22 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State
 23 of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity.

24 2.

25 Respondent presently has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of
 26 Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code (“Code”), as a real estate
 27 salesperson (License ID 01512609). Respondent’s license is scheduled to expire on September
 14, 2022, unless renewed.

//

1 FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

2 (CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS)

3 3.

4 On or about January 11, 2019, in the Superior Court of California, County of
5 Orange, Case No. 18HM09073, Respondent was convicted on a plea of nolo contendere for
6 Count 1) violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(a) (driving under the influence of alcohol);
7 Count 2) violation of Vehicle Code section 23152(b) (driving with a blood alcohol of 0.08% or
8 more); and Count 3) violation of Vehicle Code section 20002(a) (hit and run with property
9 damage), all misdemeanors. The Court stayed the sentence for the Count 2 conviction pursuant
10 to Penal Code section 654. As to Counts 1 and 3, Respondent was placed on informal probation
11 for three years on certain terms and conditions, including, in part, serving one day in Orange
12 County Jail, with credit for time served of one day, completing forty-nine hours of community
13 service in lieu of fine(s) as directed by OneOC, completing forty hours of community service as
14 directed by One OC to run consecutive with forty-nine hours of community service, completion
15 of a nine month Level One First Offender Alcohol Program, payment of victim restitution in an
16 amount to be determined, and payment of fees and fines.

17 4.

18 The convictions, as described in Paragraph 3 above, bear a substantial
19 relationship under Section 2910, Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations to the
20 qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee.

21 5.

22 The crimes of which Respondent was convicted, as described in Paragraph 3
23 above, constitute cause under Sections 490 and 10177(b) of the Code for the suspension or
24 revocation of the license and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law.

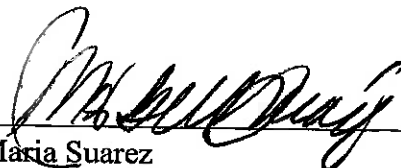
25 //

26 //

27 //

1 WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the
2 allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing
3 disciplinary action against all the licenses and license rights of Respondent RICHARD CANTU
4 III under the Real Estate Law, for the costs of investigation and enforcement as permitted by
5 law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of
6 law.

7
8 Dated at Los Angeles, California this 22nd day of October, 2020.

9
10
11 
12 _____
13 Maria Suarez
14 Supervising Special Investigator
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24

25 cc: RICAHRD CANTU III
26 Evergreen Realty Partners, Inc.
27 Maria Suarez
Sacto.