KATHY YI, Counsel (SBN 236736) 1 Department of Real Estate FILED 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 3 MAY 1 8 2021 Direct: (213) 576-6940 Fax: (213) 576-6917 **DEPT. OF REAL ESTATE** Attorney for Complainant 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of No. H-41953 LA 12 ANTOINE SAMIR BITAR, 13 <u>ACCUSATION</u> 14 Respondent. 15 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State 16 of California, for cause of Accusation against ANTOINE SAMIR BITAR, a.k.a. "Antoine 17 Bitar" and "Antwon Bitar" ("Respondent"), alleges as follows: 18 19 The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State 20 of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity. 21 2. 22 Respondent presently has license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of 23 Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code ("Code"), as a real estate 24 salesperson (License ID 01997840). Respondent's license is set to expire on March 20, 2024, 25 unless renewed. 26

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## (CRIMINAL CONVICTION)

3.

On or about November 13, 2020, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. SA102230, Respondent was convicted, upon a no contest plea, of violating Penal Code section 245(a)(4) (assault with deadly weapon with great bodily injury), a misdemeanor. The court suspended the imposition of sentence and placed Respondent on summary probation for 36 months, under certain terms and conditions, including in part, 2 days in jail, 52 weeks of online domestic violence treatment program, and payment of fines, fees and restitution.

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

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The crime for which Respondent was convicted, as described in Paragraph 3 above, constitutes cause under Code sections 490 and 10177(b) for the suspension or revocation of the license and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law.

## (FAILURE TO REPORT CONVICTION)

6.

Pursuant to Section 10186.2 of the Code, a licensee shall report, in writing, "the conviction of the licensee, including any verdict of guilty, or plea of guilty or no contest, of any felony or misdemeanor" to the Department of Real Estate ("Department") within thirty (30) days of the conviction. Respondent failed to report in writing to the Department the conviction described in Paragraph 3 above, within thirty (30) days of the conviction date.

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Respondent's failure to timely report the conviction described in Paragraph 3 above constitutes cause under Section 10186.2 of the Code for the suspension or revocation of the license and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law.

## (COSTS OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT)

8.

California Business and Professions Code section 10106, provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Department of Real Estate, the Commissioner may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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These proceedings are brought under the provisions of Section 10100, Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California and Sections 11500 through 11528 of the California Government Code.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all the licenses and license rights of ANTOINE SAMIR BITAR under the Real Estate Law, for the costs of investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at Los	Angeles, California	
this 30th	_day of April	, 2021

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Maria Suarez
Supervising Special Investigator

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