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# BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation of

FRANK HSIU-HSIUNG HUNG,

Respondent.

H-42193-LA

#### STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between FRANK HSIU-HSIUNG HUNG ("HUNG" or "Respondent") and the Complainant, acting by and through Laurence Haveson, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate ("Department"), as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on January 31, 2022 ("Accusation") in this matter:

- 1. All issues which were to be contested and all evidence which was 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 Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement ("Stipulation").
- 2. Respondent has received, 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. On February 23, 2022, Respondent filed a Notice of Defense pursuant to section 11506 of the Government Code 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 he understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense, he will thereby waive his right to require the Real Estate Commissioner ("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 him in connection with the hearing such as the right to present evidence in defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.

- 4. Respondent, pursuant to the limitations set forth below, hereby admits that the factual allegations in the Accusation filed in this proceeding are true and correct and the Commissioner shall not be required to provide further evidence to prove such allegations.
- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation as his Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the below Order. In the event that the Commissioner in his discretion does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be void and of no effect, and Respondent shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under all the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceedings by the Department with respect to any matters which were not specifically alleged to be causes for the Accusation in this proceeding.
- 7. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 10148, the cost of the original audit which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of said cost is \$6,573.50.
- 8. Respondent has received, read, and understands the "Notice Concerning Costs of Audit." Respondent further understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, 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 Code section 10148 to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit shall not exceed 125% of cost of the original audit, or \$8,216.88.

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9. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to Code section 10106, the cost of the investigation and enforcement of this matter. The amount of the investigation costs is \$1,657.90 and the amount of the enforcement costs is \$2,227.20, for a combined total of investigation and enforcement costs of \$3,885.10.

#### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

By reason of the foregoing stipulations, admissions, and waivers, and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation without a hearing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following Determination of Issues shall be made:

I.

The conduct, acts, and/or omissions of Respondent as described in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent under Code sections 10145, 10159.5, 10176(e), 10177(h), and 10177(d) and/or 10177(g), and Title 10, California Code of Regulations sections 2725, 2731, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, and 2832.

#### **ORDER**

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent HUNG under the Real Estate Law are revoked; provided, however: a restricted real estate broker license shall be issued to Respondent HUNG pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department the appropriate fee for a restricted license within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order. The restricted license issued to Respondent HUNG shall be subject to all of the provisions of Code section 10156.7 and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Code section 10156.5:

- 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent HUNG may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction, or entry of a plea of guilty or no contest, for a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a real estate licensee.
- 2. The restricted license issued to Respondent HUNG may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has

violated provisions of the Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Commissioner, or conditions attaching to the restricted license.

- 3. Respondent HUNG shall not be eligible to apply for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until two (2) years have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision and Order.
- 4. Respondent HUNG shall, within six (6) months from the effective date of this Decision and Order, provides evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in Code section 10170.5, subdivision (a). Proof of satisfaction of this requirement includes evidence that Respondent has successfully completed the trust fund account and handling continuing education course within six (6) months from the effective date of the Decision 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. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent provides proof of satisfaction of this requirement.
- 5. Respondent HUNG shall pay the sum of \$3,885.10 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the investigation and enforcement which led to this disciplinary action, within one-hundred and eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Decision and Order. 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. Payment of investigation and enforcement costs should not be made until the Stipulation has been approved by the Commissioner. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition in a timely manner as provided for herein, Respondent's real estate license 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.
- 6. Pursuant to Code section 10148, Respondent HUNG shall pay the sum of \$6,573.50 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. Respondent shall pay such cost within one-hundred eighty (180) 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 timely as provided for herein, Respondent's real estate license 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.

- 7. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, the findings set forth above in the Determination of Issues become final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondent for the cost of any subsequent audit, if a subsequent audit is conducted, pursuant to Code section 10148 to determine if the violations have been corrected and that Respondent is in compliance with trust fund handling requirements of the Real Estate Law. The maximum cost of the follow-up audit will not exceed one-hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the cost of the original audit; in the instant case, the cost of the original audit is \$6,573.50 and the maximum cost of the follow-up audit will not exceed \$8,216.88. Therefore, Respondent may be charged a maximum of \$8,216.88 in the event of a subsequent audit.
- 8. Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$8,216.88, for any subsequent audit, if one is performed, to determine if Respondent has corrected the violations found in the Determination of Issues and that Respondent is in compliance with trust fund handling requirements of the Real Estate Law. 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 brokers, and shall include an allocation for travel time to and from the auditor's place of work. Respondent shall pay such cost within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice therefore 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, Respondent's real estate licenses 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.

DATED: <u>09/23/2022</u>

Laurence D. Haveson Counsel for Complainant

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#### **EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION**

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

Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by electronically e-mailing a copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department. Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and understands that by electronically sending to the Department an electronic copy of Respondent's actual signature, as it appears on the Stipulation, that receipt of the emailed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation. By signing this Stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that Respondent may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the Stipulation prior to the time the Commissioner considers and acts upon it or prior to the effective date of the Stipulation and Order.

#### **MAILING**

Respondent shall, within five (5) business days from signing the Stipulation, <u>mail</u> the original signed signature page(s) of the Stipulation herein to Laurence Haveson, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. 4th St., Ste. 350, Los Angeles, California 90013.

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Respondent's signature below constitutes acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Respondent agrees, acknowledges, and understands that by signing this Stipulation Respondent is bound by its terms as of the date of such signature and that this agreement is not subject to rescission or amendment at a later date except by a separate Decision and Order of the Real Estate Commissioner.

DATED: 9/13/2002

Respondent FRANK HSIU-HSIUNG HUNG

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order is hereby adopted by me as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on

February 1st, 2023

IT IS SO ORDERED 1, 6,23

DOUGLAS R. McCAULEY REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

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