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## DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

CHER MARIE RUSH,

Respondent.

DRE No. H-42937 LA

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent CHER MARIE RUSH ("Respondent") and the Complainant, acting by and through Kevin H. Sun, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on September 5, 2024 in this matter (Case No. H-42937 LA):

- l. 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 and in place thereof be submitted on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order ("Stipulation").
- 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 or about September 17, 2024, 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 she understands that by withdrawing said Notice of Defense she will thereby waive his rights 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 she 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. 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. This Stipulation is made for the purpose of reaching an agreed disposition of this proceeding and is expressly limited to this proceeding and any other proceeding or case in which the Department or another licensing agency of this state, another state, or if the federal government is involved, and otherwise shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation as her Decision in this matter, thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondent's real estate license and license rights as set forth in the below "Order". In the event that the Commissioner in her discretion does not adopt the Stipulation and Agreement, 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.
- 7. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further

RE 511 (Rev. 7/18) 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.

## **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:

The conduct of Respondent, as described in the Accusation, is in violation of California Business and Professions Code ("Code") Section 490 and is ground for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of Respondent under the provision of Code Sections 10177(b) and 10186.2.

## <u>ORDER</u>

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent CHER MARIE RUSH under the Real Estate Law are hereby revoked; provided, however, a restricted real estate salesperson license shall be issued to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Business and Professions Code if Respondent makes application therefor and pays to the Department of Real Estate the appropriate fee for said license within ninety (90) days from the effective date of this Decision. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Business and Professions Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of that Code:

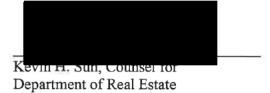
- The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by
  Order of the Real Estate Commissioner in the event of Respondent's conviction or plea
  of nolo contendere to a crime which is substantially related to Respondent's fitness or capacity as a
  real estate licensee.
- 2. The restricted license may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Real Estate Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate Law, the Subdivided Lands Law, Regulations of the Real

RE 511 (Rev. 7/18) Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to said restricted license.

- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible for the issuance of any unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of the restricted license until at least **three (3) years** have elapsed from the effective date of this Decision. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for any unrestricted licenses until all restrictions attaching to the license have been removed.
- 4. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent pays the sum of \$2,377.65 for the Commissioner's reasonable cost of the 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 651 Bannon Street, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95811, prior to the effective date of this Order.
- 5. Respondent shall notify the Commissioner in writing within 72 hours of any arrest by sending a certified letter to the Commissioner at the Department of Real Estate, Flag Section at 651 Bannon Street, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95811. The letter shall set forth the date of Respondent's arrest, the crime for which Respondent was arrested and the name and address of the arresting law enforcement agency. Respondent's failure to timely file written notice shall constitute an independent violation of the terms of the restricted license and shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of that license.
- 6. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Order, present evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has, since the most recent issuance of an original or renewal real estate license, taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements of Article 2.5 of Chapter 3 of the Real Estate Law for renewal of a real estate license. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, Respondent's real estate license shall automatically be suspended until Respondent presents evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. Proof of completion of the continuing education courses must be delivered to the Department of

RE 511 (Rev. 7/18) Real Estate, Flag Section at 651 Bannon Street, Suite 504, Sacramento, CA 95811.

DATED: 3/7/2025



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## EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, have discussed it with my counsel, and its 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 Administrative Procedure Act (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 shall <u>mail the original</u> signed signature page of the stipulation herein to Kevin H. Sun, Attention: Legal Section, Department of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, California 90013-1105.

In the event of time constraints before an administrative hearing, Respondent can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by emailing a scanned copy of the signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department counsel assigned to this case. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending the Department a scan of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement that receipt of the scan by the Department shall be binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation. Respondent shall also mail the original signed signature page of this Stipulation to the Department counsel.

Respondent's signature below constitute acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by signing

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1	this Stipulation, Respondent is bound by its terms as of the date of such signatures and that this
2	agreement is not subject to rescission or amendment at a later date except by a separate Decision
3	and Order of the Real Estate Commissioner.
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5	DATED: 2-28-25  CHEK MAKIE KUSH
6	Respondent
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8	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to
9	Respondent CHER MARIE RUSH in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon or
10	MAY 1 6 2025 , 2025.
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12	IT IS SO ORDERED 4/9/2025 , 2025.
13	CHIKA SUNQUIST
14	REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER
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17	By: Marcus L. McCarther Chief Deputy Real Estate Commissioner
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