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9 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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12 In the Matter of the Accusation of) No. H-43265 LA
13 MELISSA GONZALEZ,) ACCUSATION
14 Respondent.)

15 The Complainant, Ray Dagnino, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State
16 of California, for cause of Accusation against MELISSA GONZALEZ (“Respondent”), alleges
17 as follows:

18 1.

19 The Complainant, Ray Dagnino, a Supervising Special Investigator of the State
20 of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity.

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22 All references to the “Code” are to the California Business and Professions Code
23 and all references to “Regulations” are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

24 LICENSE HISTORY

25 3.

26 a. At all times herein mentioned, Respondent was and still is licensed and/or has
27 license rights under the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and

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1 Professions Code, as a real estate salesperson (“RES”), Department of Real Estate¹
2 (“Department”) license ID 02148728.

3 b. The Department originally issued Respondent’s RES license on or about
4 November 15, 2021.

5 c. Respondent’s RES license will expire on November 14, 2029, unless
6 renewed.

7 CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
8 (CRIMINAL CONVICTION)

9 4.

10 August 20, 2024: Vehicle Code (“VC”) Sections - Misdemeanor

11 a. On or about November 16, 2023, in the Superior Court of California, Orange
12 County, in Case No. **23HF2093** entitled The People of the State of California v. Melissa
13 Gonzalez, a felony complaint was filed against Respondent for violation of (1) VC Section
14 23153(a) (driving under the influence causing bodily injury), a felony, (2) VC Section 23153(b)
15 (driving with blood alcohol .08% or more causing bodily injury), a felony, (3) VC Section
16 20001(a) (hit and run with injury), a felony, (4) VC Section 23223(a) (driver in possession of
17 open container in motor vehicle, an infraction, and (5) VC Section 12500(a) (drive motor
18 vehicle without a valid license), an infraction. Counts 1 and 2 included enhancements for great
19 bodily injury pursuant to Penal Code (“PC”) Section 12022.7.

20 b. On or about July 11, 2025, Respondent pled guilty to and was convicted for
21 violation of (1) VC Section 23153(a) (driving under the influence causing bodily injury), a
22 felony, (2) VC Section 23153(b) (driving with blood alcohol .08% or more causing bodily
23 injury), a felony, (3) VC Section 20001(a) (hit and run with injury), a felony, (4) VC Section
24 23223(a) (driver in possession of open container in motor vehicle, an infraction, and (5) VC

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27 ¹ Between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2018, the Department of Real Estate operated as the Bureau of Real Estate
under the Department of Consumer Affairs.

1 Section 12500(a) (drive motor vehicle without a valid license), an infraction, including the
2 enhancements for Counts 1 and 2 for great bodily injury pursuant to PC Section 12022.7.

3 c. On or about September 4, 2025, the Court suspended the imposition of
4 sentence and placed Respondent on formal probation for 3 years under certain terms and
5 conditions, including, in part, 364 days jail, attend and complete 9 month Level 2 First
6 Offender Alcohol Program, attend Victim Impact Counseling, and payment of fines and fees.

7 (IN AGGRAVATION)

8 5.

9 July 8, 2008; VC Section 23152(b) - Misdemeanor

10 a. On or about July 8, 2008, in the Superior Court of California, Tulare County,
11 in Case No. **TCM205819**, entitled The People of the State of California v. Melissa Gonzalez,
12 Respondent pled guilty to and was convicted for violation of VC Section 23152(b) (driving
13 with blood alcohol .08% or more), a misdemeanor.

14 b. Also, on or about July 8, 2008, the Court suspended the imposition of
15 sentence and placed Respondent on summary probation for 60 months under certain terms and
16 conditions, including, in part, 10 days jail, enroll and complete DWI school, and payment of
17 fines and fees.

18 6.

19 The crime of which Respondent was convicted, in Paragraph 4, by its facts and
20 circumstances, bears a substantial relationship under Section 2910, Title 10, Chapter 6,
21 California Code of Regulations to the qualifications, functions or duties of a real estate licensee
22 and constitutes cause under **Code Sections 490 and 10177(b)** for the suspension or revocation
23 of the license and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law.

24 7.

25 These proceedings are brought under the provisions of Section 10100, Division
26 4 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California and Sections 11500 through
27 11528 of the California Government Code.

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