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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE
BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SERVICES AGENCY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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11 In the Matter of the Accusation against

DRE No. H-43290 LA

12 BRENDALYN MITCHELL,

ACCUSATION

13 Respondent.

14 The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, a Supervising Special Investigator for the
15 Department of Real Estate¹ ("Department") of the State of California, makes this Accusation in
16 her official capacity for cause of Accusation against BRENDALYN MITCHELL a.k.a. Brenda
17 L. Rees, Brenda Lyn Sorbal, Brenda Lynn ReesMitchell, Brenda Rees-Mitchell, Brenda
18 Reesmittell, Brenda Mitchell, Brenda Lynn Reesmittell, Tara Jo Raaenielsen, Bren Sorbal,
19 Brenda Lynn Rees, and Brenda Lynn Mitchel, ("Respondent"), is informed and alleges as
20 follows:

21 1. All references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions
22 Code, all references to the "Real Estate Law" are to Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code, and all
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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 references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

2 STATEMENT OF FACTS

3 2. Respondent is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Real Estate
4 Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Code).

5 3. On May 9, 2003, the Department issued a real estate broker license to
6 Respondent, License ID 1131816. Unless renewed, Respondent's real estate broker license is
7 scheduled to expire on February 23, 2029. Respondent has renewal rights pursuant to Code
8 section 10201. The Department retains jurisdiction pursuant to Code section 10103.

9 4. Respondent was formerly licensed as a real estate salesperson from
10 approximately March 9, 1992, through May 8, 2003.

11 Former disciplinary action H-41002 LA

12 5. On April 10, 2018, the Department filed and served an Accusation against
13 Respondent in Department Case No. H-41002 LA. The Accusation in Case No. H-41002 LA
14 alleged cause to discipline Respondent's real estate license and license rights pursuant to Code
15 sections 490 and 10177, subdivision (b), based on Respondent's two prior convictions in 2015
16 and 2017, respectively, and pursuant to Code sections 10186.2 and 10177, subdivision (d), for
17 Respondent's failure to timely report said convictions to the Department.

18 6. Respondent submitted a Notice of Defense and requested an administrative
19 hearing. Respondent was present at the hearing held on October 3, 2018.

20 7. On November 27, 2018, the Real Estate Commissioner issued a Decision for
21 Case No. H-41002 LA which adopted the Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision of
22 November 13, 2018, to revoke Respondent's real estate broker license.

23 8. The Respondent subsequently submitted a Petition for Reconsideration of the
24 Real Estate Commissioner's Decision of November 27, 2018. The Real Estate Commissioner

1 denied Respondent's Petition for Reconsideration and Respondent's real estate broker license
2 was revoked, effective December 20, 2018.

3 9. On May 13, 2019, the Respondent petitioned for reinstatement of Respondent's
4 real estate broker license.

5 10. On April 24, 2020, the Real Estate Commissioner issued a Decision in Case No.
6 H-41002 LA, which granted Respondent's petition for reinstatement and issued a plenary real
7 estate broker license to Respondent effective on April 24, 2020.

8 2025 Conviction

9 11. On or about April 1, 2025, before the Superior Court of California, County of
10 Riverside, in Case No. INM2500125, Respondent pled guilty to, and was convicted of, violating
11 one count of California Penal Code section 538d, subdivision (a), (impersonate a peace officer),
12 a misdemeanor.

13 12. The conviction alleged above in Paragraph 11 and the underlying circumstances
14 surrounding said conviction bear a substantial relationship to the qualifications, functions or
15 duties of a real estate licensee under Regulation 2910.

16 FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

17 2025 Misdemeanor Conviction

18 13. There is hereby incorporated in this First, separate and distinct Cause of
19 Accusation all of the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 12, with the same force and
20 effect as if herein fully set forth.

21 14. Respondent's April 1, 2025, misdemeanor conviction, as described above in
22 Paragraph 11, constitutes cause for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license
23 rights of Respondent pursuant to Code sections 490 and 10177, subdivision (b).

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1 part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the
2 case.

3 WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this
4 Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action
5 against all licenses and license rights of Respondent under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of
6 Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), for the cost of investigation and enforcement
7 as permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other
8 provisions of law.

9 Dated Aug 14, 2026 at San Diego, California.

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12 VERONICA KILPATRICK
13 Supervising Special Investigator

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