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BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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CHARLES FRANK ULBRICH,

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Respondent.

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III

It is hereby stipulated by and between CHARLES FRANK ULBRICH (sometimes referred to as Respondent), and his attorney, Stephen T. Clifford, and the Complainant, acting by and through James R. Peel, Counsel for the Bureau of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of Accusation filed in this matter.

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1. All issues which were contested and all evidence which was presented by Complainant and Respondent at a formal hearing on the Accusation, which hearing is to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), shall instead and in place thereof 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 Administrative Procedure Act ("APA") and the Accusation filed by the Bureau of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. On November 3, 2015, 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 thereby waives his right 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 he 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.

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4. This Stipulation is based on the factual allegations contained in the Accusation filed in this proceeding. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest these factual allegations, but to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, these factual statements, 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 such 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 Bureau of Real Estate ("Bureau"), the state or federal government, or an agency of this state, another state or the federal government is involved.
- Estate 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, the Stipulation 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 stipulation or waiver made herein.

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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 administrative or civil proceedings by the Bureau of Real Estate with respect to any conduct which was not specifically alleged to be cause for accusation in this proceeding.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing stipulations and waivers and solely for the purpose of settlement of the pending Accusation, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

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The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent CHARLES FRANK ULBRICH, as set forth in the Accusation, constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of all of the real estate licenses and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g) of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") for violation of Code Section 10145.

II

Respondent willingly cooperated and assisted with the investigation conducted by the Bureau at all relevant times.

ORDER

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent

CHARLES FRANK ULBRICH under the Real Estate Law are revoked

provided, however, a restricted broker license shall be issued

to Respondent pursuant to Section 10156.5 of the Code if

Respondent makes application therefore and pays to the Bureau the appropriate fee for the restricted license within 90 days from the effective date of this Decision and Order. The restricted license issued to Respondent shall be subject to all of the provisions of Section 10156.7 of the Code and to the following limitations, conditions and restrictions imposed under authority of Section 10156.6 of the Code:

- 1. The restricted license issued to Respondent may be suspended prior to hearing by Order of the Commissioner in the event of Respondent's convict 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 issued to Respondent 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 Estate Commissioner or conditions attaching to the restricted license.
- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for the issuance of any 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. Respondent shall not be eligible to apply for any unrestricted licenses until all restrictions attached to the license have been removed.

4. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this Decision and 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 Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P. O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013.

5 Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondent shall pay the sum of \$6,000 for the Commissioner's cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action. Respondent shall pay such cost within sixty (60) 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 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.

Pursuant to Section 10148 of the Code, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost, not to exceed \$7,500 for an audit to determine if Respondent has corrected the violations found in the Determination of Issues. 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 60 days of receiving an invoice 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.

6. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent provides proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of having taken and successfully completed the continuing education course on trust fund accounting and handling specified in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 10170.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Proof of satisfaction of these requirements includes evidence that Respondent has successfully completed the trust fund accounting and handling continuing education courses, no earlier than 120 days prior to the effective date of the

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Decision and Order in this matter. Proof of completion of the trust fund accounting and handling course must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013 or by fax at 916-263-8758, prior to the effective date of the Decision and Order.

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7. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent pays the sum of \$2,000 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 Bureau of Real Estate. The investigative and enforcement costs must be delivered to the Bureau of Real Estate, Flag Section at P. O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

DATED: 7-18-16

JAMES R. PEEL, Counsel for the Bureau of Real Estate

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement, 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

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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 send a hard copy of the original signed Stipulation and Agreement to James R. Peel, Counsel, Bureau of Real Estate, 320 W. Fourth St., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA 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 Bureau counsel assigned to this case. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending the Bureau a scan of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the scan by the Bureau shall be binding on Respondent as if the Bureau had received the original signed Stipulation and Agreement.

DATED: <u>7/14/2016</u>

CHARLES FRANK ULBRICH

Respondent

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STEPHEN

CLIFFORD

Counsel for Respondent

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby

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adopted as my Decision and Order in this matter, and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on September 16, 2016

IT IS SO ORDERED

WAYNE S BELL

Real Estate Commissioner