Department of Real Estate
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DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

EXCLUSIVE LIFESTYLES, INC., RANDALL

NOEL KOSTICK, individually and as designated)
officer of Exclusive Lifestyles, Inc., ALL

CALIFORNIA BROKERAGE INC, BARBARA)
MAYBER LYNCH, individually and as
designated officer of All California Brokerage
Inc, and FRANK JOHN SERGI,

Respondents.

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT IN SETTLEMENT AND ORDER

DRE No. H-12614 SF

It is hereby stipulated by and between Respondent FRANK JOHN SERGI ("Respondent") and his attorney of record, David E. Libman, 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 March 28, 2023, in this matter (Case No. H-12614 SF):

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 and in place thereof be submitted on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement in Settlement and Order ("Stipulation").

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- 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 or about June 9, 2023, 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 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 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.
- 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

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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 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, are in violation of California Business and Professions Code ("Code") 10145 and Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations ("Regulations") Sections 2831, 2832, and 2834 and are grounds for the suspension or revocation of all of the real estate license and license rights of Respondent under the provision of Code Section 10177(d) and (g).

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

I.

(FRANK JOHN SERGI)

All licenses and license rights of Respondent FRANK JOHN SERGI under the Real Estate Law are suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Decision;

A. Provided, however, that the initial thirty (30) days of said suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Respondent shall pay a monetary penalty pursuant to Code section 10175.2 at the rate of \$50.00 per day for each of the thirty (30) days of suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$1,500.00.
- 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to the Department of Real Estate. Said check must be delivered to the Department of Real Estate, Flag

Section, P.O. Box 137013, Sacramento, CA 95813-7013, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order.

- 3. No further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 4. If Respondent fails to pay the monetary penalty in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Decision, the suspension shall go into effect automatically with regard to said Respondent. Respondent shall not be entitled to any repayment nor credit, prorated or otherwise, for money paid to the Department under the terms of this Decision and Order.
- 5. If Respondent pays the monetary penalty and if no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of the Decision, the stay hereby granted shall become permanent.
- 6. Respondent FRANK JOHN SERGI shall cooperate fully with the Department and testify at the hearing in this matter (Case No. H-12614 SF), if one is held. Respondent agrees to accept written notice to appear at hearing, in lieu of a subpoena. If Respondent fails to cooperate fully with the Department or testify at the hearing in this matter, the suspension shall go into effect automatically with regard to said Respondent.
- B. The remaining thirty (30) days of the sixty (60) day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- 1. That Respondent shall obey all laws, rules and regulations governing the rights, duties and responsibilities of a real estate licensee in the State of California; and
- 2. That no final subsequent determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and re-impose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made under this section, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.
- C. 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 account and handling continuing education courses, no earlier than 120 days prior to the effective date of the 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 this Decision and Order.

D. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent are indefinitely suspended unless or until Respondent pay the sum of \$1,596.56 for the Commissioner's reasonable costs 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 payment for 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, prior to the effective date of this Decision and Order. If Respondent fail to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner shall order suspension of Respondent's licenses and license rights until the sum is paid.

E. Pursuant to Code Sections 10148, Respondent shall pay one-third of the Commissioner's reasonable costs for the audit which led to this disciplinary action in the amount of \$4,699.50. Respondent shall pay such costs 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: 4/5/2024

Kevin H. Sun, Counsel for Department of Real Estate

EXECUTION OF THE STIPULATION

I have read the Stipulation, 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.

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4	agreement is not subject to rescission or amendment at a later date except by a separate Decision
5	and Order of the Real Estate Commissioner.
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9	DATED: 4/1/2024
11	David E. Libman, Esq.
12	Counsel for Respondent Approved as to Form
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14	The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision as to
15	Respondent FRANK JOHN SBROI in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on
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23	By: Marcus L. McCarther
24	Chief Deputy Real Estate Commissioner
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