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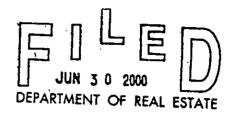
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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, individually
and dba Home Town Escrow,
RG Financial and Goltech Realty
and as designated officer of
Reginald Enterprises, Inc.
and GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA,

NO. H-28425 LA

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Respondents.

RIVERA (hereinafter "Respondent") and the Complainant, acting by and through Chris Leong, Counsel for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on February 18, 2000. The Accusation as to JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, individually and dba Home Town Escrow, RG Financial and Goltech Realty and as designated officer of Reginald Enterprises, Inc. will be handled separately.

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



OURT PAPER TATE OF CALIFORNIA TO. 113 (REV. 3-95) held in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, shall instead and in place thereof be submitted solely on the basis of the provisions of this Stipulation and Agreement.

- 2. Respondent has received, read and understands the Statement to Respondent, the Discovery Provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and the Accusation, filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. Respondent did not file a Notice of Defense pursuant to Section 11505 of the Government Code for the purpose of requesting a hearing on the allegations in the Accusation. Respondent hereby freely and voluntarily did not file said Notice of Defense. Respondent acknowledges that he understands that by not filing said Notice of Defense he will thereby waive 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 Administrative Procedure Act and that Respondent 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. In the interest of expedience and economy, Respondent chooses not to contest the factual allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 23 of the Accusation, but to remain silent and understands that, as a result thereof, these factual statements, 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 such allegations.

- 5. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt the Stipulation and Agreement 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 "Order" below. 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 Administrative Procedure Act and shall not be bound by any admission or waiver made herein.
- 6. The Order or any subsequent Order of the Real Estate Commissioner made pursuant to this Stipulation and Agreement shall not constitute an estoppel, merger or bar to any further administrative or civil proceeding 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 acts and omissions of Respondent, described in Paragraphs 1 through 23 the Accusation, are cause for the



suspension or Sevocation of the real estate license and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Sections 10130 and 10177(g) of the Business and Professions.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA, under the Real Estate Law are 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 the restricted license within 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:

- 1. 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 issued to Respondent may be suspended after a hearing by Order of the Real Estate

 Commissioner on evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that Respondent has violated provisions of the California Real Estate

- 3. Respondent shall not be eligible to petition for the issuance of an unrestricted real estate license nor for the removal of any of the conditions, limitations or restrictions of a restricted license until at least one year has elapsed from the effective date of this Decision.
- 4. Respondent shall submit with any application for license under an employing broker, or any application for transfer to a new employing broker, a statement signed by the prospective employing real estate broker on a form approved by the Department of Real Estate which shall certify:
- (a) That the employing broker has read the Decision of the Commissioner which granted the right to a restricted license; and
- (b) That employing broker will exercise close supervision over the performance by the restricted licensee relating to activities for which a real estate license is required.
- 5. Respondent shall, within nine months from the effective date of chis Decision, present evidence satisfactory to the Real Estate 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, the Commissioner may order the

- 6. Respondent shall, within six months from the effective date of this Decision, take and pass the Professional Responsibility Examination administered by the Department including the payment of the appropriate examination fee. If Respondent fails to satisfy this condition, the Commissioner may order suspension of Respondent's license until Respondent passes the examination.
- 7. Prior to the issuance of a restricted real estate salesperson license, Respondent shall reimburse to Respondent, JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, all monies paid on his behalf in relation to this matter.

DATED: 5 18 00 CHRIS LEONG, ESQ.
Counsel for Complainant

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

hearing at which I would have the right to ross-examine witnesses against me and to present evidence in defense and mitigation of the charges.

DATED: <u>5 - /5 - 00</u>

GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA Respondent

The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective at 12 o'clock noon on July 20, 2000

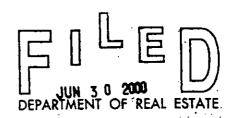
IT IS SO ORDERED

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and as designated officer of
Reginald Enterprises, Inc.
and GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA,

NO. H-28425 LA

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Respondents.

It is hereby stipulated by and between JOHN STEVEN
GOLIATH, individually and dba Home Town Escrow, RG Financial and
Goltech Realty and as designated officer of Reginald
Enterprises, Inc. (hereinafter "Respondent") and the
Complainant, acting by and through Chris Leong, Counsel for the
Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of
settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on February 18,
2000. The Accusation as to GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA will be
handled separately.

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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.

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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 acts and omissions of Respondent, described in



Paragraphs 1 through 23 the Accusation, are cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of Respondent under the provisions of Sections 10130 and 10177(h) of the Business and Professions.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING ORDER is hereby made:

All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent JOHN
STEVEN GOLIATH, individually and dba Home Town Escrow, RG
Financial and Goltech Realty and as designated officer of
Reginald Enterprises, Inc., under the Real Estate Law are
suspended for a period of sixty (60) days from the effective
date of this Decision; provided, however, that all of said
suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following
terms and conditions:

- 1. Respondent shall cure the shortage set forth in Audit number LA 990291.
- 2. Respondent shall pay, pursuant to Section 10148 of the Business and Professions Code, the Commissioner's reasonable cost for an audit to determine if Respondent has corrected the trust fund violations found in the Determination of Issues. In 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 cost, including mileage, time to and from the auditor's place of work, and per diem. The Commissioner's reasonable costs shall in no event exceed \$2,328.90. Respondent shall pay such cost within 45 days of

 receiving an Moice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other paragraph herein, if Respondent fails to pay, within 45 days from receipt of the invoice specified above, the Commissioner's reasonable cost for an audit to determine if Respondent has corrected the violations found in the Determination of Issues, the Commissioner may order the indefinite suspension of Respondent's real estate license and license rights. The suspension shall remain in effect until payment is made in full, or until Respondent enters into an agreement satisfactory to the Commissioner to provide for such payment. The Commissioner may impose further reasonable disciplinary terms and conditions upon Respondent's real estate license and license rights as part of any such agreement.

- 3. As a further condition of staying said suspension, Respondent shall pay the Department, \$2,328.90 for Audit Number LA 990291 and Audit Number LA 990237, prior to the effective date of this Decision. If not paid, said suspension will commence on the effective date of this Decision.
- 4. 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
- 5. That no final subsequent determination be made after hearing or upon stipulation, that cause for disciplinary action occurred within two (2) years of the effective date of this Decision. Should such a determination be made, the



Commissioner may, in her discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension.

If no further cause for disciplinary action against the real estate license of Respondent occurs within two (2) years from the effective date of this Decision and if the above conditions are satisfied, the sixty (60) day stay hereby granted shall become permanent.

DATED: 4(27 00

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CHRIS LEONG, ESQ.
Counsel for Complainant

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 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.

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2 DATED: 3 JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, individually and dba Home Town Escrow, RG Financial and Goltech Realty and as designated officer 5 of Reginald Enterprises, Inc. Respondent 6 The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby 8 adopted as my Decision in this matter and shall become effective 9 at 12 o'clock noon on July 20, 2000 10 IT IS SO ORDERED 11 PÁULA REDDISH ZINNEMANN 12 Real Estate Commissioner 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

10 In the Matter of the Accusation of 11 JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, individually) and dba Home Town Escrow, 12 RG Financial and Goltech Realty 13 and as designated officer of Reginald Enterprises, Inc. and GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA. 14

Respondents.

NO. H-28425 LA

CCUSATION

The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation against JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, individually and dba Home Town Escrow, RG Financial and Goltech Realty and as designated officer of Reginald Enterprises, Inc. (GOLIATH) and GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA (RIVERA) (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as Respondents), is informed and alleges as follows:

The Complainant, Thomas McCrady, a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California, makes this Accusation against Respondent in his official capacity.



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COURT PAPER STATE OF CALIFORNIA STD. 113 (REV. 3-95) All Sections of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations, are hereinafter referred to as "Regulations".

All further references to the "Code" are to the California Business and Professions Code.

3.

At all times herein mentioned, GOLIATH was licensed and/or had license rights with the Department of Real Estate of the State of California "Department" as a real estate broker individually and dba Home Town Escrow, RG Financial and Goltech Realty and as designated officer of Reginald Enterprises, Inc.

4.

At all times herein mentioned, RIVERA was licensed and/or had license rights with the Department as a real estate salesperson. From April 20, 1998 to present, RIVERA was employed by GOLIATH.

5.

At all times herein mentioned, in Los Angeles County, California, Respondents acted as real estate brokers in the State of California, within the meaning of Code Section 10131(a). In the operation of a real estate business, services were rendered in connection with certain real properties owned by third parties. The services included, but were not limited to, soliciting and negotiating purchases and sales of real property for compensation or in expectation of compensation.

6.

In about May, 1999, Brent and Shannon Bousfield

(Bousfield's) were owners of real property located at 14930 Cherry Grove Ct., Tustin, California (Cherry Grove Ct. property). At that time, the Bousfields employed North Hills Realty to list the Cherry Grove Ct. property for sale. At that time, North Hills Realty employed real estate salesperson Dorothy Action as an agent and to work on this listing.

7.

On or about May 24, 1999, Claudio Orellana (Orellana) and Ester Giles (Giles) (Buyers) employed Respondent RIVERA to prepare and present an offer to purchase the Cherry Grove Ct. property. As part of this offer, RIVERA represented to Buyers that \$5,000.00 was needed, \$500.00 of which was for "credit and appraisal" and \$4,500.00 would be "for escrow". On May 24, 1999, in reliance on these representations, Buyers gave RIVERA a Bank of America check, number 135, in the amount of \$5,000.00, payable to "German Alfonso Rivera". RIVERA gave Buyers a receipt, number 8725, for the \$5,000.00.

Respondent RIVERA did not deposit these funds into his broker trust account or deliver them to the owner or deposit these funds in a neutral escrow within three days of receiving the funds.

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Buyers specifically told RIVERA, as part of this offer, that the maximum amount of monthly payments they could afford would be \$1,500.00. RIVERA had Buyers sign blank forms for the offer. Buyers requested copies of the forms they signed

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but RIVERA refused to provide copies of the signed forms to Buyers.

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Respondent RIVERA informed Orellana that the offer had been accepted and that the payments would be \$1,980. Orellana stated that he could not afford the payments. Respondent RIVERA replied that if he (Orellana) did not sign the loan papers and close escrow that he would lose the \$5,000.00.

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Buyers contacted RIVERA's broker GOLIATH and the escrow company and requested that their funds be returned. On about June 9, 1999, GOLIATH gave Buyers a check for \$3,000.00. Also, on about June 9, 1999, RIVERA deposited a Washington Mutual Official Check, number 380818964, in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to Burrow Escrow, into Burrow Escrow for escrow number 89361-CWS. On this check the remitter was "Gabriel Giles". Respondent RIVERA told Buyers that: "There was a first-time buyers loan plan that we could qualify for through FHA, but that the program was for people with little or no money. If the Government knew we had that much money, they would not help. We had to act like we had no money of our own; that we had gotten the money from someone else. RIVERA suggested that we say we were getting the money from Giles instead of saying the money was ours."

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Buyers requested that the escrow be canceled and that the remaining \$2,000.00 be refunded. The escrow was canceled;

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however, the \$2,000.00 was not refunded to Buyers.

13.

On or about January 10, 2000, the Department completed an audit, number LA 990237, of the activities of Respondent GOLIATH regarding the Cherry Grove Ct. transaction. The records were reviewed for the period from January 1, 1999 through December 16, 1999. The results of the audit are set forth in Paragraphs 14 and 15.

14.

During 1999, in connection with his real estate business activities, Respondent GOLIATH accepted or received funds in trust (trust funds) from or on behalf of tenants and owners and thereafter made disbursements of such funds. These funds were not maintained in a trust account.

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In connection with his real estate activities and trust funds described in Paragraph 14, Respondent failed to maintain a record of earnest fund deposits in excess of \$1,000.00 that were directly forwarded to escrow, in violation of Regulation 2831.

16.

On or about January 11, 2000, the Department completed an audit, number LA 990291, of the mortgage loan broker activities of Respondent GOLIATH. The records were reviewed for the period from January 1, 1999 through December 16, 1999. The results of the audit are set forth in Paragraphs 16 and 17.

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7	Tustin, CA 92780. The first account was named John S. Goliath
8	DBA Home Town Escrow, account number 0163-19538 (A#1). The
9	second account was named John S. Goliath DBA Home Town Escrow
10	Trust Account, account number 0167-14613 (A#2).
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12	In connection with his real estate activities and
13	trust funds described in Paragraph 17, Respondent:
14	(a) failed to maintain adequate record of trust fund-
15	received and deposited, in violation of Regulation 2831;
16	(b) failed to maintain adequate separate records of
17	deposit and disbursement information for each escrow, in
:	violation of Regulation 2831.1;
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19	(c) failed to monthly reconcile separate records to
20 ·	the control account records, in violation of Regulation 2831.2; (d) failed to decimate 284
21	designate A#1 as a trust account in
2 2	violation of Regulation 2832; and
23	(e) allowed unlicensed, unbonded persons Teresa
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25	signatory on A#2, in violation of Regulation 2834.
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On or about July 8, 1993, an Order to Desist and Refrain was filed against JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, individually and as designated officer of Noble Mortgage. This Order stated that GOLIATH violated Code Sections 10145, 10161.8(a) and 10240 and Regulations 2725, 2831.1, 2832.1 and 2840.

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The conduct of Respondent RIVERA, in handling trust funds, as alleged in Paragraphs 1 through 18, constitutes violation under Code Section 10145(c). Said conduct is cause pursuant to Code Section 10177(d) for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent RIVERA under the Real Estate Law.

21.

The conduct of Respondent RIVERA, in making trust funds appear to have come from a third party and arranging a loan which payments are above the amount instructed and threatening borrowers with the loss of their deposit, constitutes fraud and dishonest dealing and negligence and is a violation of Code Sections 10176(i) and 10177(g). Said conduct and violations are cause for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent RIVERA under the Real Estate Law.

22.

The conduct of Respondent GOLIATH, in handling trust funds, as alleged in Paragraphs 1 through 18, constitutes violation under Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831, 2831.1,

2831.2, 2832 and 2834. Said conduct is cause pursuant to Code Section 10177(d) for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent GOLIATH under the Real Estate Law.

23.

The conduct of Respondent GOLIATH, in failing to supervise RIVERA, constitutes violation under Code Section 10177(h). Said conduct is cause pursuant to Code Section 10177(h) for the suspension or revocation of all licenses and license rights of Respondent GOLIATH under the Real Estate Law.

WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be conducted on the allegations of this Accusation and that upon proof thereof, a decision be rendered imposing disciplinary action against all licenses and license rights of Respondents, JOHN STEVEN GOLIATH, individually and dba Home Town Escrow, RG Financial and Goltech Realty and as designated officer of Reginald Enterprises, Inc. and GERMAN ALFONSO RIVERA, under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at Los Angeles, California this 18th day of February, 2000.

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