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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

JEFFREY L. LUSTER, doing business as Major Properties, and GREGORY STEVEN BROWN,

Respondents.

DRE No. H-31826 LA

STIPULATION

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AGREEMENT

It is hereby stipulated by and between JEFFREY L.

LUSTER dba as Major Properties (sometimes referred to as

"Respondent"), represented by Frank M. Buda, Esq., and the

Complainant, acting by and through Elliott Mac Lennan, Counsel

for the Department of Real Estate, as follows for the purpose of

settling and disposing of the Accusation filed on April 13, 2005,

in this matter:

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 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 APA and the Accusation filed by the Department of Real Estate in this proceeding.
- 3. 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 his defense of the allegations in the Accusation and the right to cross-examine witnesses.
- 4. This Stipulation is based on the allegations contained in the Accusation above excluding Paragraphs 7(c), 7(h) and 15(b) of 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 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 allegations.

- 5. This Stipulation and Respondent's decision not to contest the Accusation 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 of Real Estate ("Department"), the state or federal government, or any agency of this state, another state or federal government is involved.
- 6. It is understood by the parties that the Real Estate Commissioner may adopt this Stipulation as his Decision in this matter thereby imposing the penalty and sanctions on Respondents real estate licenses and license rights as set forth in the "Order" herein below. In the event that the Commissioner, in his discretion, does not adopt the Stipulation, it shall be void and of no effect and Respondents shall retain the right to a hearing and proceeding on the Accusation under the provisions of the APA and shall not be bound by any stipulation or waiver 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 but do constitute a bar, estoppel and merger as to any allegations actually contained in the Accusation against Respondents herein.

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8. Respondent understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, Respondent agrees to pay, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148, the cost of the audit (LA 030269, 030285, 030286) which led to this disciplinary action. The amount of said cost is \$8,415.49.

9. Respondent has received, read, and understands the "Notice Concerning Costs of Subsequent Audit". Respondent further understands that by agreeing to this Stipulation, the findings set forth below in the Determination of Issues become final, and the Commissioner may charge Respondent for the cost of any subsequent audit conducted pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 10148 to determine if the violations have been corrected. The maximum cost of the subsequent audit will not exceed \$8,415.49.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

I.

The conduct of JEFFREY L. LUSTER, as described in Paragraph 4, above, constitutes violations of Business and Professions Code ("Code") Sections 10145 and Sections 2725, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2 of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations. This conduct is a basis for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license pursuant to Sections 10177(d), 10177(g) and 10177(h) of the Code.

ORDER

WHEREFORE THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS HEREBY MADE:

I. All licenses and licensing rights of Respondent

JEFFREY L. LUSTER under the Real Estate Law suspended for a

period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of this

Decision; provided, however, that if Respondent petitions, the

initial thirty (30) days of said suspension (or a portion

1. Respondent pays a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 10175.2 of the Business and Professions Code at the rate of \$116.66 per day for each day of the suspension for a total monetary penalty of \$3,500.

thereof) shall be stayed for two (2) years upon condition that:

- 2. Said payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Recovery Account of the Real Estate Fund. Said check must be received by the Department prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.
- 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 of the Decision, the Commissioner may, without a hearing, order the immediate execution of all or any part of the stayed suspension, in which event the 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.

- 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
- day suspension shall be stayed for two (2) years upon the following terms and conditions:
- (a) 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
- 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 his discretion, vacate and set aside the stay order and reimpose all or a portion of the stayed suspension. Should no such determination be made, the stay imposed herein shall become permanent.

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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 this requirement includes evidence that respondent has successfully completed the trust fund account and handling continuing education course within 120 days prior to the effective date of the Decision in this matter.

Professions Code, Respondent shall pay the Commissioner's reasonable cost for (a) the audit which led to this disciplinary action and (b) a subsequent audits to determine if Respondent JEFFREY L. LUSTER is now in compliance with the Real Estate Law. The cost of the audit which led to this disciplinary action is \$8,415.49. 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 time to and from the auditor's place of work. Said amount for the prior and subsequent audits shall not exceed \$16, 830.98.

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Respondent shall pay such cost within 60 days of receiving an invoice from the Commissioner detailing the activities performed during the audit and the amount of time spent performing those activities.

The Commissioner may suspend the license of Respondent pending a hearing held in accordance with Section 11500, et seq., of the Government Code, if payment is not timely made as provided for herein, or as provided for in a subsequent agreement between the Respondent and the Commissioner. 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 payment, or until a decision providing otherwise is adopted following a hearing held pursuant to this condition.

IV. Respondent shall, within nine (9) months from the effective date of this 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 suspension of his license until the Respondent presents such evidence. The Commissioner shall afford Respondent the opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act to present such evidence.

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DATED: 4-12-06

ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN, Counsel

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I have read the Stipulation and Agreement and 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 JEFFREY L. LUSTER can signify acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement by faxing a copy of its signature page, as actually signed by Respondent, to the Department at the following telephone/fax number: (213) 576-6917, Attention: Elliott Mac Lennan. Respondent agrees, acknowledges and understands that by electronically sending to the Department a fax copy of Respondent's actual signature as it appears on the Stipulation and Agreement, that receipt of the faxed copy by the Department shall be as binding on Respondent as if the Department had received the original signed Stipulation and Agreement.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

By reason of the foregoing, it is stipulated and agreed that the following determination of issues shall be made:

The conduct of GREGORY STEVEN BROWN, as described in Paragraph 4, above of the Accusation, constitutes a violation of Business and Professions Code Section 10177(g) and is a basis for discipline of Respondent's license pursuant to said section.

ORDER

WHEREFORE THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS HEREBY MADE:
Respondent GREGORY STEVEN BROWN is publicly reproved.

DATED: _	3-24-66	درس	درس		
		ELLIOTT MAC LENNAN,	Counsel for		

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The foregoing Stipulation and Agreement is hereby adopted as my Decision and shall become effective at JUL 10 2006. م<u>ک</u> 200 ر

> JEFF DAVI Real Estate Commissioner

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation of

JEFFREY L. LUSTER, doing)
business as Major Properties, and)
GREGORY STEVEN BROWN,)

Respondent.

The Complainant, Maria Suarez, a Deputy Real Estate

Commissioner of the State of California, for cause of Accusation

against JEFFREY L. LUSTER dba Major Properties ("LUSTER") and

GREGORY STEVEN BROWN ("BROWN"), alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, Maria Suarez, acting in her official capacity as a Deputy Real Estate Commissioner of the State of California makes this Accusation against LUSTER and BROWN.

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All references to the "Code" are to the California

Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations"

are to Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations.

LICENSE HISTORY

JEFFREY L. LUSTER

3.a.

At all times mentioned, LUSTER was licensed or had license rights issued by the Department of Real Estate ("Department") as a real estate broker. On July 15, 1982, LUSTER was originally licensed as a real estate broker.

LICENSE HISTORY

GREGORY STEVEN BROWN

3.b.

At all times mentioned, LUSTER was licensed or had license rights issued by the Department as a real estate salesperson. On March 14, 1986, LUSTER was originally licensed as a real estate salesperson.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACCUSATION

AUDIT REPORT LA 030269

MAJOR PROPERTIES

4.

At all times mentioned, in the City and County of Los Angeles, LUSTER acted as a real estate broker and conducted licensed activities within the meaning of:

A. Code Section 10131(a) in that LUSTER operated a resale of residential and commercial real estate brokerage dba Major Properties.

- B. Code Section 10131(b) in that LUSTER operated a property management brokerage dba Major Properties and Major Management Company; and
- C. Code Section 10131(d) in that LUSTER operated a mortgage loan and loan servicing brokerage dba Major Mortgage Company.

5.

On February 10, 2004, the Department completed an audit examination of the books and records of LUSTER dba Major Properties pertaining to the property management activities described in Paragraph 4 that require a real estate license. The audit examination covered a period of time beginning on January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 030269 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

6.

At all times mentioned, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 4, above, LUSTER accepted or received funds in trust (trust funds) from or on behalf of purchasers and sellers and including earnest money deposits, and

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property owners and tenants and thereafter made disposition of such funds. LUSTER maintained the following trust account during the audit period into which were deposited certain of these funds at:

"Major Properties Trust Account Account No. 01-105949" American Business Bank Los Angeles, California ("property management trust account")

7.

In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 and 6, above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 5, Respondent LUSTER acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that he:

- (a) permitted, allowed or caused the disbursement of trust funds from the escrow trust account where the disbursement of funds reduced the total of aggregate funds in the property management trust account, to an amount which, on December 31, 2003, was \$6,931.42, less than the existing aggregate trust fund liability of LUSTER to every principal who was an owner of said funds, without first obtaining the prior written consent of the owners of said funds, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1.
- (b) failed to disburse from the property management trust account broker's escrow fees totaling \$31,603.98, within twenty-five (25) days of deposit, as required by Code Sections 10145, 10176(e) and Regulation 2835(b).

(c) failed to place trust funds, accepted on behalf of another into the hands of the owner of the funds, a neutral escrow depository or into a trust fund account in the name of the trustee at a bank or other financial institution not later than three business days following receipt of the funds by the broker or by the broker's salesperson, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.

Additionally, LUSTER used trust funds from the property management trust account to pay his operating expenses in the amount of \$15,206.51, in violation of Code Section 10176(i).

- (d) failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of all trust funds received, deposited into and disbursed by the property management trust account, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.
- (e) failed to maintain a separate record for each beneficiary or transaction, thereby failing to account for all trust funds received, deposited into and disbursed by the property management trust account, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1.
- (f) failed to perform a monthly reconciliation of the balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records maintained pursuant to Regulation 2831.1 with the control record of all trust funds received and disbursed by the property management trust account as required by Regulation 2831, in

violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831.2.

- (g) used the fictitious name of "Major Properties" to conduct licensed activities without holding a license bearing this fictitious business name, in violation of Code Section Regulation 2731; and
- (h) failed to supervise including not having a system in place for regularly monitoring compliance with the Real Estate Law or for the supervision of LUSTER's seven salespersons including BROWN, in violation of Regulation 2725.

Additionally, LUSTER's inaccurate and incomplete trust fund handling procedures for the control record, separate record and reconciliation was a factor in his inability to detect approximately \$700,000 in trust funds embezzled from his office assistant, Roderick Buhay.

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The conduct of Respondent LUSTER, described in Paragraph 8, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set forth below:

20	PARAGRAPH	PROVISIONS VIOLATED
21	7(a)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation
22		2832.1
23	7 (b)	Code Sections 10145 and 10176(e)
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26	7 (c)	Code Sections 10145 and 10176(i) and Regulation 2832

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1	7 (đ)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831
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3	7 (e)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation
4		2831.1
5	7(f)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.2
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7	7 (g)	Regulation 2731
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9	7 (h)	Regulation 2725
10	The foregoing violations const	titute cause for the suspension or
11	revocation of the real estate	license and license rights of
12	LUSTER under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10176(e),	
13	10176(i), 10177(g) and/or 101	
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15	SECOND CAU	SE OF ACCUSATION
16	AUDIT RE	PORT LA 030285
17	MAJOR	PROPERTIES
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19	On February 11, 2004	l, the Department completed an audit
20	examination of the books and a	records of LUSTER dba Major
21	Properties pertaining to the p	property management and mortgage
. 22	loan activities described in B	Paragraph 4 that require a real
23		y pertaining to the Arthur Hudson
24		arding salesperson BROWN. The audit
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26		of time beginning on January 1, 2001
27	to December 31, 2003. The aud	dit examination revealed violations

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of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 030285 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

10.

At all times mentioned, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 4, above, LUSTER accepted or received funds in trust (trust funds) from or on behalf of purchasers and sellers and borrowers and lenders and thereafter made disposition of such funds. LUSTER maintained the same property management trust account, as set forth in Paragraph 6, during the audit period into which were deposited certain of these funds including depositing earnest money deposits into this property management trust accounts.

11.

In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 and 10, above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 9, Respondents LUSTER and/or BROWN acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that they:

(a) LUSTER failed to maintain a separate record for each beneficiary or transaction, thereby failing to account for all trust funds received, deposited into and disbursed by the property management trust account, including earnest money deposits for purchasers Peta (\$8,000), Vignali (\$100,000), Stax (\$52,000) and for Escrow #32272 (\$25,000), in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1.

(b) BROWN misrepresentation to seller Arthur Hudson 1 that LUSTER held a \$5,000 earnest money deposit for the Arthur Hudson transaction for the real property located at 1147 E. 106th 3 St., Los Angeles, California, constitutes a violation of Section 10176(a) and/or 10177(g). 5 (c) LUSTER failed to maintain a control record in the 6 7 form of a columnar record in chronological order of all earnest 8 money deposits forwarded to escrow, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831. 10 (d) LUSTER failed to notify the Department of the 11 employment of three salespersons, Mair Silverman, Bradley Luster 12 and Gregory Brown, as required by Code Section 10161.8 and 13 Regulation 2752. 14 (e) LUSTER used the fictitious name of "Major 15 Properties" to conduct licensed activities without holding a 16 license bearing this fictitious business name, in violation of 17 Code Section Regulation 2731; and 18 (f) LUSTER failed to supervise including not having a 19 system in place for regularly monitoring compliance with the Real 20 Estate Law or for the supervision of LUSTER's seven salespersons 21 including BROWN, in violation of Regulation 2725. 22

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The conduct of Respondents LUSTER and BROWN, described in Paragraph 11, above, violated the Code and the Regulations as set forth below:

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1	PARAGRAPH	PROVISIONS VIOLATED
- 2	11(a)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation
3		2831.1
4	11 (b)	Code Section 10176(a) and/or
5		10177 (g)
. 6	11(c)	Code Sections 10145 and Regulation
7		2831
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9	11(d)	Code Section 10161.8 and Regulation 2752
10	11(e)	Domilation 2721
11	11(e)	Regulation 2731
12	11 (f)	Regulation 2725
14	The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or	
. 15	revocation of the real estate	license and license rights of
16	LUSTER and/or BROWN under the	provisions of Code Sections
17	10176(a), 10177(d), 10177(g)	and/or 10177(h).
18	THIRD C	AUSE OF ACTION
19	AUDIT R	EPORT LA 030286
20	MAJOR MO	ORTGAGE COMPANY
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22	On March 2, 2004, t	he Department completed an audit
23		records of LUSTER dba Major Mortgage
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25		an servicing activities described in
26	Paragraph 4 that require a re	al estate license. The audit
27	examination covered a period	of time beginning on January 1, 2003

to December 31, 2003. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations as set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report LA 030286 and the exhibits and workpapers attached to said audit report.

14.

At all times mentioned, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 4, above, LUSTER accepted or received funds in trust (trust funds) from or on behalf of purchasers and sellers and borrowers and lenders and thereafter made disposition of such funds. LUSTER maintained the following trust account during the audit period into which were deposited certain of these funds at:

"Major Properties Inc. dba Major Mortgage Company Account No. 01-124846" American Business Bank Los Angeles, California ("loan servicing trust account")

In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 and 14, above, and during the examination period described in Paragraph 13, Respondent LUSTER acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations in that he:

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(a) failed to disburse from the loan servicing trust account broker's escrow fees totaling \$1,950, within twenty-five (25) days of deposit, as required by Code Sections 10145, 10176(e) and Regulation 2835(b).

(b) failed to place trust funds, accepted on behalf of another into the hands of the owner of the funds, a neutral escrow depository or into a trust fund account in the name of the trustee at a bank or other financial institution not later than three business days following receipt of the funds by the broker or by the broker's salesperson, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.

Additionally, LUSTER used trust funds from the loan servicing trust account to pay his operating expenses in the amount of \$1,986, in violation of Code Section 10176(i).

- (c) LUSTER, was not a signatory on the loan servicing trust account into which the trust funds were deposited, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2834.
- (d) failed to maintain a control record in the form of a columnar record in chronological order of all trust funds received and disbursed, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.
- (e) failed to maintain a separate record for each beneficiary or transaction, thereby failing to account for all trust funds received and disbursed by the loan servicing trust account, as required by Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1.
- (f) failed to perform a monthly reconciliation of the balance of all separate beneficiary or transaction records maintained pursuant to Regulation 2831.1 with the control record of all trust funds received and disbursed by the loan servicing

trust account as required by Regulation 2831, in violation of Code Section 10145 and Regulations 2831.2.

(g) used the fictitious names of "Major Mortgage Company", "Major Properties" and Major Properties, Inc." to conduct licensed activities without holding a licenses bearing these fictitious business name, in violation of Code Section Regulation 2731.

- (h) met the criteria as a threshold broker, as described in Code Section 10232(e) for the \$250,000 note collection threshold of 10232(a)(2), yet failed to provide the Department with timely or accurate Quarterly and Annual Trust Fund Status Reports. LUSTER collected in excess of \$515,000 from borrowers during the first three (3) months of the audit period without notifying the Department, in violation of Code Section 10232(e) and Regulation 2846.5.
- (i) failed to provide the Department with Quarterly
 Trust Fund Status Reports, in violation of Code Section 10232.25
 and Regulation 2846.8; and
- (j) failed to supervise including not having a system in place for regularly monitoring compliance with the Real Estate Law or for the supervision of LUSTER's seven salespersons including BROWN, in violation of Regulation 2725.

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2	The conduct of Res	pondent LUSTER, described in
3	Paragraph 15, above, violate	d the Code and the Regulations as set
4	forth below:	
5	<u>PARAGRAPH</u>	PROVISIONS VIOLATED
6	15(a)	Codo Costion 10145 and 10176(a) and
7	15(a)	Code Section 10145 and 10176(e) and Regulation 2835
8	15 (2.)	
9	15 (b)	Code Sections 10145 and 10176(i) Regulation 2832
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11	15(c)	Code Sections 10145 and Regulation 2834
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13	15 (d)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831
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15	15 (e)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1
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17 18	15(f)	Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.2
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20	15 (g)	Regulation 2731
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22	15(h)	Code Section 10232(e) and Regulation 2846.5
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24	15(e)	Code Section 10232.25 and
25		Regulation 2846.8
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27	15(j)	Regulation 2725
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The foregoing violations constitute cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of LUSTER under the provisions of Code Sections 10177(d), 10176(e), 10176(i), 10177(g) and/or 10177(h).

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The overall acts, conduct and/or omissions of

The overall acts, conduct and/or omissions of Respondent LUSTER and BROWN constitutes negligence or incompetence. This conduct and violation are cause for the suspension or revocation of the real estate license and license rights of Respondents LUSTER and BROWN pursuant to Code Section 10177(g).

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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 the license and license rights of Respondent JEFFREY L.LUSTER dba Major Properties, and GREGORY STEVEN BROWN, 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.

this Dated at Los Arigeles, California this Lay // Mar & 5055.

Deputy Real Estate Commissioner

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Gregory Steven Brown
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