JAMES R. PEEL, Counsel (SBN 47055) Bureau of Real Estate 320 West Fourth Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105 APR - 1 2016 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 4 (213) 576-6913 (Direct) -or-5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 No. H-40186 LA In the Matter of the Accusation of ) 11 ACCUSATION 12 13 WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC.; and BARBARA BAKER 14 individually and as designated officer of 15 Windfall Springs, Inc., 16 Respondents, 17 18 19 The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, a Supervising 20 Special Investigator of the State of California, for cause of 21 accusation against WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC., and BARBARA BAKER 22 individually and as designated officer of Windfall Springs, Inc., 23 alleges as follows: 24 111 25

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1. The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, acting in her official capacity as a Supervising Special Investigator of the State of California, makes this Accusation against WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC., and BARBARA BAKER.

- 2. WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC., and BARBARA BAKER individually and as designated officer of Windfall Springs, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Respondents") are presently licensed and/or have license rights under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code, hereinafter Code).
- 3. At all times herein mentioned, Respondents WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC., and BARBARA BAKER were licensed as real estate brokers. Respondent BAKER was the designated officer and pursuant to Code Section 10159.2 was responsible for the supervision and control of the activities conducted on behalf of the corporation by its officers and employees as necessary to secure full compliance with the provisions of the real estate law including supervision of salespersons licensed to the corporation in the performance of acts for which a real estate license is required.

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4. At all times material herein, Respondents engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as real estate brokers in the State of California within the meaning of Section 10131(a) and (b) of the Code including soliciting owners and renters, negotiating the sale, lease and rental of real property, and collecting rents from real property.

- 5. On or about March 26, 2015, the Bureau completed an examination of Respondent WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC.'s books and records, pertaining to the activities described in Paragraph 4 above, covering a period from July 1, 2013, through December 31, 2014, which examination revealed violations of the Code and of Title 10, Chapter 6, California Code of Regulations (hereinafter Regulations) as set forth below.
- 6. The examination described in Paragraph 5, above, determined that, in connection with the activities described in Paragraph 4 above, Respondents accepted or received funds, including funds in trust (hereinafter "trust funds") from or on behalf of principals, and thereafter made deposit or disbursement of such funds.
- 7. In the course of activities described in Paragraphs 4 through 6 and during the examination period described in Paragraph 5, Respondents WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC., and BARBARA BAKER acted in violation of the Code and the Regulations as follows, and as more specifically set forth in Audit Report No. SD 140031 and 140039 and related exhibits:

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- a. Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832.1 by maintaining as of December 31, 2014 a trust account shortage of \$14,583.59.
- b. Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.1 by failing to maintain accurate and complete separate records for each beneficiary or property.
- c. Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2831.2 by not maintaining complete and accurate monthly reconciliations of all the separate records to the control record.
- d. Violated Code Section 10145 and Regulation 2832 by not designating the bank trust accounts as trust accounts.
- e. Violated Regulation 2834 by allowing unlicensed and unbonded trust account signatories.
- f. Violated Code Sections 10145, 10176(e), and Regulation 2835(b) by maintaining its own funds in the trust accounts for over 25 days, and disbursed its management fees from the trust accounts beyond 25 days. Respondents transferred trust funds from the trust accounts to the non-trust accounts.
- g. Violated Regulation 2731 by conducting real estate activities using unlicensed fictitious names Rentsmart Property Management, Homesmart, Homesmart of California and Homesmart Real Estate.
- h. Violated Code Section 10177(g) by engaging in a earnings credit relationship with banks and failing to disclose the relationship with the owners of the funds.

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- i. Violated Regulation 2725 by failing to establish policies, rules, procedures and systems to review, oversee, and inspect the handling of trust funds by licensees and employees.
- 8. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondents WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC., and BARBARA BAKER, as alleged above, subjects their real estate licenses and license rights to suspension or revocation pursuant to Sections 10177(d) and 10177(g) of the Code.

## FAILURE TO SUPERVISE

9. The conduct, acts and/or omissions of Respondent BAKER, in failing to ensure full compliance with the Real Estate Law is in violation of Code Section 10159.2 and subjects her real estate licenses and license rights to suspension or revocation pursuant to Sections 10177(d), 10177(g), and 10177(h) of the Code.

## COST RECOVERY

Code Section 10106 provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the bureau, the commissioner may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation of this part to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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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 all licenses and license rights of Respondents WINDFALL SPRINGS, INC., and BARBARA BAKER individually and as designated officer of Windfall Springs, Inc. under the Real Estate Law (Part 1 of Division 4 of the Business and Professions Code), for the cost of investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at San Diego, California

this 33 day of Marw., 2015.

VERONICA KILPATRICK

Supervising Special Investigator

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cc:

Windfall Springs, Inc.

Veronica Kilpatrick

Barbara Baker

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