FILED JUDITH B. VASAN, Counsel (SBN 278115) 1 Department of Real Estate JUN 26 2020 320 West 4th Street, Suite 350 Los Angeles, California 90013-1105 Telephone: (213) 576-6982 3 Direct: (213) 576-6904 4 Fax: (213) 576-6917 Attorney for Complainant 5 6 7 8 BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REAL ESTATE 9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation of DRE No. H41709 LA 12 DYNASTY R.E. INC, doing business as Clear 13 View Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow, and Dynasty Real Estate; 14 CHRISTIAN MUNIVE, individually and, 15 as designated officer of Dynasty R.E. Inc, **ACCUSATION** 16 Respondents. 17 18 The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, a Supervising Special Investigator of the 19 20

State of California, for cause of Accusation against DYNASTY R.E. INC, doing business as Clear View Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow and Dynasty Real Estate, and CHRISTIAN MUNIVE, individually and as designated officer of Dynasty R.E. Inc, (sometimes collectively referred to as "Respondents") alleges as follows:

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The Complainant, Veronica Kilpatrick, a Supervising Special Investigator of the 25 State of California, makes this Accusation in her official capacity.

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All references to the "Code" are to the Real Estate Law, Part 1 of Division 4 of the California Business and Professions Code and all references to "Regulations" are to Title 10, Chapter 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

LICENSE HISTORY

(DYNASTY R.E. INC)

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- a. Respondent DYNASTY R.E. INC ("DREI") is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Code as a corporate real estate broker, Department of Real Estate ("Department") license ID 01523278.
- b. Respondent DREI's corporate real estate license was originally issued on March 21, 2006, and is scheduled to expire on April 7, 2024, unless renewed.
- c. According to the Department's records to date, Respondent DREI's main office address is 3998 Inland Empire Boulevard, Suite 300, Ontario, California.
- d. Respondent DREI's designated officer is CHRISTIAN MUNIVE ("MUNIVE").
- e. According to the Department's records to date, Respondent DREI currently maintains the fictitious business names "Clear View Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow" and "Dynasty Real Estate" under its corporate real estate license.

(CHRISTIAN MUNIVE)

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- a. Respondent MUNIVE is presently licensed and/or has license rights under the Code as a real estate broker, Department license ID 01308832.
- b. Respondent MUNIVE's individual broker license was originally issued on September 26, 2007, and is scheduled to expire on September 25, 2023, unless renewed.
- c. Respondent MUNIVE currently holds a Mortgage Loan Originator license endorsement with the Department, NMLS unique identifier 326514.

d. Respondent MUNIVE is the designated officer for Respondent DREI. His designation is scheduled to expire on April 7, 2024, unless renewed. As designated officer, Respondent DREI is responsible for the supervision of the activities conducted on behalf of Respondent DREI by its officers, agents, real estate licensees, and employees pursuant to Section 10159.2 of the Code.

e. Respondent MUNIVE is also the designated officer for M Power Mortgage Inc, Department license ID 01846362.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

5.

At all times relevant herein Respondent DREI, doing business as Clear View Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow and Dynasty Real Estate was engaged in the business of, acted in the capacity of, advertised or assumed to act as a real estate broker, within the meaning of Code section 10131(a) by selling or offering to sell, buying or offering to buy, soliciting prospective sellers or purchasers of, soliciting or obtaining listings of, or negotiating the purchase, sale or exchange of real property or a business opportunity ("real estate sales"). DREI engaged in broker escrow services in the course of or incidental to real estate sales transactions in which DREI was performing acts for which a real estate license is required.

CAUSE FOR ACCUSATION

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(LEMON GROVE TRANSACTION)

On or about June 22, 2018, the Department received a complaint from a buyer, E.Z.¹, concerning the purchase of the real property located at 1450 Lemon Grove Drive in Upland, California ("Lemon Grove property"). Real estate licensee Mary Carmen Debroy (salesperson license ID 01971304), on behalf of DREI, was the listing agent for the Lemon

Initials are used in place of individual's full name to protect their privacy.

Grove property. As described in the Residential Purchase Agreement dated May 6, 2018, E.Z. made an "all cash" offer with an earnest money deposit of \$5,000 to be held in escrow by DREI, doing business as Clear View Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow. According to E.Z., Mrs. Debroy suggested using Clear View Escrow Service as the escrow holder for the transaction.

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Escrow closed on the Lemon Grove property on May 29, 2018. In the Buyer/Borrower Final Statement dated May 30, 2018, DREI, doing business as Clear View Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow, charged E.Z. a "loan tie-in fee" of \$250.00. No mortgage financing was involved in the purchase since E.Z. purchased the Lemon Grove property in cash, and therefore, the loan tie-in fee of \$250.00 was an overcharge. On or about June 1, 2018, E.Z. made several attempts to inquire about and demand a refund of the loan tie-in fee. When DREI failed to respond to, E.Z. filed a complaint with the Department.

(AUDIT NO. LA180051 - BROKER ESCROW)

8.

On or about June 27, 2019, the Department completed an audit examination (Audit No. LA180051) of the books and records of DREI pertaining to its broker escrow activities described in Paragraph 5 above. The audit examination covered the period of time from January 1, 2017, to November 30, 2018 ("audit period"). The audit examination was limited to DREI's broker escrow activity only. 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 No. LA180051 and the exhibits and work papers attached to said audit report.

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An entrance conference was held on January 2, 2019, at DREI's main office location. The auditor met with MUNIVE, who was the primary person who provided records for the examination. According to MUNIVE and the records examined, DREI closed

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approximately three hundred and thirty-four (334) broker escrow transactions during the audit 1 2 period. 3 10. At all times mentioned herein, and in connection with the broker escrow 4 activities described in Paragraph 5 above, DREI accepted or received funds, including funds in 5 trust ("trust funds") from or on behalf of actual or prospective parties to transactions handled 6 by DREI, and thereafter made deposits and/or disbursements of such funds. DREI maintained 7 one (1) bank account ("BA 1") to handle trust funds in connection with its broker escrow 8 activities during the audit period. DREI also maintained one (1) general account ("GA 1") with 9 Union Bank, account number xxxx0943. From time-to-time during the audit period, said trust 10 funds were deposited and/or maintained in the following bank account: 11 12 Bank Account ("BA 1") 13 Bank: Union Bank Dynasty R.E. Inc DBA Clear View Escrow Services 14 Account Name: 15 Account Number: xxxxxx0714 16 Signatories: Christian Munive, Blanca Munive 17 Signatures required: one 18 BA 1 was maintained for handling trust fund receipts and disbursements Purpose: in connection with DREI's broker escrow activities during the audit period. 19 20 Violations of the Real Estate Law 21 11. The audit examination revealed violations of the Code and the Regulations, as 22 set forth in the following paragraphs, and more fully discussed in Audit Report No. LA180051 23 and the exhibits and work papers attached to the audit report: 24 25 /// 26 /// 27 ///

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(a) Trust Fund Handling for Multiple Beneficiaries/When Broker Handles Escrow (Code section 10145 and Regulations sections 2832.1, 2950(g), 2951). As of November 30, 2018, BA 1 had, at a minimum, a shortage of \$47,006.25. The shortage was caused by, at a minimum, negative escrow balances of \$16,289.48, bank charges of \$2,835.08, unauthorized disbursements of \$20,848.35, and unidentified cause(s) of \$7,033.34.

DREI provided no evidence that the owners of the trust funds had given DREI written consent to allow DREI to reduce the balance of the funds in BA 1 to an amount less than the existing aggregate trust fund liabilities.

- (b) <u>Secret Profits/Undisclosed Compensation (Code section 10176(g))</u>. Based on an examination of the records provided on the Lemon Grove transaction, DREI charged the buyer a loan tie-in fee of \$250.000 when there was no loan involved in the sale.
- (Code section 10145 and Regulations sections 2831, 2950(d), 2951). The Department auditor prepared a bank reconciliation as of November 30, 2018, for BA 1. The adjusted bank balance was compared to the total balance of separate records. According to the bank records provided by DREI, DREI's control record and separate records were inaccurate and incomplete. Some separate records trust fund deposits and disbursements were not recorded on BA 1's control record and separate records, which resulted in an inaccurate daily balance.
- (d) <u>Unauthorized Disbursements/When Broker Handles Escrow (Code</u>

 <u>sections 10145 and 10176(i)</u> and <u>Regulations section 2950(g)</u>). Based on an examination of BA 1's bank statements for the audit period, unauthorized disbursements of \$20,848.35 were caused by DREI disbursing trust funds of \$20,000.00 described as "transfer to account xxxxxxx0943" from BA 1 to GA 1, without the written instructions from the parties in escrow, on August 9, 2018, and, according to MUNIVE's explanation, fraudulent disbursements of \$848.35. During the audit, MUNIVE stated that the following were fraudulent activities in BA 1 in 2017 and 2018 totaling \$848.35:

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1	<u>Date</u>	Check No.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payee</u>	Amount
2	2/6/2017	Wire Transfer		KB Jack restaurant	\$48.50
3	10/20/2017	13482	Payment	Wal-Mart	\$105.12
4	10/31/2017	13493	Forged signature/pre-	Kohls	\$132.72
5			authorization		
6	6/13/2018	13779	Forged signature	Pep Boys	\$226.77
7	6/14/2018	13784	Pre-authorization	Home Depot	\$50.00
8	6/14/2018	13785	Pre-authorization	Home Depot	\$47.75
9	6/14/2018	13786	Pre-authorization	Home Depot	\$49.13
10	6/28/2018	13787	Forged signature	Ross-Clothing	\$110.36
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(e) <u>Separate Records for Each Beneficiary/When Broker Handles Escrow</u>

(Code section 10145 and Regulations sections 2831.1, 2950(d), 2951). DREI did not maintain an accurate separate record for each escrow transaction for BA 1 during the audit period. Some of the trust funds date of deposit, amount of deposit and disbursements were inaccurately recorded and/or not recorded in BA 1's separate records. Separate records did not reflect an accurate balance after posting the transaction on any date.

(f) <u>Trust Account Designation/When Broker Handles Escrow (Code section</u>

10145 and Regulations sections 2832 and 2951). Based on BA 1's bank signature card dated

November 2, 2015, BA 1 was not designated as a trust account or in the name of Dynasty R.E.

Inc. or its licensed fictitious business names as trustee.

(g) <u>Financial Interest/When Broker Handles Escrow (Regulations section</u>

<u>2950(h))</u>. DREI failed to advise all parties in writing that DREI and MUNIVE have interest as an officer, owner, and/or stockholder of Clearview Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow.

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(INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS)

14.

Section 10106 of the Code, provides, in pertinent part, that in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Department, 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 investigation and enforcement of the case.

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 the licenses and/or license rights of Respondents DYNASTY R.E. INC, doing business as Clear View Escrow Services A Non-Independent Broker Escrow and Dynasty Real Estate and CHRISTIAN MUNIVE, individually and as designated officer of Dynasty R.E. Inc, under the Real Estate Law, for the costs of investigation and enforcement as permitted by law, for the costs of the audit, and for such other and further relief as may be proper under other applicable provisions of law.

Dated at San Diego, California thisday of	, 2020.
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Veronica Kilpatrick

Supervising Special Investigator

Cc:

DYNASTY R.E. INC CHRISTIAN MUNIVE Veronica Kilpatrick Sacto.

Audits - David Quek